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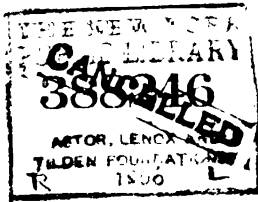


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FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

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

MY LORDS,

I HAVE the honour to submit to your Lordships the Fifty-first Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, being an account of the business of the Post Office during the year ended the 31st March 1905.

It is estimated that the number of postal packets delivered in the United Kingdom during the year 1904-5 was as follows:—

Statistics of postal packets. See also Appendix A, pp. 32-37.

—	Number.	Increase per Cent.	Average No. for each Person.
Letters - - -	2,624,600,000	1·0	61·2
Postcards - - -	734,500,000	19·7	17·1
*Halfpenny packets - - -	843,700,000	2·8	19·7
Newspapers - - -	179,400,000	2·6	4·2
Parcels - - -	97,200,000	3·0	2·3
Total - - -	4,479,400,000	4·2	104·4

The increase in the number of the letters, although greater than that of last year (·7 per cent.), is still slight compared with that shown in former years; and there is again a decrease (·5 per cent.) in the letters delivered in London. This is no doubt to be largely attributed to the still increasing use of pictorial post cards, which has contributed to bring about an increase of 19·7 per cent. in the number of postcards passing through the post. Private postcards are now estimated to number no less than 81 per cent. of the total number posted.

The number of letters registered in the United Kingdom during the year 1904-5 was 18,504,690, a decrease of 2·8 per cent. on the figures for 1903-4; whilst the number of parcels registered was 1,041,521, a decrease of ·2 per cent. on the previous year. The decrease is believed to be principally due to the continued depression in the cheap jewellery trade.

Registered letters and parcels. See also Appendix A, pp. 38-41.

EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICES.

The total number of express services was 1,403,053, as compared with 1,290,833 last year. The increase, 8·7 per cent., though considerable, is less than that of previous years.

See also Appendix A, p. 42.

* Including also foreign Book Packets, &c., over 2 oz. in weight, prepaid at the halfpenny rate.

In London there were 916,740 express services, 1,446,085 articles being delivered in this manner, including 552,035 letters sent out for delivery in advance of the postman.

UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix G.,
p. 64.

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

Description.	Number.	Increase (+) or Decrease (−) as compared with previous year.	
		Number.	Per Cent.
Letters - - -	10,743,447	− 404,834	− 3·63
Postcards - - -	2,386,124	+ 140,797	+ 6·27
*Halfpenny packets - - -	12,559,049	+ 131,368	+ 1·06
Newspapers - - -	622,731	− 10,448	− 1·65
Parcels - - -	257,389	+ 3,874	+ 1·53
Total - - -	26,568,740	− 139,243	− 0·52

Undelivered letters.

The decrease in the number of undelivered letters is believed to be partly due to a diminution in the number of foreign lottery circulars posted in this country, and furnishes therefore double cause for satisfaction.

Registered and property letters.

The number of registered letters and letters containing property sent through the post with insufficient addresses was 315,965. These letters contained 17,830*l.* in cash and bank notes, and 622,123*l.* in bills, cheques, money orders, postal orders and stamps. One packet contained jewellery whose value exceeded 2,000*l.* The number of letters containing valuable contents posted with no address at all was 4,507, the contents including 157*l.* in cash and bank notes, and 9,412*l.* in various forms of remittances. It was found possible to restore the greater number of these letters to the senders.

Although the number of insufficiently addressed letters was smaller than in the previous year, the total value of the contents thus jeopardised by the carelessness of the public was greater by more than 4,000*l.*

There was a slight increase in the number of articles found loose in the post during the year. These included 1,171*l.* in cash and 12,058*l.* in cheques and other forms of remittance.

HOME MAIL SERVICES.

Use of motors.

I have been able to make considerable extensions in the use of motor vans for the conveyance of mails; and I am glad also to be able to report a substantial advance in the reliability of the services already established. On some services the results have been highly satisfactory; but on others the motor vans employed have not yet shown themselves to be so trust-

* Including also foreign Book Packets, &c., over 2 oz. in weight, prepaid at the halfpenny rate.

worthy as horse vans. It is, of course, most important that vans used for mail services should work punctually and regularly; and it is necessary, therefore, to proceed with caution in extending the use of motor vans, and to exercise care in the selection of the contractors for the services.

Motor services have been established between :—

London and Epping	Birmingham and Warwick
London and Redhill	Birmingham and Worcester
London and Brighton	Newcastle and Sunderland
Manchester and Liverpool	Northampton and Hitchin

and also between some of the London District Offices. The question of the possibility of establishing further services is constantly kept under consideration. The employment of motor vans has in many cases resulted in an acceleration of the service, and, where the loads are heavy and the distances considerable, in a substantial economy.

Arrangements have also been made for the establishment of motor services between London and Hastings, with a branch from Tunbridge Wells to Eastbourne. A considerable financial saving will be effected.

On the 1st July 1904, the mail train from Bristol to the West of England was accelerated, with the result that correspondence from the North of England now reaches Plymouth nearly one hour earlier than formerly; with a still greater acceleration in the case of letters for Penzance and the greater part of Cornwall. This removes a grievance of long standing which has on many occasions been brought under the notice of successive Postmasters General.

Acceleration
of North
Mails to
West of
England.

In many rural districts cycle posts have been introduced with advantage in place of foot or mounted posts. A considerable acceleration of the letters has in some cases resulted; and it has, moreover, often been possible to devote the saving effected in the horse-keep allowance to affording additional postal facilities in the district.

Cycle posts.

When a postman's route is on good high roads and the weight is not too great, trailers have been brought into use with advantage. A bicycle with a trailer is as a general rule found more suitable for rural posts than a tricycle carrier, inasmuch as it is often possible for a postman to leave a trailer behind at some point of the journey (to be picked up on his return), and complete his delivery with the bicycle only.

Since my last report I have continued to give careful consideration to the question of introducing a "Cash on Delivery" service in this country.

Cash on
delivery
system.

I have received a large number of representations from private persons and traders in favour of the establishment of such a service, giving numerous examples of ways in which the system would be used by the public; but the organised oppo-

sition on the part of retail traders continued to be so pronounced that I came to the conclusion that it was inadvisable to override such a body of opinion.

At the same time, to abandon the scheme entirely would have been difficult. Proposals had been made for instituting the system between certain foreign countries and British Possessions. These proposals, if carried into effect, would only intensify the disadvantage already felt by British traders in international business by giving their foreign competitors for British colonial trade the advantage of a cash on delivery system which the British traders did not possess.

Accordingly, on the 31st October last, I announced to a deputation from the chief trade associations representing small retailers that, whilst for the present I would not establish the system in connection with the inland service, I intended to consider in the interests of British trade whether the system could not be applied to the service between the United Kingdom and its colonies and dependencies and Egypt. The deputation expressed satisfaction with this decision, although it was coupled with a plain statement that in my opinion the system was sure to be introduced sooner or later in the inland and foreign service as well as in the colonial service.

I have since appointed a Departmental Committee to consider the numerous details essential to the establishment of a "Cash on Delivery" system between the United Kingdom and British colonies and dependencies, and—as regards parcels—Egypt; and I hope, at no distant date, to make definite and detailed proposals to the several Post Offices concerned.

STAMPS.

Colour of
halfpenny
stamps.

The colour of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. postage stamp was altered in November last to a lighter shade of green, as there was found to be some difficulty in distinguishing between the dark green $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp and the blue $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp in artificial light.

Use of cut-
out stamps.

The Post Office Act of last session enabled me to withdraw the prohibition of the use of cut-out stamps in payment of postage as from the 31st December; and embossed or impressed postage stamps cut out of envelopes, post-cards, letter-cards, wrappers, or telegram forms may now be used as adhesive stamps for the purpose of prepaying postage.

Re-purchase
of stamps
from the
public.

During the year under review the number of purchases of stamps from the public under the regulations introduced on the 1st January 1904 (to which reference was made in my last Report) was 3,447, representing a total value of 22,827*l*.

The precautions which it is possible to take under these regulations have resulted in the detection of several cases in which attempts were being made to dispose of stolen stamps.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST.

The Contracts with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company and the Orient Steam Navigation Company, which formerly provided for the whole of the Eastern and Australian Mail service, terminated on the 31st of January last; but in the case of the first mentioned Company a supplemental contract immediately came into force, whereby their service to and from India, China, and Australia is to be carried on, under improved conditions, until the 31st January 1908, or, at the option of His Majesty's Government, for two or even four years longer. As compared with the former arrangement, this supplemental contract provides for an acceleration by 24 hours of the weekly service to and from India and of the fortnightly services to and from China and Australia. Your Lordships are aware that this extension of the Peninsular and Oriental Company's service was made with the view of allowing ample time for the arrangement of fresh services, for which it is proposed at no distant date to invite tenders.

In the case of Australia, I hoped that before the termination of the late contracts the Australian authorities, who found themselves unable to participate any longer in a federal mail service on terms acceptable to the Imperial Government, would be able to arrange for a service under contract with the Commonwealth Government to take the place of the fortnightly service which had been performed by the Orient Company under an Imperial contract. This they were for some time unable to do; and for the purpose of sending mails to Australia in the weeks in which there was no service by the Peninsular and Oriental line, it became necessary on the expiration of the Orient contract to make use of whatever opportunities offered. The irregularity of mail communication under these conditions necessarily occasioned much inconvenience, which was only ended by the resumption in the middle of April of the Orient Company's fortnightly service to and from Naples under arrangement with the Australian Government.

In June 1903 I gave formal notice to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company that their contract for the West Indian mail service would terminate on the 30th June 1905; and after ascertaining the views of the various Colonies as to future arrangements, I invited tenders for a service for a period of 5½ years from the 1st July 1905. The sole response was from the Royal Mail Company, which submitted three separate tenders. One only of these tenders afforded any prospect of an arrangement; but as its acceptance would have involved an additional payment of 15,500*l.* per annum, which the Colonial Governments, for whose benefit cold storage of fruit, &c., was to be provided on board the packets, were not prepared to contribute, it seemed questionable whether the contract system should not be altogether abandoned and arrangements made for the transmission of mails

on some other basis. At this juncture the firm of Elder, Dempster and Company came forward with an offer to perform the required service for such money as was at the disposal of His Majesty's Government. Out of consideration for the long service of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, I determined to invite fresh tenders returnable on the 31st March. In answer to this second invitation four firms tendered. Of the tenders satisfying the conditions laid down, the most advantageous came from Messrs. Elder, Dempster and Company; but pronounced opposition to its acceptance from two of the most important Colonies led me to the conclusion after all to discontinue the contract service.

**United
States mails.
Sea sorting.**

The question of establishing Sea Post Offices on board the British packets conveying mails between the United Kingdom and New York in order that the correspondence might be sorted during the voyage has frequently been discussed between my Department and the United States Post Office; but it is only recently that the difficulties which stood in the way have been overcome. With your Lordships' concurrence Sea Post Offices have now been set up on board the packets of the White Star and American lines, and negotiations are in progress for similar arrangements on board the packets of the Cunard Steamship Company.

**Letter
postage to
Australia.**

Although not strictly coming within the year under review, it may not be out of place to mention the further step taken towards the completion of the Imperial Penny Postage scheme by the arrangement made with the Australian Government for the reduction of the postage on letters sent from this country to Australia (including British New Guinea, Lord Howe Island, and Norfolk Island) to 1*d.* per half-ounce as from the 1st April last. The Commonwealth authorities do not at present see their way to apply the same rate to letters sent in the reverse direction, but they have reduced the postage for such letters to their own inland rate of 2*d.* per half-ounce, and have also decided to reduce the rate for postcards from 1½*d.* to 1*d.* each.

**Customs
duty on
advertising
circulars for
Australia.**

Considerable inconvenience has been caused in some quarters by the fact that Customs duty is levied in Australia on advertising circulars, price lists, trade catalogues, and other documents of the same description; and large numbers of such articles have not been delivered because the addressees declined to pay the duty. It is not practicable to arrange for the payment of the duty through the agency of the British Post Office; but the Commonwealth Government has announced that exporters can, if they so desire, remit the amount of the duty (assessed at 3*d.* per lb.) to the Post Office of the State to which the packets are addressed. Difficulty has arisen in practice in identifying the packets for which payment has been remitted; but I hope the representations which I have made to the

Australian authorities may lead them to make some more satisfactory arrangement.

The Postal Union Congress, which was to have been held at Rome this spring, has again been deferred at the wish of the Italian Government, and the date now fixed is the beginning of April 1906. Postal Union.

The International Jury appointed to consider designs for a monument to commemorate the foundation of the Postal Union has finally selected one prepared by a French sculptor. It is understood that the Swiss Federal Council has already taken steps to give effect to the Jury's recommendation.

The system of insurance for letters has been extended to Barbados and Bermuda. Insured letters.

The number of insured letters despatched to places abroad during the year was 9,616, against 9,421 during the previous year, an increase of about 2 per cent.; whilst the number received from places abroad was 55,211, against 49,095 during the previous year, an increase of 12 per cent.

I may mention, although not falling within the year under review, the Agreement which has at length been concluded with the United States Post Office for a direct parcel post to and from this country, commencing on the 1st of April last. The postage is 2s. for each parcel. Parcels sent by this service must not exceed 4 lb. 6 oz. (2 kilogrammes) in weight, the limit fixed for the official service between the United States and other European countries; and they cannot be insured. Customs duty must in every case be paid by the recipients of the parcels, which are, however, subject to no other non-postal charges. Concurrently with this service, the previously existing service for parcels up to 11 lb. in weight, admitting of insurance and the prepayment of Customs duty, continues to be carried on through the agency of the American Express Company. Anglo-American parcel post.

The rates of postage on parcels sent to Persia by way of India have been reduced; and the limit of weight has been raised to 11 lb. A parcel post with Persia by way of Russia has also been established; and the parcel post has been extended to the Republic of Ecuador. Reductions have been made in the postage payable on parcels for Sweden and Bolivia; and negotiations have taken place which are expected to result in lower rates for parcels addressed to France and Rhodesia. Parcel post. Reductions of postage and extensions.

The system under which the sender may undertake the payment of the Customs or other charges ordinarily collected from the recipient has been extended to Jamaica, Queensland (including British New Guinea), South Australia, and Western Australia. Additional facilities.

Arrangements are being considered for expediting the exchange of parcels with British East Africa, Zanzibar, and British Central Africa.

Number of
parcels.

The number of parcels sent to and received from places abroad during the year was as follows :—

—				Insured.	Ordinary.	Total.
Despatched -	-	-	-	158,813	2,156,391	2,315,204
Received -	-	-	-	130,475	1,185,313	1,315,788
Total	-	-	-	289,288	3,341,704	3,630,992

The total number of parcels outward and homeward shows a net increase as compared with last year of 121,689, or about $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The total number of foreign and colonial parcels insured, namely, 289,288, as against 281,818 in the previous year, shows an increase of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

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 in 1904-5, as compared with 1903-4.	Increase in 1904-5, as compared with 1902-3.
		1903.	1904.	1905.		
		£	£	£	£	£
Exports -	-	3,373,094	3,475,707	3,778,558	302,851	405,464
Imports -	-	1,342,786	1,306,251	1,377,943	71,692	35,157
Total	-	4,715,880	4,781,958	5,156,501	374,543	440,621

MONEY ORDERS.

Statistics.

See also
Appendix K.,
pp. 78-86.

The number of inland money orders issued during the year under review was 10,697,020, representing an amount of 35,644,916*l.*

The distribution of the orders into the different categories is shown in the following table, which also furnishes a comparison between the figures for the year under review and those for the previous year :—

—		Number of Inland Orders.			
		1903-4.	1904-5.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).	
				Number.	Per Cent.
Ordinary	-	8,278,717	7,598,246	-675,471	-8.2
Telegraph	-	475,738	477,691	+1,953	+ .4
Government	-	2,512,290	2,621,083	+108,793	+4.3
Total	-	11,261,745	10,697,020	-564,725	-5.0

	Amount of Inland Orders.			
	1903-4.	1904-5.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).	
			Number.	Per Cent.
	£	£	£	
Ordinary - - -	25,841,149	25,915,198	+ 74,049	+ .3
Telegraph - - -	1,384,925	1,544,488	+ 159,563	+ 11.5
Government - - -	8,204,275	8,185,280	- 19,045	- .2
Total - - -	35,430,349	35,644,916	+ 214,567	+ .6

The Foreign and Colonial orders numbered 2,707,926 and amounted to 7,290,600*l.*, as against 2,702,428 orders for 7,285,857*l.* in the previous year.

The average amount of each kind of order during the year has been as follows:—

Average
amount.

	Amount.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) on Previous Year.
Inland orders:—	£ s. d.	s. d.
Ordinary - - - -	3 8 3	+ 2 3
Telegraph - - - -	3 4 8	- 2 0
Government - - - -	3 2 5	+ 0 10
Foreign and Colonial orders - -	2 13 10	+ 1 11

It will be seen that the total amount of ordinary inland orders shows a slight increase on the figures for the previous year, although there has been a considerable fall in the number of orders. The increase in the amount would have been greater but for the introduction of the new denominations of postal orders, which have to some extent replaced money orders for small sums. As money orders below 1*l.* in amount are unremunerative, the increased use of the postal order system for small remittances is ground for satisfaction. The decrease in the number of orders is primarily due to the extension of the maximum from 10*l.* to 40*l.*, which only took effect on the 1st January 1904, and therefore only partially affected last year's figures.

There has been a considerable increase in the amount of telegraph money orders, although the extension of the limit to 40*l.* has kept the number of orders almost stationary.

The outward Colonial money orders show a considerable increase in amount on those for last year (26,910*l.* or 4.6 per cent.), whilst the inward orders show a substantial decrease (156,600*l.* or 5.2 per cent.). There can be no doubt that the

colonial money order service has been affected by the establishment of an exchange of postal orders with the Colonies, postal orders having been substituted for money orders in the case of remittances of small amount. Another cause which has contributed to the diminution of the number of inward orders has been the establishment of a direct money order service between Canada and Austria-Hungary, orders from Canada to Austria-Hungary being formerly advised through this country.

Foreign orders.

Money orders issued in this country for payment in foreign countries show a decrease of 29,291 in number and 70,458*l.* in amount; whilst those in the reverse direction show an increase of 56,873 in number and 204,891*l.* in amount. The decrease in the outward orders is partially to be attributed to the fact (above referred to) that orders from Canada to Austria-Hungary are no longer advised through this country. The increase in the inward orders chiefly occurred in the service with the United States, France, and Germany.

Foreign telegraph money orders.

The telegraph money orders exchanged with places abroad again showed a substantial increase in amount, the total value being 113,717*l.*, as against 91,435*l.*, in the previous year, or an increase of 24·3 per cent.

"Through" orders.

The orders transmitted through England between places having no direct money order service numbered 97,548, as compared with 115,727 in 1903-4. The total amount so remitted was 366,654*l.* The decrease is mainly due to the establishment of the direct service between Canada and Austria-Hungary.

Payment to bankers.

Out of a total sum of 40,791,049*l.* paid on money orders in the United Kingdom, about one-sixth was paid at the Chief Money Order Office to London bankers.

Extensions of foreign money order system.

During the year direct money order exchanges have been arranged with Russia, Mexico, Peru, Northern Nigeria, and the Somaliland Protectorate, the maximum in the case of the first two countries being 10*l.*, and in the case of the others 40*l.* The business with Russia has already assumed considerable dimensions, the number and amount of transactions between the 14th October 1904 (the date of opening of the service) and the 31st March 1905 being as follows:—

—	Number.	Amount.
*Orders issued in the United Kingdom -	6,849	£ 11,377
*Orders issued in Russia - - -	1,813	3,334

* These figures do not include "through" orders exchanged with Russia through the intermediary of the United Kingdom.

Progress has been made in the negotiations for money order services with the Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa

Rica, Crete, the Federated Malay States, and the Republic of Honduras; and proposals have been made for an exchange with Curaçao and some of the French Colonies.

The telegraph money order system has been extended to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The number of money order offices open in the United Kingdom on the 31st March was 14,677, or 239 more than on the 31st March 1904. Money order offices.

POSTAL ORDERS.

The number of postal orders issued during the year was 91,249,000, representing an amount of 36,663,000*l*. The orders have increased 7 per cent. in number and 6·9 per cent. in amount as compared with the previous year. Statistics.
See also
Appendix L.,
pp. 87-89.

The produce of the commission on the orders issued was 404,759*l*., and the value of the postage stamps affixed to the orders was 196,000*l*.

The increase in the amount of the orders is partly to be attributed to the substitution of postal orders for money orders as a means of remitting small sums, resulting from the introduction of the new denominations of postal orders referred to in my previous report. The increased variety of denominations prevented the number of orders from increasing to a corresponding extent.

I am glad to find that the counterfoils of postal orders are more frequently retained by the senders of the orders. I pointed out in my last report that the production of the counterfoil is essential for the identification of orders alleged to have been lost or destroyed; and I hope that I may count on a still greater use of this precaution by the public in their own interest. Counterfoils.

I was enabled by an Act of Parliament passed last Session to abolish the cumulative poundage hitherto charged on postal orders cashed after an interval of more than three months. Under the new Act a single extra commission is charged upon such orders when presented for payment. Abolition of
cumulative
poundage.

The arrangements for the interchange of British postal orders between this country and the Colonies, and amongst the Colonies themselves, have made considerable progress. Postal orders are now issued and paid in the following Colonies and British Post Office agencies:—

Antigua.	Beyrout.	Cyprus.	Imperial
Ascension.	British Guiana.	Dominica.	postal orders.
Bahamas.	British Honduras.	Egypt.	
Barbados.	Ceylon.	Falkland Islands.	
Bermuda.	Constantinople.	Gambia.	

Gibraltar.	New Zealand.	Smyrna.
Gold Coast.	Orange River	Somaliland.
Grenada.	Colony.	Straits Settlements
Hong Kong.	Panama.	Tangier.
Jamaica.	St. Helena.	Tobago.
Lagos.	St. Kitts.	Trinidad.
Malta.	St. Lucia.	Turks and Caicos
Mauritius.	St. Vincent.	Islands.
Montserrat.	Salonica.	Virgin Islands.
Nevis.	Seychelles.	Zanzibar.
Newfoundland.	Sierra Leone.	

Natal and the Transvaal will also shortly become parties to the scheme.

Negotiations for adopting the same arrangement in India, where at present British postal orders are issued but not paid, have been practically completed.

The Imperial postal order scheme has already fully justified its introduction, 376,000 orders having been issued in the Colonies last year, and 57,600 orders paid in the Colonies. The system is freely employed for making remittances between remote parts of the Empire; and in some places the orders are being used for purposes of local remittance.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Statistics.

See also

Appendix J.,
pp. 70-77.

During the year ended the 31st December 1904, the deposits and withdrawals, as compared with those of the preceding year, were as follows:—

	Deposits.		Withdrawals.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
1903	15,325,618	£ 40,857,206	6,180,419	£ 42,786,025
1904	15,466,928	40,612,967	6,276,929	41,904,393

It will be seen that, although there is again a decrease in the amount of the deposits it is considerably less than that shown in my last report; and that the excess of withdrawals over deposits was over 600,000*l.* less than the corresponding excess for the previous year. The number of deposits was greater than in the previous year.

The interest credited to depositors for 1904 amounted to 3,495,633*l.*; so that, allowing for the excess of withdrawals over deposits, an addition of 2,204,207*l.* was made in the year to the amount standing to the credit of depositors, which on the 31st December 1904 had reached 148,339,354*l.*

The withdrawals by telegraph on the day of application numbered 211,977, and those by return of post 15,596. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 215,416 and 15,149. Withdrawals by telegraph.

The total number of accounts opened was 1,350,857, and of accounts closed 1,080,992. The net increase was thus 269,865, as against 270,691 in 1903. Accounts opened and closed.

The total number of accounts on the 31st December 1904, their distribution, the average amount of each, and the proportion of depositors to population, are shown in the following table:—

—	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 -	8,777,231	132,575,636	15 2 1	1 in 4
Scotland - - -	431,391	5,911,507	13 14 1	1 in 11
Ireland - - -	465,095	9,852,211	21 3 8	1 in 9
United Kingdom -	9,673,717	148,339,354	15 6 8	1 in 4½

The average amount to the credit of each depositor has once more declined, being 4s. 2d. less than on the 31st December 1903. Average size of accounts.

The number of friendly societies which opened accounts during 1904 was 336, as compared with 371 in 1903; but there was a considerable increase in the accounts opened by charitable, provident, and trade societies, the number being 1,987, against 1,778 in 1903. Accounts of societies.

During the year five Trustee Savings Banks were closed (at Monmouth, Poole, Bourne, Grimsby, and Cookstown). The amount transferred from these and other Trustee Savings Banks to the Post Office Savings Bank was 27,416l. The amount transferred in the reverse direction was 37,596l. Transfers of accounts.

Under the Savings Banks Act of last session the sending of acknowledgments for deposits under 1l. (which represent nearly 60 per cent. of the whole number of deposits) has been discontinued. This change has enabled me to effect substantial reductions of staff, and has also lightened the work of dealing with Savings Bank correspondence in the post. Discontinuance of acknowledgments for sums under 1l.

It was fully explained to depositors that the security of their deposits would not be affected, the official entry in the book being in future admitted as conclusive evidence of deposits under 1l. in amount; and the change has been accepted by the public without demur.

The further change, by which the withdrawal without notice of sums not exceeding 1l. is permitted, did not come into force till after the period covered by the Report.

Supply of
books to
penny banks.

Transfers to
and from
Colonial and
Foreign
savings
banks.

Encourage-
ment of
thrift.

The Act also enables me to supply penny banks with account books, &c., free of charge, and thus to render some assistance to these valuable institutions. It further provides for transfers of deposits between the Post Office Savings Bank and the Foreign and Colonial Savings Banks, a facility which will be of great value to depositors proceeding abroad or returning home.

I have, in co-operation with the War Office and the Education Department, endeavoured during the year to bring the facilities offered by the Post Office Savings Bank prominently before regimental authorities and the managers of elementary schools. I have hopes that the measures taken may have some effect in encouraging thrift both amongst soldiers and school children, an end which cannot fail to be beneficial to the community.

Government
stock.

The investments of depositors in Government stock show a considerable decrease, notwithstanding the low prices prevailing; whilst an increase is again shown in the sales. The following table gives the figures for the last five years:—

Year.	Investments.		Sales.		Average Price of Consols.
	No.	Amount of Stock.	No.	Amount of Stock.	
		£		£	
1900	41,030	2,830,918	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
1903	47,726	3,131,172	17,742	1,085,578	90½
1904	39,633	2,507,546	18,848	1,131,543	88½

Fifty-nine stock certificates to the amount of 10,450*l.* were obtained for depositors; and stock to the amount of 172,640*l.* was transferred to accounts opened for depositors at the Bank of England.

At the close of the year there were 138,582 stockholders with 17,357,950*l.* to their credit, an increase of 7,239 stockholders and 1,192,402*l.* stock.

Annuities
and life in-
surances.

Immediate annuities to the number of 1,768, and amounting to 41,000*l.*, were granted last year, as compared with 1,763, amounting to 43,973*l.*, in 1903.

The number of life insurances taken out was 517, for sums amounting to 28,629*l.*, as against 592 for sums amounting to 31,413*l.*, in 1903.

Expenditure.

The net expenditure of the Bank for the year was 537,672*l.*, representing an average cost per transaction of 5·9*d.* as against 6·12*d.* in 1903. This reduction is principally due to the discontinuance of acknowledgments for sums under 1*l.*, which took place on the 1st August 1904.

Owing to the reduced rate of interest on Consols, the expenditure during 1904 (including the interest paid to depositors) exceeded the income by 112,090*l*.

TELEGRAPHS.

During the year ended 31st March 1905, 88,969,000 telegrams passed over the Post Office wires, as against 89,997,000 in 1903-4, a decrease of 1.14 per cent. Statistics.
See also
Appendix H.,
pp. 65-67.

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

Class of Telegram.	Number.			Receipts.		
	1903-4.	1904-5.	(+) Increase or (-) Decrease.	1903-4.	1904-5.	(+) Increase or (-) Decrease.
Ordinary - -	73,827,000	72,050,000	- 1,777,000	£ 2,235,643	£ 2,227,541	- £ 8,102
Press - -	6,322,000	6,730,000	+ 408,000	141,406	146,268	+ 4,772
Foreign - -	7,932,000	8,339,000	+ 407,000	*363,511	381,185	+ 17,674
Railway, free - -	1,440,000	1,378,000	- 62,000	—	—	—
„ reduced rate	30,000	27,000	- 3,000	541	491	- 50
Government, free - -	446,000	445,000	- 1,000	—	—	—
Totals - -	89,997,000	88,969,000	- 1,028,000	2,741,101	2,755,435	+ 14,294

* This figure differs from that given in last year's report, as that included the revenue on foreign telephone calls.

The estimated value of the railway free telegrams is 55,800*l*. against 59,100*l*. in 1903-4; that of the Government free telegrams 22,800*l*., against 23,200*l*. in 1903-4.

The decrease in the number of ordinary inland telegrams is perhaps due partly to trade depression; but, as it is coupled with an increase of 5.1 per cent. in the foreign telegrams, it may, I think, be attributed largely to the growth of the telephone system. The number of foreign telegrams is the highest on record.

The average number of words per week in press telegrams during the year was 15,531,332, against 14,588,453 in 1903-4. Press telegrams.

During the year 193 new telegraph offices have been opened in country villages and the suburbs of the large towns. New telegraph offices. Guarantees have been given for 154 of these new offices, 66 by local authorities and 88 by private persons. The telegraph offices now open in the United Kingdom number 10,172 at post offices and 2,354 at railway stations and other public places.

The delivery of telegrams by cycle instead of foot messengers has been further extended, and 3,898 bicycles are now Delivery of telegrams by bicycle.

employed for this purpose. About 150 bicycles have been issued for the use of linemen engaged in the maintenance of the telegraph lines.

Additional lines.

The system of providing direct communication between provincial towns has been pursued, as in previous years. Amongst other direct lines may be mentioned new circuits between Manchester and Southampton, Dublin and Cardiff, Liverpool and Waterford, Liverpool and Londonderry, Birmingham and Cork, and Preston and Glasgow. Cambridge has been placed in direct communication with Ipswich, Norwich, and Peterborough; and the communications in the Eastern Counties have generally been improved.

Intercommunication between Metropolitan offices.

The system of direct intercommunication between telegraph offices in London, of which the first portion was installed two years ago, continues to give good results; and I hope that it will be possible to connect a number of additional offices to the switch before the end of the present year.

Underground lines.

The underground line from London to the North has been extended, as foreshadowed in my last report, by the provision of a cable containing 97 wires between Warrington and Carlisle, and the laying of 76 miles of pipes, which, together with the section laid in the previous year over the Beattock incline, complete the pipe line from Carlisle to Glasgow. It is proposed this year to provide wires over the latter section, and communication will then be possible between London and Glasgow by means of underground wires solely.

I am taking in hand, as the next extension of the underground trunk telegraphs, the establishment of underground communication with the West of England. A pipe is being laid to contain 137 wires between Hanwell and Slough, and during the present year I hope that it will be extended from Slough to Reading. The provision of a pipe and cable between London and Chatham is also being put in hand as a beginning of an underground route to the south-east coast, the point of departure of many of the submarine cables.

Pneumatic tubes.

The use of pneumatic tubes laid under the streets for the conveyance of telegrams between the head and branch offices in large towns is being gradually increased. Tubes have recently been provided at Edinburgh, Belfast, and Southampton, and it is proposed to serve several of the West End branch offices in London by this means upon the completion of the new power station at Blackfriars, from which they will be worked.

Wayleaves.

It is my constant endeavour to minimize the inconvenience which my works must inevitably cause to those who use the streets under which telegraphs are being laid; and I am convinced that my officers zealously second my efforts in this respect. I think also that I go no further than is absolutely

necessary in erecting overhead telegraphs along the country roads, though I am aware that in this matter also my action is in some quarters unwelcome. I am bound to emphasize the fact that, in the present state of electrical science, I cannot maintain an efficient telephone service over long distances without keeping the wires overhead; and I cannot even in the case of telephone exchange wires set up an adequate system in the suburbs and the country at any reasonable cost if I am to carry isolated lines underground.

I regret to note increasing objections both from certain local authorities and from private landowners to the necessary extensions of my lines. Appeal was made during the last year on four occasions to the courts, two of the cases being further referred to the Railway and Canal Commission. In each case the final decision was in favour of my department. The necessity for these proceedings frequently delays the connection of subscribers with the Post Office Telephone Exchanges.

I am continuing experiments with various high-speed automatic type-writing telegraphs, and I think some of the systems are very promising. New apparatus.

I am glad to believe that British makers of electric plant are now devoting more of their attention than formerly to the manufacture of telephone apparatus; though I cannot yet dispense—or nearly dispense—with the services of foreign makers. British-made electric plant.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHS.

Arrangements have been made for the establishment of a second direct wire between London and Cologne, and also for the establishment of direct telegraphic communication between London and St. Malo during the potato and fruit season. The question of further increasing the facilities for communication between London and Paris and certain other continental towns is engaging my attention. Improvement of communication with Continent.

No new cables from the United Kingdom have been laid during the year; but negotiations have been completed for the establishment of communication with Iceland and the Faroe Islands. It has for many years been urged that such communication would be of great value to the fishing industry as well as for meteorological purposes; and a deputation on the subject from the National Sea Fisheries Protection Association waited on my predecessor in March 1903. It has now been arranged for a cable to be laid between the Shetland Islands and Iceland via the Faroe Islands by the Great Northern Telegraph Company. Telegraphic communication with Iceland and the Faroe Islands.

The strategical importance of wireless telegraphy, and the fact that some centralised control is necessary if the public are Wireless telegraphy.

to secure the fullest advantage from this new means of communication, led to the passing of the Wireless Telegraph Act of last session (4 Edw. 7, c. 24), which renders it illegal for any person to instal or work wireless telegraph apparatus in the United Kingdom, or on board British ships in territorial waters, except with the licence of the Postmaster General. In view of the progressive nature of the invention, and the possibility of unforeseen developments, the Act was made operative for a period of two years only, to expire on the 31st July 1906. The experience of the working of the Act shows, I think, that it will be essential in the public interest that it should be renewed.

Licences.

I have received numerous applications for licences under the terms of the Act, the majority being from persons who desire to use wireless telegraphy for experimental purposes; and I have made every effort to apply the provisions of the Act as liberally as possible, whilst keeping in view the objects with which it was passed.

Some difficulty has been experienced in dealing with the applications for commercial licences, owing to the fact that, in the present state of electrical science, it is impossible for the stations of rival undertakings to work in the same neighbourhood without danger of mutual interference; but I am making every endeavour to meet, as far as practicable, the legitimate claims of the various applicants.

Collection and delivery of Marconi Company's telegrams.

At the request of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company who have for some time past possessed commercial stations for ship and shore communication in the South of England and of Ireland, I sanctioned an arrangement on the 1st January last for the collection and delivery of the Company's telegrams by Post Offices throughout the country. The Company charge the rates which they had already fixed, namely, 6*d.* a word, with a minimum of 6*s.*; and the Post Office, in addition, charges the ordinary inland telegraphic rate, viz., a halfpenny a word, with a minimum of 6*d.*, the total minimum thus being 6*s.* 6*d.*

Wireless communication with Scilly Islands.

During the interruption of the cable to the Scilly Islands in March last communication was restored by means of wireless telegraphy between the Admiralty station on the island and the Marconi Company's station at Poldhu; and arrangements have been made for utilising the service in any future case of interruption.

The International Conference on Wireless Telegraphy, which was to have been held in April last, has been postponed owing to the political situation.

TELEPHONES.

Trunk lines.

The number of trunk wire centres open on the 31st March last was 443, an increase of 47 in the year. The new trunk circuits provided during the year numbered 186, and the total

number in use was 1,604, as compared with 1,418 in the preceding year. The total length of the trunk circuits in use was 56,400 miles, containing about 112,800 miles of wire. The capital expenditure on the purchase and development of the trunk wire system up to the 31st March last was 2,537,238*l.*, including an expenditure during the year of 337,264*l.*

The total number of conversations over the trunk wires for the year was 15,461,822. This shows an increase of 1,993,847, at the rate of 14·8 per cent., over the corresponding number for the previous year, which was 13,467,975. The gross revenue derived from this service was 380,308*l.*, as compared with 325,525*l.* in 1903-4. The increase was thus at the rate of 16·8 per cent. The average value of each conversation was 5·9*d.*

As mentioned in my last report, the Anglo-French telephone service was extended to the principal provincial towns in England and France on the 11th April 1904. The service has since been extended to certain other English provincial towns; and the Anglo-Belgian telephone service has similarly been extended during the year. There are now four circuits between London and Paris, one between London and Lille, and two between London and Brussels, the latter carrying an increasing amount of traffic. A still further development of these services may be expected if the new Agreement with the National Telephone Company is approved by Parliament, as under that Agreement the lines will become available for use by subscribers to the Company's system.

Experiments have recently been made in telephonic communication between London and Rome by way of Paris. It was found possible to exchange speech when the conditions were exceptionally favourable; but, in spite of the partial success of the experiment, a public service between the two capitals is not at present practicable.

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

Abercynon.	Brooke (Norwich).	Ellesmere.
Aberdovey.	Bwlch.	Ely.
Alfreton.	Caterham Valley.	Farningham.
Anstruther.	Cheadle.	Ferry Hill.
Badminton.	Chipping Norton.	Glasbury.
Barmouth.	Cobham.	Hay.
Biggleswade.	Colinsburgh.	Hextable.
Blairgowrie.	Coupar Angus.	Holbeach.
Bourton-on-the-Water.	Crockenhill.	Hungerford.
Brackley.	Dartford.	Leighton Buzzard
Broadway (Worc.).	Dunster.	Leominster.
	Elie.	Loddon.

Long Buckby.	Nutley.	Thornbury (Glos.)
Longside.	Oxshott.	Thorn'ey.
Lundin Links.	Potton.	Tipperary.
Maldon.	Riddings.	Towyn.
Mallow.	Rye.	Turner's Hill.
Maud.	St. Monance.	Uckfield.
Maybole.	Sandy.	Upper Largo.
Minehead.	Shipston-on-Stour.	Wainfleet.
Mintlaw Station.	Somercotes.	Watchet.
Moreton-in-Marsh.	Southwold.	Westerham.
Newbury.	Stow-on-the-Wold.	Whittingham.
New Deer.	Swanley Junction.	Williton.
New Milton.	Talgarth.	Witham.
Northallerton.	Thirsk.	

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

The total number of subscribers to the Post Office Provincial Telephone Exchanges on the 31st March was 6,854; and the number of telephones rented increased in the year from 6,874 to 8,644.

Private
Wires.

The sum received as rental in respect of Private Wires was 172,953*l.*, as compared with 169,769*l.* for the previous year.

Municipal
telephones.

In October last a municipal telephone service was opened at Hull. According to returns recently furnished by the Corporations concerned, the number of telephones connected with the exchanges of the various municipal systems in Great Britain were as follows:—

Name of Municipality.	Date of Expiration of Licence.	Number of Exchange Stations.
Brighton - - - - -	30th April 1926 - -	1,736
Glasgow - - - - -	31st December 1913 -	11,923
Hull - - - - -	31st December 1911 -	1,495
Portsmouth - - - - -	30th June 1926 - -	2,250
Swansea - - - - -	31st December 1920 -	1,259

London
telephone
service. 1

The number of telephones in connection with the Post Office London Telephone system increased during the year from 15,632 to 24,351; and additional subscribers are being connected at an average rate of about 150 a week. A new exchange was opened at Hampstead during the year under review, and two others have been opened since the 31st March.

The following table shows the number of subscribers' telephones working on the 31st March in connection with each exchange:—

Name of Exchange.	Date of Opening.	Subscribers' Telephones Working.	
		On March 31, 1904.	On March 31, 1905.
Central - - -	1st March 1902 - -	10,541	14,380
Chiswick - - -	3rd June 1903 - -	208	456
Croydon - - -	26th January 1904 - -	62	271
Hampstead - - -	7th July 1904 - -	—	1,310
Kingston - - -	20th May 1902 - -	339	465
Mayfair - - -	20th October 1903 - -	1,057	2,124
Putney - - -	20th May 1902 - -	382	560
Richmond - - -	7th November 1902 - -	289	460
Victoria - - -	12th August 1902 - -	1,169	1,801
Western - - -	5th August 1902 - -	1,330	2,137
Wimbledon - - -	6th August 1902 - -	255	387
Total - - -		15,632	24,351

The accommodation at the Central Exchange is now almost exhausted ; but a new exchange, to be called the City Exchange, with a maximum capacity of 18,000 lines, is expected to be ready for opening in a few months.

The length of the underground pipes which had been laid in the London area on the 31st March last was 1,251 miles, 105 miles having been laid during the year. Cables containing 162,216 miles of wire have been provided, including 35,572 miles rented by the National Telephone Company pending the transfer of the Company's system to the Post Office. The lines of the present subscribers and the junction lines between exchanges have absorbed 66,821 miles; and 59,823 miles of wire remain available for the future development of the London telephone system. Extent and cost of underground system.

The average cost of construction per mile of double wire has decreased since last year from 18*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* to 16*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*; and the average cost of constructing an exchange circuit (including the installation of telephone instruments and of exchange apparatus, but excluding the provision of spare plant) has been 38*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.*, as against 41*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* in the previous year. Taking into account the whole system, including spare plant of all kinds, the capital expenditure per station (*i.e.*, per telephone connected with an exchange) stands now at 64*l.*, as compared with 86*l.* in 1902-3, and 73*l.* in 1903-4. It is hoped that the expenditure per station will still further diminish as the very large amount of spare plant provided comes into use.

An account of the receipts and expenditure relating to the London service for the year ended 31st March 1905 is printed in Appendix O. on page 93. It shows a balance of 93,298*l.*, Revenue and expenditure.

sum nearly sufficient to meet the charge for interest on capital and to provide for depreciation of plant. This balance is rapidly increasing as more of the plant comes into use and begins to earn revenue. Similar tables are also given (for the first time) in respect of the Post Office Provincial Exchange Systems and the Trunk Line System. A table is also added to show the financial position of the three systems taken as a whole. This shows a balance of 282,321*l.*, while the estimated amount required to provide for depreciation of plant and interest at 3 per cent. on the capital expenditure of 5,042,000*l.* is 300,776*l.* Other statistics of the Post Office telephone and private wire systems will be found in the Appendices M. and N. (pp. 90-92).

**Telephone
royalty.**

The amount of royalty received during the year from the National Telephone Company was 192,562*l.*, and from other licenses 8,163*l.*

**Use of the
telephone
for postal
services.**

The following figures show the extent to which the telephone is being used for sending messages for onward transmission as telegrams and express letters :—

	Estimated number in 12 months.
Telegrams - - - -	2,537,550
Express letters - - - -	48,900
Total - - - -	<u>2,586,450</u>

Efforts are being made to bring the advantages of these services more clearly under the notice of telephone subscribers.

**Agreement
with the
National
Telephone
Company.**

On the 2nd February last an Agreement was made with the National Telephone Company, subject to the approval of Parliament, for the purchase of their system on the expiration of their licence. It follows, in its main lines, the principles adopted in the Agreement of the 18th November 1901, which related to the London system only. Under the new Agreement the Postmaster General will purchase, on the 31st December 1911, the plant of the Company, and will take over the business carried on by them up to that date. Provisions are inserted for the purpose of excluding from the purchase plant which is inefficient or unsuitable. The price, which is to be determined by arbitration in case of disagreement, is to be based on what are known as "tramway terms." No payment is to be made in respect of goodwill or profits, except in the case of the Company's private wire business, which can be transacted without a licence, and in the case of the four local areas where the licence has been extended beyond 1911 under the Telegraph Act, 1899, as a consequence of municipal competition. During the continuance of their licence the Company are to allow intercommunication without additional charge between their system and that of the Postmaster General. They are precluded

from showing favour or preference as between subscribers, and the rates to be charged by them are confined within certain limits. Conditions have also been inserted to ensure the proper maintenance and development of the telephone system until 1911. The Agreement will become binding when confirmed by a resolution of the House of Commons, or on the 31st August if not disapproved by a resolution of either House of Parliament before that date. As Your Lordships are aware, it has been under consideration by a Select Committee of the House of Commons.

POST OFFICE BUILDINGS.

During the year under review the acquisition from the New and Christ's Hospital Authorities of the site for the new General enlarged Post Office was completed, and plans for the new buildings are now under consideration. Sites have also been acquired for a new Office for the Western District of London, for a new Sorting Office at Manchester, and for enlarging the General Post Office in Dublin. A considerable enlargement of the Eastern District Office of London has been begun; and schemes for extending the General Post Office in Edinburgh and the Head Post Offices in Newcastle-on-Tyne and Belfast have been approved. The erection of a new Head Post Office at Hull has also been commenced.

It is expected that the new Parcel Office in Union Street, London, S.E., the new Northern District Office of London, and the new Postal Stores Building at Islington will be ready for occupation before long.

The building plans for the proposed Power Station at Blackfriars, which is to supply electric current for power and lighting to the General Post Office buildings, have been settled, and building operations will be commenced at an early date.

During the year, 180 Crown Post Office buildings have been provided, of which 69 are new offices specially erected for Post Office purposes, and 74 are offices of which the tenancy has been taken over by the Department after the buildings had been altered and enlarged. 43 Crown Post Offices have been enlarged or improved; and 142 are in course of erection or enlargement.

The expenditure out of the Post Office Votes for the purchase of sites and buildings during the year amounted to 123,728*l.*, as against 226,327*l.* in 1903-4. The expenditure in London was 67,273*l.* Expenditure.

During the year the expenditure by the Commissioners of Works and Public Buildings on new Post Office buildings and on the enlargement and maintenance of existing buildings

amounted to 480,183*l.* in Great Britain and 37,652*l.* in Ireland. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 336,017*l.* and 37,029*l.*

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.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Total.
Head Offices -	11	614	141	118	884
Branch Offices -	112	122	30	11	275
Town Sub-Offices -	905	4,243	358	214	5,720
Country Sub-Offices	—	11,679	1,836	2,674	16,189
Totals -	1,028	16,658	2,365	3,017	23,068

The total includes 218 additional offices opened during the year. Of the 23,068 offices, 14,677 are open for Money Order and Savings Bank business, and 10,172 for Telegraph business, which is also transacted at 2,354 railway stations.

The number of letter boxes was increased during the year from 37,521 to 38,913.

STAFF.

Numbers.
See also
Appendix F.,
pp. 57 and 58.

The number of persons on the establishment of the Post Office is 84,113, of whom 11,579 are women. The number added during the year was 2,248.

In addition, there are 108,341 persons filling unestablished situations (some of them employed only for a portion of the day), of whom 28,610 are women. The number added during the year to the unestablished force was 2,175.

The total number of persons employed wholly or in part in the Post Office is thus 192,454.

Dismissals.

The number of persons dismissed during the year was 803, while 200 were deprived of good-conduct stripes. The corresponding figures for 1903-4 were 785 and 199. Dishonesty accounts for 31 per cent. of the whole number of dismissals. Intemperance is responsible for 18 per cent. of the dismissals and 73 per cent. of the losses of good-conduct stripes.

Committee
on Post Office
Wages.

The recommendations made by the Committee on Post Office Wages, to which reference was made in my last Report, have received my most earnest consideration; but in view of the fact that these recommendations were not supported by a comparison of Post Office wages with those current in other occupations, as specified in the terms of reference, I felt unable to recommend

to your Lordships the imposition on the taxpayer of the very heavy burden which the adoption of the Report of the Committee would have involved. I need hardly say that it was with reluctance that I came to the conclusion that it was incompatible with my duty to give effect to the recommendations of a committee composed of distinguished members, who had been good enough to devote much of their valuable time to an inquiry undertaken in the public interest; but I feel most strongly, and I am convinced that your Lordships will agree with me, that the true standard of wages in the Post Office service is that obtained by a comparison with the rates of wages current in similar occupations outside, and that there is no justification for conceding, at the expense of the taxpayer, an artificially high rate based on other considerations.

In this belief, I determined to institute a careful comparison between Post Office wages and those current in other employments; and, as the result of this comparison, I felt justified in recommending to your Lordships certain improvements of pay, which were brought into force on the 1st April last. The principal of these improvements were as follows:—

The minimum pay of the Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists at the largest Provincial Offices has been slightly improved, and the maximum pay at the smallest offices has been materially increased. Sorting clerks and telegraphists.

The Male Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists, except at the smallest Provincial Offices, have been granted a substantial addition to their pay, within the limits of the scale, on reaching 25 years of age. In London the addition is 3s. a week, and outside London from 2s. 6d. to 1s. a week according to the classification of the Office. All existing Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists at those offices of 25 years of age and upwards, except those already at their maximum, have received immediate benefit from this concession.

An allowance of 2s. 6d. a week in London and 2s. a week in the Provinces, in addition to the ordinary scale, has been granted to Telegraphists employed on Continental circuits.

The position of the Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists has also been further improved by a substantial addition to the number of Overseers and Female Supervisors.

In London the Postmen have been grouped into four divisions with the following scales of pay:—

Division I.—20s. by 1s. 6d. a week yearly to 34s. a week (Central Districts),

Division II.—19s. by 1s. 6d. a week yearly to 32s. a week (districts adjoining Central Districts),

Division III.—19s. by 1s. 6d. a week yearly to 30s. a week (certain Suburban Districts),

Division IV.—18s. by 1s. 6d. a week yearly to 28s. a week (other Suburban Districts),

in place of three divisions, viz.:—

- 18s. (20s. at 19 years of age) by 1s. 6d. a week yearly to 34s. a week,
- 18s. by 1s. 6d. a week yearly to 30s. a week,
- 18s. by 1s. 6d. a week yearly to 26s. a week,

with the result that a large number have received an increase of from 2s. to 4s. a week in their maximum pay, while the minimum of the scale has also been raised in many cases.

In the Provinces the minimum of the Postmen's scale has been raised by 1s. a week in a large number of cases. Rural Postmen have been placed on the same scale as the Town Postmen at the offices from which they start, instead of receiving 2s. a week less at the maximum; and certain other Rural Postmen who were in receipt of fixed wages have been placed on scale.

To meet the case of persons such as soldiers, who cannot enter the service as Postmen at an early age, provision has been made that all established Postmen, whether already in the Service or entering it in future, are to receive at the age of 25 years not less than three increments above the minimum of the scale. For instance, a soldier appointed postman in central London at the age of 25 or over now starts at 24s. 6d. a week in place of 20s. a week. The case of postmen also who may have to serve some time in an unestablished capacity before obtaining established appointments has been met by allowing them to count such service towards their starting pay up to a maximum of two increments above the minimum of the scale.

**Scales of pay
at Provincial
Offices.**

The scales of pay at the various Provincial Offices are at present under review with the object of ascertaining whether there is any ground for changes in classification in view of special circumstances affecting the cost of living.

**Cost of
revision.**

These and other alterations have, it is estimated, involved an immediate charge of 224,400*l.* a year, which will be increased to 372,300*l.* a year when the revision is in full operation.

It may be of interest, in this connection, to show in a convenient form the cost of the improvements in Post Office wages that have been granted during the last quarter of a century.

In the Postmaster General's Report for 1894—5, a tabular statement was given showing the result, as regards increased cost, of the various revisions that had taken place between 1881 and 1894. The following table, which is in continuation of the former statement, shows the improvements of pay that have been granted since that date. It is to be noted that the additional cost shown in each case is solely that incurred through the revisions, on the assumption that the numbers of the Staff remain unaltered, and that any increase of cost arising from increases of Staff is excluded. As a matter of fact, the

figures given do not represent the whole cost, as the improved scales of pay are received by a continually increasing number of officers, and the additional cost involved in each revision grows in proportion to the growth of the Staff.

Date of Revision.	Nature of Revision.	Ultimate Annual Cost.
1881-1894	Improvements of pay as detailed on page 9 of Postmaster General's Report of 1895	£
1 April 1897	Improvements of pay of Sorters, Telegraphists, Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists, and Postmen (including Auxiliaries) throughout the United Kingdom—under the "Tweedmouth" Revision	747,980
1897-1898	Improvements of pay—complementary to the "Tweedmouth" Revision—to Sub-Postmasters and others, including additional higher Telegraph appointments, following the "Norfolk—Hanbury" conference	308,000
14 Aug. 1901	Additional pay granted to Sub-Postmasters for Christmas work	80,000
1 Jan. 1904	Improvement of pay of Sub-Postmasters, chiefly at the smaller offices	4,800
1 Jan. 1905	Enhanced payment to Sub-Postmasters for Postal Order work	11,000
1 April 1905	Improvement of pay of Sorters, Telegraphists, Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists, Postmen, Assistant and Auxiliary Postmen, and various smaller classes throughout the United Kingdom under the "Stanley" Revision	6,200
		372,300
	Total	1,530,280

As your Lordships are aware, a fund was placed at my disposal at the beginning of the financial year 1904-5, from which grants can be made, in certain circumstances, to retiring officers of the Post Office who are not eligible for the benefits of the Superannuation Acts. Eighty grants were made from this fund during the financial year—the total sum granted amounting to 1,292*l*.

Retiring gratuities to unestablished officers.

The extension of the Post Office Medical System referred to in my previous report has been continued. During 1904 the number of Medical Officers has been increased from 671 to 1,832; and the number of Post Office servants enjoying free medical attendance from 92,734 to 116,541.

Post office medical system.

I hope that by the end of the current year the extension of the Post Office Medical System will have been completed.

HEALTH OF THE STAFF.

The health of the staff during 1904 was satisfactory. Smallpox was still prevalent in certain parts of the country; but although four established officers took the disease there were

no deaths. There were eleven deaths and nine cases of retirement due to influenza; and seventy-eight deaths and one hundred and twenty-eight retirements due to tubercular diseases.

The figures in the following table and in the second and succeeding tables of Appendix F. relate only to the staff under the care of the 1,832 departmental medical officers, namely, 102,076 men (65,692 established and 36,384 unestablished) and 14,465 women (11,032 established and 3,433 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 - -	57	80	11·5	13·7	6·6	11·0
Metropolitan Districts	60	80	13·7	14·2	8·2	11·5
Country - - -	46	61	15·8	18·6	7·3	11·4
Scotland - - -	37	53	16·3	18·5	6·2	9·9
Ireland - - -	56	70	17·3	20·7	9·7	14·6

—	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 - -	60	64	9·6	9·6	5·8	6·2
Metropolitan Districts	54	51	8·7	15·0	4·7	7·7
Country - - -	33	27	14·4	13·9	3·8	3·7
Scotland - - -	34	16	8·2	21·0	2·8	3·5
Ireland - - -	33	17	12·4	27·3	4·2	4·8

The following tables give statistics respecting the deaths and retirements among the established staff throughout the whole of the United Kingdom:—

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.
238	14	3·3	1·2	37	28	15·9	8·0

Retirements.

	Number of Persons.		Average Age on Retirement (in years).		Average Length of Service (in years).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Invalided - -	562	184	41	33	19·9	14·1
Superannuated at age of 60 and upwards.	197	11	61	62	36·2	33·3

The number of women who retired on marriage in 1904 was 261, with an average age of 28 and an average service of nine years.

The number of candidates for Post Office employment examined by the Department's medical officers was 3,894 men and 1,029 women, of whom 302 men (7·8 per cent.) and 156 women (15·2 per cent.) were rejected.

FINANCE.

The postal revenue of the year, including the value of services rendered to other Departments, was 16,274,978*l.*, an increase of 450,584*l.* on that of the previous year. The postal expenditure was 11,455,785*l.*, an increase of 254,663*l.* on that of the previous year. The net profit was thus 4,819,193*l.*, or 195,921*l.* more than last year.

See also
Appendices
Q., R., S., and
T., pp. 98-103.

The telegraph revenue of the year, including the value of services rendered to other Departments, was 3,920,023*l.*, an increase of 183,908*l.*, and the telegraph expenditure, 4,857,518*l.*, an increase of 163,620*l.* upon the previous year. The net deficit on telegraphs was thus 937,495*l.*, or 20,288*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 1,215,978*l.*

These figures are, necessarily, partly estimated.

In concluding this Report I desire to refer to the loss recently sustained by the Service through the retirement of Mr. J. C. Lamb, C.B., C.M.G., Second Secretary, who had for many years advised my predecessors and myself in the

administration of the telegraph service, and upon whom His Majesty the King has since conferred the honour of Knighthood in recognition of his services; and of Mr. J. C. Badcock, C.B., Controller of the London Postal Service, who had filled that post for more than 13 years.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient Servant,

STANLEY.

28th July 1905.

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 1905.

	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	33,380,402	2,239,000,000	66·1	617,100,000	18·2	710,700,000	21·0	137,200,000	4·1	80,575,000	2·4	74,791,000	2·2
Scotland	4,027,656	229,700,000	49·6	86,700,000	18·7	91,000,000	19·7	21,800,000	4·7	10,381,000	2·3	9,071,000	2·0
Ireland	4,399,686	153,900,000	35·4	30,700,000	7·0	42,000,000	9·5	20,400,000	4·6	6,275,000	1·4	5,107,000	1·2
Totals	42,897,744	2,624,600,000	61·2	734,500,000	17·1	843,700,000	19·7	179,400,000	4·2	97,231,000	2·3	88,969,000	2·1

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

Letters	57·5	Book Packets and Circulars	18·5	Parcels	3·1
Post Cards	10·1	Newspapers	3·9	Telegrams	1·9

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.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each person.	United Kingdom.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each person.
	Country Offices.	Increase per cent.	London District.	Increase per cent.	Total.	Increase per cent.					
1885-86	1,021,390,000	2·8	537,500,000	5·6	1,558,890,000	3·8	51	112,500,000	1,884,200,000	3·6	47
1886-87	1,049,300,000	2·7	557,200,000	3·7	1,606,500,000	3·1	52	118,000,000	1,803,000,000	3·2	48
1887-88	1,120,300,000	6·8	590,900,000	6·0	1,711,200,000	6·5	55	123,700,000	2,012,300,000	6·3	50
1888-89	1,243,000,000	10·8	617,700,000	4·5	1,860,700,000	8·7	59	136,500,000	2,189,800,000	5·6	54
1889-90	1,279,300,000	2·7	632,600,000	2·4	1,908,900,000	2·6	60	141,100,000	2,246,800,000	2·7	55
1900 01	1,312,700,000	2·9	664,300,000	5·0	1,977,000,000	3·6	61	144,200,000	2,323,600,000	3·4	57
1901-02	1,382,700,000	6·1	692,100,000	4·2	2,084,800,000	5·5	64	146,600,000	2,451,500,000	5·5	59
1902-03	1,463,800,000	5·2	742,000,000	7·2	2,207,800,000	5·9	67	149,800,000	2,579,500,000	5·2	61
1903-04	1,487,700,000	1·5	730,600,000	dec. 1·5	2,218,300,000	·5	66	153,100,000	2,597,600,000	·7	61
1904-05	1,511,500,000	1·6	727,200,000	·5	2,239,000,000	·0	68	155,900,000	2,684,600,000	1·0	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.	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.	Average Number to each Person.					
1895-96	181,300,000	14.9	87,000,000	dec. 23.6	268,300,000	dec. 1.2	8.8	12.2	7.7	14,000,000	.6	3.1
1896-97	192,600,000	6.2	94,500,000	inc. 8.4	286,900,000	inc. 6.9	9.3	6.8	8.2	15,200,000	7.0	3.3
1897-98	200,600,000	7.3	102,300,000	8.5	308,900,000	7.7	9.9	5.8	8.6	15,100,000	7.1	3.3
1898-99	223,100,000	8.0	104,100,000	1.8	327,500,000	5.9	10.4	6.6	9.1	16,200,000	6.0	3.6
1899-1900	233,700,000	4.8	108,900,000	4.6	342,600,000	4.7	10.8	5.2	9.5	16,800,000	4.7	3.7
1900-01	244,600,000	4.7	114,800,000	5.4	359,400,000	4.9	11.2	2.0	9.6	18,000,000	4.7	4.0
1901-02	260,900,000	6.7	119,400,000	4.0	380,300,000	5.8	11.6	9.9	10.2	18,900,000	6.2	4.3
1902-03	286,200,000	9.7	122,700,000	8.6	415,900,000	9.4	13.6	17.1	11.8	19,500,000	9.9	4.4
1903-04	366,200,000	20.9	147,900,000	14.0	517,100,000	24.3	15.4	34.9	15.8	24,400,000	25.5	5.5
1904-05	450,500,000	22.0	166,000,000	13.6	617,100,000	19.3	18.2	20.1	18.7	30,700,000	19.7	7.0

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 two years include also Inland Samples.)

Year.	England and Wales.				Average Number to each Person.	Scotland.	In-crease per cent.	Average Number to each Person.	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.	In-crease per cent.								
1885-86	418,400,000	10·6	148,200,000	2·8 dec.	566,600,000	8·4	18·6	17·0	35,000,000	11·8	7·7	672,300,000	9·4	17·1
1886-87	439,700,000	5·1	148,600,000	3·1 inc.	588,300,000	2·9	18·9	18·0	39,200,000	12·0 dec.	8·6	697,900,000	3·8	17·6
1887-88	463,700,000	5·5 dec.	149,200,000	3·9 dec.	612,900,000	5·1	19·7	18·2	37,500,000	4·3	8·2	727,300,000	4·2	18·2
1888-89	449,600,000	3·0 inc.	141,300,000	5·3 inc.	590,900,000	3·6	18·8	17·7	33,500,000	2·3	7·8	701,500,000	dec.	17·4
1889-1900	451,800,000	4 inc.	143,700,000	1·7 inc.	595,500,000	7	18·7	17·5	32,500,000	1	7·2	702,800,000	inc.	17·3
1900-01	463,800,000	3·3	152,700,000	6·3	616,500,000	4·0	19·2	18·0	33,300,000	3·7 inc.	7·8	732,400,000	4·2	17·9
1901-02	492,800,000	7·1	153,300,000	4	646,100,000	5·5	20·0	16·9	37,100,000	dec.	8·4	768,200,000	4·6	18·4
1902-03	523,900,000	5·4	157,900,000	3·0	681,800,000	4·9	20·7	19·2	38,100,000	inc. 14·3	8·6	809,800,000	5·7	19·3
1903-04	533,800,000	1·3	159,500,000	1·0	693,300,000	1·2	20·7	18·9	40,600,000	dec.	9·2	820,400,000	1·3	19·3
1904-05	547,500,000	2·6	163,200,000	2·3	710,700,000	2·5	21·0	19·7	42,000,000	inc. 5·2	9·5	843,700,000	2·8	19·7

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.	In-crease per cent.	Average Number to each Person.	Ireland.	In-crease per cent.	Average Number to each Person.	United Kingdom.	In-crease per cent.	Average Number to each Person.
	Country Office.	In-crease per cent.	London District.	In-crease per cent.	Total.	In-crease per cent.								
1895-96	83,400,000	1·5 dec.	33,100,000	9·1 dec.	115,500,000	1·7 dec.	3·8	4·2	16,800,000	4·7 dec.	3·5	149,000,000	1·8 dec.	3·8
1896-97	83,300,000	·1 inc.	33,200,000	3·4 inc.	116,500,000	·9 inc.	3·8	4·1	16,800,000	3·7 inc.	3·7	150,000,000	1·1 inc.	3·8
1897-98	83,000,000	2·0 inc.	31,800,000	4·2 dec.	114,800,000	·3 dec.	3·8	4·1	16,800,000	·6 dec.	3·7	150,900,000	·2	3·8
1898-99	87,300,000	2·7	30,700,000	3·5	118,000,000	1·0	3·7	4·2	18,200,000	7·7	4·0	154,100,000	2·1	3·8
1899-1900	94,200,000	7·9	30,800,000	inc. 3	125,000,000	5·9	3·9	4·5	19,100,000	4·9	4·2	163,400,000	6·0	4·0
1900-01	96,400,000	1·3	32,400,000	5·2	127,800,000	2·2	4·0	4·5	20,700,000	8·4	4·6	167,800,000	2·7	4·1
1901-02	96,000,000	1·0	33,800,000	4·3	130,700,000	2·3	4·0	4·5	19,000,000	dec. 8·2	4·3	169,800,000	1·2	4·1
1902-03	100,000,000	3·2	35,000,000	3·6	135,000,000	3·3	4·1	4·6	19,500,000	inc. 2·6	4·4	175,400,000	3·3	4·2
1903-04	99,900,000	dec. ·1	33,700,000	dec. 3·7	133,600,000	1·0 dec.	4·0	4·6	20,100,000	·9	4·6	174,800,000	dec. ·3	4·1
1904-05	105,500,000	inc. 3·6	33,700,000	—	137,200,000	2·7 inc.	4·1	4·7	20,400,000	1·5	4·6	179,400,000	inc. 2·6	4·2

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.	Number.	In-crease per cent.	Number.	In-crease per cent.	Number.	In-crease per cent.	Gross Amount.	55 per cent. on Railway-Parcels paid to Railway Companies.	Post Office Share.	Post Office Share.	Post Office Share.		
	Number.	In-crease per cent.	Number.	In-crease per cent.	Number.												In-crease per cent.	
1895-96	39,381,000	5·8	10,618,000	5·9	49,979,000	5·8	6,510,000	7·0	4,038,000	5·2	60,537,000	5·9	1,372,577	643,325	£	723,758	d. 5·44	2·86
1896-97	41,512,000	5·5	11,229,000	5·8	52,741,000	5·5	6,802,000	4·5	4,172,000	3·3	68,715,000	5·2	1,445,126	681,819	£	763,307	5·44	2·87
1897-98	44,277,000	6·7	11,890,000	5·9	56,167,000	6·5	7,232,000	6·3	4,424,000	6·0	67,823,000	6·4	1,435,293	673,406	£	751,887	5·04	2·86
1898-99	46,387,000	5·9	12,615,000	6·1	59,512,000	5·9	7,760,000	7·3	4,641,000	4·9	71,913,000	6·0	1,498,099	705,732	£	792,367	4·99	2·84
1899-1900	49,046,000	4·6	13,444,000	6·6	62,490,000	5·0	8,068,000	4·4	4,890,000	4·7	75,448,000	4·9	1,580,508	742,215	£	836,293	5·03	2·66
1900-01	52,223,000	7·1	14,071,000	9·1	67,194,000	7·5	8,698,000	6·3	5,215,000	7·3	81,017,000	7·4	1,689,984	801,236	£	898,758	5·04	2·66
1901-02	56,081,000	6·8	15,742,000	7·3	71,823,000	6·9	9,227,000	7·2	5,532,000	6·5	86,602,000	6·9	1,821,976	869,603	£	962,373	5·05	2·67
1902-03	58,566,000	4·4	16,339,000	3·8	74,905,000	4·3	9,634,000	4·4	5,771,000	3·9	90,310,000	4·3	1,902,048	895,369	£	1,009,679	5·05	2·67
1903-04	61,356,000	4·8	16,563,000	3·2	78,219,000	4·4	10,105,000	4·9	6,102,000	5·7	94,496,000	4·6	1,994,454	939,172	£	1,056,263	5·07	2·68
1904-05	63,184,000	3·0	17,391,000	3·1	80,575,000	3·0	10,381,000	2·7	6,275,000	2·8	97,531,000	3·0	2,030,150	961,420	£	1,088,750	5·06	2·68

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.									
	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.		
1895-96	-	-	6,704,034	3·4	4,446,400	23·3	11,150,484	10·5	1,184,768	8·7	798,708	2·9	13,133,950	9·8
1896-97	-	-	6,919,295	3·2	4,499,428	1·2	11,418,723	2·4	1,206,831	1·9	813,181	1·8	13,436,735	2·3
1897-98	-	-	7,316,040	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	-	-	7,817,958	6·9	5,174,092	8·0	12,992,050	7·3	1,368,732	7·5	879,887	5·4	15,240,669	7·2
1899-1900	-	-	8,359,899	6·9	5,555,544	7·4	13,915,443	7·1	1,438,530	5·1	902,879	2·6	16,256,863	6·7
1900-01	-	-	9,042,411	8·2	5,921,288	6·6	14,963,699	7·5	1,781,775	23·9	994,305	9·0	17,729,969	9·1
1901-02	-	-	9,553,006	5·6	6,100,983	4·6	15,743,989	5·2	2,027,342	13·8	1,025,982	4·5	18,800,313	6·0
1902-03	-	-	9,886,039	2·9	6,447,780	4·1	16,273,818	3·4	1,606,068	dec. 16·3	1,046,240	1·7	19,016,153	1·1
1903-04	-	-	9,745,095	dec. ·8	6,502,334	·8	16,247,429	dec. ·2	1,718,233	inc. 1·4	1,063,450	1·6	19,029,114	·1
1904-05	-	-	9,392,569	4·6	6,473,637	dec. ·5	15,766,206	3·0	1,680,596	dec. 2·2	1,069,898	dec. ·4	18,404,690	2·8

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.												
	*£25.	*£10.	*£15.	*£20.	*£25.	*£30.	*£35.	*£40.	*£45.	*£50.			
	†£5.	†£10.	†£20.	†£30.	†£40.	†£50.	†£60.	†£70.	†£80.	†£90.	†£100.	†£110.	†£120.
1886-86	13,023,162	49,209	18,207	12,608	8,252	4,251	2,164	2,201	952	7,803			13,133,060
1886-87	13,333,737	46,066	18,106	12,472	8,631	4,160	2,185	2,468	1,035	7,865			13,438,735
1887-88	14,105,415	49,516	17,945	12,882	8,512	4,650	2,074	2,455	1,167	8,813			14,213,479
1888-89	15,118,316	55,627	23,482	13,302	7,757	5,969	2,003	1,515	1,006	2,500	1,614	240	1,338
1889-1900	16,127,030	58,921	33,425	13,214	7,786	6,184	2,056	1,277	1,127	1,050	2,543	299	1,941
1900-01	17,491,110	62,373	36,308	14,033	7,927	6,631	2,237	1,337	1,346	931	3,036	434	2,106
1901-02	18,669,927	62,745	36,154	14,752	8,108	6,505	2,229	1,281	1,367	910	3,207	522	2,546
1902-03	18,862,275	61,894	33,324	13,681	7,335	6,078	2,111	1,168	1,401	712	3,091	316	2,620
1903-04	18,906,338	55,641	30,842	13,327	6,871	5,837	2,109	1,173	1,373	581	3,300	326	2,416
1904-06	18,386,920	52,110	29,632	13,140	6,701	5,603	1,901	966	1,336	530	3,120	316	2,366

* Limit of compensation up to 30th April 1898.

† Limit of compensation from 1st May 1893.

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.								
1895-96	-	-	399,265	13·3	192,281	10·7	591,546	12·5	44,293	14·4	36,327	3·8	662,196	12·1
1896-97	-	-	437,451	9·6	238,360	41·7	685,811	19·6	50,126	13·2	39,033	7·4	784,990	18·3
1897-98	-	-	417,086	dec.	215,978	dec.	633,064	9·0	43,347	dec.	38,060	dec.	719,471	8·3
1898-99	-	-	459,555	4·7	212,963	16·4	672,513	inc.	49,594	3·5	39,764	inc.	761,801	inc.
1899-1900	-	-	523,077	10·2	218,051	1·4	741,128	6·2	53,547	8·4	43,433	4·5	838,113	8·9
1900-01	-	-	574,728	13·8	238,475	inc.	813,203	10·2	77,913	8·1	49,909	9·2	940,025	10·0
1901-02	-	-	644,634	·9	265,302	9·4	909,936	9·7	112,472	45·5	57,133	13·6	1,079,541	12·2
1902-03	-	-	643,742	12·2	284,414	11·2	928,156	11·9	73,973	44·4	3,244	16·8	1,065,378	14·8
1903-04	-	-	610,922	dec.	296,303	7·2	907,225	2·0	71,779	dec.	64,918	10·7	1,043,927	dec.
1904-05	-	-	616,241	5·1	291,215	4·2	907,456	2·3	70,422	·0	63,643	2·6	1,041,521	1·3
				inc.		1·7		inc.		1·9		dec.		·2

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.
	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.	* £55.	* £60.	* £65.	
	† £5.	† £10.	† £20.	† £30.	† £40.	† £50.	† £60.	† £70.	† £80.	† £90.	† £100.	† £110.	† £120.	
1895-96	631,983	14,304	4,045	4,436	3,268	865	371	414	196	2,284				632,193
1896-97	754,633	14,296	4,055	4,097	3,281	917	398	525	254	2,544				754,680
1897-98	689,109	13,924	4,426	4,361	2,897	1,059	455	530	245	2,475				719,471
1898-99	731,489	13,549	6,214	4,460	2,129	1,694	394	293	205	619	395	32	328	761,801
1899-1900	805,708	13,912	7,211	4,913	2,167	1,809	435	304	247	284	626	47	450	838,113
1900-01	901,962	14,451	8,309	5,276	2,289	1,988	622	321	305	215	758	67	568	940,025
1901-02	1,042,730	14,439	9,437	5,044	2,505	2,143	611	376	312	193	969	54	689	1,079,541
1902-03	1,026,534	14,803	10,004	5,465	2,712	2,263	702	415	383	251	940	99	802	1,065,373
1903-04	1,003,822	14,475	10,175	5,973	2,922	2,418	863	493	466	261	1,105	113	836	1,043,927
1904-05	1,003,960	12,647	9,453	5,819	2,963	2,467	844	521	496	209	1,298	101	813	1,041,521

* 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.		Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.
	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Increase per cent.						
1895-96	94,019	32·2	243,751	35·3	337,770	34·4	20,298	15·1	5,903	26·4	363,971	33·1
1896-97	113,153	20·4	294,467	20·8	407,620	20·7	23,174	14·2	7,333	24·2	438,136	20·4
1897-98	150,062	32·6	362,580	23·1	512,642	25·8	29,815	23·7	8,982	21·7	551,379	26·8
1898-99	181,918	21·2	416,119	14·8	598,037	16·7	34,418	15·4	8,773	dec.	641,327	16·3
1899-1900	199,839	9·9	474,351	14·0	674,190	12·7	37,344	8·5	8,847	inc.	730,381	12·3
1900-01	223,908	12·0	530,561	11·9	754,569	11·9	40,909	9·5	8,969	1·4	804,447	11·7
1901-02	268,918	15·6	627,926	18·3	886,744	17·5	46,237	10·6	9,925	10·7	941,906	17·1
1902-03	299,347	15·6	745,252	18·7	1,044,599	17·8	50,338	11·3	12,179	22·7	1,107,106	17·5
1903-04	364,782	21·9	855,012	14·7	1,219,794	16·8	57,173	13·6	13,867	13·9	1,290,833	16·6
1904-05	400,360	12·2	916,744	7·2	1,326,104	8·7	61,825	8·1	15,124	9·1	1,403,053	8·7

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 - - - -	46,000	328,000	46,000	109,000
Belgium and Luxemburg - - -	87,000	343,000	78,000	160,000
Denmark, Norway, and Sweden - -	82,000	338,000	68,000	137,000
France (including Algeria and Tunis) -	315,000	1,570,000	296,000	1,092,000
Germany - - - -	315,000	1,518,000	369,000	896,000
Gibraltar (including Tangier), Malta, and } Cyprus	51,000	416,000	46,000	38,000
Holland - - - -	115,000	302,000	84,000	132,000
Italy - - - -	71,000	676,000	66,000	173,000
Russia - - - -	46,000	348,000	33,000	74,000
Spain, Portugal, and Azores - - -	52,000	426,000	46,000	76,000
Switzerland - - - -	51,000	406,000	51,000	137,000
Turkey, Greece, Roumania, and Balkan States	28,000	312,000	23,000	65,000
Totals - - - -	1,259,000	6,988,000	1,187,000	3,069,000
ASIA.				
Asiatic Turkey and Persia - - -	8,500	114,000	5,500	19,000
India (including Aden) - - -	218,000	2,765,000	167,000	425,000
Ceylon, Straits Settlements, and East Indies	52,000	714,000	38,000	82,000
China, Japan, &c. - - -	42,000	610,000	35,000	72,000
Totals - - - -	320,500	4,503,000	235,500	598,000

APPENDIX B.

of OTHER ARTICLES, exchanged by the UNITED KINGDOM with COLONIES, during the Year 1904.

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 - - -	352,000	3,412,000	330,000	530,000
East Coast of Africa, Mauritius, &c. - -	12,000	160,000	9,000	15,000
West Coast of Africa, Madeira, &c. - -	38,000	348,000	35,000	36,000
Egypt - - - - -	33,000	357,000	21,000	56,000
Totals - - -	435,000	4,275,000	395,000	637,000
AMERICA.				
United States - - - -	401,000	2,675,000	382,000	2,700,000
Canada and Newfoundland - - -	130,000	1,237,000	118,000	550,000
West Indies (British and Foreign), &c. -	41,000	467,000	29,000	58,000
Mexico and Central American States -	9,000	132,000	8,000	21,000
Brazil, Argentine Republic, Uruguay, and } Paraguay - - - - - }	30,000	484,000	28,000	80,000
Chili, Peru, and Bolivia - - - -	11,000	160,000	11,000	25,000
Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela - -	4,000	52,000	2,500	5,000
Totals - - -	628,000	5,207,000	578,500	3,439,000
AUSTRALASIA.				
Commonwealth of Australia - - -	106,000	1,647,000	79,000	550,000
New Zealand, Fiji, &c. - - - -	52,000	719,000	36,000	222,000
Totals - - -	158,000	2,366,000	115,000	842,000
GRAND TOTALS - - -	2,798,500	23,039,000	2,521,000	8,605,000

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APPENDIX B.—continued.

STATEMENT of the NUMBER of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS DESPATCHED and RECEIVED in each of the last Ten Years.

YEAR.	FOREIGN COUNTRIES.											
	BELGIUM.		FRANCE.		GERMANY.		HOLLAND.		ITALY.		SWITZERLAND.	
	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.
1895-6	42,593	19,976	183,799	153,956	203,948	246,309	89,819	29,268	48,291	30,003	38,793	14,356
1896-7	46,118	22,552	195,713	162,907	224,569	282,991	42,231	32,481	53,569	38,511	42,728	16,086
1897-8	50,239	24,182	206,189	185,125	246,430	312,826	45,981	36,319	61,415	44,583	46,483	17,861
1898-9	52,315	25,729	209,075	202,847	264,039	346,245	48,693	40,431	62,512	56,728	49,578	20,224
1899-1900	52,911	25,764	208,153	199,601	266,082	384,169	47,204	42,262	65,198	61,880	51,712	21,961
1900-1	54,038	28,178	222,477	212,032	281,145	392,426	48,804	40,952	73,179	66,410	52,248	22,292
1901-2	55,542	31,334	225,586	232,067	304,971	447,601	51,470	43,837	80,028	74,523	56,362	22,407
1902-3	56,655	33,272	237,215	234,356	330,587	467,819	53,018	46,150	88,855	74,716	58,978	22,793
1903-4	59,769	36,692	251,872	242,851	337,889	470,026	57,668	50,348	103,367	75,347	65,098	25,404
1904-5	60,608	37,101	261,807	247,044	332,608	459,471	62,669	51,618	121,823	74,064	70,052	20,064

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*STATEMENT of the NUMBER of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS DESPATCHED and RECEIVED in each of the last
TEN YEARS—*continued.*

YEAR.	BRITISH COLONIES AND POSSESSIONS.											
	AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.		CANADA.		CEYLON, STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND HONG KONG.		INDIA.		SOUTH AFRICA.		WEST AFRICA.	
	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.
1895-6	53,766	18,010	42,430	16,666	26,429	17,868	85,483	74,570	75,415	19,592	7,322	2,882
1896-7	60,031	20,752	46,233	18,553	28,635	19,412	89,722	74,253	98,472	23,328	7,199	2,783
1897-8	70,687	24,641	51,185	21,465	31,875	20,793	96,869	69,261	117,326	27,654	8,146	2,788
1898-9	76,666	26,500	59,276	23,175	36,987	24,528	105,149	71,268	128,377	30,637	10,083	3,180
1899-1900	82,706	28,658	62,115	26,022	44,507	25,326	111,017	73,529	*273,401	*37,402	14,226	6,171
1900-1	91,753	28,569	66,105	29,282	48,897	28,282	116,702	70,409	*677,480	*113,990	18,000	6,556
1901-2	96,652	31,739	75,221	34,860	53,984	34,575	123,616	74,505	*775,616	*90,117	26,580	4,243
1902-3	102,012	31,735	84,772	39,183	55,255	36,832	149,990	84,566	*527,575	*69,899	38,400	5,753
1903-4	113,469	34,367	120,672	51,354	64,546	42,167	171,410	90,612	436,459	67,535	47,612	6,455
1904-5	121,066	35,362	148,444	63,462	69,743	41,148	192,368	107,253	405,379	66,688	55,539	7,164

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

APPENDIX B.—*continued.*

STATEMENT of the NUMBER of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS DESPATCHED and RECEIVED in each of the last
TEN YEARS—*continued.*

YEAR.	BRITISH COLONIES AND POSSESSIONS— <i>continued.</i>						GRAND TOTAL. (FOREIGN AND COLONIAL.)			
	WEST INDIES.		OTHER COLONIES AND POSTAL AGENCIES.		TOTAL.		Despatched.	Increase per Cent.	Received.	Increase per Cent.
	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched.	Increase per Cent.				
1895-6	30,615	7,508	46,086	19,529	367,546	5·72	1,013,200	6·79	694,480	23·72
1896-7	30,728	7,988	47,871	20,277	408,891	11·25	1,111,250	9·68	767,618	10·54
1897-8	29,747	7,761	55,127	23,246	460,962	12·73	1,226,964	10·41	848,393	10·52
1898-9	29,903	8,270	59,011	24,440	505,352	9·63	1,304,678	6·38	939,187	10·70
1899-1900	33,988	9,233	66,547	23,107	688,507	36·24	1,508,795	15·65	1,001,820	6·67
1900-1	37,531	9,704	75,650	27,645	1,132,118	64·43	2,005,506	32·92	1,118,788	11·68
1901-2	40,896	10,235	90,525	33,444	1,233,040	13·33 Dec.	2,202,845	9·84 Dec.	1,211,391	8·28
1902-3	44,336	11,342	94,899	35,250	1,097,239	14·48 Dec.	2,109,755	4·23 Inc.	1,244,850	2·76
1903-4	51,542	11,819	102,748	34,220	1,108,458	1·02 Inc.	2,213,819	4·93	1,295,484	4·07
1904-5	61,780	11,531	110,554	36,383	1,149,723	3·72	2,315,204	4·58	1,315,788	1·57

APPENDIX C.

Home Packet Service.

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
ENGLAND AND WALES.					
FLEETWOOD and BELFAST.	Week days	North Lancashire Steam Navigation Company (but payment made through Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company).	On 6 months' notice.	1,000 <i>l</i> .	The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN.	Twice a day.	City of Dublin Steam Packet Company.	31 Mar. 1917 or on 12 months' notice after 31 Mar. 1916.	100,000 <i>l</i> . [*] to 31 Mar. 1917; 80,000 <i>l</i> . after that date.	Time on outward journeys (including transfer on both sides of the Channel), 3 hrs. 37 mins. night service and 3 hrs. 23 mins. day service. Time on inward journeys (including transfer), 3 hrs. 32 mins. night service and 3 hrs. 17 mins. day service.
LIVERPOOL and DOUGLAS (ISLE of MAN).	Once on week days (twice on week days during the summer season).	Isle of Man Steam Packet Company.	On 6 months' notice.	4,500 <i>l</i> .	Speed of 14 nautical miles an hour in summer; 12 in winter.
PENZANCE and SCILLY	Three times a week in summer. Twice a week in winter.	West Cornwall Steamship Company.	On 6 months' notice.	500 <i>l</i> . and 1 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> . per basket for parcels.	—
PORTSMOUTH and RYDE.	Once daily, with the Night Mails.	London, Brighton, and South Coast, and London and South-Western Railway Companies.	On 6 months' notice.	1,400 <i>l</i> .	The Department has the general use of the Companies' vessels, which are constantly plying between the two places.
SOUTHAMPTON and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	Once on week days.	London and South-Western Railway Company.	On 6 months' notice.	6,500 <i>l</i> .	No contract.
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES	Once on week days.	Southampton, Isle of Wight, and South of England Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.	- - -	150 <i>l</i> .	No contract. The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
WEYMOUTH and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	Six days a week.	Great Western Railway Company.	- - -	200 <i>l</i> .	No contract. The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
SCOTLAND.					
ABERDEEN and LERWICK.	Five days a week in summer. Three days a week in winter.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	On 6 months' notice.	6,000 <i>l</i> . 100 <i>l</i> . for parcels and 40 <i>l</i> . for North Isle Service.	—
LERWICK, WHALSAY, and NORTH ISLES.	Thrice a week.	Do.			

^{*} Subject to a reduction of 2,000*l*. in respect of the receipts from passenger traffic.

APPENDIX C.—continued.
Home Packet Service—continued.

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
<i>SCOTLAND—cont.</i>					
ARDROSSAN and ARRAH.	Week days	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company.	On 6 months' notice.	425 <i>l</i> .	—
GLASGOW and CAMPBELTOWN.	Week days	Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Joint Stock Company, Ltd.	On 3 months' notice.	1,575 <i>l</i> .	The Department has the general use of these steamers.
GREENOCK, ARDROSSAN, and BELFAST.	Week days	G. and J. Burns, Ltd.	On 12 months' notice.	10,000 <i>l</i> .	—
GREENOCK, COLONSAY, and TARBERT (HARRIS).	Once a week	Martin Orme and John McCallum & Co.	- - -	500 <i>l</i> .	No contract.
GREENOCK and DUNVEGAN.					
GREENOCK and KILMUN.	Twice on week days.	Capt. Jas. Williamson, for Caledonian Steam Packet Company, Ltd.	- - -	125 <i>l</i> .	No contract.
GREENOCK and LOCHGOILHEAD.	Week days	Lochgill Steam Packet Company, per M. T. Clark.	On 6 months' notice.	350 <i>l</i> .	The Department has the general use of all this Company's steamers.
GREENOCK (PRINCE'S PIER) and ROTHESAY.	Week days	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Co.	On 6 months' notice.	130 <i>l</i> .	—
GREENOCK and ROTHESAY.	Week days	David MacBrayne	On 6 months' notice.	2,510 <i>l</i> .	This payment includes 320 <i>l</i> . for the general use of all Mr. MacBrayne's steamers running to and from the Clyde.
GREENOCK and ARDMISHAIG.					
GREENOCK, ISLAY, and JURA.	Week days	David MacBrayne	On 6 months' notice.	900 <i>l</i> .	—
TARBERT, ISLAY, and JURA.					
INVERGORDON and CREMARTY.	Week days	Cromarty Steamship Company, Ltd.	On 3 months' notice.	120 <i>l</i> .	No contract.
INVERNESS and FORT AUGUSTUS.	Six days a week.	David MacBrayne	On 6 months' notice.	210 <i>l</i> . and 25 <i>l</i> . for Parcel Service.	—
KIRK WALL and BALFOUR.	Five days a week.	John Reid	On 3 months' notice.	59 <i>l</i> .	Speed of not less than 8 nautical miles an hour.
KIRK WALL and NORTH ISLES of ORKNEY.	Twice a week for 9 months, and three times a week for 3 months.	Orkney Steam Navigation Company, per Donald Bertram.	On 6 months' notice.	340 <i>l</i> .	—
KNOYDART and MALLAIG.	Three days a week.	Arthur Salvin Bowlby, payable to Alexander McLennan.	On 6 months' notice.	52 <i>l</i> . 2 <i>s</i> . 10 <i>d</i> .	By sailing vessel.
KYLE and PORTREE.	Six days a week.	David MacBrayne	On 12 months' notice.	650 <i>l</i> .	Speed of not less than 10 nautical miles an hour.

APPENDIX C.—continued.
Home Packet Service—continued.

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
<i>SCOTLAND—cont.</i>					
KYLS and STORNOWAY	Once a day, six days a week each way.	David MacBrayne	On 6 months' notice.	3,000 <i>l.</i>	Speed of 11 nautical miles an hour.
OBAN and FORT WILLIAM.	Once a day, six days a week.	"	- - -	500 <i>l.</i>	Time on outward or homeward journey, 8½ hours.
OBAN and TOBERMORY.	Once a day, six days a week.	"	On 6 months' notice.	555 <i>l.</i>	Speed of 10 nautical miles an hour.
OBAN and West of MULL, calling at Crocragan, Tobermory, Kilchoan, Coll, Tiree, Iona (on outward voyage) and Bunessan.	<i>Out.</i> —On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. <i>In.</i> —On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	"	On 6 months' notice.	1,200 <i>l.</i>	
OBAN and DUNVEGAN, calling at Tobermory, Castlebay, Lochboisdale, and Lochmaddy.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	}			
DUNVEGAN and OBAN, calling at Loch Pooltiel, and Loch Bracadale and Tobermory; And also at Canna and Rum.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.		On 6 months' notice.	3,000 <i>l.</i>	Speed of not less than 11 nautical miles an hour.
OBAN and LOCHMADDY, calling at Tobermory, Loch Bracadale, Loch Pooltiel, and Dunvegan; And also at Rum and Canna.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.				
	Tuesdays and Saturdays.		On 6 months' notice.	3,000 <i>l.</i>	"
LOCHMADDY and OBAN, calling at Lochboisdale and Castlebay.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	}			
PORTREE, HARRIS, LOCHMADDY, and DUNVEGAN.	<i>Out.</i> —Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. <i>In.</i> —Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.		On 6 months' notice.	1,550 <i>l.</i>	Speed of not less than 10 nautical miles an hour.
ROTHESAY and WEMYSS BAY.	Week days	Caledonian Steam Packet Company, Ltd., per Capt. James Williamson.	On 6 months' notice.	150 <i>l.</i>	—
SCRABSTER PIER (THURSO) and STROMNESS.	6 days a week	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	On 6 months' notice.	2,000 <i>l.</i>	Vessels to be capable of steaming 12 knots an hour.
SHETLAND VIKKIE and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight.	John Bruce	—	180 <i>l.</i>	By sailing vessel.

APPENDIX C.—*continued.*Home Packet Service—*continued.*

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
<i>SCOTLAND—cont.</i>					
SHEPHERD (WALLS) and FOULA.	Once a fortnight (Oct. to Mar.). Once a week (Apr. to Sept.).	M. Manson and L. Gray.	On 6 months' notice.	78 <i>l.</i> (2 <i>l.</i> a trip.)	By sailing vessel.
STRANRAER and LARNE. (<i>See</i> below.)					
STROMNESS and SOUTH ISLES.	4 days a week	R. Garden - -	On 6 months' notice.	180 <i>l.</i>	—
WEMYSS BAY and MILLPORT.	Thrice on week days in summer and twice in winter.	Caledonian Railway Co.	—	—	The service is provided under a general agreement with the Railway Co.
Ditto - -	Additional week day service in winter.	Caledonian Steam Packet Company, Ltd., per Capt. James Williamson.	On 6 months' notice.	200 <i>l.</i>	—
<i>IRELAND.</i>					
LARNE and STRANRAER.	Week days -	Portpatrick and Wigtownshire Joint Committee.	On 12 months' notice.	13,500 <i>l.</i>	This amount includes also payment for Railway Services between Carlisle and Stranraer, Larne and Belfast, and Larne and Derry.
GALWAY and ARRAN ISLANDS.	3 days a week	Galway Bay Steamboat Co.	—	85 <i>l.</i>	No contract.

NOTES—

1. In addition to the payments given in detail above, Letters, &c. are conveyed by Private Ships to and from places in the United Kingdom for a certain fixed payment of 2*s.* 1*d.* per 100. The total amount paid at present is about 1,400*l.* a year.

2. There is also a number of small miscellaneous fixed payments for conveyance of Home Mails and for ferriage (including various payments for the conveyance of Mails in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland), not exceeding in any case 120*l.* a year.

3. For the conveyance of Outward American Mails on Saturday by train from Euston to Holyhead and thence by steamer to Dublin, the London and North-Western Railway Company receives 5,510*l.* a year, and for the conveyance of Homeward American Mails by steamer from Dublin to Holyhead when required, 60*l.* a trip.

APPENDIX D. Foreign and Colonial Packet Service.

Service.	Contracts.			Payment during the Year 1904-1905.	Amount received.		Cost borne in respect of Mails despatched from the United Kingdom.	
	Com-mencement.	Termination.	Penalties for Overtime.		By Contributions.			
					By Sea Postage despatched by Colonies and Foreign Countries.			
EUROPE:				£	£	£	£	
Dover and Calais -	21 June 1893 -	On 12 months' notice -	5d. for 20 minutes and 6d. for every additional 15 minutes.	25,000	-	-	25,000*	
Harwich to the Hook of Holland	1 Jan. 1904 -	31 December 1904	-	850	-	-	850	
†Newhaven to Dieppe	1 July 1897 -	On 6 months' notice	-	54†	-	-	54	
†Channel Islands and St. Malo and Granville	15 Feb. 1898 -	Do.	-	39†	-	-	14	
†Grimsby and Hamburg -	16 Apr. 1893 -	Do.	-	1,321†	-	25	589	
†London and Hamburg -	1 Jan. 1896 -	Do.	-	900†	-	215	685	
†Liverpool, Malte, and the Levant	1 Jan. 1896 -	Do.	-	121†	-	119	2	
†United Kingdom and Lisbon	1 Jan. 1893 -	Do.	-	140†	-	10	130	
AMERICA:								
United Kingdom to United States:—								
Cunard Service -	7 Aug. 1902 -	20 years certain	-	69,667	-	-	124,474	
White Star Service -	1 Aug. 1899 -	On 12 months' notice	-	65,354	-	12,790	-	
American Service -	-	-	-	2,243	-	-	-	
New York and Bermuda	1 Jan. 1899 -	On 6 months' notice	-	1,618†	-	64	1,554	
Newfoundland -	Colonial Contract	-	-	2,000†	-	-	2,000	
†Liverpool, Belize, and Mexico	1 Dec. 1891 -	On 6 months' notice	-	463†	-	4	461	
Turks Islands	Colonial Contract	-	-	250†	-	-	250	
United Kingdom and West Indies	1 July 1900 -	30 June 1903	25†. for every 24 hours.	84,500	{ British Guiana 4,800 } { Jamaica 2,100 } { Loeward Is. 2,250 } { Trinidad 9,000 } { Windward Is. 9,450 }			49,500

Southampton to Brazil and River Plate	1 Sept. 1876 -	On 6 months' notice	-	-	11,474†	-	4,378	7,650
† Do. to and from do.	1 Sept. 1889 -	Do.	-	-	554†	-	-	-
Liverpool and Falkland Islands, Liverpool to Callao, Panama to Valparaiso	14 June 1900 -	13 June 1910 -	-	-	32,000	-	16,030	13,470
AFRICA :								
United Kingdom and West Coast of Africa	1 Jan. 1899 -	On 3 months' notice	-	-	15,353	-	1,270	11,630
† Do. do. do.	1 Jan. 1893 -	On 6 months' notice	-	-	2,145†	-	-	-
United Kingdom and St. Helena and Ascension	1 Oct. 1893 -	On 6 months' notice	-	-	5,070	-	150	4,140
Aden and Zanzibar	5 Nov. 1892 -	On 12 months' notice	-	-	9,000	-	450	8,550
† United Kingdom and Chinde	15 Aug. 1900 -	On 3 months' notice	-	-	102†	-	18	84
† United Kingdom and Morocco	1 Oct. 1900 -	-	-	-	40†	-	4	36
ASIA AND AUSTRALIA :								
Brindisi and Bombay and Shanghai	1 Feb. 1893 -	31 January 1905	-	-	100†. for every 12 hours on Eastern route, and for every 24 hours on Australian route	-	-	-
Brindisi and Bombay, Shanghai and Adelaide	1 Feb. 1905 -	31 January 1908	-	-	331,617	-	33,500	191,190
Naples and Adelaide	1 Feb. 1898 -	31 January 1906	-	-	70,960	-	-	-
Canada, Japan, and Hong Kong	7 April 1901 -	6 April 1906	-	-	60,000	-	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.
|| Including arrears.

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.
1903-04	-	1	4	18	59	124	145	227	172	143	103	58	28	29	16	19
1904-05	-	3	4	13	44	125	137	221	172	138	116	70	25	38	19	23

APPENDIX F.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1904.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1905.
		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, Com- ptroller and Accountant General, and Secretaries for Ireland and Scotland.	9	—	1	—	1	—	11	—	11
	C.									
43	Clerks, Class I., Secretary's Office.	43	—	—	—	—	—	43	—	43
	D.									
156	Heads of Departments, Staff Officers, and other Superior Officers in Metropolitan Offices.	125	6	14	—	12	—	151	6	157
	E.									
280	Surveyors and Assistant Sur- veyors.	57	—	13	—	13	—	261	—	261
	Travelling Clerks, Inspecting Telegraphists, and Stationary Clerks.	131	—	13	—	24	—			
	F.									
682	Head Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	8	—	—	—	—	—	787	89	876*
	Provinces - - -	570	43	88	27	121	19			
	G.									
21,634	Sub-Postmasters : Metropolitan - -	735	148	57	90	55	30	14,707	7,167	21,874†
	Provinces - -	10,957	4,961	1,638	1,064	1,235	844			
	H.									
9,085	Clerks and Superintending Officers : Metropolitan - -	3,727	2,108	208	40	163	45	6,970	2,407	9,377
	Provinces - - -	2,416	180	160	6	296	23			
	I.									
31,216	Counter Clerks and Tele- graphists; Sorters, Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists; Telegraphists, and Tele- phone Operators, &c. : Metropolitan - -	9,552	2,813	636	120	477	158	23,297	8,791	32,088
	Provinces - - -	10,354	4,482	808	391	1,470	827			
63,307	Carried forward - - -	38,684	14,741	3,646	1,768	3,897	1,951	46,227	18,460	64,687

* Unestablished, 56; Established, 820.

† Unestablished, 21,343; Established, 531.

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

Totals 31 Mar. 1904.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar 1905.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
63,307	Brought forward - -	38,684	14,741	3,646	1,768	3,897	1,951	46,227	18,460	64,687
	J.									
39,749	Mechanics, Porters, Postmen, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - -	10,307	—	896	—	567	—	40,803	15	40,818
	Provinces - - -	23,881	9	1,963	—	3,639	6			
	K.									
84,964	Persons employed in un- established positions, viz., Assistants to Postmasters, Auxiliaries, Boy Messengers, Boy Clerks, Commissionaires, Female Servants, Telegraph Construction Hands, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - -	14,096	2,482	734	254	511	179	65,225	21,714	86,939
	Provinces - - -	35,641	15,036	8,606	1,478	5,637	2,285			
188,020	L.	122,609	32,268	15,345	3,500	14,301	4,421	152,255	40,189	192,444
11	Postmasters and Clerks, &c. abroad (under direction of Postmaster General) and agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	
188,031	Totals - -	122,609	32,268	15,345	3,500	14,301	4,421	152,265	40,189	192,454

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

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended 31st December 1904.											
	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 :												
Typhoid -	1	2	2	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	8	2
Influenza -	1	-	-	-	7	-	1	-	1	1	10	1
Diphtheria -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
2. Septic diseases :												
Erysipelas -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Pyæmia -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
II.—CONSTITUTION DISEASES.												
Cancer -	2	-	2	-	7	-	-	-	1	1	12	1
Phthisis and hæmop- tysis.	13	2	12	-	31	2	4	-	6	-	66	4
Tuberculosis -	2	1	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	7	1
Rheumatic fever -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	-
III.—LOCAL DISEASES.												
1. Diseases of nervous system :												
Apoplexy -	-	-	1	-	10	1	1	-	-	1	12	2
Inflammation of brain.	-	-	2	-	4	1	1	-	1	-	8	1
Paralysis -	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
Mania (mental derangement).	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	4	-
Epilepsy -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
2. Diseases of circula- tory system :												
Disease of the heart	3	-	3	-	20	-	6	-	3	2	35	2
Disease of the blood vessels.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Syncope -	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	4	-
Angina pectoris -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Pericarditis -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
3. Diseases of respira- tory system :												
Bronchitis -	3	-	1	-	3	2	-	-	1	-	8	2
Pneumonia -	7	-	10	-	26	1	4	-	5	-	52	1
Pleurisy -	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	5	-
Empyema -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Carried forward -	38	6	35	-	127	7	23	-	26	5	249	18

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

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended 31st December 1904.											
	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 -	38	6	35	-	127	7	23	-	26	5	249	18
4. Diseases of digestive system :												
Ulcer of stomach	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
Appendicitis -	2	-	3	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	10	-
Enteritis and ulcer- ation of bowels.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Peritonitis -	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Disease of liver -	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Other diseases of digestive system.	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	4	1
Intestinal Ob- struction.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hernia -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
5. Diseases of urinary system :												
Bright's disease -	1	-	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	6	1
Uremia -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Stricture of urethra	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
IV.—DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE.												
Accidents -	2	1	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	8	1
Drowned -	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
Suicide -	6	-	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	14	-
V.—GENERAL DI- SEASES.												
Tetanus -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Diabetes -	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
VI.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CASES.												
Drop-y -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ear Disease -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Tumours -	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Operations for cure of disease.	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
Pernicious alæmia -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Alcoholism -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Not stated -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Senile decay -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Sunstroke -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Childbirth -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals -	54	8	45	-	170	11	28	-	31	5	328	24

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, 1904.											
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Exophthalmic Goitre	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Influenza - -	-	-	1	-	5	3	-	-	-	-	6	3
Cancer - -	1	-	3	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	9	1
Phthisis and hæmoptysis.	26	5	19	-	44	8	9	2	3	2	101	17
Tuberculosis - -	1	-	1	-	6	2	-	-	-	-	8	2
Chronic rheumatism and sciatica.	4	1	15	-	18	1	2	1	3	-	42	3
Gout - -	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Erysipelas - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Diabetes - -	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	1
Glandular disease -	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Anæmia - -	1	10	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	3	12
Apoplexy - -	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Paralysis - -	7	-	2	-	11	2	2	1	1	1	23	4
Writers' cramp and Telegraphists' spasm.	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	2
Epilepsy - -	8	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	18	-
Mental derangements	7	3	6	1	16	2	2	-	1	1	32	7
Nervous debility -	7	19	7	3	13	4	2	-	1	1	30	27
Vertigo - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Heart disease - -	5	4	7	1	26	3	6	-	2	-	46	8
Aneurism - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Varicose veins - -	1	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	7	-
Phlebitis - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Chronic bronchitis -	4	-	7	1	15	-	2	-	1	-	29	1
Emphysema - -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Pleurisy - -	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Pneumonia - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Asthma - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
Liver disease - -	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Carried forward -	79	45	77	7	187	31	28	5	14	5	385	93

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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, 1904.											
	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 -	79	45	77	7	187	31	28	5	14	5	385	93
Gall stones -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Ulcer of stomach -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hæmorrhoids -	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Dyspepsia -	-	2	3	-	5	1	1	-	-	-	9	3
Appendicitis -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Kidney disease -	4	-	3	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	11	1
Cystitis and stricture of urethra.	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	3	-
Eye affections -	3	8	3	-	5	-	1	-	2	1	14	9
Ear affections -	1	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	1	1	5	4
Tumour and abscess -	-	1	2	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	6	2
Periostitis -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Hernia -	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
Chronic synovitis -	-	-	2	-	4	1	1	-	-	-	7	1
Flat feet and weak ankles.	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Hammer toes and tender feet.	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Leprosy -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Accidents -	1	-	1	-	14	-	-	-	1	-	17	-
Senile decay -	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	4	-
General debility -	1	13	4	1	9	3	1	-	-	-	15	17
Diseases of uterus -	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Amputation of leg -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Totals -	90	71	102	11	248	39	36	5	19	7	495	133

APPENDIX G.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS, &c., dealt with in each of the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	Letters.		Post Cards.	Book Packets, &c.	Newspapers.	Parcels.		Increase per cent.
	Total No.	No. which could neither be de- livered to the Addressees nor returned to the Senders.				Total No.	No. which could neither be de- livered to the Addressees nor returned to the Senders.	
1895-96	6,393,855	546,772	1,016,005	9,538,097	707,004	146,407	34,256	17,801,368 Decrease. 5·87
1896-97	6,635,162	520,617	1,179,197	11,526,374	562,482	156,404	37,952	20,059,459 Increase. 12·68
1897-98	7,699,040	720,172	1,294,216	11,620,374	534,120	175,675	43,603	21,323,425 6·30
1898-99	8,553,936	665,274	1,387,084	11,301,606	553,622	188,837	44,976	21,985,085 3·10
1899-1900	8,954,041	698,294	1,495,085	10,613,853	597,919	206,944	51,066	21,867,842 Decrease. ·53
1900-01	9,786,370	832,421	1,619,391	11,911,614	627,642	227,252	53,059	24,172,769 Increase. 10·54
1901-02	10,183,866	986,120	1,757,081	11,523,272	615,285	242,472	58,272	24,321,976 ·62
1902-03	10,903,023	1,188,981	1,868,093	12,084,150	600,661	255,289	57,879	25,683,216 5·60
1903-04	11,148,281	1,238,430	2,245,327	12,427,681	638,179	253,515	55,684	26,707,983 8·99
1904-05	10,743,447	1,058,575	2,386,124	12,559,049	622,731	257,389	60,388	26,568,740 Decrease. ·52

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 or (-) Decrease per Cent. per Annum.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.				
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	44,783,000	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	29,356,000	75,385,000	9,289,000	4,903,000	89,577,000	- ·9
1901-02	46,858,000	28,924,000	75,782,000	9,730,000	4,920,000	90,432,000	+ 1·0
1902-03	47,673,000	30,103,000	77,777,000	9,566,000	5,128,000	92,471,000	+ 2·3
1903-04	47,341,000	28,216,000	75,557,000	9,302,000	5,138,000	89,997,000	- 2·7
1904-05	46,427,000	28,364,000	74,791,000	9,071,000	5,107,000	88,969,000	- 1·1

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

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of TELEGRAMS forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM during the Years 1903-1904 and 1904-1905; and the Increase or Decrease in each Month of the latter Year as compared with the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	(+) Increase. (-) Decrease.
April - - -	7,301,000	7,094,000	- 207,000
May - - -	7,980,000	7,600,000	- 380,000
June - - -	8,124,000	7,999,000	- 125,000
July - - -	8,887,000	8,463,000	- 424,000
August - - -	8,481,000	8,480,000	+ 49,000
September - - -	8,048,000	7,873,000	- 175,000
October - - -	7,818,000	7,694,000	- 124,000
November - - -	6,817,000	7,055,000	+ 238,000
December - - -	6,859,000	7,059,000	+ 200,000
January - - -	6,865,000	6,440,000	+ 75,000
February - - -	6,246,000	6,076,000	- 170,000
March - - -	7,171,000	7,136,000	- 35,000
	89,997,000	88,969,000	- 1,028,000

APPENDIX H.—continued.

Telegrams—continued.

STATEMENT showing the extent of TELEGRAPH and TELEPHONE BUSINESS passing over the GOVERNMENT CABLES between the UNITED KINGDOM and EUROPEAN COUNTRIES in each of the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.			BELGIUM.			FRANCE.			GERMANY.			HOLLAND.			ITALY.			SWITZERLAND.			OTHER COUNTRIES.				
	Telegrams.			Telephone Calls.			Telegrams.			Telephone Calls.			Telegrams.			Telephone Calls.			Telegrams.			Telephone Calls.				
	From the U.K.	For the U.K.		From the U.K.	For the U.K.		From the U.K.	For the U.K.		From the U.K.	For the U.K.		From the U.K.	For the U.K.		From the U.K.	For the U.K.		From the U.K.	For the U.K.						
1886-86	143,298	95,780	245,403	186,883	—	—	846,598	694,243	33,772	94,210	1,464	3,840	—	742	803,300	1,051,610	815,169	852,187	221,320	164,827	132,568	59,663	47,943	82,123	92,522	70,088
1888-87	124,849	84,901	230,549	183,443	—	—	714,870	604,438	28,558	31,141	1,452	3,887	—	781	802,011	1,041,168	815,681	802,011	194,168	152,681	123,079	51,892	44,237	78,433	82,313	78,433
1887-86	121,414	85,868	241,048	194,811	—	—	719,811	623,280	30,140	25,964	1,456	3,844	—	709	805,887	1,006,781	815,169	805,887	207,875	150,387	124,940	55,790	45,207	85,493	87,854	85,493
1889-88	128,089	89,720	259,125	204,175	—	—	746,189	647,874	36,560	32,622	1,618	3,961	—	795	812,291	1,120,291	815,169	812,291	221,320	164,827	132,568	59,663	47,943	82,123	92,522	82,123
1889-1900	144,854	102,010	283,238	222,029	—	—	785,617	688,927	36,560	34,887	2,562	4,194	—	790	1,225,881	1,225,881	877,683	877,683	160,892	138,327	108,925	51,818	44,237	79,910	75,681	79,910
1900-1901	142,964	98,185	272,528	219,802	—	—	800,898	691,582	32,272	30,388	2,558	3,976	—	808	1,216,895	1,216,895	862,168	862,168	178,183	138,919	108,925	51,818	44,237	79,910	75,681	79,910
1901-1902	146,612	105,562	270,479	221,867	—	—	770,941	681,027	30,310	28,444	2,568	3,979	—	762	1,221,350	1,221,350	900,006	900,006	183,519	147,144	108,925	51,818	44,237	79,910	75,681	79,910
1902-1903	159,445	112,892	275,535	230,969	—	—	796,538	675,048	34,946	31,946	2,568	3,961	—	447	1,238,712	1,238,712	900,260	900,260	183,519	147,144	108,925	51,818	44,237	79,910	75,681	79,910
1903-1904	161,462	117,884	274,544	231,613	4,126	3,236	806,787	689,288	33,086	31,040	2,763	3,270	—	447	1,244,731	1,244,731	921,284	921,284	183,519	147,144	108,925	51,818	44,237	79,910	75,681	79,910
1904-1905	170,656	119,009	281,036	239,906	6,335	5,064	850,781	709,510	37,327	33,738	2,914	3,214	—	308	1,361,968	1,361,968	1,026,079	1,026,079	183,519	147,144	108,925	51,818	44,237	79,910	75,681	79,910

* Telegrams transmitted by Cable Companies are not included in these numbers.

APPENDIX I.

TABLE showing the ESTIMATED VALUE of SERVICES rendered by the POST OFFICE on behalf of other GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS in each of the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	POSTAL.					TELEGRAPH.				Total.	Increase per Cent.
	Conveyance of Corre- spondence, &c.	Issue of Inland Revenue Licences.	Issue of Inland Revenue Stamps.	Money Orders.	Postal Orders (for use on H. M. Ships).	Total.	Inland Telegrams forwarded.	Rentals, &c. on Wires provided.	Salaries, Wages, &c. of Tele- graphists lent to Admiralty, War Office, &c.		
1895-96	£ 250,151	£ 10,789	£ 12,978	£ 19,408	£ 1,249	£ 294,575	£ 17,983	£ 22,398	£ 3,674	£ 44,045	4.23
1896-97	-	-	11,217	19,593	881	230,438	18,474	22,861	3,570	44,905	Decrease. 18.69
1897-98	-	-	11,587	18,056	946	213,682	16,928	21,146	3,267	41,371	255,083
1898-99	-	-	11,775	18,305	866	207,918	18,146	34,149	3,454	55,749	268,667
1899-1900	-	-	11,863	20,764	1,063	202,315	34,064	31,011	5,671	70,746	273,061
1900-01	-	-	11,819	27,421	1,192	213,584	28,104	32,524	18,136	78,764	297,343
1901-02	-	-	11,897	28,480	1,243	239,964	26,199	31,208	21,981	79,443	316,412
1902-03	-	-	12,088	26,545	1,410	244,568	46,632	31,917	13,582	92,121	336,689
1903-04	-	-	11,981	23,083	1,550	265,294	23,197	34,096	4,664	61,957	327,251
1904-05	-	-	13,302	24,881	1,764	243,928	22,319	39,763	5,623	68,304	312,232
											Decrease. 3.80
											4.89

APPENDIX J.

Post Office Savings Bank.

APPENDIX J.

Post Office
STATEMENT of BUSINESS for

Year ended 31st Dec.	Number of Post Office Savings Bank Offices.	Deposits.*				Withdrawals.†		
		Number.	Amount.	Average Amount.	Number of Persons who deposited in Single Sums the Entire Amount allowed in the Year.	Number.	Amount.	Average Amount.
			£	£ s. d.			£	£ s. d.
1895	11,518	11,384,977	32,078,660	2 16 4	48,500	4,102,069	25,698,296	6 5 3
1896	11,867	12,638,307	36,258,350	2 17 3	54,700	4,367,594	28,489,329	6 10 5
1897	12,212	13,012,935	35,757,476	2 14 11	53,500	4,670,483	30,624,986	6 11 2
1898	12,582	13,757,244	37,361,838	2 14 4	54,000	4,967,895	32,952,829	6 12 11
1899	12,995	14,654,609	39,122,160	2 13 5	51,700	5,064,033	35,171,475	6 18 1
1900	13,341	14,989,849	40,516,434	2 14 2	48,100	5,406,347	38,231,372	7 1
1901	13,672	15,018,645	41,452,051	2 15 2	48,900	5,748,624	39,890,043	6 18 9
1902	14,048	15,250,316	42,217,003	2 15 4	49,800	6,012,983	41,895,800	6 17 8
1903	14,362	15,325,618	40,857,206	2 13 4	46,200	6,180,419	42,786,025	6 18 5
1904	14,614	15,466,928	40,612,967	2 12 6	43,000	6,276,929	41,904,393	6 13 6

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

† Including, as well as Ordinary Withdrawals, (a) Withdrawals for investment in Stock, with commission; (b) Withdrawals consequent on sale of Stock and obtaining Stock Certificates, with commission and fees; (c) Withdrawals for purchase of Annuities and payment of Insurance premiums; and (d) amounts paid to Annuitants and Insurants and their representatives. For particulars, *see* statements of Government Stock business and Annuity and Insurance business.

APPENDIX J.

Savings Bank.

each of the last TEN YEARS.

Interest credited to Depositors.	Amount, including Interest standing to credit of all open Accounts at close of the Year.	Number of Accounts.			Average Amount standing to credit of each open Account.	Expenses of Management.			Year ended 31st Dec.
		Opened.	Closed.	Remaining open at close of the Year.		Total.	Rate per Cent. to Total Amount standing to credit of Depositors.	Average Cost per Transaction.	
£	£				£ s. d.	£	s. d.	d.	
2,222,545	97,868,975	1,153,236	808,402	6,453,597	15 3 4	414,625†	8 5½†	6'4†	1895
2,460,645	108,098,641	1,261,178	852,740	6,862,035	15 15 1	429,627†	7 11½†	6'0†	1896
2,665,664	115,896,786	1,269,995	892,299	7,239,761	16 0 2	450,938†	7 9½†	6'1½	1897
2,838,304	123,144,099	1,333,396	942,654	7,630,502	16 2 9	450,841†	7 3½†	5'8†	1898
3,023,821	130,118,606	1,373,799	957,621	8,046,680	16 3 5	473,877†	7 3½†	5'8†	1899
3,145,978	135,549,645	1,376,171	962,868	8,439,983	16 1 3	487,025†	7 2½†	5'7½	1900
3,291,263	140,392,916	1,376,846	1,029,154	8,787,675	15 19 6	506,093†	7 2½†	5'8†	1901
3,360,969	144,605,088	1,386,962	1,041,476	9,133,161	15 16 8	526,007	7 3½	5'9	1902
3,458,578	146,135,147	1,342,040	1,071,349	9,403,852	15 10 10	546,140	7 6	6'1	1903
3,495,633	148,339,354	1,350,857	1,080,992	9,673,717	15 6 8	537,672†	7 2½†	5'9†	1904

† The charges of management in 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1900 include the sums of £2,386½, £1,807½, £357½, £31½, and £50½ respectively for purchase of land, while the charges in 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, and 1904 also include £1,502½, £17,911½, £12,539½, £1,371½, £1,154½, £2,765½, and £96½, respectively for new buildings. Omitting these amounts, but adding interest at the rate of 5 per cent. thereon, the cost per transaction will be in 1895, 6d., in 1896, 5'8d., in 1897, 5'9d., in 1898, 5'8d., in 1899, 5'8d., in 1900, 5'7d., in 1901, 5'8d., and in 1904, 5'9d., and the percentage of expenses to capital 8s., 7s. 7d., 7s. 6½d., 7s. 3½d., 7s. 3½d., 7s. 2½d., 7s. 2d., and 7s. 2½d. respectively. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Bank Act, 1861, it was estimated (*see* Parliamentary Paper, No. 533, 1861) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7d.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

Post Office Savings Bank—*continued.*
GOVERNMENT STOCK.

TABLE showing the BUSINESS done during the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	Stock Accounts.			Investments.			Dividends credited to Stock Holders.		Sales.			Stock Certificates obtained.	Transfers.			Com- mission and Bank of England Fees.	Stock remaining to credit of Stock- holders at close of the Year.		
	Number opened.	Number closed.	Number remain- ing open at close of the Year.	Number.	Amount of Money invested.	Amount of Stock bought.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount of Stock sold.	Amount realised.		Amount.	To Bank of England.	To Trustees Savings Banks.			From Trustees Savings Banks.	
1895	9,725	12,080	68,949	18,090	1,185,720	1,112,568	282,099	193,605	19,608	1,163,930	1,238,491	3,100	27,611	663	4,477	2,840	2,840	101	6,940,948
1896	10,175	10,947	68,177	16,912	1,065,573	967,834	275,203	192,134	17,945	1,107,637	1,255,396	1,400	26,573	635	110,354	2,604	2,604	101	6,801,891
1897	9,139	8,203	69,113	16,935	1,078,849	967,142	275,502	191,684	13,769	796,486	891,927	1,700	28,511	462	1,710	2,359	2,359	102	7,033,564
1898	10,366	7,408	72,071	20,162	1,303,990	1,183,029	280,586	198,991	12,667	714,285	767,898	2,900	38,715	392	1,133	2,424	2,424	104	7,462,134
1899	13,938	7,011	78,998	26,531	1,770,170	1,670,354	294,186	212,393	11,789	696,135	755,721	4,950	46,639	1,964	3,543	2,883	2,883	106	8,397,213
1900	22,044	7,077	93,965	41,080	2,830,513	2,530,918	339,463	255,695	12,098	678,574	678,510	6,000	75,189	1,443	1,170	4,274	4,274	111	10,468,290
1901	23,333	7,789	109,509	46,550	3,065,696	3,192,154	393,597	316,068	13,574	761,629	729,731	6,100	107,351	727	2,053	4,901	4,901	117	12,796,190
1902	19,184	9,997	118,096	40,893	2,592,968	2,864,447	451,234	371,407	17,221	1,054,193	1,012,042	9,300	133,153	832	2,439	4,666	4,666	120	14,235,617
1903	22,912	10,266	131,543	47,726	2,921,499	3,131,172	487,146	400,381	17,742	1,085,578	1,012,823	14,400	151,948	2,165	2,850	5,262	5,262	123	16,165,546
1904	17,985	10,746	138,532	39,633	2,833,877	3,507,546	535,378	438,315	18,948	1,131,543	1,097,016	10,450	172,640	2,705	2,194	4,613	4,613	125	17,357,960

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank—continued

ANNUITIES AND LIFE INSURANCES.

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

YEAR.	ANNUITIES.										LIFE INSURANCES.							
	Immediate.					Deferred.					Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.			
	Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.	Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.	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.	
1895	-	1,898	49,916	665,363	21,911	305,712	169	4,433	1,300	23,963	646	8,987	720	38,353	20,903	19,140	290	9,861
1896	-	2,203	60,965	823,713	23,820	347,126	202	4,178	1,317	25,336	719	8,746	1,223*	65,582	21,264	18,587	431	9,578
1897	-	2,051	56,237	754,435	26,037	392,285	207	4,009	1,363	24,112	827	10,997	849	48,017	21,512	20,439	321	10,050
1898	-	2,065	55,763	750,354	27,963	432,761	164	3,626	1,374	23,876	864	10,690	731	42,554	21,227	21,562	341	11,673
1899	-	2,031	54,044	719,419	29,747	472,532	147	3,085	1,347	23,617	942	11,891	827	43,723	21,266	21,575	342	10,663
1900	-	2,258	49,893	728,142	31,409	503,297	137	2,722	1,343	19,852	1,020	12,921	677	35,512	21,460	22,185	364	15,422
1901	-	1,764	42,268	562,160	33,269	627,371	142	3,066	1,365	23,630	1,075	14,175	920	44,296	21,973	22,647	380	12,992
1902	-	1,679	42,791	538,770	34,375	649,251	139	2,973	1,363	21,764	1,164	17,172	723	34,646	22,553	23,045	339	14,646
1903	-	1,763	43,973	537,981	36,463	671,904	157	3,424	1,366	24,469	1,210	14,689	692	31,413	23,672	23,063	387	13,126
1904	-	1,768	41,000	520,538	36,607	694,502	128	2,492	1,366	21,011	1,297	16,167	517	28,659	22,323	23,031	465	16,878

* 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 1904, and the Number and Amount of CONTRACTS in existence on the 31st December 1904.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1903.		From 1 Jan. 1904 to 31 December 1904.			
	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 1904, viz.:—						
Immediate Annuities - -	42,206	905,440 1 4	1,768	41,000 1 0	43,974	946,440 2 4
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	1,339	23,961 8 2	48	779 3 0	1,387	24,740 11 3
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	2,527	55,685 6 6	80	1,713 0 0	2,607	57,398 6 6
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1904 - - - -	22,383	1,367,480 18 11	517	28,629 3 6	22,900	1,396,110 2 5
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1904, viz.:—						
Immediate Annuities - -	-	- - -	-	- - -	25,249	620,002 7 3
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	-	- - -	-	- - -	1,115	19,208 5 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	-	- - -	-	- - -	1,330	28,849 13 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1904 - - - -	-	- - -	-	- - -	12,875	759,412 17 9

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

Post Office Savings Bank—*continued.*

EXTRACT from PARLIAMENTARY PAPER (215) ORDERED,
by the HOUSE of COMMONS, to be printed, 29th June 1905.

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank.

ACCOUNTS OF ALL DEPOSITS RECEIVED AND PAID DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1904, AND OF THE SUMS RECEIVED AND PAID
by the NATIONAL DEBT COMMISSIONERS ON ACCOUNT OF THE FUND FOR THE POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK IN THE SAME YEAR.

(A.)
ACCOUNT OF ALL DEPOSITS RECEIVED AND PAID FROM 1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER 1904.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	146,135,147	2	3	By Repayments from 1st January to 31st December 1904, viz.:—			
To Cash received from Depositors from 1st January to 31st December 1904	40,612,966	14	0*	Cash Paid	41,800,314	11	11†
				Warrants issued, but not cashed at date	104,178	12	11
To interest thereon up to 31st December 1904, computed according to Act 24 Vict. c. 14. sections 7 and 8, and added to the Principal Money of the said Depositors	186,748,113	16	3	Balance due at the close of the Year 1904, to all Depositors, inclusive of Interest to 31st December 1904	41,904,393	4	10
					148,339,353	12	10
					190,243,746	17	8

* Including the sum realised by the sale of Government Stock, viz., 1,040,170*l.* 16*s.*; the amount of dividends credited to Depositors, viz., 438,314*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.*; the amount credited as payments under Annuity and Insurance Contracts, viz., 627,547*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*; and the amount of Government Stock transferred to the Depositors' own names in the books of the Bank of England, viz., 172,640*l.* 7*s.*

† Including the sum invested on behalf of Depositors in the purchase of Government Stock, and the Commission and Fees, amounting together to 2,290,688*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*; the sum withdrawn as purchase money under Annuity and Insurance Contracts, viz., 564,574*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*., and the amount of Government Stock transferred to the Depositors' own names in the books of the Bank of England, viz., 172,640*l.* 7*s.*

General Post Office, { CHARLES A. KING, Comptroller and Accountant General.
June 1905. CHAS. D. LANG, Controller of Post Office Savings Bank.

STANLEY,
Postmaster-General.

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

Post Office Savings Bank.

STATEMENT showing the AGGREGATE AMOUNT of the LIABILITIES of the GOVERNMENT to DEPOSITORS in POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on 31st December 1904, and the Nature and Amount of the SECURITIES held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to meet those Liabilities at that date.

Liabilities.			Nature and Amount of Securities held.							
£	s.	d.	Stocks —	£	s.	d.	Annuities for Terms of Years :—	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Depositors on 31st December 1904 (including interest)	148,389,353	12 10	2½ per cent. Consols - 2½ per cent. Annuities - Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock - 2½ per cent. Annuities (1905) - 2½ per cent. Guaranteed Land Stock - 2½ per cent. War Stock - Transvaal 3 per cent. Guaranteed Stock - Guaranteed 2½ per cent. Stock -	- - - - - - - -	60,085,442 8,853,170 17,030,990 492,000 5,317,550 555,000 75,000 50,000	11 8 15 8 0 2 0 0 15 8 0 0 0 0 0 0	Annuities operating to replace Stock :— Amount of Stock still outstanding - Annuities operating to replace cash :— Amount of cash still outstanding - Advances for which Annuities had not been granted on 31st December, 1904 -	- 10,192,372 - 33,242,517 4,653,342	6 5 - - 13 4 8 6	
Aggregate liabilities	£ 148,479,133	13 9	Bills and Bonds :— Treasury Bills - Exchequer Bonds (1905) - Egyptian Guaranteed 3 per cent. Bonds - Greek Guaranteed 2½ per cent. Bonds - Irish Land Commission Bonds - Local Loans Bonds - 2½ per cent. War Bonds -	- - - - - - - -	125,000 830,000 579,100 1,210,400 500,000 2,900,000 21,000	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Interest accrued - Cash Balance (including £237,995 8s. 9d. in hands of Postmaster General) -	- 1,075,890	12 10 5	
STANLEY, Postmaster General.										
CHARLES A. KING, Comptroller and Accountant General.										
CHARLES D. LANG, Controller of Post Office Savings Bank.										
General Post Office, 25th May 1905.			NOTE.—In addition to the above securities the Central Savings Bank Premises are valued at £372,000. G. HERVEY, Comptroller General.							

APPENDIX K.

Money Orders.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS in each of the last TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	INLAND ORDERS.			COLONIAL ORDERS.			FOREIGN ORDERS.			GRAND TOTAL.		
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.
1895-96	9,334,936	25,592,236	1·5	539,796	1,778,579	4·0	1,092,681	2,398,002	5·1	10,900,963	29,726,817	2·0
1896-97	9,314,022	25,919,353	Decrease. ·2	573,135	1,905,661	6·1	1,084,460	2,423,573	·7	10,921,617	30,249,087	·1
1897-98	9,429,609	27,494,145	Increase. 1·2	567,315	1,842,871	Decrease. 1·0	1,131,334	2,777,563	9·3	11,128,238	32,114,579	1·8
1898-99	9,721,647	28,604,078	3·1	593,414	1,898,307	Increase. 4·6	1,160,140	2,816,132	2·5	11,475,201	33,273,517	3·1
1899-1900	10,292,890	30,505,381	6·8	617,340	1,976,411	4·0	1,177,229	2,819,500	1·4	12,067,459	35,201,262	5·3
1900-01	11,375,513	34,454,859	10·5	680,370	2,074,496	10·2	1,207,679	2,845,311	2·5	13,263,567	39,274,665	9·7
1901-02	11,392,333	36,660,130	4·5	764,735	2,463,714	15·3	1,286,342	3,045,367	6·5	13,963,410	42,166,201	5·2
1902-03	12,151,561	38,920,506	6·2	980,462	3,134,551	24·9	1,369,071	3,357,346	8·8	14,531,424	45,403,495	4·1
1903-04	11,261,745	35,430,349	Decrease. 7·3	1,188,073	3,606,353	21·2	1,514,355	3,677,504	8·2	13,964,173	42,716,206	Decrease. 3·9
1904-05	10,897,020	35,644,916	Increase. ·6	1,165,969	3,478,663	Decrease. 1·9	1,541,937	3,811,937	1·8	13,404,946	42,535,516	Increase. ·5

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

YEAR.	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.						IRELAND.			
	Increase on Number.			Increase per cent. on Number.			Increase per cent. on Number.			Increase per cent. on Number.			Increase per cent. on Number.		Increase per cent. on Number.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.
1895-96	7,778,115	21,539,006	1·5	2·3	25·3	2·2	4·7	24·2	538,861	1,371,591	11·8	·5	·4	Dec.	·5	11·8
1896-97	7,784,344	21,851,293	·03	1·4	25·1	2·4	Decrease. 1	23·5	537,252	1,401,389	11·8	2·2	·2	Inc.	2·2	11·8
1897-98	7,914,255	23,211,225	1·6	6·2	25·2	2·4	Inc. 3·9	22·7	547,614	1,510,174	12·0	7·7	1·9	Inc.	7·7	12·0
1898-99	8,159,371	24,131,276	3·1	3·9	25·9	3·6	5·0	23·6	553,638	1,570,942	12·3	4·0	2·0	Inc.	4·0	12·3
1899-1900	8,656,371	25,687,094	6·0	6·5	27·1	4·3	7·1	24·4	588,885	1,688,787	13·0	7·5	5·4	Inc.	7·5	13·0
1900-01	9,638,474	29,213,745	11·3	13·6	29·9	4·5	7·3	25·3	648,613	1,893,423	14·2	12·2	9·1	Inc.	12·2	14·2
1901-02	10,067,038	31,006,554	4·4	6·1	30·7	4·2	6·3	25·4	683,862	2,097,037	15·3	10·5	6·4	Inc.	10·5	15·3
1902-03	10,262,129	32,746,960	1·9	5·6	31·0	3·3	7·8	26·0	710,161	2,340,897	16·0	11·6	3·8	Dec.	11·6	16·0
1903-04	9,446,038	29,845,359	7·0	8·9	28·5	7·2	Decrease. 6·1	23·9	623,438	1,984,928	14·1	15·2	13·4	Dec.	15·2	14·1
1904-05	9,123,126	29,945,593	4·4	·3	26·9	8·9	Inc. 2·0	21·5	574,484	2,027,260	13·0	2·1	7·7	Dec.	2·1	13·0

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.
1885-86 { Number Amount £	368,782 1,308,597	10,835 101,900	211 183	78,403 50,712	1,077 4,197	2,106 9,065	629,458 2,011,897	10,461 140,722	9,771 26,071	876 4,145	641,659 2,379,398	1,764,147 6,060,113
1886-87 { Number Amount £	398,909 1,368,775	11,389 103,627	143 78	78,992 50,067	964 3,931	1,897 8,049	635,860 2,012,300	11,812 169,310	9,876 26,296	883 4,563	687,579 2,347,510	1,777,794 6,083,136
1887-88 { Number Amount £	457,760 1,491,322	11,964 106,617	236 393	73,543 45,783	1,057 3,868	1,718 7,069	625,521 2,087,317	13,923 179,648	8,683 24,518	360 4,044	680,113 2,341,145	1,833,926 6,341,353
1888-89 { Number Amount £	511,961 1,542,615	11,893 104,414	255 374	76,794 43,194	1,129 3,776	1,573 6,303	632,644 2,012,310	14,034 197,156	4,635 17,073	474 4,707	682,144 2,315,154	1,877,586 6,333,066
1889-90 { Number Amount £	534,102 1,583,155	12,163 106,664	165 54	76,316 80,178	1,264 4,292	1,413 5,573	639,328 2,064,398	16,273 214,715	4,410 18,074	437 4,634	797,254 2,700,796	2,103,904 6,941,371
1900-01 { Number Amount £	554,866 1,629,454	12,680 106,644	263 403	77,906 49,765	1,391 4,515	1,302 4,863	679,096 2,239,242	22,729 235,644	4,839 20,561	375 4,310	1,363,063 4,397,446	2,718,228 8,692,767
1901-02 { Number Amount £	568,718 1,663,996	11,663 103,318	126 41	76,572 47,516	1,390 4,436	1,233 4,631	746,033 2,735,508	18,583 240,165	6,644 36,501	487 4,743	1,329,518 4,399,301	2,761,966 9,069,890
1902-03 { Number Amount £	588,432 1,702,009	11,900 105,831	317 578	79,403 49,018	1,396 4,279	1,233 4,512	791,237 3,040,869	17,763 248,862	6,323 32,067	478 4,693	1,140,963 3,696,583	2,946,464 8,860,395
1903-04 { Number Amount £	614,097 1,766,525	7,631 49,296	396 563	76,428 46,964	1,263 4,073	1,151 4,261	838,446 3,162,144	17,314 259,397	7,253 40,905	979 5,346	946,893 2,881,701	2,512,290 8,504,276
1904-05 { Number Amount £	638,187 1,836,404	7,647 41,508	309 200	75,395 46,718	963 3,894	1,068 4,163	899,916 2,983,218	13,631 273,038	7,150 44,635	1,170 5,867	970,698 2,968,680	2,631,063 8,186,280

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.
1895-96	158,318	£ 515,804	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	18·8
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
1903-04	475,738	1,384,925	2·8	Decrease. 5·1
1904-05	477,691	1,544,488	·4	Increase. 11·5

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.

YEAR.	COLONIAL ORDERS.					FOREIGN ORDERS.												
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.					ISSUED ABROAD.							
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.				
1895-96	127,194	£ 435,820	2·6	1·9		412,692	£ 1,342,769	4·5	4·5		330,098	£ 798,583	2·4	1·4	693,793	£ 1,567,420	6·5	6·5
1896-97	129,171	430,414	1·5	Dec.		443,964	1,475,247	7·6	9·8		355,633	893,563	7·7	11·8	678,827	1,530,015	Dec. 2·3	Dec. 2·3
1897-98	137,655	483,935	6·5	Inc. 13·4		439,660	1,338,936	Dec. 3·2	Dec. 7·8		396,331	993,901	8·6	11·2	745,103	1,753,663	Inc. 16·5	Inc. 16·5
1898-99	142,169	497,629	3·2	2·8		461,245	1,360,678	Inc. 5·0	Inc. ·1		400,691	1,015,170	3·7	2·1	759,449	1,800,963	1·9	·9
1899-1900	142,574	476,631	·2	Dec. 4·2		474,766	1,396,780	5·2	2·8		407,128	1,039,489	1·6	2·4	770,101	1,780,011	1·4	Dec. 1·1
1900-01	140,773	446,463	Dec. 1·2	5·6		539,598	1,625,012	13·6	16·0		426,535	1,090,975	4·8	3·9	780,744	1,764,356	1·3	8
1901-02	142,114	466,901	Inc. ·9	Inc. 1·6		642,671	2,006,813	19·1	23·4		472,312	1,176,143	10·6	8·7	814,080	1,870,325	4·2	Inc. 6·
1902-03	161,431	539,941	13·6	23·6		819,071	2,564,610	27·5	27·8		525,319	1,329,692	11·2	13·1	873,753	2,027,766	7·3	8·4
1903-04	174,590	584,964	8·2	4·5		1,013,493	3,023,399	33·7	17·9		549,693	1,445,655	4·6	8·7	964,693	2,231,949	10·4	10·1
1904-05	176,563	611,964	·6	4·6		990,427	2,866,799	Dec. 2·3	Dec. 5·2		530,402	1,376,197	Dec. 5·3	Dec. 4·9	1,031,535	2,436,740	5·9	9·2

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 Australia.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in America.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in India.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in New Zealand.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in South Africa.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Colonies.	Issued in the Colonies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Colonies.
1895-96	£ 117,599	222,797	£ 100,671	£ 176,498	£ 98,345	£ 152,525	£ 31,585	£ 72,988	£ 46,539	£ 385,478	£ 12,748	£ 193,973	£ 23,353	£ 138,600	£ 485,820	£ 1,342,769
1896-97	112,874	242,093	102,705	163,225	82,557	182,764	31,288	76,785	53,386	483,753	14,095	163,475	33,509	163,172	480,414	1,475,247
1897-98	111,906	255,880	107,938	171,722	138,689	201,562	32,040	88,802	46,191	346,621	14,773	166,369	32,398	138,060	483,936	1,368,936
1898-99	113,908	243,416	109,370	173,265	135,069	207,907	31,809	99,642	55,022	355,777	16,463	144,561	34,968	131,012	497,629	1,360,878
1899-1900	114,908	244,132	107,786	197,634	108,155	203,194	32,209	112,761	64,641	366,097	14,779	146,194	39,153	127,408	476,631	1,399
1900-01	113,131	250,767	107,139	213,653	71,863	218,229	31,206	108,968	70,445	536,622	14,977	148,875	40,722	148,910	440,483	1,625,012
1901-02	113,086	268,616	111,574	252,502	75,373	237,104	32,370	106,969	60,107	788,987	18,089	186,280	45,712	166,885	466,901	2,004,313
1902-03	117,167	257,001	126,740	313,244	97,649	292,662	34,298	120,316	107,224	1,274,468	19,399	131,633	57,494	174,769	569,941	2,564,610
1903-04	116,332	237,699	163,339	462,514	89,572	296,902	36,421	133,347	123,443	1,685,696	17,064	123,000	60,778	189,489	584,964	3,023,369
1904-05	115,504	237,396	174,202	451,239	96,116	323,008	33,256	145,721	118,717	1,369,316	15,693	120,360	56,376	219,749	611,864	2,866,799

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 Austria.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Belgium.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Denmark.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Egypt.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in France.	Issued in Germany.	Issued in Holland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Holland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Hungary.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.
1886-86	£ 32,054	£ 24,561	£ 32,994	£ 51,277	£ 15,562	£ 15,354	£ 4,370	£ 26,237	£ 129,064	£ 164,355	£ 178,087	£ 149,108	£ 29,390	£ 30,327	£ 5,538	£ 7,757	£ 47,761	£ 31,213
1886-87	40,634	23,516	34,026	53,426	16,565	15,200	4,738	28,929	137,261	160,060	190,090	143,716	43,535	32,525	8,062	7,525	55,167	17,703
1887-88	52,704	28,961	39,162	56,301	17,193	16,014	5,000	31,563	149,109	164,664	203,761	160,223	50,616	31,086	11,445	7,524	69,763	16,929
1888-89	63,536	34,151	39,612	53,234	17,355	19,351	5,985	50,675	153,206	175,332	201,124	160,936	47,798	32,039	15,002	9,312	71,275	16,325
1889-1890	85,680	33,774	40,449	59,766	19,787	21,230	6,094	40,374	155,418	170,130	205,117	173,568	39,654	32,665	20,394	9,345	76,176	16,133
1890-01	81,322	34,619	42,220	58,232	20,466	21,617	6,227	43,725	167,379	185,300	203,319	175,387	33,785	34,427	25,090	11,340	84,319	16,536
1891-02	83,280	38,798	45,691	60,562	22,212	18,360	6,597	41,919	179,874	176,301	219,231	192,553	40,635	35,973	36,960	12,961	94,230	18,907
1892-03	110,524	41,153	50,033	62,964	23,695	23,693	8,738	45,106	193,417	190,639	238,516	202,313	49,533	37,310	45,723	15,074	111,956	20,171
1893-04	159,963	46,002	50,809	68,676	27,177	26,130	9,272	46,005	206,004	212,468	233,639	216,251	60,749	36,119	59,210	19,123	133,599	23,466
1894-05	90,548	45,033	55,371	74,048	27,515	28,166	8,672	55,114	212,306	234,749	236,868	237,848	61,563	39,509	46,891	20,558	133,563	26,138

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.		Russia.		Sweden.		Switzerland.		United States.		Other Countries.		Total.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Japan.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Norway.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Portugal.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Russia.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Sweden.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Switzerland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Other Countries.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.
1894-96	1,064	2,324	2,531	10,651	916	— †	31,783	—	11,842	36,079	24,513	281,673	1,015,187	2,846	10,815	798,583	1,867,420	2
1896-97	1,368	2,080	36,994	11,738	729	— †	37,633	—	12,498	36,650	26,908	247,863	973,637	3,925	13,503	893,538	1,530,015	2
1897-98	1,291	2,413	44,164	12,501	765	— †	42,023	—	14,399	39,161	28,964	251,965	953,576	16,770	243,646	893,901	1,783,663	2
1898-99	1,351	2,827	42,139	14,623	1,123	231	43,292	—	14,397	38,964	30,065	255,367	969,539	13,991	230,446	1,015,170	1,900,963	2
1899-1900	1,461	2,544	45,252	15,293	1,116	653	45,762	—	15,425	41,346	31,253	246,312	1,039,444	8,831	110,121	1,039,469	1,780,011	2
1900-01	2,011	2,700	49,380	21,327	1,829	1,833	52,602	—	17,829	42,964	30,794	296,763	1,116,617	8,630	12,663	1,090,975	1,764,336	2
1901-02	2,275	3,046	50,763	18,094	2,033	1,354	55,329	—	16,498	46,461	33,796	281,837	1,139,877	7,634	11,507	1,175,142	1,870,226	2
1902-03	2,267	4,886	56,542	19,617	2,158	2,940	64,366	—	17,627	52,669	36,018	309,524	1,294,404	7,102	13,815	1,399,538	2,037,766	2
1903-04	2,531	4,224	58,271	18,087	2,394	3,043	73,946	—	18,095	54,225	39,388	301,969	1,440,414	7,442	14,479	1,445,655	2,231,840	2
1904-05	2,335	5,913	62,076	19,740	3,068	4,165	86,470	16,713	19,164	54,101	43,241	307,902	1,569,579	9,536	30,368	1,375,197	2,484,740	2

† 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 since the establishment of the FOREIGN TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDER SYSTEM.

Year.	Austria.	Belgium.	Egypt.	France.	Germany.	Hungary.	Italy.	Luxembour.	Nether-lands.	Norway.	Roumania.	Sweden.	Switzer-land.	Total.
1898-9 { Number - Amount - £	-	-	-	-	983	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	983
	-	-	-	-	5,102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,102
1899-1900 { Number - Amount - £	26	176	-	-	3,101	2	-	1	403	21	7	-	37	3,774
	138	941	-	-	16,884	11	-	10	1,430	113	43	-	219	19,780
1900-1 { Number - Amount - £	431	753	-	-	3,311	89	231	-	922	243	57	19	266	6,827
	2,345	4,787	-	-	20,949	485	1,687	-	3,349	1,568	287	135	1,610	37,172
1901-2 { Number - Amount - £	552	1,049	20	2,227	4,606	139	436	10	1,643	373	53	137	403	11,678
	2,855	6,304	195	13,471	24,537	1,659	3,253	71	7,194	2,355	323	880	2,634	65,733
1902-3 { Number - Amount - £	701	1,199	38	3,540	5,094	187	552	11	2,372	351	57	199	410	14,511
	3,705	7,739	319	19,188	28,887	1,051	3,471	70	9,782	1,973	360	1,833	2,503	79,331
1903-4 { Number - Amount - £	910	995	31	4,557	5,643	229	614	11	2,683	396	80	233	507	16,891
	4,845	5,531	294	26,700	30,723	1,337	4,379	32	10,096	2,177	464	1,479	3,353	91,435
1904-5 { Number - Amount - £	665	907	32	4,876	5,626	230	610	9	2,404	367	76	188	533	16,598
	5,218	7,718	535	23,319	42,123	2,106	6,366	41	10,951	3,046	554	1,451	5,306	113,717

APPENDIX L.

Postal Orders.

POSTAL ORDERS issued in each of the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.				IN THE COLONIES.				ON BOARD H.M. SHIPS.				TOTAL.				STAMPS AFFIXED.	
	Number.		Value.		Increase per Cent.		Value.		Increase per Cent.		Value.		Increase per Cent.		Value.		Increase per Cent.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
1885-86	63,967,000	23,827,000	5.6	5.0	119,000	69,000	0.8	3.0	247,000	156,000	7.9	5.4	64,323,000	24,052,000	5.6	5.0	102,000	13.3
1886-87	67,040,000	24,742,000	4.8	3.8	143,000	85,000	20.2	23.2	261,000	170,000	5.7	9.0	67,444,000	24,897,000	4.9	3.9	110,000	7.8
1887-88	71,232,000	25,927,000	6.3	4.8	149,000	88,000	4.2	3.5	276,000	181,000	5.7	6.5	71,657,000	26,196,000	6.2	4.8	126,000	14.5
1888-89	76,591,000	27,119,000	7.5	4.6	164,000	98,000	10.1	11.4	291,000	186,000	5.4	2.8	77,046,000	27,403,000	7.5	4.6	158,000	26.4
1889-1890	81,928,000	28,522,000	7.0	5.2	190,000	112,000	15.9	14.3	313,000	200,000	7.6	7.5	82,423,000	28,834,000	7.0	5.2	188,000	19.0
1890-91	86,186,000	29,761,000	4.0	4.3	205,000	121,000	7.9	8.0	351,000	224,000	12.1	13.0	86,741,000	30,106,000	4.0	4.4	180,000	Dec. 4.3
1901-02	88,388,000	30,931,000	3.8	3.9	*2,300,000	*1,794,000	1,022.0	1,382.6	364,000	235,000	3.7	4.9	91,032,000	32,990,000	6.2	9.5	175,000	4.4
1902-03	92,080,000	31,954,000	4.1	3.3	*804,000	*679,000	Dec. 65.0	Dec. 62.2	414,000	287,000	13.7	13.6	92,268,000	32,990,000	3.4	Dec. 0.2	179,000	Inc. 4.1
1903-04	98,810,000	33,317,000	2.4	5.8	312,000	186,000	61.2	72.6	449,000	298,000	8.5	11.6	90,571,000	34,301,000	2.9	Dec. 4.3	185,000	3.4
1904-05	90,371,000	36,096,000	0.6	6.7	376,000	225,000	Inc. 20.5	Inc. 21.0	502,000	343,000	11.8	15.1	91,246,000	36,063,000	0.7	6.9	196,000	5.9

* Including Postal Orders issued by the Army Post Office in South Africa.

† Falling off in number due to the increased number of denominations.

APPENDIX L.—*continued.*Postal Orders—*continued.*

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

Year.	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS ('000 OMITTED).																			
	d. 6	s. d. 1 0	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 3 0	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 4 0	s. d. 4 6	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 5 6	s. d. 6 0	s. d. 6 6	s. d. 7 0	s. d. 7 6	s. d. 8 0	s. d. 8 6	s. d. 9 0	s. d. 9 6	s. d. 10 0
1896-96	—	5,230	3,755	4,578	4,238	3,523	2,153	4,091	1,776	9,340	—	—	—	—	3,019	—	—	—	—	3,047
1896-97	—	5,563	4,041	4,844	4,516	3,706	2,249	4,304	1,903	9,792	—	—	—	—	3,189	—	—	—	—	3,325
1897-98	—	6,207	4,415	5,317	4,835	3,535	2,358	4,532	2,047	10,310	—	—	—	—	3,391	—	—	—	—	3,689
1898-99	—	7,601	4,987	5,843	5,116	4,217	2,535	4,943	2,152	10,917	—	—	—	—	3,553	—	—	—	—	9,073
1899-1900	—	8,921	5,094	6,267	5,429	4,599	2,678	5,493	2,239	11,719	—	—	—	—	3,740	—	—	—	—	9,514
1900-01	—	8,246	5,365	6,564	5,730	5,030	2,966	5,632	2,363	12,401	—	—	—	—	3,939	—	—	—	—	10,036
1901-02	—	7,589	5,668	6,938	6,142	5,241	3,146	5,943	2,556	13,167	—	—	—	—	4,204	—	—	—	—	10,718
1902-03	—	8,389	5,929	7,233	6,473	5,463	3,146	6,266	2,670	13,673	—	—	—	—	4,518	—	—	—	—	10,744
1903-04	881	6,671	4,420	6,568	6,431	5,067	2,544	4,844	1,834	10,913	767	1,969	740	1,143	2,774	1,318	513	733	443	9,667
1904-05	713	5,373	3,898	6,414	6,537	4,933	2,306	4,290	1,689	9,744	1,136	2,773	1,069	1,563	2,065	1,091	717	1,013	603	9,539

* These Orders were not issued prior to 1 July 1903.

APPENDIX L.—*continued.*Postal Orders—*continued.*TABLE showing the NUMBER of each CLASS of POSTAL ORDERS issued in the last TEN YEARS—*continued.*

Year.	NUMBER, IN THOUSANDS ('000 OMITTED).																		
	s. d. 10 6	s. d. 11 0	s. d. 11 6	s. d. 12 0	s. d. 12 6	s. d. 13 0	s. d. 13 6	s. d. 14 0	s. d. 14 6	s. d. 15 0	s. d. 15 6	s. d. 16 0	s. d. 16 6	s. d. 17 0	s. d. 17 6	s. d. 18 0	s. d. 18 6	s. d. 19 0	s. d. 19 6
1896-96	2,112	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,435	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9,967
1896-97	2,223	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,546	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,246
1897-98	2,369	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,673	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,601
1898-99	2,444	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,753	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,933
1899-1900	2,650	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,876	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,363
1900-01	2,767	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,986	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,687
1901-02	2,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,247	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,397
1902-03	2,926	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,220	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,985
1903-04	2,014	306	214	593	411	257	174	281	120	2,424	118	289	91	123	131	153	79	148	12,416
1904-05	1,208	533	406	1,054	699	555	346	591	258	1,751	951	521	229	312	303	399	195	381	12,653
																			1,263

* These Orders were not issued prior to 1 July 1903.

APPENDIX M.

Telephone Trunk Wires.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of CIRCUITS, MILES of WIRE, and CALLS in each YEAR since the TRUNK LINES of the NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY were acquired by the STATE.

Year.	Circuits.	Increase.	Miles of Wire.	Increase.	Calls.	Increase.
1897-98	877	73	55,721	7,866	5,888,247	648,416
1898-99	953	76	63,109	7,388	7,066,609	1,178,862
1899-1900	1,029	76	69,713	6,604	8,091,631	1,025,022
1900-01	1,116	87	76,831	7,118	8,980,783	889,102
1901-02	1,165	49	83,302	6,471	10,080,716	1,099,983
1902-03	1,309	144	93,473	10,171	11,574,229	1,493,513
1903-04	1,418	109	102,799	9,326	13,467,975	1,893,746
1904-05	1,604	186	112,743	9,943	15,461,822	1,993,847

Provincial Telephone Exchange Wires.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of MILES of WIRE and EXCHANGE TELEPHONES in each of the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	Miles of Wire.	Increase.	Exchange Telephones.	Increase.
1895-96	3,110	Dec. 172	1,842	Dec. 12
1896-97	3,295	Inc. 185	1,863	Inc. 21
1897-98	3,968	673	1,957	94
1898-99	4,369	401	2,132	175
1899-1900	4,762	393	2,246	114
1900-01	5,199	437	2,686	440
1901-02	6,283	1,084	3,891	1,205
1902-03	7,372	1,089	5,218	1,327
1903-04	8,602	1,230	6,847	1,629
1904-05	9,893	1,291	8,644	1,797

APPENDIX M.—continued.

Private Wires.

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

Year.	Contracts.	Increase.	Miles of Wire.	Increase.	Telephones and Telegraph Apparatus.	Increase.	Rentals.	Increase.
*1895-96	-	146	18,471	Dec. 1,456	5,346	82	£ 112,616	£ Dec. 1,541
1896-97	-	Dec. 40	19,095	Inc. 624	5,358	12	114,448	Inc. 1,832
1897-98	-	Inc. 78	23,146	4,051	5,459	101	†110,042	Dec. 4,406
1898-99	-	68	25,829	2,683	5,629	170	121,065	Inc. 11,023
1899-1900	-	112	27,334	1,505	5,863	234	126,132	5,067
1900-01	-	122	29,157	1,823	6,193	330	132,424	6,292
1901-02	-	324	34,924	5,767	6,605	412	151,853	19,429
1902-03	-	205	36,531	1,657	7,118	513	163,638	11,785
1903-04	-	60	40,608	4,027	7,595	477	169,769	6,131
1904-05	-	247	41,026	418	8,901	1,306	172,953	8,184

* Certain lines leased by Cable Companies were given up, and Telephone Trunk Wires were for the first time excluded.

† The rates for Private Wires were reduced in 1897 and existing rentals were reduced accordingly.

Note. —The above figures include particulars of lines leased to Cable Companies. The total length of such wires is 8,187 miles and the rental 48,455l.

APPENDIX N.

Post Office Telephones.

Dr.	GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT to 31st March 1905.			Cr.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital authorised by Parliament, viz. :—						
Telegraph Acts, 1893-98 - - -	2,300,000	0	0			
Telegraph Act, 1899 - - - -	2,000,000	0	0			
Telegraph Act, 1904 - - - -	3,000,000	0	0			
						2,537,287 17 11½
Trunk Lines :—						
Purchased from the National Telephone Co. in 1896 - - - -				459,114	3	7
Construction of Lines by Post Office :—						
To 31st March 1904 - - - -				1,740,909	14	5½
Year ended 31st March 1905 - - -				337,263	19	11
London Exchange (including Private Wires) :—						
Construction to 31st March 1904 - - -				1,451,727	14	11½
Year ended 31st March 1905 - - -				35,168	13	0½
Expenditure on Sites and Building :—						
To 31st March 1905 - - - -				89,345	19	9
Provincial Exchanges (including Private Wires) :—						
Construction to 31st March 1904 - - -				269,718	16	11
Year ended 31st March 1905 - - -				71,487	8	1½
Miscellaneous Expenditure charged to Capital Account to 31st March 1905 - - - -						
Stores purchased and remaining unused on 31st March 1905 - - -						
Balance not expended on 31st March 1905 - - - -						
Total	7,300,000	0	0			
						1,876,242 7 9½
						341,206 5 0½
						8,503 14 10
						212,861 9 6
						2,323,898 4 11
						7,300,000 0 0

The amount of the capital advanced by the Treasury to 31st March 1905 was 5,000,000*l.* Repayment by the Post Office is effected by means of Terminable Annuities running for varying periods (12 to 20 years) and charged against Subhead B of the Telegraph Vote. The amount so charged up to the 31st March 1904 was 1,105,723*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*, for the year ended 31st March 1905 381,468*l.* 9*s.* 0*d.*, making in all 1,437,190*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*, being 1,029,063*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* in repayment of capital, and 408,127*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* for interest.

APPENDIX O.

Post Office Telephones.

LONDON EXCHANGE SYSTEM.

AN ACCOUNT, partly estimated, of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE, for the Year ended 31st March 1905.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£		£
Subscribers' Rentals :—			
Proportion of Subscriptions paid in 1903-4 but proper to 1904-5	53,522	Maintenance of System	34,017
Paid in the year 1904-5 :		Salaries, Wages, &c. of Staff, including provision for Pensions of Established Staff	48,069
At Flat Rates	£ 30,622	Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light, including estimated Rental Value of Premises already belonging to the Department	9,165
At Toll Rates	124,218	Miscellaneous Expenses (Stationery, Travelling, &c.)	2,512
Less proportion proper to 1905-6	154,840		
	81,330		
Message Fees, in addition to fixed minimum of 1l. 10s. per Message Rate Circuit	22,721		
Call Office Fees	3,301		
Rentals of wires leased to National Telephone Co.	80,688		
Miscellaneous receipts	1,245		
Value of services rendered to Government Departments without payment	2,074	Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c. (vide notes)	93,398
	£ 187,061		£ 187,061

NOTES.—(1) The estimated amount required to provide for depreciation of plant, inclusive of spare wires, is 56,647l. and interest at 3 per cent. on the capital expenditure of 1,926,000l. is 57,780l. making together 114,427l.

(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 Acts, 1899-1904. The annuities provide for the repayment of the capital in 12-15 years, while the estimated life of the plant averages 34 years. The annuity required for interest and sinking fund on a capital expenditure of 1,926,000l. repayable in 30 years with interest at 3 per cent., would be 97,958l. No deduction has been made from the annuity on account of the value of material recovered when plant is renewed.

APPENDIX O—continued.

Post Office Telephones—continued.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGE SYSTEM.

AN ACCOUNT, partly estimated, of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st March 1905.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£		£
Subscribers' Rentals :—			
Proportion of Subscriptions paid in 1903-4	-	Maintenance of Provincial Exchange Systems	-
	£		12,932
Paid in 1904-5	43,042	Salaries, Wages, &c., of Staff, including provision for Pensions of Established Staff	-
Less proportion proper to 1905-6	22,623		15,891
	20,419		
Deduct amount payable to, in excess of that receivable from, National Telephone Company for terminal fees	1,993	Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light, including estimated Rental Value of Premises already belonging to the Department	-
			1,502
		Miscellaneous Expenses (Stationery, Travelling, &c.)	-
			1,115
Message Fees for excess calls	18,426		
Call Office Collections	1,653		
Rentals of junction lines leased to National Telephone Company	416		
Miscellaneous receipts	3,697		
Value of services rendered to Government Departments without payment	117		
	384	Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c. (vide notes)	-
			11,448
	£		£
	42,888		42,888

NOTES.—(1) The estimated amount required to provide for depreciation of plant is 15,210*l.*, and interest at 8 per cent. on the capital expenditure of 319,000*l.* is 9,570*l.*, making together 24,780*l.*

(2) Terminable annuities have been created, payable from the vote for the Telegraph Service, to provide for the repayment, with interest at 8 per cent., of capital raised for telephone purposes under the Telegraph Acts, 1899-1904. The annuities provide for the repayment of the capital in 15 years, while the estimated life of the plant averages 19 years. The annuity required for interest and sinking fund on a capital expenditure of 319,000*l.* repayable in 19 years with interest at 8 per cent., would be 22,269*l.* No deduction has been made from the Annuity on account of the value of material recovered when plant is renewed.

APPENDIX O—continued.

Post Office Telephones—continued.

TRUNK LINE SYSTEM.

AN ACCOUNT, partly estimated, of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st March 1905.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£		£
Trunk Fees :—		Maintenance of Trunk Line System	-
Gross value for year	880,308	Salaries, Wages, &c., of Staff, including provision for Pensions of Established Staff	-
Less Commission paid to Licensees for Collection, &c.	18,749	Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light, including estimated Rental Value of Premises already belonging to the Department	-
		Miscellaneous Expenses (Stationery, Travelling, &c.)	-
Miscellaneous receipts	361,559	Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c. (<i>vide</i> Notes)	-
	1,659		177,575
Value of Services rendered to Government Departments without payment	122		363,340
			£
	363,340		

NOTES.—(1) The estimated amount required to provide for depreciation of plant is 77,659*l.*, and interest at 8 per cent. on the capital expenditure of 2,797,000*l.* is 83,910*l.*, making together 161,569*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 Acts, 1892-1904. The annuities provide for the repayment of the capital in 12-20 years, while the estimated life of the plant averages 29 years. The annuity required for interest and sinking fund on a capital expenditure of 2,797,000*l.* repayable in 29 years, with interest at 3 per cent., would be 145,752*l.* No deduction has been made from the Annuity on account of the value of material recovered when plant is renewed.

APPENDIX O.—*continued.***Post Office Telephones—*continued.***

SUMMARY.

An ACCOUNT, partly ESTIMATED, of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st March 1905.

	RECEIPTS.				—	EXPENDITURE.			
	Exchanges.		Trunk Lines.	Total Receipts.		Exchanges.	Trunk Lines.	Total Expenditure.	
	London.	Provincial.							London.
Subscribers' Rentals, Local and Trunk Fees, &c. (including value of services rendered to Government Departments without payment).	£ 187,061	£ 42,888	£ 363,340	£ 593,289	Working Expenses (including Day to Day Maintenance).	£ 93,763	£ 81,440	£ 185,765	£ 310,968
Total - - - £	187,061	42,888	363,340	593,289	Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c.	98,298	11,448	177,575	289,321
					Total - - - £	187,061	42,888	363,340	593,289
(1) Estimated amount required to provide for depreciation of plant, and interest at 3 per cent. on Capital as per footnote (1) of preceding Tables.						114,427	24,780	161,569	300,776
(2) Annuity required for interest and sinking fund for repayment of Capital, at 3 per cent. as per footnote (2) of preceding Tables.						97,958	22,269	145,752	265,979

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.	Carriages.	Armorial Bearings.	Guns.	Game.	Game-keepers.	Motors.	Total Number.	Revenue.
1895-96	15,097	1,205,615	117,176	314,954	36,734	161,682	41,820	3,746	—	1,896,824	1,078,994 ^d
1896-97	13,940	1,238,921	113,968	308,014	35,563	172,857	45,508	3,903	—	1,932,708	1,094,454
1897-98	13,717	1,254,907	102,797	304,918	33,715	176,006	46,969	3,902	—	1,935,833	1,085,388
1898-99	13,089	1,287,504	118,064	321,777	36,083	179,886	46,898	4,019	—	2,007,350	1,134,810
1899-1900	11,838	1,306,557	110,836	321,325	36,153	199,947	49,684	4,174	—	2,049,614	1,161,066
1900-01	11,611	1,343,913	122,494	328,895	36,349	215,591	50,770	4,236	—	2,113,949	1,194,586
1901-02	11,153	1,404,253	123,976	334,601	36,316	228,278	53,888	4,358	—	2,196,823	1,239,081
1902-03	10,960	1,462,049	127,425	340,378	37,272	230,006	53,197	4,443	198	2,265,887	1,273,053
1903-04	10,623	1,492,025	128,734	348,266	37,060	235,396	49,543	4,302	573	2,306,319	1,281,867
1904-05	9,261	1,536,313	130,956	361,998	36,991	233,861	53,147	4,373	730	2,346,529	1,330,341

APPENDIX Q.

RETURN showing, for each YEAR from 1895-96 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.	Retention.							Under Post Office Vote.	Under other Votes.				
1895-96	11,465,370	—	294,575	11,759,945	49,847	170,075	198,386	4,784,105	40.68	1,446,457	13.32	714,332	531,140	199,880	8,096,273	68.76	3,673,673	3,883,696
1896-97	11,876,666	39,841	230,438	12,146,935	8,848	162,501	207,529	4,981,607	41.01	1,453,517	11.97	722,535	511,790	197,985	8,246,366	67.94	3,990,579	4,071,923
1897-98	13,206,694	—	213,682	12,480,376	52,784	133,309	224,924	5,297,555	43.41	1,512,605	13.18	746,757	545,395	200,688	8,683,317	69.91	3,737,069	3,923,102
1898-99	12,841,399	—	207,918	13,049,317	37,127	136,760	249,443	5,645,051	43.26	1,535,261	11.77	821,370	558,798	206,196	9,190,006	70.43	3,869,311	4,033,198
1899-1900	13,192,020	—	202,315	13,394,335	115,394	169,098	269,092	6,017,518	44.98	1,537,067	11.46	769,307	601,876	213,747	9,683,999	73.29	3,710,336	3,994,728
1900-01	12,776,886	—	218,354	13,995,470	78,759	156,373	256,255	6,539,390	45.30	1,575,540	11.26	764,805	605,954	234,478	10,041,584	71.74	3,885,886	4,189,048
1901-02	14,328,906	—	226,984	14,465,870	106,540	160,382	300,260	6,692,034	45.64	1,640,069	11.34	770,431	624,123	259,593	10,465,101	73.84	4,000,769	4,267,491
1902-03	14,760,694	—	244,568	15,005,262	113,088	205,630	311,932	6,841,362	45.59	1,665,238	11.10	770,385	643,926	270,037	10,819,598	73.11	4,186,324	4,502,992
1903-04	15,539,100	—	265,394	15,804,494	139,734	234,645	335,150	7,006,127	44.27	1,729,673	10.92	754,635	666,398	290,860	11,301,123	70.78	4,633,573	5,017,651
1904-05 (Estimated)	16,031,060	—	246,938	16,274,978	90,554	276,009	354,738	7,199,284	44.24	1,831,463	11.25	740,126	680,453	339,563	11,455,735	70.39	4,319,193	5,186,063

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APPENDIX S.

STATEMENT showing for each YEAR from 1895-96 the combined REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POSTAL and TELEGRAPH SERVICES.

YEAR.	Revenue.		EXPENDITURE.										Per-centage of Total Expen- diture to Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.	
	Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Depart- ments.	Total.	Salaries, Wages, &c.		Superannuations and other Non- Effective Charges.		Sites and Buildings.		Other Expenditure.		Total.			
				Amount.	Per-centage to Total Revenue.	Per-centage to Total Expen- diture.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expen- diture.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expen- diture.	Amount.				Per-centage to Total Expen- diture.
1895-96	14,391,119	338,620	14,638,739	6,675,524	45.63	69.69	2,407,774	2.19	307,652	2.31	3,776,683	34.31	11,006,613	76.18	3,633,126
1896-97	14,835,946	275,343	15,114,289	6,951,078	45.99	61.20	2,54,008	2.24	296,013	2.34	3,886,167	34.21	11,358,166	75.15	3,766,123
1897-98	15,237,046	255,053	15,492,099	7,348,564	47.43	60.92	285,785	2.37	275,500	2.28	4,162,369	34.42	12,062,158	77.86	3,420,941
1898-99	16,045,795	263,637	16,309,432	7,816,569	47.93	61.68	322,882	2.55	255,016	2.01	4,277,553	33.76	12,672,020	77.70	3,637,443
1899-1900	16,551,766	273,061	16,824,827	8,297,340	49.23	61.77	369,125	2.61	361,960	2.69	4,433,670	32.93	13,433,683	79.70	3,421,744
1900-01	17,157,475	297,348	17,454,823	8,683,189	49.75	62.76	372,690	2.69	305,212	2.21	4,477,577	32.36	13,838,578	79.28	3,616,245
1901-02	17,719,564	316,412	18,035,916	9,018,687	50.00	61.41	397,374	2.71	348,536	2.37	4,922,441	33.62	14,087,928	81.43	3,346,388
1902-03	18,362,439	336,689	18,720,128	9,350,616	49.93	61.74	414,976	2.74	402,917	2.66	4,977,006	32.86	15,146,515	80.87	3,583,613
1903-04	19,238,258	327,251	19,565,509	9,667,272	48.91	60.19	446,806	2.81	515,765	3.24	5,306,117	33.75	15,885,020	81.26	3,665,489
1904-05 (Estimated)	19,362,760	312,232	20,105,001	9,823,480	48.66	60.22	472,972	2.90	503,555	3.06	5,512,907	33.79	16,313,303	80.78	3,581,608

APPENDIX T.

**EXTRACT from the FINANCE ACCOUNTS for the YEAR ended
31st March 1905.**

APPENDIX T.

**Extract from the Finance Accounts for the
Year ended 31st March 1905.**

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

DETAILED STATEMENT of the GROSS RECEIPTS and NET PRODUCE of the REVENUE.					
POST OFFICE.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s. d.
Gross Receipts :					
From Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters in the United Kingdom -	16,590,500	13	7½		
From Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue -	246,329	10	1		
				16,836,830	3 8½
From Postage collected in cash by Country Postmasters -	158,588	3	0½		
From Postage collected in cash in the Metropolis -	244,973	0	4½		
				408,561	3 5
From Postage collected for credit of Imperial Post Office by Foreign Offices, &c. -	176,538	3	7		
From Postage collected by Colonial Offices and Postmasters and Agents Abroad -	53,669	10	4½		
				230,207	13 11½
From Commission on Money Orders -	148,712	7	9		
Ditto Postal Orders -	404,758	10	6		
				553,470	18 3
From Miscellaneous Receipts -	-	-	-	39,889	7 6½
				18,063,459	6 10¼
Payments out of Receipts :					
For Postage, &c., refunded -	24,842	14	8½		
To Inland Revenue Department -	573,080	0	0		
To Railway Companies, &c., on account of Parcel Post -	999,048	13	4		
For Postage collected for credit of Colonial Offices -	177,103	17	2½		
For Postage collected for credit of Foreign Offices, &c. -	258,334	2	5		
				2,032,409	7 8¼
Net Receipts	-	-	£	16,031,049	19 2
Payments into Exchequer	-	-	-	£16,100,000	0 0

General Post Office, }
2nd June 1905. }

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 - - - - -	1,659,906	10	7			
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., in						
Stamps - - - - -	2,699,574	5	1½			
				4,359,480	15	8½
Payments out of Receipts :						
To Cable Companies, &c. - - -	504,147	12	0			
To Telegram Moneys refunded, &c. -	3,614	0	3			
				507,761	12	3
Net Receipts - - - - -			£	3,851,719	3	5½
Payments into Exchequer - - -			-	£3,830,000	0	0

General Post Office, }
2nd June 1905. }

CHARLES A. KING,
Comptroller and Accountant-General.

APPENDIX U.

SUMMARY of STATISTICS for the YEAR 1904-05 compared with
the PREVIOUS YEAR.

	1903-04.	1904-05.	Increase per Cent	For details see pages
Postal.				
Postal packets delivered - -	4,206,500,000	4,382,300,000	4·18	32—36
Parcels delivered - -	94,426,090	97,231,000	2·97	37
Registered Letters and Parcels -	20,073,041	19,546,211	Dec. 2·62	38—41
Express Delivery Services - -	1,290,833	1,403,053	Inc. 8·69	42
Undelivered Postal Packets, &c. -	26,707,983	26,568,740	Dec. ·52	64
Foreign and Colonial Mails :—				
Letters, &c. :—				
Despatched (Weight) - -	*Lb.24,355,000	†Lb.25,837,500	Inc. 6·09	} 44—45
Received (Weight) - -	*Lb.10,808,500	†Lb.11,126,000	2·99	
Parcels :—				
Despatched (Number) - -	2,213,819	2,315,204	4·58	} 46—49
Received (Number) - -	1,295,484	1,315,788	1·57	
Savings Bank transactions :—				
Deposits :—				
Number - - - -	*15,325,618	†15,466,928	·92	} 70
Amount - - - -	*£40,857,206	†£40,612,967	Dec. ·60	
Withdrawals :—				
Number - - - -	*6,180,419	†6,276,929	Inc. 1·56	} 70
Amount - - - -	*£42,786,025	†£41,904,393	Dec. 2·06	
Money Orders :—				
Number - - - -	18,964,173	18,404,946	4·00	} 78—86
Amount - - - -	£42,716,206	£42,935,516	Inc. ·51	
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Number - - - -	90,571,000	91,249,000	·75	} 87—89
Amount - - - -	£34,301,000	£36,663,000	6·89	
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