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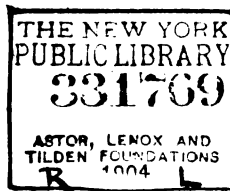
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FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Lordships the Forty-ninth Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, being an account of the business of the Post Office during the year ended the 31st March 1903.

The extension of the postal order system and the concessions to the public in respect of a reduced fee for telegram receipts and free redirection of telegrams by post, though initiated in the period under review, were not actually carried out until the present financial year, and I shall not therefore refer to them in detail on the present occasion.

Reforms introduced since the end of the financial year.

It is estimated that the number of postal packets delivered in the United Kingdom during the year 1902-3, was as follows:—

Statistics of postal packets. See also Appendix A., pp. 28-33.

—	Number.	Increase per Cent.	Average No. to each Person.
Letters - - -	2,579,500,000	5·2	61·8
Postcards - - -	488,900,000	9·9	11·6
Book packets and circulars -	809,800,000	5·7	19·8
Newspapers - - -	175,400,000	3·3	4·2
Parcels - - -	90,300,000	4·3	2·1
Total - - -	4,143,900,000	5·7	98·5

There has been considerable growth in the number of every kind of article transmitted by post.

The rate of increase for letters was considerably larger in the rural districts than in the towns, with the exception of London, where about 29 per cent. of the whole number of letters in the United Kingdom were delivered, and where the increase was 7·2 per cent.

Letters.

The large increase of 9·9 per cent. in the number of post-cards, following on one of 6·2 per cent. in the previous year, is almost entirely due to the traffic in pictorial post cards. In Scotland the rate of increase was 17 per cent. Private post cards are now estimated to be about 69 per cent. of the whole number.

Postcards.

Registered
letters
and parcels.
See also
Appendix A.,
pp. 34-37.

The trade in cheap jewellery in Scotland, which caused an abnormal increase in the number of registered letters and parcels in 1900 and 1901, has apparently fallen off, as the figures have come down to the normal level. The number of letters registered in the United Kingdom in 1902-3 was 19,016,000, an increase of 1·1 per cent.; and the number of parcels registered was 1,065,000, a decrease of 1·3 per cent. on the figures for the previous year.

EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICE.

See also
Appendix A.,
p. 38.

The total number of express services was 1,107,100, as compared with 941,900 in the previous year, an increase of 17·5 per cent.

In London alone over 1,120,000 articles were delivered by express messengers, including 393,000 letters sent out for delivery in advance of the postman. There was an increase of 21 per cent. in the number of express services performed on Sundays in London, over 4,000 letters being delivered in this way, the special fees for the service averaging over 7d. each.

UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix G.,
pp. 63-4.

The following are the numbers of undelivered packets dealt with during the year :—

Description.	Number.	Increase (+) or Decrease (–) as compared with previous year.	
		Total.	Per Cent.
Letters - - -	10,905,023	+ 721,157	+ 7·08
Postcards - - -	1,888,098	+ 181,012	+ 7·45
Book packets and circulars -	12,034,150	+ 510,878	+ 4·48
Newspapers - - -	600,661	– 14,624	– 2·37
Parcels - - -	255,289	+ 12,817	+ 5·28

Lottery
circulars in
undelivered
letters.

The number of undelivered letters which could not be returned to the owners was 1,189,000, an increase of more than 20 per cent. over the figures for the previous year—due partly to the destruction of a large number of letters containing lottery circulars. The number of letters returned as undeliverable from places abroad—789,430—was swollen by a number of foreign lottery circulars posted in this country and returned from Canada as contrary to the regulations. Such circulars when found in the post in open covers are always stopped and destroyed.

Carelessness
of public.

I am impressed with the immense amount of unnecessary labour which might be saved to the Post Office if the public would exercise more care in addressing correspondence. Most of the twenty-five and a half millions of letters, &c. above

referred to could not be delivered because the addresses written by the senders on the covers were either incorrect or insufficient, or because no address at all was given.

This carelessness is not confined to communications of an unimportant character. During the year 324,403 registered letters and letters containing property were sent to the Returned Letter Offices as undeliverable. They were found to contain 18,862*l.* in coin and bank notes and 714,200*l.* in bills, cheques, money and postal orders, and stamps. Registered and property letters.

No fewer than 367,519 postal packets were found without any address at all. The contents included 186*l.* in coin and bank notes and 16,195*l.* in other forms of money. Nearly the whole of this was returned to the senders. Owing chiefly to the use of flimsy envelopes and insecurely fastened labels, 1,184*l.* in coin, 24,000*l.* in cheques, postal orders, &c., and 93,232 other articles were found loose in the post, a large increase on the previous year. Unaddressed letters, &c.

HOME MAIL SERVICES.

In the course of the year the Great Western Railway Company, who had given notice to terminate the contract for the conveyance of mails over their lines and demanded a largely increased payment, which I was unable to concede, appealed to the Railway Commissioners to decide the case. Judgment has been given; and, I am glad to say, the result is decidedly favourable to the Post Office. The claim of the Company worked out to about 290,000*l.*; and the sum awarded by the court for the period from the 1st July 1902 was 135,855*l.* This includes the cost of the new special trains between London and Penzance, which are run exclusively for the mail service. The matter is not, however, finally settled, as the Company have given notice of appeal. Payment to the Great Western Railway Company for conveyance of mails.

On the 1st July an improvement was effected in the night mail service between the north-eastern and the western districts of England by the substitution of mail trains between Crewe and York for the Crewe and Norinanton mail trains. Although no alteration has in consequence been made in the nominal hours of the arrival and despatch of the Mails, the result has been increased punctuality in the deliveries over a wide area. Night mail service between the North-Eastern and Western Districts.

Motor vans of various kinds have been used experimentally for the conveyance of mails in different parts of the country. Such vans are now being employed for the conveyance of parcel mails (a) between London and Redhill, (b) between Liverpool and Manchester, and (c) between Manchester and Altrincham. A motor tricycle carrier is being tried on some letter mail services in London. But it is doubtful whether a thoroughly reliable motor vehicle suitable for Post Office work has yet been found. Use of motors.

Use of cycles. A considerable number of additional bicycles and tricycles have been brought into use on rural posts; and trailers have been introduced experimentally in a few cases to provide for the conveyance for a short distance of loads too heavy to be carried on an ordinary bicycle.

Day mails. A more liberal policy has been adopted in providing additional deliveries in country districts; and I hope that it will be possible to afford further facilities in many places.

Shelter huts for postmen. Arrangements have been in force for some years past for providing shelter huts, where necessary, for rural postmen travelling on foot who have to wait for some hours at the end of their journey. These provisions have now been extended under certain conditions to such mounted postmen as cannot obtain the necessary accommodation for themselves without expense.

INLAND POSTAL RATES.

Periodical post.

Like my predecessors for many years past, I have been urged by various commercial bodies to establish a reduced rate of postage for "periodical" publications other than registered newspapers; but, after giving careful consideration to the subject, I have not felt justified in adopting the suggestion. The particular proposal pressed upon me was that "periodicals" should be allowed to pass through the post at the rate of one half-penny for 6 oz., the existing rate being one half-penny for 2 oz. If such a concession were allowed, it could not, in my opinion, be fairly confined to "periodicals," however defined; but I am satisfied that the existing half-penny post is not remunerative. The cost of conveying and handling a 2 oz. packet is, on the average, more than a half-penny; and I can see no sufficient ground for asking your Lordships to assent to the additional loss which would be involved in increasing from 2 oz. to 6 oz. the weight which may pass at that rate.

It seemed to me that, if any concessions were to be made in regard to the postal rates for printed matter, they must be general in their application, and must be sought in an increase of the weight transmitted for 1d., rather than in an extension of the lower rate, which is already unremunerative; but after making careful inquiry, I regret to find that the sacrifice of revenue involved in any such scheme would be larger than I could fairly ask your Lordships to sanction at the present time for the benefit of the interests concerned.

Book and circular post.

As soon as I took office, my attention was drawn to the regulations of what is still known as the "book post," and to the difficulty which the public experience in understanding and complying with the rules in the not infrequent cases in which fine distinctions have to be drawn between the postage payable upon one partly written document and another.

The basis of the British postal tariff is a minimum charge of 1d. for each letter carried by post. This rate was maintained

until the year 1870, when a half-penny post was first introduced for certain classes of documents. It is easy to see now that the broad distinction between written and printed matter was the only one which afforded a clear line of demarcation; and the difficulties which are so constantly felt, both by the public and the Department, arise from the admission to the half-penny post of documents partly printed and partly written. When it is once conceded that some written matter, whether combined with print or not, is admissible at this privileged rate, it becomes impossible to lay down any line of distinction which could be easily understood by the public and observed by the staff of the Department between the written matter, which may pass, and the written matter, which may not.

The general idea underlying the present regulations is to admit documents of a conventional, formal, or impersonal character, and to exclude those of a personal kind; but the line drawn is necessarily an arbitrary one; and the public find it difficult to understand why of two documents, which are on their face practically identical, one should be charged at the penny and the other at the half-penny rate.

I have been giving the matter my careful consideration; and whilst I fear it is impossible to frame any rules on the subject which shall be wholly satisfactory, I hope shortly to be in a position to put before your Lordships proposals for removing some of the difficulties to which the present regulations give rise.

A new envelope of "foolscap" size (9 by 4 ins.) bearing an impressed 1d. stamp has been introduced; and alterations have been made in the quality and price of some of the other embossed envelopes issued for sale at Post Offices.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST.

A new agreement with the Cunard Company is under consideration. The Cunard contract.

An Inter-Departmental Committee has been appointed to consider the future conditions of the Eastern and Australian mail service, notice having been given to terminate on the 31st of January 1905 the contracts of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company and the Orient Steam Navigation Company. Eastern and Australian mailservice.

Arrangements were concluded in the course of the financial year for the entry of the Somaliland Protectorate and Southern Nigeria into the Postal Union. The Somaliland Protectorate entered on the 1st of June 1903, and Southern Nigeria will enter on the 1st of October. New entries into the Postal Union.

In consequence of improvements in the mail service across the Andes, it has become possible to make increased use of that route for mails sent hence to Chili. The route is only available during a portion of the year, but from the middle of October until the end of February correspondence for all parts of Chili, except Punta Arenas, was forwarded to Buenos Ayres for onward Mails for Chili.

conveyance overland. This arrangement, which will be resumed in the autumn, results in a considerable acceleration, the transit across the Andes from Buenos Ayres to Santiago and Valparaiso being accomplished in three or four days.

**North Brazil,
Mails for** The mails for North Brazil, which were formerly sent *vid* Pernambuco, have also been accelerated. They are now forwarded by the Booth Steamship Company's service from Lisbon to Para and Manaos, with a consequent gain of nine or ten days.

**Trinidad,
Turk's
Islands,
Ascension,
and Fanning
Islands.** Other changes which have been made have resulted in an improved mail service for the Island of Trinidad, where the mails from this country now arrive a day earlier than formerly, and for the Turk's Islands, which now benefit by the direct fortnightly mail service from Avonmouth to Jamaica. The mail service to Ascension has been improved, and regular mail communication has also been established with Fanning Island, one of the stations of the Pacific cable.

**British Postal
Agencies in
China.** Letters can now be sent at the rate of 1*d.* per half ounce to and from the British Postal Agencies at the Treaty ports in China.

**Cheap
postage on
periodicals
from Canada
to United
Kingdom.** In deference to representations from the Canadian Post Office I have agreed to accept newspapers and other periodicals from Canada for delivery in the United Kingdom prepaid only at the Canadian domestic rates of postage. I regret that I have been unable to recommend to your Lordships the adoption of these very low rates in the reverse direction. I am of opinion that any rate of postage adopted for Canada must be eventually applied to all other parts of the British Empire, and I do not see any present justification for so wide and costly an extension of this unremunerative post.

**Letter
postage to
Australia.** The efforts made to extend the penny letter scheme to the Commonwealth of Australia have unfortunately not yet been successful. When the system of penny letter postage within the Empire was originated in 1898, the British Government decided that it could only be introduced on a basis of strict reciprocity; and the Australian Colonies refused to join because of the financial loss involved, their own inland rate for letters being 2*d.* More recently the Commonwealth Government expressed its willingness not to levy charges on letters sent to Australia from this country paid at the penny rate, while maintaining the rate of 2½*d.* for letters sent in the reverse direction; but this proposal could not be agreed to, because it would inevitably result in the underpayment of large numbers of the letters sent to this country from Australia—to the disadvantage and annoyance of the recipients, who would be subjected to charges for deficient postage, levied in this country in order to maintain the higher rate current in Australia.

**Insured
letters.** The system of insurance for letters has been extended to the services between the United Kingdom and Japan, the Ottoman Post Offices in Turkey, and certain British and Foreign Postal

Agencies in China, and arrangements are in progress for its extension to several of those British colonies and possessions which have not yet adopted it. A higher limit of insurance for letters has been agreed upon with the Straits Settlements.

The number of insured letters despatched to places abroad during the year was 7,974, against 6,558 during the previous year, an increase of about 20 per cent. The number received from places abroad, viz., 45,444, was practically the same as in the previous year.

The total number of parcels sent to and received from places abroad during the year was 3,354,605, showing a net decrease as compared with last year of 59,631. This is accounted for by the return of a large proportion of the troops from South Africa and the restoration of normal conditions of transport there, the decrease in the number of parcels sent in the mails to and from the Cape Colony amounting to 403,658. In other directions there has been a general growth, and a specially large increase has taken place in the number of parcels exchanged with Canada, France, Germany, the Gold Coast, India, New Zealand, and Spain. Number of parcels.

The apparent rise in the number of parcels sent to and from Natal, the Orange River Colony, and the Transvaal, is due to a diversion of military parcels from the Cape Colony and Army Post Office mails. There has been a decrease in the parcels exchanged with Ascension, Gibraltar, St. Helena, the Seychelles, and some of the West Indian Colonies and Australian States.

The total number of foreign and colonial parcels insured was 254,718, as against 226,608 in the previous year, an increase of about 12 per cent. Insured parcels.

In consequence of the failure of the repeated efforts made to establish an exchange of parcels with the United States Post Office, an agreement was concluded last year with the American Express Company, and a parcel service to the United States through the agency of that Company was commenced on the 1st of September 1902. This arrangement with a private carrying company is not as satisfactory as a regular Parcel Post, but it affords facilities which did not before exist for sending parcels from this country to the United States. Parcel Post to United States.

I am happy to say that, since the arrangement came into effect, the United States Government has re-opened negotiations for an official Parcel Post to and from this country.

The Parcel Post has also been extended to Dutch New Guinea. The system of insurance for parcels has been extended to British Central Africa, Curaçoa, most of the French and Portuguese Colonies, Queensland, the Seychelles, and Western Australia. A higher limit of insurance has been arranged with the Straits Settlements, and parcels for Tasmania can now be insured against damage as well as loss. The special delivery fee on parcels for Uganda has been abolished. Extension of Parcel Post.

Additional facilities.

The arrangement for enabling the sender to pay Customs and other charges ordinarily collected from the addressee has been extended to Canada.

A scheme whereby the senders of insured parcels can obtain an acknowledgment of their delivery has been adopted in the parcel post between this country and many foreign countries and British colonies. Negotiations for the further extension of the system are proceeding.

Uniform rate of postage on parcels exchanged with the Colonies.

Correspondence has been carried on with the Post Offices of India, Canada, and the South African Colonies, with the view of obtaining their adhesion to a scheme already adopted by many other British Colonies for the introduction of a uniform scale of postage for parcels in place of the varying and often high rates now in force. The scale proposed, generally known as the "triple scale," is 1s., 2s., and 3s. per parcel not exceeding 3 lb., 7 lb., and 11 lb.

Up to the present time the Indian Post Office and those of the Colonies mentioned have not seen their way to adopt the proposals made to them. Negotiations, however, are still in progress, and it is hoped that some, if not all, of the Post Offices mentioned may shortly be induced to accept the scale.

Exports and imports.

According to the Board of Trade Returns, the value of the goods exported and imported by Parcel Post during the last three years has been as follows:—

		Twelve Months ended 31st March			Increase (+) or Decrease (–) in 1902–3, as compared with 1901–2.	Increase (+) or Decrease (–) in 1902–3, as compared with 1900–1.
		1901.	1902.	1903.		
		£	£	£	£	£
Exports	-	3,118,853	3,710,116	3,373,094	– 337,022	+ 254,741
Imports	-	1,183,006	1,211,275	1,342,786	+ 131,511	+ 159,780
Total	-	4,301,859	4,921,391	4,715,880	– 205,511	+ 414,521

The fall in the value of the exports last year is doubtless due to the termination of the war in South Africa.

Withdrawal of the Army Post Office from South Africa.

The Army Post Office has been completely withdrawn from South Africa; and all postal communication with the troops still on service there is carried on through the Colonial Post Offices under the ordinary regulations.

Statistics.

The usual statistics of the weight of the ordinary mails and of the number of parcels for and from places abroad are given in Appendix B., on pages 40–45.

MONEY ORDERS.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix K.,
pp. 76–85.

As will be seen from the following summary, there has been an increase in each branch of money order business, except Government orders, amounting altogether to 4·1 per cent. in number, and 7·7 per cent. in amount:—

	Number.				Amount.			
	1901-2.	1902-3.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).	Rate per Cent.	1901-2.	1902-3.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).	Rate per Cent.
<i>Inland.</i>								
Ordinary - - -	8,718,425	9,040,512	+ 322,087	+ 3·7	£ 26,319,611	£ 28,600,805	+ 2,281,194	+ 8·7
Telegraph - - -	411,952	462,885	+ 50,933	+ 12·4	1,240,619	1,459,496	+ 218,877	+ 17·6
Government - - -	2,761,956	2,648,464	- 113,492	- 4·1	9,099,890	8,860,295	- 239,595	- 2·6
Total nland - - -	11,892,333	12,151,861	+ 259,528	+ 2·2	36,660,120	38,920,596	+ 2,260,476	+ 6·2
<i>Foreign and Colonial.</i>								
Issued in the United Kingdom and paid abroad :								
Colonial - - -	142,114	161,421	+ 19,307	+ 13·6	456,901	559,941	+ 103,040	+ 22·6
Foreign - - -	472,312	525,319	+ 53,007	+ 11·2	1,175,142	1,329,582	+ 154,440	+ 13·1
Total outwards - - -	614,426	686,740	+ 72,314	11·8	1,632,043	1,889,523	+ 257,480	15·8
Issued abroad and payable in the United Kingdom :								
Colonial - - -	642,621	819,071	+ 176,450	+ 27·5	2,006,813	2,564,610	+ 557,797	+ 27·8
Foreign - - -	814,030	873,752	+ 59,722	+ 7·3	1,870,225	2,027,766	+ 157,541	+ 8·4
Total inwards - - -	1,456,651	1,692,823	+ 236,172	+ 16·2	3,877,038	4,592,376	+ 715,338	+ 18·5
Total foreign and colonial - - -	2,071,077	2,379,553	+ 308,486	+ 14·9	5,509,081	6,481,899	+ 972,818	+ 17·7
GRAND TOTAL - - -	13,963,410	14,531,424	+ 568,014	+ 4·1	42,169,201	45,402,495	+ 3,233,294	+ 7·7

Average
amount.

The average amount of the different kinds of order was as follows:—

—	Amount.	Increase on Previous Year.
Inland orders:—	£ s. d.	s. d.
Ordinary - - - -	8 3 3	2 11
Telegraph - - - -	3 3 0	2 10
Government - - - -	3 6 10	1 0
Foreign and colonial orders - -	2 14 5	1 3

Government
orders.

Government orders, which have largely increased during recent years, show for 1902-3 a decrease of 4·1 per cent. in number and 2·6 per cent. in amount, due to the War Office having issued fewer orders since the end of the war in South Africa. There has on the whole been an increase in the orders issued by other Government Departments.

The following figures show the number and amount of free money orders issued by the War Office during the past five years, not including the large number of ordinary orders taken out for army purposes:—

Year ended 31st March.	Number.	Amount.
		£
1899	622,144	2,315,134
1900	797,234	2,769,796
1901	1,363,053	4,897,446
1902	1,329,518	4,269,201
1903	1,149,963	3,666,588

Colonial
orders.

There was a large increase in the money order remittances to and from the colonies. The outward orders exceeded those of the previous year by 19,307 (13·6 per cent.) in number and 103,040*l.* (22·6 per cent.) in amount. In the inward orders there was an increase of 176,450 (27·5 per cent.) in number and 557,797 (27·8 per cent.) in amount. No fewer than 77,000 orders for over 300,000*l.* were received from the Transvaal, while the sum transmitted by money orders from the whole of South Africa was 485,000*l.* more than in the previous year. From the British American colonies there was an increase of 61,000*l.*, but there was a decrease of over 4,000*l.* in the orders from the West Indies.

Foreign
orders.

Money orders issued in this country for payment in foreign countries show an increase of 53,007 (11·2 per cent.) in number and 154,440*l.* (13·1 per cent.) in amount. In the opposite direction the increase was 59,722 (7·3 per cent.) in number and 157,541*l.* (8·4 per cent.) in amount.

The remittances from the United States of America amounted to nearly 1,300,000*l.* or 64 per cent. of the whole, an increase

of 104,500*l.* over last year. The Christmas mails alone brought from New York advices of about 125,000*l.*, two-thirds of which were paid to persons in Ireland.

There were transmitted by telegraph during the year to Foreign and from places abroad 14,511 orders, amounting to 78,351*l.* telegraph orders. The corresponding figures for 1901-2 were 11,678 orders for 65,733*l.*

The orders transmitted through England between countries "Through" which have no direct money order exchange numbered 93,095, orders. as compared with 68,436 in the previous year. The total amount so remitted was 367,188*l.*

Out of a total sum of 43,121,000*l.* paid on money orders in Payment to the United Kingdom, about one-seventh, viz. 6,427,000*l.* was bankers. paid at the Chief Money Order Office to London bankers.

The only additional exchanges of money orders established Extensions. during the year were to the Cayman Islands and to Uganda. The service with the Orange River Colony was made a direct exchange instead of being carried on through the Post Office of Cape Colony. For the benefit of the troops in China an exchange of money orders has been set up with the Indian base office of the China Field Force at Hong Kong.

The number of money order offices open in the United Money order Kingdom on the 31st March last was 14,121, or 376 more offices. than a year before.

POSTAL ORDERS.

The number of postal orders issued during the year was 93,268,000, representing 32,900,000*l.* The produce of the commission on these orders was 392,475*l.* The orders have increased 2·4 per cent. in number and decreased 0·2 per cent. in amount as compared with the previous year. See also Appendix L., p. 86.

The value of the stamps affixed to postal orders by the holders during the year was 179,008*l.*

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

During the year ended the 31st December 1902, the deposits and withdrawals were as follows:—

Statistics.
See also
Appendix J.,
pp. 68-75.
Deposits and
withdrawals.

Deposits.		Withdrawals.	
No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
15,250,316	£ 42,217,003	6,012,983	£ 41,395,800

the figures for the previous year being :—

Deposits.		Withdrawals.	
No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
15,018,645	£ 41,452,051	5,748,624	£ 39,890,043

Balance of deposits over withdrawals.

The balance of deposits over withdrawals thus amounted to 821,203*l.*, compared with a balance of 1,562,008*l.* in the previous year. The interest credited to depositors for 1902 amounted to 3,390,969*l.*, making, with the 821,203*l.* just mentioned, a total addition in the year of 4,212,172*l.* to the amount standing to the credit of depositors, which on the 31st December 1902 had reached 144,605,088*l.* The corresponding addition in 1901 was 4,843,271*l.*

Further statistics of deposits and withdrawals are as follows :—

—	Deposits.		Withdrawals.	
	Average No. per Day.	Average Amount per Day.	Average No. per Day.	Average Amount per Day.
1901	49,080	£ 135,464	18,786	£ 130,359
1902	50,001	138,416	19,714	135,723

There were 109,187 deposits on the 29th December, and the deposits on the 31st December, though fewer in number, amounted to 339,522*l.* On the 1st August there were 43,892 withdrawals, and on the 7th August the amount withdrawn was 245,533*l.* These were the highest figures for the year.

Withdrawals by telegraph.

The withdrawals by telegraph on the day of application numbered 220,032. Under the system by which application for the money is made by telegraph, and the warrant is sent by return of post, the withdrawals numbered 14,351. In the previous year the numbers were 192,308 and 13,108 respectively.

Accounts opened and closed.

The total number of accounts opened was 1,386,962, and of accounts closed 1,041,476. The net increase during the year was thus 345,486. The yearly increase in the total number of accounts has been remarkably regular during the last 10 years, not having fallen below 340,000, or, except twice, risen above 400,000.

The total number of accounts remaining open on the 31st December 1902, their distribution, the average amount of each, and the proportion of depositors to population, were as follows :—

	Number of Depositors.	Total Amount to Credit of Depositors.	Average Amount to Credit of each Depositor.	Proportion of Depositors to Population.
		£	£ s. d.	
England and Wales -	8,303,586	129,900,928	15 12 11	1 in 4
Scotland - - -	405,673	5,662,188	13 19 2	1 in 11
Ireland - - -	423,902	9,041,973	21 6 7	1 in 10
Totals - - -	9,133,161	144,605,088	15 16 8	1 in 5

The proportion of depositors to population has changed during the year in Ireland only, where it has risen from 1 in 11 to 1 in 10. Average size of accounts.

The average amount to the credit of each depositor has declined every year since 1899, when it reached its highest point, 16*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.* The fall in 1900 was 2*s.* 2*d.*; in 1901, 1*s.* 9*d.*; and in 1902, 2*s.* 10*d.* It is no doubt due in a large measure to the investments made by depositors in Government stock and to the fact that friendly societies and others, who a few years ago let their money accumulate in the bank, can find more profitable investments for it.

The number of friendly societies which opened accounts during 1902 was 307 as against 378 in 1901. Accounts of societies. Accounts to the number of 1,848 were opened for charitable, provident and trade societies, and to the number of 283 for penny banks. The corresponding figures for 1901 were 1,891 and 277.

The amount transferred from Trustee Savings Banks (including one which was closed at Alfreton) to the Post Office Savings Bank was 43,175*l.*, while sums amounting to 33,642*l.* were transferred from the Post Office Savings Bank to Trustee Banks. Transfers.

An arrangement was also made whereby servants of the Crown and members of their families returning home from Gibraltar can have their accounts in the local savings bank transferred to the Post Office Savings Bank here. A similar arrangement is contemplated for the benefit of soldier depositors returning to this country from India.

The investments in Government stock by savings bank depositors fell off, while the sales largely increased, as will be seen from the following table:— Government stock.

Year.	Investments.		Sales.		Average Price of Consols.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
		£		£	
1898	20,162	1,183,029	12,567	714,285	111
1899	26,531	1,670,354	11,789	686,135	107½
1900	41,030	2,880,918	12,028	678,374	99½
1901	46,550	3,192,154	13,574	761,629	94½
1902	40,893	2,694,447	17,221	1,054,193	94½

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Fifty-three stock certificates to the amount of 9,300*l.* were obtained for depositors, and stock to the amount of 133,133*l.* was transferred to accounts opened for depositors at the Bank of England.

At the close of the year there were 118,696 stockholders with 14,285,617*l.* stock to their credit, an increase of 9,187 stockholders and 1,499,427*l.* stock.

Annuities and life insurance.

Immediate annuities to the number of 1,679, and amounting to 42,791*l.*, were granted last year, as compared with 1,764, amounting to 42,268*l.* in 1901. The deferred annuities granted numbered 139, and amounted to 2,973*l.*

Only 722 life insurances were taken out in 1902, the sum insured being 34,646*l.* The corresponding figures for 1901 were 920 and 44,296*l.*

Expenditure.

The net expenditure of the bank for the year was 526,007*l.*, representing an average cost per transaction of 5·93*d.* as against 5·84*d.* in 1901.

Profit.

After providing for the interest to depositors and the cost of administration, there remained a balance of income over expenditure amounting to 29,809*l.*

Removal of the Savings Bank to West Kensington.

The removal of the Post Office Savings Bank from Queen Victoria Street to a new building constructed for it at West Kensington may be recorded here, although it was not completed in the year under review. The transfer of books and documents commenced on the 1st January 1903, the first portion of the staff was transferred on the 23rd March, and the whole removal was completed on Easter Monday, the 14th April. During all this time the ordinary work of the Department was carried on without interruption or disturbance—a result which reflects great credit on all who were responsible for making and carrying out the arrangements.

New headquarters of the Bank.

The new Savings Bank building occupies a site of about five acres lying between Brook Green and Addison Road Station. The building already erected covers some two acres, consists of six floors, and will accommodate 4,000 people. It is capable of considerable extension. In constructing and fitting up the building every effort has been made to secure the maximum of efficiency, convenience, and comfort for the staff.

TELEGRAPHS.

Statistics.

See also Appendix H., pp. 65–7.

The number of telegrams sent over the Post Office wires during the year was 92,471,000, showing an increase of 2·3 per cent. over the number sent in 1901–2.

The following table gives the number and value of each kind of telegram as compared with the previous year:—

Class of Telegram.	Number.			Receipts.		
	1901-2.	1902-3.	Increase.	1901-2.	1902-3.	(+) Increase or (-) Decrease.
Ordinary (inland)	74,721,000	75,883,000	1,161,000	£ 2,321,277	£ 2,317,834	— £ 3,443
Press (inland)	6,216,000	6,453,000	237,000	136,780	143,740	+ 6,960
Foreign	7,627,000	7,901,000	275,000	363,253	376,296	+ 13,046
Railway, free	1,356,000	1,411,000	55,000	—	—	—
„ reduced rate	30,000	30,000	—	556	556	—
Government, free	462,000	793,000	331,000	—	—	—
Totals	90,432,000	92,471,000	2,039,000	£ 2,821,866	£ 2,838,429	+ 16,563

The estimated value of the railway free telegrams is 57,616*l.* and of Government free telegrams 46,622*l.*, making a total of 104,238*l.* The average value of an inland telegram was 7·41*d.*, as against 7·45*d.* in the previous year.

Every class of telegram shows an increase over the preceding year, and the numbers both of ordinary inland telegrams, and of foreign telegrams are the highest ever recorded. The number of ordinary inland telegrams in the month of June exceeded those sent in June 1901 by more than half a million, this increase being due, no doubt, to the illness of the King and the postponement of the Coronation. On the 23rd June no fewer than 201,559 telegrams passed through the Central Telegraph Office, on the 24th June 311,039, and on the 25th June, 314,126 telegrams. The largest number previously recorded was 199,155 on the day before the funeral of Queen Victoria. The pressure of work both in London and in many of the provincial offices was very severe and taxed to the utmost the energies of the staff. The very large increase in Government telegrams is chiefly due to those sent in connexion with the King's illness. Exceptional increase.

The average weekly number of words in press telegrams during the year has been 14,890,712 as against 14,344,883 in 1901-2 and 16,065,602 in the previous year. Press telegrams.

The number of new telegraph offices opened at post offices during the year was 347, as against 259 in 1901-2. Of the 347 offices, 256 are guaranteed—138 by local authorities and 118 by private persons. The total number of telegraph offices in the United Kingdom is 9,777 at post offices and 2,352 at railway stations and other “agency” offices. Telegraph offices.

Temporary telegraph offices were established at the military camps for the convenience of the Colonial and Indian troops assembled for the Coronation, and in order to facilitate the arrangements of the military authorities. Arrangements were Special arrangements.

also made at Westminster Abbey for the acceptance and forwarding of the Press reports of the Coronation ceremony. The telegrams were lowered from the North Triforium to the ground by a specially devised method, and were then taken to the House of Commons Telegraph Office to be forwarded by pneumatic tube to the Central Telegraph Office.

Storm
damage and
underground
lines.

The telegraph lines suffered to some extent from storms during the year, notably in last February, but grave as was the inconvenience caused by the interruption of the service, it has been a source of satisfaction to find how great an advantage is gained on such emergencies from the underground cable already laid northwards from London. My predecessor noted in his report of last year that the London and Birmingham underground line had been carried to Stafford, and that he hoped during 1902-3 to carry it to Warrington, nearly 54 miles, where it would join existing underground lines between Manchester, Liverpool, and Chester. This hope was fulfilled, and in addition pipes for underground cables have been laid between Preston and Preston Richard, 37½ miles, and from Kendal to Shap, about 16 miles.

During the present financial year I hope to complete the line of pipes to Carlisle (67 miles of new pipes) to lay a line from Manchester to Leeds (45 miles) and a line (20 miles) across the Beattock incline, which is much exposed. Wires, permanent or temporary, will be placed in the pipes as far north as Kendal and between Manchester and Leeds.

Additional
lines.

A new cable to Ireland has been laid between Treacastell and Howth, making provision for various additional circuits between London, Edinburgh, and Birmingham on one side of the Channel, and Belfast and Cork on the other. Many new overhead circuits have been provided for improving communication, notably between London and Margate, London and Lynn, Birmingham and Bristol, Bournemouth and Bristol, Birmingham and Grimsby, and with Aberystwyth.

Reserve wires for use in emergencies, carried as far as possible by alternative routes, have been provided during the year in many parts of the kingdom.

Difficulties
in construct-
ing telegraph
lines.

The construction of telegraphs both underground and overhead is becoming far more difficult than in former years. Not only by the growth of telegraph and telephone systems is the space available for overhead wires along the roads and streets getting filled up, but a new class of difficulties has arisen from the extension of electric light and power services. These services are operated by powerful electric currents, which would be a grave source of danger, alike to post offices and to the lives of my staff, if contact were made with telegraph wires through breakage or otherwise; and it is well that the statutory powers of the Postmaster General enable me to insist on the

provision of various safeguards wherever light or power installations are established near the telegraphs.

The Post Office telegraph factories have gradually attained to a position of much importance; and during the present year they have been disconnected from the telegraph stores, and constituted a separate department of the Post Office. At the same time the Telegraph Stores Department has been amalgamated with the Postal Stores Department.

Reorganization of factories and stores.

A great improvement in the metropolitan telegraph service will, I hope, be brought about by an intercommunication switch which has been specially designed and has recently been installed in the Central telegraph office. By its means the various London telegraph offices are enabled to communicate with each other direct, the telegrams no longer having to be retransmitted at the Central Telegraph Office. The number of offices already connected with the switch is 139.

Intercommunication between metropolitan offices.

Direct communication was opened between Liverpool and Bremen on the 1st January, and between London and Milan on the 1st March.

Improved telegraphic communication with the continent.

The British Pacific Cable was completed during the year and was opened for traffic on the 8th of December. The cable starts from Vancouver and is laid *via* Fanning and Fiji Islands to Norfolk Island with branches from the latter island to Queensland and to New Zealand. The rate for telegrams is 2s. 6d. per word to Fanning Island and 3s. per word to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Norfolk Island.

Pacific cables.

The first section of the American Pacific Cable, which has been laid from San Francisco *via* the Sandwich Islands, Midway and Guam Islands to the Philippines, was completed as far as Honolulu in January last. The rate for telegrams from this country to Honolulu is 3s. 7d. per word.

The censorship which was imposed on telegrams to South and East Africa at the commencement of the war was withdrawn in July.

Censorship on telegrams to South and East Africa.

The special facilities afforded by the Eastern Telegraph Company, under which soldiers' and sailors' telegrams to South Africa and China were forwarded at half rates during the war, were withdrawn on the 1st of October.

Reduced rates for soldiers' and sailors' telegrams.

It was with much regret that it was found necessary again to postpone the assembling of the International Telegraph Conference. I may, however, here mention that it commenced its sittings in London on the 26th May of the present year.

International Telegraph Conference.

Numerous reductions were made during the year in the telegraph rates to various parts of the world. The most important were :—

Reductions in telegraph rates.

Rate per Word to—	Reduced	
	From	To
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Aden - - - - -	3 0	2 6
Ascension - - - - -	3 0	2 6
Australia, Queensland - - - - -	5 1	3 0
" Victoria - - - - -	4 10	3 0
British Central Africa (Nyassaland) - - - - -	3 5	2 11
Cape Colony - - - - -	3 0	2 6
Dutch East Indies, Java - - - - -	5 0	4 0
" Other Islands - - - - -	5 5	4 5
Madagascar - - - - -	3 8	3 2
Malay Peninsula - - - - -	4 6	3 6
Mauritius - - - - -	3 0	2 6
Mombasa - - - - -	3 0	2 6
Natal - - - - -	3 0	2 6
New Caledonia - - - - -	5 9	3 8
New Zealand - - - - -	5 2	3 0
Orange River Colony - - - - -	3 0	2 6
Persian Gulf and Muscat - - - - -	3 7	2 3
Portuguese East Africa (Delagoa Bay and Mozambique) - - - - -	3 1	2 7
Rhodesia, Northern - - - - -	3 5	2 11
Rhodesia, Southern - - - - -	3 2	2 8
St. Helena - - - - -	3 0	2 6
Seychelles - - - - -	3 0	2 6
Transvaal - - - - -	3 0	2 6
Zanzibar - - - - -	3 0	2 6
Zululand - - - - -	3 0	2 6

Wireless
telegraphy.

On the subject of wireless telegraphy, I have had much communication during the past year with the other Government Departments concerned in the matter (the War Office, the Admiralty, and the Board of Trade), with Mr. Marconi, and with the two companies which possess his rights. It is now nearly eight years since Mr. Marconi first came to England and received at the hands of the officers of the Post Office all the assistance which they could give him; and the subject of wireless telegraphy has been watched ever since by them with the keenest interest.

I have provided for the Marconi Company a private wire from Poldhu to Falmouth on the usual rental terms, and I have explained to the company the conditions upon which the Post Office can become its agent for the collection of messages to be transmitted across the Atlantic by the wireless system. I have found it necessary to impose certain conditions intended to safeguard other national interests, and I have also pointed out that, before the Post Office can act as agent for the company, the company must satisfy me that it is in a position to carry on its business and transmit messages from one side of the Atlantic to the other. It is obvious that, until I am satisfied upon these points, I should not be justified in accepting messages and collecting charges from the public for a service which

the company might possibly not be in a position to perform efficiently.

I have also devoted much attention to the question of the establishment of ship signalling stations on the coasts of the United Kingdom for wireless telegraphy. This question involves the relations between the Admiralty, Lloyd's, and the Marconi Companies, and it has not been possible at present to arrive at a definite decision.

TELEPHONES.

On the 31st March last the number of Post Office trunk wire centres was 355, an increase of 27 in the year. The total number of trunk lines in use was 1,309, as compared with 1,165 in the previous year, and the number of new lines added during the year was therefore 144. The total length of the trunk lines in use was about 46,740 miles, containing about 93,000 miles of wire. The capital expenditure on the purchase and development of the trunk line system up to the 31st March last was 2,091,417*l.*, including an expenditure during the year of 224,986*l.*

Trunk lines.
Appendix N.,
p. 88.

The total number of trunk line conversations during the year was 11,574,229. The corresponding number for the previous year was 10,080,716, and the increase in the year was therefore 1,493,513, which is at the rate of 14·8 per cent. The gross revenue from the trunk line service, including payments under guarantees, was 274,835*l.*, as compared with 240,656*l.*, and the average payment for each conversation was 5·7*d.*, which is almost the same as the average value for the last four years.

Trunk line
conversations.

In the last month of the financial year the charge for a trunk call of six minutes' duration between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. was made the same as that for a call of three minutes' duration during the day. The time during which the change has been in operation is, however, too short for it to have had any material effect on the traffic.

Charge for
conversations
at night
reduced.

Post Office exchanges in connection with the trunk line system were opened during the year at the following places:—

New Post
Office ex-
changes.

Aberaman.	Cuckfield.	Llanhilleth.
Aberbeeg.	Cwmaman.	Maesycwimmer.
Abercarn.	Earls Colne.	Malton.
Amersham.	East Grinstead.	Melton Mowbray.
Banbridge.	Fraserburgh.	Mevagissey.
Benwell.	Gaddesby.	Milnathort.
Billesdon.	Gainford.	Monmouth.
Birtley.	Gilfach Coch.	Mountain Ash.
Blackwood, Mon.	Great Missenden.	Nelson, Glam.
Brecon.	Haswell.	Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.
Builth Wells.	Haywards Heath.	New Tredegar.
Coxhoe.	Leslie.	Pencoed.
Crawley.	Llandrindod Wells.	

Penrhiceiber.
Piercebridge.
Pontlottyn.
Porthcawl.
Port Talbot.

Risca.
Sedgefield
Shildon.
Sleaford.

Talybont-on-Usk
Uxbridge.
West Cornforth.
Winchcombe.

At nearly all of these places there was previously no telephone service. Other exchanges are in course of construction.

Other extensions of trunk service.

The telephone trunk system was also extended, under guarantees given by the National Telephone Company, to Barnstaple, Bridport, Hitchin, Ilfracombe, Saffron Walden, and Weymouth.

Revenue.
Appendix N.,
p. 89.

The sum received as rentals of private wires and Post Office Provincial Telephone Exchange circuits was 194,429*l.*, as compared with 182,143*l.* for the previous year. A further sum of 1,487*l.* was received from message fees.

Development of provincial exchanges.

The total number of subscribers to the Post Office Telephone Exchanges in the provinces has increased to 4,433, as compared with about 3,700 on the 31st March 1902. At the end of 1899, when a more active policy was initiated in this branch of business, the number of subscribers to provincial exchanges was about 1,250. The increase in the interval is due not only to the establishment of exchanges in places which are not served by the National Telephone Company, but also to the growth of the business in those areas in which the Company and the Post Office have been in active competition. In the South Wales district for instance, where the number of Post Office subscribers was only about 370 at the end of 1899, the number has now increased to 2,255. Further particulars of the provincial exchanges which have been affected by the more recent developments are given in Appendix N., on page 90.

Lines to give direct access to the Trunk Wire system have also been provided by the Post Office at a number of other places, and about 700 circuits of this kind are now in use. This means of easy communication with distant parts of the United Kingdom is of great advantage to large users of the Trunk Wire system.

London telephone service.

Great progress has been made during the year with the development of the Post Office telephone system in London. In addition to the Central Exchange, which was opened on the 1st March 1902, six other exchanges have been opened during the year 1902-3, and four others are in an advanced state of construction. The total number of subscribers' telephones working in connection with these exchanges on the 31st March last was 9,122. The number added during the year was 8,628, and it is believed that this number has not been exceeded during the first year of working of any other local telephone system.

Exchanges.

The particulars of the business, on the 31st March, of the exchanges now working are shown in the following table:—

Name of Exchange.	Date of Opening.	Subscribers' Telephones Working.
Central	1st March 1902	7,054
Kingston	20th May 1902	233
Putney	20th May 1902	240
Western	5th August 1902	651
Wimbledon	6th August 1902	163
Victoria	12th August 1902	618
Richmond	7th November 1902	163
Total		9,122

The Central Exchange is now the largest in the London area, and its growth seems likely to continue unchecked until the limit of over 14,000 lines is reached. The work of extending the switch-board to its full capacity is being rapidly carried on, and plans are in preparation for the construction of another exchange of the same size for the service of the same district.

In the construction of all the exchanges on the Post Office system, the necessity for providing for a rapid and continued growth of business has been kept in view; and the works already carried out have provided not only for the service of the existing subscribers, but also to a considerable extent for an increase of the number to 30,000 in the near future, and to a smaller extent for a still further increase.

The length of the underground pipes which had been laid on the 31st March last was about 971 miles, and cables containing more than 102,000 miles of wire have been provided.

Extent and
cost of under-
ground
system.

About 16,700 miles of wire have been used to replace existing telegraph lines in pipes used for telephone purposes. The lines of the present subscribers and the junction lines between exchanges have absorbed about 21,800 miles, and about 63,500 miles of wire remain available for the further development of the London service. On an average, each line directly connected with an exchange has involved the provision of 1.35 miles of double wire, if allowance be made for the junction lines between exchanges. The average expense of construction has been 9*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* per mile of single wire. Thus, including the cost of exchange apparatus, each exchange line has cost on an average 38*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* If allowance be made for a balance of spare wires, amounting to 25 per cent. of the wires in use, such as is necessary for the efficient working of an exchange system, the average cost will be increased to 44*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.*

An account of the receipts and expenditure relating to the London service for the period from the 1st March 1902 till the 31st March last is printed in Appendix O. on p. 91. It shows a balance of 6,165*l.* available for meeting the charge for interest on capital and making provision for depreciation of plant. The capital expenditure to the 31st March last was 1,112,500*l.*

Revenue and
expenditure.

**Municipal
telephones.**

During the year licenses for Telephone Exchange business were granted to the corporations of Hull, Oldham, Swansea, Scarborough, and West Hartlepool. The exchange system of the corporation of Portsmouth, which was licensed last year, has been opened for the use of subscribers, and it is understood that considerable progress has been made with the work in connection with the exchange systems of the corporations of Brighton and Swansea.

The exchange system established by the corporation of Glasgow in 1901 has been considerably extended during the past year, but the system of the corporation of Tunbridge Wells has been transferred to the National Telephone Company. In giving my consent to this arrangement I made such conditions as will secure to subscribers in the Tunbridge Wells area the advantages arising under the Telegraph Act of 1899 from municipal competition, and I also secured the right to terminate in 1911 the National Telephone Company's license for the local area, should their general powers not be prolonged after that date.

**Telephone
royalty.**

The amount of royalty received during the year from the National Telephone Company was 163,075*l.*, and the amount from other licensees was 4,050*l.*

POST OFFICE BUILDINGS.**New and
enlarged
offices.**

During the year 132 Post Office buildings belonging to the Crown have been opened, of which 51 are new offices specially erected for the purposes of the Department. Thirty Crown Post Offices have been enlarged or improved, and 85 are in course of erection and enlargement.

Expenditure.

The expenditure out of the Post Office votes for the acquisition of sites and buildings during the year amounted to 152,816*l.*, as against 146,157*l.* in 1901-2. The expenditure in London was 68,434*l.*

The expenditure of the Commissioners of Works and Buildings on buildings for the Post Office amounted to 271,606*l.* in Great Britain and 25,027*l.* in Ireland. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 203,464*l.* and 18,880*l.*

During the last two or three years the necessary requirements of the department in the matter of buildings have not been fully met; in many cases sites purchased some time before have not been utilised. It is therefore a great satisfaction to me that your Lordships have been pleased to make considerably larger appropriations for this purpose in the Estimates for 1903-4.

POST OFFICES AND LETTER BOXES.

The total number of Post Offices open on the 31st March last was made up as follows:—

—	London.	England and Wales, excluding London.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Total.
Head Offices -	11	617	142	120	890
Branch Offices -	110	113	30	11	264
Town Sub-Offices -	894	3,972	338	205	5,409
Country Sub-Offices	—	11,572	1,824	2,678	16,074
Totals -	1,015	16,274	2,334	3,014	22,637

The total includes 242 additional offices opened during the year. Of the 22,637 offices, 14,121 are open for Money Order and Savings Bank business, and 9,777 for Telegraph business, which is also transacted at 2,352 railway stations.

The number of letter boxes was increased during the year from 34,592 to 36,141.

STAFF.

The number of persons on the establishment of the Post Office is 79,552, of whom 10,702 are women. The number added during the year was 2,675. Appendix F.,
pp. 57-8.
Numbers.

In addition, there are 104,043 persons filling unestablished situations (some of them employed only for a portion of the day), of whom 27,401 are women. The number added during the year to the unestablished force was 1,718.

The total number of persons employed wholly or in part in the Post Office is thus 183,595.

The number of persons dismissed during the year was 962, while 253 men were deprived of good conduct stripes. The corresponding figures for 1901-2 were 991 and 261. Dishonesty accounts for 28 per cent. of the whole number of dismissals. Intemperance is responsible for 21 per cent. of the dismissals, and 74 per cent. of the losses of good conduct stripes. Dismissals.

During the past year the great majority of the Post Office employees—upwards of 4,000 in number—who had been serving in the army in South Africa, returned to their civil avocations. Some had returned during the previous year; a few had succumbed to disease or wounds; a considerable number joined the postal and telegraph services in the Colonies—particularly the Transvaal; while others went to swell the ranks of the South African constabulary or took up employment on the Government railways. One postman took over a farm, another a hotel, and a third a store, which he said brought in 100*l.* a week. A few of the 2,000 army reservists recalled from their Post Office duties for service with the colours decided, on the conclusion of the war, to remain in the army, with a view to qualifying for a military pension. Return of
men from
the war.

In addition to the Post Office employees serving in the army who joined the colonial post office services while in South Transfers to
colonial
services.

Africa, a considerable number of men (chiefly telegraphists) were transferred to the South African services direct from home, the Cape and Transvaal administrations absorbing the greater number.

HEALTH OF THE STAFF.

I am glad to say that the average rate of sick absence at offices where the Department has its own medical officers was considerably reduced in 1902, as the following figures show :—

Average Number of Days Absent.

	Established Staff.		Unestablished Staff.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
1901 - - -	7·6	12·1	5·2	8·4
1902 - - -	6·0	11·7	5·1	6·6

Sick absence. The figures in the following table and in the second and third tables of Appendix F. (pages 59–62) relate only to the staff under the care of the 637 departmental medical officers, namely, 85,502 men (57,133 established and 28,369 unestablished) and 11,360 women (9,775 established and 1,585 unestablished):—

	Established Staff.					
	Percentage of Sick Absentees.		Average Amount of Sick Absence per Sick Officer (in days).		Average Absence per Officer employed (in days).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
England—						
Chief Office - -	61	80	11·2	14·5	6·8	11·6
Metropolitan Districts	61	81	14·6	15·8	9·0	12·9
Country - -	46	60	17·0	19·5	7·8	12·1
Scotland - -	40	57	15·3	14·6	6·1	8·4
Ireland - -	56	73	15·8	18·7	9·0	13·8
	Unestablished Staff.					
	Percentage of Sick Absentees.		Average Amount of Sick Absence per Sick Officer (in days).		Average Absence per Officer employed (in days).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
England—						
Chief Office - -	64	70	9·2	13·6	5·9	9·5
Metropolitan Districts	53	44	10·3	14·8	5·2	6·6
Country - -	39	40	12·1	13·9	4·8	5·5
Scotland - -	51	42	9·4	11·6	4·8	4·9
Ireland - -	47	38	11·0	15·7	5·2	6·0

Statements as to the diseases which led to death and retirement during 1902 at places where there are departmental medical officers are given in Appendix F. There were 3 deaths from small-pox and 16 from influenza, both of which diseases were very prevalent in the United Kingdom during the year. Deaths and retirements. See also Appendix F., pp. 59-62.

The following tables relate to the established staff throughout the United Kingdom, that is, to the men and women who give their whole time to the Post Office service:—

Deaths.

Number of Deaths.		Death Rate per 1,000.		Average Age at Death (in years).		Average Length of Service (in years).	
Men.*	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
227	12	3·3	1·1	37	31	15	9·8

Retirements.

	Number of Persons.		Average Age on Retirement (in years).		Average Length of Service (in years).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Invalided	492	119	41	35	20	16
Superannuated at age of 60 or upwards.	212	3	61	62	33	32

The number of women who retired on marriage in 1902 was 190, with an average age of 23, and an average service of nine years. Retirement on marriage.

The number of candidates for Post Office employment medically examined by the Department's medical officers was 6,534 men and 1,914 women, of whom 555 men (8·5 per cent.) and 187 women (9·7 per cent.) were rejected. Medical examination of candidates.

FINANCE.

The postal revenue of the year, including the value of services rendered to other Departments, was 15,004,938*l.*, an increase of 539,068*l.* on that of the previous year. The postal expenditure was 10,818,066*l.*, an increase of 352,965*l.* on that of the previous year. The net profit was thus 4,186,872*l.*, or 186,103*l.* more than last year. See also Appendices Q., R., S., and T., pp. 94-8.

* Excluding 23 deaths among officers serving in South Africa.

The telegraph revenue of the year, 3,723,866*l.*, shows an increase of 153,820*l.*, and the telegraph expenditure, 4,317,371*l.*, an increase of 95,444*l.* upon the previous year. The net deficit on telegraphs was thus 593,505*l.*, or 58,376*l.* less than last year. If allowance be made for interest on the capital—10,867,644*l.*—created for the purchase of the telegraphs, the telegraph deficit on the year is raised to 892,365*l.*

These figures are, necessarily, partly estimated.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient Servant,

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

27 July 1903.

A P P E N D I C E S.

APPENDIX A.

STATEMENT showing the ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LETTERS, POST CARDS, BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS, NEWSPAPERS, PARCELS, and TELEGRAMS dealt with, and the Average Number per Head of the Population for the year ended the 31st March 1903.

	Population.	Letters.		Post Cards.		Book Packets and Circulars.		Newspapers.		Parcels.		Telegrams.	
		No.	No. per Head of Population.	No.	No. per Head of Population.	No.	No. per Head of Population.	No.	No. per Head of Population.	No.	No. per Head of Population.	No.	No. per Head of Population.
England and Wales	33,092,405	2,207,800,000	66·7	415,900,000	12·6	684,800,000	20·7	135,000,000	4·1	74,906,000	2·3	77,777,000	2·4
Scotland	4,631,289	221,900,000	48·0	53,500,000	11·8	86,900,000	19·2	20,900,000	4·6	9,634,000	2·1	9,666,000	2·1
Ireland	4,429,321	146,800,000	33·8	19,500,000	4·4	38,100,000	8·6	19,500,000	4·4	5,771,000	·3	5,128,000	1·2
Totals	42,053,325	2,576,500,000	61·3	468,900,000	11·6	809,800,000	19·3	175,400,000	4·3	90,310,000	2·1	92,471,000	2·2

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

Letters	· 60·9	Parcels	· 3·1
Post Cards	· 11·6	Telegrams	· 2·2
Newspapers	· 4·1		

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

Letters Delivered.

STATEMENT showing the ESTIMATED NUMBER of Letters delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years.

Year.	England and Wales.					Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.						
	Country Offices.	In-crease per cent.	London District.	In-crease per cent.	Total.	In-crease per cent.	Average number to each person.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each person.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each person.					
1883-84	973,800,000	·8	575,600,000	1·6 dec.	1,549,400,000	1·1 dec.	52	153,800,000	1·1	38	108,500,000	2·5	23	1,811,800,000	1·2 dec.	47
1884-85	993,800,000	2·0	508,800,000	11·6 inc.	1,502,100,000	3·1 inc.	50	156,000,000	1·4	38	112,800,000	4·0 dec.	24	1,770,800,000	2·3 inc.	46
1885-86	1,021,300,000	2·8	537,600,000	5·6	1,558,800,000	3·8	51	162,900,000	4·4	39	112,500,000	·3	25	1,834,200,000	3·6	47
1886-87	1,049,300,000	2·7	557,200,000	3·7	1,606,500,000	3·1	52	168,500,000	3·4	46	113,000,000	4·9	26	1,883,000,000	3·2	48
1887-88	1,130,300,000	6·8	590,900,000	6·0	1,711,200,000	6·5	55	177,400,000	5·3	42	123,700,000	4·8	27	2,012,300,000	6·3	50
1888-89	1,242,000,000	10·8	617,700,000	4·5	1,859,700,000	8·7	59	190,800,000	7·4	45	136,500,000	10·3	30	2,186,800,000	8·6	54
1889-1890	1,276,300,000	2·7	632,600,000	2·4	1,908,900,000	2·6	60	198,800,000	3·3	46	141,100,000	3·4	31	2,243,800,000	2·7	55
1900-01	1,312,700,000	2·9	664,300,000	5·0	1,977,000,000	3·6	61	202,400,000	2·8	47	144,300,000	2·2	32	2,323,600,000	3·4	57
1901-02	1,392,700,000	6·1	692,100,000	4·3	2,084,800,000	5·5	64	218,100,000	7·8	49	145,600,000	3·1	33	2,451,500,000	5·5	59
1902-03	1,465,800,000	5·2	742,000,000	7·2	2,207,800,000	5·9	67	221,300,000	1·7	49	149,800,000	·8	34	2,579,500,000	5·2	61

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

Post Cards Delivered.

STATEMENT showing the ESTIMATED NUMBER of POST CARDS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years.

Year.	England and Wales.				Scotland.		Ireland.		United Kingdom.	
	Country Offices.	Increase per cent.	London District.	Increase per cent.	Total.	Increase per cent.	Average Number to each Person.	Increase per cent.	Average Number to each Person.	Increase per cent.
1888-89	149,300,000	3	59,800,000	4.0	209,100,000	1.4	7.0	27,400,000	2.2	6.7
1889-90	137,800,000	5.7	113,800,000	90.3	251,600,000	29.9	9.0	28,700,000	4.7	7.0
1890-91	181,300,000	14.9	87,000,000	23.6	268,300,000	1.3	8.8	32,200,000	12.2	7.7
1891-92	192,600,000	6.2	94,300,000	inc.	286,900,000	inc.	9.3	34,400,000	6.8	8.2
1892-93	206,600,000	7.3	102,300,000	8.5	308,900,000	7.7	9.9	36,400,000	5.8	8.6
1893-94	233,100,000	8.0	104,100,000	1.8	337,200,000	5.9	10.4	38,900,000	6.6	2.1
1894-95	233,700,000	4.8	108,300,000	4.6	342,000,000	4.7	10.8	40,800,000	5.2	9.5
1895-96	244,600,000	4.7	114,800,000	5.4	359,400,000	4.9	11.2	41,800,000	2.0	9.6
1896-97	280,900,000	6.7	119,400,000	4.0	390,300,000	5.8	11.6	45,700,000	9.9	10.2
1897-98	286,200,000	9.7	122,700,000	8.6	415,900,000	9.4	12.6	53,600,000	17.1	11.8
1898-99										
1899-1900										
1900-01										
1901-02										
1902-03										

APPENDIX A.—*continued.***Book Packets and Circulars Delivered.**

STATEMENT showing the ESTIMATED NUMBER of BOOK PACKETS and CIRCULARS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last TEN YEARS. (The totals for the first four years include also Inland Samples.)

Year.	England and Wales.					Scotland.	Ireland.	In-crease per cent.	Average Number to each Person.	United Kingdom.	In-crease per cent.	Average Number to each Person.
	Country Offices.	In-crease per cent.	London District.	In-crease per cent.	Total.							
1889-94	359,400,000	7·4	130,300,000	7·3	489,700,000	56,200,000	28,400,000	1·9	6·2	574,300,000	7·3	14·9
1894-95	378,400,000	5·3	144,100,000	10·6	522,500,000	60,900,000	31,300,000	10·2	6·8	614,600,000	7·0	15·1
1895-96	418,400,000	10·6	148,200,000	2·8	566,600,000	70,700,000	35,000,000	16·3	7·7	672,300,000	9·4	17·1
1896-97	439,700,000	5·1	145,600,000	3·1	585,300,000	75,400,000	39,200,000	6·6	8·6	687,900,000	3·8	17·6
1897-98	463,700,000	5·5	149,200,000	3·9	612,900,000	76,900,000	40,200,000	2·0	8·2	727,300,000	4·2	18·2
1898-99	449,600,000	3·0	141,300,000	5·3	590,900,000	75,100,000	37,500,000	2·3	7·8	701,500,000	3·5	17·4
1899-1900	451,000,000	4	143,700,000	1·7	596,300,000	75,000,000	38,500,000	1	7·2	702,800,000	inc.	17·3
1900-01	463,800,000	3·3	152,700,000	6·3	619,300,000	77,800,000	39,500,000	inc.	7·8	732,400,000	4·2	17·9
1901-02	492,900,000	7·1	153,300,000	4	653,100,000	76,000,000	37,100,000	dec.	8·4	768,900,000	4·6	18·4
1902-03	526,900,000	5·4	157,900,000	3·0	684,300,000	86,900,000	38,100,000	inc.	8·6	809,800,000	5·7	19·3

APPENDIX A.—*continued.***Newspapers Delivered.**

STATEMENT showing the ESTIMATED NUMBER of NEWSPAPERS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	England and Wales.					Scotland.	Ireland.	In-crease per cent.	Average Number to each Person.	In-crease per cent.	Average Number to each Person.	United Kingdom.	In-crease per cent.	Average Number to each Person.
	Country Offices.	In-crease per cent.	London District.	In-crease per cent.	Total.	In-crease per cent.								
1888-89	81,900,000	—	47,900,000	4·3 dec.	129,800,000	1·6 dec.	17,700,000	·6 dec.	4·3	—	3·8	164,900,000	1·3 dec.	4·3
1894-95	82,200,000	·4	53,300,000	26·3	117,500,000	9·5	17,200,000	2·3	4·2	2·3	3·7	151,800,000	7·9	3·9
1895-96	83,400,000	1·5 dec.	52,100,000	9·1 inc.	115,500,000	1·7 inc.	17,800,000	—	4·2	4·7 inc.	3·5	149,000,000	1·8 inc.	3·8
1896-97	83,300,000	·1 inc.	52,200,000	3·4 dec.	116,500,000	·9	17,200,000	—	4·1	3·7	3·7	150,600,000	1·1	3·8
1897-98	85,000,000	2·0 inc.	51,800,000	4·2	116,800,000	·3	17,200,000	·6 inc.	4·1	·6	3·7	150,900,000	·2	3·8
1898-99	87,300,000	2·7	50,700,000	3·5 inc.	118,000,000	1·0	17,200,000	4·1 inc.	4·2	7·7	4·0	154,100,000	2·1	3·8
1899-1900	94,200,000	7·9	50,800,000	·3	125,000,000	5·9	19,200,000	7·8	4·5	4·9	4·2	163,400,000	6·0	4·0
1900-01	95,400,000	1·3	52,400,000	5·2	127,800,000	2·2	19,400,000	—	4·5	8·4 dec.	4·6	167,800,000	2·7	4·1
1901-02	96,300,000	1·0	53,800,000	4·3	130,700,000	2·2	20,100,000	4·1	4·5	8·2 inc.	4·3	168,800,000	1·2	4·1
1902-03	100,000,000	3·2	55,000,000	5·6	135,000,000	3·8	20,000,000	4·0	4·6	2·6	4·4	175,400,000	3·3	4·2

APPENDIX A.—continued.

Parcel Post.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of PARCELS DELIVERED in the UNITED KINGDOM, and the REVENUE derived from the PARCEL POST in each of the last Ten Years.

Year.	NUMBER OF PARCELS DELIVERED.										REVENUE.						
	ENGLAND AND WALES.					SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		UNITED KINGDOM.		Postage.		Average Postage per Parcel.			
	Country Offices.	London District.		Total.	Increase per cent.		Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Gross Amount.	55 per cent. on Railway-borne Parcels paid to Railway Companies.	Post Office Share.	Gross. Office Share.	Post Office Share.
		Number.	Increase per cent.		Number.	Increase per cent.											
													£	£	£	d.	d.
1893-94	35,134,000	3·4	9,425,000	1·1	44,559,000	5,922,000	5·2	3,633,000	3·0	54,034,000	3·1	1,214,235	590,739	633,496	5·39	2·81	
1894-95	37,189,000	5·8	10,027,000	6·4	47,216,000	6,062,000	4·4	3,838,000	5·0	57,136,000	5·7	1,285,387	611,465	673,902	5·38	2·83	
1895-96	39,201,000	5·8	10,618,000	5·9	49,819,000	6,510,000	7·0	4,038,000	5·2	60,527,000	5·9	1,372,577	648,825	723,752	5·44	2·86	
1896-97	41,512,000	5·5	11,229,000	5·8	52,741,000	6,802,000	4·5	4,172,000	3·3	63,715,000	5·2	1,445,128	681,819	763,207	5·44	2·87	
1897-98	44,277,000	6·7	11,890,000	5·9	56,167,000	7,232,000	6·3	4,424,000	6·0	67,823,000	6·4	1,485,293	673,406	751,887	5·04	2·86	
1898-99	46,897,000	5·9	12,615,000	6·1	59,512,000	7,760,000	7·3	4,641,000	4·9	71,913,000	6·0	1,498,099	708,732	792,367	4·99	2·84	
1899-1900	49,046,000	4·6	13,444,000	6·6	62,490,000	8,068,000	4·4	4,860,000	4·7	75,448,000	4·9	1,580,508	742,215	838,293	5·03	2·86	
1900-01	52,223,000	7·1	14,671,000	9·1	67,194,000	8,608,000	6·3	5,215,000	7·3	81,017,000	7·4	1,669,994	801,236	898,758	5·04	2·86	
1901-02	56,081,000	6·8	15,742,000	7·3	71,823,000	9,227,000	7·2	5,652,000	6·5	86,602,000	6·9	1,821,976	859,603	962,373	5·05	2·87	
1902-03	58,566,000	4·4	16,389,000	3·8	74,955,000	9,634,000	4·4	5,771,000	3·9	90,310,000	4·3	1,902,046	895,969	1,006,679	5·06	2·87	

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

Registered Letters.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER OF LETTERS REGISTERED by the Public in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last Ten Years.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		UNITED KINGDOM.	
	Country Offices.		London District.		Total.		Increase per cent.		Increase per cent.		Increase per cent.	
	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.						
1893-94	-	dec. 2·6	3,373,748	dec. 6·7	9,865,960	dec. 4·1	1,098,798	2·4	776,594	1·5	11,742,362	dec. 3·2
1894-95	-	inc. 1·5	3,696,333	inc. 3·8	10,062,064	inc. 2·3	1,089,585	·9	776,575	dec. ·002	11,933,264	inc. 1·8
1895-96	-	3·4	4,446,400	23·3	11,150,464	10·5	1,184,758	8·7	798,708	2·9	13,133,950	9·8
1896-97	-	3·2	4,409,428	1·2	11,418,723	2·4	1,206,831	1·9	813,181	1·8	13,438,785	2·3
1897-98	-	5·7	4,789,067	6·4	12,105,107	6·0	1,273,541	5·5	834,831	2·7	14,213,479	5·8
1898-99	-	6·9	5,174,092	8·0	12,992,060	7·3	1,368,732	7·5	879,887	5·4	15,240,669	7·2
1899-1900	-	6·9	5,535,544	7·4	13,915,443	7·1	1,438,530	5·1	902,879	2·6	16,256,863	6·7
1900-01	-	8·2	5,921,298	6·6	14,963,099	7·5	1,751,775	23·9	984,395	9·0	17,739,899	9·1
1901-02	-	5·6	6,100,863	4·6	15,743,069	5·2	2,027,342	13·8	1,028,983	4·5	18,800,313	6·0
1902-03	-	2·9	6,447,790	4·1	16,373,818	3·4	1,666,068	16·3	1,046,240	1·7	19,016,166	1·1

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

Registered Letters.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of LETTERS REGISTERED, at each FEE, by the PUBLIC in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	AMOUNT OF FEE.												TOTAL.	
	2d.	3d.	4d.	5d.	6d.	7d.	8d.	9d.	10d.	11d.	1s.	1s. 1d.		1s. 2d.
	LIMIT OF COMPENSATION.													
	*£5.	*£10.	*£15.	*£20.	*£25.	*£30.	*£35.	*£40.	*£45.	*£50.	*£100.	*£110.		*£120.
	†£5.	†£10.	†£20.	†£30.	†£40.	†£50.	†£60.	†£70.	†£80.	†£90.	†£100.	†£110.	†£120.	
1893-94	11,653,331	44,382	14,928	9,718	8,688	2,785	1,237	1,325	691	5,297				11,742,362
1894-95	11,861,303	46,026	16,315	11,508	8,180	3,623	1,949	1,892	907	6,861				11,968,264
1895-96	13,028,182	49,208	18,297	12,698	8,252	4,281	2,164	2,201	952	7,805				13,133,960
1896-97	13,333,737	48,066	18,106	12,472	8,631	4,160	2,185	2,498	1,035	7,865				13,438,735
1897-98	14,105,415	49,516	17,945	12,982	8,512	4,650	2,074	2,455	1,167	8,313				14,213,479
1898-99	15,118,316	55,627	29,482	13,302	7,767	5,969	2,008	1,515	1,066	2,500	1,614	240	1,398	15,240,669
1899-1900	16,127,080	58,921	33,425	13,214	7,785	6,184	2,066	1,277	1,127	1,660	2,543	289	1,941	16,266,862
1900-01	17,691,110	62,373	36,808	14,033	7,927	6,631	2,237	1,337	1,346	931	3,036	434	2,166	17,729,969
1901-02	18,669,927	62,745	36,154	14,752	8,168	6,505	2,229	1,281	1,367	910	3,207	623	2,546	18,800,313
1902-03	19,882,276	61,894	33,324	13,931	7,336	6,078	2,111	1,168	1,401	712	3,091	316	2,520	19,016,166

* Limit of compensation up to 30th April 1898.

† Limit of compensation from 1st May 1898.

APPENDIX A.—*continued.*

Registered Parcels.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of PARCELS REGISTERED by the PUBLIC in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		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.	Number.	Increase per cent.		
1893-94	-	-	293,638	15·3	144,148	6·7	437,786	12·3	32,684	8·8	23,112	dec. 18·7	463,582	10·1
1894-95	-	-	352,274	20·0	164,727	14·3	517,001	18·1	38,703	18·4	35,014	inc. 51·5	590,718	19·7
1895-96	-	-	399,265	13·3	182,281	10·7	581,546	12·5	44,293	14·4	36,357	8·8	663,196	12·1
1896-97	-	-	437,451	9·6	258,360	41·7	695,811	19·6	50,126	13·2	39,063	7·4	784,990	18·5
1897-98	-	-	417,086	4·7	215,978	16·4	633,064	9·0	43,347	3·5	38,060	dec. 9·5	719,471	8·3
1898-99	-	-	459,555	10·2	212,968	1·4	672,513	inc. 6·2	49,524	2·4	39,764	inc. 4·6	761,801	9·9
1899-1900	-	-	523,077	13·8	218,051	2·4	741,128	10·2	53,547	8·1	43,488	9·2	838,113	10·0
1900-01	-	-	574,728	9·9	238,475	9·4	813,203	9·7	77,913	45·5	43,909	13·6	940,025	12·2
1901-02	-	-	644,634	12·2	265,302	11·2	909,936	11·9	112,472	44·4	57,183	16·8	1,079,541	14·8
1902-03	-	-	643,742	·1	284,414	7·2	928,156	2·0	73,272	dec. 34·3	63,244	10·7	1,065,372	1·3

APPENDIX A.—continued.

Registered Parcels.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of PARCELS REGISTERED, at each FEE, by the PUBLIC in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	AMOUNT OF FEE.													TOTAL.
	LIMIT OF COMPENSATION.													
	2d.	3d.	4d.	5d.	6d.	7d.	8d.	9d.	10d.	11d.	1s.	1s. 1d.	1s. 2d.	
	*£5.	*£10.	*£15.	*£20.	*£25.	*£30.	*£35.	*£40.	*£45.	*£50.				
	†£5.	†£10.	†£20.	†£30.	†£40.	†£50.	†£60.	†£70.	†£80.	†£90.	†£100.	†£110.	†£120.	
1888-94	464,037	15,976	3,755	2,757	4,081	536	235	344	151	1,760			493,582	
1894-95	559,451	15,094	4,122	4,005	3,863	831	360	488	208	2,271			550,718	
1895-96	631,963	14,304	4,045	4,436	3,268	865	371	444	196	2,284			662,196	
1896-97	754,613	14,296	4,055	4,097	3,281	917	388	525	254	2,544			784,980	
1897-98	689,109	13,924	4,426	4,361	2,887	1,069	455	530	245	2,475			719,471	
1898-99	731,489	13,549	6,214	4,460	2,129	1,664	394	293	205	619	365	32	761,801	
1899-1900	805,708	13,912	7,211	4,913	2,167	1,809	435	304	247	284	626	47	838,113	
1900-01	904,962	14,451	8,309	5,276	2,289	1,988	622	321	305	215	758	67	940,025	
1901-02	1,042,730	14,439	9,437	5,044	2,505	2,143	611	376	312	183	999	54	1,079,541	
1902-03	1,026,534	14,803	10,004	5,405	2,712	2,263	702	415	382	251	910	90	1,065,372	

* Limit of compensation up to 30th April 1898.

† Limit of compensation from 1st May 1898.

APPENDIX A.—continued.

Express Delivery Service.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICES performed in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last
TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.					SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		UNITED KINGDOM.	
	Country Offices.		London District.		Total.		Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.
	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.					
1883-84	54,678	12·4	124,216	30·4	178,894	24·3		12,989	16·2	195,376	23·6
1884-85	71,108	30·0	180,129	45·0	251,237	40·4		17,636	38·7	273,543	40·0
1885-86	94,019	32·2	243,751	35·3	337,770	34·4		20,298	18·1	363,971	33·1
1886-87	113,163	20·4	294,467	20·8	407,630	20·7		23,174	14·2	438,186	20·4
1887-88	160,062	32·6	362,580	23·1	512,642	25·8		29,815	28·7	551,379	25·8
1888-89	181,918	21·2	416,119	14·8	598,037	16·7		34,418	15·4	641,227	16·3
1889-1890	199,839	9·9	474,351	14·0	674,180	12·7		37,344	8·5	750,381	12·3
1900-01	223,908	12·0	630,661	11·9	754,569	11·9		40,909	9·5	804,447	11·7
1901-02	258,918	15·6	697,826	18·3	886,744	17·5		45,237	10·6	941,908	17·1
1902-03	299,347	15·6	745,293	18·7	1,044,599	17·8		50,328	11·3	1,107,108	17·5

APPENDIX B.

**ESTIMATE of the WEIGHT of LETTERS, &c., exchanged by the UNITED
KINGDOM with FOREIGN COUNTRIES and BRITISH COLONIES.**

APPENDIX B.

ESTIMATE of the WEIGHT of LETTERS and POSTCARDS, and
FOREIGN COUNTRIES and BRITISH

COUNTRY OR COLONY.	Despatched from the United Kingdom.		Destined for the United Kingdom.	
	Letters and Postcards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, News- papers.	Letters and Postcards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, News- papers.
EUROPE.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
Austria-Hungary - - - -	42,000	300,000	42,000	103,000
Belgium and Luxemburg - - -	79,000	320,000	73,000	150,000
Denmark, Norway, and Sweden - - -	74,000	310,000	62,000	129,000
France (including Algeria and Tunis) -	285,000	1,450,000	270,000	1,030,000
Germany - - - -	285,000	1,400,000	330,000	845,000
Gibraltar (including Tangier), Malta, and } Cyprus	47,000	385,000	42,000	36,000
Holland - - - -	105,000	290,000	78,000	124,000
Italy - - - -	65,000	635,000	60,000	163,000
Russia - - - -	42,000	325,000	31,000	70,000
Spain, Portugal, and Azores - - -	48,000	395,000	42,000	72,000
Switzerland - - - -	47,000	375,000	47,000	129,000
Turkey, Greece, Roumania, and Balkan States	26,000	290,000	21,000	62,000
Totals - - - -	1,145,000	6,455,000	1,068,000	2,913,000
ASIA.				
Asiatic Turkey and Persia - - -	7,500	105,000	5,000	18,000
India (including Aden) - - -	172,000	2,310,000	127,000	368,000
Ceylon, Straits Settlements, and East Indies	47,000	605,000	32,000	69,000
China, Japan, &c. - - -	37,000	530,000	32,000	65,000
Totals - - - -	263,500	3,610,000	196,000	520,000

APPENDIX B.

of OTHER ARTICLES, exchanged by the UNITED KINGDOM with COLONIES, during the Year 1902.

COUNTRY OR COLONY.	Despatched from the United Kingdom.		Destined for the United Kingdom.	
	Letters and Postcards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, Newspapers.	Letters and Postcards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, Newspapers.
AFRICA.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
South African Colonies* - - -	355,000	2,960,000	330,000	440,000
East Coast of Africa, Mauritius, &c. - -	10,500	150,000	8,000	15,000
West Coast of Africa, Madeira, &c. - -	26,000	275,000	25,000	31,000
Egypt - - - - -	24,000	315,000	16,500	52,000
Totals - - - -	415,500	3,690,000	379,500	538,000
AMERICA.				
United States - - - - -	320,000	2,350,000	335,000	2,670,000
Canada and Newfoundland - - -	100,000	1,060,000	97,000	460,000
West Indies (British and Foreign), &c. -	35,000	410,000	25,000	55,000
Mexico and Central American States -	8,000	115,000	7,000	20,000
Brazil, Argentine Republic, Uruguay, and } Paraguay - - - - - }	25,000	410,000	26,000	75,000
Chili, Peru, and Bolivia - - - - -	10,000	140,000	10,000	23,000
Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela - -	3,500	50,000	2,000	5,000
Totals - - - -	501,500	4,525,000	502,000	5,306,000
AUSTRALASIA				
Commonwealth of Australia - - -	100,000	1,680,000	76,000	555,000
New Zealand, Fiji, &c. - - - - -	39,000	630,000	26,000	215,000
Totals - - - -	139,000	2,310,000	102,000	800,000
GRAND TOTALS - - -	2,464,500	20,590,000	2,277,500	8,079,000

* Including correspondence to and from the Army.

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL
31st March 1902 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1901-02.	1902-03.	In- crease.	De- crease.
Aden - - - -	July 1885	2,669	3,846	1,177	—
Antigua - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,874	2,298	424	—
Argentine Republic - - - -	Feb. 1890	3,832	4,290	458	—
Ascension - - - -	July 1886	831	638	—	193
Austria-Hungary* - - - -	June 1886	14,269	16,050	1,781	—
Bahamas - - - -	Sept. 1887	1,726	1,735	9	—
Barbados - - - -	April 1886	5,061	5,589	—	72
Belgium† - - - -	Jan. 1886	55,542	56,655	1,113	—
Bermuda - - - -	April 1890	6,793	7,477	684	—
Beyrout - - - -	Jan. 1888	1,083	1,351	268	—
British Central Africa - - - -	Aug. 1893	1,232	1,485	253	—
British East Africa - - - -	April 1891	3,915	4,429	514	—
British Guiana‡ - - - -	Jan. 1886	7,447	7,968	221	—
British Honduras§ - - - -	March 1887	966	1,014	48	—
British North Borneo - - - -	Sept. 1887	306	364	58	—
Canada, Dominion of - - - -	Aug. 1886	75,221	84,772	9,551	—
Cape Colony - - - -	Dec. 1885	674,447	300,965	—	373,492
Ceylon - - - -	Nov. 1885	16,699	17,044	345	—
Chili¶ - - - -	Jan. 1897	1,460	1,778	288	—
Colombia, Republic of - - - -	March 1888	2,961	4,738	1,777	—
Constantinople - - - -	Jan. 1886	4,295	5,424	1,129	—
Costa Rica - - - -	Feb. 1888	662	1,204	542	—
Cyprus - - - -	Jan. 1886	2,304	2,578	274	—
Dominica - - - -	Jan. 1886	1,266	1,311	45	—
Dutch East Indies - - - -	June 1896	1,107	1,269	102	—
Egypt - - - -	July 1885	26,955	28,962	2,027	—
Falkland Islands - - - -	Oct. 1888	2,798	3,092	294	—
Fiji - - - -	June 1890	431	564	133	—
France** - - - -	Oct. 1887	225,586	237,215	11,629	—
Gambia - - - -	Jan. 1888	811	1,040	229	—
Germany†† - - - -	Jan. 1886	304,971	330,587	25,616	—
Gibraltar (including agencies in Morocco) - - - -	July 1885	19,031	18,889	—	142
Gold Coast - - - -	Jan. 1888	12,032	17,737	5,705	—
Grenada - - - -	Oct. 1885	2,340	2,462	113	—
Guatemala - - - -	Jan. 1899	182	291	109	—
Holland - - - -	April 1886	51,470	53,018	1,548	—
Hong Kong‡‡ - - - -	Oct. 1885	27,368	27,390	22	—
India (including Persia) - - - -	July 1885	120,947	146,144	25,197	—
Italy§§ - - - -	Oct. 1887	80,028	88,855	8,827	—
Jamaica - - - -	Oct. 1885	11,063	12,423	1,360	—
Japan - - - -	Nov. 1895	6,208	8,021	1,813	—
Labuan - - - -	Dec. 1885	125	137	12	—
Lagos - - - -	Jan. 1888	3,611	5,192	1,581	—
Liberia - - - -	July 1893	412	516	104	—
Madeira - - - -	July 1891	1,669	1,980	261	—
Malta - - - -	Aug. 1885	28,960	30,833	1,873	—
Carried forward -		1,815,555	1,551,270	100,633	373,899

* Including parcels for and from Bulgaria, Roumania, Servia, &c.

† Including parcels for and from the Congo Free State.

‡ Including parcels for and from Dutch Guiana.

§ Including parcels for and from the Republic of Honduras.

|| Including parcels for and from the Army in South Africa.

¶ Including parcels for and from Bolivia.

APPENDIX B.—continued.

PARCELS Despatched and Received during the Years ended the 31st March 1903.

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1901-02.	1902-03.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1901-02.	1902-03.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
2,306	3,354	1,048	—	4,975	7,300	2,325	—	Aden.
293	397	104	—	2,167	2,695	528	—	Antigua.
618	710	92	—	4,450	5,000	550	—	Argentine Republic.
125	112	—	13	956	750	—	206	Ascension.
7,519	8,326	807	—	21,788	24,376	2,588	—	Austria-Hungary.*
302	331	29	—	2,028	2,066	38	—	Bahamas.
1,629	1,653	24	—	7,290	7,242	—	48	Barbados.
31,334	33,272	1,938	—	86,876	89,927	3,051	—	Belgium.†
1,712	2,246	534	—	8,505	9,723	1,218	—	Bermuda.
196	252	56	—	1,279	1,603	324	—	Beyrout.
354	505	151	—	1,586	1,990	404	—	British Central Africa.
689	848	159	—	4,904	5,277	673	—	British East Africa.
1,764	1,603	—	161	9,211	9,271	60	—	British Guiana.‡
88	89	1	—	1,064	1,103	49	—	British Honduras.§
83	86	3	—	389	450	61	—	British North Borneo.
34,890	39,183	4,293	—	110,061	123,955	13,874	—	Canada, Dominion of.
73,807	43,641	—	30,166	748,254	344,596	—	403,658	Cape Colony.
8,749	8,562	—	187	25,448	25,606	158	—	Ceylon.
473	730	257	—	1,963	2,508	545	—	Chili.¶
104	85	—	19	3,065	4,823	1,758	—	Colombia, Republic of.
1,170	970	—	200	5,465	6,394	929	—	Constantinople.
50	70	20	—	712	1,274	562	—	Costa Rica.
833	1,261	428	—	3,037	3,839	802	—	Cyprus.
159	127	—	32	1,425	1,438	13	—	Dominica.
III	III	—	—	1,167	1,269	102	—	Dutch East Indies.
17,471	18,223	752	—	44,426	47,205	2,779	—	Egypt.
309	332	13	—	3,107	3,414	307	—	Falkland Islands.
77	84	7	—	508	648	140	—	Fiji.
232,067	234,356	2,289	—	457,653	471,571	13,918	—	France.**
109	118	9	—	920	1,158	238	—	Gambia.
447,601	467,819	20,218	—	752,572	798,406	45,834	—	Germany.††
8,429	8,196	—	233	27,440	27,085	—	375	Gibraltar (including agencies in Morocco).
1,496	2,191	695	—	13,528	19,928	6,400	—	Gold Coast.
398	389	—	9	2,747	2,851	104	—	Grenada.
8	11	3	—	190	302	112	—	Guatemala.
43,837	46,150	2,313	—	95,307	99,168	3,861	—	Holland.
19,483	21,104	1,621	—	46,851	46,464	1,643	—	Hong Kong.‡‡
72,199	81,212	9,013	—	193,146	227,356	34,210	—	India (including Persia).
74,523	74,716	193	—	154,551	163,571	9,020	—	Italy.§§
3,303	3,855	552	—	14,356	16,277	1,921	—	Jamaica.
4,767	7,001	2,234	—	10,975	15,022	4,047	—	Japan.
92	85	—	7	217	222	5	—	Labuan.
636	753	117	—	4,247	5,945	1,698	—	Lagos.
12	20	8	—	424	536	112	—	Liberia.
217	258	41	—	1,886	2,188	302	—	Madeira.
13,125	15,317	2,192	—	42,085	46,150	4,065	—	Malta.
1,109,376	1,130,593	52,244	31,027	2,924,931	2,681,872	161,228	404,287	

** Including parcels for and from the French Possessions, &c.

†† Including parcels for and from Eastern Europe, German Possessions, &c.

‡‡ Including parcels for and from China and the China Fleet.

§§ Including parcels for and from Greece, Turkey, &c.

||| Included in figures for Holland.

APPENDIX B.—continued.

STATEMENT of the NUMBERS of FOREIGN and COLONIAL
31st March 1902 and

Country.	Date of Establishment of Post.	Number of Parcels.			
		Despatched.			
		1901-02.	1902-03.	In- crease.	De- crease.
	Brought forward	1,815,555	1,551,279	109,623	373,899
Mauritius - - -	April 1889	2,963	3,309	446	—
Mexico - - -	April 1890	4,889	5,336	747	—
Montserrat - - -	Jan. 1886	394	341	—	53
Natal* - - -	June 1887	49,159	59,577	10,418	—
Nevia - - -	Jan. 1886	143	146	3	—
Newfoundland - - -	Sept. 1886	3,506	3,592	86	—
New South Wales - - -	July 1886	25,387	23,705	—	1,682
New Zealand - - -	Nov. 1888	25,384	32,140	6,756	—
Nigeria - - -	Dec. 1892	4,613	6,566	1,953	—
Norway - - -	April 1886	16,144	16,618	474	—
Orange River Colony - - -	Dec. 1889	22,291	30,836	8,545	—
Portugal† - - -	Jan. 1888	7,364	11,015	3,151	—
Queensland - - -	Feb. 1892	8,675	8,539	—	136
Rhodesia and Bechuanaland } Protectorate - - - }	Jan. 1893	7,598	10,285	2,687	—
St. Helena - - -	April 1886	5,154	3,486	—	1,668
St. Kitts - - -	Jan. 1886	1,087	1,208	121	—
St. Lucia - - -	Oct. 1885	1,831	2,400	569	—
St. Pierre and Miquelon - - -	Aug. 1895	3,944	3,637	—	307
St. Thomas - - -	Jan. 1888	482	497	15	—
St. Vincent - - -	Nov. 1885	713	793	80	—
Salonica - - -	May 1900	503	496	—	7
Salvador - - -	April 1893	704	743	39	—
Samoa and Raratonga - - -	May 1894	56	50	—	6
Sarawak - - -	July 1887	352	415	63	—
Seychelles - - -	April 1890	404	363	—	41
Siam - - -	Aug. 1890	1,176	1,305	129	—
Sierra Leone - - -	Jan. 1883	5,513	7,865	2,352	—
Smyrna - - -	April 1887	1,975	1,914	39	—
South Australia - - -	July 1886	6,689	6,392	—	297
Spain - - -	Sept. 1891	32,367	38,466	6,099	—
Straits Settlements - - -	Oct. 1885	9,867	10,821	954	—
Sweden†† - - -	May 1886	17,976	18,150	174	—
Switzerland - - -	Dec. 1887	56,362	58,278	1,916	—
Tasmania - - -	Jan. 1887	3,529	3,764	235	—
Tortola - - -	Oct. 1886	33	80	47	—
Transvaal - - -	Dec. 1889	22,121	125,922	103,801	—
Trinidad (including Tobago) - - -	Oct. 1885	7,045	7,618	573	—
United States of America - - -	Sept. 1902	—	22,116	22,116	—
Uruguay - - -	April 1891	793	956	163	—
Victoria - - -	July 1886	17,921	18,014	193	—
West Australia - - -	Jan. 1887	9,167	9,458	291	—
Zanzibar - - -	Jan. 1887	1,116	1,264	148	—
TOTALS -		2,202,846	2,109,755	285,096	378,096
		Net Decrease - 88,000			

In 1901-1902 the uniform scale of Postage was extended to the exchanges with British North Borneo and Labuan, and the postage was reduced on parcels for the Bechuanaland Protectorate, Cooks Islands, Guatemala, Southern Rhodesia, Turkey (Austrian Post Offices), and Uruguay. The rates on parcels for Bulgaria and Liberia were revised.

In 1902-1903 the Parcel Post was extended to the United States of America.

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*

PARCELS Despatched and Received during the Years ended the
the 31st March 1903—*continued.*

Number of Parcels.								Country.
Received.				Totals.				
1901-02.	1902-03.	In-crease.	De-crease.	1901-02.	1902-03.	In-crease.	De-crease.	
1,109,376	1,130,593	52,244	31,027	2,924,981	2,681,972	161,228	404,287	
795	724	—	71	3,658	4,033	375	—	Mauritius.
656	925	269	—	5,245	6,261	1,016	—	Mexico.
79	48	—	31	473	389	—	84	Montserrat.
15,442	14,141	—	1,301	64,901	73,718	9,117	—	Natal.*
13	9	—	4	156	155	—	1	Nevis.
694	663	—	31	4,200	4,255	55	—	Newfoundland.
9,405	9,147	—	258	34,792	32,852	—	1,940	New South Wales.
5,963	6,397	414	—	31,367	38,537	7,170	—	New Zealand.
825	1,110	285	—	5,438	7,676	2,238	—	Nigeria.
6,463	6,961	499	—	22,606	23,579	973	—	Norway.
—†	1,301††	1,301	—	22,291	32,137	9,846	—	Orange River Colony.
912	1,013	101	—	8,776	12,028	3,252	—	Portugal.§
3,102	2,956	—	146	11,777	11,495	—	282	Queensland.
—†	—†	—	—	7,598	10,285	2,687	—	Rhodesia and Bechuana-land Protectorate.
1,780	1,213	—	567	6,934	4,699	—	2,235	St. Helena.
139	179	40	—	1,226	1,387	161	—	St. Kitts.
339	485	146	—	2,170	2,885	715	—	St. Lucia.
51	78	27	—	3,995	3,715	—	280	St. Pierre and Miquelon.
54	69	15	—	536	566	30	—	St. Thomas.
121	176	55	—	834	969	135	—	St. Vincent.
90	122	32	—	593	618	25	—	Salonica.
19	34	15	—	723	777	54	—	Salvador.
—	—	—	—	56	50	—	6	Samoa and Raratonga.
137	196	49	—	489	601	112	—	Sarawak.
1,353	358	—	995	1,757	721	—	1,036	Seychelles.
—¶	—¶	—	—	1,176	1,305	129	—	Siam.
1,177	1,581	404	—	6,690	9,446	2,756	—	Sierra Leone.
531	490	—	41	2,406	2,404	—	2	Smyrna.
3,461	3,669	208	—	10,150	10,061	—	89	South Australia.
—**	—**	—	—	32,367	38,466	6,099	—	Spain.
6,343	7,166	823	—	16,210	17,967	1,777	—	Straits Settlements.
6,434	6,780	346	—	24,410	24,930	520	—	Sweden.††
22,407	22,793	386	—	78,769	81,071	2,302	—	Switzerland.
609	788	179	—	4,138	4,552	414	—	Tasmania.
6	4	—	2	39	84	45	—	Tortola.
868§§	10,616	9,748	—	22,989	136,538	113,549	—	Transvaal.
1,992	2,417	425	—	9,037	10,035	998	—	Trinidad (including Tobago).
—	—	—	—	—	22,116	22,116	—	United States of America.
77	90	13	—	870	1,046	176	—	Uruguay.
7,015	6,493	—	522	24,836	24,507	—	329	Victoria.
2,164	2,285	121	—	11,331	11,743	412	—	West Australia.
480	790	310	—	1,596	2,054	458	—	Zanzibar.
1,211,391	1,244,850	68,455	34,996	3,414,236	3,354,605	350,940	410,571	
Net Increase		33,459.		Net decrease		59,631.		

* Including parcels for and from the Army in South Africa.

† Included in figures for Cape Colony.

‡ Included in figures for New Zealand.

§ Including parcels for and from Brazil and the Portuguese Possessions.

¶ Including parcels for and from Finland.

|| Included in figures for Cape Colony until November 1902.

§§ Included in figures for Cape Colony until October 1901.

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APPENDIX C.

Abstract of Contracts or Agreements for

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	Terminable.	Service commenced.
FALMOUTH and ST. MAWES and PERCUIL.	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	On 6 months' notice.	1 July 1889
GUERNSEY and SARK	July, Aug. and Sept., 5 days a week. May, June and Oct., 3 days a week. Other months, 2 days a week.	Steam vessel	Guernsey Steam Towing and Trading Co.	- - -	- - -	1 Jan. 1891
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN.	Twice a day -	Four Mail Packets specially built and maintained for the service.	City of Dublin Steam Packet Company.	1 July 1895	31 Mar. 1917 or on 12 months' notice after 31 Mar. 1916.	1 Apr. 1897
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE of MAN).	Once on week days. <i>See "Remarks."</i>	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 1888
PENZANCE and SCILLY	Three times a week in summer. Twice a week in winter.	Steam vessel	West Cornwall Steamship Company.	31 July 1874	On 6 months' notice.	1 Feb. 1874
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	On 6 months' notice.	1 July 1890
SCILLY, ST. MARTIN'S and ST. AGNES.	Three times a week in summer, twice in winter.	Steam launch	Mr. J. Banfield, Jr	- - -	- - -	1 Mar. 1896
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
WEYMOUTH and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels	Great Western Railway Company.	- - -	- - -	1 Aug. 1881

APPENDIX C.

the Conveyance of Home Mails by Sea.

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
70 <i>l</i> .	—	—	—	—
1,000 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
60 <i>l</i> . (from 1 Jan. 1899).	- - -	- - -	- - -	Payment includes the parcel service.
100,000 <i>l</i> . to 31 Mar. 1917. 80,000 <i>l</i> . after that date.	Outward journey (including transfer on both sides of the Channel), 3h. 37m. Inward journey (including transfer), 3h. 33m.	1 <i>l</i> . 1 <i>s</i> . per minute	If on any occasion vessel is not ready, penalty of 100 <i>l</i> ., and 10 <i>l</i> . per hour for every hour beyond stipulated time before vessel starts.	The payment is subject to a reduction of 2,000 <i>l</i> . in respect of the receipts from passenger traffic. It includes payment for parcel services.
4,500 <i>l</i> .	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 3 <i>s</i> . a cwt. for parcels. 125 <i>l</i> . per annum is also paid for transfer of Parcel Mails from the Packets at Liverpool and Douglas. There is a second service on week days during the summer season.
52 <i>l</i> . 10 <i>s</i> .	—	—	—	—
*500 <i>l</i> . and †1 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> . per basket 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. †From 1st Feb. 1899. 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.
1,400 <i>l</i> . (including payment for parcels).	25 minutes each trip.	- - -	200 <i>l</i> .	The Department has also the general use of the Companies' vessels which are constantly plying between the two places.
120 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
6,500 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract.
150 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels.
200 <i>l</i> .	- - -	- - -	- - -	No Contract. The Post Office has the general use of the Company's vessels. This is a supplementary service to the one from Southampton.

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	Terminable.	Service commenced.
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	On 6 months' notice.	1 June 1891
LERWICK, WHALSAY, and NORTH ISLES.	Thrice a week	Steam vessel	Do.			
ARDROSSAN and ARRAN.	Week days	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company.	16 Feb. and 25 March 1892	On 6 months' notice.	1 Dec. 1891
GLASGOW and CAMPBELTOWN.	Week days	Steam vessels	Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Company.	6 and 17 Oct. 1891.	On 3 months' notice.	1 July 1890
GREENOCK, ARDROSSAN, and BELFAST.	Week days	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	Messrs. G. and J. Burns.	21, 22, 24, and 25 August 1893.	On 12 months' notice.	1 Aug. 1893
GREENOCK, COLONSAY, and TARBERT (HARRIS).	Once a week	Steam vessel (Dunara Castle).	Martin Orme & Co.	No Contract	- - -	- - -
GREENOCK and DUNVEGAN.	Once a week	Steam vessel (Hebridean).	John McCallum & Co.	No Contract	- - -	- - -
GREENOCK and KILMUN	Twice on week days.	Steam vessel	Capt. Jas. Williamson, for Caledonian Steam Packet Company.	No Contract	- - -	Mar. 1899
GREENOCK and LOCHGOILHEAD.	Week days	Steam vessel	Lochgoil and Loch Long Steam Boat Company.	6 and 7 June and 13 July 1892.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Feb. 1892
GREENOCK (PRINCE'S PIER) and ROTHESAY.	Week days	Steam vessel	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Co.	24 Oct. and 3 Nov. 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	17 Oct. 1892
GREENOCK and ROTHESAY.	Week days	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	13 and 19 Jan. 1894.	On 6 months' notice.	17 Oct. 1892
GREENOCK and ARDMISHAIG.						
{ GREENOCK, ISLAY, and JURA. TARBERT, ISLAY, and JURA. }	Week days	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne	13 & 19 Jan. 1894.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Oct. 1892
INVERGORDON and CROMARTY.	Week days	Steam vessel	Cromarty Steamship Company.	- - -	On 3 months' notice.	1 Feb. 1894
INVERNESS and FORT AUGUSTUS.	Six days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	13 and 19 Jan. 1894.	On 6 months' notice.	17 Oct. 1892

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
8,000 <i>l.</i> 100 <i>l.</i> for parcels and 40 <i>l.</i> for North Isle Service.	- - - - -	- - - - -	1,000 <i>l.</i> P.M.G. to charter another vessel at Con- tractors' expense.	—
425 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	200 <i>l.</i>	—
1,875 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	150 <i>l.</i>	The Department has also the general use of these steamers, as run by the Company for their own traffic purposes. The pay- ment includes Parcel Ser- vice.
10,000 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	2,000 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes Parcel Service.
500 <i>l.</i>	—	—	—	—
125 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Payment includes the Parcel Service.
350 <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.
130 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	65 <i>l.</i> *	Payment includes the Parcel Service. * To be recovered by way of liquidated damages and not by penalty.
2,510 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	850 <i>l.</i> *	This payment includes 190 <i>l.</i> for Parcel Service, and 320 <i>l.</i> (30 <i>l.</i> of this sum for Parcel Service) for the general use of all Mr. MacBrayne's steamers running to and from the Clyde.
900 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	20 <i>l.</i> for undue delay or deviation from course.	350 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes Parcel Service.
190 <i>l.</i>	- - - - -	- - - - -	25 <i>l.</i>	" "
210 <i>l.</i> and 25 <i>l.</i> for Parcel Service.	—	—	—	—

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	Terminable.	Service commenced.
KIRK WALL and NORTH ISLES of ORKNEY.	Twice a week for 9 months, and three times a week for 3 months.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	Orkney Steam Navigation Company per Donald Bertram.	1 Nov. 1891	On 6 months' notice.	1 Nov. 1891
KIRK WALL and BALFOUR.	Five days a week.	Steam vessel	John Reid	28 Dec. 1894 & 8 Jan. 1895.	On 3 months' notice.	1 Oct. 1894
KYLE and PORTREE.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	2 & 11 Jan. 1894.	On 12 months' notice.	1 Apr. 1893
KYLE and STORNOWAY	Once a day, six days a week each way.	Steam vessel	"	1 & 13 June 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	"
LOCH SHIEL	Once a day, six days a week each way.	Steam vessel	Lord Howard of Glossop per W. Middleton.	- - -	- - -	- - -
LOCH TAY Steamers	Six days a week.	Steam vessels	Marquis of Breadalbane per John P. Stewart.	- - -	- - -	- - -
MALLAIG and INVERIE (FORT WILLIAM).	Three days a week.	Sailing vessel.	John Michie	- - -	On 6 months' notice.	10 Sept. 1893
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	David MacBrayne	- - -	- - -	1 Apr. 1891
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM (Parcels).	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	"	- - -	- - -	1 Aug. 1894
OBAN and TOBERMORY.	Once a day, six days a week.	Steam vessel	"	1 & 13 June 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Apr. 1893
OBAN and West of MULL, calling at CROGAN, 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 Lochboisdale and Castlebay.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.					

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
340l.	- -	- - -	-	Payment includes Parcel Service.
46l.	At rate of not less than 8 sea miles an hour.	- - -	20l.	" "
650l.	At speed of not less than 10 sea miles an hour.	20l. for undue delay or deviation from course.	100l.	" "
3,000l.	At rate of 11 sea miles an hour.	20l. for undue delay or deviation.	1,000l.*	" "
100l.	—	—	—	—
100l. for mails and 4l. for parcels.	- - -	- - -	-	No Contract.
52l. 2s. 10d.	- - -	- - -	-	"
600l.	Out. 3 hrs. 30 mins. In. 3 hrs. 30 mins.	- - -	300l.	"
65l.	- - -	- - -	-	"
555l.	At rate of 10 sea miles an hour.	20l. for undue delay or deviation.	200l.*	*To be recovered by way of liquidated damages, and not by way of penalty.
1,200l.	"	"	500l.*	
3,000l.	At rate of not less than 11 sea miles an hour.	"	1,000l.*	Payments include Parcel Services.
3,000l.	"	-	"	

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Line of Communication.	How often.	Number and Character of Vessels.	Contractors.	Contract or Agreement.		
				Date of Contract.	Terminable.	Service commenced.
PORTREE, LOCH-MADDY, and DUNVEGAN.	Out. — Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. In. — Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Steam vessel	David MacBrayne.	1 & 13 June 1893.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Apr. 1893
ROTHESAY and WEMYSS BAY.	Week days	Steam vessels	Caledonian Steam Packet Company, per Capt. James Williamson.	21 Nov. & 18 Dec. 1893.	"	17 Oct. 1892
SCRABSTER (THURSO) PIER and STROMNESS.	6 days a week	Steam vessels of sufficient number.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	21 Feb. & 27 Mar. 1899.	On 6 months' notice.	12 Feb. 1899
SHETLAND (VIRKIE) and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight.	Sailing vessel.	John Bruce, Junr.	- - - -	- - - -	1 Nov. 1893
SHETLAND (WALLS) and FOULA.	Once a fortnight (Oct. to Mar.). Once a week (Apr. to Sept.).	Sailing vessel.	M. Manson and L. Gray.	19 Mar. 1896	On 6 months' notice.	1 Apr. 1896
STRANRAER and LARNE. (See below.)						
STROMNESS and SOUTH ISLES.	4 days a week	Steam vessel	R. Garden - -	14 April & 5 May 1896.	On 6 months' notice.	1 Mar. 1896
WEMYSS BAY and MILLPORT.	Thrice on week days in summer and twice in winter.	Steam vessel	Caledonian Railway Co.	In general agreement with the Co.		
Ditto - -	Additional week day service in winter.	Steam vessel	Caledonian Steam Packet Company, per Capt. James Williamson.	- - -	On 6 months' notice.	1 Oct. 1898
IRELAND.						
LARNE and STRANRAER.	Week days	2 steam vessels with accommodation for sorting Mails.	Portpatrick and Wigtownshire Joint Committee.	22 Dec. 1892	On 12 months' notice.	1 Sept. 1891
GALWAY AND ARRAN ISLANDS.	3 days a week	Steam vessel	Galway Bay Steamboat Co.	- - - -	- - - -	27 Apr. 1896

NOTES—

1. In many cases the service commenced before the formal contract was executed.
2. In addition to the payments given in detail above, Letters, &c. are conveyed by Private Ships to and from places 1,400*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 - - -
 " Douglas (Isle of Man) Season services via Barrow and Ardrossan - - -
 " Belfast and Barrow Service - - -
3. There is also a number of small miscellaneous fixed payments for conveyance of Home Mails and for ferriage in any case 50*l.* a year, which have not been included in the above statement.
4. For the conveyance of Outward American Mails on Saturday by train from Euston to Holyhead and thence by Homeward American Mails by steamer from Dublin to Holyhead when required, 60*l.* a trip.

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*

Payment.	Contract Time.	Deduction for Overtime.	Penalty for General Non-performance.	Remarks.
1,550 <i>l.</i>	At rate of not less than 10 sea miles an hour.	20 <i>l.</i> for undue delay or deviation.	500 <i>l.</i> *	Payment includes Parcel Service. * To be recovered by way of liquidated damages and not by way of penalty.
150 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	75 <i>l.</i> *	Payment includes Parcel Service.
2,000 <i>l.</i>	Vessels to be capable of steaming 12 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 Contractors' expense.	" "
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.
78 <i>l.</i> (22 a trip.)	- - -	- - -	28 <i>l.</i>	—
180 <i>l.</i>	- - -	10 <i>l.</i> for ditto.	50 <i>l.</i>	Payment includes Parcel Service.
—	—	—	—	—
200 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	100 <i>l.</i> *	* To be recovered by way of liquidated damages and not by way of penalty. Payment includes Parcel Service by Company's Steamers throughout the year.
13,500 <i>l.</i>	- - -	- - -	- - -	This amount includes also payment for Railway Services between Carlisle and Stranraer, Larne and Belfast, and Larne and Derry.
70 <i>l.</i>	—	—	—	—

in the United Kingdom for a certain fixed payment of 2*s.* 1*d.* per 100. The total amount paid at present is about

-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	about 750 <i>l.</i> a year.
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	" 260 <i>l.</i> "
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	" 250 <i>l.</i> "
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	" 40 <i>l.</i> "
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	" 65 <i>l.</i> "

(including various payments for the conveyance of Mails in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland), not exceeding steamer to Dublin, the London and North-Western Railway Company receives 11,020*l.* a year, and for the conveyance of

APPENDIX D. Foreign and Colonial Packet Service.

Service.	Contracts.		Payment during the Year 1902-1903.	Amount received.		Cost borne in respect of Mails despatched from the United Kingdom.
	Com- mencement.	Termination.		By Contributions.	By Sea Postage for Mails despatched by Colonies and Foreign Countries.	
EUROPE:						
Dover and Calais	21 June 1893	On 12 months' notice	£ 24,900	-	£ -	24,900*
Harwich to the Hook of Holland	1 May 1898	31 December 1903	850	-	-	850
†Newhaven to Dieppe	1 July 1897	On 6 months' notice	44†	-	-	46
†Channel Islands and St. Malo and Granville	15 Feb. 1898	Do.	38†	-	24	14
†Grimsby and Hamburg	16 Apr. 1893	Do.	1,252†	-	772	480
†London to Hamburg	1 Jan. 1896	Do.	589†	-	-	589
†Liverpool, Malte, and the Levant	1 Jan. 1896	Do.	175†	-	130	45
†United Kingdom and Lisbon	1 Jan. 1898	Do.	120†	-	9	111
AMERICA:						
United Kingdom to United States	1 Aug. 1899	On 12 months' notice	127,324†	-	12,474	114,850
New York and Bermuda	1 Jan. 1899	On 6 months' notice	1,407†	-	60	1,347
Newfoundland	Colonial Contract	-	2,000§	-	-	2,000
†Liverpool, Belize, and Mexico	1 Dec. 1891	On 6 months' notice	322†	-	2	320
Turks Islands	Colonial Contract	-	250§	-	-	250
				Antigua - 1,000 Barbados - 4,000 British Guiana - 4,200 Dominica - 450 Grenada - 1,000 Jamaica - 2,600 Montserrat - 200 Nevis - 100 St. Kitts - 450 St. Lucia - 1,000 St. Vincent - 450 Tortola - 50 Trinidad - 4,500	11,190	48,575
United Kingdom and West Indies	1 July 1900	30 June 1905	79,865	26† for every 24 hours.	-	-

Southampton to Brazil and River Plate	1 Sept. 1876 -	On 6 months' notice	-	-	-	9,911½	-	-	4,928	5,300
+ Do. to and from do. do.	1 Sept. 1889 -	Do.	-	-	-	317½	-	-	-	-
Liverpool and Falkland Islands, Liverpool to Calico, Panama to Valparaiso, Panama to Ocos	14 June 1900 -	13 June 1910 -	-	-	-	31,590	-	Falkland Islands, 2,500 ²	14,500	14,5
AFRICA :										
United Kingdom and West Coast of Africa	1 Jan. 1889 -	On 3 months' notice	-	-	-	15,385	-	-	5,316	11,680
+ Do. do. do.	1 Jan. 1888 -	On 6 months' notice	-	-	-	1,391½	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom and St. Helena and Ascension	1 Oct. 1893 -	On 6 months' notice	-	-	-	3,900	-	-	170	3,730
Aden and Zanzibar	5 Nov. 1892 -	On 12 months' notice	-	-	-	9,000	-	-	500	8,500
+ United Kingdom and Chinde	15 Aug. 1900 -	On 3 months' notice	-	-	-	94½	-	-	23	71
+ United Kingdom and Morocco	1 Oct. 1900 -	-	-	-	-	33½	-	-	3	29
ASIA AND AUSTRALIA										
Brindisi and Bombay and Shanghai	1 Feb. 1898 -	31 January 1905	-	-	100½ for every 12 hours.	245,000	-	{ India - 52,000 ² Ceylon - 1,400 Straits Settlements - 8,000 Hong Kong - 6,000 } 65,400½	23,000	134,600
Brindisi or Naples and Adelaide	1 Feb. 1898 -	31 January 1905	-	-	100½ for every 24 hours.	106,650	-	{ South Australia Victoria New South Wales } 71,346½	6,844	90,460
Canada, Japan, and Hong Kong	7 April 1901 -	6 April 1906	-	-	100½ for every 12 hours.	60,000	-	{ Canada - 15,000 ² Admiralty - 7,312 } 22,312½	2,788	34,900

* A second service in each direction is provided at the cost of the French Post Office.

+ These Contracts are for Parcel Mails only.

† The payments in these cases depend upon the weight of mails conveyed by the Packets.

‡ These sums represent the Imperial share of the cost of the Services.

APPENDIX E.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of Post Towns in ENGLAND and WALES, including the CHANNEL ISLANDS and the ISLE OF MAN, arranged in CLASSES according to the Number of MAILS they receive *from*, and despatch *to*, LONDON.

YEAR.	Towns having One Mail.		Towns having Two Mails.		Towns having Three Mails.		Towns having Four Mails.		Towns having Five Mails.		Towns having Six Mails.		Towns having Seven Mails.		Towns having Eight Mails.	
	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.	From London.	To London.
1901-02	1	5	23	65	131	165	237	172	136	107	55	68	22	25	15	13
1902-03	1	5	19	64	130	156	231	171	140	105	56	72	24	28	16	16

APPENDIX F.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1902.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1903.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
	A.									
1	Postmaster General - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	B.									
11	Secretary, Second Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, Comp- troller and Accountant General, and Secretaries for Ireland and Scotland.	9	—	1	—	1	—	11	—	11
	C.									
44	Clerks, Class I., Secretary's Office.	42	—	—	—	—	—	42	—	42
	D.									
155	Heads of Departments, Staff Officers, and other Superior Officers in Metropolitan Offices.	133	6	8	—	8	—	149	6	155
	E.									
186	Surveyors and Assistant Sur- veyors.	52	—	12	—	12	—	232	—	32
	Travelling Clerks, Inspecting Telegraphists, and Stationary Clerks.	112	—	23	—	21	—			
	F.									
895	Head Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	9	—	—	—	—	—	784	102	886*
	Provinces - - -	564	53	92	27	119	22			
	G.									
21,220	Sub-Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	730	132	58	92	57	26	14,630	6,821	21,451†
	Provinces - -	10,855	4,689	1,670	1,065	1,260	819			
	H.									
8,280	Clerks and Superintending Officers : Metropolitan - -	3,430	1,911	184	40	150	45	6,311	2,193	8,504
	Provinces - - -	2,201	164	104	6	242	27			
	I.									
30,330	Counter Clerks and Tele- graphists; Sorters, Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists; Telegraphists, and Tele- phone Operators, &c. : Metropolitan - -	9,676	2,664	631	114	474	153	22,890	8,132	31,022
	Provinces - - -	9,874	4,046	795	378	1,440	777			
61,102	Carried forward - - -	37,688	13,665	3,578	1,720	3,784	1,869	45,050	17,254	62,304

* Unestablished, 75; Established, 811.

† Unestablished, 21,064; Established, 387.

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

Totals 31 Mar. 1902.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1903.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
61,102	Brought forward - -	37,688	13,665	3,578	1,720	3,784	1,869	45,050	17,254	62,304
	J.									
36,879	Mechanics, Porters, Postmen, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - -	9,517	—	381	—	530	5	38,369	14	38,853
	Provinces - -	22,550	9	1,872	—	3,519	—			
	K.									
81,410	Persons employed in un- established positions, viz., Assistants to Postmasters, Auxiliaries, Boy Messengers, Boy Clerks, Commissionaires, Female Servants, Telegraph Construction Hands, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - -	14,355	2,084	726	255	450	175	62,062	20,935	82,997
	Provinces - -	32,697	14,635	8,511	1,441	5,323	2,245			
179,191	L.	116,807	30,393	15,068	3,416	13,806	4,294	145,481	38,103	183,584
11	Postmasters and Clerks, &c. abroad (under direction of Postmaster General) and agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	11
179,202	Totals - -	116,807	30,393	15,068	3,416	13,806	4,294	145,492	38,103	183,595

APPENDIX F—*continued.***Mortality Table.**

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended 31st December 1902.											
	Chief Office.		Metro- politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
I.—SIMPLE FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.												
1. Miasmatic diseases :												
Typhus -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Typhoid -	3	-	4	-	10	-	1	-	1	1	19	1
Scarlet fever -	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Influenza -	3	-	2	-	9	1	-	-	1	-	15	1
Diphtheria -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Small-pox -	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
2. Septic diseases :												
Erysipelas -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
II.—CONSTITUTION DISEASES.												
Cancer -	3	1	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	15	1
Phthisis and hæmop- tysis.	14	-	6	-	23	-	-	-	4	-	47	-
Tuberculosis -	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	4	1
Rheumatic fever -	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Glandular disease -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
III.—LOCAL DISEASES.												
1. Diseases of nervous system :												
Apoplexy -	2	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Inflammation of brain.	2	-	2	-	4	-	-	1	1	-	9	1
Paralysis -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Mania (mental derangement).	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
2. Diseases of circula- tory system :												
Disease of the heart	3	-	1	-	8	1	6	-	3	-	21	1
Disease of the blood vessels.	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Pericarditis -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Syncope -	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Angina pectoris -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
3. Diseases of respira- tory system :												
Bronchitis -	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Pneumonia -	7	1	9	-	19	1	2	-	4	1	41	3
Pleurisy -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
Empyæmia -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carried forward -	47	2	37	-	102	4	11	1	19	2	216	9

APPENDIX F.—*continued.***Mortality Table—*continued.***

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended 31st December 1902.											
	Chief Office.		Metro- politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Brought forward -	47	2	37	-	102	4	11	1	19	2	216	9
4. Diseases of digestive system :												
Stricture of œso- phagus.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ulcer of stomach	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Appendicitis -	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Enteritis and ulcer- ation of bowels.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Hernia, strangu- lated.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Peritonitis -	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Disease of liver -	6	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	11	-
Other diseases of digestive system.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
5. Diseases of urinary system :												
Bright's disease -	5	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	9	1
Cystitis -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Uræmia -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
IV.—DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE.												
Accidents - -	-	-	3	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
Drowned - -	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
Suicide - -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
V.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CASES.												
Tumours - -	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	3
Operations for cure of disease.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pernicious anæmia -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Senile decay - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Alcoholism - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
Totals -	70	4	48	-	124	5	15	2	20	2	277	13

N.B.—This table does not include deaths in South Africa.

APPENDIX F.—*continued.***Table giving Causes of Retirement from the Service through ill-health.**

	Number of Persons retired during the Twelve Months ended 31st December, 1902.											
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Influenza - - -	1	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
Cancer - - -	-	2	1	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	6	2
Phthisis and hæmoptysis.	18	3	9	1	35	1	7	1	2	-	71	6
Tuberculosis - -	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Chronic rheumatism and sciatica.	7	3	12	3	32	1	2	-	2	1	55	8
Gout - - -	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Diabetes - - -	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Glandular disease -	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Goitre - - -	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Syphilis - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Anæmia - - -	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Apoplexy - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Paralysis - - -	5	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	13	-
General paralysis of the insane.	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Writers' cramp - -	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Epilepsy - - -	5	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	12	-
Mental derangements	3	1	11	1	11	-	-	-	2	-	27	2
Nervous debility -	4	4	7	-	11	5	-	-	2	-	24	9
Vertigo - - -	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Heart disease - -	7	2	6	1	26	4	1	-	8	-	43	7
Angina pectoris -	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
Varicose veins - -	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	5	-
Chronic bronchitis -	2	3	2	1	8	1	1	-	-	-	13	5
Pleurisy - - -	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Pneumonia - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
Asthma - - -	3	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	7	-
Liver disease - -	3	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	9	-
Carried forward -	66	23	57	9	167	15	15	1	16	1	321	49

APPENDIX F.—*continued.***Table giving Causes of Retirement from the Service through ill-health—*continued.***

	Number of Persons retired during the Twelve Months ended 31st December, 1902.											
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Brought forward -	66	23	57	9	167	15	15	1	16	1	321	49
Ulcer of stomach -	-	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	3
Enteritis -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Fistula -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Piles -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Appendicitis -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dyspepsia -	2	-	-	-	4	1	1	-	1	1	8	2
Kidney disease -	3	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	6	1
Renal calculus -	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	4	-
Cystitis and stricture of urethra.	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Eye affections -	3	-	1	-	6	2	3	-	3	1	16	3
Ear affections -	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Tumours -	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	2	3
Necrosis of spine -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hernia -	-	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	9	-
Chronic synovitis -	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Flat feet and weak ankles.	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Tender feet -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Skin disease -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Wounds received in South Africa.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Accidents -	-	1	-	-	9	-	-	-	1	-	10	1
Phlebitis -	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Senile decay -	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
General debility -	1	25	1	1	5	5	1	-	1	8	32	32
Dysmenorrhœa -	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
Obesity -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Totals -	80	51	70	12	221	28	21	4	25	4	417	99

APPENDIX G.

Returned Postal Packets.

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Numbers of UNDELIVERED LETTERS and PARCELS received and disposed of, and the Numbers of POSTAL PACKETS of other Classes received, in the RETURNED LETTER OFFICES; also the Numbers of UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS dealt with in HEAD POST OFFICES, in the Year ended 31st March 1902, and the Year ended 31st March 1903.

Returned Letter Office.	Letters received.		Letters re-issued to corrected Addresses, or returned to the Senders.		Letters returned unopened to Foreign Countries.		Letters which could neither be delivered to the Addressees nor returned to the Senders.	
	1901-2.	1902-3.	1901-2.	1902-3.	1901-2.	1902-3.	1901-2.	1902-3.
LONDON - -	4,129,192	4,537,431	3,305,167	3,511,943	227,916	288,524	596,109	737,024
MANCHESTER -	531,002	539,720	433,710	475,433	25,102	26,776	72,190	87,511
LIVERPOOL -	387,740	424,858	333,475	362,909	24,087	26,953	30,187	34,996
BIRMINGHAM -	370,205	363,200	308,544	316,790	13,297	12,511	48,364	33,905
LEEDS - -	337,424	350,679	279,578	291,064	16,819	16,545	41,027	43,070
BRISTOL - -	446,628	471,507	372,673	387,318	24,508	24,359	49,447	59,830
NEWCASTLE-ON- TYNE.	228,347	243,916	188,226	192,188	14,467	15,109	25,654	36,619
NOTTINGHAM -	305,228	308,870	252,526	275,535	13,870	11,128	38,832	22,207
PLYMOUTH -	72,760	81,472	62,656	67,215	4,961	5,333	5,143	8,924
EDINBURGH -	210,795	217,854	180,011	184,772	11,595	11,503	19,189	21,579
GLASGOW - -	284,984	285,637	246,815	245,166	15,717	15,409	22,452	25,082
ABERDEEN -	37,111	37,758	31,303	31,323	2,219	2,103	3,589	4,332
INVERNESS -	19,132	20,407	15,936	17,653	780	857	2,416	1,967
DUBLIN - -	273,958	306,011	228,523	230,183	13,220	12,721	22,861	63,107
BELFAST - -	78,064	80,310	66,756	71,918	5,722	4,682	5,586	3,710
CORK - -	44,122	50,380	37,416	41,993	3,632	3,259	3,074	5,128
Totals for Re- turned Letter Offices - -	7,756,701	8,370,126	6,343,315	6,703,433	417,912	477,772	986,120	1,188,981
Dealt with in Head Post Offices - -	2,427,165	2,534,897	2,427,165	2,534,897	—	—	—	—
General Totals of Undelivered Correspondence	10,183,866	10,905,023	8,770,480	9,238,330	417,912	477,772	986,120	1,188,981
Increase - -	721,137		467,850		59,860		202,861	
Decrease - -	—		—		—		—	

APPENDIX G.—*continued.*Returned Postal Packets—*continued.*

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the Numbers of UNDELIVERED LETTERS and PARCELS received and disposed of, and the Numbers of POSTAL PACKETS of other Classes received in the RETURNED LETTER OFFICES; also the Numbers of UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS dealt with in HEAD POST OFFICES, in the Year ended 31st March 1902, and the Year ended 31st March 1903.

Returned Letter Office.	Post Cards received.		Book Packets received.		Newspapers received.		Parcels received.		Parcels re-issued to the Addressees or returned to the Senders.	
	1901-2.	1902-3.	1901-2.	1902-3.	1901-2.	1902-3.	1901-2.	1902-3.	1901-2.	1902-3.
LONDON - -	140,684	166,761	650,075	733,886	264,792	278,328	96,976	102,196	66,967	71,271
MANCHESTER -	28,252	29,852	87,592	106,116	4,100	4,295	8,969	9,243	5,574	6,153
LIVERPOOL - -	13,594	16,550	69,706	83,275	5,607	5,241	5,870	6,493	3,624	3,906
BIRMINGHAM -	12,767	12,411	40,353	50,099	3,156	3,173	6,609	6,497	4,519	4,372
LEEDS - -	11,805	12,128	55,121	59,684	1,344	1,896	5,464	5,167	3,166	3,234
BRISTOL - -	14,434	15,046	52,909	58,805	2,929	3,078	9,790	9,360	5,573	5,575
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	16,062	19,968	51,078	64,088	1,304	1,498	3,640	3,691	2,247	2,496
NOTTINGHAM -	10,579	14,876	33,918	51,520	1,131	1,094	5,949	5,811	3,433	3,725
PLYMOUTH - -	1,856	2,212	5,032	8,431	518	557	1,563	1,466	770	834
EDINBURGH -	38,085	42,809	131,620	140,555	11,781	10,621	6,981	7,334	5,078	5,406
GLASGOW - -	10,113	9,490	45,791	58,464	4,604	5,109	5,212	5,201	3,609	3,949
ABERDEEN - -	5,909	6,805	11,494	12,157	731	689	1,005	1,094	671	827
INVERNESS - -	537	733	4,131	4,554	398	411	474	560	277	366
DUBLIN - -	16,686	20,679	106,479	143,523	18,414	16,634	9,169	10,313	5,210	5,330
BELFAST - -	1,392	1,647	6,945	8,210	2,017	1,587	1,759	1,755	929	1,165
CORK - -	1,475	1,836	3,494	3,720	1,128	1,204	890	895	451	464
Totals for Returned Letter Offices.	324,200	372,921	1,364,733	1,587,087	323,963	335,415	170,370	177,076	112,608	119,197
Dealt with in Head Post Offices.	1,432,881	1,515,172	10,158,534	10,446,163	291,322	265,246	72,102	76,213	72,102	78,213
General Totals of Undelivered Correspondence	1,757,081	1,888,093	11,523,272	12,034,150	615,285	600,661	242,472	255,289	184,200	197,410
Increase -	131,012		510,878		—		12,817		13,210	
Decrease -	—		—		14,624		—		—	

APPENDIX H.

Telegrams.

STATEMENT showing the TOTAL NUMBER of TELEGRAMS forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	Total.	Increase per Cent. per Annum.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.				
1893-94	36,130,000	23,502,000	59,632,000	7,280,000	3,987,000	70,859,000	1·4
1894-95	36,099,000	24,118,000	60,217,000	7,334,000	4,038,000	71,589,000	1·0
1895-96	39,411,000	27,025,000	66,436,000	8,096,000	4,308,000	78,840,000	10·1
1896-97	40,305,000	26,645,000	66,950,000	8,094,000	4,379,000	79,423,000	·7
1897-98	42,542,000	27,419,000	69,961,000	8,464,000	4,605,000	83,080,000	4·5
1898-99	44,782,000	28,468,000	73,250,000	9,065,000	4,729,000	87,044,000	4·8
1899-1900	46,145,000	29,971,000	76,116,000	9,388,000	4,911,000	90,415,000	3·9
1900-01	46,029,000	29,856,000	75,885,000	9,289,000	4,903,000	89,577,000	dec. ·9
1901-02	46,858,000	28,924,000	75,782,000	9,730,000	4,920,000	90,432,000	inc. 1·0
1902-03	47,673,000	30,103,000	77,777,000	9,566,000	5,128,000	92,471,000	2·3

APPENDIX H.--*continued.***Telegrams--*continued.***

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of TELEGRAMS forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM during the Years 1901-1902 and 1902-1903; and the Increase or Decrease in each Month of the latter Year as compared with the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	(+) Increase. (-) Decrease.
April - - -	7,484,000	7,572,000	+ 88,000
May - - -	8,229,000	8,131,000	- 98,000
June - - -	7,927,000	8,556,000	+ 629,000
July - - -	8,749,000	9,050,000	+ 301,000
August - -	8,708,000	9,050,000	+ 342,000
September - - -	7,778,000	8,293,000	+ 515,000
October - -	7,942,000	8,243,000	+ 301,000
November - - -	7,197,000	6,984,000	- 213,000
December - - -	6,491,000	6,905,000	+ 414,000
January - - -	6,901,000	6,709,000	- 192,000
February - - -	6,115,000	6,087,000	- 28,000
March - - -	6,911,000	6,891,000	- 20,000
	90,432,000	92,471,000	+ 2,039,000

APPENDIX I.

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

Year.	Inland Telegrams.	Wire Rentals, &c.	Salaries.	Work executed.	Total.
1893-94	£ 16,897	£ 28,990	£ 4,048	£ 12	£ 44,942
1894-95	-	25,451	3,967	19	47,429
1895-96	-	22,291	3,674	97	44,045
1896-97	-	22,728	3,570	138	44,905
1897-98	-	20,984	3,297	162	41,371
1898-99	-	27,585	3,454	6,564	55,749
1899-1900	-	27,908	5,671	3,103	70,746
1900-01	-	29,257	18,136	3,267	78,764
1901-02	-	29,473	21,981	1,795	79,448
1902-03	-	30,251	13,582	1,666	92,121

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank—continued.

TABLE showing the under-mentioned particulars of the BUSINESS for each YEAR since the passing of the SAVINGS BANK ACT, 1893, in continuation of PARLIAMENTARY PAPER No. 362 of 1896.

	Year ended 31st December									
	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	
Total number of depositors -	6,108,763	6,453,597	6,862,035	7,239,761	7,630,502	8,046,680	8,439,983	8,787,675	9,133,161	
Total number of deposits -	10,978,651	11,384,977	12,638,307	13,012,935	13,757,244	14,654,609	14,969,849	15,018,645	15,250,316	
Average amount of each deposit account.	14 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i>	15 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i>	15 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i>	16 <i>l.</i> 0 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i>	16 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 9 <i>d.</i>	16 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i>	16 <i>l.</i> 1 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i>	15 <i>l.</i> 19 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	15 <i>l.</i> 16 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>	
Average sum paid in -	2 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 16 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 17 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 14 <i>s.</i> 11 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 14 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 13 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 14 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i>	2 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i>	
Average sum drawn out -	6 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 11 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> 11 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 13 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i>	7 <i>l.</i> 1 <i>s.</i> 5 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 18 <i>s.</i> 9 <i>d.</i>	6 <i>l.</i> 17 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>	
Total number of persons who have deposited in single sums the entire amount allowed to be deposited in each year -	35,850	48,500	54,700	53,500	54,000	51,700	48,100	48,900	49,800	

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

GOVERNMENT STOCK.

TABLE showing the BUSINESS done during the last TEN YEARS.

Y EAR.	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 Block Certificates obtained.	Amount of Transfers to the Bank of England.	Amount of Stock transferred from old Savings Banks.	Number of Dividends credited to old Savings Banks.	Number of Dividends credited to Stock-holders.	Amount of Dividends credited to Stock-holders.	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.
1868	17,196	8,903	80,131	20,393	15,293	26	487	1,533,027	3,318 13 0	3 3 0	1,445,06	3 14 4	711,466	46 11 1	704,329	3,100	74,960	9,086	510	251,625	160,270	6,364,404	92 1 3
1869	13,188	11,015	71,904	23,532	13,315	12	159	1,650,675	3,247 8 6	1 7 0	1,622,674	69 1 8	978,091	53 8 0	965,459	1,350	22,774	41,220	976	279,462	183,179	7,025,197	98 11 4
1870	9,725	12,030	68,949	13,690	10,608	17	164	1,183,720	2,897 0 0	3 2 0	1,112,568	61 10 0	1,103,930	59 7 2	1,233,491	3,100	27,611	4,477	633	232,069	126,605	6,940,948	100 16 0
1871	10,175	10,947	68,177	16,912	17,985	8	143	1,065,573	2,802 6 9	1 8 0	967,884	57 4 7	1,107,837	61 15 3	1,235,396	1,400	28,573	110,354	635	275,598	126,134	6,991,891	101 1 9
1872	9,139	8,203	60,113	10,385	13,760	10	144	1,075,849	2,257 12 3	1 14 0	967,142	57 2 2	796,486	57 16 11	891,927	1,700	23,511	1,710	432	273,502	121,081	7,033,564	101 15 4
1873	10,366	7,408	73,071	20,162	12,567	19	191	1,393,990	2,423 3 2	2 4 0	1,183,089	58 13 6	714,295	56 16 9	757,386	2,300	38,715	1,133	392	259,496	136,991	7,462,134	103 10 9
1874	13,698	7,011	76,068	26,531	11,799	23	225	1,770,170	2,927 8 6	4 19 0	1,670,354	63 19 2	698,135	56 4 0	735,721	4,950	46,089	3,543	1,094	294,196	215,362	8,267,213	106 5 11
1875	22,044	7,077	68,965	41,080	12,028	41	333	2,380,513	4,298 7 6	6 0 0	2,380,916	68 19 11	678,374	56 8 0	678,310	6,000	75,199	1,170	1,448	339,463	235,665	10,698,300	111 8 2
1876	23,333	7,769	104,509	46,550	13,571	44	507	3,065,596	4,804 13 6	6 3 0	3,192,154	68 11 6	761,629	56 3 2	739,331	6,100	107,361	2,053	727	398,597	316,068	12,768,190	116 15 2
1877	19,184	9,997	113,606	40,868	17,221	53	563	2,508,966	4,647 3 0	9 6 0	2,594,447	65 17 10	1,064,103	61 4 4	1,012,042	9,300	133,133	2,498	833	451,234	371,407	14,265,617	120 7 1

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank—continued.

ANNUITIES AND LIFE INSURANCES.

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

YEAR.	ANNUITIES.						LIFE INSURANCES.										
	Immediate.			Deferred.			Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.						
	Receipts.		Payments.		Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		
	No.	Amount of Annuities.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of In- surances.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Claims on Death and Sur- render.
1893	-	£ 36,746	£ 461,599	£ 231,474	189	3,061	£ 1,237	£ 16,148	535	8,070	£ 44,000	£ 17,227	228	9,328			
1894	-	1,565	41,405	540,277	20,418	275,245	164	3,772	1,233	9,130	56,010	17,227	291	9,641			
1895	-	1,898	49,816	665,363	21,911	305,712	169	4,033	1,300	9,987	38,363	19,140	290	9,861			
1896	-	2,203	60,965	823,713	23,980	347,126	202	4,178	1,317	25,336	65,532	18,587	431	9,878			
1897	-	2,051	56,237	756,433	26,057	392,235	207	4,069	1,363	24,112	46,017	20,439	321	10,050			
1898	-	2,065	55,753	750,354	27,953	432,761	164	3,698	1,374	23,876	42,554	21,512	341	11,673			
1899	-	2,031	54,044	719,419	29,747	472,632	147	3,085	1,347	23,617	43,723	21,575	348	10,663			
1900	-	2,258	49,863	723,143	31,409	503,297	137	2,732	1,343	19,862	36,512	22,185	364	15,422			
1901	-	1,764	43,268	562,159	33,269	527,371	142	3,066	1,365	23,650	44,396	21,972	380	12,992			
1902	-	1,679	48,791	558,770	34,375	546,251	139	2,973	1,353	21,764	34,646	22,553	389	14,646			

* New Tables of Life Insurance Premiums introduced 1st February 1896.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.***Post Office Savings Bank—*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 1902, and the Number and Amount of CONTRACTS in existence on the 31st December 1902.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1901.		From 1 Jan. 1902 to 31 December 1902.			
	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 1902, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	38,764	818,675 18 10	1,679	42,790 17 8	40,443	861,466 16 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	1,217	21,452 14 2	50	996 14 0	1,267	22,449 8 2
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - -	2,353	51,797 7 6	89	1,975 18 6	2,442	53,773 6 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1902 - - - - -	21,069	1,301,422 3 7	722	34,645 17 2	21,791	1,336,068 0 0
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1901, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	-	- - - -	-	- - - -	23,446	578,391 0 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - - -	-	- - - -	-	- - - -	1,036	17,858 14 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - -	-	- - - -	-	- - - -	1,277	28,048 10 8
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1902 - - - -	-	- - - -	-	- - - -	12,795	757,288 8 0

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

RETURN of the BALANCE SHEETS of the POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on the 31st day of December 1902, 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 1902, 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 BANKS FUND.	Value of Securities at price of 31 Dec. 1902.			Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
STOCKS:									
2½ per cent. Consols - - -	62,651,992	12	5	58,266,353	2	0	407,593	15	4
2½ per cents. - - - -	8,853,170	15	8	8,321,980	10	9	52,325	2	6
Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock -	10,947,690	5	1	11,002,428	14	1	77,645	£	0
2½ per cent. Annuities (1905) -	302,000	0	0	297,092	10	0	1,963	8	3
2½ per cent. Guaranteed Land Stock	4,617,550	15	8	4,294,322	4	6	63,146	5	3
2½ per cent. War Stock - - -	205,000	0	0	201,156	5	0	1,332	15	7
BILLS AND BONDS:									
Treasury Bills - - - -	25,000	0	0	24,294	4	7	330	19	8
Exchequer Bonds (1903) - - -	140,000	0	0	139,562	10	0	960	1	2
Exchequer Bonds (1905) - - -	470,000	0	0	468,237	10	0	940	0	0
Egyptian Guaranteed 3 per cent. Bonds - - - -	592,100	0	0	605,422	5	0	—		
Greek Guaranteed 2½ per cent. Bonds	1,210,400	0	0	1,119,620	0	0	—		
Canada Guaranteed 4 per cent. Bonds - - - -	30,000	0	0	30,300	0	0	—		
Irish Land Commission Bonds -	800,000	0	0	800,000	0	0	—		
Local Loans Bonds - - - -	7,400,000	0	0	7,400,000	0	0	82,887	4	6
ANNUITIES FOR TERMS OF YEARS:									
Converted Annuity, per 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54, s. 5, 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43, 63 Vict. c. 7., and 1 Edw. VII. c. 7. - - - -	321,918	0	0	(a) 1,226,422	13	4	—		
Savings Bank Annuities expiring 1913-14, per 46 & 47 Vict. c. 54, 48 & 49 Vict. c. 43, 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16, 62 & 63 Vict. c. 9, 63 Vict. c. 7., and 1 Edw. VII. c. 7. - - -	180,559	0	0	(a & b) 1,501,554	0	0	—		
Savings Banks Annuities expiring 1924-25, per 62 & 63 Vict. c. 9, 63 Vict. c. 7., and 1 Edw. VII. c. 7. - - - -	584,717	0	0	(a & b) 8,095,170	0	0	—		
Book Debt Annuity, per 62 & 63 Vict. c. 9, 63 Vict. c. 7., and 1 Edw. VII. c. 7. - - -	584,633	0	0	(a) 9,577,254	16	2	—		
Conversion, 1884, Annuity, per 47 Vict. c. 2, s. 2. - - - -	35,121	0	0	(a) 34,564	7	6	—		
Red Sea and India Telegraph Annuity, per 25 & 26 Vict. c. 39, - - - -	3,100	0	0	(a) 13,950	0	0	—		
Russian - Dutch Loan Annuity, per 54 & 55 Vict. c. 26. - - - -	35,176	18	0	(a) 132,668	18	2	—		
Telegraph Annuities, per 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59, 59 & 60 Vict. c. 40, 61 & 62 Vict. c. 33., and 62 & 63 Vict. c. 38. - - - -	227,430	12	0	(a) 2,144,502	12	7	—		
Carried forward - - - -				116,596,857	4	5	689,124	18	3

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1902.

(b) Cash value (at the price of Consols on 31st December 1902) of the amount of 2½ per cent. Consols, estimated to have been unreplaced at 31st December 1902, 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 BANKS FUND.	Value of Securities at price of 31 Dec. 1902.	Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward - - - - -	116,596,357 4 5	689,124 18 3
ANNUITIES, &c.— <i>cont.</i>		
Light Railways (Ireland) Annuities, per 54 & 55 Vict. c. 24. s. 4.	(a) 69,764 2 10	—
Barracks Annuities, per 53 & 54 Vict. c. 25.	(a) 790,004 5 7	—
Pensions Commutation Annuities, per 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36.	(a) 166,748 12 8	—
Indian Army Pension Deficiency Fund Annuities, per 48 & 49 Vict. c. 67. s. 5 (2), and 59 & 60 Vict. c. 28. s. 37.	(a) 1,687,663 16 8	—
Uganda Railway Annuity, per 59 & 60 Vict. c. 38., and 63 & 64 Vict. c. 11.	(a) 4,368,207 5 0	—
British Museum (Purchase of Land) Annuity, per 57 & 58 Vict. c. 34.	(a) 194,437 1 0	—
Public Offices (Acquisition of Site) Annuity, per 59 Vict. c. 5.	(a) 438,113 11 8	—
Royal Niger Company Annuity, per 62 & 63 Vict. c. 43.	(a) 802,053 1 8	—
Military Works Annuities, per 60 Vict. c. 7., 62 & 63 Vict. c. 41., and 1 Edw. 7. c. 40.	(a) 1,751,664 7 8	—
Naval Works Annuities, per 58 & 59 Vict. c. 35., 62 & 63 Vict. c. 42., and 1 Edw. VII. c. 39.	(a) 2,335,371 5 4	—
ADVANCES, in respect of which Annuities had not been granted at 31st December 1902:		
Under Pensions Commutation Act, 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36.	35,567 14 6	623 14 4
" Telegraph Acts, 55 & 56 Vict. c. 59, 59 & 60 Vict. c. 40., 61 & 62 Vict. c. 33., and 62 & 63 Vict. c. 38.	690,000 0 0	11,220 0 8
" Uganda Railway Acts, 1896 to 1902, 59 & 60 Vict. c. 38., 63 & 64 Vict. c. 11., and 2 Edw. VII. c. 40.	330,000 0 0	8,540 10 11
" Military Works Acts, 1897, 1899, and 1901, 60 Vict. c. 7., 62 & 63 Vict. c. 41., and 1 Edw. VII. c. 40.	550,000 0 0	7,138 7 0
" Naval Works Acts, 1895, 1899, and 1901, 58 & 59 Vict. c. 35., 62 & 63 Vict. c. 42., and 1 Edw. VII. c. 39.	2,568,000 0 0	44,870 9 1
" Pacific Cable Act, 1901, 1 Edw. VII. c. 31.	2,000,000 0 0	15,620 14 5
ADVANCES to H.M. Exchequer in aid of Ways and Means, per 2 Edw. VII. c. 27. s. 3.	1,700,000 0 0	4,002 14 10
	£ 137,574,492 9 0	779,150 9 6
Add—Value of Securities - - - - -		137,574,492 9 0
Cash balance in Banks of England and Ireland - - - - -		29,563 3 7
		£ 138,383,205 2 1

(a) Value, inclusive of interest, to 31st December 1902.

National Debt Office,
6th May 1903.G. W. HERVEY,
Comptroller General.

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

BALANCE SHEET.

RETURN OF THE BALANCE SHEETS OF THE POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS for the Year 1902, 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 1902, Amount of Cash in Hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the Year, &c., and the Excess of Liabilities over Assets.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance due to Depositors on the 31st December 1902 (including interest) -	144,605,087 17 10	Value of Securities according to the average price of the day on 31 Dec. 1902 -	138,353,042 18 6
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated) -	30,019 19 5½	Amount of cash in hands of Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt -	29,563 5 7
		Total Amount in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt -	- - -
		Deduct—Amount required to meet Warrants issued to Depositors but not cashed on 31st December 1902 -	112,678 19 6
		Less—Amount in the hands of His Majesty's Postmaster-General -	47,535 16 1
			138,383,205 2 1
		Value of the Central Savings Bank Premises (estimated) -	138,318,091 18 8
		Excess of Liabilities over Assets -	372,000 0 0
			5,945,045 18 7½
			144,635,107 17 3½

N.B.—The excess of liabilities over assets is due to the low price at which Consols, &c. stood on 31st December 1902, &c., ½ per cent. Consols were valued at 98. In the 20 years from 1876 to 1896 inclusive, a total sum of 1,598,767 was paid into the Exchequer out of the funds of the Post Office Savings Banks under sec. 14 of the Act 40 Vict. c. 13, being the excess of interest accrued from Securities over the amount of interest paid and credited to depositors and the working expenses of the Banks.

In the 27 years from 1860 to 1889 inclusive, there was a total deficiency of 84,193. In the 27 years 1900 and 1901 there was an excess of interest of 36,641.

The cost of the site of the Savings Bank buildings in Queen Victoria Street and the cost of the buildings (together 372,000) have been paid out of the Post Office Savings Bank funds.

APPENDIX K—continued.

Money Orders—continued.

INLAND ORDERS.

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.				SCOTLAND.				IRELAND.				UNITED KINGDOM.			
	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of popu- lation.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of popu- lation.	Number.	Amount. £	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount. £
1883-84	7,463,054	20,647,160	1.2	Dec. Inc.	24.9	1,008,662	2,564,601	2.2	Decrease. 2.2	24.4	536,218	1,363,275	Dec. Inc.	2	9,027,984	24,575,086
1884-85	7,658,756	21,040,022	2.3	1.9	25.4	994,834	2,549,597	1.3	5	23.9	536,714	1,363,913	Inc. Inc.	1.7	9,190,304	24,963,532
1885-86	7,778,115	21,539,006	1.5	2.3	25.3	1,017,520	2,571,839	2.2	Increase. 2.2	24.2	538,861	1,371,391	Dec. Dec.	1.5	9,354,296	25,362,236
1886-87	7,784,844	21,831,293	.08	1.4	25.1	992,426	2,606,671	2.4	Decrease. 2.4	23.5	537,252	1,401,889	Inc. Inc.	1.2	9,514,023	25,919,863
1887-88	7,914,255	23,211,225	1.6	6.2	25.2	967,740	2,772,746	2.4	Inc. Inc.	23.7	547,614	1,510,174	1.9	7.7	9,629,609	27,464,145
1888-89	8,166,871	24,121,276	3.1	3.9	25.9	1,003,138	2,911,860	5.6	5.0	23.6	568,638	1,570,942	2.0	4.0	9,721,647	28,604,078
1889-1900	8,653,871	25,697,094	6.0	6.5	27.1	1,047,134	3,119,470	4.3	7.1	24.4	589,885	1,688,787	5.4	7.5	10,392,890	30,506,351
1900-01	9,638,474	29,213,746	11.3	13.6	29.9	1,094,431	3,344,691	4.5	7.2	25.3	642,613	1,896,423	9.1	12.2	11,375,518	34,454,859
1901-02	10,067,088	31,006,664	4.4	6.1	30.7	1,141,433	3,556,429	4.2	6.3	25.4	683,862	2,097,037	6.4	10.5	11,892,333	36,060,120
1902-03	10,363,129	32,746,960	1.9	5.6	31.0	1,179,571	3,632,949	3.3	7.8	26.0	710,161	2,340,697	3.8	11.6	12,151,861	38,980,596
															2.2	38.8

APPENDIX K.—*continued.***Money Orders—*continued.***

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS issued by and for other GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, and by the METROPOLITAN POLICE, in each of the last Ten Years.

Year.	Admiralty.	Board of Education, England.	Board of Public Works, Ireland.	Board of Trade.	Civil Service Commission.	India Office.	Inland Revenue.	Metropolitan Police.	Office of Works.	Scotch Education Department.	War Office.	Total.
1893-94 { Number { Amount £	261,548 1,067,654	6,312 77,588	822 1,299	80,182 53,681	1,293 4,966	2,515 11,120	549,989 1,830,430	8,576 109,467	10,496 26,521	293 3,092	686,787 2,340,540	1,569,193 5,517,090
1894-95 { Number { Amount £	313,979 1,183,353	7,315 82,355	566 897	90,213 58,914	1,318 5,171	2,215 10,205	686,224 1,919,620	9,897 126,471	9,829 25,978	357 3,532	639,917 2,333,597	1,661,580 5,770,383
1895-96 { Number { Amount £	369,782 1,308,397	10,835 101,200	311 183	78,452 50,712	1,077 4,197	2,106 9,065	629,438 2,011,897	10,461 140,723	9,771 26,071	875 4,143	641,639 2,379,326	1,754,147 6,036,113
1896-97 { Number { Amount £	398,909 1,366,775	11,389 103,627	143 78	78,998 50,067	964 3,931	1,897 8,049	635,550 2,012,390	11,412 162,310	9,876 26,298	383 4,563	687,579 2,347,510	1,777,794 6,065,136
1897-98 { Number { Amount £	487,760 1,491,323	11,964 106,617	286 323	73,542 46,782	1,057 3,568	1,718 7,039	625,521 2,037,317	12,923 179,643	8,682 24,218	360 4,044	630,115 2,341,145	1,853,983 6,241,353
1898-99 { Number { Amount £	511,961 1,542,615	11,893 104,414	255 374	76,794 48,194	1,129 3,776	1,673 6,303	632,644 2,012,310	14,054 197,166	4,635 17,078	474 4,707	632,144 2,315,134	1,877,536 6,252,066
1899- 1900 { Number { Amount £	534,103 1,593,155	12,163 106,664	165 54	78,216 80,178	1,264 4,208	1,413 5,573	639,228 2,054,326	16,272 214,715	4,410 18,074	457 4,634	797,234 2,766,796	2,102,304 6,841,371
1900-01 { Number { Amount £	554,656 1,629,454	12,630 106,644	262 403	77,906 49,765	1,391 5,315	1,302 4,893	679,095 2,239,242	22,729 235,644	4,829 20,561	375 4,210	1,363,063 4,897,446	2,718,228 8,692,757
1901-02 { Number { Amount £	566,718 1,663,595	11,662 103,218	126 41	76,672 47,516	1,390 4,426	1,233 4,681	746,053 2,755,508	18,383 240,165	6,644 36,851	457 4,748	1,329,518 4,969,301	2,761,866 9,090,890
1902-03 { Number { Amount £	538,432 1,702,069	11,900 105,331	317 578	79,403 49,018	1,366 4,279	1,233 4,512	791,357 3,040,559	17,768 246,962	6,323 35,067	478 4,692	1,149,063 3,666,535	2,646,464 8,800,395

APPENDIX K.—*continued.***Money Orders—*continued.***

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of INLAND TELEGRAPH
MONEY ORDERS issued in each of the last Ten Years.

Year.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1893-94	106,890	£ 366,908	33·6	25·3
1894-95	132,457	456,731	23·9	24·5
1895-96	153,318	515,304	15·7	12·8
1896-97	160,470	528,316	4·7	2·5
1897-98	205,754	698,944	28·2	32·3
1898-99	257,650	878,072	25·2	25·6
1899-1900	311,943	999,086	21·1	13·8
1900-01	369,165	1,128,661	18·3	13·0
1901-02	411,952	1,240,619	11·6	9·9
1902-03	462,885	1,459,496	12·4	17·6

1st February 1897.—Rates of Commission reduced.

1st October 1898.—Private messages allowed in Telegrams of Advice, and compulsory repetition abolished.

APPENDIX K.—continued.
Money Orders—continued.

COLONIAL 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.
1893-94	117,425	480,364	13·3	17·7	388,061	1,337,537	3·9	5·3	515,476	1,767,701	6·1	8·0
1894-95	123,955	427,288	5·5	Decrease. ·7	394,607	1,284,580	Decrease. ·8	Decrease. 3·9	518,562	1,711,818	·5	Decrease. 3·1
1895-96	127,194	435,820	2·6	Increase. 1·9	412,592	1,542,769	Increase. 4·5	Increase. 4·5	539,786	1,776,579	4·0	Increase. 3·9
1896-97	129,171	430,414	1·5	Decrease. 1·2	443,964	1,476,247	7·6	9·8	573,135	1,906,661	6·1	7·1
1897-98	137,655	483,935	6·5	Increase. 13·4	429,660	1,363,936	Decrease. 3·2	Decrease. 7·8	567,515	1,842,571	1·0	Decrease. 3·2
1898-99	142,169	497,629	3·2	2·8	451,245	1,360,673	Increase. 5·0	Increase. ·1	593,414	1,868,807	Increase. 4·6	Increase ·6
1899-1900	142,574	476,631	·3	Decrease. 4·2	474,766	1,399,780	5·2	2·8	617,510	1,876,411	4·0	·9
1900-01	140,772	449,463	Decrease. 1·3	5·6	539,596	1,625,012	13·6	16·0	680,270	2,074,495	10·2	10·5
1901-02	142,114	456,901	Increase. ·6	Increase. 1·6	642,621	2,004,813	19·1	23·4	784,785	2,463,714	5·3	18·7
1902-03	161,421	556,941	13·6	22·6	819,071	2,564,610	27·5	27·8	980,492	3,134,561	24·9	26·8

Money Orders—continued.

YEAR.	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.				ISSUED ABROAD.				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.
1893-94	-	-	5.3	7.5	683,558	1,580,715	Decrease. 4.1	Decrease. 6.3	981,364	2,578,092	Decrease. 1.2	Decrease. 2.0
1894-95	-	-	1.3	Decrease. 1.3	654,187	1,470,894	1.4	6.9	976,340	2,237,777	.5	5.0
1895-96	-	-	2.4	Increase. 1.4	686,793	1,567,420	Increase. 6.5	6.5	1,026,331	2,346,002	Increase. 5.1	Increase. 4.7
1896-97	-	-	7.7	11.8	678,927	1,530,015	Decrease. 2.5	Decrease. 2.3	1,054,460	2,465,573	.7	2.4
1897-98	-	-	8.6	11.2	746,103	1,785,662	Increase. 9.7	Increase. 16.5	1,131,534	2,777,563	9.3	14.6
1898-99	-	-	3.7	2.1	759,449	1,800,962	1.9	.9	1,160,140	2,816,133	2.5	1.3
1899-1900	-	-	1.6	2.4	770,101	1,780,011	1.4	Decrease. 1.1	1,177,229	2,819,500	1.5	.1
1900-01	-	-	4.8	3.9	780,744	1,764,336	1.3	.8	1,207,679	2,845,311	2.5	.9
1901-02	-	-	10.6	8.7	814,080	1,870,225	4.2	Increase. 6.0	1,263,342	3,045,367	6.5	7.0
1902-03	-	-	11.2	13.1	873,752	2,027,766	7.3	8.4	1,399,071	3,367,346	8.8	10.2

APPENDIX K.—continued.

Money Orders—continued.

TABLE showing the AMOUNT of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and the COLONIES in each of the last Ten Years.

YEAR.	Australia.		British America.		India.		New Zealand.		South Africa.		West Indies.	Other Colonies and Postal Agencies.				TOTAL.	
	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the Colonies.	£	£
1893-94	148,702	265,881	98,545	215,136	84,238	167,933	29,933	78,466	36,880	287,639	11,863	216,888	25,913	105,394	480,364	1,337,337	
1894-95	124,692	228,484	102,887	193,274	89,405	145,257	30,263	72,688	42,966	325,191	11,496	207,409	25,484	114,287	427,298	1,284,530	
1895-96	117,589	222,797	100,671	176,498	94,345	152,525	31,585	72,888	46,539	385,478	12,748	193,973	28,333	138,600	435,820	1,242,759	
1896-97	112,874	242,063	102,705	163,225	82,557	182,764	31,288	76,785	53,396	463,733	14,096	163,475	33,509	163,173	430,414	1,475,247	
1897-98	111,906	255,850	107,938	171,722	136,699	201,562	32,940	86,892	48,191	346,421	14,775	166,389	32,368	138,080	463,935	1,353,986	
1898-99	113,906	243,516	106,370	173,263	135,069	207,907	31,509	99,648	55,022	355,777	16,463	144,561	35,968	131,012	497,689	1,360,678	
1899-1900	114,906	244,132	107,786	197,034	108,165	203,194	32,209	112,761	64,641	365,057	14,779	145,194	39,153	137,408	476,631	1,369,780	
1900-01	113,131	250,757	107,139	218,653	71,863	218,229	31,506	106,966	70,445	536,632	14,977	148,875	40,722	146,910	449,483	1,625,012	
1901-02	113,006	268,616	111,574	252,692	76,973	237,104	32,370	106,949	60,107	788,997	16,969	136,280	46,712	166,985	466,901	2,006,813	
1902-03	117,167	257,001	126,740	313,244	97,649	292,693	34,296	120,816	107,224	1,274,466	19,369	131,632	57,494	174,799	539,941	2,564,610	

APPENDIX K.—continued.

Money Orders—continued.

TABLE showing the AMOUNT of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and FOREIGN COUNTRIES in each of the last Ten Years.

YEAR.	Austria.		Belgium.		Denmark.		Egypt.		France.		Germany.		Holland.		Hungary.		Italy.	
	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£
1893-94	26,105	19,869	28,113	50,371	16,062	15,805	4,042	28,465	121,916	154,938	183,708	138,218	19,587	24,971	9,064	5,036	36,718	21,168
1894-95	27,815	20,259	31,345	40,101	15,134	15,029	4,054	20,241	122,597	157,831	179,958	144,550	21,323	27,010	5,844	5,546	38,256	16,707
1895-96	32,054	24,561	32,904	51,277	15,562	15,354	4,370	26,237	129,064	164,355	178,087	149,108	29,390	30,327	5,838	7,757	47,751	21,213
1896-97	40,684	26,510	34,093	53,426	16,565	15,209	4,738	28,929	137,261	160,080	160,660	146,716	42,535	32,525	8,052	7,525	55,157	17,708
1897-98	52,704	28,961	39,162	56,301	17,193	16,014	5,000	31,563	146,109	164,664	203,781	160,222	50,616	31,085	11,445	7,524	69,752	16,929
1898-99	68,566	34,131	38,612	58,254	17,355	19,351	5,985	50,675	155,206	175,332	201,124	160,936	47,798	32,039	15,002	9,312	71,275	16,325
1899-1900	85,680	33,774	40,449	59,766	19,767	21,230	6,094	49,874	155,418	170,130	205,117	172,568	39,654	32,665	20,394	9,845	76,176	16,133
1900-01	81,822	34,619	42,220	58,252	20,496	21,617	6,227	43,725	167,378	165,300	203,319	175,387	38,785	34,427	25,060	11,340	84,819	16,438
1901-02	83,280	38,708	45,691	60,562	22,212	18,380	6,697	41,919	179,874	176,301	219,281	192,553	40,625	35,973	36,960	12,261	94,230	18,807
1902-03	110,724	41,153	50,943	62,964	22,695	28,603	8,733	45,106	193,417	190,659	238,816	202,818	49,533	37,210	45,723	15,074	111,966	20,171

APPENDIX K.—continued.

Money Orders—continued.

TABLE showing the AMOUNT of MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and FOREIGN COUNTRIES in each of the last Ten Years—continued.

Year.	Japan.		Norway.		Portugal.		Sweden.		Switzerland.		United States.		Other Countries.		Total.	
	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£	Issued in the U.K.	£
1893-94	825	1,954	27,526	8,691	1,190	— †	30,664	11,805	32,175	25,743	257,170	1,066,306	2,072	10,155	797,377	1,880,715
1894-95	1,063	1,180	27,774	9,374	967	— †	29,243	11,892	34,373	24,509	244,177	992,210	2,360	9,355	796,883	1,470,894
1895-96	1,084	2,224	28,891	10,651	916	— †	31,783	11,842	36,079	26,512	221,873	1,015,187	2,846	10,815	798,582	1,567,420
1896-97	1,366	2,060	36,904	11,782	720	— †	37,653	12,496	36,050	26,908	217,853	973,637	3,225	12,503	893,553	1,530,015
1897-98	1,291	2,413	44,164	12,501	765	— †	42,023	14,299	39,161	28,964	251,945	958,576	15,770	253,646	963,901	1,783,662
1898-99	1,351	2,327	42,139	14,622	1,123	231	43,292	14,397	38,964	20,965	255,367	952,539	13,901	230,446	1,015,170	1,900,962
1899-1900	1,561	2,344	43,252	15,282	1,116	663	45,752	15,425	41,846	31,258	246,312	1,030,444	8,981	110,121	1,039,489	1,780,011
1900-01	2,011	2,700	48,380	21,327	1,529	1,223	52,002	17,829	42,964	39,794	250,768	1,116,617	8,630	12,663	1,060,975	1,764,336
1901-02	2,375	3,046	50,703	18,064	2,033	1,854	55,329	16,498	46,481	33,796	281,887	1,169,577	7,684	11,507	1,175,142	1,870,225
1902-03	2,267	4,296	56,542	18,617	2,118	2,340	64,356	17,527	52,569	36,018	309,524	1,294,404	7,102	13,815	1,320,582	2,027,765

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

APPENDIX K.—*continued.***Money Orders—*continued.***

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and AMOUNT of TELEGRAPH MONEY
ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and FOREIGN
COUNTRIES during the Year ended 31st March 1903.

Country.	Date of Commencement.	Issued in the United Kingdom.		Issued Abroad.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Austria - -	1 Feb. 1900	278	£ 1,749	423	£ 1,956
Belgium - -	1 Oct. 1899	746	4,641	453	3,098
Egypt - -	1 Nov. 1901	26	218	12	106
France - -	1 June 1901	1,677	10,663	1,663	8,525
Germany - -	1 Nov. 1898	2,242	11,326	2,852	15,561
Hungary - -	1 Feb. 1900	97	536	90	495
Italy - -	1 Aug. 1900	325	2,145	227	1,326
Luxembourg -	1 Feb. 1900	8	61	3	9
Netherlands -	1 Oct. 1899	2,002	7,877	370	1,905
Norway - -	1 Feb. 1900	115	802	236	1,171
Roumania -	„	28	178	29	182
Sweden - -	1 Jan. 1901	85	640	114	683
Switzerland -	1 Feb. 1900	223	1,560	187	943
Totals - - -	-	7,852	42,391	6,659	35,960

APPENDIX L.

Postal Orders.

TABLE showing the NUMBER and VALUE of POSTAL ORDERS issued in each of the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	NUMBER OF EACH CLASS OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED.																	TOTAL.		Increase per cent.	
																		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. 7 6	s. d. 10 0	s. d. 10 6	s. d. 15 0	s. d. 20 0							
1893-94	4,457,000	3,275,000	3,956,000	3,639,000	3,147,000	1,874,000	3,687,000	1,553,000	8,454,000	2,638,000	7,385,000	1,851,000	2,224,000	9,262,000	57,442,000	21,962,000	2	1.2	2.0		
1894-95	4,848,000	3,542,000	4,311,000	3,940,000	3,361,000	1,998,000	3,901,000	1,674,000	8,940,000	2,843,000	7,727,000	1,879,000	2,312,000	9,525,000	60,910,000	23,907,000	6.0	4.6			
1895-96	5,230,000	3,785,000	4,578,000	4,288,000	3,523,000	2,123,000	4,081,000	1,776,000	9,340,000	3,019,000	8,047,000	2,112,000	2,435,000	9,967,000	64,323,000	24,052,000	5.6	5.0			
1896-97	5,562,000	4,041,000	4,844,000	4,516,000	3,706,000	2,248,000	4,304,000	1,903,000	9,792,000	3,189,000	8,325,000	2,222,000	2,546,000	10,246,000	67,444,000	24,997,000	4.9	3.9			
1897-98	6,207,000	4,413,000	5,217,000	4,855,000	3,835,000	2,385,000	4,582,000	2,047,000	10,310,000	3,391,000	8,689,000	2,369,000	2,673,000	10,601,000	71,657,000	26,196,000	6.3	4.8			
1898-99	7,601,000	4,967,000	5,843,000	5,116,000	4,217,000	2,535,000	4,948,000	2,152,000	10,917,000	3,583,000	9,072,000	2,444,000	2,753,000	10,933,000	77,046,000	27,403,000	7.5	4.6			
1899-1900	8,921,000	5,094,000	6,267,000	5,432,000	4,669,000	2,675,000	5,425,000	2,239,000	11,719,000	3,740,000	9,514,000	2,560,000	2,876,000	11,363,000	82,463,000	28,554,000	7.0	5.2			
1900-01	8,245,000	5,365,000	6,564,000	5,730,000	5,030,000	2,866,000	5,663,000	2,363,000	12,401,000	3,939,000	10,086,000	2,767,000	2,996,000	11,687,000	85,741,000	30,106,000	4.0	4.4			
1901-02	7,569,000	5,638,000	6,828,000	6,142,000	5,241,000	3,146,000	5,943,000	2,566,000	13,167,000	4,204,000	10,718,000	2,916,000	3,247,000	13,367,000	91,052,000	32,960,000	6.2	9.5			
1902-03	8,256,000	5,929,000	7,223,000	6,478,000	5,462,000	3,145,000	6,266,000	2,670,000	13,673,000	4,318,000	10,744,000	2,993,000	3,220,000	12,925,000	93,303,000	32,900,000	3.4	Dec.	'03		

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 1905.

NAMES OF OFFICES.	Correspondence.			Total Weights.
	Weight in Ounces.			
	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
Admiralty - - - - -	4,663,537	—	—	4,663,537
Agriculture and Technical Institute, Ireland.	—	—	917,714	917,714
Attorney General - - - - -	3,149	—	—	3,149
Board of Agriculture - - - - -	3,804,166	—	—	3,804,166
Board of Trade - - - - -	2,726,011	—	—	2,726,011
Census Office - - - - -	112,470	—	—	112,470
Chancellor, The Lord - - - - -	46,865	—	—	46,865
Charity Commissioners - - - - -	136,167	—	—	136,167
Chelsea Hospital - - - - -	232,236	—	—	232,236
Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle - - - - -	172,086	—	671,882	843,968
Civil Service Commissioners - - - - -	588,155	—	574	588,729
Clerk of the Parliaments - - - - -	663,263	—	—	663,263
Colonial Office - - - - -	612,720	—	—	612,720
Constabulary of Ireland - - - - -	—	—	463,100	463,100
Court of Bankruptcy - - - - -	—	—	523	523
Courts of Law and Justice, Scotland - - - - -	—	65,264	—	65,264
Crown and Hanaper - - - - -	—	—	2,557	2,557
Crown Office - - - - -	—	46,197	—	46,197
Customs - - - - -	1,315,342	—	17,319	1,332,661
Earl Marshal, The - - - - -	48,162	—	—	48,162
Emigrants' Information Office - - - - -	249,121	—	—	249,121
Exchequer and Audit Department - - - - -	330,171	—	—	330,171
Exchequer Offices in Scotland - - - - -	—	45,385	—	45,385
Foreign Office - - - - -	580,042	—	—	580,042
Home Office - - - - -	2,316,698	4,346	—	2,321,044
House of Commons - - - - -	726,216	—	—	726,216
Inland Revenue Department - - - - -	26,343,835	5,357,570	4,081,629	35,783,034
Irish Fisheries, Inspector of - - - - -	—	—	182,736	182,736
Irish Land Commission - - - - -	—	—	627,585	627,585
Loan Fund Board - - - - -	—	—	11,510	11,510
Local Government Board - - - - -	3,972,016	89,951	1,233,718	5,295,685
Local Marine Board - - - - -	41,290	—	—	41,290
Lord Lieutenant and Private Secretary - - - - -	—	—	40,639	40,639
Lunacy, Commissioners in - - - - -	70,046	—	47,061	117,107
Merchant Seamen, Registrar of - - - - -	660,011	—	—	660,011
Mint, The Royal - - - - -	12,735	—	—	12,735
National Debt Office - - - - -	66,914	—	—	66,914
Paris Exhibition - - - - -	7,039	—	—	7,039
Patent Office - - - - -	1,069,390	—	—	1,069,390
Paymaster General - - - - -	81,542	—	59,278	140,820
Prince of Wales, H.R.H. - - - - -	2,138	—	—	2,138
Prisons Board - - - - -	—	—	319,141	319,141
Privy Council Office - - - - -	5,154,742	—	—	5,154,742
Public Education - - - - -	—	41,295	1,288,772	1,330,067
Public Works Loan Board - - - - -	60,781	—	—	60,781
Record Office - - - - -	92,727	—	4,325	97,052
Register House - - - - -	—	32,019	—	32,019
Registrar General - - - - -	884,170	286,836	353,078	1,529,084
Registrar of Friendly Societies - - - - -	176,308	7,674	4,485	188,467
Registrar of Petty Sessions, Clerks - - - - -	—	—	152,691	152,691
Royal Household, The - - - - -	100,263	—	—	100,263
St. Louis Exhibition - - - - -	983	—	—	983
Scotch Education Department - - - - -	731,316	—	—	731,316
Scotch Fisheries Board - - - - -	—	36,225	—	36,225
Secretary for Scotland - - - - -	148,647	4,982	—	153,629
Solicitor General - - - - -	2,640	—	—	2,640
Stationery Office - - - - -	1,463,544	—	141,820	1,605,364
Supreme Court of Judicature - - - - -	722,584	—	83,626	806,210
Surveys of the United Kingdom - - - - -	—	—	260,436	260,436
Treasury - - - - -	535,928	—	—	535,928
Valuation Office - - - - -	—	—	183,107	183,107
War Office - - - - -	6,668,460	—	845,513	7,513,973
Woods and Forests, Commissioners of - - - - -	181,763	—	—	181,763
Works and Buildings, Commissioners of - - - - -	257,094	—	884,142	1,141,236
TOTALS - - - - -	68,835,513	6,017,744	12,883,861	87,737,118

APPENDIX N.

Telephone Trunk Wires.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER OF CIRCUITS, MILES OF WIRE, and CALLS, together with the CAPITAL EXPENDITURE and the REVENUE in each Year since the TRUNK LINES of the NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY were acquired by the State.

Year.	Circuits.	Increase.	Miles of Wire.	Increase.	Capital Expenditure.	Increase.	Calls.	Increase.	Revenue.	Increase.
1897-98	877	73	55,721	7,866	£ 1,185,518	£ 137,611	5,888,247	648,416	£ 134,066	£ 30,710
1898-99	953	76	63,109	7,338	1,327,297	141,779	7,066,609	1,178,362	168,614	34,548
1899-1900	1,029	76	69,713	6,604	1,500,610	178,313	8,091,631	1,025,022	198,071	24,457
1900-01	1,116	87	76,831	7,118	1,652,780	152,170	8,980,783	889,102	214,545	21,474
1901-02	1,165	49	83,802	6,471	1,866,431	213,651	10,080,716	1,099,983	240,656	26,111
1902-03	1,309	144	93,473	10,171	2,091,417	224,986	11,574,929	1,498,513	274,885	34,179

APPENDIX N.—*continued.*

Private Wires and Provincial Telephone Exchange Wires.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER OF CONTRACTS, MILES OF WIRE, and INSTRUMENTS, and the RENTALS in each of the last Ten Years.

Year.	Contracts.	Increase.	Miles of Wire.	Increase.	Instruments.	Increase.	Rentals.*	Increase.
1893-94	3,705	Dec. 104†	23,103	275	10,234	46	£ 188,769	£ 1,956
1894-95	3,709	Inc. 4	23,209	106	10,341	107	140,088	1,319
1895-96	3,831	122	21,581	Dec. 1,628	10,385	44	\$184,312	Dec. 5,776
1896-97	3,821	Dec. 10	22,380	Inc. 799	10,401	16	185,379	Inc. 1,067
1897-98	3,918	Inc. 92	27,114	4,784	10,825	424	1180,109	Dec. 5,270
1898-99	4,038	125	30,198	3,084	11,396	571	143,602	Inc. 12,493
1899-1900	4,152	114	32,096	1,898	12,020	624	148,250	5,648
1900-01	4,541	389	34,356	2,260	13,037	1,017	1155,694	7,444
1901-02	6,151	1,610	41,207	6,851	15,432	2,395	182,143	26,449
1902-03	7,383	1,232	43,953	2,746	17,645	2,213	194,429	12,386

* These amounts include rentals for certain lines leased to Cable Companies.

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

§ The decrease is due to certain lines leased by Cable Companies having been given up, and to the receipts for Telephone Trunk Lines being no longer brought to account as rental.

|| The rates for Private Wires and Telephone Exchange Wires were reduced in 1897 and existing rentals were reduced accordingly.

¶ The rates for Exchange Wires were reduced in 1900 and Subscribers were given the option of renting their circuits at Inclusive or at Toll Rates.

APPENDIX N—*continued.***Provincial Telephone Exchanges**

(Exclusive of those mainly or solely for trunk working).

Exchange Area.	Number of Exchanges.	First Exchange Opened.	Number of Subscribers.
Abergavenny - - - -	2	24 Feb. 1896	77
Aylesbury - - - -	6	24 Oct. 1900	199
Blyth - - - -	4	7 Feb. 1890	90
Brecon - - - -	2	23 Apl. 1902	66
Bridgend - - - -	10	13 Dec. 1900	232
Cardiff - - - -	3	31 Aug. 1881	304
Castle Eden - - - -	3	18 Jan. 1901	86
Consett - - - -	4	18 Dec. 1901	97
Cowbridge - - - -	2	13 July 1898	41
Coxhoe - - - -	3	27 Aug. 1902	25
Hexham - - - -	2	7 Jan. 1898	75
Horsham - - - -	5	7 Feb. 1902	104
Llandrindod - - - -	2	25 Aug. 1902	84
Malton - - - -	1	25 Mar. 1903	41
Melton Mowbray - - - -	1	28 Oct. 1902	40
Merthyr Tydvil - - - -	10	7 Sept. 1891	200
Monmouth - - - -	1	2 July 1902	28
Morpeth - - - -	1	4 July 1892	48
Neath - - - -	3	19 Dec. 1887	54
Newcastle-on-Tyne - - - -	14	1 Oct. 1882	605
Newport, Mon. - - - -	3	31 Aug. 1881	215
Pontypool - - - -	19	17 May 1883	441
Pontypridd - - - -	16	21 Sept. 1891	445
Skegness - - - -	1	26 Aug. 1901	24
Sleaford - - - -	1	27 Feb. 1901	13
Spalding - - - -	1	21 Aug. 1901	32
Stocksfield - - - -	2	8 Jan. 1902	21
Total - - - -	122	—	3,639

APPENDIX O.

Post Office Telephone Service—London Area.

AN ACCOUNT of the above SERVICE from its commencement on 1st March 1902 to 31st March 1903.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Subscribers' Rentals :—			£
In March 1902 :		Maintenance of System	9,820
At Flat Rates	682	Salaries, Wages, &c. of Staff, including provision for Pensions of Established Staff	10,041
At Toll Rates	2,383	Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light including estimated Rental Value of Premises already belonging to the Department	2,590
In Financial Year 1902-03 :		Miscellaneous Expenses (Stationery, Travelling, &c.)	827
At Flat Rates	10,768		
At Toll Rates	45,518		
Less proportion proper to year 1903-04	31,934		
Message Fees, in addition to fixed minimum of 1 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> per subscriber	24,352		
Call Office Fees	573		
Rentals of wires leased to National Telephone Co.	228		
Miscellaneous receipts	18		
Value of services rendered to Government Departments without payment	187		
	1,020	Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c. (<i>vide notes</i>)	6,165
	£ 29,443		£ 29,443

NOTES.—(1). The estimated amount required to provide for depreciation of plant, inclusive of spare wires, is 27,495*l.*, and interest at 3 per cent. on the capital expenditure of 1,112,500*l.* is 33,753*l.*, making together 60,870*l.*

(2). Terminable annuities have been created, payable from the vote for the Telegraph Service, to provide for the repayment, with interest at 3 per cent., of capital raised for telephone purposes under the Telegraph Act of 1899. The proportions proper to the London Telephone Service of the annuity payments already made are as follows :—payment on 1 April 1901, 24,406*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; payment on 1 April 1902, 57,772*l.* 14*s.*

(3). The annuities provide for the repayment of the capital in 12-15 years, while the estimated life of the plant averages 36 years. The annuity required for interest and sinking fund on a capital expenditure of 1,112,500*l.*, repayable in 30 years with interest at 3 per cent., would be 56,784*l.*

APPENDIX P.

Inland Revenue Licenses.

NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of LICENSES issued by the Post Office in each of the last Ten Years.

YEAR.	Brewers.		Dogs.	Male Servants at lics. each.	Carriages.				
	At 9s. each.	At 4s. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.		At 4s. each.	At 21s. each.	At 12s. each.	At 10s. 6d. each.	At 7s. 6d. each.
1893-94 - - -	4,479	11,656	1,105,007	118,653	27,946	55,065	217,758	256	1,438
1894-95 - - -	4,418	11,575	1,153,590	114,512	28,307	52,161	214,488	535	1,720
1895-96 - - -	4,227	10,870	1,205,616	117,176	26,394	53,945	232,505	560	1,550
1896-97 - - -	3,967	9,962	1,235,921	113,968	24,752	51,608	229,885	550	1,639
1897-98 - - -	3,863	9,764	1,254,907	102,787	21,026	46,658	233,075	545	1,816
1898-99 - - -	3,844	9,245	1,237,504	118,094	25,035	51,515	242,944	869	1,914
1899-1900 - - -	3,643	8,395	1,306,557	119,336	25,413	50,356	243,403	356	1,797
1900-01 - - -	3,487	8,124	1,343,913	122,494	26,533	50,370	249,753	340	1,892
1901-02 - - -	3,336	7,766	1,404,253	123,976	27,644	50,418	254,321	329	1,889
1902-03 - - -	3,376	7,614	1,462,040	127,425	30,308	49,379	257,833	338	2,020

APPENDIX P.—continued.

Inland Revenue Licenses—continued.

NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of LICENSES issued by the POST OFFICE in each of the last Ten Years—continued.

YEAR.	Armorial Bearings.		Guns at 10s. each.	Game.			Game Keepers at 40s. each.	Motors.		Total Number.	Revenue.
	At 4s. each.	At 21s. each.		Red at 60s.	Blue and Green at 40s.	Occasional at 20s.		At 5l. 5s. each.	At 4l. 4s. each.		
1893-94 - -	9,029	28,672	164,972	32,101	3,106	4,695	3,629	-	-	1,783,424	1,034,315
1894-95 - -	8,385	28,065	166,712	31,708	3,114	4,338	3,632	-	-	1,827,028	1,086,866
1895-96 - -	8,406	28,318	161,693	32,488	3,289	5,043	3,746	-	-	1,896,824	1,078,994
1896-97 - -	7,931	27,767	172,857	36,308	3,406	5,794	3,903	-	-	1,932,708	1,094,424
1897-98 - -	6,448	26,267	176,008	37,780	3,595	5,594	3,992	-	-	1,985,933	1,083,388
1898-99 - -	7,762	28,321	179,886	37,689	3,809	5,420	4,019	-	-	2,007,350	1,134,810
1899-1900 - -	7,923	28,350	199,947	40,072	3,968	5,644	4,174	-	-	2,049,614	1,161,066
1900-01 - -	7,953	28,396	215,591	40,523	4,160	6,067	4,226	-	-	2,113,849	1,194,526
1901-02 - -	7,988	28,428	226,278	41,321	4,015	6,553	4,368	-	-	2,196,822	1,239,061
1902-03 - -	8,203	29,069	230,006	42,098	4,746	6,363	4,443	6	123	2,265,887	1,273,053

APPENDIX Q.

Return showing, for each YEAR from 1893-94, the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POSTAL SERVICES.

YEAR.	REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.											Percentage of Total Expenditure to Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.	Net Revenue after deducting Expenditure on Sites and Buildings from Total Expenditure.	
	Postal Receipts.	Extra Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	Total.	Sites and Buildings.		Superannuations and other non-effective Charges.	Salaries, Wages, &c.	Percentage of Salaries, &c. to Total Revenue.	Conveyance of Mails.	Percentage of Conveyance of Mails to Total Revenue.	Packet Service.	Other Expenditure.					Total Expenditure.
					Purchase.	Erection.							Under Post Office Vote.	Under other Votes.				
1893-94	10,472,876	—	262,009	10,734,885	46,034	171,823	183,412	4,397,624	40.97	1,444,634	13.46	720,350	624,874	170,311	7,759,712	2,975,173	3,188,090	
1894-95	10,748,014	—	277,446	11,025,460	12,507	175,390	188,919	4,544,657	41.22	1,447,960	13.13	729,813	677,224	178,464	7,955,344	3,070,116	3,258,103	
1895-96	11,465,370	—	284,575	11,760,945	49,847	170,075	196,386	4,680,171	39.80	1,448,457	12.32	714,332	625,072	199,980	8,086,272	3,673,673	3,893,595	
1896-97	11,876,656	39,841	280,438	12,146,935	8,842	162,501	207,529	4,874,099	40.13	1,453,517	11.97	722,585	619,296	197,963	8,246,366	3,900,579	4,071,922	
1897-98	12,206,964	—	213,682	12,420,646	52,784	183,309	224,224	5,174,114	41.68	1,512,605	12.18	746,757	638,536	200,688	8,683,317	3,737,059	3,923,152	
1898-99	12,841,309	—	207,918	13,049,227	37,127	186,760	249,445	5,532,771	42.40	1,537,967	11.77	821,370	671,078	206,196	9,190,006	3,859,311	4,033,198	
1899-1900	13,192,020	—	202,315	13,394,335	115,294	169,696	289,092	5,899,550	44.05	1,537,967	11.48	750,307	719,944	213,747	9,683,909	3,710,536	3,994,728	
1900-01	13,776,896	—	218,684	13,995,580	78,789	166,373	286,255	6,213,073	46.30	1,575,540	11.26	764,805	732,871	234,478	10,041,581	3,953,863	4,189,048	
1901-02	14,238,906	—	238,964	14,465,870	106,340	160,382	300,960	6,460,596	44.72	1,640,959	11.34	770,431	756,561	259,532	10,465,101	4,000,769	4,267,491	
1902-03 (Estimated)	14,700,894	—	244,244	15,004,938	108,363	204,125	311,162	6,704,371	44.68	1,695,209	11.10	770,021	783,229	270,086	10,818,066	4,180,572	4,499,960	

APPENDIX R.

Return showing, for each Year from 1893-94, the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

YEAR.	REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.													Percentage of Total Expenditure to Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.	Net Revenue after deducting Expenditure on Sites, Buildings, and Extensions from Total Expenditure.	Interest on Stock created for Purchase of Telegraphs.
	Telegraph Receipts.	Extra Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	Total.	Sites and Buildings.			Telegraph Extension.	Superannuations and other Non-Effective Charges.	Salaries, Wages, &c.	Percentage of Salaries to Total Revenue.	Maintenance of the Telegraph System.	Percentage of Main-tenance to Total Revenue.	Other Expenditure.						
					Purchase.	Erection.								Under Tele- graph Vote.	Under other Votes.					
1893-94	2,534,264	—	44,942	2,579,206	18,390	48,135	84,144	36,673	1,904,603	69'96	501,474	19'44	195,736	68,490	2,757,645	2,757,645	106'91	298,888		
1894-95	2,698,985	—	47,429	2,646,414	3,915	52,854	74,819	39,791	1,833,684	69'28	500,893	18'92	212,803	69,363	2,788,052	2,788,052	105'35	298,888		
1895-96	2,835,749	—	44,045	2,879,794	15,156	74,574	90,102	42,388	1,895,419	65'81	542,319	18'63	196,782	73,601	2,920,341	2,920,341	101'40	298,888		
1896-97	2,922,440	—	44,905	2,967,345	6,844	87,826	135,414	47,379	1,969,471	66'37	533,419	17'97	204,256	77,201	3,111,810	3,111,810	104'86	298,888		
1897-98	3,030,352	—	41,571	3,071,923	36,824	62,583	268,646	61,561	2,081,009	67'74	583,784	10'60	322,081	74,403	3,378,841	3,378,841	109'89	298,888		
1898-99	3,204,396	—	55,749	3,260,145	23,806	52,323	228,311	73,439	2,171,518	66'60	617,616	18'94	230,649	78,352	3,462,014	3,462,014	106'80	298,888		
1899-1900	3,388,746	—	70,746	3,460,492	18,029	59,529	277,163	81,031	2,279,722	65'87	706,819	20'30	238,610	88,151	3,749,084	3,749,084	108'34	298,888		
1900-01	3,580,539	—	78,764	3,659,303	23,160	46,890	260,730	86,375	2,343,769	67'75	691,948	20'00	249,723	95,369	3,795,964	3,795,964	109'76	298,888		
1901-02	3,460,598	—	79,418	3,570,046	34,110	47,694	400,305	96,384	2,416,653	67'69	874,436	24'49	255,112	97,233	4,221,927	4,221,927	118'26	298,888		
1902-03 (Estimated)	3,631,745	—	92,121	3,723,866	36,321	47,119	406,715	103,721	2,516,304	67'57	866,840	23'28	237,389	102,962	4,317,571	4,317,571	115'94	298,888		

APPENDIX S.

STATEMENT showing for each YEAR from 1893-94 the combined REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the
POSTAL and TELEGRAPH SERVICES.

YEAR.	Revenue.		Expenditure.										Per-centage of Total Expenditure to Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	Salaries, Wages, &c.		Superannuations and other Non-Effective Charges.		Sites and Buildings.		Other Expenditure.		Total.			
			Amount.	Per-centage to Total Revenue.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expenditure.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expenditure.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expenditure.				
1893-94	£ 13,007,140	£ 306,951	£ 6,202,227	46·58	£ 220,005	2·10	£ 285,282	2·71	£ 3,806,763	38·23	£ 10,517,357	78·90	£ 2,706,784	
1894-95	13,346,990	324,875	6,376,341	46·66	228,710	2·13	244,756	2·28	3,891,589	38·22	10,743,396	78·58	2,925,478	
1895-96	14,391,119	333,630	6,575,590	44·92	240,774	2·10	303,632	2·81	3,890,597	35·26	11,006,613	75·18	3,633,126	
1896-97	14,835,946	275,343	6,843,570	46·28	254,908	2·24	266,013	2·34	3,908,675	36·16	11,358,166	75·15	3,766,123	
1897-98	15,237,046	265,063	7,255,123	46·83	285,735	2·37	275,500	2·28	4,245,760	36·20	12,062,158	77·86	3,425,941	
1898-99	16,045,795	263,667	7,704,299	47·24	322,882	2·55	255,016	2·01	4,389,833	34·64	12,672,920	77·70	3,037,442	
1899-1900	16,581,766	273,061	8,179,272	48·75	330,123	2·61	361,060	2·69	4,541,738	33·81	13,433,063	79·70	3,421,744	
1900-01	17,157,475	297,348	8,556,848	49·02	372,630	2·69	395,212	2·21	4,608,894	33·27	13,858,578	79·28	3,616,245	
1901-02	17,719,504	316,412	8,880,249	49·27	397,374	2·71	348,528	2·37	5,064,879	34·42	14,687,098	81·43	3,346,888	
1902-03 (Estimated)	18,392,439	336,365	9,220,675	49·23	414,883	2·74	396,526	2·62	5,103,351	33·72	15,193,487	80·81	3,563,367	

APPENDIX T.

**Extract from the Finance Accounts for the
Year ended 31st March 1903.**

*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.	
Gross Receipts :				
From Postage Stamps sold by Post- masters in the United Kingdom -	15,386,926	17	11	
From Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -	237,197	2	4	
				15,624,124 0 3
From Postage collected in cash by Country Postmasters -	137,608	18	3	
From Postage collected in cash in the Metropolis -	235,430	19	4	
				373,039 17 7
From Postage collected for credit of Imperial Post Office by Foreign Offices, &c. -	139,574	18	1	
From Postage collected by Colonial Offices and Postmasters and Agents Abroad -	56,422	7	11½	
				195,997 1 0½
From Commission on Money Orders -	162,867	9	8	
Ditto Postal Orders -	392,474	12	7½	
				555,342 2 3½
From Miscellaneous Receipts -	-	-	-	88,016 9 10
				16,786,519 10 11½
Payments out of Receipts :				
For Postage, &c., refunded -	21,548	8	7½	
To Inland Revenue Department -	563,640	0	0	
To Railway Companies, &c., on account of Parcel Post -	920,019	8	1	
For Postage collected for credit of Colonial Offices -	246,542	13	6½	
For Postage collected for credit of Foreign Offices, &c. -	274,075	7	4	
				2,025,825 12 7
Net Receipts	-	-	£	14,760,693 18 4¾
Payments into Exchequer	-	-	-	£14,750,000 0 0

General Post Office, }
June 1903.

CHARLES A. KING,
Comptroller and Accountant-General.

APPENDIX T.—*continued.*

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

	£	s	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts :						
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in						
Cash - - - - -	1,869,950	14	10½			
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in						
Stamps - - - - -	2,820,863	1	8			
				4,190,813	16	6½
Payments out of Receipts :						
To Cable Companies, &c. - - -	555,113	4	4			
To Telegram Moneys refunded, &c. -	3,955	5	10			
				559,068	10	2
Net Receipts - - - - -			£	3,631,745	6	4½
Payments into Exchequer - - -				£3,630,000	0	0

General Post Office, }
June 1903.

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Comptroller and Accountant-General.

APPENDIX U.

CONSUMPTION OF TELEGRAPH STORES and BALANCES in DEPÔTS.

Year ended March 31st.										
	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.
Balance in hand at beginning of year	£ 239,011	£ 305,883	£ 317,159	£ 319,864	£ 365,379	£ 369,075	£ 372,134	£ 379,179	£ 370,328	£ 457,563
Purchases	287,353	355,558	225,792	296,395	397,512	389,080	402,408	500,297	663,178	782,167
Returns into stock	137,312	152,755	145,265	101,931	108,344	152,900	185,633	200,969	286,843	359,340
	663,676	814,196	688,216	718,190	871,235	911,055	960,175	1,080,445	1,320,349	1,599,070
Issues out of stock	357,793	497,037	368,352	352,811	502,160	588,921	580,996	710,117	862,786	1,087,047
Balance in hand at end of year	305,883	317,159	319,864	365,379	369,075	372,134	379,179	370,328	457,563	512,028

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