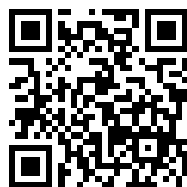
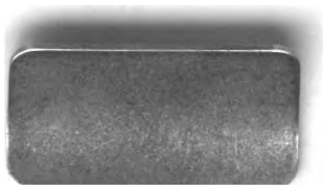

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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORDS
COMMISSIONERS OF HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Lordships the Fortieth Annual Report on the Post Office, being the Report for the year ended the 31st of March 1894. Number of Letters, &c. See Appendix A.

The following table shows the estimated number of letters, &c. delivered in the United Kingdom during the twelve months ended the 31st of March:—

—	Number estimated.	Increase per cent.	Average Number to each Person.
Letters - - -	1,811,800,000	1·2	47·0
Post Cards - - -	248,500,000	1·6	6·5
Book Packets, Circulars, and Samples - - - }	574,300,000	7·3	14·9
Newspapers - - -	164,900,000	1·3	4·3
Total - - -	2,799,500,000	2·4	72·7
Parcels - - -	54,034,000	3·2	1·4
Grand Total - - -	2,853,534,000	2·4	74·1

Of the 2,799,500,000 letters, &c. delivered, about 85 per cent. were delivered in England and Wales, 29·1 per cent. being delivered in the London Postal District alone, 9·1 per cent. in Scotland, and 5·9 per cent. in Ireland.

The relaxation in the conditions under which circulars, invoices, &c. are allowed to pass through the post, a matter referred to in my last Report, has no doubt continued to affect the number of articles sent under the heading of Book Packets, &c., and has contributed to the increase mentioned under that head.

The number of letters registered was 11,742,352, a decrease of 389,792, or at the rate of 3·2 per cent. The registered parcels numbered 493,582, or 45,349 more than the number in the previous year, an increase of 10·11 per cent. Registered Letters, Appendix B.

New Offices,
Letter Boxes,
and Stamp
Licenses.

The number of Post Offices has been increased during the year by 391, and the number of public letter boxes by 917. The total number of Post Offices has thus been raised to 20,016 and of letter boxes to 25,989. About 700 additional licenses to sell postage stamps have been issued to shopkeepers and others.

Returned
Letters.
Appendix F.

The numbers of returned letters, &c. dealt with were as follows :—

—	Number.	Increase. or Decrease.
Letters - - - -	6,259,047	Decrease. 98,392
Post Cards - - - -	930,108	34,056 Increase.
Book Packets - - - -	10,206,084	1,171,252
Newspapers - - - -	574,915	56,143
Patterns and Samples - - - -	58,676	9,543 Decrease.
Parcels - - - -	126,965	1,779

Of the 6,259,047 letters dealt with 116,540 were re-issued to corrected addresses, 5,397,866 were returned to the senders, 240,340 were returned unopened to foreign countries, and 504,301 remained which could neither be delivered nor returned. The number of registered letters and letters of value which could not be delivered to the addressees was 207,374, or 1,604 less than last year; of these 27,610 were compulsorily registered on return to the senders. About 34,000 letters were posted without any addresses, and of these 2,011 contained cash, bills, cheques, &c., of the value of over 4,000*l.* Of the parcels dealt with 99,175 were re-issued to corrected addresses, or returned to the senders.

The great increase (1,171,000) in the number of book packets and circulars which were undelivered, following as it does upon an increase of over 2,000,000 last year, is so striking as to call for some observation. The new regulations of 1892, which allowed circulars, &c., to be sent in open envelopes, led to a considerable increase in the use of the book post by the public, and accounts to some extent for an increase in the number of returned book packets. But this explanation is not in itself adequate to account for the whole of the difference. Another reason is to be found in the alteration of the rules with regard to charges for re-direction. Formerly all correspondence was charged for re-direction unless the second address was within the same delivery as the first. At present, however, as a general rule, all inland book packets are charged for re-direction, and letters are re-directed free. The result is that fewer letters and more book packets are refused when re-directed. In the London Returned Letter Office alone, which dealt with less than one-third of the total number of returned book packets in the United Kingdom, over 750,000 re-directed book packets and circulars have been received as "refused" during the year.

The death rate for the year was 4·5 per thousand for men and the same for women. Details are given below :

—	Chief Office.	Metropolitan Districts.	Provinces.	Scotland.	Ireland.
Number of deaths :					
Men - -	59	34	103	26	21
Women - -	11	1	7	3	3
Death rate per 1,000 :					
Men - - -	5	4	4	6	8
Women - -	4	2	4	6	10
Average age at death :					
Men - - -	36	37	40	35	32
Women - -	28	23	19	22	25
Average length of service :					
Men - - -	16	15	16	18	9
Women - -	9	4	1	5	6

There were 19 deaths from zymotic diseases. Scarlet fever was again epidemic throughout the United Kingdom, and 275 officers were absent with scarlet fever for 10,838 days. In spite of the prevalence of small-pox in the country there were no deaths from this disease amongst the staff, and only four cases of illness. 82 deaths and 40 superannuations were due to phthisis. Six deaths were certified from influenza and its consequences during 1893. The loss of time to the Department owing to the forced abstention from duty of officers, in whose homes there were infectious diseases, amounted to 29,319 days.

The number of Medical Officers to the Post Office is as follows :—

—	Chief Office.	Metropolitan Districts.	Provinces.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Total.
Men - -	4	41	381	22	21	469
Women -	1	—	2	—	—	3
Total -	5	41	383	22	21	472

New Buildings. New Crown Post Offices have been opened during the year at Brierley Hill, Dover, Ealing, Gloucester, Hove (Brighton), and Manchester (South-Western District Office), and at Ayr, Falkirk, and Helensburgh; in addition to Branch Offices in Cardiff, London (five), Manchester, North Shields, Leith, and Dublin. Other Crown Offices have been in course of erection at Cardiff,

Harrogate, Leeds, Liverpool, London (S.W. District), Maidenhead, Margate, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Slough, Southampton, Coatbridge, Stirling, Lisburn, Longford, and Tipperary; also a new Parcel Office at Dublin. Crown Offices are about to be provided at several other towns. Good progress has been made with the flooring and internal work in the new General Post Office in St. Martin's-le-Grand, with the construction of an additional storey in the old General Post Office, and with the second part of the Parcel Sorting Office at Mount Pleasant.

The expenditure out of the Post Office Vote for acquiring sites and buildings during the year was 65,300*l.*, of which about 22,000*l.* was spent in London. The expenditure out of the Office of Works Vote for erecting and furnishing new Post Offices, and for maintenance and alterations of existing Post Offices amounted to 280,680*l.* in Great Britain (including 22,296*l.* for the new General Post Office) and to 16,633*l.* in Ireland.

Various improvements have been carried out in the Inland Mail Service during the past financial year. In connection with a new contract with the Cambrian Railway Company, the Night Mail to Aberystwyth and other towns was accelerated on the 1st October last, and now arrives at Aberystwyth at 6.55 instead of 7.25 a.m. The Day Mail Service on the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway was accelerated on the 1st January 1894. The mail train now arrives at Wexford at 10 a.m. instead of 11.35 a.m., and leaves Wexford on the return journey at 3.30 p.m. instead of at 2.15 p.m. The interval between the arrival and departure of the trains has thus been increased from 2 hours 40 minutes to 5 hours 30 minutes.

A new Parcel Post Coach Service has been established between London and Bedford, with branch services to St. Neots, Woburn, Leighton Buzzard, Cambridge, and Northampton.

The system under which, by agreement with the Postmaster-General, certain railway companies are authorised to convey single post letters not exceeding 1 oz. in weight, continues in operation, but there has been no material increase in the number of letters conveyed, and the total number has not exceeded 150,000 during the past year.

Further progress has been made with the extension of the official delivery in remote rural districts throughout the United Kingdom.

In order to accelerate the delivery of local letters and parcels in rural districts, arrangements have been made under which Rural Postmen are allowed to receive letters and parcels from the public at any point in their walk, and deliver them without necessarily passing them through a Post Office. For this purpose they are directed to cancel the stamps on the letters or packets.

Your Lordships are aware that the difficulties which prevented the use by the public of adhesive stamps on post cards have at length been overcome, and I hope shortly to lay before you the regulations required to give effect to the proposed change.

Inland Mail
Service.

Private
post cards.

**Express
Delivery.**

The number of Express Delivery Services of all kinds performed during the year amounted to over 195,000, as against 157,000 in the previous year, an increase of about 24 per cent. The London Post Offices are open for this business up to 7.45 p.m. on each week day. The system has now been made international with the chief countries of the continent, and with the Argentine Republic, Chili, Liberia, Paraguay, Salvador, and Siam. A Letter marked "Express" can now be posted in a Pillar Box, say, in Piccadilly, whence it will be taken to the District Office, specially treated there, and forwarded by the first service, say to Buenos Ayres, where it would be delivered by special messenger in advance of the ordinary mail, at an entire cost of 3d. within a mile in addition to the postage. It is open, of course, to the inhabitant of Buenos Ayres to avail himself of similar facilities in the opposite direction. The various countries with which these arrangements are in force are mentioned in the Post Office Guide.

The advantages of this service are not confined to the transmission of letters. An instance occurred a few months ago, when a young woman, who had lost her way, applied at the Swiss Cottage Post Office and was safely conducted, for the sum of 3d., by a special messenger to Hampstead, where a receipt for her was duly obtained.

**Special
delivery.**

In August last arrangements were made for the special delivery of letters at the request of the addressee on payment of a special fee of 1d. for 10 letters in addition to the express charges. The number of special deliveries made between August and the end of the financial year was 1,442 including 11,497 letters.

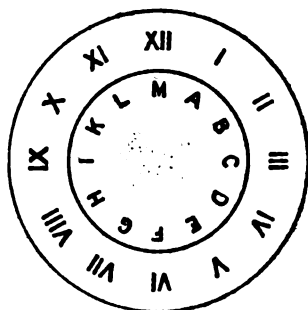
**Tram Car
Letter Boxes.**

The experiment of attaching letter boxes to tramcars and thus affording suburban residents a later hour of posting continues to be satisfactory at Huddersfield, and has been extended to Dublin, Dundee, Stockport, Portsmouth, and Wakefield, but has not hitherto been attended with such good results at those towns as at Huddersfield, where it was first introduced.

**Postmark
Code.**

A plan has been adopted during the past year for showing by alphabetical letters in the postmark the approximate hour at which a letter was posted. The first 13 letters of the alphabet, omitting J, are used to indicate the hours 1 to 12 as shown on the dial of a clock, and a second letter is used to show the position of a minute hand. *A and *P stand for ante and post meridian respectively, M*A for midday, and M*P for midnight.

The following diagram will explain the code:—



2.20 p.m. = BD * P.

7.15 a.m. = GC * A.

This code is already used at several offices, and will be brought into general use as opportunity offers. It is simple and intelligible without requiring so many separate pieces of type as would be needed for showing the hour in figures.

Returns taken during the year show that of the 12,235,934 letters and parcels registered between the 1st April 1893 and the 31st March 1894, the 11,742,352 letters were classified as follows: 11,653,351 bore a registration fee of 2*d.* each, 44,382 of 3*d.*, 14,928 of 4*d.*, 9,718 of 5*d.*, 8,638 of 6*d.*, 2,785 of 7*d.*, 1,237 of 8*d.*, 1,325 of 9*d.*, 691 of 10*d.*, and 5297 of 11*d.* The Parcels, 493,582 in number, advancing in the same manner by 1*d.* from 2*d.* to 11*d.*, were as follows: 464,037, 15,976, 3,755, 2,757, 4,031, 536, 235, 344, 151, 1760. Registered articles.

The growth of the Parcel Post business will be seen from the following table:—

Year.	—	Number of Parcels.	Postage.			Average Postage per Parcel.	
			Gross Amount.	55 per cent. on Railway-borne Parcels paid to Railway Companies.	Post Office Share.	Gross.	Post Office Share.
1884-85	Railway-borne and Road-borne.	22,910,040	£ 508,247	£ 256,572	£ 251,675	5' 32	2' 63
1885-86	" " "	26,417,397	591,945	298,948	292,997	5' 38	2' 66
1886-87	" " "	32,860,154	719,112	358,254	360,858	5' 25	2' 64
1887-88	" " "	36,731,786	811,764	401,296	410,469	5' 30	2' 68
1888-89	" " "	39,589,313	878,547	453,307	445,240	5' 32	2' 69
1889-90	" " "	42,852,600	952,113	463,807	488,306	5' 33	2' 70
1890-91	" " "	46,287,956	1,035,773	499,913	535,860	5' 37	2' 77
1891-92	" " "	49,378,365	1,109,654	530,076	579,578	5' 39	2' 82
1892-93	" " "	52,370,326	1,175,309	562,660	612,609	5' 38	2' 80
1893-94	" " "	54,034,630	1,214,235	580,739	633,497	5' 39	2' 81

Foreign and
Colonial Mail
Service.

Your Lordships are aware that arrangements have been made provisionally for accelerating in certain cases the homeward American mails. Special trains from Queenstown to Dublin, with special boats from Dublin to Holyhead, and special trains from Holyhead to London are made use of when the mails arrive at Queenstown after the departure of the ordinary train, but the use of these extra special services is limited to those occasions when by this means alone the correspondence can be forwarded to London in time for a reply by the out going mail.

Transit of
Indian Mails.

The successful negotiation concluded last year with the Italian Government, which resulted in a saving of over 12,000*l.* a year, in the cost of conveyance of Indian mails by special train through Italy, has been followed by a concession from the French postal administration, whereby a further saving will be effected, estimated at 7,500*l.* a year. The subjoined tabular statement shows the successive reductions agreed on since 1880 under this head.

Payable to		Special Rates per Kilogramme payable in											
		1880-87.		1888-9.		1890-1.		1892.		1893-4.		1895-7.	
		Letters and Post-cards.	Other Articles.	Letters and Post-cards.	Other Articles.	Letters and Post-cards.	Other Articles.	Letters and Post-cards.	Other Articles.	Letters and Post-cards.	Other Articles.	Letters and Post-cards.	Other Articles.
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France	-	10'00	50	6'00	40	5'90	35	5'70	25	5'70	25	4'00	25
Italy	-	6'50	37½	4'80	32½	4'70	30	4'70	25	2'00	25	2'00	25
Total	-	16'50	87½	10'80	72½	10'60	65	10'40	50	7'70	50	6'00	50

This table shows that there has been a steady reduction in the transit rates through France and Italy, thus appreciably diminishing the share of postage payable to those countries. At the present time the only rate which is in excess of the Postal Union rate for land transit by ordinary services (*viz.*, 2 francs a kilogramme for letters and postcards, and 25 centimes for other articles) is that payable to France for letters and postcards. The last column but one shows that the rate arranged this year for payment from the 1st of January 1895 is reduced by 1 franc 70 centimes as compared with the present rate. France declines to take as low a rate for letters and cards as Italy takes, on the ground that the conditions of the service are such as to make the same rate less remunerative to France than to Italy. It must be remembered, however, that these rates are subject to a long-standing arrangement with France that when the bulk of matter carried reaches a certain weight, so as to ensure to France a sufficient sum, then, for the remainder of the year in question, all matter carried shall be paid for at the Union rates.

The contract made in 1878 with the South-Eastern and the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies for the conveyance of the Night Mails between Dover and Calais having been terminated, under notice given by the companies last year, tenders were invited; and, as the result, the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company has contracted to perform an improved service for an inclusive subsidy of 25,000*l.* a year. Premiums for saving time are no longer paid; and parcels are now carried by the Night Mail without additional payment. Furthermore, the subsidy entitles the Post Office to the use of a special packet in each direction for the Eastern Mails every week.

Dover and
Calais Mail
Service.

The establishment of a new Inter-Colonial Packet Service between Australia and Canada is a matter of interest. Its ultimate value to this country depends mainly on the realisation of the project long entertained by the Dominion Government of accelerating the Mail Service between Canada and England.

Canadian-
Australasian
Mail Service.
to this country.

About 1,360,000 Parcels were exchanged during the year by Parcel Post with British Possessions and Foreign Countries, representing nearly 4 per cent. more than the parcels of the previous year. There was a large increase in the number of parcels exchanged with India, South Africa, and Germany, while the service with the Australian Colonies and France showed a considerable falling off. According to the Board of Trade returns the value of the goods exported and imported by Parcel Post during 1893-4 was 1,692,713*l.*, as against 1,555,370*l.* in 1892-93.

Foreign and
Colonial Parcel
Post.
Appendix A.

The Parcel Post has been extended to Liberia, Montenegro, Persia, Salvador, and to additional places in the Gold Coast Colony and the Dutch East Indies. The postage on parcels for South Africa (except Natal) and British Central Africa has been reduced.

The chief event of the year affecting the Foreign Parcel Post was the extension of the system of insurance to parcels exchanged with Austria, Hungary, Belgium, the Cameroons, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Holland, Italy, Norway, Montenegro, Roumania, Sweden and Switzerland. The arrangement came into operation on the 1st of February 1894, and between that date and the 31st of March, 2,622 insured parcels were exchanged with the countries mentioned. The total number of insured parcels sent to and from British Possessions and Foreign Countries during 1893-94 was 27,213.

The number of Money Order Offices open on the 31st March last was 11,107, an increase of 444 over the previous year.

Money Orders.
Appendix K.

The table on page 10 shows that over 19 millions of pounds were transmitted by money orders in the United Kingdom apart from Government, Foreign and Colonial Orders. The decrease in the number of ordinary Inland Orders is more than counter-balanced by the increase in Telegraph Orders, and the figures of the preceding year are given for the purpose of comparison. The average value of the Inland Money Orders was 2*l.* 14*s.* 5*d.* as against 2*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.* in 1892-3.

	Number.			Amount.		
	1893-4.	1892-3.	Difference.	1893-4.	1892-3.	Difference.
<i>Inland Orders.</i>						
Ordinary - - -	7,354,388	7,371,978	Decrease. 17,590	£ 13,667,681	£ 18,943,888	Decrease. 276,207
Telegraph - - -	106,890	80,016	Increase. 26,874	366,907	292,836	Increase. 74,071
Government - - -	1,566,656	1,511,038	55,618	5,540,448	5,382,065	158,383
Total of Inland Orders	9,027,934	8,963,032	64,902	24,575,036	24,618,809	Decrease. 43,773
<i>Foreign and Colonial Orders.</i>						
Issued in the United Kingdom, and paid abroad:—						
Colonial - - -	117,425	103,181	Increase. 14,244	430,364	365,394	Increase. 64,970
Foreign - - -	317,806	301,535	16,271	797,377	741,470	55,907
Total outwards -	435,231	404,716	30,515	1,227,741	1,106,864	120,877
Issued abroad and paid in the United Kingdom:—						
Colonial - - -	398,051	382,755	Increase. 15,296	1,337,337	1,269,936	Increase. 67,401
Foreign - - -	663,558	692,415	Decrease. 28,857	1,580,715	1,638,312	Decrease. 107,627
Total inwards -	1,061,609	1,075,170	Decrease. 13,561	2,918,052	2,908,278	Decrease. 40,226
Total of Foreign and Colonial Orders -	1,496,840	1,479,886	Increase. 16,954	4,145,793	4,065,142	Increase. 80,651
Grand total -	10,524,774	10,442,918	Increase. 81,856	28,720,829	28,683,951	Increase. 36,878

Telegraph Orders.

The Telegraphic Money Orders again show an increase, and it is evident that the facility which they afford is appreciated. The number issued was 106,890, an increase of 33 per cent. over the 80,016 issued in the previous year. The value of these orders increased by 25 per cent. from 292,836*l.* to 366,907*l.*

Government Money Orders.

The number of Money Orders issued for other Departments of the Government was 1,566,656, amounting to 5,540,448*l.*, an increase of 55,618 in number, and 158,363*l.* in amount as compared with 1892-3.

A Committee presided over by Lord Farrer was appointed a few months ago to consider the best means of enabling the wives and other relatives of sailors at Dockyard towns to receive through the Post such portions of their wages as the sailors wish to assign, without the necessity of the personal attendance of the recipients at the Dockyard Pay Office. This Committee has recommended that the payments should be made by means of free Money Orders, and the Department has arranged to give effect to the suggestion.

Foreign and Colonial Orders.

The Foreign and Colonial Money Order business shows a falling off in remittances to this country by Money Orders

from the United States of 103,000*l.* as well as a decrease of 29,000*l.* from the Australian Colonies. Money Orders to those countries have on the contrary considerably increased. The total number of Foreign and Colonial Orders issued and paid was 1,496,840 as compared with 1,479,886 in 1892-3, an increase of 16,954, and the amount was 4,145,793*l.* as against 4,065,142*l.*, an increase of 80,651*l.* The Money Order system has been extended to Tripoli (Barbary), the Congo Free State, and to a number of places in Asia Minor and the Levant, Candia, Chios, Jaffa, Jerusalem, Kaifa, Mitylene, Rhodes, Trebizond, &c.

The number of Postal Orders issued in the United Kingdom was 57,232,939, or 642,271 more than in the previous year. The value represented by the Orders was 21,768,793*l.*, or 423,640*l.* more than the value of those issued in 1892-93. Postal Orders.
Appendix L.

Taking the Inland Money Orders and the Postal Orders together it would appear that the British public finds occasion to send through the Post Office by these means irrespective of other methods nearly 41 millions of money per annum.

Representations have been received to the effect that it would be desirable to dispense with all formalities connected with the use of a Postal Order on the ground that they are irksome and superfluous. But this view is one which does not commend itself to my judgment, and I hope that I may impress upon the public the necessity for using those ordinary forms of precaution which one would think would be readily attended to by those who desire the security of their property. It is for this reason that the rules indicate that the purchaser should insert the name of the Payee in the Postal Order and take a note of the number before parting with it. The observance of these simple precautions is of great assistance in enabling persons to recover Orders which have been mislaid or lost.

A valuable means of lessening risk is the privilege granted to persons to direct by writing on the face of the Order that payment is to be deferred for any period not exceeding 10 days, but in that case it is necessary to specify on the Order the name of the particular Money Order Office at which it should be presented.

The business of the Post Office Savings Bank showed a steady growth during the year 1893. The deposits and withdrawals for the last two years, are given in the following table for the purpose of comparison:— Savings Bank.
Appendix J.

Year ended	Deposits.		Withdrawals.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
31 December 1892	9,478,539	22,845,031	3,335,068	20,346,217
1893	9,838,198	24,649,024	3,618,721	21,764,566

Interest to the amount of 1,860,104*l.* was credited to depositors, being 113,841*l.* more than the corresponding sum in 1892.

The total amount including interest, due to depositors on the 31st December 1893, the close of the Savings Bank year, was 80,597,641*l.* representing an increase of 4,744,562*l.* during the year, or about half a million more than the increase in 1892. Besides this the amount of Government Stock held by depositors was augmented by 765,474*l.* raising the total amount on the 31st December to 6,364,494*l.* distributed among 69,131 Stock Accounts.

The Savings Bank Act which became law on the 21st December, 1893, extended the annual limit of deposits from 30*l.* to 50*l.*, and also extended the limits of investment in Government Stock from 100*l.* to 200*l.* in one year, and from 300*l.* to 500*l.* in all. This Act further permitted persons to re-invest once in any year any one amount of stock sold within that year. Among its other enactments it provides that money deposited and subsequently applied to the purchase of an Annuity or Insurance Contract shall not be reckoned in computing the maximum amount of cash deposits, and it makes various alterations, to the advantage of the depositor, in the method of dealing with dividends on Government Stock. Finally it lays down that any accumulation of money standing to a depositor's account after the maximum limit of 200*l.* has been reached, shall, subject to certain conditions, be invested in Government Stock.

In the few days between the 21st and 31st December, 2,707 depositors added 20*l.* in one sum to the 30*l.* they had already deposited within the year, representing 54,140*l.*; and in the period from the 21st December 1893 to the 30th June 1894, the sums deposited in excess of the old 30*l.* limit reached a total of 1,073,232*l.*, the number of such deposits being 87,876. Of these deposits 20,852 were of 50*l.* each. Steps have been taken to ascertain to what extent the 50*l.* deposits are left untouched in the hands of the Department, and it is estimated that of the sum of 1,042,600*l.* represented by the 20,852 deposits between the 21st December 1893 and the 30th June 1894, as much as 87 per cent. remained unoperated upon at the latter date. These figures show not only a decided demand for the new facilities but also a satisfactory proportion of genuine saving.

New Regulations came into force on the 1st December, which, besides authorising other changes, permit a person in urgent need of his money to withdraw as much as 10*l.* by telegraph on the same day and 20*l.* on the following day, on condition that he pays the cost of the necessary telegrams. This facility has now been in operation nearly eight months, and no fewer than 21,000 depositors have made use of it, withdrawing a total of about 100,000*l.* These applications are found to be most numerous immediately before and after the general holidays. The procedure is very simple. The depositor applies to a local Post Office, fills up an ordinary withdrawal form, the Postmaster notes that a sufficient sum is

standing to the credit of the depositor in his book, and telegraphs to the London Office, when, if all is satisfactory, he receives a telegram of advice authorising him to pay the money. The average interval between the application of the depositor and the payment of the money is 38 minutes in London and under an hour in the rest of the United Kingdom. The minimum expense is 9*d.* for the telegram of withdrawal and its repetition, and 6*d.* for the telegram of advice. It is open to a depositor who is anxious to save the expense of the second telegram to ask by telegraph for the payment of his money by post next day.

Energetic measures have been taken to advertise in every way, so far as the Department is at liberty, the facilities offered by the Post Office Savings Bank, and new notices have been exhibited at Post Offices throughout the country. New leaflets have been distributed from house to house in over 40 towns in the present year, and have been specially translated into the Welsh language.

A comparison between the business in the first three months of the present year and that in the same period of 1893, shows a striking advance. The deposits amounted to 8,142,336*l.*, as compared with 6,765,179*l.*, the increase being 1,377,157*l.*; while the difference between the amounts deposited and withdrawn (*i.e.*, the increase of capital) was, in the first quarter of 1894, 2,968,528*l.*, and in the first quarter of 1893 only 1,962,862*l.* The daily average number of deposits during the year was 32,150, representing 80,552*l.* These figures compare with 30,874 and 74,413*l.* during 1892. The greatest number of deposits on any one day occurred on the 30th December, when 83,411 deposits were made, representing 300,837*l.*

With regard to withdrawals, the largest sum withdrawn was on the 19th December, the amount being 117,412*l.* by the issue of 31,007 warrants. The average amount of each deposit has again increased, the amount being 2*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* as compared with 2*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* in the previous year. The average amount of each withdrawal, *viz.*, 6*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.*, was 1*s.* 9*d.* less than the amount in 1892.

The number of depositors belonging to the various sections of the Kingdom on the 31st December 1893 is shewn in the subjoined table:—

—	Number of Depositors.	Proportion to Population.	Average Balance due to each Depositor.
England and Wales - - -	5,292,178	1 in 6	£ s. d. 14 0 8
Scotland - - -	220,117	1 in 19	8 19 11
Ireland - - -	235,944	1 in 20	18 7 11
United Kingdom - - -	5,748,239	1 in 7	14 0 5

In 1892 the proportion to population and the average balance were, in England and Wales, 1 in 6 and 13*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.*; in Scotland, 1 in 20 and 8*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.*; in Ireland, 1 in 21 and 18*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*

There are now over 11,000 Post Offices at which Savings Bank business is transacted, about 500 having been added in the

year 1893. Every year depositors avail themselves to a larger extent of the facility for depositing and withdrawing at any of the 11,000 Offices, irrespective of where the account was opened. The proportion of these "cross-entry" transactions, as they are called, represented last year 33 per cent. of the total number. As might be expected, the proportion of cross-entries is greater in the case of withdrawals than of deposits. Upwards of 44 per cent. of the withdrawals last year were cross-entries.

The cost of management in 1893, after deducting amounts received for commission on Government Stock transactions and for the issue of duplicate deposit books was 367,566*l.*, including nearly 60,000*l.* for postage. In 1892 the cost was 354,008*l.* It is satisfactory to note that, while the average cost per transaction was lower in 1892 than for ten years previously, the expense has been further reduced in 1893,—the average for the last year being 6·55*d.* as compared with 6·63*d.* in 1892.

I am glad to state that 555 schools have to be added to the number which have adopted the stamp deposit system, and that there are at the present time about 6,000 schools at which efforts are made to train the young in the various ways of saving money through the machinery of the Post Office. On the 31st August last the Irish Education Department followed the example of the English and Scotch Education Departments and issued circulars to the managers of elementary schools in Ireland recommending the adoption of the stamp deposit system. The attendance at schools of a clerk from a neighbouring Post Office to receive deposits and initiate the plan, is of great advantage; and the Department is always ready to give assistance in this manner.

The number of Penny Banks continues to increase, and 425 were authorised during the past year to invest their funds in the Savings Bank, making a total of 5,200. The aggregate amount standing to the credit of these Banks is about 160,000*l.*

With regard to the accounts of societies it is found that 768 friendly societies and 2,557 trade, provident, and charitable societies opened accounts in the Savings Bank in 1893 as compared with 670 and 2,195 in 1892.

Government
Stock business.

The amount of Stock investment business shows a considerable increase. A sum of 1,544,506*l.* was invested in the year as compared with 1,264,104*l.* in the previous year, an increase of 280,402*l.* The sales amounted to 711,468*l.*, which compares with 688,385*l.* in 1892. On the 31st December last the total amount of Stock held was 6,364,494*l.* being over three-quarters of a million more than at the end of the previous year. The number of stockholders on the 31st December was a little over 69,000. Analysing the transactions it appears that there were 2,245 transactions for amounts between 5*l.* and 10*l.*; 1,166 for amounts between 1*l.* and 5*l.*, and 54 for amounts under a pound. The total number of transactions was 44,581, the balance representing larger sums. Between the 21st and the 31st December 315 persons availed themselves of the new provision extending the limits of investment, and there is every indication that the public appreciate the change made in the law.

During the year, 1,420 immediate annuities amounting to 36,746l were purchased for the sum of 461,599l. This represents an increase of 263 annuities, the largest amount of such business conducted by the Post Office since the introduction of the system. The number of deferred annuities granted was only 159, representing 3,091l. Making allowance for certain special annuities purchased by the women clerks in the Department in 1892, the business of 1893 was somewhat larger than in any previous year. It must be admitted that this method of providing for old age by regular annual payments does not find much favour with the industrial classes.

Annuity and
Insurance
business.

As regards Life Assurance the number of policies granted in 1893 was smaller than in the previous year. This is explained by the fact that in 1892 special efforts were made among Post Office employes, and that no fewer than 1,398 of these insured for a total sum of 49,540l. The comparison between the two years, therefore, is 853 contracts representing 44,000l. in 1893, and 1,983 contracts representing 80,307l. in 1892. Omitting the abnormal year, 1892, the amount insured by the policies granted in 1893 was considerably larger than the amount in any year since the Post Office Savings Bank took over the business in 1884.

Thirteen Trustee Savings Banks were closed, and from these Banks and other Trustee Banks still open, amounts representing 264,514l., and 9,037l. Stock were transferred to the Post Office Savings Bank.

Trustee
Savings Banks.

An addition of 425 Telegraph Offices at Post Offices and 248 at Railway Stations was made during the year, bringing the total number of Telegraph Offices at Post Offices up to 7,028 and at Railway Stations 2,182. There are, therefore, 9,210 offices from which telegrams may be despatched.

Telegraph
business.

The number of messages of all kinds showed an increase of 1.4 per cent. over the business of the previous year. The details of the business are given in the following table:—

Appendix II.

Class of Telegrams.	Year.	Number.	Increase or Decrease.	Receipts.	Increase or Decrease.
Ordinary Inland	1893-4	58,173,584	Increase. 1,189,503	£ 1,851,335	£ Increase. 22,691
"	1892-3	56,984,081	—	1,828,644	—
Press (Inland)	1893-4	5,580,698	Decrease. 9,472	125,770	Increase. 5,471
"	1892-3	5,590,160	—	120,209	—
Foreign	1893-4	5,681,825	Increase. 159,446	263,729	Increase. 6,246
"	1892-3	5,522,379	—	257,463	—
Railway, free	1893-4	1,153,549	Decrease. 375,719	—	—
"	1892-3	1,529,267	—	—	—
" half rate	1893-4	21,428	Increase. 1,351	420	Increase. 6
"	1892-3	20,077	—	414	—
Government	1893-4	288,424	Increase. 26,540	—	—
"	1892-3	261,884	—	—	—
Totals	1893-4	70,899,498	Increase. 991,650	2,241,254	Increase. 34,414
"	1892-3	69,907,848	—	2,206,840	—

The inland messages showed an increase of 2 per cent. and the average value was 7·64*d.* per telegram as compared with 7·70*d.* in 1892-3. Foreign telegrams increased 2·8 per cent. as contrasted with a decrease of ·5 in the previous year.

There has been a slight diminution in the number of telegrams transmitted at the low rates granted to the Press. The diminution, however, only represents ·17 per cent

I would draw attention to the large increase of 10 per cent. in the telegrams sent on behalf of the various Government Departments, an increase which contrasts unfavourably with the increase in the ordinary inland telegrams. This is partly due to the considerable number of telegrams sent in connection with the Naval Manœuvres. There has been a diminution in railway free telegrams of 25 per cent. In my last report I stated that I had made agreements with 10 railway companies limiting the number of telegrams to be despatched by them without charge. To this number eight more companies must be added, viz. :—

London and North-western,
North-eastern,
South-eastern,
London, Chatham and Dover,
Cambrian,
Metropolitan,
Metropolitan District, and
Glasgow and South-western,

and I wish to testify to the friendly manner in which these companies have discussed the matter.

Telephones.

In continuation of my note relating to telephones in my Report of last year, I may state that the sum of 246,000*l.* has been raised under the Telegraph Act of 1892, and considerable progress has been made with the erection of the trunk lines indicated in that Report. The agreement with the Telephone Companies to which reference was then made has been completed, and will be laid on the table of the House of Commons.

Coast Communications.

The important work of connecting by Telegraph the coast-guard stations on exposed parts of the coast of the United Kingdom for the saving of life has been proceeded with on a plan devised by my Department in consultation with the Lifeboat authorities and others, and in the financial year now under review 74 Coastguard Stations were connected. At the same time, in pursuance of the recommendations of the Royal Commission, telegraphs were extended to 18 of the principal shore lighthouses in various parts of the Kingdom, and cables were laid to Lundy Island, to the Goodwin (North Sand Head) Lightship, to the Kentish Knock Lightship, and to the Gunfleet Pile Lighthouse.

The Royal Commission have now recommended that 19 additional shore lighthouses and lighthouse stations should be telegraphically connected, and this work is in hand. Two additional lightships will also shortly be connected, the

cost to be defrayed out of a sum of 11,000*l.* charged on the Vote of the Board of Trade.

The laying of the cable from Zanzibar to the Seychelles and Mauritius, referred to in my last Report, was successfully accomplished by the Eastern and South African Cable Company, and complete cable communication was effected in November last.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Company have, by arrangement with Her Majesty's Government, recently completed the laying of a cable from Singapore to Labuan and thence to Hong Kong, thus duplicating the existing communication between Singapore and Hong Kong, and providing a route entirely under British control.

The following table shows the revenue and total cost of the Telegraph service, taking into account the interest on Capital Expenditure, for each of the last seven years. The deficiency for the past year was 473,735*l.*

Year.	Receipts plus nominal value of work done for other Departments.	EXPENDITURE.			Annual Interest on Capital.	Deficit.
		Charged to Telegraph Vote.	Charged to Votes of other Departments.	Total.		
1887-88	£ 1,902,940	£ 1,928,345	£ 70,688	£ 1,999,033	£ 320,417	£ 332,501
1888-89	2,129,965	1,969,324	72,037	2,041,361	353,787	265,183
1889-90	2,364,099	2,179,921	99,065	2,278,986	306,016	197,690
1890-91	2,459,764	2,265,338	123,243	2,388,581	299,215	231,032
1891-92	2,545,612	2,507,012	124,883	2,631,895	298,883	389,166
1892-93	2,528,312	2,567,019	125,975	2,692,994	298,888	465,570
1893-94	2,579,206	2,641,518	112,535	2,754,053	298,888	473,735

The total Postal receipts for the year 1893-4 amounted in round numbers to 10,472,000*l.* as compared with 10,344,000*l.* for 1892-3, an increase of 128,000*l.* The expenditure for the past year was 7,738,000*l.* as compared with 7,518,000*l.* in 1892-3, an increase of 220,000*l.* The diminution in net revenue to which I referred in my last report has continued, and is represented by a further sum of 92,000*l.* The expenditure for salaries, wages, and pensions, increased by 256,000*l.* and for conveyance of mails by 39,000*l.*, but the sums spent on manufacture of stamps and on buildings, &c. were diminished by 28,000*l.* and 48,000*l.* respectively.

The Postal Telegraph Revenue for 1893-4 was, in round numbers, deducting the value of work done for other Departments, 2,534,000*l.*, an increase of 47,000*l.* as compared with 2,487,000*l.* in 1892-3. The expenditure for 1893-4, making a corresponding deduction for expenses charged to votes of other Departments, was 2,641,000*l.*, exceeding the 2,567,000*l.* spent in 1892-3 by 74,000*l.*

Telegraph
Revenue and
Expenditure.

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S, and U.

Taking the Postal and Telegraph Services together there is an increase of 175,000*l.* in Revenue and of 293,000*l.* in Expenditure.

It is interesting to observe the steady and continuous growth in the percentage of Wages to Revenue and Expenditure during the last few years, in which Parliament has sanctioned very large additions to the charges under this head on account of the Postal and Telegraph Services. Two statements are subjoined, the one showing that the percentage of Wages to Revenue for the combined services has grown from 35·40 in 1883-4 to 46·95 in 1893-4; the other, that the percentage of Wages to Expenditure has grown from 48·76 in 1883-4 to 59·47 in 1893-4.

Year.	Total Revenue.			Salaries and Wages.			Per-centage of Combined Salaries and Wages to Combined Revenue.
	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	Per cent.
1883-84 - -	8,285,760	1,789,223	10,074,983	2,670,804	895,590	3,566,394	35·40
1884-85 - -	8,479,240	1,784,414	10,263,653	2,829,210	939,354	3,768,564	36·72
1885-86 - -	8,739,476	1,787,264	10,526,740	2,952,020	1,035,239	3,987,859	37·88
1886-87 - -	9,124,206	1,857,159	11,011,365	3,125,032	1,153,863	4,278,895	38·66
1887-88 - -	9,313,068	1,992,949	11,306,017	3,307,182	1,227,255	4,534,437	40·11
1888-89 - -	9,715,559	2,129,965	11,845,524	3,424,157	1,275,940	4,700,097	39·68
1889-90 - -	9,721,461	2,364,099	12,085,560	3,359,563	1,382,414	4,741,977	39·24
1890-91 - -	10,088,677	2,456,764	12,545,441	3,600,306	1,506,219	5,106,525	40·70
1891-92 - -	10,451,998	2,545,612	12,997,610	3,897,952	1,635,093	5,533,045	42·57
1892-93 - -	10,600,149	2,526,312	13,126,461	4,190,823	1,717,123	5,907,946	45·01
1893-94 - (estimated).	10,734,885	2,579,200	13,314,085	4,445,642	1,805,097	6,250,739	46·96

Year.	Total Expenditure.			Salaries and Wages.			Per-centage of Combined Salaries and Wages to Combined Expenditure.
	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	Postal.	Tele-graph.	Com-bined Totals.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	Per cent.
1883-84 - -	5,505,208	1,808,920	7,314,128	2,670,804	895,590	3,566,394	48·76
1884-85 - -	5,668,165	1,820,764	7,488,929	2,829,210	939,354	3,768,564	50·32
1885-86 [- -	5,835,925	1,832,401	7,668,326	2,952,020	1,035,239	3,987,859	52·00
1886-87 - -	6,367,319	2,032,632	8,399,951	3,125,032	1,153,863	4,278,895	50·94
1887-88 - -	6,281,231	1,999,033	8,280,264	3,307,182	1,227,255	4,534,437	54·76
1888-89 - -	6,406,127	2,041,361	8,507,488	3,424,157	1,275,940	4,700,097	55·25
1889-90 - -	6,275,085	2,278,956	8,554,071	3,359,563	1,382,414	4,741,977	55·44
1890-91 - -	6,637,504	2,388,581	9,026,085	3,600,306	1,506,219	5,106,525	56·57
1891-92 - -	7,192,487	2,635,895	9,828,382	3,897,952	1,635,093	5,533,045	56·30
1892-93 - -	7,507,645	2,692,994	10,200,639	4,190,823	1,717,123	5,907,946	57·92
1893-94 - (estimated).	7,767,423	2,754,053	10,511,476	4,445,642	1,805,097	6,250,739	59·47

I cannot conclude this Report without recording the loss sustained by the Department and by the public owing to the decease on the 2nd October 1893 of Sir Arthur Blackwood, K.C.B., who, since 1880, had discharged with distinguished ability the arduous duties of Secretary of the Post Office. The premature death, at the age of 61, of one so respected and beloved, has been deeply felt throughout the Department, and is universally regretted.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient humble servant,

ARNOLD MORLEY.

3rd August 1894.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

Letters delivered.

ESTIMATED NUMBER of Letters delivered in the United Kingdom in each of the last Ten Years, and the increase per cent. per annum. Also the average number to each person.

Financial Year ending March 31st.	Delivered in England and Wales.				Total in England and Wales.	Increase per annum. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Scotland.	Increase per annum. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in Ireland.	Increase per annum. per annum.	Average number to each person.	Total in United Kingdom.	Increase per annum. per annum.	Average number to each person.
	By Country Offices.	In- crease per cent. per annum.	In London District.	In- crease per cent. per annum.												
Year 1883-84	-	-	737,000,000	3·3	375,200,000	2·9	41	122,200,000	4·6	32	87,700,000	1·4	17	1,322,100,000	3·2	37
" 1884-85	-	-	757,200,000	2·7	391,100,000	4·1	42	122,900,000	·6	32	89,100,000	1·0	18	1,360,300,000	2·9	38
" 1885-86	-	-	778,000,000	2·8	408,400,000	4·7	43	126,400,000	2·8	32	89,700,000	·7	18	1,403,500,000	3·2	39
" 1886-87	-	-	800,800,000	2·9	439,100,000	7·3	44	129,100,000	2·1	33	90,900,000	1·3	19	1,459,800,000	4·0	40
" 1887-88	-	-	838,000,000	4·6	448,900,000	2·2	46	132,100,000	2·3	33	93,500,000	2·5	20	1,512,200,000	3·6	41
" 1888-89	-	-	846,000,000	1·0	460,500,000	7·0	46	136,000,000	3·0	34	95,500,000	2·5	20	1,553,100,000	3·0	42
" 1889-90	-	-	895,000,000	5·8	513,100,000	7·8	48	140,300,000	3·2	34	96,900,000	1·4	21	1,650,100,000	5·9	43
" 1890-91	-	-	924,400,000	3·3	538,400,000	4·0	50	145,200,000	2·1	36	99,800,000	3·1	21	1,705,900,000	3·4	45
" 1891-92	-	-	905,000,000	4·4	551,000,000	2·4	52	146,400,000	2·1	36	100,000,000	5·2	23	1,767,500,000	3·6	46
" 1892-93	-	-	965,900,000	0·1	568,500,000	2·8	52	152,800,000	4·0	37	105,900,000	·9	23	1,790,500,000	1·3	47
" 1893-94	-	-	973,800,000	0·8	575,000,000	1·6	52	153,900,000	1·1	38	108,500,000	2·5	23	1,811,800,000	1·2	47

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

STATEMENT of the estimated Total Number of Letters, Post Cards, Book Packets, Circulars, and Samples, Newspapers, Telegrams, and PARCELS dealt with, and of the Average Number per Head of the Population for the year ended the 31st March 1894.

	Population.	Letters.		Post Cards.		Book Packets, Circulars, and Samples.		Newspapers.		Telegrams.		Parcels.	
		Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.	Total No.	No. per Head of Population.
England and Wales	29,513,189	1,549,400,000	51·9	309,100,000	7·0	499,700,000	16·4	129,800,000	4·3	89,651,763	2·0	44,539,290	1·49
Scotland	4,093,989	163,900,000	37·6	27,400,000	6·7	66,200,000	13·7	17,700,000	4·3	7,279,894	1·8	6,822,242	1·43
Ireland	4,612,993	108,500,000	23·5	12,000,000	2·6	28,400,000	6·2	17,400,000	3·8	3,987,863	·9	3,633,068	·79
Totals	38,220,116	1,811,800,000	47·0	346,500,000	6·5	574,300,000	14·9	164,900,000	4·3	70,899,498	1·8	54,034,630	1·40

Note.—Of the total yearly number of Letters, Book Packets, Post Cards, Circulars, and Samples, Newspapers, Telegrams, and Parcels, the per-centage of each is as follows :—

Letters	62·0	Book Packets, Circulars, and Samples	19·6	Telegrams	2·4
Post Cards	8·5	Newspapers	5·7	Parcels	1·8

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of PARCELS delivered in the United Kingdom during each of the Twelve Months from 1st April 1893 to the 31st March 1894.

Month.	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	United Kingdom.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
April 1893 -	-	-	-	-	-	-
May " -	2,671,074	767,865	3,439,539	406,148	280,058	4,125,745
June " -	2,880,941	815,493	3,696,434	453,930	305,116	4,455,480
July " -	2,768,120	796,688	3,564,808	473,615	290,354	4,328,777
August " -	2,588,489	694,717	3,283,206	439,176	273,254	3,995,636
September " -	2,662,538	657,662	3,320,200	505,122	276,587	4,101,909
October " -	2,814,965	710,339	3,525,304	509,220	290,826	4,325,350
November " -	3,054,462	809,021	3,863,483	508,855	312,470	4,684,808
December " -	3,038,275	858,319	3,896,594	469,757	305,362	4,671,713
January 1894 -	4,294,724	1,097,524	5,392,248	750,308	463,557	6,606,113
February " -	2,935,728	768,663	3,704,391	466,248	298,307	4,468,948
March " -	2,565,974	675,082	3,241,056	392,815	259,545	3,893,416
March " -	2,858,495	778,532	3,632,027	447,048	297,662	4,376,737
Totals	35,134,885	9,424,905	44,559,290	5,822,242	3,653,098	54,034,630
No. for year ended 31st March 1893 -	33,974,195	9,318,615	43,292,810	5,534,191	3,543,325	52,370,326
Increase -	1,160,190	106,290	1,266,480	288,051	109,773	1,664,304
Increase per cent. -	3.4	1.1	2.9	5.2	3.0	3.1

APPENDIX A.—continued.

Post Cards, Book Packets, Samples, and Newspapers.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF POST CARDS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, and the increase per cent. per annum.

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.
1883-84	128,000,000	6·0	17,400,000	9·3	7,000,000	5·4	153,000,000	6·6
1884-85	134,100,000	4·3	18,400,000	5·5	7,900,000	3·1	160,400,000	4·4
1885-86	143,700,000	7·2	19,500,000	6·4	8,100,000	2·9	171,300,000	6·9
1886-87	151,300,000	5·3	20,400,000	4·6	8,400,000	3·3	180,100,000	5·1
1887-88	158,900,000	5·0	21,200,000	3·9	8,700,000	3·6	189,800,000	4·8
1888-89	170,100,000	7·0	21,800,000	2·8	8,900,000	6·9	201,400,000	6·7
1889-90	184,400,000	8·4	22,900,000	5·0	9,800,000	5·4	217,100,000	7·5
1890-91	195,000,000	5·7	24,000,000	4·8	10,700,000	9·2	229,700,000	5·8
1891-92	205,200,000	5·2	25,400,000	5·8	11,000,000	2·8	241,600,000	5·2
1892-93	206,300,000	·5	26,800,000	5·5	11,300,000	2·7	244,400,000	1·2
1893-94	209,100,000	1·4	27,400,000	2·2	12,000,000	6·2	248,500,000	1·6

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BOOK PACKETS, CIRCULARS, and SAMPLES delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, and the increase per cent. per annum.

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.
1883-84	240,300,000	1·9	31,400,000	7·8	13,900,000	dec. 4·9	294,600,000	2·3
1884-85	269,400,000	8·1	34,500,000	10·0	16,500,000	18·9	330,400,000	8·8
1885-86	288,500,000	7·1	35,900,000	4·2	17,800,000	7·7	342,200,000	6·8
1886-87	312,000,000	8·1	38,700,000	7·7	18,200,000	2·3	368,900,000	7·8
1887-88	331,600,000	6·3	38,900,000	·5	19,000,000	4·4	389,500,000	5·6
1888-89	351,700,000	6·1	40,000,000	4·4	19,700,000	3·7	412,000,000	5·8
1889-90	378,200,000	7·5	42,100,000	3·7	21,600,000	9·6	441,900,000	7·3
1890-91	411,900,000	8·9	44,600,000	5·9	24,700,000	14·3	481,200,000	8·9
1891-92	425,000,000	3·2	45,300,000	1·6	25,000,000	1·2	495,300,000	2·9
1892-93	456,100,000	7·3	51,200,000	13·0	27,000,000	11·6	535,200,000	8·1
1893-94	489,700,000	7·4	56,200,000	9·8	28,400,000	1·9	574,300,000	7·3

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years, and the increase per cent. per annum.

Year.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.	Number.	Increase per cent. per annum.
1883-84	106,900,000	1·2	16,700,000	5·6	16,000,000	dec. 1·1	142,600,000	1·5
1884-85	110,700,000	·7	16,900,000	·9	16,100,000	·5	143,700,000	·7
1885-86	113,700,000	2·8	17,600,000	4·2	16,400,000	1·7	147,700,000	2·8
1886-87	117,900,000	3·6	17,000,000	3·3	16,400,000	—	151,200,000	2·4
1887-88	119,800,000	1·7	16,700,000	1·8	15,800,000	3·7	152,300,000	·8
1888-89	119,300,000	dec.	16,600,000	·6	16,060,000	inc.	151,900,000	dec.
1889-90	126,600,000	·4	16,700,000	inc.	16,000,000	1·3	151,900,000	·3
1890-91	127,300,000	inc.	16,700,000	·6	16,000,000	—	159,300,000	inc.
1891-92	127,300,000	6·1	16,600,000	dec.	16,600,000	3·7	161,000,000	4·9
1892-93	128,800,000	·9	16,600,000	·6	16,600,000	—	161,000,000	1·1
1893-94	127,800,000	·8	17,000,000	inc.	17,000,000	2·4	162,800,000	1·1
1894-95	127,800,000	dec.	17,600,000	2·4	17,400,000	2·4	162,800,000	1·1
1895-96	127,800,000	·8	17,600,000	3·5	17,400,000	2·3	162,800,000	—
1896-97	129,800,000	inc.	17,700,000	·6	17,400,000	—	164,900,000	1·3
1897-98	129,800,000	1·6	17,700,000	·6	17,400,000	—	164,900,000	1·3

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS
31st March 1893 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1892-93.	1893-94.	Increase.	Decrease.
Aden - - - -	July 1885	1,438	1,398	—	40
Antigua - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,931	1,973	44	—
Argentine Republic - -	Feb. 1890	1,915	1,855	—	60
Ascension - - - -	July 1886	440	394	—	46
Austria-Hungary* - -	June 1886	12,390	13,905	1,605	—
Bahamas - - - -	Sept. 1887	613	660	47	—
Barbados - - - -	April 1886	3,963	3,953	—	9
Bechuanaland, Orange Free State, and Transvaal.	Dec. 1889	6,760	9,936	3,176	—
Belgium - - - -	Jan. 1886	35,885	37,744	1,859	—
Bermuda - - - -	April 1890	2,399	2,897	498	—
Beyrout - - - -	Jan. 1888	636	755	119	—
British Central Africa -	Aug. 1893	—	139	139	—
British East Africa - -	April 1891	225	211	—	14
British Guiana - - -	Jan. 1886	5,244	5,795	551	—
British Honduras - - -	March 1887	302	340	47	—
British North Borneo - -	Sept. 1887	193	169	—	24
Canada - - - -	Aug. 1886	35,400	38,184	2,694	—
Cape of Good Hope - -	Dec. 1885	25,610	29,310	3,700	—
Ceylon - - - -	Nov. 1885	7,991	8,813	822	—
Colombia, Republic of -	March 1888	3,963	3,960	127	—
Constantinople - - -	Jan. 1886	2,861	3,336	375	—
Costa Rica - - - -	Feb. 1888	1,681	1,611	—	70
Cyprus - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,135	1,366	231	—
Dominica - - - -	Jan. 1886	689	636	—	53
Egypt - - - -	July 1885	9,747	10,714	967	—
Falkland Islands - - -	Oct. 1888	587	644	57	—
Fiji - - - -	June 1890	170	222	52	—
France† - - - -	Oct. 1887	165,028	161,894	—	3,134
Germany‡ - - - -	Jan. 1886	151,963	162,364	10,381	—
Gibraltar - - - -	July 1885	9,691	9,208	—	483
Grenada - - - -	Oct. 1885	996	1,402	406	—
Holland - - - -	April 1886	32,363	34,796	2,423	—
Hong Kong§ - - - -	Oct. 1885	10,380	8,930	—	1,450
India - - - -	July 1885	77,470	84,871	7,401	—
Italy - - - -	Oct. 1887	43,167	41,017	—	2,150
Jamaica - - - -	Oct. 1885	8,315	8,154	—	161
Labuan - - - -	Dec. 1885	55	74	19	—
Liberia - - - -	July 1893	—	76	76	—
Madeira - - - -	July 1891	585	678	93	—
Malta - - - -	Aug. 1885	13,059	13,144	85	—
Mashonaland - - - -	Jan. 1893	95	587	492	—
Carried forward -		677,349	708,146	38,491	7,694

* Including parcels for Bulgaria, Roumania, and Servia.

† Including parcels for the French Colonies and Dependencies.

‡ Including parcels for Eastern Europe, Chili, &c.

§ Including parcels for China and the China Fleet.

APPENDIX A.—continued.

Despatched and Received during the Years ended the
the 31st March 1894.

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1892-93.	1893-94.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1892-93.	1893-94.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
1,240	1,428	188	—	2,678	2,826	148	—	Aden.
411	383	—	28	2,342	2,358	16	—	Antigua.
481	642	161	—	2,396	2,497	101	—	Argentine Republic.
84	109	25	—	524	503	—	21	Ascension.
5,402	5,553	151	—	17,792	19,548	1,756	—	Austria-Hungary.*
201	198	—	3	814	858	44	—	Bahamas.
1,359	1,355	—	4	5,321	5,308	—	13	Barbados.
—	—	—	—	6,760	9,896	3,176	—	Bechuanaland, Orange Free State, and Transvaal.
15,840	17,217	1,377	—	51,725	54,961	3,236	—	Belgium.
560	604	44	—	2,959	3,501	542	—	Bermuda.
207	226	19	—	843	981	138	—	Beirut.
—	27	27	—	—	166	166	—	British Central Africa.
59	100	41	—	284	311	27	—	British East Africa.
1,183	1,295	112	—	6,427	7,090	663	—	British Guiana.
40	51	11	—	342	400	58	—	British Honduras.
109	94	—	15	302	263	—	39	British North Borneo.
12,703	13,925	1,222	—	48,193	52,109	3,916	—	Canada, Dominion of.
11,457	12,998	1,541	—	37,067	42,308	5,241	—	Cape of Good Hope.
3,996	4,511	515	—	11,987	13,324	1,337	—	Ceylon.
175	199	24	—	4,038	4,189	151	—	Colombia, Republic of.
495	522	27	—	3,356	3,758	402	—	Constantinople.
110	140	30	—	1,791	1,751	—	40	Costa Rica.
344	336	—	8	1,479	1,702	223	—	Cyprus.
109	101	—	8	798	737	—	61	Dominica.
5,834	6,915	1,081	—	15,581	17,629	2,048	—	Egypt.
150	168	18	—	737	812	75	—	Falkland Islands.
56	88	32	—	226	310	84	—	Fiji.
122,267	116,838	—	5,429	287,295	272,738	—	8,557	France.†
110,280	112,386	2,106	—	262,263	274,750	12,487	—	Germany.‡
4,585	4,926	341	—	14,376	14,134	—	142	Gibraltar.
319	328	9	—	1,315	1,730	415	—	Grenada.
20,640	22,769	2,129	—	53,017	57,565	4,548	—	Holland.
6,529	7,381	852	—	16,909	16,311	—	598	Hong Kong.§
60,012	71,070	11,058	—	137,482	155,941	18,459	—	India.
23,581	22,728	—	847	66,748	63,745	—	2,997	Italy.
1,905	1,863	—	42	10,220	10,017	—	203	Jamaica.
43	19	—	24	98	98	—	5	Labuan.
—	3	3	—	—	79	79	—	Liberia.
94	91	—	3	679	789	90	—	Madeira.
7,427	7,413	—	14	20,496	20,557	71	—	Malta.
—	—	—	—	95	587	492	—	Manxland.
420,296	437,000	23,135	6,431	1,097,645	1,145,146	60,189	12,688	

|| Included in figures for Cape of Good Hope.

APPENDIX A.—continued.

STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS
31st March 1893 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1892-93.	1893-94.	In- crease.	De- crease.
	Brought forward -	677,349	708,146	38,491	7,694
Mauritius	April. 1889	1,191	1,436	245	—
Mexico	April. 1890	2,185	1,737	—	448
Montserrat	Jan. 1886	388	486	98	—
Natal	June. 1887	12,772	12,498	—	274
Nevis	Jan. 1886	223	249	26	—
Newfoundland . . .	Sept. 1886	2,595	2,525	—	70
New South Wales . .	July. 1886	15,352	13,460	—	1,892
New Zealand	Nov. 1888	13,687	13,263	—	419
Niger Coast Protectorate	Dec. 1892	35	433	398	—
Norway	April. 1886	7,339	7,907	558	—
Persia	Jan. 1894	—	25	25	—
Portugal	Jan. 1888	2,314	2,148	—	166
Queensland	Feb. 1892	4,331	4,162	—	169
St. Helena	April. 1886	687	673	—	14
St. Kitts	Jan. 1886	1,111	1,068	—	43
St. Lucia	Oct. 1885	926	936	10	—
St. Thomas	Jan. 1888	481	475	—	6
St. Vincent	Nov. 1885	803	863	60	—
Salvador	April. 1893	—	116	116	—
Sarawak	July. 1887	188	165	—	23
Seychelles	April. 1890	108	161	53	—
Siam	Aug. 1890	441	429	—	12
Smyrna	April. 1887	1,144	1,148	4	—
South Australia . . .	July. 1886	3,743	3,337	—	406
Spain	Sept. 1891	14,040	16,256	2,216	—
Straits Settlements . .	Oct. 1885	5,080	7,097	2,017	—
Sweden	May. 1886	7,715	8,272	557	—
Switzerland	Dec. 1887	35,868	37,362	1,494	—
Tangier	Jan. 1890	1,547	1,278	—	269
Tasmania	Jan. 1887	2,455	2,253	—	197
Tobago	Oct. 1885	201	186	—	15
Tortola	Oct. 1886	30	46	16	—
Trinidad	Oct. 1885	3,460	3,435	25	—
Uruguay	April. 1891	457	559	102	—
Victoria	July. 1886	12,129	10,336	—	1,773
West African Colonies .	Jan. 1888	5,849	6,352	503	—
West Australia	Jan. 1887	2,699	2,739	40	—
Zanzibar	Jan. 1887	537	538	1	—
	Totals -	841,460	874,625	47,055	13,890
		Net Increase - - 33,105			

Postage rates were reduced in 1892-93 on parcels exchanged with Canada and Sarawak and in 1893-94 on parcels exchanged with the Cape Colony (except Cape Town), the Transvaal the Orange Free State, Bechuanaland, and Mashonaland.

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

Despatched and Received during the Years ended the
the 31st March 1894—*continued.*

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1892-93.	1893-94.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1892-93.	1893-94.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
420,296	437,000	23,135	6,431	1,097,645	1,145,146	60,189	12,688	
241	188	—	53	1,452	1,624	192	—	Mauritius.
69	114	45	—	2,254	1,351	—	403	Mexico.
107	106	—	1	495	592	97	—	Montserrat.
2,857	2,883	26	—	15,629	15,381	—	248	Natal.
44	37	—	7	267	286	19	—	Nevis.
547	591	44	—	3,142	3,116	—	26	Newfoundland.
5,367	5,310	—	57	20,719	18,770	—	1,949	New South Wales.
2,936	3,224	288	—	16,623	16,492	—	131	New Zealand.
1	196	195	—	36	629	593	—	Niger Coast Protectorate.
3,328	3,669	341	—	10,667	11,566	899	—	Norway.
§—	§—	—	—	—	25	25	—	Persia.
296	301	5	—	2,610	2,449	—	161	Portugal.
1,259	1,289	30	—	5,590	5,451	—	139	Queensland.
169	153	—	16	856	826	—	30	St. Helena.
177	161	—	16	1,288	1,229	—	59	St. Kitts.
317	255	—	62	1,243	1,191	—	52	St. Lucia.
87	87	—	—	568	502	—	6	St. Thomas.
240	240	—	—	1,043	1,103	60	—	St. Vincent.
—	—	—	—	—	116	116	—	Salvador.
•—	•—	—	—	188	165	—	23	Sarawak.
26	41	15	—	134	202	68	—	Seychelles.
•—	•—	—	—	441	429	—	12	Siam.
402	501	99	—	1,546	1,649	103	—	Smyrna.
1,526	1,577	51	—	5,269	4,914	—	355	South Australia
†—	†—	—	—	14,040	16,256	2,216	—	Spain.
3,191	3,661	470	—	8,271	10,758	2,487	—	Strait Settlements.
2,405	2,280	—	125	10,120	10,552	432	—	Sweden.
11,123	11,082	—	41	46,991	48,444	1,453	—	Switzerland.
‡—	‡—	—	—	1,547	1,278	—	269	Tangier.
459	505	46	—	2,914	2,763	—	151	Tasmania.
57	63	6	—	258	249	—	9	Tobago.
6	10	4	—	36	56	20	—	Tortola.
1,304	1,336	32	—	4,764	4,821	57	—	Trinidad.
59	60	1	—	516	619	103	—	Uruguay.
5,373	4,956	—	417	17,502	15,312	—	2,190	Victoria.
1,727	2,141	414	—	7,576	8,493	917	—	West African Colonies.
466	616	150	—	3,165	3,355	190	—	West Australia.
144	142	—	2	681	680	—	1	Zanzibar.
466,606	484,775	25,397	7,223	1,308,066	1,359,400	70,236	18,902	
Net Increase		18,169				51,354		

• Included in figures for Straits Settlements.

† Included in figures for France.

‡ Included in figures for Gibraltar.

§ Included in figures for India.

APPENDIX B.

Registered Letters.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Letters Registered by the Public in the United Kingdom in each of the last Ten Years and the increase per cent. per annum.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.					SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL for UNITED KINGDOM.				
	Country Offices.		London District.		Total.									
	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.				
1884-85	-	-	6,768,531	dec. 3·1	2,972,203	1·0 dec.	9,740,724	dec. 1·9	914,017	3·1 dec.	719,410	dec. 2·7	11,364,151	dec. 1·5
1885-86	-	-	6,569,979	2·9	2,932,591	inc. ·7	9,532,570	2·2	906,537	·5 inc.	696,983	1·9 inc.	11,123,060	2·1
1886-87	-	-	6,177,160	6·0	2,971,166	·6	9,148,326	4·0 inc.	928,976	2·1 dec.	702,253	·7 dec.	10,779,555	3·1 inc.
1887-88	-	-	6,163,868	0·3 inc.	3,033,369	2·1	9,196,257	1·4	920,065	1·0 inc.	698,410	·5 inc.	10,814,722	·3 inc.
1888-89	-	-	6,192,027	0·6	3,160,354	4·2	9,352,381	1·2	932,233	1·3	716,501	2·6	11,061,085	1·7
1889-90	-	-	6,340,550	2·4	3,326,528	5·3 dec.	9,666,876	3·4 dec.	972,638	4·3	718,423	·3	11,387,835	3·2 dec.
1890-91	-	-	6,394,514	·9	3,238,904	2·6 inc.	9,633,318	·3 inc.	1,001,453	3·0	722,396	·6	11,357,197	·008 inc.
1891-92	-	-	6,600,188	3·4 dec.	3,683,689	13·7	10,292,877	6·9 dec.	1,039,161	3·7	746,330	3·2	12,077,368	6·3 inc.
1892-93	-	-	6,568,404	·6	3,724,240	1·1 dec.	10,292,644	·003 dec.	1,074,108	3·4	765,292	2·7	12,132,144	·4 dec.
1893-94	-	-	6,392,212	2·6	3,473,748	6·7	9,865,960	4·1	1,009,798	2·4	776,594	1·5	11,742,352	3·2

APPENDIX D.

Abstract of Contracts or Agreements for

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number, Size, and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				When made.	When commenced.	Terminates.
FALMOUTH and PERCIVIL.	Daily - -	Steam vessel	St. Mawes Steam Tug and Passenger Company.	- - -	10 Aug. 1892	- - -
FLEETWOOD and BELFAST.	Week days -	Steam vessels	North Lancashire Steam Navigation Company (but payment made through Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company).	28 Jan. 1891	1 July 1899	On 6 months' notice.
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN.	Twice a day -	Four Mail Packets specially built and maintained for the service.	City of Dublin Steam Packet Company.	20 Aug. 1883	1 Oct. 1883	30 Sept. 1886, or on 12 months' notice after the 30th September 1894.
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE of MAN.)	Once on week days.	A sufficient number of efficient steam vessels.	Isle of Man Steam Packet Company.	17 Jan. 1883	- - -	On 6 months' notice.
LUNDY ISLAND and INSTOW.	Once a week -	Sailing boat	Captain Dark -	- - -	1 May 1883	- - -
PENZANCE and SCILLY	Three times a week in summer. Twice a week in winter.	Steam vessel	West Cornwall Steamship Company.	31 July 1874	1 Feb. 1874	On 6 months' notice.
PORTSMOUTH and RYDE.	Once daily, with the Night Mails. <i>See "Remarks."</i>	Steam vessels	London, Brighton, and South Coast, and London and South-Western Railway Companies.	10 Nov. 1891	1 July 1890	1 July 1895 -
SOUTHAMPTON and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	Once on week days.	Steam vessels	London and South-Western Railway Company.	- - -	- - -	On 6 months' notice.
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES.	Once on week days, but <i>see "Remarks."</i>	Steam vessels	Southampton, Isle of Wight, and South of England Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.	- - -	1 Jan. 1874.	- - -
WYMOUTH and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels	Great Western Railway Company.	- - -	Aug. 1881.	- - -
SCOTLAND.						
ABERDEEN and LERWICK.	Five days a week in summer. Three days a week in winter.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	June 1892	1 June 1891	1 June 1895 -
LERWICK, WHALSAY, and NORTH ISLES.	Thrice a week	Steam vessel	Do.			

APPENDIX D.

the Conveyance of Home Mails by Sea.

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
60l.	—	—	—	—
1,000l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
84,000l.	Outward journey (including transfer on both sides of the Channel), 4h. 7m. Inward journey (including transfer), 4h. 2m.	1l. 14s. per minute	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, penalty of 100l., and 10l. per hour for every hour beyond stipulated time before vessel starts.	The payment is subject to reduction when the receipts from passenger traffic in any one year exceed 35,000l. It includes payment for parcel services.
4,500l.	14 nautical miles an hour in summer; 12 in winter.	- - -	If on any occasion vessel is not ready P.M.G. may employ another vessel, and charge cost to the Contractors.	Separate payment at rate of 3s. a cwt. for parcels. 125l. per annum is also paid for transfer of Parcel Mails from the Packets at Liverpool and Douglas.
52l. 10s.	—	—	—	—
*500l. and 150l. for parcels.	No time fixed	- - -	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, P.M.G. may employ a pilot boat and special messenger at the expense of the Contractors.	*From 1st Sept. 1893. Payment for parcels fixed under separate Contract. General conditions similar to those under the old Contract. More frequent service provided by the Company in summer.
1,400l. (including payment for parcels).	25 minutes each trip.	- - -	200l.	The Department has also the general use of the Companies' vessels which are constantly plying between the two places
6,500l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No contract.
150l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels.
200l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels. This is a supplementary service to the one from Southampton.
8,000l. (see Remarks), and 100l. for parcels.	- - -	- - -	200l. P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractors' expense.	3,100l. of this sum is paid by the Post Office, and 3,000l. by the Scottish Office.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number, Size, and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				When made.	When commenced. [†]	Terminates.
ARDROSSAN and ABBAN.	Six days a week.	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company.	- - -	1 Dec. 1891	- - -
FOULA and WALLS (SHETLAND).	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessel.	M. Manson and L. Gray.	10 March 1892	10 Mar. 1892	10 March 1894, afterwards on 6 months' notice.
GLASGOW and CAMPBELTOWN.	Once on week days.	Steam vessels	C. A. Murray, for Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Company, Limited.	- - -	1 July 1890	- - -
GLASGOW, GREENOCK, OBAN, PORTREE, and STORNOWAY.	Twice a week in summer, once in winter.	Steam vessels	David MacBrayne	- - -	- - -	- - -
GREENOCK and BELFAST.	Once on week days.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	Sir John Burns, Bart.	21, 22, 24, and 25 August 1893.	1 Aug. 1893	On 12 months' notice.
ARDROSSAN and BELFAST.						
GREENOCK and LONDONDERRY.	Twice a week					
GREENOCK (PRINCE'S PIER) and ROTHESAY.	Week days -	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-western Railway Co.	- - -	17 Oct. 1892	On 6 months' notice after 17 Oct. 1893.
GREENOCK and ROTHESAY, GREENOCK and ARDMISHAIG.	Week days -	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	- - -	17 Oct. 1892	On 6 months' notice after 17 Oct. 1893.
GREENOCK and LOCHGOILHEAD.	Six days a week	Steam vessel	M. T. Clark, for Lockgill Steam Packet Company.	- - -	1 Feb. 1892	1 Feb. 1893; afterwards on 6 months' notice.
GREENOCK and KILMUN.	Twice on week days.	Steam vessel	Capt. Jas. Williamson, for Caledonian Steam Packet Company.	- - -	1 Jan. 1887 No Contract.	- - -
GREENOCK and TARBERT (HARRIS).	Once a week -	Steam vessel (Dunara Castle).	Martin Orme & Co.	- - -	- - -	- - -
GREENOCK and DUNVEGAN.	Once a week -	Steam vessel (Hebridean).	John McCallum & Co.	- - -	- - -	- - -
INVERGORDON and CROMARTY.	Week days -	Steam vessel	Cromarty Steamship Company.	- - -	1 Feb. 1894	After 1 year, on 3 months' notice.
INVERNESS and FORT AUGUSTUS.	Six days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	- - -	17 Oct. 1892	On 6 months' notice after 17 Oct. 1893.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
400 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	100 <i>l.</i>	
52 <i>l.</i> (2 <i>l.</i> a trip.)	- - - - -	- - - - -	25 <i>l.</i>	
650 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	125 <i>l.</i>	The Department has also the general use of these steamers, as run by the Company for their own traffic purposes. The payment includes Parcel Service.
-	- - - - -	- - - - -	-	Forms a part of Greenock, Rothesay, and Ardrishaig Contract (see below). The Department has the general use of the steamers.
10,000 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	2,000 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes Parcel Post Service.
130 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	65 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
2,510 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	850 <i>l.</i>	This payment includes 190 <i>l.</i> for Parcel Service, and 320 <i>l.</i> for the Glasgow, Greenock, Oban, Portree, and Stornoway service.
270 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	100 <i>l.</i>	The Department has general use of all this Company's steamers as run by them for traffic purposes. The payment includes the Parcel Service.
125 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	-	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
500 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	-	Temporary arrangement, for one year ending 31st March 1895, half of the subsidy to be paid by the Post Office, and half by the Scottish Office.
50 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	25 <i>l.</i>	
210 <i>l.</i> and *25 <i>l.</i> for Parcel Service.	- - - - -	- - - - -	-	*This amount is payable in connection with the contract for the Greenock and Rothesay and Greenock and Ardrishaig Services.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number, Size, and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				When made.	When commenced. [†]	Terminated.
KIRKWALL and NORTH ISLES.	Twice a week for 9 months, and three times a week for 3 months.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	Orkney Steam Navigation Company, per Geo. Robertson.	1 Nov. 1891	1 Nov. 1891	1 Nov. 1892, afterwards on 6 months' notice.
MALLAIG and INVERIE (PORT WILLIAM).	Three days a week.	Sailing vessel.	John Michie	- . .	10 Sept. 1893	On 6 months' notice after 10 Sept. 1894.
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	10 & 16 Nov. 1881.	1 Apr. 1881	On 6 months' notice.
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM (Parcels).	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	13 Dec. 1884, 2 Jan. 1885.	1 Aug. 1884	On 3 months' notice.
OBAN and TOBERMORY.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessel				
OBAN and West of MULL, calling at Croggan, Tobermory, Kilchoan, Coll, Tiree, Iona, (on outward voyage) and Bunessan.	Out. — On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In. — On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Steam vessel				
OBAN and DUNVEGAN, calling at Tobermory, Castlebay, Lochboisdale, and Lochmaddy.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Steam vessel.				
DUNVEGAN and OBAN, calling at Loch Pooltiel, and Loch Bracadale and Tobermory; And also at Canna and Rum.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.					
	Tuesdays and Thursdays.					
OBAN and LOCHMADDY, calling at Tobermory, Loch Bracadale, Loch Pooltiel, and Dunvegan; And also at Rum and Canna.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Steam vessel.				
	Tuesdays and Saturdays.					
LOCHMADDY and OBAN, calling at Loch Boisdale and Castlebay.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.					
PORTREE, LOCHMADDY, and DUNVEGAN.	Out. — Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In. — Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Steam vessel				
STROME FERRY and STORNOWAY.	Once a day, six days a week each way.	Steam vessel				

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
340 <i>l.</i>	—	—	—	
52 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i>	—	—	—	
600 <i>l.</i>	Out. 3 hrs. 30 mins. In. 3 hrs. 30 mins.	- . -	300 <i>l.</i>	
65 <i>l.</i>	—	—	—	
555 <i>l.</i>	At rate of 10 sea miles an hour.	- . -		
1,200 <i>l.</i>	At rate of 10 sea miles an hour.	- . -		
6,000 <i>l.</i>	At rate of not less than 11 sea miles an hour.	- - -	4,800 <i>l.</i> To be recovered by way of liquidated damages, and not by way of penalty.	Of the total sum of 12,305 <i>l.</i> a year payable under these contracts, 5,716 <i>l.</i> is paid by the Post Office, and 6,589 <i>l.</i> by the Scottish Office. Payments include Parcel Services.
1,350 <i>l.</i>	At rate of not less than 10 sea miles an hour.	- - -		
3,000 <i>l.</i>	At rate of 11 sea miles an hour.	20 <i>l.</i> for undue delay or deviation from course.	- - -	In event of accident, storm, &c. preventing despatch in due course of the Strome Ferry and Portree Steamer, Contractor allowed to divert the Strome Ferry-Stornoway Steamer from the direct course and touch at Broadford, Raasay, and Portree. In every such case special report to be furnished within two days to P.M.G. and Secretary for Scotland detailing circumstances.

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number, Size, and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				When made.	When commenced.†	Terminates.
PORTASKAIG (ISLAY) and COLONSAY.	Week days -	Sailing vessel.	Sir John McNeill K.C.B.	- - -	- - -	- - -
ROTHESAY and WEMYSS BAY.	Week days -	Steam vessels	Per Caledonian Steam Packet Company, Capt. Jas. Williamson.	- - -	17 Oct. 1892	After 1 year on 6 months' notice.
STRANRAER and LAMA. (See below).						
STROME FERRY and PORTREE.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	1 Dec. 1887	1 Oct. 1888	On 12 months' notice.
SCRABSTER PIER (THURSO) and STROMNESS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	- - -	12 Feb. 1889	After 5 years on 6 months' notice.
STROMNESS and SOUTH ISLES.	4 days a week	Steam vessel	South Isles Steam Packet Co.	- - -	29 May 1893	On 6 months' notice after 29 May 1894.
TARBERT, ISLAY, and JURA.	Week days -	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	- - -	1 Oct. 1892	On 6 months' notice after 1st Oct. 1893.
GREENOCK, ISLAY, and JURA.						
VIRKIE (SHETLAND) and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessel.	John Bruce, Junr.	- - -	1 Nov. 1883	- - -
WEMYSS BAY and MILLPORT.	Thrice on week days.	Steam vessel	Caledonian Railway Co.	In general agreement with the Co.		
IRELAND.						
LARNE and STRANRAER.	Week days -	Steam vessels with accommodation for sorting Mails.	Portpatrick and Wigtownshire Joint Committee.	22 Dec. 1892	1 Sept. 1891	After 5 years on 12 months' notice.
GALWAY AND ABBAN	3 days a week	Steam vessel	Galway Bay Steamboat Co.	- - -	29 Apr. 1893	- - -

† In many cases the service commenced in addition to the payments given in detail above, Letters, &c. are conveyed by Private Ships to and from places 1,600*l.* a year, and the principal payments are as follows:—

For Guernsey, Alderney and Sark Service (special rates) - - -
 „ Glasgow, Greenock, and Londonderry Service - - -
 „ Waterford and Milford Haven Service - - -
 „ Manchester and Barrow, to and from Douglas (Isle of Man) season - - -
 „ Belfast and Barrow Service - - -

There are also a number of small miscellaneous fixed payments for conveyance of Home Mails and for ferryage in any case 50*l.* a year which have not been included in the above statement.

General Post Office, 31st March 1894.

APPENDIX D.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
40 <i>l.</i>	—	—	—	—
150 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	75 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes Parcel Service.
650 <i>l.</i>	- - -	20 <i>l.</i> for undue delay or deviation from course.	100 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
2,000 <i>l.</i>	10 knots an hour	20 <i>l.</i> for undue delay or deviation from course.	200 <i>l.</i> P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Contractor's expense.	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
130 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	50 <i>l.</i>	
900 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	350 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
180 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	-	No Contract. Payment is made up thus: 60 <i>l.</i> for service from 1 April to 31 October, and 10 <i>l.</i> per trip for the other 5 months.
—	—	—	—	—
13,500 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	-	This amount includes also payment for Railway Services between Carlisle and Stranraer, Larne and Belfast, and Larne and Derry.
60 <i>l.</i>	—	—	—	—

before the formal contract was executed.
in the United Kingdom for a certain fixed payment of 2*s.* 6*d.* per 100. The total amount paid at present is about

about 6817*l.* a year.
 " " " " " " " " " " 270*l.* "
 " " " " " " " " " " 260*l.* "
 services via Fleetwood " " " " " " " " " " 130*l.* "
 " " " " " " " " " " 60*l.* "

(including various payments for the conveyance of Mails in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland), not exceeding

APPENDIX E.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1893.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1894.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
	A.									
1	Postmaster General - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	B.									
8	Secretary, Financial Secretary, Third Secretary, Assistant Secretaries (5), Secretary for Scotland, and for Ireland.	8	—	1	—	1	—	10	—	10
	C.									
45	Superior Officers in Metro- politan Offices.	19	—	4	—	4	—	27	—	27
	D.									
16	Surveyors - - - -	10	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	16
	E.									
931	Head Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	11	1	1	—	—	—	770	157	927
	Provinces - - -	543	90	120	33	95	33			
18,553	Sub-Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	752	115	43	9	60	78	13,993	4,749	18,742
	Provinces - - -	10,201	3,306	1,234	578	1,702	743			
	F.									
5,194	Clerks and Superintending Officers : Metropolitan - -	1,897	1,125	136	31	159	24	4,089	1,239	5,328
	Provinces - - -	1,546	51	203	8	79	—			
	G.									
22,621	Supervisors, Overseers, Counter- men, Sorters, Telegraphists, &c. : Metropolitan - -	8,497	1,826	439	100	544	86	18,858	4,749	23,607
	Sorting Clerks and Telegra- phists : Provinces - - -	7,672	2,137	1,063	446	643	154			
47,174	Carried forward - -	31,157	8,551	3,247	1,205	3,290	1,138	37,694	10,394	48,583

APPENDIX E.—*continued.*Staff of Officers—*continued.*

Totals 31 Mar. 1893.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1894.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
47,174	Brought forward -	31,157	8,551	3,347	1,205	3,290	1,138	37,694	10,894	48,588
	H.									
24,773	Postmen, Porters, &c. : Metropolitan - - -	6,940	—	416	—	217	—	26,306	9	26,217
	Provinces - - -	15,146	8	2,209	1	1,280	—			
	I.									
59,503	Persons employed in unesta- blished positions, viz., As- sistants to Postmasters, &c., Auxiliary Postmen, Boy Sorters, Boy Messengers, Telegraph Messengers, Tele- graph Construction Hands, Copyists, Female Servants, Commissionaires, &c. : Metropolitan - - -	9,087	1,443	349	111	639	191	44,324	16,972	61,296
	Provinces - - -	26,650	11,734	3,676	1,484	3,913	2,009			
	J.									
4	Postmasters and Clerks abroad (under direction of Post- master General).	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5
5	Agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage.	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5
131,459	Totals - - -	88,990	21,736	9,897	2,901	9,339	3,338	108,236	27,875	136,111

APPENDIX F.

Returned Letters, Parcels, &c.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Number of LETTERS, POST CARDS, BOOKS, PACKETS, NEWS-PAPERS, PATTERNS and PARCELS, received and disposed of in the RETURNED LETTER OFFICES of LONDON, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, BIRMINGHAM, LEEDS, BRISTOL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NOTTINGHAM, PLYMOUTH, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, ABERDEEN, INVERNESS, DUBLIN, BELFAST, and CORK respectively; also the Number which, bearing on the outside the Addresses of the Senders, were returned direct from HEAD POST OFFICES (not possessing RETURNED LETTER BRANCHES), in the Year ended 31st March 1893, and in the Year ended 31st March 1894.

—	Letters received.		Letters re-issued to corrected Addresses.		Letters returned to the Senders.		Letters returned unopened to Foreign Countries.		Letters which could neither be delivered to Addressees nor returned to Senders.	
	1892-93.	1893-94.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1892-93.	1893-94.
LONDON - -	2,620,444	2,615,451	22,732	22,069	2,235,217	2,170,366	147,303	136,696	215,192	286,320
MANCHESTER -	374,108	369,594	7,221	8,153	325,299	318,124	10,300	10,811	31,288	32,506
LIVERPOOL -	328,085	292,009	16,788	14,728	269,834	241,141	17,208	15,703	23,255	20,437
BIRMINGHAM -	244,604	245,432	7,047	4,212	217,420	220,311	5,347	5,627	14,790	15,282
LEEDS - -	236,837	225,369	5,321	5,806	201,964	192,310	7,657	7,734	21,895	19,719
BRISTOL - -	320,433	317,091	6,923	6,035	269,785	266,734	10,806	11,375	32,919	32,947
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	140,376	140,836	3,622	3,913	124,088	120,702	6,065	6,632	15,601	18,539
NOTTINGHAM -	166,844	159,726	5,648	5,970	143,163	136,068	4,212	4,240	13,521	13,456
PLYMOUTH -	50,565	46,997	620	904	40,097	36,631	4,292	3,818	5,596	5,644
EDINBURGH -	201,285	196,405	11,470	12,109	172,013	165,300	6,776	7,754	11,026	11,308
GLASGOW - -	179,395	178,080	19,425	15,924	146,280	146,321	5,602	5,688	8,088	8,127
ABERDEEN -	23,946	23,400	967	1,062	20,191	19,453	784	966	2,004	1,939
INVERNESS -	16,514	17,483	640	551	14,013	15,496	442	366	1,419	1,070
DUBLIN - -	220,941	213,372	6,994	11,570	179,355	167,140	10,158	16,579	24,034	28,223
BELFAST - -	66,156	64,091	2,410	2,621	54,338	52,192	2,769	2,967	6,589	6,311
CORK - -	39,124	36,570	990	1,123	31,750	29,496	3,111	3,594	3,273	2,367
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders -	1,120,752	1,110,101	—	—	1,120,752	1,110,101	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	6,357,439	6,259,047	118,818	116,540	5,565,609	5,397,866	242,832	240,340	429,790	504,301
Increase 1893-94 over 1892-93. }	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74,521	—
Decrease in 1893-94	96,392	—	2,278	167,743	—	2,492	—	—	—	—

APPENDIX F.—*continued.*Returned Letters, Parcels, &c.—*continued.*

	Post Cards received.		Book Packets received.		Newspapers received.		Patterns and Samples received.		Parcels received.		Parcels re-issued to Addressees or returned to Senders.	
	1892-93.	1893-94.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1892-93.	1893-94.
LONDON - -	88,674	85,818	2,668,756	3,157,945	325,414	362,367	4,265	7,154	50,460	48,028	32,820	33,998
MANCHESTER -	34,317	34,872	775,130	929,186	13,412	13,509	295	508	5,302	5,577	3,529	3,787
LIVERPOOL -	37,182	35,644	523,511	589,540	17,583	15,784	764	580	4,115	4,005	2,448	2,294
BIRMINGHAM -	34,353	33,432	406,326	496,613	7,809	8,060	1,170	1,773	3,487	3,907	2,285	2,663
LEEDS - -	19,334	20,179	392,570	465,729	7,691	7,775	652	1,095	3,354	3,514	2,229	2,342
BRISTOL - -	15,448	15,130	458,016	583,457	13,192	15,180	1,787	3,307	5,599	6,063	3,547	3,346
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	13,163	11,045	258,482	283,589	4,873	5,344	312	758	1,999	2,120	1,218	1,261
NOTTINGHAM -	3,494	3,278	261,470	297,814	5,085	5,126	234	344	2,834	2,990	1,940	2,113
PLYMOUTH -	3,325	3,347	74,063	70,909	1,853	2,226	375	561	905	853	501	504
EDINBURGH -	25,998	31,064	383,209	430,213	17,464	24,374	966	1,148	5,223	4,837	4,098	3,931
GLASGOW - -	39,437	45,198	305,487	357,892	8,992	11,648	369	776	3,044	2,882	2,478	2,483
ABERDEEN -	884	1,646	40,415	53,969	1,874	2,934	49	100	334	359	220	204
INVERNESS -	1,156	980	20,956	20,042	1,187	2,047	22	46	297	308	212	130
DUBLIN - -	13,914	12,197	279,106	285,014	26,603	22,716	147	444	4,727	4,532	3,251	3,115
BELFAST - -	7,458	9,940	93,389	139,045	5,722	5,346	227	511	914	812	563	474
CORK - -	1,497	1,400	48,402	48,974	1,927	1,572	253	69	529	526	294	325
Head Post Offices authorised to return certain letters, &c. direct to senders	624,125	534,938	2,023,054	1,994,153	58,001	68,927	37,246	39,522	35,571	35,655	35,571	35,655
TOTALS -	984,164	930,108	9,034,832	10,206,084	518,772	574,915	49,133	58,676	128,744	126,965	97,264	99,175
Increase 1893-94 over 1892-93. }	—	—	1,171,252	—	56,143	—	9,543	—	—	—	1,911	—
Decrease in 1893-4	34,056	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,779	—	—	—

APPENDIX G. Foreign and Colonial Packet Service.

Line of Packets.	Contracts.		Payment.	Penalties for Overtime.	Contributions towards the Cost of the Service.	Estimated Receipts for Sea Postage.	Estimated British Loss on the Sea Service.
	Com- mencement.	Termination.					
AUSTRALIA : Brindisi or Naples and Adelaide	1 Feb. 1888 -	31 January 1895 -	£ 170,000 {	100% for every 24 hours.	{ South Australia } { Victoria } { New South Wales } 75,000%.	£ 3,000	£ 92,000
Aden and Brisbane	-	Colonial Contracts	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco and New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
London and Sydney, and intermediate } Australian Ports	1 July 1886 {	On 6 months' notice } For Parcel Post	{ (a) 1,180	-	-	1,180	Nil.
BRAZIL, RIVER PLATE, and CHILI : Fortnightly Service from Southampton	1 Sept. 1876 -	On 6 months' notice	(a) 8,710	-	-	-	-
Do.	1 Jan. 1888 -	Do. for Parcel Post	(a) 160	-	-	-	-
Fortnightly service from Liverpool	1 July 1878 -	On 6 months' notice	(a) 15,580	-	-	11,550	12,900
CANADA and CHINA	7 April 1891 -	6 April 1901	60,000	100% for every 12 hours.	{ Canada } { Admiralty } 15,000% } 7,800% }	-	37,700
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and NATAL	Contracts with	Colonial Governments	-	-	-	-	-
Natal	17 June 1887 {	On 6 months' notice } For Parcel Post	{ (a) 736	-	-	736	Nil.
EAST INDIES and CHINA	1 Feb. 1888 -	31 January 1898	295,000 {	200% for every 12 hours late at Brindisi. In other cases 100%.	{ India, 60,000% } { Ceylon, 1,400% } { Straits Settlements, 8,000% } { Hong Kong, 6,000% }	27,000	167,200
EAST COAST OF AFRICA : Aden and Zanzibar	1 July 1885 {	On 6 months' notice } For Parcel Post	{ (a) 3,200	-	-	-	-
EUROPE : Dover and Calais	5 Nov. 1892 -	On 12 months' notice	9,000	-	-	100	8,900
Do.	20 June 1878 -	20 June 1893	6,237 {	5% for 15 minutes or upwards.	-	-	-
Do.	21 June 1893 -	On 12 months' notice	12,400 {	5% for 20 minutes and 5% for every additional 15 minutes.	-	-	-
Do.	1 Oct. 1887 -	On 6 months' notice } For Parcel Post	{ (a) 3,084	-	-	-	-

Channel Islands and St. Malo and Granville	15 Feb. 1888 - { On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	Nil.
Grimby and Hamburg	16 Apr. 1888 - { On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	348	Nil.
Liverpool, Constantinople, and Smyrna	1 Jan. 1886 - { On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53	Nil.
London to Hamburg	1 Jan. 1886 - { On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	304	Nil.
United Kingdom and Lisbon	1 Jan. 1888 - { On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	Nil.
NORTH AMERICA: Queensdown to New York	1 March 1887	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,700	63,900
Do.	31 March 1889	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	Nil.
Newfoundland (Colonial Contract)	1 April 1888 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	3,500
New York and Bermuda	1 Jan. 1889 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	500
Liverpool to Mexico	1 March 1890 - { On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	Nil.
PANAMA to VALPARAISO	1 July 1878 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,540	2,500
ST. HELENA and ASCENSION	1 Oct. 1883 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	1,000
WEST INDIES: Fortnightly service	1 July 1890 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,000 { 25l. for every 24 hours.	Antigua - 1,091 Barbados - 2,435 British Guiana - 4,429 Dominica - 948 Grenada - 651 Jamaica - 5,780 Montserrat - 121 Nevis - 138 St. Kitt's - 7643 St. Lucia - 411 St. Vincent - 618 Tobago - 403 Tortola - 28 Trinidad - 2,861
Additional Services: Non-Contract Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(a) 124	51,000
Turk's Islands (Colonial Contract)	27 Oct. 1888 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(b) 250	14,935
WEST COAST OF AFRICA	Indefinite 1 Jan. 1888 - { On 6 months' notice For Parcel Post -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(a) 13,980 (a) 360	3,450

(a) The payments in these cases depend upon the amount of correspondence conveyed by the Packets.

(b) These sums represent the Imperial share of the cost of the services.

✓ APPENDIX H.

Telegrams.

TABLE showing the TOTAL NUMBER of TELEGRAMS forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in ENGLAND and WALES, SCOTLAND, and IRELAND, in each Year since the transfer of the TELEGRAPHS to the STATE.

Year.	Number of Telegrams.					
	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	TOTAL.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.			
1870-71 -	5,299,882	2,863,821	8,163,703	1,080,189	606,285	9,850,177
1871-72 -	6,594,590	3,612,772	10,207,362	1,388,434	878,000	12,473,796
1872-73 -	8,022,151	4,577,015	12,599,166	1,761,298	1,175,316	15,535,780
1873-74 -	9,233,854	5,254,547	14,488,401	2,009,893	1,323,236	17,821,530
1874-75 -	10,124,661	5,652,033	15,776,694	2,132,787	1,343,639	19,353,120
1875-76 -	10,883,282	6,350,714	17,233,996	2,287,359	1,452,180	20,973,535
1876-77 -	11,232,704	6,561,980	17,794,634	2,402,347	1,529,162	21,726,143
1877-78 -	11,392,098	6,700,504	18,092,602	2,490,776	1,588,489	22,171,867
1878-79 -	11,592,899	8,830,019	20,422,918	2,477,003	1,559,854	24,459,775
1879-80 -	12,392,996	9,854,566	22,247,562	2,704,574	1,595,001	26,547,137
1880-81 -	13,456,555	11,176,459	24,633,014	3,042,291	1,736,677	29,411,982
1881-82 -	14,204,479	12,071,034	26,275,513	3,207,994	1,862,354	31,345,861
1882-83 -	14,554,015	12,374,707	26,928,722	3,244,202	1,919,102	32,092,026
1883-84 -	14,920,413	12,686,483	27,606,846	3,299,428	1,936,846	32,843,120
1884-85 -	15,195,618	12,980,376	28,125,994	3,257,546	1,894,919	33,278,459
1885-86 -	18,029,008	15,081,433	33,110,441	3,812,173	2,223,669	39,146,283
1886-87 -	24,044,077	18,276,108	42,320,185	5,106,774	2,816,680	50,243,639
1887-88 -	26,052,717	18,872,554	44,925,271	5,430,623	3,047,531	53,403,425
1888-89 -	23,269,130	20,263,539	43,532,669	5,991,223	3,241,455	57,765,347
1889-90 -	30,873,953	21,562,826	52,436,779	6,545,654	3,420,966	62,403,399
1890-91 -	32,827,055	22,831,033	55,658,088	7,077,388	3,673,735	66,409,211
1891-92 -	34,854,867	23,911,238	58,766,105	7,155,180	3,764,195	69,685,480
1892-93 -	35,382,090	23,554,094	58,936,184	7,100,514	3,871,150	69,907,848
1893-94 -	36,129,876	23,501,876	59,631,752	7,279,894	3,987,852	70,899,498

The figures for each year since 1877-78 include the number of certain Press Telegrams not previously included in these Returns.

Prior to 1883-84 the returns were made to the end of the last complete week in the year. Since that time they are in each case to the last day of the year inclusive.

On the 1st October 1885 the minimum charge for an inland telegram was reduced from one shilling to sixpence.

APPENDIX H.--*continued.*

TABLE showing the NUMBER of TELEGRAMS forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM during the Years 1892-93 and 1893-94; and the Increase or Decrease in each Month of the latter Year over the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	Number of Telegrams.		(+) Increase.
	1893-94.	1892-93.	(-) Decrease.
April - - -	5,704,433	5,626,365	(+) 78,068
May - - -	6,408,325	6,026,751	(+) 381,574
June - - -	6,339,409	6,399,872	(-) 60,463
July - - -	6,484,094	6,920,106	(-) 436,012
August - - -	6,816,652	6,600,878	(+) 215,774
September - - -	6,259,974	6,190,152	(+) 69,822
October - -	6,091,343	5,942,160	(+) 149,183
November - - -	5,857,489	5,674,351	(+) 183,138
December - - -	5,291,517	5,190,812	(+) 100,705
January - - -	5,260,548	4,938,010	(+) 322,538
February - - -	4,781,228	4,770,213	(+) 11,015
March - - -	5,604,486	5,628,178	(-) 23,692
	70,899,498	69,907,848	(+) 991,650

APPENDIX I.

TABLE showing the VALUE of WORK PERFORMED by the POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for other GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS in the last Ten Years.

Period.	Inland Telegrams.	Wire Rentals, &c.	Salaries.	Work executed.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Year ended 31st March 1885	- - -	11,651 3 2	2,764 12 3	15 7 7	27,097 8 2
" 1886	- - -	11,899 15 8	2,894 16 0	59 7 6	26,997 0 0
" 1887	- - -	12,509 17 9	2,955 5 8	38 11 10	29,906 17 10
" 1888	- - -	13,140 18 0	3,069 14 11	23 5 1	30,584 5 11
" 1889	- - -	14,870 7 10	3,357 9 10	62 9 8	33,414 14 7
" 1890	- - -	15,495 9 6½	3,851 2 7	626 17 4½	36,328 19 1
" 1891	- - -	15,906 12 10	3,610 16 7	76 12 11	36,380 9 7
" 1892	- - -	14,595 5 3	3,206 14 2	21 5 8	35,588 18 9
" 1893	- - -	14,614 10 6½	3,708 19 1	67 10 5½	39,520 18 1
" 1894	- - -	16,897 0 0	4,042 13 5	11 18 8	44,941 12 8

APPENDIX J.

Extracts from a Report from the Controller of the Post Office Savings Bank.

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Seeing that out of every seven persons in the United Kingdom one is a depositor in the Post Office Savings Bank, it is not surprising that most passing events of any importance, political as well as social, more or less affect the business. The unfortunate coal strike last year was no exception to this rule, as the deposits in the mining districts fell off while the withdrawals increased. In relation, however, to the general volume of business the effect was inappreciable.

Coal strike—
effect on
business.

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On the 1st December, the day of commencement, there were 22 applications for payment on the same day by telegraph, and 13 applications for payment by "Return of Post." The applications have rapidly increased in number, as will be seen from the following statement of the numbers month by month, with the daily average; and it appears probable that, as the facility becomes more generally known to depositors, it will be more and more used:—

Extent to
which Tele-
graph With-
drawal Scheme
has been used.

—	Payment by Telegraph.	Payment by Return of Post.	Total.	Daily Average.
December 1893 -	978	250	1,228	51
January 1894 -	1,231	215	1,446	53
February „ -	1,565	233	1,798	75
March „ -	2,700	396	3,096	124

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The successful operation of the stamp deposit system set on foot in elementary schools at the time of the discontinuance of school fees, was fully described in the last two annual reports of the Postmaster General. * * * * * Of the shilling forms (to hold 12 stamps) 167,110, and of the four shilling forms (to hold 48 stamps) 146,280, have been supplied to managers or teachers of elementary schools, which, added to the numbers of the previous year, make a total in two years of 630,860 of the shilling forms and 247,625 of the four shilling forms.

Stamp deposit
system in
schools.

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I recently observed in the press a statement to the effect that the Education Department intends to make "Thrift" a code subject. If this be done, it will doubtless have an excellent effect by giving the school officials a more direct interest in the subject.

Thrift to be
made a code
subject in
schools.

In addition to other causes which have recently led to the great increase in the business of the Post Office Savings Bank, the stamp deposit system may fairly take credit for some portion of the increase on the ground (1) of the large number of deposits made directly by the children, and (2) of the excellent effect the movement is likely to have had upon their relatives, not already depositors, both by the force of example and in making known through the rules printed in the children's deposit books, &c., the advantages and facilities offered by the Department.

Influence of
stamp deposit
system on
general
business of
Post Office
Savings Bank.

Transmission of deposits by free registered letter.

In outlying districts the system of sending deposits to the nearest Savings Bank Office in free registered letter envelopes provided by the Department, has been adopted during the year in 93 new cases. The plan is of much convenience to managers and teachers and gives very little trouble to the Department. On the 31st December last it was in operation in connection with 266 schools.

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Withdrawals by societies facilitated under new regulations.

Under the new regulations, societies now specify in their application to open an account, and at any subsequent period, by what officers or members notices of withdrawal should be signed, a provision which greatly facilitates the transactions. This and other alterations, with a similar end in view, have temporarily caused a large amount of work, particularly in the revision of printed forms and in dealing with numerous questions bound to arise in connection with any radical change of practice; as evidence of which the letters written to the public in relation to this particular branch of the business, rose with a bound from 116 in November to 967 in December.

Curious rules of societies.

The objects and rules of some of the societies are very curious. A society for "making good the loss of pigs," has for the concluding clause of its rules, "If any member's pig die, the committee shall choose one of the members to make the best of it in his power, and he shall be paid for his trouble." There is something delightfully ambiguous in the phrase "make the best of it," although a little light is perhaps thrown on the matter by the fact that these last sad offices are not to go unremunerated. In connection with the account of an Irish society, the Department was informed that two men were "dismembered" for breaking the rules of the society. The reference to pigs suggests another incident in which the Irish "rent-payer" played a prominent part, though in this case its function appears to have been to pay the owner's insurance premiums. The insured person applied to defer the payment of a premium, "owing to a pig that I had for to sell dying with me;" and, the Department having been able to arrange the matter, the premium was paid, but a similar request was then made in respect to the next premium, for the reason that "another little one," bought to meet the next payment, "will not be fit to sell until the middle of next April." The Department could only accede to the second appeal on the understanding that no further indulgence could be granted.

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Facilities for saving afforded to attendants at asylums.

The arrangement made at the request of the Asylums Committee of the London County Council, and referred to in the last annual report of the Postmaster-General, for the attendance of a clerk at some of the asylums to receive deposits on the monthly pay days from the employes, has met with a certain amount of success, six visits to one asylum having resulted in 140 deposits of 113*l.*, and nine visits to another in 198 deposits of 239*l.*

Money paid in respect to scholarships placed to credit of scholars in Post Office Savings Bank.

In connection with the minor scholarships granted by the London County Council Technical Education Board, it has been arranged, at the wish of the Board, that the money paid to the scholars, by instalments extending over two years and amounting to 20*l.* each scholar, should be placed to their credit in accounts opened with the Post Office Savings Bank. These payments are intended to assist in the support of the children while they are holding scholarships granted by the Board; but it is hoped that the money will be allowed to remain in the bank for the future benefit of the children. Instalments amounting to 573*l.* were deposited in the first three months of this year in respect of 187

scholarships, and fresh batches of scholarships will, it is understood, be granted from time to time.

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The number of nominations registered during the year 1893 was 7,796, differing by only 21 from the number registered in 1892, which was 7,775. In the first quarter of the present year, however, there was an increase, as compared with the first quarter of 1893, of 529 in the number of nominations registered. The total number of nominations in force on the 31st December last was 41,340.

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The enactment in the Savings Bank Act of 1893 for the automatic investment in stock of all accumulations beyond 200*l.* to a depositor's credit on Savings Bank account, has been embodied in regulations which have been laid before Parliament for the prescribed period, and will come into operation on the 1st June. It is provided that the automatic investments shall be made at the end of each year, and the minimum amount to be invested at any one time is fixed at 5*l.*

Nominations by depositors.

Automatic investment in stock of amounts in excess of maximum limit.
Regulations to come into force 1st June, 1894.

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A movement was set on foot last year for establishing departmental dining-rooms for the use of the male staff, difficulty being experienced in obtaining luncheon or other necessary refreshments in the immediate vicinity of the office. As the Secretary is aware, it is proposed that the extended premises in Knight Rider Street shall contain dining accommodation, but meanwhile the Treasury consented to temporary premises being rented at 140, Queen Victoria Street, close to the Savings Bank Department, and granted the necessary funds for their adaptation. The rooms were opened on the 4th December, and have been well supported by the men, who do not fail to recognise the great advantage, especially to those in receipt of small salaries, of obtaining refreshments of good quality at charges considerably lower than they would pay elsewhere. The Department itself derives benefit in the saving of time that results from officers having so short a distance to go.

Dining rooms for male staff.

The introduction last year of machinery for folding purposes was an alteration of great importance. Until then the acknowledgments, warrants, and advices were folded and sealed by the women sorters and boy messengers, and the task of arranging daily for the disposal, in time for the mails, of a mass of documents averaging about 60,000, and sometimes reaching as high a number as 120,000, was no easy one. It could, in fact, only be done by freely employing the boy messengers on extra duty, a practice in many ways undesirable. I found, on making inquiries, that by slightly altering the shape of the forms, a machine could be obtained which would fold and seal them at the rate of 2,400 an hour, about four times as fast as a person can fold by hand. Authority having been given to try the experiment, a single machine was obtained in September last, and as it answered all my expectations, steps were taken to increase the number to 12, by means of which I calculated that practically all the folding could be accomplished. The 12 machines, which are driven by an electric motor, supplied with current from the electric lighting machinery, have now been at work for some time with most satisfactory results. Extra duty on the part of the boy messengers has been almost done away with; and, while the larger size of the forms when folded is acknowledged on all hands to be an improvement, the forms themselves cost less, as they require neither creasing nor gumming, both being done by the folding machine. It is estimated,

Machinery for folding acknowledgments, &c.

indeed, that leaving out of consideration the cost of the machines, viz., 900*l.*, the change will effect a saving in stationery, printing, and wages, of nearly 1,000*l.* per annum.

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Applications from abroad for information.

Applications from abroad for information respecting the Post Office Savings Bank system were received last year from the Governments of France, the Netherlands, the United States, and Japan; Bermuda, British Guiana, Singapore, and New Zealand; and from individuals in France, Austria, the United States, and Cape Colony. With a similar object, the Department was visited by the Postmaster-General of Newfoundland (where Post Office Savings Banks have not yet been introduced), by officials from British Guiana, and by a clergyman from Boston, Massachusetts. The Government of the Netherlands sought advice, in view of the proposed establishment of Postal Savings Banks in the Dutch East Indies, as to the best means of identifying illiterate native depositors who are only known by Christian names (*prénoms*), the same name being common to many persons.

Tabular statement respecting Foreign and Colonial Post Office Savings Banks.

With regard to the business of Post Office Savings Banks in foreign countries and in the Colonies, a tabular statement is furnished on the next page which has been compiled from returns recently received. The particulars relating to the United Kingdom are included for purposes of comparison; and, in order to show the progress which has been made during the last five years, I have also given the proportions to 1,000 of the population, in regard to the number of accounts remaining open and the amount due to depositors, on the 31st December 1887, and 1892, respectively.

France.

In France, the transactions of the National Savings Bank (Postal) were much greater, both as to number and amount, in 1892 than in any former year,* but I notice that the cost of management exceeded the net income by nearly 13,800*l.* owing to the conversion of the 4 per cent. Stock, in which some of the Savings Bank funds were invested, into 3½ per cent. Stock, without any corresponding reduction having been made in the rate of interest allowed to depositors. The rate has, however, since been altered from 3 to 2½ per cent. It is stated in the Report that the number of deposits by means of stamp forms has remained nearly stationary since 1887, although I observe that 38 per cent. of the total number of depositors had less than 16 shillings (20 francs) to their credit. Repayment at sight was made at the Chief Office in 96,241 cases, the amount paid being 617,303*l.*, or an average of 6*l.* 8*s.* per payment. The investments in Government Stock by depositors numbered 3,612, the amount invested being 204,000*l.*, in addition to which 530 investments amounting to 12,038*l.* were effected at the Chief Office because the balance due to the depositors exceeded the prescribed limit. In Belgium the annual Return for 1892 of the General Savings Bank† (the business of which is transacted at 785 Post Offices as well as at the Bank of Belgium and various agencies) shows that, of the total number of personal accounts remaining open at the end of the year, viz., 864,290, no less than 635,378 were opened at Post Offices, the aggregate sum standing to their credit being 8,990,418*l.* out of a total balance due to individual depositors of

Belgium.

* Rapport à M le Président de la République sur les opérations de la Caisse Nationale d'Épargne—Année 1892—Paris, 1893.

† Compte Rendu des opérations et de la situation de la Caisse Générale d'Épargne. Année 1892. Bruxelles.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS during Year 1892.

Country. Year beginning.	Num- ber of Offices open.	Deposits.		Withdrawals.		Accounts			Amount due to Depositors		Proportion per 1,000 Population.			
		Number.	Amount. Average Amount.	Number.	Amount. Average Amount.	Opened.	Closed.	Open at end of Year.	At end of Year.	Average Amount due per Account.	1892.			
											Amount due.	Open Ac- counts.		
												1887.		
												£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Austria. 1883 -	4,917	1,452,644	2,581,875	1 15 6	513,469	2,201,325	159,514	93,783	913,447	2,938,522	3 4 4	122 10	38	26
Belgium. 1870 -	785*	1,593,950	6,810,122	4 5 5	482,517	6,462,973	13 7 10	150,406	86,533	13,500,582	15 12 7	2,108 6	141	91
France. 1882 -	7,601	2,469,329	15,623,624	6 4 2	1,082,296	11,780,878	10 17 8	486,737	240,808	1,973,688	12 9 9	547 17	43	22
Hungary. 1886 -	3,895	626,532	758,173	1 8 9	192,832	613,152	3 3 7	75,591	52,921	211,330	3 10 2	41 13	12	6
Italy.† 1876 -	4,594	2,196,045	8,457,178	3 17 0	1,446,984	8,047,461	5 11 3	320,263	143,229	13,347,350	5 15 5	442 11	76	55
Sweden. 1884 -	2,038	316,972	426,120	1 6 10	72,662	280,350	3 17 1	45,417	16,658	1,077,810	3 11 9	223 0	62	32
The Netherlands. 1881	1,235	617,835	1,290,815	2 1 6	230,638	1,039,383	4 10 1	61,257	21,890	2,200,842	6 8 0	497 3	77	39
The United Kingdom. 1891.	10,519	9,473,359	22,845,031	2 8 2	3,335,068	20,346,217	6 2 0	1,030,622	702,701	5,452,318	13 18 3	2,002 8	144	107
British Guiana -	-	5,558	12,493	2 4 11	3,443	9,868	2 17 3	1,359	778	12,028	5 6 8	-	-	-
Canada.‡ 1868 -	673	148,868	1,541,777	10 7 1	73,361	1,326,315	18 1 7	29,502	26,032	4,850,638	42 5 5	969 11	23	-
Cape of Good Hope.§ 1884.	197	68,047	848,971	12 9 6	23,808	678,882	28 10 3	9,880	5,805	879,975	28 0 9	-	-	-
New South Wales. 1871.	450	278,578	1,030,197	5 17 0	156,157	1,511,365	9 13 7	30,721	32,573	101,698	23 3 1	1,965 11	84	61
New Zealand. 1867 -	320	186,945	1,878,270	10 0 11	120,628	1,621,348	15 2 0	26,232	18,171	2,963,670	25 9 0	4,404 0	181	138
Queensland -	123	95,054	865,879	9 2 2	58,608	878,804	14 19 10	15,762	14,428	1,708,303	36 5 6	4,065 10	111	123
South Australia.†	134	157,187	1,372,206	8 14 7	116,936	1,340,366	11 10 11	9,388	6,636	81,547	23 10 8	6,920 9	242	189
Tasmania. 1882 -	127	11,920	78,863	6 12 3	6,813	79,363	11 12 11	2,252	2,167	83,522	17 11 9	545 7	31	21
Victoria.† 1865 -	370	197,753	1,209,278	6 8 4	120,880	1,245,401	10 7 8	25,820	22,469	2,083,202	19 6 11	1,826 14	94	80

* In addition to 785 Post Offices the Bank has other agencies.

† For year ended 31st December 1891.

‡ For year ended 30th June 1893.

§ For year ended 30th June 1892.

13,509,582*l.* During 1891 a spasmodic growth in the investments in Government Stock was caused by the impending reduction, on the 1st January 1892, to 2 per cent. of the rate of interest on balances over 120*l.*; and although, in comparison with such an abnormal increase, the results of the year 1892 appear unsatisfactory they do not indicate any real decline. The purchases numbered 8,315, the nominal value of the stock bought being 985,908*l.*, and the sales 3,457 of 535,772*l.* stock. On the 31st December there were 19,986 inscriptions of stock in the names of depositors, representing 3,483,084*l.* In connection with the Old Age Pensions Branch of the Savings Bank, 3,874 new contracts were granted during 1892, and the payments received were 45,336 in number and 63,212*l.* in amount, as compared with 30,970 and 44,683*l.* in 1891, and 18,567 and 36,648*l.* in 1890. In the Netherlands* and in Sweden,† the Post Office Savings Banks continued to prosper during 1892. In the former country, the discretion vested in Postmasters as to making payment at sight to an amount not exceeding 100 gulden (8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*), under proper precautions, has been abandoned in favour of a rule making the practice obligatory. In Austria,‡ the Post Office Savings Banks completed the first 10 years of their existence, and the results are described as altogether satisfactory. Not only was the increase in the number of depositors, in the amount deposited, and in the amount of stock purchased, larger in 1892 than that in any previous year, but the average amount of a deposit has risen from a little over 1*l.* in 1883 to rather more than 3*l.* in 1892. The number of stamp deposit cards presented for deposit in the year was 662,922, the sum paid in by that means being 33,146*l.* With regard to the purchase of Government Stock by depositors, 6,910 applications were received and stock was bought to the nominal value of 329,100*l.* The investments were made in 29 different descriptions of stock, at the option of the depositors, most of the stock being connected with railways belonging to the State. The securities relating to rather more than half of the stock purchased were transmitted to the depositors, the remainder being left in the custody of the bank. At the close of 1892, 9,392 depositors had stock standing to their credit of the nominal value of 1,105,137*l.* In Hungary, the business of the Post Office Savings Bank during 1892 shows a gradual development. It is somewhat singular that nearly half the total number of deposits, viz., 245,946 out of 526,532, were made by means of stamp forms. The amount invested in Government Stock by depositors was 44,277*l.*

In view of the tabular statement already given, it is only necessary, with regard to the Colonies, to add that Post Office Savings Banks have been recently established in British Bechuanaland and that during the first month nearly 1,000*l.* was deposited by 79 persons.

CHAS. D. LANG,
Controller.

31st May 1894.

* Verslagen betrekkelijk den dienst der Rijkspostspaarbank in Nederland, 1892.
† Styrelsens för Postsparbanken berättelse om Postsparbankens Fortvaltning under År 1892.
‡ Neunter Rechenschafts-Bericht des K.K. Postsparcassen-Amtes für das Jahr 1892.

Post Office Savings Banks.

TABLE showing the BUSINESS done during the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	Number of Post Office Savings Banks.	Number of Deposits.	Amount of Deposits.	Average amount of each Deposit.	Interest credited to Depositors.	Number of Withdrawals.	Amount of Withdrawals.	Average amount of each Withdrawal.	Charges of Management.	Average Cost of each transaction.	Number of accounts opened.	Number of accounts closed.	Number of accounts remaining open at close of the year.	Amount, inclusive of interest, standing to credit of all open accounts at close of the year.	Average amount standing to credit of each open account at close of the year.	Percentage of cost of Management to total funds in possession of the Post Office Savings Banks.	Total sum standing to credit of Post Office Savings Banks on books of National Debt Commissioners at close of the year.	Balance in hands of Postmaster-General after making provision for Outstanding Warrants at close of the year.	Estimated value of the Central Savings Bank premises in Queen Victoria Street.	Total value of assets applicable to payment of Depositors at close of the year.	Number, at close of the year, of Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.	Number, at close of the year, of Depositors in Old Savings Banks and Post Office Banks combined.
1884.	7,756	6,458,707†	14,510,411†	2 4 11	1,025,117	2,108,792†	12,580,563†	5 14 0	248.618	6 ½	774,268	546,233	3,333,675	44,773,773	13 8 7	11 14	45,947,718	313,473	120,000	46,883,191	8,167	4,916,149
1885	8,106	6,474,48†	15,031,63†	2 6 5	1,092,112	2,280,062†	13,202,742†	5 15 10	256.402	7	750,862	548,887	3,535,650	47,697,838	13 9 10	10 9	48,606,318	286,322	120,000	49,012,940	8,515	5,128,647
1886	8,351	6,562,395†	15,696,352†	2 7 10	1,169,590	2,390,654†	13,689,943†	5 14 6	290.555†	7 ½	758,270	562,460	3,751,421	50,574,338	13 8 11	5 5	52,074,387	272,963	154,000	52,600,650	8,766	5,322,225
1887	8,720	6,913,327†	16,535,832†	2 7 10	1,244,074	2,406,294†	14,680,270†	5 17 7	288.418†	7 ½	794,592	574,252	3,951,761	53,074,065	13 13 2	10 8½	55,214,300	322,553	174,000	56,745,153	9,120	5,566,371
1888	9,022	7,540,627†	19,052,220†	2 10 6	1,352,838	2,683,808†	15,802,735†	6 0 0	326.990†	7 ½	887,460	613,294	4,290,927	58,556,394	13 17 5	11 2	60,860,565	266,071	219,000	61,345,631	9,404	5,800,473
1889	9,353	8,101,120†	19,814,368†	2 8 11	1,443,186	2,757,848†	16,814,268†	6 1 1	336.954†	7 ½	924,010	637,128	4,507,809	62,069,620	13 19 6	10 8½	64,784,212	253,615	257,000	65,296,827	9,639	6,059,408
1890	9,681	8,776,566†	20,960,692†	2 7 10	1,555,355	2,892,004†	17,908,804†	6 3 10	326.304†	6 ½	997,283	677,778	4,857,314	67,654,807	14 0 3	9 7½	68,954,754	155,673	263,000	69,576,477	10,005	6,338,696
1891	10,063	8,541,431†	21,334,903†	2 7 9	1,658,148	3,126,231†	19,019,850†	6 1 8	343.614†	6 ½	992,155	701,074	5,118,395	71,608,002	13 19 10	9 7	72,417,945	173,982	269,000	72,860,027	10,366	6,628,677
1892	10,519	9,478,335†	22,845,031†	2 8 2	1,746,263	3,335,058†	20,346,214†	6 2 0	354.008†	6 ½	1,036,622	709,701	5,452,316	75,553,079	13 18 3	9 4	78,123,988	176,036	273,000	78,573,044	10,800	6,954,236
1893	11,018	9,838,198†	24,646,024†	2 10 1	1,860,104	3,618,721†	21,761,564†	6 0 3	367.560†	6 ½	1,097,160	731,237	5,748,239	80,297,941	14 0 5	9 1½	82,857,698	415,073	275,000	83,348,771	11,286	7,219,385

† Including, as well as Ordinary Deposits, (a) Deposits for immediate investment in Stock; (b) amounts realised by sale of Stock and Stock Certificates obtained, the amount, when Stock is sold or a Stock Certificate obtained, being placed to the credit of the Savings Bank Account so as to be dealt with as a withdrawal; (c) Dividends. Also including, *since June 1884*, (d) Deposits for purchase of Annuities and payment of Insurance premiums, and (e) amounts credited to Accounts in respect of sums payable to Annuity and Insurance and their representatives. For particulars, see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business.

‡ Including, as well as Ordinary Withdrawals, (a) Withdrawals for investment in Stock, with commission; (b) Withdrawals consequent on sale of Stock and obtaining Stock Certificates, with commission and fees. Also including *since June 1884*, (c) Withdrawals for purchase of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business, and (d) amounts paid to Annuity and Insurance and their representatives. For particulars, see statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business.

§ The charges of management in 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893 include the sums of 28,212¹/₂, 19,075¹/₂, 49,987¹/₂, 2,165¹/₂, 7,321¹/₂, 8,467¹/₂, 882¹/₂, and 792¹/₂ respectively for purchase of land, while the charges in 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893, also include 17,783¹/₂, 7,751¹/₂, 2,274¹/₂, 3,446¹/₂, and 2,111¹/₂ respectively for new buildings. Omitting these amounts, but adding interest at the rate of 5 per cent. thereon, the cost per transaction will be in 1886, 7¹/₂d., in 1887, 6¹/₂d., in 1888, 6¹/₂d., in 1889, 6¹/₂d., in 1890, 6¹/₂d., in 1891, 6¹/₂d., in 1892, 6¹/₂d., and in 1893, 6¹/₂d., and the percentage of expenses to capital 10s. 4¹/₂d., 10s., 9s. 10¹/₂d., 9s. 6¹/₂d., 9s. 6¹/₂d., 9s. 6¹/₂d., 9s. 6¹/₂d., and 9s. 6¹/₂d. respectively. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Bank Act, 1891 it was estimated (see Parliamentary Paper No. 523, 1891) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7d.

Post Office Savings Banks.

GOVERNMENT STOCK.

TABLE SHOWING THE BUSINESS DONE DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	Number of Stock Accounts opened.	Number of Stock Accounts closed.	Number of Stock Accounts remaining open at close of the Year.	Number of Investments.	Number of Sales.	Number of Stock Certificates obtained.	Number of Transfers to the Bank of England.	Amount of Money Invested.	Amount of Commission.	Amount of Bank of England fees.	Amount of Stock bought.	Average amount of each purchase of Stock.	Amount of Stock sold.	Average amount of each sale of Stock.	Amount realised by sale of Stock.	Amount of Stock Certificates obtained.	Amount of Transfers to the Bank of England.	Amount of Stock transferred from old Savings Banks.	Amount of Stock transferred to old Savings Banks.	Number of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Dividends credited to Stockholders.	Amount of Stock remaining to credit of Stockholders at close of the Year.	Average amount of Stock remaining to credit of each Stock Account at close of the Year.	
1884	8,877	4,653	24,903	14,290	6,840	70	—	709,010	1,417	0 9	703,192	40 10 5	301,448	44 1 5	303,912	8,350	—	—	370	110	44,230	40,894	1,910,322*	76 13 6
1885	9,844	4,240	30,597	17,133	7,443	68	—	846,791	1,683	1 0	839,950	50 2 9	326,445	43 17 2	322,809	6,900	—	—	10,537	315	53,146	63,608	2,452,252	80 2 11
1886	9,653	4,945	35,305	16,563	8,919	59	—	845,066	1,725	17 6	841,121	50 15 8	339,965	43 14 6	392,063	7,300	—	—	1,181	348	65,359	77,908	2,998,941	82 1 1
1887	10,630	5,704	40,270	18,294	10,216	50	—	927,614	1,917	1 0	915,947	50 5 4	462,785	45 6 0	429,656	5,500	—	—	2,430	1,027	74,748	91,109	3,345,106	83 1 4
1888	11,629	8,575	43,234	19,413	11,429	44	36	996,217	2,108	2 6	1,002,164	51 13 6	573,394	50 0 7	572,113	5,100	6,420	25,079	912	127,918†	110,878	3,781,611	87 7 7	
1889‡	11,261	7,522	46,993	19,766	11,882	27	125	985,352	2,108	8 3	1,093,388	50 15 3	605,230	50 18 11	535,631	3,450	21,931	18,154	769	171,270	114,469	4,175,634	88 17 1	
1890	14,606	10,526	51,008	22,385	12,006	28	204	1,089,257	2,332	12 6	1,125,310	50 5 5	590,907	48 17 0	573,108	4,000	37,490	6,819	271	189,109	118,326	4,699,168§	91 13 1	
1891	11,516	7,493	55,085	20,841	12,500	28	254	989,293	2,332	9 0	1,025,310	49 3 11	607,637	48 12 2	583,658	3,850	12,778	36,991	438	207,970	131,913	5,087,700	92 7 3	
1892	11,110	8,356	60,830	23,976	13,727	27	369	1,234,398	2,715	7 6	1,264,104	52 14 5	698,385	50 2 11	668,680	3,700	67,417	6,770	124	223,538	142,760	5,599,060	92 0 7	
1893	17,195	8,006	69,131	29,293	15,233	26	437	1,533,027	3,218	18 0	1,344,206	62 14 4	711,468	46 11 1	704,329	3,100	72,960	9,036	540	251,625	160,170	6,361,491	92 1 3	

* Besides the addition arising from the ordinary business of the year the balance of Stock was further increased during 1884 by the sum of 2,678*l*. Stock in consequence of the conversion by certain Stockholders of 3 per cent. Stock into 2*½* and 2 per cent. Stock under the National Debt (Conversion of Stock) Act, 1884.

† Dividends on 3 per cent. Stock converted paid quarterly instead of half yearly.

‡ In 1889, 856 persons holding 50,975*l*. Redemption money under the provisions of the National Debt Redemption Act, 1889, were paid off and 4,014*l*. of the amount was re-invested free of Commission, in one or other of the new Government Stocks.

§ In April 1890 the residue of Redemption money, amounting to 214,532*l*., was re-invested in 2*½* per cent. Consolidated Stock at 98, this being the final operation connected with the Conversion Scheme. The balance of Stock was thus increased by 2,672*l*.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

Annuities and Life Insurances.

(L) TABLE showing the BUSINESS done during the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	ANNUITIES.										LIFE INSURANCES.							
	Immediate.					Deferred.					Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.			
	Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.							
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£			
1884* :—	187	2,938	34,507	8,853	67,591	13	327	332	3,140	89	1,156	50	3,499	7,032	5,019	65	2,604	
1 Jan. to 2 June -	586	11,756	137,919	7,948	69,868	80	2,083	535	6,744	111	1,876	298	18,286	7,258	6,399	117	4,284	
3 June to 31 Dec. -	1885	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1885	-	725	15,367	178,128	16,111	146,169	103	1,694	860	9,761	212	2,980	457	34,768	12,402	12,036	140	4,646
1886	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1886	-	823	17,358	211,570	16,234	153,878	87	1,772	859	10,510	246	3,122	506	54,188	12,187	12,623	158	5,943
1887	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1887	-	912	19,299	234,174	16,556	164,546	90	1,628	869	9,721	264	6,020	585	36,168	12,069	13,492	182	5,976
1888	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1888	-	905	23,404	286,762	17,050	178,100	138	2,719	900	10,853	301	3,877	580	54,819	12,016	14,121	190	5,538
1889	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1889	-	988	23,361	292,846	17,537	193,140	131	2,368	934	11,464	343	4,067	671	32,832	12,275	15,112	343	7,473
1890	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1890	-	948	21,950	273,578	17,976	206,422	116	2,527	914	14,283	412	4,644	468	25,466	11,799	14,422	186	6,841
1891	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1891	-	968	23,673	296,882	18,105	217,595	142	2,183	959	12,578	475	6,341	529	28,980	11,627	15,073	232	8,561
1892	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1892	-	1,157	28,155	355,723	18,523	280,370	214	4,253	1,096	15,360	478	6,932	1,983	80,307	15,517	16,099	180	7,354
1893	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1893	-	1,420	36,746	461,500	19,344	291,474	159	3,091	1,297	16,148	535	8,070	833	44,000	19,365	17,227	228	9,226

* On 3rd June 1884, new system introduced under provisions of Government Annuities Act, 1882; the management of the business being transferred to the Post Office Saving Bank and facilities being afforded for the receipt and payment of Annuity and Insurance moneys through the medium of Post Office Savings Bank Accounts.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

(II.) TABLE showing the Number and Amount of CONTRACTS entered into from the Commencement of Business on 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1893, and the Number and Amount of Contracts in existence on the 31st December 1893.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1892.		From 1 Jan. 1893 to 31 December 1893.			
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Contracts for Annuities entered into from the commencement of business on 17th April 1865 to 31st December 1893, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	21,504	371,458 8 0	1,420	36,745 11 6	22,924	408,203 19 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	672	11,664 12 6	48	664 8 0	720	12,329 0 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	1,407	29,998 2 0	111	2,427 2 0	1,518	32,425 4 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1893 - - - -	13,141	883,369 12 1	853	44,000 5 3	13,994	927,369 17 4
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1893, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	-	-	-	-	12,613	271,137 2 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	-	-	-	-	627	10,458 3 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	-	-	-	-	901	18,602 19 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1893 - -	-	-	-	-	9,065	568,581 11 1

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1893, showing the balance due to Depositors, the estimated amount of expenses remaining unpaid, the value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31st December 1893, the amount of cash in hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year, and the surplus or deficiency of Funds to meet Liabilities (so far as relates to the National Debt Office).

Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK FUND.			Value of Securities at price of 21 Dec. 1893.			Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
2½ per cent. Consols - - -	33,799,053	13 2		33,246,819	0 0		218,518	10 1
2½ per cents. - - -	9,078,770	15 8		8,840,453	0 0		53,658	9 11
Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock - -	10,976,890	5 1		11,470,850	0 0		77,352	8 0
Book Debt, per Act 53 & 56 Vict. c. 30.	10,200,000	0 0		10,200,000	0 0		66,313	17 2
Egyptian Guaranteed 3 per cent. Bonds	307,500	0 0		317,109	0 0		—	
Exchequer (Suez) Bonds - - -	44,880	2 2		44,880	0 0		412	12 0
Exchequer Bonds - - -	396,000	0 0		396,000	0 0		5,297	0 9
Treasury Bills	4,980,500	0 0		4,842,360	0 0		109,530	10 10
Advances per 43 Vict. c. 4, 43 & 44 Vict. c. 14, and 45 & 46 Vict. c. 62, repayable by Irish Land Commission per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71.	850,000	0 0		850,000	0 0		8,509	6 3
Advance to the Exchequer in aid of Ways and Means per 56 & 57 Vict. c. 28, s. 2.	1,190,000	0 0		1,190,000	0 0		—	
Annuity for a term of years in lieu of annuities converted per National Debt Act, 1883, 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54, s. 5, and National Debt Act, 1885, 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43.	321,918	0 0	(a)	3,048,484	0 0		—	
Annuities for terms of years in lieu of Stock cancelled per National Debt Act, 1883, 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54, National Debt Act, 1885, 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43, and National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887, 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16.	574,570	0 0	(a & b)	4,570,550	0 0		—	
Annuity for a term of years granted to repay advances per 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42, payable by Irish Land Commission per 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71.	138,800	0 0	(a)	961,334	0 0		—	
Annuity for a term of years per National Debt Act, 1884, 47 Vict. c. 2, s. 2.	35,121	0 0	(a)	303,993	0 0		—	
Annuities for terms of years per 46 Vict. c. 1, s. 2.	46,600	14 9	(a)	98,750	0 0		—	
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, expiring 4th August 1908	3,100	0 0		37,200	0 0		—	
Annuities for terms of years granted to repay advances under Imperial Defence Act, 1888, 51 & 52 Vict. c. 32.	60,431	16 0	(a)	384,986	0 0		—	
Annuity for a term of years granted to repay advance under Russian Dutch Loan Act, 1891, 54 & 55 Vict. c. 26.	35,176	18 0	(a)	379,578	0 0		—	
Annuity for a term of years granted to repay advances under Telegraph Act, 1892, 55 & 56 Vict. c. 50.	1,978	2 0	(a)	28,972	0 0		—	
Annuity for a term of years granted to repay advances under Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24, s. 4.	18,659	12 0	(a)	146,933	0 0		—	
Carried forward - - -				81,382,260	0 0		540,123	4 0

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1893.

(b) Cash value (at the price of Consols on 31st December 1893) of the amount of 2½ per cent. Consols, estimated to have been unreplaced at 31st December 1893, out of the amount of Stock originally cancelled in exchange for these Annuities. Act 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*Post Office Savings Bank.—*continued.*

Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK FUND.		Value of Securities at price of 31 Dec. 1893.	Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		81,362,280 0 0	540,123 4 0
Annuities for terms of years granted to repay advances made under the Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36.	68,789 1 0	(a) 233,314 0 0	—
Advances under Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36, during year ended 31st December 1893, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted	41,687 14 6	41,688 0 0	765 9 8
Advances under Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24, s. 4., during year ended 31st December 1893, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted	190,000 0 0	190,000 0 0	2,434 10 2
Advances under Telegraph Act, 1892, 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59., during year ended 31st December 1893, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted	216,000 0 0	216,000 0 0	3,125 16 4
Advances under Barracks Act, 1890, 53 & 54 Vict. c. 25, during year ended 31st December 1893, in respect of which an Annuity had not been granted	180,000 0 0	180,000 0 0	1,063 11 2
		£82,223,272 0 0	547,512 11 4
Add value of Securities	- - -	-	82,223,272 0 0
Cash balance in Bank of England	- - -	-	86,914 3 7
			£ 82,367,696 14 11

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1893.

National Debt Office,
8th June 1894.C. RIVERS WILSON,
Comptroller General.

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank.

BALANCE SHEET.

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS for the Year 1893, showing the Balance due to Depositors, the Amount of Expenses remaining Unpaid, the Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31st December 1893, Amount of Cash in Hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year, &c., and the Surplus of Assets over Liabilities.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance due to Depositors on the 31st December 1893 (including interest) - - - - -	80,507,611 4 4	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1893 - - - - -	82,770,784 11 4
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated) - - - - -	9,169 13 5	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt - - - - -	86,914 3 7
Surplus of assets over Liabilities - - - - -	2,911,960 17 2	Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt - - - - -	- - - - -
		Amount in the hands of Her Majesty's Postmaster General - - - - -	475,643 4 11
		Less—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1893 - - - - -	60,570 4 11
		Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises in Queen Victoria Street, E.C. - - - - -	- - - - -
£	83,548,771 14 11		£
			415,073 0 0
			276,000 0 0
			83,548,771 14 11

Total amount received from Depositors, including interest, to 31st December 1893 378,240,247 19 10
Total amount repaid to Depositors to 31st December 1893 287,651,606 15 6

Number of Transactions.		Number of Accounts.	
Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Opened.	Closed.
141,243,024	49,342,212	18,108,257	12,420,018
			5,746,239

The total number of transactions, i.e., Deposits and Withdrawals, from the commencement of Post Office Savings Bank business to the end of the year 1893 was 190,585,236.

The sums of 126,379*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*, 147,116*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, 77,787*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*, 144,879*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.*, 145,799*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.*, 123,189*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.*, 93,794*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*, 93,040*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.*, 67,001*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*, 78,805*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*, 78,495*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, 59,060*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, 65,662*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*, 51,171*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*, and 50,922*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* have been paid into the Exchequer out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks in the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1800, 1891 and 1892. The sum of 183,128*l.*, the cost of the site of the new Savings Bank buildings in Queen Victoria Street, and 87,842*l.* towards the cost of the new building, have been paid for out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Bank.

APPENDIX K.

Money Orders.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS IN THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	ISLAND ORDERS.			COLONIAL ORDERS.			FOREIGN ORDERS.			GRAND TOTAL.		
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.
1884-85	11,958,127	23,536,639	Decrease. " 13.3	337,420	£ 1,263,590	7.7	560,189	£ 1,430,387	1.7	12,864,736	26,230,676	Decrease. " 5.2
1885-86	10,353,283	21,975,345	" 13.3	338,462	1,375,606	6.2	601,625	1,494,470	5.7	11,318,380	24,832,421	Increase. " 3.8
1886-87	9,762,562	22,262,708	Increase. " 6.1	363,251	1,328,409	1.4	687,191	1,763,484	14.2	10,813,034	25,554,601	20.1
1887-88	9,562,777	22,831,676	" 2.1	397,970	1,435,338	9.5	703,746	2,014,112	15.5	10,744,483	26,334,120	14.2
1888-89	9,228,183	22,967,649	" 3.4	424,987	1,521,013	7.1	854,547	2,139,390	7.7	10,507,717	26,618,052	6.3
1889-90	9,027,750	23,333,417	" 2.1	453,102	1,631,616	6.6	893,292	2,290,572	4.5	10,374,144	27,165,905	3.1
1890-91	8,864,483	23,867,767	" 1.8	468,718	1,658,102	3.4	927,051	2,312,018	3.8	10,290,852	27,867,987	5.1
1891-92	8,906,576	24,383,559	Increase. " 4.4	479,626	1,656,081	2.3	960,428	2,369,984	3.5	10,346,680	28,429,634	3.3
1892-93	8,963,032	24,618,899	" 6.0	485,966	1,635,580	1.3	993,050	2,420,512	3.4	10,442,918	28,683,951	1.6
1893-94	9,027,894	24,576,686	Decrease. " 7.1	515,476	1,767,701	6.1	961,364	2,379,092	Decrease. " 1.2	10,524,774	28,720,329	Decrease. " 2.1

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*

A STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS issued by and for other GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, the METROPOLITAN POLICE, and the PATRIOTIC FUND, during the year ended 31st March 1894.*

	Number.	Amount.
		£
Admiralty, Bills Branch - - - -	39,043	133,919
" Greenwich Hospital - - - -	3,834	4,777
" Naval Allotments - - - -	103,945	113,524
" Pensions - - - -	114,726	805,414
Board of Trade, Bankruptcy - - - -	70,196	44,724
" Pensions - - - -	9,986	9,207
Civil Service Commission - - - -	1,283	4,968
Education Office, England - - - -	5,161	71,685
" " Scotland - - - -	283	3,092
India Office - - - -	2,515	11,120
Inland Revenue - - - -	175,185	363,360
Metropolitan Police - - - -	8,576	109,467
Office of Works - - - -	10,496	26,521
Patriotic Fund - - - -	6,548	20,992
Science and Art Department - - - -	1,651	5,903
War Office - - - -	636,787	2,340,540
H.M.S. Carmichael - - - -	323	506
" Monarch - - - -	592	1,860
Excise Duties - - - -	360,122	1,385,553
Legacy and Succession - - - -	14,582	82,017
Public Works, Ireland - - - -	822	1,299
	1,566,656	5,540,448

* No payment for the services rendered is received from any of the Government Departments, except the India Office, which pays two-thirds commission. The Metropolitan Police also pays two-thirds commission. The Patriotic Fund is charged the ordinary rates.

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*
Money Orders.

Year.	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.						ISSUED IN THE COLONIES.						TOTAL.		
	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1884-85	-	49,690	15·4	13·6	287,730	1,085,609	6·4	5·6	337,420	1,235,590	7·7	6·7			
1885-86	-	55,428	11·5	10·4	303,034	1,176,131	5·3	8·3	358,462	1,372,606	6·2	8·6			
1886-87	-	61,542	11·	12·	301,739	1,108,169	Decrease. 4·	Decrease. 6·	363,281	1,323,409	1·4	Decrease. 3·2			
1887-88	-	67,768	11·	10·4	330,202	1,196,994	Increase. 9·4	Increase. 8·	397,970	1,438,338	9·5	Increase. 8·2			
1888-89	-	74,085	9·3	10·7	350,902	1,232,606	6·2	4·7	424,987	1,521,013	7·	6·			
1889-90	-	81,717	10·3	10·6	371,385	1,325,272	5·8	6·	453,102	1,631,616	6·6	7·2			
1890-91	-	86,191	5·4	2·9	382,627	1,342,786	3·	1·3	468,718	1,668,102	3·4	1·6			
1891-92	-	92,554	7·3	5·4	387,072	1,323,670	1·1	Decrease. 1·4	479,626	1,656,081	2·3	Decrease. 1·1			
1892-93	-	103,181	11·4	9·9	382,755	1,299,936	Decrease. 1·1	4·	485,936	1,635,380	1·3	1·2			
1893-94	-	117,425	13·8	17·7	398,051	1,337,337	Increase. 3·9	Increase. 5·3	516,476	1,767,701	Increase. 6·1	Increase. 8·			

APPENDIX K.—continued.
Money Orders.

Year.	FOREIGN ORDERS.									
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED ABROAD.				
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	TOTAL.
1884-85	206,775	£ 506,675	6·3	6·6	362,414	£ 921,712	Decrease. 7	Decrease. 3·6	Decrease. 2	
1885-86	215,844	532,523	4·4	4·7	385,781	951,942	Increase. 6·4	Increase. 3·8	Increase. 3·8	
1886-87	234,904	532,864	4·2	3·8	462,287	1,210,620	20·	27·1	14·2	20·
1887-88	245,151	596,238	9·	8·2	548,535	1,415,874	18·7	17·	15·5	14·2
1888-89	261,467	648,459	6·6	7·6	563,090	1,465,951	8·1	6·	7·7	6·2
1889-90	252,108	692,651	8·	7·6	611,184	1,508,241	3·	8·	4·5	3·
1890-91	288,351	720,380	2·2	4·	639,320	1,591,698	4·6	5·5	3·8	5·
1891-92	296,021	746,139	3·3	3·5	662,407	1,648,845	3·6	3·2	3·5	3·
1892-93	301,535	741,470	1·1	Decrease 6	692,415	1,698,343	4·5	2·7	3·4	1·6
1893-94	317,806	797,377	5·3	Increase. 7·5	663,558	1,580,716	Decrease. 4·1	Decrease. 6·3	Decrease. 1·2	Decrease. 2·1

APPENDIX K.—continued.

Money Orders.

TABLE showing the AMOUNT (to the nearest Pound) of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and the COLONIES in each of the past Ten Years.

Year.	Africa, South and West.		Australia.		British America.		Cape Colony.		India.		New Zealand.		West Indies.		Other Colonies and Packet Agencies.			TOTAL.
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Africa.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Australia.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in America.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Cape Colony.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in India.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in New Zealand.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in W. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.	Issued in U.K.	
1884-85	4,533	58,983	55,878	315,446	89,774	172,885	11,556	87,526	19,879	157,832	18,153	96,768	5,765	120,545	9,683	77,834	77,921	1,085,669
1885-86	4,433	83,024	61,673	346,645	62,641	164,025	11,406	88,785	16,807	174,743	20,258	93,345	6,420	131,629	12,837	98,937	106,475	1,176,131
1886-87	5,433	76,128	69,272	343,628	63,547	176,869	11,897	82,999	20,279	144,121	22,615	86,346	7,615	160,892	13,582	137,896	220,240	1,108,169
1887-88	4,844	74,129	79,927	340,300	66,310	199,512	11,108	89,763	34,694	138,240	24,385	82,681	8,161	206,648	13,915	64,721	242,314	1,196,994
1888-89	6,789	68,962	78,003	371,628	74,687	223,048	11,769	105,135	51,321	132,633	23,654	76,372	7,979	221,212	14,315	54,589	266,407	1,252,006
1889-90	7,343	82,589	82,894	356,496	79,850	221,573	14,575	142,550	75,926	150,296	23,474	72,923	8,276	202,064	16,481	96,851	304,344	1,325,278
1890-91	9,325	91,965	87,255	346,337	75,773	215,598	16,780	165,064	70,213	180,645	24,588	70,710	10,019	196,251	18,365	76,196	315,316	1,342,788
1891-92	10,476	92,878	91,322	344,196	83,883	215,723	19,253	184,756	75,025	142,352	25,523	75,630	10,245	200,151	18,685	70,014	332,411	1,323,570
1892-93	12,081	91,119	108,632	294,894	84,417	215,513	23,750	207,179	80,344	127,077	25,662	74,276	10,613	201,696	19,555	53,212	365,394	1,269,936
1893-94	13,377	86,504	148,702	265,531	95,845	215,136	29,328	248,650	84,228	167,983	29,933	78,466	11,963	216,888	20,088	69,579	420,364	1,337,337

APPENDIX K.—*continued.*

Money Orders.

TABLE showing the AMOUNT (to the nearest Pound) of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and FOREIGN COUNTRIES in each of the past Ten Years.

Year.	Austria.		Belgium.		Denmark.		Egypt.		France.		Germany.		Italy.		Japan.		Hungary.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Austria.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Belgium.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Denmark.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Egypt.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in France.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Germany.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Japan.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Hungary.
1884-85	£ —	—	£ 17,816	32,271	£ 6,985	9,751	£ 2,992	30,712	£ 128,992	£ 91,299	£ 153,045	£ 37,975	£ 18,327	£ 242	£ 1,561	£ —	£ —	£ —
1885-86	3,206	3,408	20,165	34,664	8,062	10,647	4,001	40,350	132,117	138,757	89,946	37,625	21,379	275	2,089	361	533	533
1886-87	7,960	6,980	22,549	36,374	8,914	9,873	3,908	33,827	136,035	161,424	71,950	39,532	102,258	354	1,268	1,058	6,656	6,656
1887-88	9,583	10,656	23,698	38,249	10,640	9,609	3,307	23,929	180,204	169,109	102,853	38,238	76,004	303	1,334	2,251	1,628	1,628
1888-89	10,936	10,686	23,992	44,448	11,878	11,780	2,996	20,263	146,631	175,995	107,327	41,226	34,634	414	1,441	3,324	2,094	2,094
1889-90	13,657	12,007	24,354	42,103	13,390	12,447	3,643	21,123	151,938	178,205	113,992	46,717	26,125	449	1,657	2,556	2,394	2,394
1890-91	15,654	13,458	25,640	44,249	14,482	11,755	3,232	23,482	155,378	186,217	110,092	53,178	35,702	571	2,692	4,090	2,545	2,545
1891-92	17,737	13,735	26,126	48,834	16,269	14,312	3,205	25,341	164,861	192,097	127,964	50,566	56,357	552	1,834	5,685	3,538	3,538
1892-93	20,546	16,778	28,017	49,471	15,311	14,585	3,551	25,617	156,554	191,345	133,846	45,480	44,609	526	1,212	8,002	4,486	4,486
1893-94	26,105	19,869	28,113	50,371	16,062	15,805	4,042	28,495	154,938	183,708	138,218	36,718	21,168	825	1,064	9,094	5,086	5,086

Money Orders.

TABLE showing the AMOUNT (to the nearest Pound) of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and FOREIGN COUNTRIES in each of the past Ten Years—continued.

Year.	Iceland, and Danish W. Indies.		Netherlands, and Dutch E. Indies.		Norway.		Portugal.		Sweden.		Switzerland.		Tunis.		United States.		TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Iceland, & D.W.I.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the land and Dutch E. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Norway.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Portugal.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Sweden.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Switzerland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Tunis.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.
1884-85	£ —	£ 3,350	£ 8,551	£ 14,498	£ 15,118	£ 2,544	£ 960	£ 1,486	£ 10,301	£ 4,573	£ 24,620	£ 14,071	£ —	£ —	£ 182,538	£ 547,677	£ 508,075	£ 921,712
1885-86	31	3,861	8,772	14,750	17,758	2,694	1,780	2,733	12,366	5,769	25,381	16,107	—	—	185,550	561,775	532,528	961,942
1886-87	218	7,383	9,807	15,417	18,474	2,930	2,187	3,207	13,488	6,001	25,854	16,518	—	—	183,262	729,940	552,804	1,210,620
1887-88	103	8,550	10,638	16,819	22,461	2,974	4,142	3,415	15,449	6,525	28,417	18,047	—	—	148,410	956,003	598,238	1,415,874
1888-89	556	10,767	11,637	16,534	26,663	3,142	3,945	4,020	21,231	6,410	28,370	19,146	—	—	170,217	1,047,619	643,439	1,495,961
1889-90	680	6,225	12,870	19,314	28,506	4,345	5,176	4,498	25,753	7,383	31,273	22,212	30	217	180,026	1,060,260	692,631	1,506,941
1890-91	436	4,867	15,008	20,963	27,350	6,176	6,291	3,790	26,371	8,586	32,045	21,685	142	279	181,383	1,115,789	730,380	1,591,638
1891-92	558	5,117	16,651	23,252	24,632	6,677	2,902	11,145	27,942	8,876	32,766	22,402	87	317	198,430	1,107,283	746,139	1,643,845
1892-93	665	5,537	18,928	23,622	25,551	7,203	1,735	—†	27,598	9,904	32,674	21,842	124	561	194,224	1,169,409	741,470	1,688,342
1893-94	551	4,298	19,987	24,971	27,226	8,691	1,190	—	30,664	11,895	32,175	23,743	177	540	227,170	1,066,306	797,377	1,580,715

† The issue of Money Orders in Portugal on the United Kingdom is suspended.

	* Roumania.		† Luxemburg.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Roumania.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Luxemburg.
1890-91	—	425	1,150	—
1891-92	—	598	2,302	—
1892-93	—	609	2,985	91
1893-94	—	650	4,745	572

APPENDIX L.

Postal Orders.

TABLE showing the NUMBER and VALUE of POSTAL ORDERS issued to the PUBLIC from the commencement on the 1st January 1881 to the 31st March 1894.

	NUMBER OF EACH CLASS OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED.																						TOTAL.	
																							Number.	Value.
	s. d. 1 0	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 4 0	s. d. 4 6	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 5 6	s. d. 6 0	s. d. 6 6	s. d. 7 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 8 0	s. d. 8 6	s. d. 9 0	s. d. 9 6	s. d. 10 0	s. d. 10 6	s. d. 11 0	s. d. 11 6		
Quarter ended 31st March 1881.	62,580	48,994	—	62,041	—	—	—	—	124,147	40,381	122,745	—	17,953	31,736	11,091	125,312	646,989	292,150	10 0	—	—	—	646,989	292,150 10 0
1881-2	452,823	362,694	—	437,696	—	—	—	—	853,306	262,920	808,736	—	110,091	202,665	60,611	911,978	4,462,950	2,008,917	19 0	—	—	—	4,462,950	2,008,917 19 0
1882-3	948,678	739,105	—	825,198	—	—	—	—	1,463,620	449,229	1,330,068	—	181,832	318,769	97,345	1,604,454	7,960,328	3,451,284	0 6	—	—	—	7,960,328	3,451,284 0 6
1883-4	1,700,463	1,367,774	—	1,333,656	—	—	—	—	2,164,178	670,193	1,870,963	—	266,745	444,037	143,184	2,318,773	12,296,556	5,028,063	9 0	—	—	—	12,296,556	5,028,063 9 0
1884-5	1,407,937	1,003,609	922,180	1,371,127	796,733	406,848	844,653	319,550	3,036,013	902,384	2,916,248	394,789	51,489	818,097	27,476	3,611,521	18,831,164	7,835,347	9 0	—	—	—	18,831,164	7,835,347 9 0
1885-6	1,684,421	1,108,446	1,531,407	1,581,562	1,343,562	703,036	1,497,125	565,851	3,987,230	1,144,130	3,874,602	694,680	—	1,127,985	—	4,948,267	25,790,316	10,768,946	2 6	—	—	—	25,790,316	10,768,946 2 6
1886-7	2,225,587	1,471,775	1,969,346	1,907,100	1,691,524	912,717	1,020,846	742,332	4,795,124	1,374,281	4,538,659	804,960	—	1,328,808	—	5,891,528	31,608,711	12,958,959	19 6	—	—	—	31,608,711	12,958,959 19 6
1887-8	2,559,701	1,772,774	2,293,881	2,189,338	1,965,946	1,094,598	2,260,050	889,704	5,511,549	1,607,113	5,068,738	1,090,775	—	1,480,517	—	6,586,443	44,712,548	17,737,802	4 0	—	—	—	44,712,548	17,737,802 4 0
1888-9	2,858,289	2,047,563	2,593,854	2,427,739	2,181,063	1,240,696	2,539,921	1,005,489	6,046,896	1,804,163	5,514,842	1,234,668	—	1,795,111	—	7,839,446	52,409,545	20,568,750	0 6	—	—	—	52,409,545	20,568,750 0 6
1889-90	3,235,008	2,338,328	2,951,140	2,699,614	2,418,391	1,391,983	2,837,462	1,136,079	6,637,109	2,003,526	6,027,107	1,380,984	—	1,938,908	—	8,443,634	66,590,608	21,345,153	10 6	—	—	—	66,590,608	21,345,153 10 6
1890-91	3,696,160	2,631,736	3,346,251	2,998,141	2,616,301	1,535,144	3,096,381	1,240,370	7,154,497	2,186,815	6,487,535	1,513,512	—	2,098,181	—	9,117,156	77,232,939	21,768,793	4 0	—	—	—	77,232,939	21,768,793 4 0
1891-92	4,016,124	2,924,141	3,553,118	3,237,246	2,844,011	1,654,488	3,348,712	1,567,115	7,690,070	2,875,357	6,901,891	1,656,970	—	2,174,989	—	9,155,927	83,312,861	22,000,354	12 6	—	—	—	83,312,861	22,000,354 12 6
1892-93	5,559,891	3,119,158	3,778,475	3,416,783	3,030,251	1,789,359	3,560,649	1,494,194	8,101,497	2,929,813	7,124,315	1,764,128	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1893-94	4,478,011	3,272,642	3,917,211	3,631,580	3,142,482	1,872,973	3,080,853	1,552,221	8,430,544	2,956,717	7,345,965	1,850,005	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31st May 1894.	34,978,262	24,299,472	26,797,466	28,118,591	22,690,354	12,621,742	25,595,062	10,261,503	65,995,890	20,019,681	59,063,384	12,468,441	625,710	17,618,481	539,707	76,686,449	638,312,917	173,814,563	4 6	—	—	—	638,312,917	173,814,563 4 6

RATES OF POUNDAGE.

																							TOTAL.	
																							Number.	Value.
	s. d. 1 0	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 4 0	s. d. 4 6	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 5 6	s. d. 6 0	s. d. 6 6	s. d. 7 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 8 0	s. d. 8 6	s. d. 9 0	s. d. 9 6	s. d. 10 0	s. d. 10 6	s. d. 11 0	s. d. 11 6		
From 1st June 1884	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Postal Orders for the sums of 12s. 6d. and 17s. 6d. were abolished on the 31st May 1884.

Postal Orders for the sums of 2s., 3s., 4s., 5s., 6s., 7s., 8s., 9s., 10s., 11s., 12s., 13s., 14s., 15s., 16s., 17s., 18s., 19s., 20s., 21s., 22s., 23s., 24s., 25s., 26s., 27s., 28s., 29s., 30s., 31s., 32s., 33s., 34s., 35s., 36s., 37s., 38s., 39s., 40s., 41s., 42s., 43s., 44s., 45s., 46s., 47s., 48s., 49s., 50s., 51s., 52s., 53s., 54s., 55s., 56s., 57s., 58s., 59s., 60s., 61s., 62s., 63s., 64s., 65s., 66s., 67s., 68s., 69s., 70s., 71s., 72s., 73s., 74s., 75s., 76s., 77s., 78s., 79s., 80s., 81s., 82s., 83s., 84s., 85s., 86s., 87s., 88s., 89s., 90s., 91s., 92s., 93s., 94s., 95s., 96s., 97s., 98s., 99s., 100s., 101s., 102s., 103s., 104s., 105s., 106s., 107s., 108s., 109s., 110s., 111s., 112s., 113s., 114s., 115s., 116s., 117s., 118s., 119s., 120s., 121s., 122s., 123s., 124s., 125s., 126s., 127s., 128s., 129s., 130s., 131s., 132s., 133s., 134s., 135s., 136s., 137s., 138s., 139s., 140s., 141s., 142s., 143s., 144s., 145s., 146s., 147s., 148s., 149s., 150s., 151s., 152s., 153s., 154s., 155s., 156s., 157s., 158s., 159s., 160s., 161s., 162s., 163s., 164s., 165s., 166s., 167s., 168s., 169s., 170s., 171s., 172s., 173s., 174s., 175s., 176s., 177s., 178s., 179s., 180s., 181s., 182s., 183s., 184s., 185s., 186s., 187s., 188s., 189s., 190s., 191s., 192s., 193s., 194s., 195s., 196s., 197s., 198s., 199s., 200s., 201s., 202s., 203s., 204s., 205s., 206s., 207s., 208s., 209s., 210s., 211s., 212s., 213s., 214s., 215s., 216s., 217s., 218s., 219s., 220s., 221s., 222s., 223s., 224s., 225s., 226s., 227s., 228s., 229s., 230s., 231s., 232s., 233s., 234s., 235s., 236s., 237s., 238s., 239s., 240s., 241s., 242s., 243s., 244s., 245s., 246s., 247s., 248s., 249s., 250s., 251s., 252s., 253s., 254s., 255s., 256s., 257s., 258s., 259s., 260s., 261s., 262s., 263s., 264s., 265s., 266s., 267s., 268s., 269s., 270s., 271s., 272s., 273s., 274s., 275s., 276s., 277s., 278s., 279s., 280s., 281s., 282s., 283s., 284s., 285s., 286s., 287s., 288s., 289s., 290s., 291s., 292s., 293s., 294s., 295s., 296s., 297s., 298s., 299s., 300s., 301s., 302s., 303s., 304s., 305s., 306s., 307s., 308s., 309s., 310s., 311s., 312s., 313s., 314s., 315s., 316s., 317s., 318s., 319s., 320s., 321s., 322s., 323s., 324s., 325s., 326s., 327s., 328s., 329s., 330s., 331s., 332s., 333s., 334s., 335s., 336s., 337s., 338s., 339s., 340s., 341s., 342s., 343s., 344s., 345s., 346s., 347s., 348s., 349s., 350s., 351s., 352s., 353s., 354s., 355s., 356s., 357s., 358s., 359s., 360s., 361s., 362s., 363s., 364s., 365s., 366s., 367s., 368s., 369s., 370s., 371s., 372s., 373s., 374s., 375s., 376s., 377s., 378s., 379s., 380s., 381s., 382s., 383s., 384s., 385s., 386s., 387s., 388s., 389s., 390s., 391s., 392s., 393s., 394s., 395s., 396s., 397s., 398s., 399s., 400s., 401s., 402s., 403s., 404s., 405s., 406s., 407s., 408s., 409s., 410s., 411s., 412s., 413s., 414s., 415s., 416s., 417s., 418s., 419s., 420s., 421s., 422s., 423s., 424s., 425s., 426s., 427s., 428s., 429s., 430s., 431s., 432s., 433s., 434s., 435s., 436s., 437s., 438s., 439s., 440s., 441s., 442s., 443s., 444s., 445s., 446s., 447s., 448s., 449s., 450s., 451s., 452s., 453s., 454s., 455s., 456s., 457s., 458s., 459s., 460s., 461s., 462s., 463s., 464s., 465s., 466s., 467s., 468s., 469s., 470s., 471s., 472s., 473s., 474s., 475s., 476s., 477s., 478s., 479s., 480s., 481s., 482s., 483s., 484s., 485s., 486s., 487s., 488s., 489s., 490s., 491s., 492s., 493s., 494s., 495s., 496s., 497s., 498s., 499s., 500s., 501s., 502s., 503s., 504s., 505s., 506s., 507s., 508s., 509s., 510s., 511s., 512s., 513s., 514s., 515s., 516s., 517s., 518s., 519s., 520s., 521s., 522s., 523s., 524s., 525s., 526s., 527s., 528s., 529s., 530s., 531s., 532s., 533s., 534s., 535s., 536s., 537s., 538s., 539s., 540s., 541s., 542s., 543s., 544s., 545s., 546s., 547s., 548s., 549s., 550s., 551s., 552s., 553s., 554s., 555s., 556s., 557s., 558s., 559s., 560s., 561s., 562s., 563s., 564s., 565s., 566s., 567s., 568s., 569s., 570s., 571s., 572s., 573s., 574s., 575s., 576s., 577s., 578s., 579s., 580s., 581s., 582s., 583s., 584s., 585s., 586s., 587s., 588s., 589s., 590s., 591s., 592s., 593s., 594s., 595s., 596s., 597s., 598s., 599s., 600s., 601s., 602s., 603s., 604s., 605s., 606s., 607s., 608s., 609s., 610s., 611s., 612s., 613s., 614s., 615s., 616s., 617s., 618s., 619s., 620s., 621s., 622s., 623s., 624s., 625s., 626s., 627s., 628s., 629s., 630s., 631s., 632s., 633s., 634s., 635s., 636s., 637s., 638s., 639s., 640s., 641s., 642s., 643s., 644s., 645s., 646s., 647s., 648s., 649s., 650s., 651s., 652s., 653s., 654s., 655s., 656s., 657s., 658s., 659s., 660s., 661s., 662s., 663s., 664s., 665s., 666s., 667s., 668s., 669s., 670s., 671s., 672s., 673s., 674s., 675s., 676s., 677s., 678s., 679s., 680s., 681s., 682s., 683s., 684s., 685s., 686s., 687s., 688s., 689s., 690s., 691s., 692s., 693s., 694s., 695s., 696s., 697s., 698s., 699s., 700s., 701s., 702s., 703s., 704s., 705s., 706s., 707s., 708s., 709s., 710s., 711s., 712s., 713s., 714s., 715s., 716s., 717s., 718s., 719s., 720s., 721s., 722s., 723s., 724s., 725s., 726s., 727s., 728s., 729s., 730s., 731s., 732s., 733s., 734s., 735s., 736s., 737s., 738s., 739s., 740s., 741s., 742s., 743s., 744s., 745s., 746s., 747s., 748s., 749s., 750s., 751s., 752s., 753s., 754s., 755s., 756s., 757s., 758s., 759s., 760s., 761s., 762s., 763s., 764s., 765s., 766s., 767s., 768s., 769s., 770s., 771s., 772s., 773s., 774s., 775s., 776s., 777s., 778s., 779s., 780s., 781s., 782s., 783s., 784s., 785s., 786s., 787s., 788s., 789s., 790s., 791s., 792s., 793s., 794s., 795s., 796s., 797s., 798s., 799s., 800s., 801s., 802s., 803s., 804s., 805s., 806s., 807s., 808s., 809s., 810s., 811s., 812s., 813s., 814s., 815s., 816s., 817s., 818s., 819s., 820s., 821s., 822s., 823s., 824s., 825s., 826s., 827s., 828s., 829s., 830s., 831s., 832s., 833s., 834s., 835s., 836s., 837s., 838s., 839s., 840s., 841s., 842s., 843s., 844s., 845s., 846s., 847s., 848s., 849s., 850s., 851s., 852s., 853s., 854s., 855s., 856s., 857s., 858s., 859s., 860s., 861s., 862s., 863s., 864s., 865s., 866s., 867s., 868s., 869s., 870s., 871s., 872s., 873s., 874s., 875s., 876s., 877s., 878s., 879s., 880s., 881s., 882s., 883s., 884s., 885s., 886s., 887s., 888s., 889s., 890s., 891s., 892s., 893s., 894s., 895s., 896s., 897s., 898s., 899s., 900s., 901s., 902s., 903s., 904s., 905s., 906s., 907s., 908s., 909s., 910s., 911s., 912s., 913s., 914s., 915s., 916s., 917s., 918s., 919s., 920s., 921s., 922s., 923s., 924s., 925s., 926s., 927s., 928s., 929s., 930s., 931s., 932s., 933s., 934s., 935s., 936s., 937s., 938s., 939s., 940s., 941s., 942s., 943s., 944s., 945s., 946s., 947s., 948s., 949s., 950s., 951s., 952s., 953s., 954s., 955s., 956s., 957s., 958s., 959s., 960s., 961s., 962s., 963s., 964s., 965s., 966s., 967s., 968s., 969s., 970s., 971s., 972s., 973s., 974s., 975s., 976s., 977s., 978s., 979s., 980s., 981s., 982s., 983s., 984s., 985s., 986s., 987s., 988s., 989s., 990s., 991s., 992s., 993s., 994s., 995s., 996s., 997s., 998

APPENDIX M.

Official Correspondence.

A STATEMENT showing the WEIGHT of CORRESPONDENCE carried for the following Public Offices, &c. in the Year ended the 31st March 1894.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.			Total Weights.
	Weight in Ounces.			
	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
Admiralty	2,567,374	—	—	2,567,374
Attorney General	1,194	—	—	1,194
Board of Agriculture	2,207,543	—	—	2,207,543
Board of Supervision	—	65,786	—	65,786
Board of Trade	1,234,763	—	—	1,234,763
Cape of Good Hope, Agent General for	51,847	—	—	51,847
Census Office	7,414	—	—	7,414
Chancellor, The Lord	50,510	—	—	50,510
Charity Commissioners	208,535	—	—	208,535
Chelsea Hospital	65,211	—	—	65,211
Chicago Exhibition	236,000	—	—	236,000
Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle	102,654	—	492,243	594,897
Civil Service Commissioners	317,794	—	13,747	331,541
Clerk of the Parliaments	539,792	—	—	539,792
Colonial Office	434,904	—	—	434,904
Congested Districts Board	—	—	115,147	115,147
Constabulary of Ireland	—	—	390,977	390,977
Courts of Law and Justice, Scotland	—	37,486	—	37,486
Crown and Hanaper	—	—	6,203	6,203
Crown Office	—	91,179	—	91,179
Customs	900,321	—	6,245	906,566
Emigrants' Information Office	159,163	—	—	159,163
Exchequer and Audit Department	153,181	—	—	153,181
Exchequer Offices in Scotland	—	30,192	—	30,192
Foreign Office	314,625	—	—	314,625
Home Office	1,062,502	4,347	—	1,066,849
House of Commons	235,817	—	—	235,817
Inland Revenue	14,262,067	5,066,711	4,035,510	23,364,288
Irish Fisheries, Inspector of	—	—	138,345	138,345
Irish Land Commission	—	—	397,165	397,165
Loan Fund Board	—	—	11,873	11,873
Local Government Board	1,793,005	—	588,406	2,381,411
Local Marine Board	340,769	—	—	340,769
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary	—	—	18,164	18,164
Lunacy, Commissioners in	39,033	—	26,254	65,287
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of	550,900	—	—	550,900
Mint, The Royal	19,138	—	—	19,138
National Debt Office	96,783	—	—	96,783
Patent Office	897,563	—	—	897,563
Paymaster General	58,406	—	23,734	82,140
Prisons Board	—	—	196,570	196,570
Privy Council Office	2,117,598	—	—	2,117,598
Public Education	—	49,327	714,191	763,518
Public Works Loan Board	25,382	—	—	25,382
Record Office	13,572	—	6,144	19,716
Register House	—	85,551	—	85,551
Registrar General	1,042,550	284,836	338,515	1,665,901
Registrar of Friendly Societies	120,744	15,164	2,562	138,470
Registrar of Petty Sessions, Clerks	—	—	121,398	121,398
Science and Art Department	2,592,161	—	—	2,592,161
Scotch Education Department	343,080	—	—	343,080
Secretary for Scotland	93,831	593	—	94,424
Solicitor General	4,025	—	—	4,025
Stationery Office	1,170,700	—	75,456	1,246,156
Supreme Court of Judicature	419,510	—	—	419,510
Surveys of the United Kingdom	—	—	159,969	159,969
Treasury	490,637	—	—	490,637
Valuation Office	—	—	86,967	86,967
War Office	3,564,465	22,543	628,660	4,215,668
Woods and Forests, Commissioners of	75,339	—	—	75,339
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of	173,737	—	440,004	618,741
TOTALS	41,220,349	5,782,765	9,032,440	56,044,563

APPENDIX N.

Private Wires.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of PRIVATE WIRE CONTRACTS, MILES of WIRE, and INSTRUMENTS, and the Net Additional Rentals in each of the last 10 Financial Years.

Financial Year.	Net Increase in each Financial Year.				Totals at end of each Financial Year.			
	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals.	Contracts.	Miles.	Instruments and Batteries.	Rentals.*
				£ s. d.				£ s. d.
1883-84	-	412	1,113	12,109 16 4	3,102	14,207	8,861	113,633 12 7
1884-85	-	183	1,129	7,249 4 4	3,285	15,336	8,971	120,882 16 11
1885-86	-	122	208	5,615 5 9	3,407	16,255	9,179	126,498 2 8
1886-87	-	98	—	† —	3,500	16,572	9,045	122,768 11 11
1887-88	-	43	116	1,304 9 7	3,543	16,873	9,161	124,073 1 6
1888-89	-	52	90	1,149 0 0	3,595	17,044	9,251	125,222 1 6
1889-90	-	89	81	1,695 15 10	3,684	17,211	9,332	126,917 17 4
1890-91	-	21	117	12,518 15 8	3,705	20,045	9,449	139,436 13 0
1891-92	-	150	473	† —	3,855	22,166	9,992	133,257 10 11
1892-93	-	§ —	196	1,874 11 4	§3,809	22,828	10,188	136,813 6 9
1893-94	-	§ —	46	1,955 17 5	§3,705	23,103	10,234	138,769 3 8

* These amounts include rentals for certain lines leased to Cable Companies, and accounted for under that heading in the Revenue statement, Appendix B.

† The rates for double Wire Telephone Lines were reduced in 1886, and existing rentals were reduced accordingly.

‡ The rates were further reduced in 1891, consequent on the expiry of telephone patents.

§ The decrease is due to the abolition of Rentals for Telephone Trunk Lines, and the substitution of a system of payment per conversation.

APPENDIX O.

Inland Revenue Licenses.

NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF LICENSES ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	Brewers.			Dogs.		Male Servants at 15s. each.	Carriages.					Hackney Carriages.	
	At 9s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.	At 42s. each.		At 21s. each.	At 15s. each.	At 10s. 6d. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.	At 15s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.	
1884-85	-	0,006	78,069	-	710,296	100,524	74,371	186	104,792	-	708	1,913	77
1885-86	-	5,733	23,062	62,603	724,888	101,331	72,997	191	192,350	-	624	13	-
1886-87	-	5,981	-	25,332	743,139	101,276	74,100	254	200,605	-	934	-	-
1887-88	-	5,757	-	19,172	763,731	107,571	78,283	252	212,160	-	1,025	-	-
1888-89	-	3,997	-	18,374	824,984	109,747	41,873	49,847	197,142	-	1,388	-	-
1889-90	-	5,937	-	17,346	882,717	113,037	31,404	57,670	199,330	295	1,319	-	-
1890-91	-	5,717	-	15,931	924,176	116,674	29,521	57,866	207,463	353	1,463	-	-
1891-92	-	5,142	-	14,328	975,500	117,997	29,070	66,293	208,438	331	1,565	-	-
1892-93	-	5,081	-	13,553	1,042,865	119,073	28,679	63,707	216,225	295	1,462	-	-
1893-94	-	4,479	-	11,656	1,105,007	118,653	27,946	55,055	217,758	256	1,438	-	-

APPENDIX O.—*continued.*

Inland Revenue Licenses.

NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of LICENSES issued by the POST OFFICE during the last Ten Years.

Year.	Armorial Bearings.		Guns at 10s. each.	Game.			Game Keepers at 40s. each.	Total Number.	Revenue.
	At 4s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 20s.			
1884-85	-	-	110,735	19,305	2,118	2,129	2,066	1,345,104	844,574 1 6
1885-86	-	-	127,642	20,900	2,065	2,208	2,277	1,372,326	850,191 4 0
1886-87	-	-	122,176	20,921	2,172	2,398	2,355	1,335,950	849,988 14 6
1887-88	-	-	133,467	23,475	2,464	3,084	2,507	1,407,776	901,322 18 0
1888-89	-	-	133,206	23,552	2,624	2,385	2,960	1,449,694	884,488 14 0
1889-90	-	-	137,925	26,012	2,907	3,480	3,088	1,518,136	906,103 0 6
1890-91	-	-	135,652	27,463	2,834	3,023	3,302	1,588,632	945,319 1 0
1891-92	-	-	153,955	28,562	3,453	3,751	3,288	1,638,668	965,292 15 0
1892-93	-	-	167,546	29,604	3,282	4,206	3,543	1,719,989	1,002,682 15 0
1893-94	-	-	164,972	32,101	3,108	4,695	3,629	1,788,424	1,084,215 2 6

APPENDIX P.

Gross and Net Revenue from Postage, Money Orders and Postal Orders in the last Ten Years.

Year.	Gross Revenue from Letters, Post Cards, Newspapers, Books, and Parcels.	Commission.		Total Postal Revenue.	Total Cost of Post Office Service.	Net Revenue.
		Money Order.	Postal Order.			
1984-85 -	£ 7,625,624	£ 186,719	£ 85,567	£ 7,898,910	£ 5,306,717	£ 2,596,193
1985-86 -	7,882,545	165,538	114,538	8,162,651	5,478,771	2,683,880
1986-87 -	8,180,888	149,290	139,389	8,469,567	5,871,510	2,591,057
1987-88 -	8,403,760	133,446	159,879	8,697,085	5,925,568	2,771,517
1988-89 -	8,790,576	129,063	176,523	9,096,462	6,066,588	3,030,874
1989-90 -	9,142,132	129,628	195,405	9,467,165	6,239,654	3,208,511
1990-91 -	9,501,115	129,405	212,728	9,843,268	6,679,279	3,163,989
1991-92 -	9,824,123	130,231	229,936	10,183,290	7,194,592	3,048,698
1992-93 -	9,971,073	131,184	242,096	10,344,353	7,518,597	2,825,756
1993-94 -	10,094,366	131,593	246,916	10,472,875	7,798,002	2,754,873
Average Annual Net Revenue of first period of Five Years				-	-	2,735,104
Ditto second period of Five Years				-	-	2,998,245

APPENDIX Q.

Expenditure in relation to Postage, Money Orders and Postal Orders in the last Ten Years.

Year.	EXPENDITURE.													
	COST OF COLLECTION AND DELIVERY, of MANAGEMENT, and of MONEY ORDER and POSTAL ORDER BUSINESS.				COST OF CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.									
	Salaries, Wages, Pensions, Travelling Allowances, Pounds on Sale of Stamps, Commission on Money Order and Postal Order Business, Cost of Uniform Clothing, of Medical Attendance, of Subsidies during Holidays or Sickness, Law Charges and incidental Expenses.	Manufacture of Postage Stamps, Post Cards, and Stamped Newspaper Wrappers.	Stationery.	Buildings and Repairs, Rents, Rates, Taxes, Fuel, and Light.	Total Cost of Collection, Delivery, and Management, and of Money Order and Postal Order Business.	Conveyances by Coaches, Carts, and Omnibuses.	Conveyance by Railways.	Mail Bags and Boxes, Tolls, and Ferryage, Apparatus for Exchange of Bags conveyed by Railway, and Miscellaneous Expenses.	Conveyance of Mails by Packets under Contract, and by Private Ships.	Conveyance of Mails over Isthmuses of Suez and Panama and in other Foreign Ports, and Salaries of Admiralty Agents and other Officers in charge of Foreign and Colonial Mails.	Total Cost of Conveyance.	Conveyance of Savings Bank Correspondence.	Net Cost of Conveyance.	Total Cost of Post Office Service.
1884-85	3,083,320	141,000	53,306	304,497	3,683,562	300,444	783,213	47,323	610,010	18,276	1,766,275	40,180	1,795,155	5,306,717
1885-86	3,222,326	154,270	52,743	324,254	3,863,476	280,453	838,010	64,542	626,301	15,539	1,866,755	41,470	1,816,286	5,478,771
1886-87	3,430,136	163,067	52,840	327,070	4,031,033	299,727	870,936	74,595	636,305	17,837	1,870,940	42,123	1,837,477	5,671,510
1887-88	3,718,742	158,840	55,763	337,643	4,112,937	306,642	880,230	78,492	627,018	21,438	1,868,407	45,766	1,812,641	5,925,568
1888-89	3,713,146	153,023	55,963	321,613	4,182,747	299,714	905,968	76,233	655,375	10,003	1,916,091	40,850	1,866,241	6,056,538
1889-90	3,920,068	155,445	59,317	345,538	4,532,404	307,477	906,968	74,751	665,375	9,158	1,937,228	60,838	1,900,180	6,258,654
1890-91	4,085,480	163,286	60,064	345,538	4,653,367	317,616	920,164	74,731	753,691	7,704	2,072,906	52,904	2,019,912	6,679,270
1891-92	4,415,372	169,572	75,562	502,108	5,152,409	329,965	934,170	84,281	753,691	8,444	2,086,696	54,513	2,032,183	7,134,592
1892-93	4,762,575	166,552	76,170	421,350	5,444,507	343,806	951,909	100,345	722,062	9,190	2,127,340	57,300	2,070,040	7,518,867
1893-94	5,013,417	157,171	78,225	375,585	5,620,697	354,396	968,984	97,763	710,585	8,808	2,169,636	60,921	2,108,715	7,778,692

APPENDIX B.

GROSS and NET REVENUE derived from the TELEGRAPH SERVICE in the last TEN YEARS.

Year ended 31st March.	Gross Revenue from Telegrams and from Wires rented by Cable Companies, &c.	News Produce and Special Wire Rentals.	Private Wire Rentals.	Miscel. laneous.	Total Revenue collected. (a.)	Payments out		Total Telegraph Revenue.	Working Expenses charged to the Telegraph Vote. (c)	Net Revenue.
						To Cable Companies, &c. (b)	For Telegram Moneys refunded, &c. (c)			
1885	£ 1,789,610	£ 98,637	£ 97,448	£ 56,579	£ 2,042,274	£ 283,521	£ 3,635	£ 1,755,118	£ 1,731,040	£ + 24,078
1886	1,708,976	103,415	100,802	74,772	1,987,965	226,174	3,622	1,758,169	1,733,105	+ 25,064
1887	1,757,715	111,150	96,998	83,786	2,049,649	189,962	4,001	1,853,686	1,939,764	- 84,078
1888	1,852,743	113,688	98,976	88,788	2,154,195	190,404	4,385	1,959,406	1,928,159	+ 31,247
1889	2,013,448	113,546	99,135	99,129	2,325,268	220,971	10,249	2,094,048	1,969,096	+ 124,952
1890	2,330,709	113,805	103,720	112,366	2,660,600	322,148	12,737	2,325,715	2,179,921	+ 145,794
1891	2,489,974	112,261	99,377	110,759	2,812,371	390,860	4,820	2,416,691	2,265,338	+ 151,353
1892	2,533,048	119,527	83,680	130,543	2,866,798	353,877	4,783	2,508,138	2,507,012	+ 1,126
1893	2,504,328	121,703	93,893	115,797	2,835,721	344,570	4,360	2,486,791	2,567,018	- 80,227
1894	2,542,203	124,971	93,728	130,425	2,891,327	352,739	4,324	2,534,264	2,641,518	- 107,254

(a) The revenue shown in this Table is the amount actually brought to account in each year.

(b) The payments to Cable Companies, &c. represent the sums actually paid in each year.

(c) The working expenses are those shown in the Appropriation Accounts of the Post Office Telegraphs Vote, and do not include the Telegraph Expenditure charged to the Votes of other Departments, for which see Appendix B.

Note.—The initial charge for Telegrams was reduced from one shilling to sixpence on the 1st October of 1885.

The revenue shown in the table on page 17 includes the value of work done for other Government Departments amounting to 44,942*l*. On the other hand, the expenditure shown on the same page includes a sum of 112,537*l*, expended by other Departments on account of the Telegraph Service.

APPENDIX S.

Expenditure in relation to Telegraphs.

Year.	EXPENDITURE.						Total Cost of Telegraph Service.
	Working Expenses charged to the Telegraph Vote, according to the Appropriation Account.	Manufacture and Issue of Stamps used on Telegrams.	Stationery.	Buildings.	Auditing of Telegraph Accounts by Exchequer and Audit Department.	Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates paid by Treasury.	
1884-85	-	£ 1,731,040	£ 24,169	£ 62,039	£ 2,347	£ 1,003	£ 1,820,764
1885-86	-	1,733,105	31,391	64,353	2,161	1,155	1,832,402
1886-87	-	1,930,764	35,259	53,977	2,193	1,105	2,032,632
1887-88	-	1,928,345	35,088	31,478	2,634	1,136	1,990,033
1888-89	-	1,969,324	30,937	36,774	2,825	1,124	2,041,361
1889-90	-	2,179,921	33,295	62,386	1,903	1,076	2,278,986
1890-91	-	2,265,338	29,692	90,374	1,641	1,111	2,388,581
1891-92	-	2,507,012	36,652	88,946	1,688	1,177	2,635,895
1892-93	-	2,567,019	37,145	85,950	1,650	817	2,692,994
1893-94	-	2,641,518	36,657	65,235	1,676	8,556	2,754,053

APPENDIX T.

**CUMULATIVE ACCOUNT showing the FLUCTUATIONS in the
CONSUMPTION of TELEGRAPH STORES, and the BALANCES in DEPÔTS.**



APPENDIX T.

CUMULATIVE ACCOUNT showing the FLUCTUATIONS in the

	Year ending			
	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
Value of Stores in Depôts at commencement of year	£ 190,776 9 6½	£ 211,763 11 10½	£ 215,329 7 8½	£ 212,183 10 1½
Value of Stores purchased during year, including wages for completing Stores	312,655 13 7	240,967 8 3½	152,775 7 1	146,406 5 4
Value of Stores returned into Stock under the following Sub-heads:—				
C ^o Maintenance	108,147 1 2	173,145 10 6½	136,181 19 4½	115,463 16 5½
C ^o Gas, &c.	—	—	—	—
C ^o Maintenance [Ships]	—	60 1 7½	47 9 0½	3 9 3½
O ^o Extensions	56 1 9½	504 17 8½	453 18 0	375 14 6½
O ^o Re-arrangements	16,241 17 1	39,005 19 10½	59,966 1 7½	18,917 6 8½
O ^o Private Telegraphs	13,011 13 10½	10,466 4 0	13,470 0 4½	13,120 14 1½
O ^o Works executed for Ely. Co.'s, &c.	348 9 6½	627 16 6½	325 7 3	607 9 2½
O ^o Government Deptl. Telegraphs	393 6 3½	264 0 5½	266 13 4	153 3 8½
O ^o Coast Communications	—	—	—	—
A ^o Losses by fraud, default, fire, &c.	—	—	—	—
E ^o Electric lighting of West Chief Offices	—	—	—	—
G ^o Fuel and Light	—	—	—	—
Extra receipts	—	—	—	—
L Stores (Morse and Wheatstone Paper, &c.)	—	—	—	—
Postal G ^o Incidental Expenses	—	—	—	—
A ^o Gas and Electric Light (G.P.O. East, &c.)	—	—	—	—
E ^o Fuel and Light (P.O.S.B.)	—	—	—	—
G ^o Supply and Repair of Mail Bags, &c.	—	—	—	—
C ^o Fuel and Light (Provincial)	—	—	—	—
Special Account (Western Highlands and Islands Extension)	—	—	—	—
Telephone Trunk Lines	—	—	—	—
Total	636,630 12 10½	676,884 10 11½	578,835 3 8½	507,328 9 6½
Value of Stores issued under the following Sub-heads:—				
C ^o Maintenance	171,615 6 11	237,281 5 8½	209,045 10 6	196,004 6 7
C ^o Maintenance [Ships]	—	1,288 5 3½	806 11 4½	519 3 6½
O ^o Extensions	3,302 8 8½	6,589 9 8½	5,814 5 10½	6,406 4 0½
O ^o Re-arrangements	212,173 14 9	177,877 0 5½	112,863 4 11	51,569 16 8½
O ^o Private Telegraphs	33,600 14 10	34,184 13 3½	34,777 6 8½	21,103 12 4½
O ^o Works executed for Ely. Co.'s, &c.	2,646 11 5½	3,199 3 5½	1,560 16 10½	1,622 18 7
O ^o Government Deptl. Telegraphs	1,530 4 4	1,135 6 5	1,794 17 4½	1,833 6 2½
O ^o Coast Communications	—	—	—	—
Losses by fraud, default, fire, &c.	—	—	—	234 6 8½
E ^o Electric Lighting of West Chief Offices	—	—	—	1,175 8 0
G ^o Fuel and Light	—	—	—	—
L Stores (Morse and Wheatstone paper, &c.)	—	—	—	—
C ^o Gas, Water, Fuel, &c.	—	—	—	—
(Postal) A ^o Gas and Electric Light	—	—	—	—
G.P.O. East, &c.	—	—	—	—
C ^o Fuel and Light (Provincial)	—	—	—	—
E ^o Fuel and Light (P.O.S.B.)	—	—	—	—
G ^o Supply and repair of Mail Bags, &c.	—	—	—	—
G ^o Incidental Expenses (Mail Bags, &c.)	—	—	—	—
C ^o Fuel and Light (Scotland)	—	—	—	—
A ^o Water, Fire Insurance, &c.	—	—	—	—
Suspense Account	—	—	—	—
Special Account (Western Highlands and Islands Extension)	—	—	—	—
Telephone Trunk Lines	—	—	—	—
Value of Stores in Depôts at end of year	211,763 11 10½	215,329 7 8½	212,183 10 1½	226,786 7 9½
Total	636,630 12 10½	676,884 10 11½	578,835 3 8½	507,328 9 6½

(Signed)

CHAS. E. STUART,

Controller of Stores.

APPENDIX T.

CONSUMPTION OF TELEGRAPH STORES, and the BALANCES in DEPÔTS.

March 31st.

1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.
<i>£</i> 226,788 <i>s.</i> 7 <i>d.</i> 9½	<i>£</i> 205,364 <i>s.</i> 17 <i>d.</i> 0½	<i>£</i> 211,542 <i>s.</i> 16 <i>d.</i> 1½	<i>£</i> 238,865 <i>s.</i> 9 <i>d.</i> 3½	<i>£</i> 243,403 <i>s.</i> 15 <i>d.</i> 6½	<i>£</i> 230,011 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> 10
142,256 17 10½	142,512 15 8½	173,849 15 7½	190,214 17 5½	230,287 2 2½	287,353 6 5½
137,908 5 0½	138,065 3 10½	116,566 10 1½	85,926 16 3½	90,516 11 9	101,515 11 8½
7 15 2½	28 3 2	16 5 9½	26 10 2½	35 19 7	124 7 3
2,085 3 11	840 5 0½	657 5 2½	618 12 11½	1,111 3 0	1,450 0 10
18,083 6 8½	18,710 11 4½	17,274 6 7½	15,143 1 3	13,255 18 7	17,376 1 2
19,550 17 11½	15,174 6 4	12,226 5 8	12,424 19 11	16,678 13 3½	11,211 7 0
883 13 7½	801 14 6	757 7 3½	768 2 6½	1,745 18 0	1,550 13 5½
285 12 10½	253 12 10½	370 1 1	273 3 11	796 15 3½	1,296 5 1
—	—	—	—	447 4 0½	—
—	0 2 6	4 0 0	—	816 15 9	—
—	96 17 6	188 1 0	1 4 0	32 19 11½	160 2 4½
—	0 1 8	0 0 7	1 7 0	6 13 2	3 8 7½
—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	0 8 4
—	2 10 0	21 10 0½	3 6 10½	17 4 10	5 11 6
—	—	—	28 4 2	120 0 11½	445 16 2½
—	—	—	0 4 4½	7 3 11	166 0 3½
—	—	—	11 12 3½	140 5 9	20 12 3
—	—	—	—	2 13 2	18 2 10
—	—	—	—	194 13 3	16 9 7½
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41,892 2 4½	30,739 11 10	23,574 2 7	34,993 6 10½	37,840 6 5½	21,910 17 1½
1,941 7 3½	2,131 17 11½	2,207 9 0½	4,912 8 2½	6,120 17 4	7,759 8 10½
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(Signed)

JAMES J. CARDIN,

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APPENDIX U.

EXTRACT FROM THE FINANCE ACCOUNTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1894.

*Inserted by desire of the Select Committee on Estimates, Revenue
Departments.*

DETAILED STATEMENT of the GROSS RECEIPTS and NET
PRODUCE of the REVENUE.

POST OFFICE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts :						
From Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters in the United Kingdom -	10,919,071	12	5½			
From Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -	261,472	3	6½			
				11,180,543	15	11½
From Postage collected by Country Postmasters -	0	0	1			
From Postage collected in the Metropolis -	113,067	14	3½			
				113,067	14	4½
From Postage collected for credit of Imperial Post Office by Foreign Offices -	89,315	14	8			
From Postage collected by Colonial Offices and Postmasters and Agents Abroad -	60,226	12	11½			
				149,542	7	7½
From Commission on Money Orders -	131,592	11	10½			
Ditto Postal Orders -	246,916	7	2½			
				378,508	19	0½
From Miscellaneous Receipts -	-	-	-			
				33,662	4	11
				11,855,325	1	11½
Payments out of Receipts :						
For Postage, &c. refunded -	18,847	14	6½			
To Inland Revenue Department -	521,160	0	0			
To Railway Companies, &c. on account of Parcel Post -	586,118	9	9			
For Postage collected for credit of Colonial Offices -	79,987	16	7½			
For Postage collected for credit of Foreign Offices -	176,335	8	1½			
				1,382,449	9	0½
Net Receipts	-	-	£	10,472,875	12	10½

General Post Office, }
June 1894.

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APPENDIX U.—*continued.*

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts :						
For transmission of Telegrams, &c. in						
Cash - - - - -	653,598	2	6½			
For transmission of Telegrams, &c. in						
Stamps - - - - -	2,237,729	2	4½			
				2,891,327	4	11
Payments out of Receipts :						
To Cable Companies, &c., Telegram						
Moneys refunded, &c., &c. - - -	-	-	-	357,062	14	5½
Net Receipts - - - - -	-	-	£	2,534,264	10	5½

General Post Office, }
June 1894.

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AN IMPROVED PORTABLE PHOTOMETER.*

BY THE INVENTOR, J. A. RUDORFF, AND A. P. TRUETT, OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE INVENTOR, J. A. RUDORFF, OF THE UNITED STATES. The Bunsen spot was viewed by Rudorff mirrors in the usual way. This instrument worked well, but the range was small, and could not be easily increased. The lamp would have to be moved to a very considerable distance from the screen for measuring the feeble illuminations met with in street-lighting.

Eight years later, one of us experimented with modifications of this instrument, and found that in ordinary street-lighting the illumination is often only equal to that due to one candle at 14 ft. distance. A large number of different methods of reducing the light were tried. Many combinations of lenses, the eclipsing device used in dissolving views, photographically shaded glass screens, and other devices were used, and, finally, a white reflecting screen was inclined at different angles to a small electric lamp, and on this principle a photometer was constructed in February, 1892. It was found that the Bunsen screen could be replaced with advantage by a simple white cardboard diaphragm pierced with one or more

* Paper read at the meeting of the British Association at Ipswich, vol. xii., p. 488.

† *Electrotechnische Zeitschrift*, 1884, p. 166. *La Lumière Electrique*, vol. xii., p. 488.

‡ *Bulletin de la Soc. Inst. des Electriciens*, 1888, p. 103.

§ *Proceedings Royal Society*, xxv., p. 39, 1883, and *Proceedings Inst. C.E.*, vol. cx., p. 98.

|| *Proceedings Inst. C.E.*, vol. cx., p. 101.

holes.* The illumination of this diaphragm, generally in a horizontal position, was the illumination to be measured.

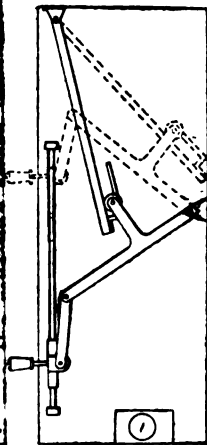


FIG. 2.

rests, and the handle by which it is moved, are shown with the screen in its highest position by full lines, and in its lowest position by dotted lines. In its highest position the filaments of the lamps are a little below the plane of the screen, no direct-light from the lamps then reaches the screen, and is only faintly illuminated to about $\frac{1}{20}$ th of one candle at a foot, by stray light, which is excluded as much as possible.

The diaphragm is placed horizontally immediately above and through them; the illuminating reflecting screen can be seen. A handle carrying a pointer, moving over a graduated scale, controls the inclination of the screen by means of the levers and links. A guide attached to the back of the screen

* *Proceedings Phys. Soc.*, xii., p. 355, 1893.

† *Proceedings Inst. C.E.*, vol. cx., pp. 42-51.

multiple circuit, and dropped the voltage, as I remember, to either 50 or 75 volts, and ran 40 incandescent lamps, a part of which were Maxim, with a filament often called 'M' or 'W.' I had this on exhibition for three months or more at my factory, 43, Center-street, New York City. A large number of capitalists came in during that time to investigate the system, and I finally made an arrangement, and sold to W. F. Jobbins, of New York City, what was known at that time as the sub-dividing device of the electric light system, reducing a high voltage to any required voltage, and which was supposed at that time and talked of as being a wild idea, and Mr. Jobbins did not consider it of much importance. I therefore added to the same agreement the sale of the thermostat invention, which I was manufacturing, for one-fifth interest in the Jobbins Manufacturing Company's Works. In 1883 I constructed two machines, one a direct-current machine and the other an alternator. These machines were practically the same as the machine I made in 1881, except the variations which were made to facilitate winding, and also to bring about a more perfect and even saturation of the magnetic flux. During that year I sold upwards of 20 of this type of machines, which were much smaller than the first two manufactured, but which produced 20 incandescent lights

rapidity of transmission. One of the appendices to the report contains a brief "Historical Outline of the Telegraph Service since 1870." In this it is stated that "in 1870 a speed of from 60 to 80 words a minute was the highest that could be attained in the working of the Wheatstone automatic apparatus. At the present time a speed of 600 words per minute has become possible, and the working speed of 400 words is the fixed standard for certain circuits. . . . Two copper wires between London and Dublin are working on the duplex system at even 300 words per minute, whereas under the conditions of 1870 they would only have given about 40 words in one direction as a maximum." These and similar results are cited by the Post Office as a sufficient answer to the contention urged at the time of the transfer that the possession by the Government of a monopoly would tend to discourage invention. Many of the improvements resulting in the present rapidity of transmission have been adopted from outside, but many others have been devised within the Department, and it must be acknowledged that the Post Office is now probably one of the best schools of practical telegraphy in the world. But the financial results of this remarkable progress are considerably less satisfactory. In 1888-89 the receipts from telegraph business were £2,129,965, and the expendi-

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