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# FIFTY-SECOND 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-second Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, being an account of the business of the Post Office during the year ended the 31st March 1906.

I desire however in the first instance to call attention briefly to certain Postal Reforms that have been carried out since the close of that year or are now being carried out, which will be dealt with more fully in the Report for the year 1906-7.

Imperial Penny Postage has now been extended, so far as outward letters are concerned, to the whole of the Empire (with the exception of one or two small islands) and also to Egypt and the Soudan. The Imperial Postal Order scheme has also been extended to the whole of the Empire, with the exception of Australia, Canada, and Cape Colony; and negotiations are proceeding with a view to its extension to those three Colonies.

Imperial  
Penny  
Postage.

The following domestic reforms, agreed to by the Treasury on my recommendation, and announced in the Budget speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, have been, or are in process of being carried out:—

Domestic  
Postal  
Reforms.

(1) A reduction in the rates of postage on parcels over 4 lb. The rate for parcels of 5 lb. is now 6d., up to 7 lb. 7d., and so on at 1d. per lb. up to the maximum of 11 lb.

(2) Reduction of the poundage on postal orders for 2s. and 2s. 6d. from 1d. to  $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; and on postal orders for 11s. to 15s. inclusive from  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1d.

(3) Reduction of the poundage on foreign money orders not exceeding 1l. from 4d. to 3d.

(4) Increased frequency of delivery in remote places.

(5) Reduction of the charge made for guaranteed Postal, Telegraph, and Telephone facilities to one-third of the loss incurred.

(6) A simplification of the rules respecting the halfpenny post.

The following postal reforms will come into force next year as the result of the recent Postal Union Congress at Rome, referred to in the body of this Report:—

Postal  
Union  
Reforms.

(1) The unit of weight for outward foreign and colonial letters will be raised from  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. to 1 oz.

(2) The charge on foreign letters for each unit after the first will be reduced from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

(3) Writing will be allowed on the address side of foreign postcards, whatever be the country of destination.

(4) It will be possible to prepay a reply to a foreign letter.

**Literature for the Blind.** As your Lordships are aware, a Bill has been introduced which will enable me to grant substantially reduced postage rates for literature for the Blind.

**Canadian postage.** I am in communication with the Canadian Government on the subject of the postage rate for magazines and newspapers sent from the United Kingdom to Canada.

With these preliminary remarks, I proceed to give the usual account of the postal business during the past financial year.

**Statistics of postal packets.** It is estimated that the number of postal packets delivered in the United Kingdom during the year 1905-6 was as follows:—

See also Appendix A., pp. 30-35.

	Number.	Increase per Cent.	Average No. for each Person.
Letters - - -	2,707,200,000	3·1	62·5
Postcards - - -	800,300,000	9·0	18·5
*Halfpenny packets - - -	891,600,000	5·7	20·6
Newspapers - - -	185,400,000	3·3	4·3
† Parcels - - -	101,700,000	4·6	2·3
Total - - -	4,686,200,000	4·6	108·2

**Letters and postcards.**

The increase in the number of letters is substantial, being a distinct advance upon the increase last year (1 per cent.); and it is interesting to note that the letters delivered in London show an increase of 3·6 per cent., instead of a decrease, as in the past two years. This is no doubt primarily attributable to the revival of trade. The increase in the number of postcards is much smaller than in recent years, although private postcards form an even larger percentage of the whole number (84 per cent.).

**Registered letters and parcels.** See also Appendix A., pp. 36-38.

The number of letters registered in the United Kingdom during the year 1905-6 was 18,634,333, an increase of ·7 per cent. on the figures for 1904-5; whilst the number of parcels registered was 1,047,675, an increase of ·6 per cent. on the previous year.

#### EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICES.

The total number of express services was 1,578,746, as compared with 1,403,053 last year. The increase, 12·5 per cent.,

\* Including also foreign Printed Papers, &c., over 2 oz. in weight, prepaid at the halfpenny rate.

† The figures as regards parcels include also parcels sent from this country abroad.

is at a considerably higher rate than that of last year, although less than that of the preceding years.

In London 1,010,815 express services were performed, including 47,601 deliveries in advance of the postmen.

### UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS.

The total number of undelivered packets handled during the year was 27,099,174, an increase of 530,434, or 2 per cent. on the figures for the previous year. It is not possible, as in past reports, to give a comparison in detail with the previous year for the various classes of packets; as, under a new method of procedure recently adopted, there is no record at the Returned Letter Office of the way in which entirely unaddressed packets are distributed among the various classes. A new column has been introduced in Appendix G. for such unaddressed packets. Statistics.  
See also  
Appendix G.,  
p. 58.

The number of registered letters and letters containing property sent through the post with insufficient addresses was 320,041. These letters contained 16,887*l.* in cash and bank notes, and 656,845*l.* in bills, cheques, money orders, postal orders and stamps. The number of letters with valuable contents posted with no address at all was 4,599, the contents including 200*l.* in cash and bank notes, and 9,766*l.* in various forms of remittance. One unaddressed letter contained cheques to the value of 2,500*l.* Registered  
and property  
letters.

The number of insufficiently addressed letters with valuable contents shows an increase of 4,000 on the previous year; and the value of the property thus entrusted to the mercy of the Post Office by a careless public has increased by no less than 33,000*l.*

There has again been a slight increase in the number of articles found loose in the post, which included 1,380*l.* in cash and 12,272*l.* in cheques and other forms of remittance. Articles  
found loose  
in Post.

### HOME MAIL SERVICES.

Further progress has been made in the use of motor vans for the conveyance of parcel mails, in regard both to the number and the efficiency of the services. The following services are at present being performed by motor vans under contract:— Use of  
motors.

London and Brighton	Newcastle and Sunderland
London and Redhill	Darlington and Richmond
London and Epping	Redhill and Dorking
Manchester and Liverpool	Epping and Bishop's Stortford.
Birmingham and Warwick	Hereford and Glasbury
Birmingham and Worcester	Wallingford and Thame
Northampton and Hitchin	
Leeds and York	

together with a number of services in London.

The service between London and Brighton, which was established on the 1st June 1905, has so far worked smoothly; and, as this is one of the longest and heaviest of the existing road services, its success has gone far towards demonstrating the possibility of establishing a really satisfactory motor mail service.

It is hoped to establish several additional services during the current year, the most important of which are—

- (1) London and Hastings, with a branch from Tunbridge Wells to Eastbourne;
- (2) London and Colchester, with a branch from Chelmsford to Southend-on-Sea;
- (3) London and Hitchin;
- (4) Leeds and Huddersfield.

It is anticipated that a considerable financial saving will be effected by the establishment of these services.

It is, of course, still necessary to proceed with caution, in view of the constant improvements that are being effected in motor car construction, and the importance of securing the most reliable type of vehicle.

Supplemen-  
tary Night  
Mail Service  
to Ireland.

On the 3rd July 1905 a supplementary night mail service to Ireland was established. Before the institution of this service, letters had to be posted in London before 6 p.m. to secure delivery in Dublin on the following morning, letters posted after that time not being delivered in Dublin until the following evening.

A despatch is now made by the 10.15 p.m. train from Euston Station and the 3.55 a.m. boat from Holyhead to Dublin (North Wall). The latest time of posting for this despatch at the principal Post Offices in London is about two hours later than for the ordinary night mail. Correspondingly later despatches of Irish correspondence have also been provided from many of the chief towns in the Provinces.

Letters included in the supplementary despatch are delivered in Dublin between 9.0 a.m. and 10.0 a.m., and secure morning despatches to Irish provincial towns.

That the additional facilities afforded are greatly appreciated by the public is shown by the very large use that is made of the new despatch.

Greenore  
route.

A supplementary night mail service from Belfast and Londonderry to London has been established by the London and North Western Railway Company's route by way of Greenore and Holyhead; and as the correspondence falls, as a rule, into the second delivery in the City and in the other town districts, an acceleration of several hours is attained.

Service via  
Larne and  
Strauraer.

An acceleration has been effected in the service from Ireland to England by way of Larne and Strauraer; and although the despatch from Belfast is now made at 6.30 p.m., instead of



5.30 p.m., the arrival in London remains unaltered. Additional time is thus afforded for posting correspondence in Belfast and other places in the north of Ireland for the northern and midland counties of England and for London.

### STAMPS AND POSTCARDS.

I have arranged to substitute books containing twelve 1d. stamps and twenty-three  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps (price 2s.) for the books introduced in 1904 containing twenty-four 1d. stamps (price 2s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.). As the selling price will be more convenient, and the books will contain both 1d. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps, I anticipate that they will meet with a larger sale than the former books.

The price of stout official postcards was reduced in November last, the number contained in a 6d. packet being increased from 10 to 11. The price of thin cards, which was formerly 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per packet of 10, has also been fixed at 6d. per packet of 11.

The number of purchases of stamps from the public during the year was 3,210, representing a total value of 31,055 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Several fraudulent attempts to dispose of stolen stamps were detected as the result of the precautions which are now taken before the stamps are accepted for purchase.

### FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST.

In accordance with your Lordships' wishes, tenders have been invited for the conveyance of mails to and from India, China, and Australia after the 31st January 1908; and the results will be communicated to you in due course. Until that date the Imperial service will be carried on under the terms of the Supplemental Contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company dated the 25th July 1904. In alternate weeks the Australian mails are at present carried by the Orient Steam Navigation Company under Contract with the Commonwealth Government, which has however recently entered into fresh arrangements.

The contract with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the West Indian Mail Service terminated on the 30th June 1905. Since that date correspondence for the West Indies, unless marked for transmission otherwise, has as a general rule been sent by the regular steamships of the Royal Mail Company and of Messrs. Scrutton and Company, use being also made of other means of conveyance as circumstances require.

The Sea Post Offices established last year on board the steamships of the White Star and American lines between the United Kingdom and New York have worked satisfactorily. I regret that the negotiations with the Cunard Company for the establishment of similar Post Offices on the steamships of the Cunard line have not yet been brought to a conclusion.

Extension  
of Imperial  
penny post-  
age scheme.

In view of the special relations which exist between the Government of the Khedive and His Majesty's Government, it was arranged in December last to introduce penny postage for letters passing between the United Kingdom and Egypt and the Soudan. The Egyptian Post Office has since arranged for the adoption of this rate in its relations with many of the British Colonies.

With your Lordships' approval arrangements have been completed to apply the penny rate to letters sent from the United Kingdom to the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Rhodesia. The authorities of these territories are not yet prepared to reduce the postage on letters sent to this country; but it is hoped that circumstances will later on permit of their doing so.

This measure practically completes the Imperial Penny Postage Scheme, so far as outward letters are concerned. The only places in the British Dominions not included in the scheme are a few outlying islands in the Pacific Ocean, for which it is hoped soon to make some satisfactory arrangement.

Postage rates  
on periodicals  
for Canada.

The question of the reduction of the postage charged for magazines, periodicals, and newspapers sent from the United Kingdom to Canada is engaging my attention. Although there are obvious objections to making, in the case of Canada, arrangements more favourable than can be granted to periodicals &c. passing within the United Kingdom itself or to other colonies, I recognise that, in consequence of the geographical situation of the Dominion, the circumstances are exceptional; and I am endeavouring to concert some plan which will meet the end in view without unduly burdening the Exchequer.

Communica-  
tions on the  
address side  
of postcards  
in foreign  
service.

The concession already in force in the inland service under which the left half of the address side of a postcard is available for written communications has been extended to the international service in relations with countries which grant the same facility; and under the regulations adopted at the recent Postal Congress, the arrangement will shortly become universal.

Postal Union.

Notification was received from the Italian Government that the Sixth Congress of the Postal Union would meet at Rome on the 7th April 1906. The British delegates were Mr. H. Babington Smith, C.B., C.S.I., Mr. A. B. Walkley, and Mr. H. Davies, I.S.O., who represented this country with marked ability and success. The deliberations of the Congress resulted in a number of concessions, the most important of which is an increase in the unit weight of foreign letters and a reduction of the charge after the first unit. These matters, although not falling within the period covered by this report, are summarised in the introductory paragraphs.

Insured  
letters.

The system of insurance for letters has been extended to the Federated Malay States, the Dutch and Portuguese Indies, and Iceland.

The number of insured letters despatched to places abroad during the year was 9,877, against 9,616 during the previous year, an increase of about  $2\frac{3}{4}$  per cent.; whilst the number received from places abroad was 53,160, against 55,211 during the previous year, a decrease of about  $3\frac{3}{4}$  per cent.

An additional Parcel Post with Rhodesia, by way of Beira, has been established at rates lower than those hitherto in force; and arrangements have been made for expediting the exchange of parcels with British Central Africa and British East Africa. Improvements in foreign and colonial parcel post.

The postage on parcels for Salvador and Costa Rica has been reduced.

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

—	Insured.	Ordinary.	Total.
Despatched - - - -	169,027	2,304,976	2,474,003
Received - - - -	134,919	1,296,116	1,431,035
Total - - - -	303,946	3,601,092	3,905,038

The total number of parcels outward and homeward shows a net increase as compared with last year of 274,046, or about  $7\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. The total number of foreign and colonial parcels insured, namely 303,946, as against 289,288 in the previous year, shows an increase of about 5 per cent.

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 1905-6, as compared with 1904-5.	Increase in 1905-6, as compared with 1903-4.
	1904.	1905.	1906.		
Exports - -	£ 3,475,707	£ 3,778,558	£ 4,175,661	£ 397,103	£ 699,954
Imports - -	1,306,251	1,377,949	1,530,368	152,425	224,117
Total - -	4,781,958	5,156,501	5,706,029	549,528	924,071

### MONEY ORDERS.

The number of inland money orders issued during the year under review was 10,758,785, representing an amount of 36,872,608*l*. Statistics. See also Appendix K. pp. 72-80.

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.			
	1904-5.	1905-6.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).	
			Number.	Per Cent.
Ordinary - - -	7,598,246	7,560,847	- 37,399	- .5
Telegraph - - -	477,691	503,543	+ 25,852	+ 5.4
Government - - -	2,621,083	2,694,395	+ 73,312	+ 2.8
Total - - -	10,697,020	10,758,785	+ 61,765	+ .6

	Amount of Inland Orders.			
	1904-5.	1905-6.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).	
			Amount.	Per Cent.
	£	£	£	
Ordinary - - -	26,141,144*	26,652,756	+ 511,612	+ 2
Telegraph - - -	1,544,488	1,646,882	+ 102,394	+ 6.6
Government - - -	8,185,230	8,572,970	+ 387,740	+ 4.7
Total - - -	35,870,862	36,872,608	+ 1,001,746	+ 2.8

The foreign and colonial orders numbered 2,837,368 and amounted to 7,740,177*l.*, as against 2,707,926 orders for 7,290,600*l.* in the previous year.

Average  
amount.

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

	Amount.	Increase on Previous Year.
Inland orders:—	£ s. d.	s. d.
Ordinary - - - - -	3 10 6	1 8*
Telegraph - - - - -	3 5 5	0 9
Government - - - - -	3 3 8	1 3
Foreign and Colonial orders - - -	2 14 7	0 9

Inland  
Orders.

It will be seen that there has been an increase of 2 per cent. in the total amount of ordinary inland money orders, notwith-

\* The amount of ordinary inland money orders was erroneously given in last year's report as 25,915,198*l.*, and the average amount of an order as 3*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.*

standing a slight decrease in the number, with a corresponding increase in the average amount of the orders. The decrease in the number is doubtless due to the still growing use of the postal order system for remitting small sums of money. This is a matter for satisfaction, not only as showing that the postal order system meets the convenience of the public, but also from the point of view of the revenue, since money orders for small amounts are unremunerative.

There has been a substantial increase in both the number and amount of telegraph money orders.

The outward colonial money orders again show a substantial increase in amount (34,957*l.* or 5·7 per cent.), although the number has only increased by ·28 per cent. This is necessarily accompanied by a rise in the average amount of the orders, which is principally due to the substitution of postal orders for money orders for the remission of small sums to the Colonies, which has followed the institution of the Imperial postal order system. To the growth of this system is no doubt also due a decline of 22,869*l.* in the inward colonial money orders. Colonial orders.

Money orders issued in this country for payment in foreign countries show an increase of 23,074 (4·4 per cent.) in number and 34,552*l.* (2·5 per cent.) in amount; whilst those in the reverse direction show an increase of 148,041 (14·5 per cent.) in number and 402,937*l.* (16·5 per cent.) in amount. The large increase in the inward orders occurred principally in the service with the United States. Foreign orders.

The telegraph money orders exchanged with places abroad show again a substantial increase in amount, the total value being 139,402*l.*, as compared with 113,717*l.*, in the previous year, or an increase of 22 per cent. Foreign telegraph money orders.

The orders transmitted through England between places having no direct money order service numbered 96,988, as compared with 97,548 in 1904-5. The total amount so remitted was 346,770*l.* "Through" orders.

Out of a total sum of 42,215,405*l.* paid on money orders in the United Kingdom, about one-sixth was paid at the Chief Money Order Office to London bankers. Payment to bankers.

During the year direct money order exchanges have been arranged with the Dutch East Indies, the Federated Malay States and Macao; and negotiations for the extension of the service to a number of other foreign countries are in progress. Extensions of foreign money order system.

The telegraph money order system has been extended to Denmark.

The limit of money orders (both ordinary and telegraph) exchanged with France has been raised to 40*l.*

Money order  
offices.

The number of money order offices open in the United Kingdom on the 31st March 1906 was 14,921, an increase of 244 during the year under review.

### POSTAL ORDERS.

Statistics.  
See also  
Appendix L.,  
pp. 81-83.

The number of postal orders issued during the year was 97,271,000, representing an amount of 38,770,000*l.*, an increase of 6·6 per cent. in number and 5·7 per cent. in amount as compared with the previous year.

The produce of the commission on the orders issued was 428,862*l.*, and the value of the postage stamps affixed was 215,000*l.*

The substantial increase in both the number and amount of orders is no doubt partly due to the substitution of postal orders for money orders as a means of remitting small sums, the result of an increasing familiarity of the public with the variety of denominations of orders offered for sale.

It may not be out of place to remark that during the 25 years that have elapsed since the introduction of postal orders, the sale has increased from 4½ millions to nearly 100 millions per annum, and that the number of denominations is now 41 against 10 originally introduced.

New pattern  
of order.

In October last a new pattern of postal order was introduced, the old pattern having been found to lend itself to certain forms of fraud. Spaces are provided in which postage stamps for broken amounts must be affixed; and orders for amounts of 10*s.* and upwards are now printed in red ink instead of blue.

Some difficulty was at first experienced in getting the public to affix the stamps in the proper places; but the rule is now almost universally complied with, and no friction arises.

Imperial  
postal orders.

The arrangements for the interchange of British postal orders between this country and the Colonies, and amongst the Colonies themselves, have been extended to Mauritius, Natal, the Orange River Colony, the Transvaal and British Central Africa. British postal orders are also now paid in India (including the Indian Post Offices in Persia and Tibet) where they were formerly only issued.

It has also been arranged that the postage stamps of most of the Colonies concerned may be affixed to the orders for the purpose of making up broken amounts, a concession which cannot fail to add to the convenience of the system as a means of remittance from the Colonies.

The total number of British postal orders issued in the Colonies and India during the year under review was 658,000, and the number paid 131,950. These figures represent increases of 75 and 129 per cent. on those for the previous year, showing that the Imperial postal order scheme has met a very distinct

want. Of the orders paid in the Colonies, nearly one half were also issued in the Colonies, proving how extensively the system is already used as a means of remittance amongst the Colonies themselves.

### POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

During the year ended the 31st December 1905, the deposits and withdrawals, as compared with those of the previous year, were as follows:—

Statistics.  
See also  
Appendix J.,  
pp. 63-71.

Year.	Deposits.		Withdrawals.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
1904	15,466,928	£ 40,612,967	6,276,929	£ 41,904,393
1905	16,320,204	42,300,617	7,155,283	42,096,037

These figures show a satisfactory increase in the business of the Savings Bank. The total amount of the deposits, instead of showing a decrease, as in the two previous years, shows an increase of nearly 1,700,000*l.*, and exceeds the total amount of the withdrawals by over 200,000*l.* In 1904, the withdrawals exceeded the deposits by 1,290,000*l.*; so that the year under review shows an improvement of nearly 1,500,000*l.* on the previous year.

This improvement is no doubt partly due to the revival of trade; but it is also, I am convinced, largely attributable to the impetus given to Savings Bank business by the system of withdrawals on demand (see below) which was introduced on the 3rd July 1905.

The interest credited to depositors for 1905 amounted to 3,567,206*l.*; so that a total addition of 3,771,786*l.* was made during the year to the amount standing to the credit of depositors, which on the 31st December 1905 had reached 152,111,140*l.*

The number of withdrawals by telegraph on the day of application was 168,036, and of those made by return of post 12,960. In the previous year, the respective numbers were 211,977 and 15,596. The decrease is due to the institution of the system of withdrawals on demand.

The total number of accounts opened was 1,435,329, and of accounts closed 1,145,997. The net increase was thus 289,332, as against 269,865 in 1904.

The total number of accounts on the 31st December 1905, their distribution, the average amount of cash, and the pro-

Withdrawals  
by telegraph.

Accounts  
opened and  
closed.

portion 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 -	8,027,112	135,668,450	15 0 7	1 in 3·8
Scotland - - -	451,627	6,205,339	13 14 10	1 in 10·4
Ireland - - -	484,310	10,237,351	21 2 9	1 in 9·1
United Kingdom -	9,963,049	152,111,140	15 5 4	1 in 4·3

#### Average.

The average amount to the credit of each depositor has again declined, being 1s. 4d. less than on the 31st December 1904.

#### Accounts of societies.

The number of friendly societies which opened accounts during 1905 was 300, as compared with 336 in 1904; but there was again a substantial increase in the accounts opened by charitable, provident, and trade societies, which numbered 2,292, as against 1,987 in 1904.

The number of Savings Bank accounts opened by Registrars of County Courts under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Acts and the County Court Acts continues to grow steadily. During 1905, 1,172 such accounts were opened, and 95,580l. deposited in them, an increase of some 200 accounts on the previous year.

#### Transfer of accounts.

No Trustee Savings Banks were closed during the year. The amount transferred from Trustee Savings Banks to the Post Office Savings Bank was 18,736l., and the amount transferred in the reverse direction 50,390l.

As a result of the provision of the Savings Banks Act of 1904, arrangements have been made with certain British Colonies for the transfer of deposits between Colonial Savings Banks and the Post Office Savings Bank; and steps will be taken, as opportunity arises, to extend these arrangements to other Colonies and to Foreign countries.

#### Withdrawals on demand.

On the 3rd July 1905, a system of "withdrawal on demand" was instituted, under which a depositor, on presentation of his book at any Post Office open for Savings Bank business, can withdraw immediately any sum not exceeding 1l. This system, obviating as it does the delay involved in reference to Headquarters and the expense to the depositor of telegraphing if the money is urgently required, achieved immediately great popularity, and has undoubtedly met a distinct public need. The number of "withdrawals on demand" made during the first six months that the system was in operation was nearly 2,000,000, and formed 48 per cent. of the whole number of



withdrawals; the number of telegraphic withdrawals having fallen to about one half of its former amount.

There can be no doubt that the new facilities have added to the popularity of the Savings Bank, and have been a contributory cause of the growth to which reference has been made above.

Fears have been expressed that the system would open the door to frequent frauds; but up to the present it is satisfactory to find that these fears have not been realised. The number of frauds has been very small, and the amount lost insignificant.

The measures for bringing the facilities offered by the Post Office Savings Bank under the notice of the Managers of Elementary Schools, to which reference was made in my predecessor's report, have been followed by a considerable increase both in the number of Penny Banks investing their funds in the Post Office Savings Bank and in the use made of the stamp deposit system. Encourage-  
ment of  
thrift.

The special arrangements for the official transmission to the United Kingdom of deposits made by soldiers stationed abroad has been very largely made use of during the year, the amount so transmitted showing an increase of nearly 40 per cent. on the figures for 1904.

On the 1st January 1905 the Savings Bank system was extended to the British Post Offices at Constantinople and Smyrna, which were placed on exactly the same footing as Post Offices in the United Kingdom. Extension to  
Constanti-  
nople and  
Smyrna.

There is again a fall in the investments of depositors in Government stock. The following table gives the figures for the last five years:— Government  
stock.

Year.	Investments.		Sales.		Average Price of Consols.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
		£		£	
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	3,181,172	17,742	1,085,578	90½
1904	89,633	3,507,346	18,848	1,131,543	88½
1905	32,301	2,212,285	22,824	1,507,219	89½

Sixty stock certificates, representing an amount of 10,550*l.* were obtained for depositors; and stock to the amount of 174,707*l.* was transferred to accounts opened for depositors at the Bank of England.

At the close of the year there were 139,992 stockholders with 17,877,644*l.* to their credit, an increase of 1,410 stockholders and 519,694*l.* stock.

Annuities  
and life in-  
surances.

Immediate annuities to the number of 1,840, and amounting to 45,488*l.*, were granted during the year, as compared with 1,768, amounting to 41,000*l.*, granted in 1904. 158 deferred annuities, amounting to 3,204*l.*, were also granted.

The number of life insurances taken out was 741, for sums amounting to 37,011*l.*, as against 517 for sums amounting to 28,629*l.*, in 1904.

Expenditure.

The net expenditure of the Bank for the year was 527,856*l.*, representing an average cost per transaction of 5·4*d.* as compared with 5·9*d.* in 1904. This reduction in expenses is primarily due to the abolition of acknowledgments for deposits under 1*l.*, which, coming into operation on the 1st August 1904, only partially affected the figures for that year.

Owing to the reduced rate of interest on Consols, the expenditure during 1905 (including the interest paid to depositors) exceeded the income by 88,094*l.* It is satisfactory to note that the deficit is lower than that of 1903 and 1904.

#### TELEGRAPHS.

Statistics.

See also  
Appendix H.,  
pp. 59-61.

During the year ended 31st March 1906, 89,478,000 telegrams passed over the Post Office wires, as compared with 88,969,000 in 1904-5, an increase of ·57 per cent.

The following table gives the number and value of each kind of telegram, with the corresponding totals for the previous year :—

Class of Telegram.	Number.			Receipts.		
	1904-5.	1905-6.	(+) Increase or (-) Decrease.	1904-5.	1905-6.	(+) Increase or (-) Decrease.
Ordinary - -	72,050,000	72,191,000	+ 141,000	£ 2,227,541	£ 2,196,850	- 30,691
Press - -	6,730,000	6,649,000	- 81,000	146,268	145,005	- 1,263
Foreign - -	8,339,000	8,796,000	+ 457,000	381,185	400,874	+ 19,689
Railway, free - -	1,378,000	1,433,000	+ 75,000	—	—	—
„ reduced rate	27,000	25,000	- 2,000	491	457	- 34
Government, free - -	445,000	364,000	- 81,000	—	—	—
Totals - -	88,969,000	89,478,000	+ 509,000	2,765,485	2,743,186	- 22,299

The estimated value of the railway free telegrams is 59,000*l.* against 55,800*l.* in 1904-5 ; that of the Government free telegrams 18,500*l.*, against 22,800*l.* in 1904-5.

Press tele-  
grams.

The decrease in Press telegrams is striking. As an illustration of the fluctuations to which the Press telegram traffic is subject, it may be of interest to remark that in the month of May, presumably on account of the crisis of the Far Eastern

War, the number exceeded by 87,000 the number sent in the corresponding month of the previous year, whilst in October, after the war had ceased, the decrease, as compared with the previous October, the month of the North Sea incident, was 68,000. In January last, owing to the general election, the excess over the number in January 1905 was no less than 133,500; but February and March showed decreases of 90,000 and 93,000 respectively as compared with the corresponding months of 1905, there being no special circumstances to counterbalance the cessation of the War traffic.

The Press telegraphy at the time of the general election was enormous, the amount dealt with at the Central Telegraph Office on the night of the 15-16th January having only been exceeded on three occasions, and those 20 years ago.

It will be observed that the number of words in Press telegrams transmitted during the year is not stated as usual. It has obviously never been possible to count the number of words in Press telegrams throughout the year; and the number of words cannot be directly deduced from the revenue derived from the telegrams, not only because the same revenue is derived from a message of, say, 3 words and a message of 100 words, but also because a different rate is charged for originals and duplicates, and for telegrams sent during the day and those sent during the night. The method adopted has therefore been to multiply the number of messages by a number which was many years ago assumed to be the average number of words in a press telegram; but recent enquiry has shown that the assumed average is certainly too high now, and probably was always too high, so that the number of words published in previous reports as having been transmitted in a year must have been overstated. It will I hope, as the result of enquiries which are now proceeding, be possible to set up a more accurate system of estimating the number of words transmitted hereafter.

During the year the telegraph has been extended to 240 New tele-  
offices in country districts and in the suburban areas of the graph offices.  
larger towns. Guarantees have been given for 147 of the new  
telegraph offices, 76 by local authorities, and 71 by private  
persons. There are now in the United Kingdom 10,372 tele-  
graph offices at Post Offices, and 2,394 at Railway Stations and  
other public places.

A revision of the charge made for delivering a telegram at Delivery  
an address more than three miles from a telegraph office was charges.  
brought into operation on 1st January. The charge is now  
reckoned at 3d. a mile on the distance beyond the three mile  
limit, instead of on the distance from the office of delivery.

The Intercommunication Switch in the Central Telegraph New and  
Office has been considerably extended. Telegrams can now be improved  
signalled directly between 200 Metropolitan Offices without apparatus.  
retransmission.

The use on a few circuits of high speed automatic type-writing telegraph instruments has been fairly successful, and will, I hope, be extended; there have, however, been difficulties to overcome, and these instruments can scarcely be said to have passed as yet much beyond the experimental stage.

**Underground lines.**

The underground line of telegraph from London to Glasgow, which was begun in 1896-7, has now been completed. At Warrington it effects a junction with another underground line from Liverpool, which passes through Manchester and Bradford to Leeds. Telegraphic communication is now therefore secured from interruption by storm between these towns and London, as well as between the various towns on the route of the underground line.

During the year under review the underground line from London to Chatham, referred to in my predecessor's report, has also been laid; and the underground line from London to the West has been completed to Slough, pipes having been laid as far as Reading. In the present year it is hoped that the line of pipes will be carried as far as Bristol, and cable provided as far as Chippenham. This westward line is designed to be carried into Cornwall, to secure communication with the landing places of important Mediterranean and Atlantic Cables. This seems to be the most urgent case for underground telegraph extension, but I am not unmindful of the strong desire felt in many towns not yet reached by the underground lines for the security which these lines afford. The cost of the construction of underground lines is, however, considerable, and Parliament cannot be asked to sanction more than a reasonable expenditure on this object each year.

**Wayleaves.**

As mentioned by my predecessor in his report for 1904-5, the necessary extension of overhead telegraph lines is a constant source of protest and objection alike from private individuals and public bodies. There seems to be a general desire that the Post Office lines should all be placed underground, and a failure to recognise the impossibility of a reasonably cheap telephone service being given in the outskirts of great towns if this were done. The demand that a heavy line of telephone exchange wires should be placed under ground is not unreasonable; but if it were necessary to put under ground the circuits serving perhaps two or three suburban subscribers, it would be impossible to supply them with a service without a very large increase on the present rates. So also my predecessor pointed out that it is not electrically possible to maintain an efficient trunk telephone service over long distances without keeping the wires overhead; this fact forces me into differences, which I greatly deplore, with private landowners and with those valuable Associations whose care it is to preserve the natural beauty of the country. In the case of Hindhead I am glad to say that, thanks to the

consideration shown by the Directors of the London and South Western Railway Company, I was able to take the poles by another route. Means of overcoming the present difficulties are urgently required; for it is most unsatisfactory that important towns should go for years with inadequate trunk telephone facilities because it has not been possible to overcome some difficulty of wayleave many miles away.

### FOREIGN TELEGRAPHS.

The number of foreign telegrams sent to and from the United Kingdom during the year was 8,796,000, an increase of 457,000 on the number sent during the preceding year, which, again, showed an increase of 407,000 on the figures for 1903-4. There has thus in the two years been an increase of more than 10 per cent., the greater part of which has been in telegrams sent over the Government wires to the Continent.

Statistics.  
See also  
Appendix H.,  
p. 61.

Arrangements have been made to provide additional telegraphic facilities between London and Paris and London and Antwerp by the use of improved apparatus.

Improve-  
ment of  
foreign tele-  
graphic com-  
munication.

No new Government cables from the United Kingdom have been laid during the year; but the Commercial Cable Company have provided an additional cable between Waterville (Ireland) and Canso (Nova Scotia); and the cable of the Great Northern Telegraph Company between the Shetland Islands and Iceland, via the Faroe Islands, to which reference was made in my last report, is about to be laid, and will, it is expected, shortly be opened for business.

Several reductions in the rates charged for telegraphic communication between the United Kingdom and places abroad have been made during the year by the Cable Companies concerned, the most important being a reduction from 1s. 5d. to 1s. per word in the rate to Egypt, a reduction from 2s. 6d. to 2s. in the rate to India, and a reduction in the rate to Japan by the lines of the Eastern Telegraph Company from 5s. 8d. to 4s. 10d.

Reductions  
of rates.

### WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The chief objects of the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1904, were three:—

Wireless  
Telegraphy  
Act, 1904.

1. To place wireless telegraphy under governmental control for strategic purposes.
2. To enable the Government to carry out the decisions of an International Congress.
3. To regulate the erection of stations, so as to prevent the mutual interference of neighbouring installations.

## Licenses.

The Act has worked satisfactorily. Its duration was limited to two years, but an Act extending it until December 1909 has been passed this Session.

I have continued to receive numerous applications for licenses under the Act, which have been dealt with as liberally as was consistent with the objects for which the measure was passed. It is my wish to encourage competition between the different systems, and especially to promote experimental investigations in this promising field. Details of the various applications for licenses have appeared in a Parliamentary Return which has recently been published. This Return shows that the total number of applications received up to date for the grant of licenses for commercial, private, and experimental installations is 130, of which 104 have been already granted. It has only been found necessary to refuse two licenses, while in four other cases licenses were offered for alternative sites. The ground of refusal was the risk of interference between the proposed stations and naval or commercial stations which were already in existence when the Act of 1904 was passed.

## Collection and delivery of Marconi Company's telegrams.

The Post Office has continued during the year to collect and deliver the Marconi Company's telegrams to and from ships at sea under the arrangements described in my predecessor's report. The total number of outward telegrams dealt with during the year was 558, and of inward telegrams 11,094.

## Use of wireless telegraphy for ordinary telegraphic purposes.

With a view to test the capabilities of wireless telegraphy for ordinary telegraphic purposes in cases where its use seems to offer special advantages, I have, after inviting tenders from all the principal Wireless Telegraph Companies, placed contracts with the Marconi and the British De Forest Companies for installations between Tobermory and Loch Boisdale (Hebrides) and between Hunstanton and Skegness respectively. These are now in course of erection.

## Wireless Telegraph Conference.

As your Lordships are aware His Majesty's Government have accepted an invitation from the German Government to take part in an International Conference on Wireless Telegraphy which is to meet at Berlin on the 3rd October next. The principal proposals to be submitted to the Conference are:—

- (1) The free interchange of telegrams between all commercial shore stations and ships at sea without regard to the system of wireless telegraphy employed by the latter;
- (2) The organisation of all stations in such a way as to obviate, as far as possible, interference with other stations; and
- (3) Government control of the charges made by shore stations and by ships respectively.

I have every hope that the British Government will find themselves able to adhere to a Convention based on these proposals, provided that the detailed regulations for carrying it out are such as they can accept.

## TELEPHONES.

The number of trunk wire centres open on the 31st March Trunk lines. last was 487, an increase of 44 in the year. The new trunk circuits provided during the year numbered 151, and the total number in use was 1,755, as compared with 1,604 in the preceding year. The total length of the trunk circuits in use was about 64,000 miles, containing about 128,000 miles of wire. The capital expenditure on the purchase and development of the trunk wire system up to the 31st March last was 2,897,503*l.*, including an expenditure during the year of 360,215*l.*

The total number of conversations over the trunk wires Trunk line during the year was 17,974,000. Compared with the corre- conversa- sponding number for the previous year, 15,461,800, this shows an increase at the rate of 16·2 per cent. The gross revenue derived from the trunk service was 449,004*l.*, as compared with 381,967*l.* in 1904-5, an increase at the rate of 17·6 per cent. The average value of each conversation increased very slightly, from 5·90*d.* to 5·97*d.*

The Anglo-French and Anglo-Belgian telephone services International have been extended to a few more provincial towns during the telephone year. lines.

Telephone Exchanges were opened by the Post Office in the Provinces at the following places:—

Aldeburgh	Hebburn.	Pittenweem.
Auchterarder.	Highclere.	Portrush.
Baldock.	Hitchin.	Portstewart.
Ballymoney.	*Holyhead.	Saxmundham.
Banbury.	*Humshaugh.	Shotts.
Beaumaris.	Inverurie.	Stevenage.
*Bellingham.	Knebworth Station.	Sudbury.
Brasted.	Ladybank.	Tenterden.
*Callander.	Leiston.	Thetford.
*Church Stretton.	*Letchworth.	*Towcester.
Coleraine.	Limavady.	*Wark (Northumber-
Cranbrook.	Malpas.	land).
*Doune.	Market Deeping.	Wealdstone.
Easingwold.	Market Drayton.	Welwyn.
Felling.	Menai Bridge.	Whitchurch (Salop).
Fenny Stratford.	Moreton Morrell.	Wickham Bishops.
Glyngarth.	Newport (Salop).	Woburn Sands.
*Great Smeaton.	Oakham.	Ystalyfera.
Hawkhurst.	Oundle.	Ystradgynlais.

Other exchanges are in course of construction, and steps are being taken to open public call offices in a number of villages where there is not a sufficient demand to warrant the opening of exchanges.

\* In the cases marked with an asterisk the extension was carried out under guarantee.

New switchboards of the latest type have been installed at Cardiff and Newcastle; and several other large provincial Trunk wire exchanges are being reconstructed so as to secure greater efficiency.

The total number of subscribers to the Post Office Provincial Telephone Exchanges on the 31st March was 8,425, as compared with 6,854 on the 31st March 1905; and the number of telephones rented increased during the year from 8,644 to 10,380.

Private wires.

The sum received as rental in respect of private wires was 177,111*l.*, as compared with 172,953*l.* for the previous year.

Municipal telephones.

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 was as follows:—

Name of Municipality.	Date of opening Exchange System.	Number of Telephones.
Brighton - - - -	November 1903 - -	1,864
Glasgow - - - -	June 1901 - - -	12,290
Hull - - - -	October 1904 - -	1,875
Portsmouth - - -	November 1902 - -	2,466
Swansea - - - -	June 1903 - - -	1,392

London telephone service.

The number of telephones in connection with the Post Office London Telephone system increased during the year from 24,351 to 32,879; and the growth of the system is still rapidly proceeding, additional subscribers being connected at an average rate of about 160 a week. New exchanges at Epsom and Ealing were opened early in the year.

The new City Exchange, which is equipped for 15,300 subscribers' lines, and has a maximum capacity of about 18,000 lines, is at present being used as a substitute for the Central Exchange, which is in process of rearrangement on the most modern principles, and is as far as possible being made fireproof. When this work is complete the two exchanges will together possess a maximum capacity of 32,000 lines. Some of the apparatus which is being removed from the Central Exchange will be available as a reserve Switchboard in case of the destruction by fire of a Post Office Exchange.

There were on the 31st March 314 Post Office Call Offices open in the London area. Of these 187 were opened during the year.

Extent and cost of underground system.

The length of the underground pipes which had been laid in the Metropolitan area on the 31st March last was 1,606 miles, 355 miles of which were laid during the year. Cables con-



taining 208,968 miles of wire have been provided, including 49,250 miles rented by the National Telephone Company. The lines of the present subscribers and the junction lines connecting exchanges amount to 90,785 miles: and 68,933 miles of wire remain available for the future development of the system.

In the Metropolitan area 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 35*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*, as compared with 38*l.* 18*s.* 9*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 less than 54*l.*, as against 64*l.* in 1904-5, and 73*l.* in 1903-4. Thus the anticipation expressed in the last report, that the expenditure per station would continue to diminish as spare plant was brought into use, has been fully realised. The proportion of spare plant is still, however, very considerable, and necessarily heavily weights the average expenditure per working telephone.

As a consequence of the recent agreement between the Post Office and the National Telephone Company, the Department is being increasingly called upon to provide underground wires on rental terms for the Company, which will be available for use as part of the Post Office system in 1912.

An account of the receipts and expenditure relating to the London service for the year ended 31st March 1906 is printed in Appendix O. on page 87. It is satisfactory to note that a balance is now shown, after paying all working expenses and after providing for interest and for a sinking fund for the repayment of capital. It must, however, be remembered that the revenue in previous years has been insufficient for these purposes, and that a considerable deficiency remains to be met out of the balances in future years. Revenue and expenditure.

Similar tables are again given in respect of the Post Office Provincial Exchange system and the Trunk system.

The table showing the financial results of the year's working of the whole telephone system shows a balance of 396,605*l.* after payment of the working expenses, while the estimated amount required to provide for depreciation of plant and interest at 3 per cent. on the capital expenditure of 5,890,000*l.* is 353,492*l.*

Further statistics of the Post Office telephone and private wire systems are given in Appendices M and N (pp. 84-86).

The amount of royalty received during the year from the Telephone National Telephone Company was 217,905*l.*, and from other royalty-licensees 9,303*l.*

Use of the telephone for postal and telegraph 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.	
	1904-5.	1905-6.
Telegrams - . . . . .	2,537,550	3,123,700
Express letters - . . . . .	48,900	89,800
Total - . . . . .	2,586,450	3,213,500

The increase is at the rate of 23 per cent. in the case of telegrams, and 83 per cent. in the case of express letters.

Agreement with National Telephone Company.

The agreement made with the National Telephone Company on the 2nd February 1905 for inter-communication and for the purchase of the Company's system by the Post Office in 1911 was considered in August 1905 by the House of Commons and came into force on the 1st September. Under this agreement measures have been and are being carried out with a view to the ultimate unification of the two systems. Inter-communication is now possible between subscribers to the Post Office system and the subscribers of the Company in the same local area practically throughout the country. The Company are being offered facilities for placing their call offices and exchanges on Post Office premises, where possible, so that a removal may not be necessary when their system is taken over; and supervision is being exercised over the purchase by the Company of new sites or buildings for large exchanges. Steps are being taken to avoid, as far as practicable, the duplication of plant; and the development of the Company's system is being met, wherever possible, by the provision by the Post Office of underground lines on rental terms. The provision of these lines, in addition to reducing the quantity of plant to be purchased from the Company in 1912, will in many cases lead to the removal of the Company's overhead lines or prevent the erection of new lines of this class.

#### STORES AND FACTORIES.

Contracts for Post Office stores.

Since I have been in office I have devoted much attention to the system of obtaining Post Office stores by contract, and to the manufacture of apparatus and other articles in the Post Office factories. I found that the standard "fair wages" clause appeared in all contracts for Post Office stores, but there was no arrangement for enquiring systematically whether Contractors observed the conditions of that clause. The assumption was that, if the workers had cause to complain, they would complain; and whenever complaints were received investigations were made. I

have thought it right to add further clauses for the protection of Contractors' work-people, one providing that wages-books, &c., should be open to the inspection of my representative, and another (applicable to contracts for certain particular articles), providing for the direct payment of wages by Contractors to the workers. I have also appointed an Inspector, whose duty it will be to make a systematic inspection of the conditions of employment under the Post Office Contractors in cases in which I may think such a course desirable.

In regulating the Post Office factories I have been faced with the difficulty, common I suppose to all large employers, of providing on any economical principles the regular and constant work which is necessary to prevent the occasional discharge of hands, merely because there is not work for them. I am endeavouring to arrange that there should be a fixed minimum number of hands employed at each factory, and that as far as possible work should be so distributed as to keep them on full time.

#### POST OFFICE BUILDINGS.

In October last the foundation stone of the new General Post Office (King Edward's Building) was laid by His Majesty the King; and the plans for the building have now been settled and have received your Lordships' sanction. Sites have been acquired for considerable extensions of the Western Central District Office, London, of the Paddington District Sorting Office, and of the Belfast Head Post Office. The erection of new buildings for the Northern District of London and for Aberdeen and the enlargement of the Eastern District Office of London have been nearly completed. Plans for an extension of the General Post Office at Edinburgh, for a new Letter Sorting Office at Manchester, for an enlargement of the Head Post Office at Bristol, and for a new Head Post Office at Sheffield have been under consideration. The second Central Telephone Exchange in the General Post Office South, the new Parcel Office for the South Eastern District of London, and the Postal Stores building at Islington have been completed and occupied.

New and  
enlarged  
offices.

Telephone exchanges at Epsom and Ealing have been completed and occupied, the exchanges for the Western District of London and for Richmond have been enlarged, and considerable progress has been made with the provision of other exchanges in London and the provinces.

During the year 207 Crown Post Office buildings have been provided, of which 99 are new offices specially erected for Post Office purposes, and 54 are offices of which the tenancy has been taken over by the Department after the buildings had been altered and enlarged. 42 Crown Post Offices have been enlarged or improved; and 98 are in course of erection or enlargement.

**Expenditure.** The expenditure out of the Post Office Votes for the purchase of sites and buildings during the year amounted to 108,015*l.*, as against 123,728*l.* in 1904-5. The expenditure in London was 56,524*l.*

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 449,181*l.* in Great Britain and 23,544*l.* in Ireland. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 480,183*l.* and 37,652*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	611	141	118	881
Branch Offices -	109	127	30	11	277
Town Sub-Offices -	907	4,395	867	217	5,386
Country Sub-Offices	—	11,724	1,843	2,672	16,239
Totals -	1,027	16,857	2,381	3,018	23,283

The total includes 215 additional offices opened during the year. Of the 23,283 offices, 14,921 are open for Money Order and Savings Bank business, and 10,372 for Telegraph business, which is also transacted at 2,394 railway stations.

The number of letter boxes was increased during the year from 38,913 to 40,302.

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Numbers.  
See also  
Appendix F.,  
pp. 53, 54

The number of persons on the establishment of the Post Office at the close of the year under review was 86,078, of whom 12,055 were women. The number added during the year was 1,965.

In addition, there were 109,354 persons filling unestablished situations (some of them employed only for a portion of the day), of whom 29,026 were women. The number added during the year to the unestablished force was 1,013.

The total number of persons employed wholly or in part in the Post Office on the 31st March 1906 was thus 195,432.

Dismissals.

The number of persons dismissed during the year was 831, while 219 were deprived of good-conduct stripes. The corresponding figures for 1904-5 were 803 and 200. Dishonesty accounts for 26 per cent. of the whole number of dismissals, whilst intemperance is responsible for 24 per cent. of the dismissals of adult persons and 65 per cent. of the losses of good-conduct stripes.

As your Lordships are aware, a Select Committee of the House of Commons was appointed on the 9th March to enquire into the adequacy or otherwise of the remuneration of Post Office servants. Mr. Barker, Mr. Frank Edwards, Mr. Claude Hay, Sir Clement Hill, Mr. Hobhouse, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. John Ward and Mr. Wardle were nominated members of the Committee, and Mr. Hobhouse was subsequently chosen as chairman.

Select Committee on Post Office servants.

The terms of reference were :—

“ To enquire into the wages and position of the principal classes of Post Office servants and also of the unestablished sub-postmasters :

“ To examine, so far as may be necessary for the purpose of their Report, the conditions of employment of these classes :

“ To report whether, having regard to the conditions and prospects of their employment, and, as far as may be, to the standard rate of wages and the position of other classes of workers, the remuneration they receive is adequate or otherwise.”

The Committee is still occupied with taking evidence.

During the year under review 101 grants, amounting to 1,603*l.* in all, were made from the fund placed at my disposal by Parliament for awarding gratuities to retiring officers of the Post Office who are not eligible for the benefits of the Superannuation Acts.

Retiring gratuities to unestablished officers.

The extension of the Post Office Medical System, referred to in my predecessor's two reports, is now almost complete. The number of medical officers has been increased from 1,832 on the 31st of December 1904 to 2,971 on the 31st of March last ; and the number of Post Office servants enjoying free medical attendance is now 117,858. The number of Post Office servants eligible for free medical attendance who are still without it is now only about 1,200 ; and I hope to extend the privilege to as many of these as possible when the circumstances admit.

Post Office medical system.

In London and some of the chief provincial towns the districts of the medical officers have been found to be unduly large, with the result that the medical officer's residence and surgery are difficult of access to some of the staff ; and in such cases steps are taken when opportunity arises to subdivide these districts and allot the sections to different medical officers.

Post Office servants in the provinces generally live within a short distance of the office of employment, and enjoy free medical attendance at home when too unwell to visit the medical officer ; but about 16,000 persons in London and about 1,000 in the large provincial towns live outside the medical officer's visiting area, and do not therefore enjoy this privilege. With a view of bringing medical attendance at home within reach of those who are at present excluded from it, the

experiment has been tried at several Provincial offices of placing officers under the care of the medical officer of the district in which they live, instead of the medical officer responsible for the office where they are employed. This arrangement has so far worked satisfactorily, and has occasioned no expense or inconvenience to the Post Office; and I am considering whether it cannot be advantageously extended.

#### HEALTH OF THE STAFF.

The health of the staff during 1905 has been satisfactory. Influenza was again epidemic during the year, and was the cause of nine deaths and six cases of retirement. Fifty-seven deaths and 117 retirements were due to diseases of tubercular origin.

The figures in the following table and in the second and succeeding tables of Appendix F. relate to the whole of the staff at the towns where departmental medical officers are employed, namely, 110,222 men (70,531 established and 39,691 unestablished) and 14,974 women (11,603 established and 3,371 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 - -	54	60	11·8	11·9	6·5	9·1
Metropolitan Districts	61	78	12·9	13·2	7·9	10·4
Country - - -	43	58	16·3	17·0	7·1	9·9
Scotland - - -	35	48	15·5	18·2	5·5	8·9
Ireland - - -	57	77	17·8	22·2	10·2	15·7

—	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 - -	50	65	9·7	11·2	5·1	7·3
Metropolitan Districts	52	50	9·5	10·8	5·0	5·5
Country - - -	32	31	12·7	15·8	4·1	4·9
Scotland - - -	33	20	10·3	10·0	3·5	4·1
Ireland - - -	36	31	11·9	24·8	4·2	7·7

The following tables give particulars as to the deaths and retirements among the whole of the established staff in 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.
223	12	3·0	1·0	39	33	17	12

*Retirements.*

	Number of Persons.		Average Age on Retirement (in years).		Average Length of Service (in years).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Invalided - -	579	134	40	33	19	13
Superannuated at age of 60 and upwards.	222	5	61	60	39	22

The number of women who retired on marriage in 1905 was 243, 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 3,231 men and 780 women, of whom 247 men (7·6 per cent.) and 152 women (19·5 per cent.) were rejected.

POST OFFICE GUIDE.

On the 1st July 1905 a revised edition of the Post Office Guide was issued. The Guide has been largely re-written, and by extensive re-arrangement and simplification has been greatly improved as a work of reference. This improvement appears to have met with the appreciation of the public.

At the end of 1905 an arrangement was introduced experimentally, under which, on prepayment of an annual subscription, the Guide is delivered free each quarter at any address in the Eastern Central District of London. Some 1,300 firms have availed themselves of this arrangement, and I hope shortly to be able to extend it to the remainder of the London District.

## FINANCE.

See also  
Appendices  
Q., R., S., and  
T., pp. 92-97.

The postal revenue of the year, including the value of services rendered to other Departments, was 17,064,023*l.*, an increase of 789,045*l.* on that of the previous year. The postal expenditure was 11,795,109*l.*, an increase of 348,830*l.* on that of the previous year. The net profit was thus 5,268,914*l.*, or 440,215*l.* more than last year.

The telegraph and telephone revenue of the year, including the value of services rendered to other Departments, was 4,151,380*l.*, an increase of 231,357*l.*, and the telegraph and telephone expenditure 4,906,087*l.*, an increase of 66,628*l.* upon the previous year. The net deficit on telegraphs was thus 754,707*l.*, or 164,729*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 1,033,190*l.*

The net revenue from the postal and telegraph services combined was 4,514,207*l.* If the interest on the capital expended on the purchase of the telegraphs be taken into account the net profit was 4,235,724*l.* or 604,944*l.* more than last year.

These figures are, necessarily, partly estimated.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient Servant,

SYDNEY BUXTON.

27th July 1906.

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## APPENDICES.

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## APPENDIX A.

STATEMENT showing the ESTIMATED NUMBER of LETTERS, POST-CARDS, HALFPENNY PACKETS, NEWSPAPERS, PARCELS, and TELEGRAMS dealt with, and the Average Number per Head of the Population for the year ended the 31st March 1906.

—	Population.	Letters.		Post-cards.		Halfpenny Packets.		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 -	34,251,083	2,313,300,000	67·5	676,500,000	19·8	754,000,000	22·0	143,100,000	4·2	84,444,000	2·5	75,180,000	2·2
Scotland - - -	4,676,603	238,100,000	50·9	91,000,000	19·6	96,400,000	20·6	22,700,000	4·9	10,725,000	2·3	2,128,000	2·0
Ireland - - -	4,394,352	155,800,000	35·5	32,800,000	7·5	41,300,000	9·4	19,600,000	4·5	6,513,000	1·5	5,170,000	1·2
Totals - - -	43,321,028	2,707,200,000	62·5	800,300,000	18·5	891,600,000	20·6	185,400,000	4·3	101,682,000	2·3	82,478,000	2·1

*Note.*—Of the total yearly number of Letters, Post-cards, Halfpenny Packets, Newspapers, Parcels, and Telegrams, the percentage of each is as follows:—

Letters - - -	56·7	Halfpenny Packets - - -	18·7	Parcels - - -	2·1
Post-cards - -	18·7	Newspapers - - -	3·0	Telegrams - - -	1·0

# 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.						Average number to each person.									
	Country Offices.	Increase per cent.	London District.	Increase per cent.	Total.	Increase per cent.		Scotland.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each person.	Ireland.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each person.	United Kingdom.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each person.
1806-97	1,049,300,000	2·7	557,200,000	3·7	1,606,500,000	3·1	52	168,500,000	3·4	40	118,000,000	4·9	26	1,893,000,000	3·2	48
1807-98	1,120,300,000	6·8	590,900,000	6·0	1,711,200,000	6·5	55	177,400,000	5·3	42	123,700,000	4·8	27	2,012,300,000	6·3	50
1808-99	1,242,000,000	10·8	617,700,000	4·5	1,859,700,000	8·7	59	190,600,000	7·4	45	136,500,000	10·3	30	2,186,800,000	8·6	54
1809-1000	1,276,300,000	2·7	632,800,000	2·4	1,908,000,000	2·6	60	198,800,000	5·3	46	141,100,000	3·4	31	2,246,500,000	2·7	55
1900-01	1,312,700,000	2·9	684,300,000	5·0	1,977,000,000	3·6	61	202,400,000	2·8	47	144,200,000	2·2	32	2,323,600,000	3·4	57
1901-02	1,392,700,000	6·1	692,100,000	4·2	2,084,800,000	5·5	64	218,100,000	7·8	49	148,600,000	3·1	33	2,451,500,000	5·5	59
1902-03	1,465,800,000	5·2	742,000,000	7·2	2,207,800,000	5·9	67	221,900,000	1·7	49	149,800,000	·8	34	2,570,300,000	5·2	61
1803-04	1,487,700,000	1·5	730,600,000	dec. 1·5	2,218,300,000	·5	66	226,200,000	1·9	40	153,100,000	2·2	35	2,597,000,000	·7	61
1904-05	1,511,800,000	1·6	727,200,000	·5	2,239,000,000	·0	66	229,700,000	1·5	50	155,900,000	1·8	35	2,624,600,000	1·0	62
1805-06	1,559,900,000	3·2	763,400,000	inc. 3·6	2,313,300,000	3·3	68	238,100,000	3·7	51	155,800,000	dec. ·1	36	2,707,200,000	3·1	62

# 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.						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.										
1896-97	192,000,000	6·2	94,300,000	8·4	286,900,000	6·8	9·3	34,400,000	6·8	8·2	15,200,000	8·6	5·3	336,500,000	7·0	8·5
1897-98	206,600,000	7·3	102,300,000	8·6	308,900,000	7·7	9·9	36,400,000	5·8	8·6	15,100,000	dec. ·7	3·3	360,400,000	7·1	9·0
1898-99	223,100,000	8·0	104,100,000	1·8	327,200,000	5·9	10·4	38,800,000	6·6	·1	16,200,000	inc. 7·3	3·6	382,200,000	6·0	9·5
1899-1900	233,700,000	4·8	108,900,000	4·6	342,600,000	4·7	10·8	40,800,000	5·2	9·5	16,900,000	4·3	3·7	400,300,000	4·7	9·8
1900-01	244,600,000	4·7	114,800,000	5·4	359,400,000	4·9	11·2	41,000,000	2·0	9·6	18,000,000	6·5	4·0	419,000,000	4·7	10·2
1901-02	260,900,000	6·7	118,400,000	4·0	380,300,000	5·8	11·6	45,700,000	9·9	10·2	18,900,000	5·0	4·3	444,900,000	6·2	10·7
1902-03	286,200,000	9·7	129,700,000	8·6	415,900,000	9·4	12·6	53,500,000	17·1	11·8	19,500,000	3·2	4·4	493,900,000	9·9	11·6
1903-04	369,200,000	20·9	147,900,000	14·0	517,100,000	24·3	15·4	72,200,000	34·9	15·8	24,400,000	25·1	5·5	613,700,000	25·5	14·5
1904-05	450,500,000	22·0	166,600,000	12·6	617,100,000	19·3	18·2	86,700,000	20·1	18·7	30,700,000	25·8	7·0	734,500,000	19·7	17·1
1905-06	493,500,000	9·5	183,000,000	9·8	670,500,000	9·6	19·8	91,000,000	5·0	19·5	32,800,000	6·8	7·5	800,300,000	9·0	18·5

## Halfpenny Packets Delivered.

STATEMENT showing the ESTIMATED NUMBER OF HALFPENNY PACKETS\* delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last TEN YEARS. (The totals for the first year 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.										
1896-97	439,700,000	5·1	143,600,000	dec. 3·1	583,300,000	2·9	18·9	75,400,000	6·6	18·0	39,200,000	12·0	8·6	697,900,000	3·8	17·6
1897-98	463,700,000	5·5	149,200,000	inc. 3·9	612,900,000	5·1	19·7	76,900,000	2·0	18·2	37,500,000	dec. 4·3	8·2	727,300,000	4·2	18·2
1898-99	442,800,000	dec. 3·0	141,300,000	dec. 5·3	589,900,000	3·6	18·8	75,100,000	dec. 2·3	17·7	36,500,000	5·3	7·8	701,600,000	dec. 3·6	17·4
1899-1900	451,800,000	inc. ·4	143,700,000	inc. 1·7	598,300,000	inc. ·7	18·7	75,000,000	·1	17·5	32,500,000	8·5	7·2	702,800,000	inc. ·2	17·3
1900-01	466,800,000	3·3	152,700,000	6·3	619,300,000	4·0	19·2	77,800,000	inc. 3·7	18·0	35,300,000	inc. 8·8	7·8	732,400,000	4·2	17·9
1901-02	499,800,000	7·1	163,300,000	·4	653,100,000	5·5	20·0	76,000,000	dec. 2·3	16·9	37,100,000	5·1	8·4	766,200,000	4·6	18·4
1902-03	526,900,000	5·4	157,900,000	3·0	684,800,000	4·8	20·7	86,900,000	inc. 14·3	19·3	38,100,000	2·7	8·6	809,800,000	5·7	19·3
1903-04	533,800,000	1·3	159,600,000	1·0	698,300,000	1·2	20·7	86,500,000	dec. ·5	18·9	40,600,000	6·6	9·2	820,400,000	1·3	19·3
1904-05	547,500,000	2·6	163,200,000	2·3	710,700,000	2·6	21·0	91,000,000	inc. 5·2	19·7	42,000,000	3·4	9·5	843,700,000	2·8	19·7
1905-06	585,000,000	6·8	169,000,000	3·6	754,000,000	6·1	22·0	96,400,000	5·9	20·6	41,200,000	dec. 1·9	9·4	891,600,000	5·7	20·6

\* Including also foreign Printed Papers, &c., over 2 oz., in weight, prepaid at the halfpenny rate.

# 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.						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.										
1896-97	83,800,000	dec. 1	33,200,000	3·4	116,500,000	·9	3·8	17,300,000	—	4·1	16,800,000	3·7	3·7	150,600,000	1·1	3·8
1897-98	85,000,000	inc. 2·0	31,800,000	dec. 4·2	116,800,000	·3	3·8	17,200,000	dec. ·6	4·1	16,900,000	·6	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	17,900,000	inc. 4·1	4·2	19,200,000	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	19,300,000	7·8	4·5	19,100,000	4·8	4·2	163,400,000	6·0	4·0
1900-01	95,400,000	1·3	32,400,000	5·2	127,800,000	2·2	4·0	19,800,000	—	4·5	20,700,000	3·4	4·0	167,800,000	2·7	4·1
1901-02	96,900,000	1·6	33,800,000	4·3	130,700,000	2·3	4·0	20,100,000	4·1	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	3·8	4·1	20,900,000	4·0	4·6	19,500,000	inc. 2·8	4·4	175,400,000	3·3	4·2
1903-04	99,800,000	dec. ·1	33,700,000	dec. 3·7	133,800,000	dec. 1·0	4·0	21,100,000	·9	4·8	20,100,000	3·1	4·6	174,800,000	dec. ·3	4·1
1904-05	103,500,000	inc. 3·6	33,700,000	—	137,200,000	inc. 2·7	4·1	21,800,000	3·3	4·7	20,400,000	1·5	4·6	179,400,000	inc. 2·6	4·2
1905-06	106,060,000	2·4	37,100,000	inc. 10·1	143,100,000	4·3	4·2	22,700,000	4·1	4·9	19,600,000	dec. 3·9	4·5	185,400,000	3·3	4·3

# APPENDIX A.—continued.

## Parcel Post.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of PARCELS 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.	Pro-portion wholly Road-borne.	Gross Amount.	55 per cent. on Railway-borne Parcels paid to Railway Companies.	Post Office Share.	
	Number.	In-crease per cent.	Number.	In-crease per cent.	Number.	In-crease per cent.											
1896-97	41,512,000	5·6	11,220,000	5·8	52,741,000	5·5	6,802,000	4·5	4,172,000	3·3	63,715,000	5·2	Per cent. 13·87	£ 1,445,120	£ 681,910	£ 763,307	
1897-98	44,277,000	6·7	11,890,000	5·0	56,167,000	6·5	7,232,000	6·3	4,124,000	6·0	67,823,000	6·4	13·83	1,425,293	673,406	751,887	5·04
1898-99	46,887,000	5·9	12,615,000	6·1	59,512,000	5·9	7,760,000	7·3	4,641,000	4·0	71,913,000	6·0	14·00	1,493,099	705,732	792,367	4·09
1899-1900	49,046,000	4·6	13,444,000	0·6	62,490,000	5·0	8,088,000	4·4	4,800,000	4·7	75,448,000	4·9	14·36	1,580,508	742,215	838,293	5·03
1900-01	52,523,000	7·1	14,671,000	9·1	67,194,000	7·5	8,608,000	6·3	5,215,000	7·3	81,617,000	7·4	14·08	1,699,994	801,236	898,758	5·04
1901-02	56,081,000	6·8	15,742,000	7·3	71,823,000	6·9	9,227,000	7·2	5,552,000	6·5	86,602,000	6·9	13·96	1,821,076	859,603	962,373	5·05
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	14·11	1,902,048	885,309	1,006,679	5·05
1903-04	61,356,000	4·8	16,863,000	3·2	78,219,000	4·4	10,105,000	4·9	6,102,000	5·7	94,420,000	4·6	14·18	1,994,434	938,172	1,056,262	5·07
1904-05	63,164,000	3·0	17,391,000	3·1	80,575,000	3·0	10,381,000	2·7	6,275,000	2·8	97,231,000	3·0	14·46	2,050,150	961,420	1,088,730	5·06
1905-06	66,277,000	4·9	18,167,000	4·5	84,444,000	4·8	10,725,000	3·3	6,513,000	3·8	101,682,000	4·6	15·00	2,138,673	996,448	1,142,224	5·05

\* Including parcels despatched to places abroad.

# 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.						
1896-97	6,919,295	3·2	4,490,428	1·2	11,418,723	2·4	1,200,831	1·9	813,181	1·8	13,438,735	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	7·6	979,887	5·4	15,240,660	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	2·8	16,258,852	6·7
1900-01	9,049,411	8·2	5,921,288	6·6	14,963,699	7·5	1,781,775	23·9	984,325	9·0	17,729,669	9·1
1901-02	9,553,008	5·6	6,130,883	4·6	15,743,989	5·2	2,027,342	13·8	1,023,082	4·5	18,800,313	6·0
1902-03	9,826,038	2·9	6,447,780	4·1	16,273,818	3·4	1,696,098	dec. 16·3	1,046,240	1·7	19,016,156	1·1
1903-04	9,745,095	dec. '8	6,502,334	'8	16,247,429	dec. '2	1,718,235	inc. 1·4	1,083,450	1·6	19,029,114	'1
1904-05	9,292,569	4·6	6,472,687	dec. '6	16,765,206	3·0	1,680,590	dec. 2·2	1,058,888	dec. '4	18,504,690	dec. 2·8
1905-06	9,205,963	1·0	6,702,901	inc. 3·8	15,908,864	inc. '0	1,678,602	'1	1,048,867	'9	18,634,333	inc. '7



# 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.						
1896-97 - - -	437,451	9·6	258,380	41·7	695,831	19·6	50,128	13·2	39,053	7·4	784,090	18·3
1897-98 - - -	417,086	dec. 4·7	215,978	dec. 16·4	633,064	dec. 9·0	48,347	dec. 3·5	38,060	dec. 2·5	719,471	dec. 8·3
1898-99 - - -	459,555	inc. 10·2	212,958	inc. 1·4	672,513	inc. 6·2	49,524	inc. 2·4	39,764	inc. 4·5	761,801	inc. 5·9
1899-1900 - - -	523,077	13·8	218,051	inc. 2·4	741,128	10·2	53,547	8·1	43,438	9·2	838,113	10·0
1900-01 - - -	574,723	9	238,475	9·4	813,203	9·7	77,013	45·3	48,909	12·6	940,025	12·2
1901-02 - - -	644,634	12·2	265,302	11·2	909,936	11·9	112,472	44·4	57,133	16·8	1,079,541	14·8
1902-03 - - -	643,742	dec. 1	284,414	7·2	928,156	dec. 2·0	73,972	dec. 34·2	63,244	10·7	1,085,372	dec. 1·3
1903-04 - - -	610,922	6·1	296,308	4·2	907,230	dec. 2·3	71,779	3·0	64,918	2·6	1,043,927	2·0
1904-05 - - -	616,241	inc. 9	291,215	dec. 1·7	907,456	inc. 02	70,422	1·9	63,643	dec. 2·0	1,041,521	2
1905-06 - - -	613,289	dec. 5	300,481	inc. 3·2	913,770	7	69,586	1·3	61,319	inc. 1·1	1,047,875	inc. 8

# APPENDIX A—continued.

## Registered Letters and Parcels.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBERS REGISTERED by the PUBLIC in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last TEN YEARS  
(a) at the ordinary fee of 2d., (b) at higher fees.

Year.	Letters.			Parcels.		
	Registered at		Total.	Registered at		Total.
	2d.	Fees above 2d.		2d.	Fees above 2d.	
1896-97 - -	13,333,737	104,993	13,438,735	754,633	30,357	784,990
1897-98 - .	14,105,415	108,064	14,213,479	689,109	30,362	719,471
1898-99 - -	15,118,316	122,353	15,240,669	731,489	30,312	761,801
1899-1900 - -	16,127,030	129,822	16,256,852	705,708	32,405	838,113
1900-01 - -	17,591,110	138,759	17,729,869	904,862	35,163	940,025
1901-02 - -	18,659,927	140,386	18,800,313	1,042,739	36,802	1,079,541
1902-03 - -	18,882,275	133,881	19,016,156	1,026,534	38,838	1,065,372
1903-04 - -	18,905,338	123,776	19,029,114	1,003,822	40,105	1,043,927
1904-05 - -	18,386,920	117,770	18,504,690	1,003,960	37,561	1,041,521
1905-06 - -	18,517,667	116,666	18,634,333	1,008,287	39,388	1,047,675

# 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.						
1896-97 . . . . .	113,153	20·4	294,467	20·3	407,620	20·7	23,174	14·2	7,332	24·2	438,126	20·4
1897-98 . . . . .	150,002	32·6	302,580	23·1	512,642	25·8	29,815	28·7	8,992	21·7	551,379	25·8
1898-99 . . . . .	131,918	21·2	416,119	14·8	598,037	16·7	34,418	15·4	8,772	dec. 1·7	641,227	16·3
1899-1900 . . . . .	199,839	9·9	474,351	14·0	674,190	12·7	37,344	8·5	8,847	inc. ·9	720,381	12·3
1900-01 . . . . .	223,908	12·0	530,661	11·9	754,569	11·9	40,909	9·5	8,969	1·4	804,447	11·7
1901-02 . . . . .	258,918	15·6	627,826	18·3	886,744	17·5	43,237	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	50,328	11·3	12,179	22·7	1,107,106	17·5
1903-04 . . . . .	364,782	21·9	855,612	14·7	1,219,794	16·8	67,173	13·6	13,867	13·9	1,290,833	16·6
1904-05 . . . . .	409,300	12·2	910,744	7·2	1,326,164	8·7	61,825	8·1	15,124	9·1	1,403,053	8·7
1905-06 . . . . .	480,251	17·3	1,010,815	10·3	1,491,066	12·4	71,381	16·5	16,299	7·8	1,578,746	12·5

## APPENDIX B.

ESTIMATE of the WEIGHT of LETTERS and POST-CARDS, and  
FOREIGN COUNTRIES and BRITISH

COUNTRY OR COLONY.	Despatched from the United Kingdom.		Destined for the United Kingdom.	
	Letters and Post-cards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, News- papers.	Letters and Post-cards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, News- papers.
<b>EUROPE.</b>				
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
Austria-Hungary - - - -	62,000	392,000	41,000	118,000
Belgium and Luxemburg - - -	88,000	353,000	87,000	201,000
Denmark, Norway, and Sweden - -	78,000	314,000	65,000	132,000
France (including Algeria and Tunis) -	329,000	1,426,000	354,000	1,152,000
Germany - - - -	310,000	1,636,000	378,000	1,090,000
Gibraltar (including Tangier), Malta, and Cyprus	46,000	413,000	64,000	44,000
Holland - - - -	140,000	302,000	90,000	450,000
Italy - - - -	73,000	613,000	66,000	172,000
Russia - - - -	40,000	325,000	35,000	92,000
Spain, Portugal, and Azores - -	50,000	536,000	47,000	85,000
Switzerland - - - -	68,000	490,000	55,000	147,000
Turkey, Greece, Roumania, and Balkan States	25,500	305,000	23,000	65,000
Totals - - - -	1,306,500	7,130,000	1,305,000	3,748,000
<b>ASIA.</b>				
Asiatic Turkey and Persia - -	8,500	100,000	5,000	35,000
India (including Aden) - - -	230,000	2,828,000	164,000	432,000
Ceylon, Straits Settlements, and East Indies	56,000	755,000	40,000	90,000
China, Japan, &c. - - -	54,000	762,000	55,000	84,000
Totals - - - -	348,500	4,445,000	264,000	641,000

## APPENDIX B.

of OTHER ARTICLES, exchanged by the UNITED KINGDOM with COLONIES, during the Year 1905.

COUNTRY OR COLONY.	Despatched from the United Kingdom.		Destined for the United Kingdom.	
	Letters and Post-cards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, News- papers.	Letters and Post-cards.	Circulars, Book Packets, Patterns, News- papers.
<b>AFRICA.</b>	<b>Lb.</b>	<b>Lb.</b>	<b>Lb.</b>	<b>Lb.</b>
South African Colonies - - -	323,000	2,871,000	237,000	530,000
East Coast of Africa, Mauritius, &c. - -	18,000	186,000	10,000	15,000
West Coast of Africa, Madeira, &c. - -	31,000	382,000	32,000	20,000
Egypt - - - - -	40,000	398,000	28,000	64,000
<b>Totals - - -</b>	<b>410,000</b>	<b>3,637,000</b>	<b>307,000</b>	<b>629,000</b>
<b>AMERICA.</b>				
United States - - - - -	397,000	2,850,000	431,000	2,488,000
Canada and Newfoundland - - -	248,000	1,891,000	187,000	816,000
West Indies (British and Foreign), &c. -	49,000	449,000	31,000	47,000
Mexico and Central American States -	11,000	177,000	11,000	13,000
Brazil, Argentine Republic, Uruguay, and Paraguay - - - - -	30,000	621,000	35,000	78,000
Chili, Peru, and Bolivia - - - - -	15,000	195,000	17,000	34,000
Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela - -	7,000	83,000	3,000	4,000
<b>Totals - - -</b>	<b>768,000</b>	<b>6,266,000</b>	<b>715,000</b>	<b>3,280,000</b>
<b>AUSTRALASIA.</b>				
Commonwealth of Australia - - -	122,000	1,600,000	80,000	534,000
New Zealand, Fiji, &c. - - - - -	56,000	763,000	40,000	333,000
<b>Totals - - -</b>	<b>178,000</b>	<b>2,353,000</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>867,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS - - -</b>	<b>3,009,000</b>	<b>23,831,000</b>	<b>2,711,000</b>	<b>9,165,000</b>

# 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.
1896-7	46,118	22,552	195,713	162,907	224,569	282,991	42,231	32,481	53,569	38,511	42,728	16,036
1897-8	50,239	24,182	206,199	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	266,982	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	43,887	80,028	74,523	56,362	22,407
1902-3	56,655	33,272	237,215	234,358	330,587	467,819	53,018	46,150	68,855	74,716	58,278	22,793
1903-4	59,769	36,692	251,872	242,351	337,889	470,026	57,668	50,348	103,367	75,347	65,098	25,404
1904-5	60,608	37,101	261,307	247,044	332,608	459,471	62,669	51,618	121,823	74,064	70,052	20,064
1905-6	63,745	38,351	275,074	254,490	356,423	474,669	68,958	56,365	133,361	76,384	74,627	6,444

# APPENDIX B.—*continued.*

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

YEAR.	FOREIGN COUNTRIES— <i>continued.</i>											
	EGYPT.		JAPAN.		UNITED STATES.		OTHER COUNTRIES.		TOTAL.			
	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched.	Increase Per Cent.	Received.	Increase Per Cent.
1896-7	14,309	9,054	1,491	757	—	—	81,631	14,983	702,359	8·78	580,272	12·07
1897-8	17,429	10,304	3,629	2,950	—	—	88,207	16,634	766,002	9·06	650,784	12·15
1898-9	20,890	11,926	4,771	3,930	—	—	87,453	19,120	799,326	4·35	727,189	11·74
1899-1900	22,064	12,551	5,369	4,191	—	—	100,695	19,993	820,288	2·62	772,372	6·21
1900-1	24,700	15,305	6,234	4,069	—	—	110,563	22,687	873,388	6·47	804,351	4·14
1901-2	26,955	17,471	6,208	4,767	—	—	112,683	23,666	919,805	5·31	897,673	11·60
1902-3	28,982	18,223	8,021	7,001	22,116	Inward official service arranged from 1st April 1905.	128,789	26,160	1,012,516	10·08	930,490	3·66
1903-4	33,845	18,635	8,015	7,467	37,782		150,056	30,685	1,105,361	9·17	956,955	2·84
1904-5	37,302	19,298	9,920	7,410	39,603		169,589	30,747	1,165,481	5·44	946,807	Decrease. 1·06
1905-6	43,710	21,778	15,040	7,965	58,151		180,421	32,649	1,269,510	8·92	1,038,197	Increase. 9·65

# 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.
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	36,937	24,528	105,149	71,268	128,377	30,637	10,033	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	53,934	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	*69,699	38,400	5,753
1903-4	113,469	34,267	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	143,444	63,462	69,743	41,148	192,368	107,253	405,279	66,688	55,539	7,154
1905-6	127,041	36,488	172,609	76,492	73,179	41,430	215,744	117,616	392,725	64,569	59,545	7,824

\* 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—continued.								GRAND TOTAL. (FOREIGN AND COLONIAL.)			
	WEST INDIES.		OTHER COLONIES AND POSTAL AGENCIES.		TOTAL.							
	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched.	Increase per Cent.	Received.	Increase per Cent.	Despatched.	Increase per Cent.	Received.	Increase per Cent.
1896-7	30,728	7,988	47,871	20,277	408,891	11·25	187,346	6·07	1,111,250	9·68	767,618	10·54
1897-8	29,747	7,761	55,127	23,246	460,962	12·73	197,609	5·48	1,226,964	10·41	848,393	10·52
1898-9	29,903	8,270	59,011	24,440	505,352	9·63	211,998	7·28	1,304,678	6·33	939,187	10·70
1899-1900	33,988	9,233	66,547	23,107	688,507	36·24	229,448	8·23	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	314,437	37·04	2,005,506	32·92	1,118,788	11·68
1901-2	40,896	10,235	90,525	33,444	1,283,040	13·33	313,718	0·23 Dec.	2,202,845	9·84 Dec.	1,211,391	8·28
1902-3	44,336	11,342	94,890	35,250	1,097,239	14·48 Dec.	314,360	0·20 Inc.	2,109,755	4·23 Dec.	1,244,850	2·76
1903-4	51,542	11,819	102,748	34,220	1,108,458	1·02 Inc.	338,529	7·69	2,213,819	4·93 Inc.	1,295,484	4·07
1904-5	51,730	11,531	110,554	36,383	1,149,723	3·72	368,981	9·00	2,315,204	4·58	1,315,788	1·57
1905-6	48,433	10,574	115,217	37,725	1,204,493	4·76	392,838	6·47	2,474,003	6·96	1,431,035	8·76

## APPENDIX C.

## Home Packet Service.

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES.</b>					
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. 22 mins. day service. Time on inward journeys (including transfer), 3 hrs. 32 mins. night service and 3 hrs. 17 mins. day service.
HOLYHEAD and NORTH WALL.	Week Days.	London and North Western Railway Company.	—	700 <i>l</i> .	This service is in connection with the Supplementary Irish Night Mails conveyed by the 10.15 p.m. train from Euston.
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.
WYMOUTH 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.
<b>SCOTLAND.</b>					
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 Isles Service.	—
LERWICK, WHALSAT, 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 ARBAN.	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	Lochgoil 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, Ltd.	On 6 months' notice.	2,310 <i>l.</i>	This payment includes 320 <i>l.</i> for the general use of all the Company's steamers running to and from the Clyde.
GREENOCK and ARDNISHAIG.					
GREENOCK, ISLAY, and JURA.	Week days	David MacBrayne, Ltd.	On 6 months' notice.	900 <i>l.</i>	—
TARBERT, ISLAY, and JURA.					
INVERGORDON and CROMARTY.	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, Ltd.	On 6 months' notice.	210 <i>l.</i> and 25 <i>l.</i> for Parcel Service.	—
KIRKWALL and HALFOUR.	Five days a week.	John Reid	On 3 months' notice.	59 <i>l.</i>	Speed of not less than 8 nautical miles an hour.
KIRKWALL 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 Bowdly, payable to Alexander McLennan.	On 6 months' notice.	52 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i>	By sailing vessel.
KYLE and PORTREE.	Six days a week.	David MacBrayne, Ltd.	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>					
KYLE and STORNOWAY	Once a day, six days a week each way.	David MacBrayne, Ltd.	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 3½ 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 Croggan, Tobermory, Kilchoan, Coll, Tiree, Iona (on outward voyage) and Bunnellan.	Out. — On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In. — 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.	"	On 6 months' notice.	3,000 <i>l.</i>	Speed of not less than 11 nautical miles an hour.
DUNVEGAN and OBAN, calling at Loch Pooltie, and Loch Bracadale and Tobermory; And also at Canna and Rum.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.				
	Tuesdays and Thursdays.				
OBAN and LOCHMADDY, calling at Tobermory, Loch Bracadale, Loch Pooltie, and Dunvegan; And also at Rum and Canna.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	"	On 6 months' notice.	3,000 <i>l.</i>	" "
	Tuesdays and Saturdays.				
LOCHMADDY and OBAN, calling at Lochboisdale and Castlebay.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	"	On 6 months' notice.	1,550 <i>l.</i>	Speed of not less than 10 nautical miles an hour.
PORTREE, HARRIS, LOCHMADDY, and DUNVEGAN.	Out. — Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. In. — Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.				
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 (THURSC) and SIBONSE.	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 (VICKIE) and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight.	Isbister and Co.	—	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>					
SHERTLAND (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 below.</i> )					
STROMNESS and SOUTH ISLES.	3 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 ARBAN 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 1,700*l.* a year.

2. There is also a number of small miscellaneous fixed payments for conveyance of Home Mails and for ferrage (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 1905-1906 (See footnote.)	Amount received.		Cost borne in respect of Mails despatched from the United Kingdom.	
	Com- mencement.	Termination.	Penalties for Overtime.		By Contributions.	By Sea Postage for Mails despatched by Colonies and Foreign Countries.		
EUROPE:				£		£	£	
Dover and Calais - - - -	21 June 1893 -	On 12 months' notice -	{ 5 <i>l.</i> for 20 minutes and 5 <i>l.</i> for every additional 15 minutes.	25,000	- - - - -	- - - - -	25,000*	
Harwich to the Hook of Holland -	1 Jan. 1904 -	On 6 months' notice -		850	- - - - -	- - - - -	850	
†Newhaven to Dieppe - - - -	1 July 1897 -	Do. - - - -	- - - - -	60†	- - - - -	- - - - -	60	
†Channel Islands and St. Malo and Granville - - - -	15 Feb. 1888 -	Do. - - - -	- - - - -	38†	- - - - -	24	14	
†Grimsby and Hamburg - - - -	10 Apr. 1893 -	Do. - - - -	- - - - -	1,390†	- - - - -	740	650	
†London and Hamburg - - - -	1 Jan. 1896 -	Do. - - - -	- - - - -	598†	- - - - -	198	700	
†Liverpool, Malta, and the Levant -	1 Jan. 1896 -	Do. - - - -	- - - - -	103†	- - - - -	95	8	
†United Kingdom and Lisbon - -	1 Jan. 1888 -	Do. - - - -	- - - - -	175†	- - - - -	15	160	
AMERICA:								
United Kingdom to United States:—								
Cunard Service - - - -	7 Aug. 1902 -	20 years certain - - - -	- - - - -	68,000	{	13,518	131,490	
White Star Service - - - -	1 Aug. 1899 -	On 12 months' notice - - - -	- - - - -	78,075§				
American Service - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	3,935§				
New York and Bermuda - - - -	1 Jan. 1889 -	On 6 months' notice - - - -	- - - - -	1,130†	- - - - -	59	1,071	
Newfoundland - - - -	Colonial Contract - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	2,000	- - - - -	- - - - -	2,000	
†Liverpool, Belize, and Mexico - -	1 Dec. 1891 -	On 6 months' notice - - - -	- - - - -	596†	- - - - -	2	594	
Turks Islands - - - -	Colonial Contract (Imperial contribution ceased 30 Sept. 1905).	- - - - -	- - - - -	125	- - - - -	- - - - -	125	
United Kingdom and West Indies -	1 July 1900 -	30 June 1905 - - - -	25 <i>l.</i> for every 24 hours.	21,125	£ { British Guiana 1,050 Jamaica - 525 Leeward Is. - 602 Trinidad - 2,400 Windward Is. 1,013 } 6,160.		2,655	12,320

Southampton to Brazil and River Plate	1 Sept. 1878 -	On 6 months' notice	- - - -	11,830†	}	- - - -	4,351	8,338
† Do. to and from do. do.	1 Sept. 1889 -	Do.	- - - -	859†		- - - -	-	-
Liverpool and Falkland Islands, Liverpool to Callao, Panama to Val- paraiso	14 June 1900 -	13 June 1919	- - - -	32,000		Falkland Islands, 2,500	16,580	12,920
AFRICA:						£		
United Kingdom and West Coast of Africa	1 Jan. 1899 -	On 3 months' notice	- - - -	15,355		Gold Coast - 1,500 Sierra Leone - 1,150 Southern Nigeria 920 Lagos - 600 Gambia - 200 Northern Nigeria 170	4,600	1,284
† Do. do. do.	1 Jan. 1883 -	On 6 months' notice	- - - -	2,305†				11,776
United Kingdom and St. Helena and Ascension	1 Oct. 1893 -	On 6 months' notice	- - - -	5,070		Admiralty, 780	150	4,140
Aden and Zanzibar	5 Nov. 1892 -	On 12 months' notice	- - - -	3,000		- - - -	450	8,560
† United Kingdom and Chinde, &c.	15 Aug. 1900 -	On 3 months' notice	- - - -	144†		- - - -	16	128
† United Kingdom and Morocco	1 Oct. 1900 -	- - - -	- - - -	45†		- - - -	4	41
United Kingdom to Canaries, &c.	1 Jan. 1904 -	- - - -	- - - -	500		- - - -	-	500
ASIA AND AUSTRALIA:						£		
Brindisi and Bombay, Shanghai and Adelaide	1 Feb. 1905 -	31 January 1908	- - - -	340,000		India - 61,226 Ceylon - 12,330* Straits Settle- ments - 13,592* Hong Kong 33,550*	120,688	44,012
† United Kingdom to New Zealand	1 Oct. 1905 -	- - - -	- - - -	564†		- - - -	-	564
Canada, Japan, and Hong Kong	7 April 1901 -	6 April 1906	- - - -	60,000		Canada - 15,000 Admiralty - 7,812	22,312	2,828
			100l. for every 12 hours.					34,860

NOTE.—In addition to the payments given in detail above, Letters, &c. are conveyed abroad by Private Ships at rates of 1d. per article for a distance not exceeding 300 miles and 1d. per article over that distance. The total amount so paid at present is about 5,600l. a year.

\* 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.

§ Including payment for Sea-Sorting accommodation.

|| 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.
1904-05 . .	3	4	13	44	125	137	221	172	138	116	70	80	25	38	19	23
1905-06 -	3	5	10	55	118	151	235	187	142	104	60	63	30	34	13	12

NOTE.—Reductions shown on last year's figures are in most cases apparent rather than real, as the former figures included a considerable number of services which are in force during a portion of the year only. Such services are excluded from the figures for 1905-6.



## APPENDIX F.

## Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1905.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1906.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
	<b>A.</b>									
1	Postmaster General - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	<b>B.</b>									
11	Secretary, Second Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Com- ptroller and Accountant General, and Secretaries for Ireland and Scotland.	9	—	1	—	1	—	11	—	11
	<b>C.</b>									
42	Clerks, Class I., Secretary's Office.	42	—	—	—	—	—	42	—	42
	<b>D.</b>									
157	Heads of Departments, Staff Officers, and other Superior Officers:									
	Metropolitan - -	120	6	8	—	8	—	162	6	168
	Provinces - -	16	—	6	—	4	—			
	<b>E.</b>									
261	Surveyors and Assistant Sur- veyors.	59	—	15	—	13	—	267	—	267
	Travelling Clerks, Inspecting Telegraphists, and Stationary Clerks.	153	—	23	—	24	—			
	<b>F.</b>									
876	Head Postmasters:									
	Metropolitan - -	8	—	—	—	—	—	795	80	875*
	Provinces - -	574	36	91	26	122	18			
	<b>G.</b>									
21,374	Sub-Postmasters:									
	Metropolitan - -	731	147	58	101	63	33	14,754	7,334	22,088†
	Provinces - -	11,036	5,076	1,608	1,121	1,267	856			
	<b>H.</b>									
9,377	Clerks and Superintending Officers:									
	Metropolitan - -	3,966	2,292	220	30	181	48	7,547	2,633	10,180
	Provinces - -	2,672	210	177	7	331	37			
	<b>I.</b>									
32,068	Counter Clerks and Tele- graphists, Sorters, Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists, Telegraphists, and Tele- phone Operators, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - -	9,460	2,978	617	129	409	100	23,057	9,041	32,098
	Provinces - -	10,260	4,551	601	381	1,450	842			
64,687	Carried forward - -	39,087	15,206	3,626	1,804	3,923	1,904	46,636	19,094	65,730

\* Unestablished, 48; Established, 827.

† Unestablished, 21,547; Established, 541.

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

Totals 31 Mar. 1905.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1906.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
64,687	Brought forward - -	39,087	15,206	3,626	1,804	3,923	1,994	46,636	19,094	65,730
	J.									
40,818	Mechanics, Porters, Postmen, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - -	10,722	—	496	—	810	—	41,926	13	41,939
	Provinces - - -	24,368	6	1,672	1	3,760	6			
	K.									
80,939	Persons employed in un- established positions, viz., Assistants to Postmasters, Auxiliaries, Boy Messengers, Boy Clerks, Commissionaires, Female Servants, Telegraph Construction Hands, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - -	14,150	2,437	780	284	489	178	65,779	21,974	87,753
	Provinces - - -	35,768	15,199	8,795	1,557	5,791	2,299			
192,444	L.	124,099	32,958	15,669	3,646	14,573	4,477	164,341	41,081	195,422
10	Postmasters and Clerks, &c. abroad (under direction of Postmaster General) and agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	10
192,454	Totals - -	124,099	32,958	15,669	3,646	14,573	4,477	164,351	41,081	195,432

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

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended 31st December 1905.											
	Chief Office.		Metro- politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
<b>GENERAL DISEASES.</b>												
Influenza - - -	2	-	1	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	8	1
Pneumonia - - -	12	-	8	-	28	-	4	-	2	-	54	-
Enteric fever - - -	4	-	2	-	2	1	-	-	3	-	11	1
Pyæmia - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas - - -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Tubercle - - -	9	1	3	-	26	2	6	-	10	-	54	3
Acute Rheumatism - - -	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	5	-
New growths :												
Malignant - - -	3	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	13	1
Non-malignant - - -	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	4	1
Tetanus - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Typhus - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Diphtheria - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Diabetes - - -	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
Pernicious anæmia - - -	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	3	1
Old age - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
<b>LOCAL DISEASES.</b>												
Diseases of the—												
Nervous system - - -	4	1	7	-	15	1	5	-	2	-	33	2
Circulatory system - - -	4	-	9	-	18	1	4	1	4	1	39	3
Respiratory system - - -	3	-	-	-	7	-	1	-	2	-	13	-
Digestive system - - -	2	1	5	-	13	2	-	1	3	2	23	6
Lymphatic system - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Suprarenal capsules - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Urinary system - - -	3	-	-	-	8	2	6	-	3	-	20	2
Generative system - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
Skin - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
<b>INJURIES</b> - - -	3	1	2	-	6	-	3	-	1	-	15	1
<b>CAUSES NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE.</b>												
Suicide - - -	2	-	1	-	6	1	2	-	-	-	11	1
Drowning - - -	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	6	-
Found dead - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dropsy - - -	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Operation - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Chills - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
<b>Totals</b> - - -	55	4	41	-	168	15	41	2	31	3	336	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 1905.											
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
<b>GENERAL DISEASES.</b>												
Influenza - - -	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
Pneumonia - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Tubercle - - -	22	6	11	-	48	7	13	3	5	2	99	18
Syphilis - - -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Alcoholism - - -	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
Chronic rheumatism -	5	5	14	-	38	4	2	1	2	1	61	11
Sciatica - - -	1	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	7	-
Gout - - -	2	-	1	-	7	-	1	-	1	-	12	-
New growths:												
Malignant - - -	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Non-malignant - -	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	1
Anæmia - - -	1	12	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	15
Diabetes - - -	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
Debility - - -	4	19	2	1	8	7	-	-	-	-	14	27
Senile decay - - -	2	-	3	1	7	-	-	-	1	-	13	1
<b>LOCAL DISEASES.</b>												
Diseases of the—												
Nervous system -	21	10	17	2	76	16	11	2	9	2	134	32
Eye - - -	5	2	1	-	9	1	-	-	2	-	17	3
Ear - - -	2	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
Circulatory system	10	2	4	-	29	3	4	2	1	-	48	7
Respiratory system	5	1	3	-	24	2	3	-	4	-	39	3
Digestive system -	4	2	8	1	17	3	3	1	3	-	35	7
Thyroid body - -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Urinary system -	1	1	3	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	15	1
Generative system -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Organs of locomotion.	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Skin - - -	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	6	-
INJURIES - - -	3	1	2	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	12	1
<b>CAUSES NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE.</b>												
Amputation of leg -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Telegraphist's cramp -	3	-	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	7	2
Writer's cramp - -	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Varicose veins - -	1	-	1	1	6	1	-	-	-	1	8	3
Totals - - -	99	63	75	9	319	48	47	10	31	6	565	136

# APPENDIX F.—continued.

AVERAGE SICK ABSENCE of the STAFF at those towns where DEPARTMENTAL MEDICAL OFFICERS are employed, expressed in DAYS per OFFICER employed, for each YEAR since 1898.

YEAR.	ESTABLISHED STAFF.										UNESTABLISHED STAFF.									
	ENGLAND AND WALES.										ENGLAND AND WALES.									
	Chief Office.		Metropolitan Districts.		Country.		SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		Chief Office.		Metropolitan Districts.		Country.		SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
1898	7'0	9'0	8'3	11'3	6'8	9'3	5'6	7'8	8'5	12'0	6'1	10'4	5'3	6'2	4'3	5'6	3'9	3'6	4'8	5'3
1899	8'1	11'4	8'7	12'1	8'1	11'7	6'7	10'8	10'0	14'2	6'7	11'1	6'4	5'8	4'3	6'7	4'2	4'4	7'6	5'1
1900	7'1	10'2	8'1	10'6	8'0	13'0	6'2	10'1	10'2	12'7	6'7	9'5	5'7	6'7	5'2	8'1	4'4	4'5	5'4	6'0
1901	7'0	11'0	8'6	12'0	7'6	13'9	6'2	8'5	10'0	15'6	8'4	12'3	5'5	6'3	4'2	8'1	4'5	5'3	4'6	9'1
1902	6'8	11'6	9'0	12'8	7'8	12'1	6'1	8'4	9'0	13'8	5'9	9'5	5'2	6'6	4'8	5'5	4'8	4'9	5'2	6'0
1903	6'4	10'4	8'2	12'0	7'7	10'8	6'3	8'6	10'3	16'1	5'2	9'3	4'5	4'7	4'4	5'1	4'1	4'5	4'4	7'3
1904	6'6	11'0	8'2	11'6	7'8	11'4	6'2	9'9	9'7	14'6	5'8	6'2	4'7	7'7	3'8	3'7	2'8	3'5	4'2	4'8
1905	8'5	9'1	7'9	10'4	7'1	9'9	5'5	8'0	10'2	15'7	5'1	7'3	5'0	5'5	4'1	4'0	3'5	4'1	4'2	7'7

## APPENDIX G.

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

Year.	Letters.		Post cards.	Halfpenny Packets.	Newspapers.	Parcels.		*Unaddressed Postal Packets and Articles found loose.	Total.	Increase per cent.
	Total No.	No. which could neither be delivered to the Addressees nor returned to the Senders.				Total No.	No. which could neither be delivered to the Addressees nor returned to the Senders.			
1896-97	6,635,162	520,617	1,179,137	11,526,374	562,482	156,404	37,932	—	20,059,459	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	9,786,870	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	10,905,023	1,188,981	1,868,093	12,034,150	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	633,179	253,515	55,684	—	26,707,983	3·99
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
1905-06	10,868,272	1,008,017	2,656,770	12,439,377	473,346	248,526	52,381	412,883	27,099,174	Increase. 2·00

\* Included under the various headings of the Statement in previous years.

# 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.				
1896-97	40,305,000	26,645,000	66,950,000	8,094,000	4,379,000	79,429,000	+ .7
1897-98	42,542,000	27,419,000	69,961,000	8,464,000	4,605,000	83,030,000	+ 4.5
1898-99	44,782,000	28,468,000	73,250,000	9,065,000	4,729,000	87,044,000	+ 4.8
1899-1900	46,145,000	29,971,000	76,116,000	9,388,000	4,911,000	90,415,000	+ 3.9
1900-01	46,029,000	29,856,000	75,885,000	9,289,000	4,903,000	89,577,000	- .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	5,138,900	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
1905-06	46,979,000	28,201,000	75,180,000	9,128,000	5,170,000	89,478,000	+ .6

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

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of TELEGRAMS forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM during the Years 1904-1905 and 1905-1906; and the Increase or Decrease in each Month of the latter Year as compared with the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	(+) Increase. (-) Decrease.
April - - -	7,094,000	6,898,000	- 196,000
May - - -	7,600,000	7,997,000	+ 397,000
June - - -	7,999,000	8,217,000	+ 218,000
July - - -	8,463,000	8,409,000	- 54,000
August - - -	8,480,000	8,709,000	+ 229,000
September - - -	7,873,000	8,072,000	+ 199,000
October - - -	7,694,000	7,593,000	- 101,000
November - - -	7,055,000	7,136,000	+ 81,000
December - - -	7,059,000	6,557,000	- 502,000
January - - -	6,440,000	7,164,000	+ 724,000
February - - -	6,076,000	5,906,000	- 170,000
March - - -	7,136,000	6,820,000	- 316,000
	88,969,000	89,478,000	+ 509,000



# 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.		Telegrams.		Telephone Calls.		Telegrams.		Telephone Calls.		Number of Hours during which Wires were leased to Newspapers.	Number of Hours during which Wires were leased to Newspapers.	Telegrams.		Number of Hours during which Wires were leased to Newspapers.	Number of Hours during which Wires were leased to Newspapers.	Telegrams.		Telegrams.		Telegrams.		Telegrams.	
	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.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.
1896-97	124,849	94,001	230,549	182,443	—	—	714,870	604,438	28,558	21,141	1,452	3,827	987,209	716,170	—	781	302,011	194,162	152,081	123,073	51,692	44,257	76,433	82,312
1897-98	121,444	85,868	241,048	194,811	—	—	719,811	623,260	30,149	25,964	1,450	3,844	1,005,781	747,807	—	769	325,837	207,875	150,357	121,940	55,790	45,207	85,403	87,854
1898-99	128,099	89,720	259,125	205,175	—	—	746,189	647,874	36,500	32,622	1,618	3,961	1,120,291	815,169	—	792	352,187	221,320	161,827	135,568	59,563	47,943	82,123	92,522
1899-1900	144,584	102,010	283,238	232,039	—	—	783,817	668,927	36,569	34,897	2,562	4,184	1,225,881	877,693	—	790	377,831	238,569	169,892	136,327	68,923	54,818	79,910	75,651
1900-01	142,984	98,185	272,526	210,802	—	—	800,898	601,532	32,272	30,388	2,558	3,976	1,216,895	862,168	—	808	403,503	252,545	178,183	138,919	65,155	50,328	79,663	78,115
1901-02	146,612	105,562	279,479	221,867	—	—	770,611	661,027	30,310	28,444	2,563	3,970	1,221,360	900,006	—	762	434,747	268,570	183,519	147,144	70,921	57,237	93,174	88,665
1902-03	158,445	112,929	275,535	230,969	—	—	796,538	675,048	34,948	31,846	2,568	3,051	1,238,712	900,250	—	447	455,195	269,633	188,636	148,682	71,280	57,465	108,164	95,822
1903-04	161,452	117,344	274,544	231,612	4,126	3,536	806,787	689,288	33,080	31,046	2,753	3,270	1,245,731	922,284	—	447	437,555	259,010	180,532	152,399	74,207	61,072	103,543	95,067
1904-05	170,656	118,009	291,036	239,906	6,335	5,064	850,781	709,510	37,327	33,738	2,914	3,214	1,381,068	1,026,070	—	398	468,022	278,210	193,185	151,305	83,787	67,379	92,161	84,490
1905-06	179,140	127,164	301,764	251,238	7,257	6,233	907,362	761,019	43,940	45,620	4,086	2,322	1,429,168	1,061,320	—	513	486,524	290,316	207,961	163,914	85,478	70,942	107,473	100,142

\* 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 Licenses.	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 Telegraphists lent to Admiralty, War Office, &c.	Total.		
1896-97	£ 187,800	£ 10,947	£ 11,217	£ 19,693	£ 881	£ 230,438		£ 18,474	£ 22,861	£ 3,570	£ 44,905	£ 275,343	Decrease. 18·69
1897-98	172,292	10,851	11,537	18,056	946	213,682		16,928	21,146	3,297	41,371	255,053	7·37
1898-99	165,504	11,348	11,775	18,305	986	207,918		18,146	34,149	3,454	55,749	263,667	Increase. 3·39
1899-1900	156,946	11,610	11,933	20,764	1,068	202,315		34,064	31,011	5,671	70,746	273,061	3·56
1900-01	168,207	11,945	11,819	27,421	1,192	218,584		28,104	32,524	18,136	78,764	297,348	8·89
1901-02	182,954	12,390	11,897	28,480	1,243	236,964		26,199	31,268	21,961	79,428	316,412	6·41
1902-03	192,013	12,720	12,082	26,343	1,410	244,568		46,622	31,917	13,582	92,121	336,689	6·41
1903-04	214,961	12,810	11,981	23,983	1,550	265,284		23,197	34,096	4,604	61,957	327,241	Decrease. 2·80
1904-05	191,789	13,203	12,302	24,881	1,764	243,929		22,919	39,763	5,622	68,304	312,232	4·59
1905-06	162,680	13,432	13,468	25,836	1,860	210,311		18,707	39,123	4,593	62,423	272,734	10·73

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APPENDIX J.

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Post Office Savings Bank.

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## APPENDIX J.

Post Office  
STATEMENT of BUSINESS for

Year ended 31st Dec.	Number of Post Office Savings Bank Offices.	Deposits.*			Number of Persons who deposited in Single Sums the Entire Amount allowed in the Year.	Withdrawals.†		
		Number.	Amount.	Average Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Average Amount.
			£	£ s. d.			£	£ s. d.
1896	11,867	12,638,307	36,258,350	2 17 5	51,700	4,387,591	28,489,329	6 10 5
1897	12,212	13,012,935	35,757,470	2 14 11	53,500	4,670,483	30,621,995	6 11 2
1898	12,582	13,787,241	37,361,838	2 14 4	54,000	4,957,805	32,952,829	6 12 11
1899	12,995	14,654,609	39,122,160	2 13 5	51,700	5,094,033	35,171,475	6 13 1
1900	13,341	14,989,949	40,310,434	2 14 2	45,100	5,406,847	33,231,372	7 1 5
1901	13,672	15,018,645	41,452,051	2 15 2	45,900	5,748,624	39,890,048	6 13 0
1902	14,048	15,360,316	42,217,003	2 15 4	49,800	6,012,983	41,396,800	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	15,460,928	40,612,967	2 12 6	43,000	6,276,929	41,904,393	6 13 6
1905	14,862	16,320,204	42,300,617	2 11 10	44,700	7,155,833	42,096,037	5 17 8

\* 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.	
2,460,645	108,098,641	1,261,178	852,740	8,862,035	15 15 1	429,627†	7 11½†	6·0†	1896
2,665,664	115,896,780	1,263,395	892,269	7,239,761	16 0 2	450,938†	7 9½†	6·1†	1897
2,838,304	123,144,099	1,333,395	942,634	7,630,502	16 2 9	450,641†	7 3½†	5·8†	1898
3,023,821	130,118,605	1,373,799	957,621	8,040,680	16 3 5	473,877†	7 3½†	5·8†	1899
3,145,978	135,549,615	1,376,171	982,568	8,439,983	16 1 3	487,025†	7 2½†	5·7†	1900
3,281,263	140,392,916	1,376,846	1,029,154	8,787,675	15 19 6	506,093†	7 2½†	5·8†	1901
3,390,960	144,665,088	1,380,962	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	9,403,853	15 10 10	549,140	7 6	6·1	1903
3,465,633	148,339,354	1,350,857	1,090,992	9,672,717	15 6 8	537,672†	7 2½†	5·9†	1904
3,567,206	152,111,140	1,435,329	1,145,907	9,963,049	15 5 4	527,856†	6 11½†	5·4†	1905

† The charges of management in 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1900 include the sums of 1,807*l.*, 357*l.*, 317*l.*, and 156*l.* respectively for purchase of land, while the charges in 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1904, and 1905 also include 17,911*l.*, 12,539*l.*, 1,371*l.*, 1,164*l.*, 420*l.*, 2,745*l.*, 905*l.*, and 370*l.*, 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 1896, 6·8*d.*, in 1897, 6·8*d.*, in 1898, 5·8*d.*, in 1899, 5·8*d.*, in 1900, 5·7*d.*, in 1901 5·8*d.*, in 1904, 5·9*d.*, and in 1905, 5·4*d.*, and the percentage of expenses to capital 7*s.* 7*d.*, 7*s.* 6½*d.*, 7*s.* 3½*d.*, 7*s.* 3½*d.*, 7*s.* 2*d.*, 7*s.* 2½*d.*, and 6*s.* 11½*d.* respectively. Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Bank Act, 1861, it was estimated (*see* Parliamentary Paper, No. 523, 1861) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7*d.*

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.			Commission and Bank of England Fees.	Stock remaining to credit of Stockholders at close of the Year.	
	Number opened.	Number closed.	Number remaining 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 Trustee Savings Banks.	From Trustee Savings Banks.		Total.	Average per Ac. count.
1886	10,176	10,947	68,177	16,912	£ 1,065,373	£ 967,834	275,203	£ 192,134	17,935	£ 1,107,637	£ 1,225,396	£ 1,400	£ 26,573	£ 633	£ 110,354	£ 2,604	£ 6,991,391	£ 101
1897	9,139	8,203	69,113	16,935	£ 1,078,849	£ 967,142	273,502	£ 191,084	13,769	£ 796,486	£ 891,927	£ 1,700	£ 23,611	£ 482	£ 1,710	£ 2,259	£ 7,033,664	102
1898	10,366	7,408	72,071	20,162	£ 1,303,990	£ 1,133,029	280,580	£ 108,901	12,607	£ 714,285	£ 787,698	£ 2,200	£ 38,715	£ 392	£ 1,133	£ 2,424	£ 7,462,134	104
1899	13,938	7,011	78,098	26,531	£ 1,770,170	£ 1,070,354	294,186	£ 212,362	11,780	£ 696,135	£ 736,721	£ 4,950	£ 46,639	£ 1,004	£ 3,543	£ 2,092	£ 8,397,213	106
1900	22,044	7,077	83,965	41,030	£ 2,830,513	£ 2,830,918	339,463	£ 255,695	12,028	£ 678,374	£ 678,510	£ 6,000	£ 75,189	£ 1,448	£ 1,170	£ 4,274	£ 10,468,290	111
1901	23,333	7,789	109,599	46,560	£ 3,065,596	£ 3,192,154	398,597	£ 316,068	13,574	£ 761,829	£ 729,531	£ 6,100	£ 107,851	£ 727	£ 2,053	£ 4,901	£ 12,786,190	117
1902	19,184	9,997	113,696	40,893	£ 2,692,988	£ 2,694,447	481,234	£ 371,407	17,221	£ 1,054,193	£ 1,012,042	£ 9,300	£ 133,135	£ 832	£ 2,488	£ 4,666	£ 14,236,617	120
1903	22,912	10,265	131,943	47,726	£ 2,921,499	£ 3,131,172	487,145	£ 400,381	17,742	£ 1,085,578	£ 1,012,328	£ 14,400	£ 161,948	£ 2,165	£ 2,860	£ 5,262	£ 16,165,548	123
1904	17,985	10,746	138,582	39,633	£ 2,283,377	£ 2,507,640	533,378	£ 438,315	18,848	£ 1,131,543	£ 1,027,016	£ 10,160	£ 172,840	£ 2,705	£ 2,194	£ 4,613	£ 17,357,950	125
1905	14,893	13,483	139,992	32,301	£ 2,036,041	£ 2,212,285	554,158	£ 460,387	22,824	£ 1,507,219	£ 1,398,811	£ 10,550	£ 174,707	£ 2,495	£ 2,380	£ 4,538	£ 17,877,644	128

# 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.								
			No.	Amount of Annuities.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Insurances.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Claims on Death and Surrender.
No.	Amount of Annuities.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Annuities.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Insurances.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount of Claims on Death and Surrender.	
1896	-	-	2,208	£ 60,165	823,713	23,920	£ 347,126	202	4,178	1,317	£ 25,336	719	£ 8,746	1,223*	£ 65,582	21,261	£ 18,537	431	£ 9,578
1897	-	-	2,051	56,237	756,433	26,057	392,285	207	4,009	1,365	24,112	827	10,907	849	48,017	21,512	20,439	321	10,050
1898	-	-	2,065	55,753	750,354	27,953	432,761	164	3,626	1,374	23,876	864	10,690	731	42,554	21,927	21,562	341	11,673
1899	-	-	2,031	54,044	719,419	26,747	472,532	147	3,085	1,347	24,617	942	11,891	827	43,723	21,258	21,575	312	10,663
1900	-	-	2,258	42,803	728,142	31,409	503,297	137	2,722	1,343	19,852	1,020	12,991	677	35,512	21,460	22,185	304	15,422
1901	-	-	1,764	42,268	662,159	33,269	527,371	112	3,066	1,365	23,630	1,075	14,175	920	44,296	21,072	22,647	330	12,992
1902	-	-	1,679	42,791	658,770	34,375	549,261	130	2,973	1,353	21,764	1,161	17,172	722	34,646	22,553	23,045	389	14,646
1903	-	-	1,763	43,973	557,981	35,463	671,904	167	3,424	1,366	24,489	1,210	14,689	592	31,413	22,572	23,063	387	13,128
1904	-	-	1,768	41,600	620,538	36,607	594,502	123	2,492	1,360	21,011	1,297	16,167	517	28,629	22,323	23,031	465	16,878
1905	-	-	1,846	45,488	573,205	37,686	614,406	165	3,204	1,386	24,237	1,347	16,965	741	37,011	21,836	23,376	440	15,693

\* 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 1905, and the Number and Amount of CONTRACTS in existence on the 31st December 1905.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1904.		From 1 Jan. 1905 to 31 December 1905.			
	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 1905, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	43,974	840,440 2 4	1,840	45,458 6 8	45,814	891,928 9 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	1,337	24,740 11 2	62	1,211 7 6	1,409	25,951 18 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - -	2,007	57,398 6 6	96	1,992 7 0	2,703	59,390 13 6
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1905 - - - -	22,000	1,386,110 2 5	741	37,010 19 9	23,641	1,433,121 2 2
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1905, viz. :—						
Immediate Annuities - -	-	-	-	-	26,118	642,870 17 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	-	-	-	-	1,137	19,851 14 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - -	-	-	-	-	1,870	29,782 0 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1905 - - - -	-	-	-	-	13,060	764,713 15 10



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APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

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

EXTRACT FROM PARLIAMENTARY PAPER (230) ORDERED,  
by the HOUSE OF COMMONS, to be printed, 2 July 1906.

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APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

Post Office Savings Bank.

ACCOUNT of all Deposits Received and Paid from 1st January to 31st December 1905.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward - - - -	148,339,359	12	10	By Repayments from 1st January to 31st December 1905, viz.:—			
To Cash received from Depositors from 1st January to 31st December 1905 - - - -	42,300,616	12	10*	Cash Paid - - - -	42,005,511	17	11†
	190,639,970	5	8	Warrants issued, but not cashed at date - - -	90,524	18	11
To interest thereon up to 31st December 1905, computed according to Act 24 Vict. c. 14. sections 7 and 8, and added to the Principal Money of the said Depositors - - - -	3,567,206	7	4	Balance due at the close of the Year 1905, to all Depositors, inclusive of Interest to 31st December 1905 - - - -			
	194,207,176	13	0		42,096,036	16	10
					152,111,139	16	2
					194,207,176	13	0

\* Including the sum realised by the sale of Government Stock, viz., 1,411,856*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*; the amount of dividends credited to Depositors, viz., 460,386*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.*; the amount credited as payments under Annuity and Insurance Contracts, viz., 646,963*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*; and the amount of Government Stock transferred to the Depositors' own names in the books of the Bank of England, viz., 174,706*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*

† Including the sum invested on behalf of Depositors in the purchase of Government Stock, and the Commission and Fees, amounting together to 2,062,959*l.* 3*s.*; the sum withdrawn as purchase money under Annuity and Insurance Contracts, viz., 620,866*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.*, and the amount of Government Stock transferred to the Depositors' own names in the books of the Bank of England, viz., 174,706*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*

General Post Office, { CHARLES A. King, Comptroller and Accountant General.  
June 1906. { CHAS. D. LANG, Controller of Post Office Savings Bank.

SYDNEY BUXTON,  
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 1905, 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.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance due to Depositors on 31st December 1905 (including interest) -	152,111,139	16	2	Stocks:—				Annuities for Terms of Years:—			
Warrants issued to Depositors, but not cashed, on 31st December 1905 -	90,524	18	11	2½ per cent. Consols - -	60,715,140	9	2	Annuities operating to replace Stock:—			
Amount of expenses remaining unpaid (partly estimated) - - - -	41,544	17	0½	2½ per cent. Annuities -	8,906,260	13	5	Amount of Stock still outstanding -	9,731,511	4	4
Aggregate liabilities £	152,243,209	12	1½	Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock -	19,292,969	2	8	Annuities operating to replace cash:—			
				2½ per cent. Annuities (1905) -	636,000	0	0	Amount of cash still outstanding -	36,354,590	10	2
				2½ per cent. Guaranteed Land Stock - -	5,385,539	14	8	Advances for which Annuities had not been granted on 31st December, 1905 -	3,183,907	4	0
				2½ per cent. War Stock -	750,000	0	0	Advances to H.M. Exchequer in aid of Ways and Means per 5 Edw. VII. cap. 17 -	750,000	0	0
				Transvaal 3 per cent. Guaranteed Stock -	540,000	0	0	Temporary Advance to Irish Land Purchase Fund per 3 Edw. VII. c. 37. s. 30 -	100,000	0	0
				Guaranteed 2½ per cent. Stock - -	395,000	0	0	Interest accrued - -	1,036,886	17	3
				Bonds:—				Cash Balance (including £347,308 3s. 7d. in hands of Postmaster-General) -	506,749	8	9
				Exchequer Bonds (1907) -	165,000	0	0				
				Do. (1911) -	1,000,000	0	0				
				Egyptian Guaranteed 3 per cent. Bonds -	569,100	0	0				
				Greek Guaranteed 2½ per cent. Bonds - -	1,210,400	0	0				
				Irish Land Commission Bonds -	500,000	0	0				
				2½ per cent. War Bonds -	276,000	0	0				
				Mauritius 3 per cent. Guaranteed Certificates - -	10,000	0	0				
SYDNEY BUXTON, Postmaster General.				NOTE.—In addition to the above securities the Central Savings Bank Premises are valued at £361,000.							
CHARLES A. KING, Comptroller and Accountant General.				National Debt Office, 1							
CHARLES D. LANG, Controller of Post Office Savings Bank.				26th June, 1906. }							
General Post Office, 7th June 1906.				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.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1896-97	9,314,022	£ 25,919,853	Decrease. -2	1·3	573,135	£ 1,965,061	0·1	7·1	1,031,460	£ 2,423,573	-7	2·4	10,921,617	£ 30,249,087	-1	1·7
1897-98	9,129,609	27,494,145	Increase. 1·2	6·0	567,316	1,342,871	Decrease. 1·0	Decrease. 3·2	1,131,334	2,777,563	9·8	14·6	11,128,258	32,114,579	1·6	6·1
1898-99	9,721,647	29,604,078	3·1	4·0	593,414	1,858,307	Increase. 4·0	Increase. -8	1,160,140	2,816,182	2·5	1·3	11,475,201	33,275,517	3·1	3·6
1899-1900	10,222,890	30,505,351	5·8	6·6	617,340	1,876,411	4·0	-9	1,177,229	2,819,560	1·4	-1	12,087,459	35,291,262	5·3	5·7
1900-01	11,375,618	34,454,859	10·5	12·9	650,370	2,074,486	10·2	10·5	1,207,679	2,845,311	2·5	-9	13,283,567	39,374,065	9·7	11·8
1901-02	11,802,333	36,660,120	4·5	6·4	784,735	2,463,714	15·3	18·7	1,288,312	3,045,367	6·5	7·0	13,963,110	42,169,291	5·2	7·0
1902-03	12,151,861	38,920,596	2·3	6·2	980,492	3,124,551	24·0	26·8	1,399,071	3,357,348	8·8	10·2	14,531,424	45,492,435	4·1	7·7
1903-04	11,261,745	35,430,349	Decrease. 7·3	Decrease. 9·0	1,168,073	3,608,353	21·2	15·5	1,514,355	3,677,504	8·2	9·5	13,964,173	42,716,206	Decrease. 3·9	Decrease. 3·9
1904-05	10,697,030	* 35,870,862	5·0	Increase. 1·2	1,165,989	3,478,683	Decrease. 1·9	Decrease. 3·6	1,511,037	3,811,937	1·8	9·7	13,404,016	† 43,161,462	4·0	Increase. 1·0
1905-06	10,758,785	36,872,608	Increase. -6	2·8	1,124,310	3,490,751	3·6	Increase. -3	1,713,032	4,249,426	11·1	11·5	13,595,183	44,612,783	Increase. 1·4	3·4

\* This amount was understated last year as 35,644,916/.

† This amount was understated last year as 42,935,516/.

APPENDIX K.—continued.

Money Orders—continued.

YEAR.	INLAND ORDERS.														
	ENGLAND AND WALES.					SCOTLAND.					IRELAND.				
	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of popu- lation.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of popu- lation.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of popu- lation.
1896-97	7,784,344	£ 21,851,293	·08	1·4	25·1	992,426	£ 2,665,671	2·4	·1	23·5	537,252	£ 1,401,889	Dec. ·2	2·2	11·8
1897-98	7,914,276	23,211,225	1·6	6·2	25·2	967,740	2,772,746	2·4	Inc. 3·9	22·7	547,814	1,516,174	Inc. 1·9	7·7	12·0
1898-99	8,159,371	24,121,276	3·1	3·9	25·9	1,003,138	2,911,860	Inc. 3·6	5·0	23·6	558,038	1,570,942	2·0	4·0	12·3
1899-1900	8,656,371	25,097,094	6·0	0·5	27·1	1,047,134	3,119,470	4·3	7·1	24·4	588,895	1,688,787	5·4	7·5	13·0
1900-01	9,638,474	29,213,745	11·3	13·6	29·9	1,094,431	3,314,691	4·5	7·2	25·3	642,013	1,890,423	9·1	12·2	14·2
1901-02	10,087,038	31,006,854	4·4	6·1	30·7	1,141,433	3,556,420	4·2	6·3	25·4	683,862	2,097,037	6·4	10·5	15·3
1902-03	10,232,120	32,746,960	1·9	5·6	31·0	1,179,571	3,832,949	3·3	7·8	26·0	710,161	2,340,897	3·8	11·6	16·0
1903-04	9,145,036	29,845,359	Decrease. 7·0	8·9	28·5	1,094,269	3,600,062	Decrease. 7·2	6·1	23·9	622,438	1,984,928	Decrease. 12·4	16·2	14·1
1904-05	9,125,126	*30,171,772	Inc. 4·4	1·1	26·9	997,410	3,671,810	Dec. 8·9	Inc. 2·0	21·5	574,484	2,027,280	Dec. 7·7	Inc. 2·1	13·0
1905-06	9,171,125	30,979,148	Inc. ·5	2·7	26·8	996,047	3,807,177	·1	3·7	21·3	591,613	2,096,283	Inc. 3·0	2·9	13·5

\* This amount was understated last year as 29,346,326.

# 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.
1896-97 {												
Number	398,909	11,389	143	78,992	904	1,807	635,850	11,812	9,876	383	627,579	1,777,704
Amount £	1,366,775	103,627	78	50,067	3,631	8,049	2,012,300	162,310	26,228	4,263	2,347,510	6,085,136
1897-98 {												
Number	487,760	11,064	283	73,542	1,057	1,718	625,521	12,023	8,682	360	630,113	1,853,925
Amount £	1,491,322	106,617	323	45,762	3,858	7,059	2,037,317	170,648	24,218	4,044	2,311,145	6,241,333
1898-99 {												
Number	511,961	11,893	265	76,794	1,120	1,573	632,644	14,034	4,635	474	622,144	1,877,536
Amount £	1,542,615	104,414	374	48,194	3,776	6,363	2,012,310	197,156	17,073	4,707	2,315,134	6,232,056
1899-1900 {												
Number	534,103	12,163	165	76,216	1,204	1,413	659,228	16,272	4,410	437	797,234	2,102,904
Amount £	1,583,155	106,664	54	80,178	4,202	6,573	2,054,326	214,715	18,074	4,634	2,760,796	6,811,371
1900-01 {												
Number	564,656	12,630	282	77,006	1,391	1,302	679,095	22,720	4,820	375	1,363,053	2,718,228
Amount £	1,629,434	106,644	403	49,765	4,615	4,963	2,230,242	235,644	20,561	4,210	4,827,446	8,192,757
1901-02 {												
Number	599,718	11,662	128	76,672	1,380	1,233	746,053	18,583	6,644	457	1,339,518	2,761,956
Amount £	1,663,595	103,218	41	47,516	4,420	4,621	2,725,568	240,165	36,861	4,748	4,269,201	9,099,580
1902-03 {												
Number	598,433	11,900	317	79,463	1,396	1,233	791,257	17,763	6,322	478	1,149,963	2,645,464
Amount £	1,702,009	105,531	678	49,013	4,279	4,512	3,040,859	248,862	33,067	4,602	3,666,585	8,660,295
1903-04 {												
Number	614,097	7,631	396	76,428	1,203	1,151	836,446	17,814	7,252	979	848,893	2,512,290
Amount £	1,756,325	42,298	383	40,864	4,072	4,261	3,162,144	259,897	40,505	5,346	2,881,701	8,204,276
1904-05 {												
Number	638,187	7,647	200	75,395	962	1,098	899,916	18,651	7,150	1,170	970,693	2,621,083
Amount £	1,826,404	41,563	200	46,718	3,804	4,158	2,983,218	272,038	44,635	6,867	2,956,680	8,186,230
1905-06 {												
Number	625,780	5,773	1,210	78,522	700	1,074	809,504	19,431	7,301	533	1,048,550	2,694,393
Amount £	1,867,702	37,890	1,495	46,655	2,230	4,064	3,179,630	235,635	47,006	5,058	3,095,825	8,572,970

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.
1896-97	160,470	£ 528,316	4·7	2·5
1897-98	205,754	698,944	28·2	32·3
1898-99	257,650	878,072	25·2	25·6
1899-1900	311,943	999,086	21·1	13·8
1900-01	369,165	1,128,661	18·3	13·0
1901-02	411,952	1,240,619	11·6	9·9
1902-03	462,885	1,459,496	12·4	17·6
1903-04	475,788	1,384,925	2·8	Decrease. 5·1
1904-05	477,691	1,544,488	·4	Increase. 11·5
1905-06	503,543	1,646,882	5·4	6·6

1st February 1897.—Rates of Commission reduced.

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

# APPENDIX K.—continued.

## Money Orders—continued.

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.
1898-07 { Number Amount £	398,909 1,366,775	11,389 103,627	148 78	75,998 55,067	964 3,631	1,897 8,040	635,550 2,012,350	11,812 162,310	0,878 20,256	383 4,263	607,579 2,347,510	1,777,794 6,086,184
1897-98 { Number Amount £	487,760 1,491,323	11,064 106,617	286 323	73,542 48,762	1,057 3,958	1,718 7,080	625,921 2,037,317	12,023 179,648	8,682 24,318	800 4,044	620,118 2,511,145	1,853,198 6,541,333
1896-99 { Number Amount £	511,981 1,542,615	11,803 104,414	255 374	76,794 48,194	1,120 3,778	1,573 6,303	632,044 2,012,310	14,034 107,100	4,685 17,073	474 4,707	622,144 2,315,134	1,877,586 6,552,056
1895- 1900 { Number Amount £	534,103 1,583,155	12,163 106,634	165 64	76,216 80,178	1,264 4,202	1,418 5,575	630,229 2,054,398	10,272 214,215	4,410 18,074	437 4,034	797,234 2,760,790	2,102,004 6,841,371
1900-01 { Number Amount £	554,656 1,620,434	12,630 106,644	262 403	77,008 49,785	1,304 4,515	1,302 4,803	679,045 2,230,542	22,729 255,644	4,820 20,541	375 4,210	1,363,053 4,307,448	2,716,228 8,092,757
1901-02 { Number Amount £	589,718 1,663,595	11,662 103,215	128 41	76,572 47,516	1,390 4,403	1,233 4,621	746,053 2,725,568	18,583 240,165	0,644 36,851	457 4,748	1,339,518 4,269,201	2,761,056 9,099,890
1902-03 { Number Amount £	598,432 1,702,069	11,900 105,831	317 578	79,403 49,018	1,366 4,279	1,283 4,512	791,257 3,040,559	17,768 248,862	6,322 33,067	478 4,892	1,149,063 3,666,585	2,648,464 8,680,295
1903-04 { Number Amount £	614,997 1,756,525	7,631 42,298	396 383	75,428 46,454	1,263 4,072	1,151 4,261	838,446 3,162,144	17,814 259,897	7,252 40,805	979 5,343	948,893 2,881,701	2,512,290 8,204,278
1904-05 { Number Amount £	638,167 1,836,401	7,847 41,508	269 200	75,395 46,718	932 3,804	1,098 4,153	869,918 2,993,218	18,651 272,038	7,150 44,635	1,179 5,807	970,693 2,956,680	2,621,063 8,185,230
1905-06 { Number Amount £	625,780 1,807,762	3,775 37,690	1,210 1,495	75,322 46,655	769 2,230	1,074 4,054	900,504 3,179,639	10,431 285,635	7,801 47,006	533 5,058	1,045,550 3,095,826	2,694,393 8,573,970



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.
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	411,953	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
1905-06	503,543	1,646,882	5·4	6·6

1st February 1897.—Rates of Commission reduced.

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

# APPENDIX K.—continued.

## Money Orders—continued.

YEAR.	COLONIAL ORDERS.								FOREIGN ORDERS.							
	ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.				ISSUED IN THE COLONIES.				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.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.
1896-97	129,171	£ 430,414	1'5	Dec. 1'2	443,904	£ 1,475,247	7'6	8'8	355,633	£ 893,658	7'7	11'8	678,327	£ 1,530,015	Dec. 2'5	Dec. 2'3
1897-98	137,653	483,935	6'5	Inc. 12'4	429,660	1,358,936	Dec. 3'2	Dec. 7'8	386,231	993,901	8'6	11'2	745,103	1,783,602	Inc. 9'7	Inc. 16'5
1898-99	142,189	497,629	3'2	2'8	451,245	1,300,678	Inc. 6'0	Inc. '1	409,691	1,015,170	3'7	2'1	759,449	1,800,062	1'9	'9
1899-1900	142,574	476,631	'2	Dec. 4'2	474,766	1,399,780	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	140,772	419,483	Dec. 1'3	5'6	539,598	1,625,012	13'6	16'0	426,835	1,090,975	4'8	3'0	789,744	1,764,336	1'3	'8
1901-02	142,114	456,901	Inc. '9	Inc. 1'6	642,821	2,006,813	19'1	23'4	472,312	1,175,142	10'6	8'7	814,030	1,870,226	4'2	Inc. 6'0
1902-03	161,421	650,941	13'6	23'6	819,071	2,561,610	27'5	27'8	625,319	1,329,682	11'2	13'1	873,752	2,027,766	7'3	8'4
1903-04	174,680	684,934	8'2	4'5	1,013,493	3,023,399	23'7	17'9	549,693	1,445,855	4'6	8'7	961,662	2,231,849	10'4	10'1
1904-05	175,582	611,584	'6	4'6	990,427	2,866,799	Dec. 2'3	Dec. 5'2	620,402	1,376,197	Dec. 5'3	Dec. 4'9	1,021,586	2,436,740	5'9	9'2
1905-06	176,059	646,821	'3	5'7	948,267	2,843,930	4'3	'8	543,476	1,409,749	Inc. 4'4	Inc. 2'5	1,169,576	2,839,677	14'5	16'5

# 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 W.Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Colonies.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1896-97	112,874	242,093	102,705	163,225	82,557	182,764	31,288	76,785	53,386	483,733	14,085	163,475	33,569	163,172	430,414	1,475,247
1897-98	111,906	255,880	107,938	171,722	136,690	201,562	32,040	88,802	48,191	316,521	14,773	156,389	32,388	138,980	483,935	1,359,936
1898-99	113,908	243,516	109,370	178,263	135,089	207,907	31,809	99,642	55,022	355,777	16,463	144,581	35,968	131,012	497,629	1,360,078
1899-1900	114,808	244,132	107,786	197,034	103,155	208,194	32,209	112,761	64,641	305,057	14,779	145,194	39,153	127,408	476,631	1,399,780
1900-01	113,131	230,757	107,139	218,653	71,863	218,229	31,206	108,966	70,445	636,622	14,977	142,875	40,722	148,910	449,483	1,625,012
1901-02	113,096	268,816	111,574	252,502	76,973	287,604	32,370	105,959	60,107	788,967	18,089	136,280	45,712	166,385	456,901	2,006,813
1902-03	117,167	257,001	126,740	313,244	97,640	292,663	34,298	120,816	107,224	1,274,486	19,369	131,632	57,494	174,769	559,941	2,564,610
1903-04	116,332	237,599	153,339	452,514	83,572	296,902	35,421	133,347	122,448	1,585,008	17,054	129,060	50,778	139,429	584,954	3,023,390
1904-05	115,304	237,306	174,202	451,280	98,116	323,008	33,256	145,721	118,717	1,969,316	18,699	130,350	56,376	219,749	611,864	2,866,799
1905-06	110,528	236,144	198,685	545,584	110,586	340,044	36,241	153,954	112,420	1,241,583	14,028	101,925	60,333	224,096	646,821	2,843,930

# 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 the U.K.	Issued in Germany.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Holland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Hungary.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1896-97	40,634	26,516	34,026	53,426	16,566	15,209	4,738	28,929	137,261	160,080	190,090	148,716	42,535	32,525	8,962	7,525	55,157	17,708
1897-98	52,704	28,961	39,162	56,301	17,193	16,014	5,000	31,563	149,109	164,664	203,781	160,222	50,616	31,085	11,445	7,524	60,752	16,029
1898-99	66,596	34,131	38,612	58,234	17,355	19,351	5,955	50,675	155,200	175,332	201,124	160,030	47,798	32,039	15,002	9,312	71,275	16,325
1899-1900	85,080	33,774	40,449	60,766	19,787	21,230	6,094	49,874	155,418	170,130	205,117	172,568	39,054	32,665	20,394	9,345	76,176	16,132
1900-01	81,823	34,619	42,220	58,232	20,490	21,617	6,227	43,725	167,379	185,300	203,319	175,387	33,735	34,427	25,090	11,340	84,819	16,536
1901-02	88,280	38,798	45,691	60,662	22,212	18,330	6,597	41,919	179,874	176,301	219,231	192,552	40,625	35,973	36,960	12,261	94,230	18,807
1902-03	110,524	41,163	50,963	62,964	25,696	25,603	8,738	45,106	193,417	190,659	238,810	202,818	49,532	37,210	45,723	15,074	111,956	20,171
1903-04	159,938	46,002	50,809	66,676	27,177	26,130	9,272	48,005	205,004	212,438	238,639	216,251	60,749	36,119	59,210	19,152	133,599	23,426
1904-05	90,648	45,033	55,371	74,048	27,515	28,165	8,672	55,114	212,306	234,749	236,859	237,842	61,562	39,609	40,891	20,358	133,583	26,138
1905-06	93,766	47,141	61,808	91,677	24,270	28,463	8,733	63,112	227,593	251,938	233,921	261,677	63,353	44,735	13,830	18,850	122,766	27,124

# 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.
1896-97	£ 1,366	£ 2,060	£ 30,994	£ 11,782	£ 729	— †	£ —	£ —	£ 37,633	£ 12,496	£ 36,650	£ 26,008	£ 247,853	£ 973,637	£ 3,225	£ 12,503	£ 393,558	£ 1,539,015
1897-98	1,291	2,413	44,164	12,501	765	— †	—	—	42,023	14,299	38,161	23,064	251,965	958,576	15,770	253,043	993,901	1,783,602
1898-99	1,351	2,327	42,139	14,622	1,123	231	—	—	43,202	14,397	38,904	50,065	255,367	952,539	13,991	230,446	1,015,170	1,800,962
1899-1900	1,561	2,344	43,262	15,282	1,116	653	—	—	45,752	15,425	41,846	31,258	248,912	1,039,444	8,881	110,121	1,039,489	1,780,011
1900-01	2,011	2,700	48,340	21,327	1,529	1,223	—	—	52,002	17,629	42,964	30,794	259,752	1,116,617	8,630	12,668	1,080,975	1,704,336
1901-02	2,376	3,046	50,703	18,094	2,033	1,854	—	—	55,329	16,498	46,481	33,796	281,887	1,180,877	7,634	11,507	1,175,142	1,970,225
1902-03	2,267	4,296	50,542	18,617	2,168	2,340	—	—	61,356	17,527	62,669	36,018	300,524	1,204,404	7,102	13,815	1,329,562	2,027,765
1903-04	2,531	4,224	58,571	18,057	2,394	3,043	—	—	73,946	18,095	64,325	39,238	301,999	1,440,314	7,442	14,479	1,445,665	2,281,840
1904-05	2,535	5,012	52,076	19,740	3,006	4,165	16,713	3,625	50,470	19,154	54,101	43,241	307,002	1,550,570	9,526	20,869	1,375,197	2,436,740
1905-06	3,184	7,323	47,027	21,073	2,601	7,473	35,346	18,404	44,240	19,627	55,814	40,460	304,377	1,350,770	15,320	30,924	1,409,749	2,830,677

† 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.	Denmark.	Egypt.	France.	Germany.	Hungary.	Italy.	Luxem- bourg.	Nether- lands.	Norway.	Rou- mania.	Sweden.	Switzer- land.	Total.
1898-9 {						933	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	933
Number -	—	—	—	—	—	933	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	933
Amount £	—	—	—	—	—	5,102	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,102
1899-1900 {						3,101	2	—	1	403	21	7	—	37	3,774
Number -	26	178	—	—	—	3,101	2	—	1	403	21	7	—	37	3,774
Amount £	138	941	—	—	—	18,884	11	—	10	1,430	113	43	—	219	19,780
1900-1 {						3,811	80	231	—	922	243	57	19	266	6,827
Number -	431	758	—	—	—	3,811	80	231	—	922	243	57	19	266	6,827
Amount £	2,345	4,787	—	—	—	20,940	485	1,687	—	3,349	1,566	267	135	1,610	37,172
1901-2 {						4,606	139	456	10	1,643	373	53	137	408	11,678
Number -	662	1,049	—	20	2,227	4,606	139	456	10	1,643	373	53	137	408	11,678
Amount £	2,955	6,304	—	195	13,471	24,537	1,659	3,252	71	7,194	2,355	326	880	2,634	65,733
1902-3 {						5,034	187	552	11	2,372	351	57	199	410	14,511
Number -	701	1,109	—	38	3,340	5,034	187	552	11	2,372	351	57	199	410	14,511
Amount £	3,705	7,739	—	319	10,183	26,887	1,031	3,471	70	9,782	1,973	360	1,323	2,503	76,381
1903-4 {						5,643	229	614	11	2,683	398	80	233	607	16,891
Number -	910	995	—	31	4,557	5,643	229	614	11	2,683	398	80	233	607	16,891
Amount £	4,345	5,531	—	294	26,700	30,728	1,337	4,379	32	10,086	2,177	484	1,479	3,353	91,435
1904-5 {						5,626	220	610	9	2,404	367	76	182	552	16,628
Number -	665	907	—	32	4,876	5,626	220	610	9	2,404	367	76	182	552	16,628
Amount £	5,218	7,718	—	523	28,319	42,128	2,106	6,356	41	10,951	3,046	554	1,451	5,306	113,717
1905-6 {						5,834	227	686	7	3,161	404	99	197	583	19,787
Number -	821	1,207	17	71	5,383	5,834	227	686	7	3,161	404	99	197	583	19,787
Amount £	7,514	16,899	127	1,270	33,926	46,586	2,036	6,837	31	13,707	3,121	678	1,799	5,071	139,402

# 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.		Number.	Value.	Increase per Cent.		Number.	Value.	Increase per Cent.		Number.	Value.	Increase per Cent.		Value.	Increase per Cent.
			Number.	Value.			Number.	Value.			Number.	Value.			Number.	Value.		
1896-97	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	24,007,000	4·9	3·9	110,000	7·3
1897-98	71,232,000	25,927,000	6·3	4·3	149,000	88,000	4·2	3·5	278,000	181,000	5·7	6·3	71,657,000	26,108,000	6·2	4·8	126,000	14·5
1898-99	76,501,000	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	25·4
1899-1900	81,926,000	28,522,000	7·0	5·2	190,000	112,000	15·9	14·3	313,000	200,000	7·6	7·5	82,429,000	28,834,000	7·0	5·2	188,000	19·0
1900-01	85,185,000	29,761,000	4·0	4·8	205,000	121,000	7·9	8·0	351,000	224,000	12·1	12·0	85,741,000	30,106,000	4·0	4·4	180,000	Dec. 4·3
1901-02	88,388,000	30,931,000	3·8	8·9	*2,300,000	*1,794,000	1,022·0	1,382·6	364,000	235,000	3·7	4·9	91,052,000	32,960,000	6·2	9·5	172,000	4·4
1902-03	92,050,000	31,954,000	4·1	3·3	*804,000	*679,000	Dec. 65·0	Dec. 62·2	414,000	207,000	13·7	13·6	93,268,000	32,900,000	2·4	Dec. 0·2	170,000	Inc. 4·1
1903-04	†80,810,000	33,817,000	Dec. 2·4	5·8	312,000	198,000	61·2	72·0	449,000	298,000	8·5	11·6	90,571,000	34,801,000	Dec. 2·9	Inc. 4·3	185,000	3·4
1904-05	90,371,000	36,095,000	Inc. 0·8	6·7	576,000	225,000	Inc. 20·5	Inc. 21·0	502,000	343,000	11·8	15·1	91,249,000	36,683,000	Inc. 0·7	6·9	190,000	5·9
1905-06	96,070,000	38,019,000	6·8	5·3	658,000	337,000	75·0	72·0	543,000	364,000	8·2	6·1	97,271,000	38,770,000	6·6	5·7	215,000	9·2

\* 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
1896-97	—	5,562	4,041	4,844	4,516	3,706	2,248	4,301	1,903	9,792	—	—	—	—	3,189	—	—	—	—	8,325
1897-98	—	6,207	4,413	5,217	4,835	3,935	2,398	4,582	2,047	10,310	—	—	—	—	3,891	—	—	—	—	8,689
1898-99	—	7,601	4,967	5,843	5,116	4,217	2,533	4,943	2,152	10,917	—	—	—	—	3,553	—	—	—	—	9,072
1899-1900	—	8,921	5,094	6,267	5,432	4,599	2,678	5,428	2,239	11,719	—	—	—	—	3,740	—	—	—	—	9,514
1900-01	—	8,245	5,365	6,561	5,730	5,030	2,956	5,662	2,363	12,401	—	—	—	—	3,939	—	—	—	—	10,036
1901-02	—	7,889	6,658	6,828	6,142	5,241	3,146	5,943	2,556	13,167	—	—	—	—	4,204	—	—	—	—	10,718
1902-03	—	8,289	5,929	7,223	6,478	5,462	3,145	6,266	2,670	13,673	—	—	—	—	4,318	—	—	—	—	10,744
1903-04	381	6,071	4,420	6,559	6,431	5,067	2,544	4,844	1,934	10,913	757	1,989	740	1,143	2,774	1,218	612	732	442	9,667
1904-05	718	5,973	3,598	6,414	6,537	4,823	2,305	4,260	1,689	9,744	1,136	2,773	1,060	1,568	2,055	1,891	717	1,012	603	8,552
1905-06	1,255	6,760	3,834	6,842	6,870	5,072	2,406	4,479	1,807	10,081	1,231	2,981	1,181	1,672	2,082	1,869	807	1,082	652	8,789

\* 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.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
	10 6	11 0	11 6	12 0	12 0	13 0	13 6	14 0	14 6	15 0	15 6	16 0	16 6	17 0	17 6	18 0	18 6	19 0	19 6	20 0	21 0
1896-97	2,222	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,546	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,246	—
1897-98	2,369	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,673	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,601	—
1898-99	2,444	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,753	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,933	—
1899-1900	2,560	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,870	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,362	—
1900-01	2,767	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,906	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,687	—
1901-02	2,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,247	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,397	—
1902-03	2,926	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,220	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,925	—
1903-04	2,014	305	214	593	411	257	174	281	150	2,424	118	289	91	123	121	158	79	142	—	12,416	524
1904-05	1,208	582	406	1,084	690	555	366	591	258	1,751	251	521	229	312	303	309	195	381	—	12,653	1,263
1905-06	1,262	633	446	1,162	769	507	394	641	287	1,787	277	553	286	341	332	437	211	375	67	13,200	1,425

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

† These Orders were not issued prior to 12 December 1905.

## 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	643,416
1898-99	953	76	63,109	7,388	7,066,609	1,178,362
1899-1900	1,029	76	69,713	6,604	8,091,631	1,025,022
1900-01	1,116	87	76,831	7,118	8,980,733	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
1905-06	1,755	151	128,063	15,320	17,974,039	2,512,217

**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.
1896-97	3,295	185	1,863	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
1905-06	12,529	2,636	10,380	1,736

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.
1896-97 - -	2,530	Dec. 40	19,095	624	5,358	12	£ 114,448	£ 1,832
1897-98 - -	2,608	Inc. 78	23,146	4,051	5,459	101	*110,042	Dec. 4,406
1898-99 - -	2,676	68	25,829	2,683	5,629	170	121,065	Inc. 11,023
1899-1900 - -	2,788	112	27,334	1,505	5,863	234	126,132	5,067
1900-01 - -	2,910	122	29,157	1,823	6,193	330	132,424	6,292
1901-02 - -	3,234	324	34,924	5,767	6,605	412	151,853	19,429
1902-03 - -	3,439	205	36,581	1,657	7,118	513	163,638	11,785
1903-04 - -	3,499	60	40,608	4,027	7,535	477	169,769	6,131
1904-05 - -	3,746	247	41,026	418	8,901	1,306	172,953	3,184
1905-6 - -	3,869	123	41,887	861	9,243	342	177,111	4,158

\* 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 48,455*l*.

# APPENDIX N.

## Post Office Telephones.

### GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT to 31st March 1906.

Capital authorised by Parliament, viz. :—	£	s.	d.	Trunk Lines :—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Telegraph Acts, 1892-98 - - -	2,300,000	0	0	Purchased from the National Telephone Co. in 1896 - - - - -	459,114	3	7			
Telegraph Act, 1899 - - - - -	2,000,000	0	0	Construction of Lines by Post Office :—						
				To 31st March 1905 - - - - -	2,078,173	14	4 $\frac{1}{2}$			
				Year ended 31st March 1906 - - - - -	350,215	4	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,897,503	2	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Telegraph Act, 1904 - - - - -	3,000,000	0	0	London Exchange (including Private Wires) :—						
				Construction to 31st March 1905 - - - - -	1,786,896	8	0 $\frac{1}{4}$			
				Year ended 31st March 1906 - - - - -	344,404	8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$			
				Expenditure on Sites and Building :—						
				To 31st March 1906 - - - - -	101,287	17	4	2,232,588	13	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
				Provincial Exchanges (including Private Wires) :—						
				Construction to 31st March 1905 - - - - -	341,206	5	0 $\frac{1}{4}$			
				Year ended 31st March 1906 - - - - -	61,989	14	5	403,195	19	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
				Miscellaneous Expenditure charged to Capital Account to 31st March 1906 - - - - -				11,222	15	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
				Stores purchased and remaining unused on 31st March 1906 - - - - -				198,044	18	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
				Balance not expended on 31st March 1906 - - - - -				1,557,444	10	5
Total - - - - - £	7,300,000	0	0	Total - - - - - £				7,300,000	0	0

The amount of the capital advanced by the Treasury to 31st March 1906 was 5,750,000*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 R of the Vote. The amount so charged up to the 31st March 1905 was 1,437,190*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*, for the year ended 31st March 1906 399,351*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, making in all 1,836,542*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.*, being 1,330,594*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* in repayment of capital, and 505,947*l.* 10*s.* 11*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 1906.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Subscribers' Rentals :—	£		£
Proportion of Subscriptions paid in 1904-5, but proper to 1905-6	81,330	Maintenance of System	40,597
Paid in the year 1905-6 :		Salaries, Wages, &c. of Staff, including provision for Pensions of Established Staff	60,408
At Flat Rates	40,502	Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light, including estimated Rental Value of Premises already belonging to the Department	10,390
At Toll Rates	157,744	Miscellaneous Expenses (Stationery, Travelling, &c.)	3,202
	198,246		
Less proportion proper to 1906-7	102,720	Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c. (vide notes)	149,048
	95,526		£ 263,645
Message Fees, in addition to fixed minimum of 1 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> per			
Message Rate Circuit	36,723		
Call Office Fees	7,236		
Rentals of wires leased to National Telephone Co.	37,691		
Miscellaneous receipts	2,717		
Value of services rendered to Government Departments without payment	2,422		
	263,645		

NOTES.—(1) The estimated amount required to provide for depreciation of plant, inclusive of spare wires, is 69,848*l.* and interest at 3 per cent. on the capital expenditure of 2,305,000*l.* is 69,150*l.* making together 138,998*l.*

(2) Terminable annuities have been created, payable from the Vote, 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 33 years. The annuity required for interest and sinking fund on a capital expenditure of 2,305,000*l.*, repayable in 30 years with interest at 3 per cent., would be 117,601*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.

### PROVINCIAL EXCHANGE SYSTEM.

AN ACCOUNT, partly estimated, of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the YEAR ended 31st March 1906.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Subscribers' Rentals :—			£
Proportion of Subscriptions paid in 1904-5, but proper to 1905-6	£ 22,623	Maintenance of Provincial Exchange Systems	21,873
Paid in 1905-6	55,128	Salaries, Wages, &c., of Staff, including provision for Pensions of Established Staff	18,319
Less proportion proper to 1906-7	28,330	Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light, including estimated Rental Value of Premises already belonging to the Department	1,711
	26,798	Miscellaneous Expenses (Stationery, Travelling, &c.)	1,196
Deduct amount payable to, in excess of that receivable from, National Telephone Company for terminal fees	1,164		
	25,634	Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c. (vide notes)	13,967
Message Fees for excess calls	1,899		£ 57,066
Call Office Collections	1,955		
Rentals of junction lines leased to National Telephone Company	3,875		
Miscellaneous receipts	406		
Value of services rendered to Government Departments without payment	674		
	£ 57,066		

NOTES.—(1) The estimated amount required to provide for depreciation of plant, inclusive of spare wires, is 18,043*l.*, and interest at 3 per cent. on the capital expenditure of 388,000*l.* is 11,640*l.*, making together 29,683*l.*

(2) Terminable annuities have been created, payable from the Vote, 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 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 388,000*l.*, repayable in 19 years with interest at 3 per cent., would be 27,086*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 1906.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£		£
Trunk Fees :—		Maintenance of Trunk Line System - - - -	53,597
Gross value for year - - - -	447,321	Salaries, Wages, &c., of Staff, including provision for Pensions of Established Staff - - - -	123,051
Less: Commission paid to Licensees for Collection, &c. - - - -	20,057	Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light, including estimated Rental Value of Premises already belonging to the Department - -	11,508
	427,264	Miscellaneous Expenses (Stationery, Travelling, &c.) -	7,369
Miscellaneous receipts - - - -	1,683	Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c. ( <i>vide</i> Notes) - - - -	233,590
Value of Services rendered to Government Departments without payment - - - -	168		£ 429,115
	£ 429,115		

NOTES.—(1) The estimated amount required to provide for depreciation of plant, inclusive of spare wires, is 88,901*l.*, and interest at 3 per cent. on the capital expenditure of 3,197,000*l.* is 95,910*l.*, making together 184,811*l.*

(2) Terminable Annuities have been created, payable from the Vote, 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 3,197,000*l.*, repayable in 29 years with interest at 3 per cent., would be 166,596*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 1906.

	RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURE.			
	Exchanges.		Trunk Lines.	Total.		Exchanges.		Trunk Lines.	Total.
	London.	Provincial.				London.	Provincial.		
Subscribers' Rentals, Local and Trunk Fees, &c. (including value of services rendered to Government Departments without payment).	£ 263,645	£ 57,066	£ 429,115	£ 749,826	Working Expenses (including Day to Day Maintenance).	£ 114,597	£ 43,099	£ 195,525	£ 353,221
					Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c.	149,048	13,967	233,590	396,605
Total - - - £	263,645	57,066	429,115	749,826	Total - - - £	263,645	57,066	429,115	749,826
(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.						138,998	29,683	184,811	353,492
(2) Annuity required for interest and sinking fund for repayment of Capital, at 3 per cent. as per footnote (2) of preceding Tables.						117,601	27,086	166,596	311,283



# 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.
1896-97 - -	13,940	1,238,921	113,968	308,014	35,553	172,557	45,508	3,903	—	1,932,708	£ 1,094,424
1897-98 - -	13,717	1,254,907	102,797	304,918	32,716	176,008	46,969	3,902	—	1,935,333	1,085,388
1898-99 - -	13,689	1,287,504	118,094	321,777	36,083	179,886	46,898	4,019	—	2,007,350	1,134,816
1899-1900 - -	11,938	1,300,557	110,836	321,325	36,153	193,947	49,684	4,174	—	2,049,014	1,161,056
1900-01 - -	11,611	1,343,913	122,404	328,895	36,349	215,591	50,770	4,226	—	2,113,849	1,194,586
1901-02 - -	11,152	1,404,253	123,976	334,801	36,316	228,278	53,883	4,358	—	2,196,822	1,230,631
1902-03 - -	10,960	1,462,049	127,425	340,373	37,272	230,006	53,197	4,442	128	2,265,887	1,272,052
1903-04 - -	10,623	1,462,025	128,734	348,206	37,060	225,360	49,543	4,302	373	2,296,313	1,281,807
1904-05 - -	9,261	1,526,212	129,056	361,998	36,691	223,861	53,147	4,373	730	2,346,520	1,320,341
1905-06 - -	8,707	1,557,227	129,330	362,023	36,296	225,596	55,233	4,515	1,735	2,380,674	1,343,199

# APPENDIX Q.

RETURN showing, for each YEAR from 1896-97 the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POSTAL SERVICES.

YEAR.	REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.											Percentage of Total Expenditure to Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.	Net Revenue after deducting Expenditure on Sites and Buildings from Total Expenditure.
	Postal Receipts.	Extra Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	Total.	Sites and Buildings.		Superannuations and other non-effective Charges.	Salaries, Wages, &c.	Percentage of Salaries, &c. to Total Revenue.	Conveyance of Mails.	Percentage of Conveyance of Mails to Total Revenue.	Packet Service.	Other Expenditure.		Total Expenditure.			
					Purchase.	Erection.							Under Post Office Vote.	Under other Votes.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£		£	£	£	£		£	£
1896-97	11,870,656	39,841	230,438	12,140,935	8,842	102,501	207,529	4,081,607	41·01	1,453,617	11·07	722,585	611,790	797,985	8,246,356	67·94	3,000,579	4,071,922
1897-98	12,200,094	—	213,682	12,420,376	52,784	133,309	224,924	5,237,555	42·41	1,512,605	12·18	746,757	545,395	200,688	8,693,317	69·01	3,737,059	3,923,152
1898-99	12,841,300	—	207,918	13,040,317	37,127	136,760	249,443	5,645,051	43·26	1,535,261	11·77	821,370	658,708	206,136	9,190,066	70·42	3,850,311	4,033,108
1899-1900	13,192,020	—	202,315	13,391,335	115,294	169,005	269,092	6,017,618	44·93	1,537,967	11·48	759,307	601,670	213,717	9,683,999	72·29	3,710,336	3,994,728
1900-01	13,776,898	—	218,584	13,995,470	78,789	156,373	286,255	6,339,390	45·30	1,575,540	11·26	764,805	605,954	234,478	10,041,584	71·74	3,953,896	4,189,048
1901-02	14,228,906	—	236,964	14,465,870	106,340	160,382	300,980	6,602,034	46·04	1,640,959	11·34	770,431	624,123	259,852	10,465,101	72·34	4,000,769	4,267,401
1902-03	14,780,094	—	244,668	15,005,262	112,038	205,630	311,232	6,841,382	45·69	1,665,288	11·10	770,385	643,028	270,057	10,810,938	72·11	4,185,324	4,502,992
1903-04	15,550,100	—	255,294	15,824,394	150,734	234,615	335,160	7,005,127	44·27	1,728,679	10·92	784,635	606,298	286,800	11,201,122	70·78	4,523,272	5,017,651
1904-05	16,031,050	—	243,928	16,274,978	82,004	274,175	354,822	7,100,248	44·24	1,831,864	11·26	740,126	680,624	282,816	11,446,278	70·33	4,828,690	5,185,478
1905-06 (Estimated)	16,323,340	24,363	216,311	17,064,023	75,750	287,753	377,080	7,698,586	45·12	1,821,541	10·67	687,109	603,904	293,377	11,793,109	69·12	5,268,914	5,582,426

# APPENDIX R.

RETURN showing, for each YEAR from 1896-97, the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

YEAR.	REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.											Percentage of Total Expenditure to Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.	Net Revenue after deducting Expenditure on Sites, Buildings, and Extensions from Total Expenditure.	Interest on Stock created for Purchase of Telegraphs.
	Telegraph Receipts.	Extra Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	Total.	Sites and Buildings.		Telegraph Extension.	Superannuations and other Non-Effective Charges.	Salaries, Wages, &c.	Percentage of Salaries to Total Revenue.	Maintenance of the Telegraph System.	Percentage of Maintenance to Total Revenue.	Other Expenditure.		Total Expenditure.				
					Purchase.	Erection.							Under Telegraph Vote.	Under other Votes.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£		£	£	£		£	£	£
1896-97	2,922,449	—	44,905	2,967,354	6,844	87,826	185,414	47,379	1,909,471	66·37	533,419	17·97	204,256	77,201	3,111,810	104·86	144,156	135,628	298,888
1897-98	3,080,852	—	41,371	3,071,723	36,824	52,583	266,646	61,561	2,081,009	67·74	563,784	18·00	232,031	74,408	3,378,841	109·99	307,148	48,035	298,888
1898-99	3,204,306	—	55,749	3,260,145	28,806	52,323	228,311	73,430	2,171,518	66·60	617,616	19·94	230,649	79,352	3,482,014	106·80	221,869	87,571	298,888
1899-1900	3,389,746	—	70,745	3,460,492	18,029	59,520	277,103	81,081	2,270,722	65·87	705,819	20·39	238,610	89,151	3,740,084	108·34	268,592	66,150	298,860
1900-01	3,380,589	—	78,764	3,459,353	23,160	46,890	260,730	86,375	2,343,760	67·75	691,948	20·00	248,723	95,399	3,796,994	109·76	337,541	6,861	298,860
1901-02	3,400,598	—	79,488	3,670,046	34,110	47,694	400,305	96,304	2,416,653	67·60	874,426	24·49	255,112	97,293	4,231,927	118·20	681,881	169,778	298,860
1902-03	3,631,746	—	92,121	3,723,866	37,346	47,903	406,702	103,744	2,509,234	67·38	874,067	23·47	243,783	102,848	4,325,577	116·16	601,744	109,760	298,800
1903-04	3,674,158	—	61,957	3,736,115	53,245	68,141	530,280	111,716	2,602,145	68·58	1,004,462	26·89	252,168	111,732	4,699,896	125·94	957,583	306,108	278,483
1904-05	3,831,719	—	68,304	3,920,023	27,534	107,828	623,085	118,274	2,624,563	66·95	907,250	25·44	230,386	110,530	4,830,459	123·45	919,436	160,989	278,483
1905-06 (Estimated)	4,088,957	—	62,423	4,151,380	23,924	90,956	652,521	119,078	2,643,818	64·17	959,899	23·12	278,275	117,617	4,906,097	118·18	754,707	12,693	278,483

# APPENDIX S.

STATEMENT showing for each YEAR from 1896-97 the combined REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POSTAL and TELEGRAPH SERVICES.

YEAR.	REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.										Per-centage of Total Expenditure to Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	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 Expenditure.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expenditure.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expenditure.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expenditure.			
1890-97	£ 14,834,940	£ 275,343	£ 15,114,280	£ 9,951,078	45·99	61·20	£ 254,908	3·24	£ 266,013	2·34	£ 3,888,187	34·21	£ 11,358,186	75·15	£ 3,756,123
1897-98	15,237,046	255,053	15,492,099	7,348,564	47·43	60·93	285,783	3·37	275,500	2·28	4,152,309	34·42	12,062,158	77·86	3,429,941
1898-99	16,045,795	263,667	16,309,462	7,816,569	47·93	61·68	322,882	2·55	255,016	2·01	4,277,553	33·76	12,072,020	77·70	3,637,442
1899-1900	16,581,766	273,061	16,854,827	8,297,340	49·23	61·77	350,125	2·61	361,050	2·69	4,423,670	32·08	13,433,083	79·70	3,421,744
1900-01	17,157,475	297,348	17,454,823	8,683,189	49·75	62·75	372,630	2·69	305,212	2·21	4,477,577	32·36	13,838,578	79·28	3,616,245
1901-02	17,719,504	316,412	18,035,916	9,018,637	50·00	61·41	397,374	2·71	348,526	2·37	4,922,441	33·52	14,687,028	81·43	3,348,888
1902-03	18,392,439	330,689	18,723,128	9,350,616	49·93	61·74	414,876	2·74	402,917	2·66	4,977,606	32·36	15,145,515	80·87	3,583,613
1903-04	19,233,258	327,251	19,560,509	9,567,272	48·91	60·19	448,866	2·81	515,765	3·24	5,305,117	33·75	15,895,020	81·26	3,665,489
1904-05	19,882,769	312,232	20,195,001	9,823,511	48·64	60·32	473,096	2·91	92,141	3·02	5,496,690	33·75	16,285,738	80·64	3,909,263
1905-06 (Estimated)	20,936,660	278,734	21,215,403	10,302,404	48·84	62·05	496,158	2·97	428,391	2·56	5,414,243	32·42	16,701,166	78·72	4,514,207

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## APPENDIX T.

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EXTRACT from the FINANCE ACCOUNTS for the YEAR ended  
31st March 1906.

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## APPENDIX U.

SUMMARY of STATISTICS for the YEAR 1905-06 compared with  
the PREVIOUS YEAR.

	1904-05.	1905-06.	Increase per cent.	For details see pages
<b>Postal.</b>				
Postal packets delivered - -	4,382,200,000	4,584,500,000	4.62	30-34
Parcels delivered - -	97,231,000	101,682,090	4.58	35
Registered Letters and Parcels -	19,546,211	19,682,008	.69	36-38
Express Delivery Services -	1,403,053	1,578,746	12.52	39
Undelivered Postal Packets, &c. -	26,568,740	27,099,174	1.99	58
<b>Foreign and Colonial Mails:—</b>				
Letters, &c.:—				
Despatched (Weight) -	*Lb.25,837,500	†Lb.26,840,000	3.88	} 40-41
Received (Weight) -	*Lb.11,126,000	†Lb.11,876,000	6.74	
Parcels:—				
Despatched (Number) -	2,315,204	2,474,003	6.86	} 42-45
Received (Number) -	1,315,788	1,431,035	8.76	
<b>Savings Bank transactions:—</b>				
Deposits:—				
Number - - - -	*15,466,928	†16,320,204	5.52	} 64
Amount - - - -	*£40,612,967	†£42,300,617	4.16	
Withdrawals:—				
Number - - - -	*6,276,929	†7,155,283	13.99	} 64
Amount - - - -	*£41,904,393	†£42,096,037	.46	
<b>Money Orders:—</b>				
Number - - - -	13,404,946	13,596,153	1.43	} 72-80
Amount - - - -	£43,161,462	£44,612,785	3.36	
<b>Postal Orders:—</b>				
Number - - - -	91,249,000	97,271,000	6.60	} 81-83
Amount - - - -	£36,663,000	£38,770,000	5.75	
<b>Telegraph.</b>				
Telegrams - - - -	88,969,000	89,478,000	.57	59-60
Telephone Trunk Calls - -	15,461,822	17,974,039	16.25	84
<b>Postal and Telegraph Combined.</b>				
Gross Revenue - - - -	£20,195,001	£21,215,403	5.05	} 92-97
Gross Expenditure - - - -	£16,285,738	£16,701,196	2.55	
Net Revenue - - - -	£3,909,263	£4,514,207	15.47	} 53-54
Staff (all classes) - - - -	192,454	195,432	1.55	

\* Year 1904.

† Year 1905.