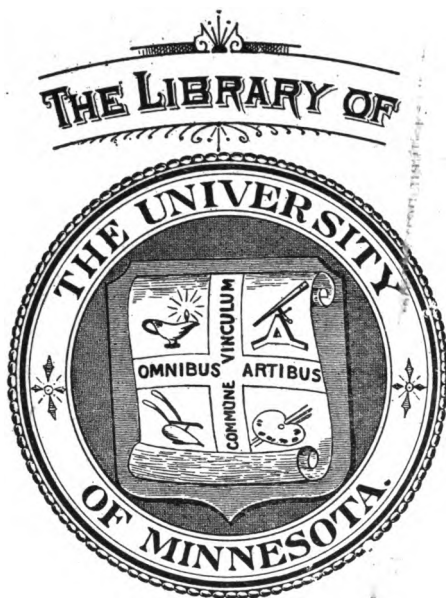

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FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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-fourth Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, being an account of the business of the Post Office during the year ended the 31st March 1908.

In my Report for the year ended the 31st March 1906 I included a brief statement of the reforms and improvements which had been recently introduced or were about to be introduced in the services conducted by the Post Office. It may be convenient if I take the present opportunity of summarising in a similar manner, for the information of your Lordships, the changes which have been carried into effect since that time, or which are about to be introduced. The postal reforms introduced in 1906 were chiefly in connection with the home service; these later ones are chiefly connected with the foreign or colonial service.

On the 1st October last the unit of weight for outward foreign and colonial letters was raised from half an ounce to one ounce; and the postage on foreign letters for each unit after the first was reduced from $2\frac{1}{2}d.$ to $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ Thus, for example, a letter weighing two ounces addressed to a foreign country can now be sent for $4d.$ instead of $10d.$; and a letter of the same weight addressed to a British colony can be sent for $2d.$ instead of $4d.$ Imperial and Foreign postage.

I have recently concluded an arrangement with the Postmaster-General of the United States of America under which, upon the 1st of October next the rate for letters for the United States of America will be reduced to $1d.$ per ounce. That is to say, a letter of one ounce, which before the 1st of October 1907 would have cost $5d.$, will, after the 1st of October next, cost $1d.$ only; and, similarly, a letter of two ounces, that formerly cost $10d.$, will then go for $2d.$ Postage to the United States.

Parcels up to 11 lbs. in weight (instead of 4 lbs. 6 ozs., only) can now be sent by the official Parcel Post from this country to the United States at comparatively low rates. Parcel Post to the United States.

A "Cash on Delivery" service, which enables a customer abroad to pay the postman on delivery for goods ordered in this country, and vice versâ, has been established between the United Kingdom and certain colonies and Egypt. Steps are being taken towards further extension of the service with the colonies. Cash on Delivery.

**Canadian
Magazine
Post.**

The postage on British newspapers, magazines, and trade journals for Canada, when duly registered for the purpose and sent by Canadian packets, has been reduced from 4*d.* to 1*d.* per lb. British publishers have not been slow to take advantage of this cheap transmission.

**Reply
Coupons.**

A system has been introduced under which a person can prepay a reply to any letter sent to a place abroad by means of coupons which can be purchased at post offices in this country, and are exchangeable for postage stamps on presentation at a post office in the country of destination. The system can be used also for the remittance of very small sums of money which would not justify the expense of a money order.

**Postcards
and Samples.**

Writing is now permitted on the address side of postcards to whatever part of the world the cards may be addressed ; and keys and consignments of fresh flowers, when not sent for a commercial purpose, can be forwarded at the reduced rate of 1*d.* per four ounces. These concessions will, I think, be appreciated by the travelling public. Samples of spirits, if they do not exceed 12 ounces in gross weight, can be forwarded from places abroad to merchants in this country at the ordinary sample rate of 1*d.* per four ounces.

**Halfpenny
Post.**

Additional classes of documents have been admitted at the rate for printed papers.

**Returned
Parcels.**

Undeliverable parcels are now returned to the senders in the Inland service free of charge.

**" Blind Li-
terature "
Post.**

Literature for the Blind is now, in the Inland service, transmissible at a specially reduced rate.

**Rural Deli-
veries.**

In redemption of the promise given in the Budget speech of 1906, I have continued to make provision for increased frequency of delivery in remote rural districts. Considerably over three million letters a year have now been accelerated.

**Money
Orders.**

The charge for a Money Order under 1*l.* for any place abroad has been reduced from 4*d.* to 3*d.* ; and the sender of a Money Order can now, on payment of a small fee, receive notice of the payment of the Order.

**Savings
Bank—with-
drawal on de-
mand.**

An important facility has been afforded to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank. On presentation of his book at any Post Office open for Savings Bank business, a depositor can withdraw on demand any sum not exceeding 1*l.*

**Telegraph
rates.**

In connection with the International Telegraph Conference recently held at Lisbon, I shall be able to arrange for the rates for telegrams sent from the United Kingdom to many European countries to be reduced by one halfpenny per word ; but this concession cannot be brought into effect before the 1st of July 1909.

I now proceed with the usual account of the progress of the Post Office 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 was as follows:—

See also
Appendix A,
pp. 34-39.

—	Number.	Increase per Cent.	Average No. for each Person.
Letters - - -	2,863,900,000	2·1	64·8
Postcards - - -	858,300,000	3·2	19·4
Halfpenny packets - - -	940,600,000	0·8	21·8
Newspapers - - -	199,800,000	5·7	4·5
† Parcels - - -	109,470,000	4·4	2·5
Total - - -	4,972,070,000	2·2	112·5

The letters show an average increase of 2·1 per cent. only, as against 3·6 per cent. in the previous year.

The postcards show an increase of 3·2 per cent. as compared with 3·9 in 1906-7. This confirms the suggestion made in my previous report that the exceptional growth due to the popularity of picture postcards has reached its climax and that the annual increase has returned to the normal.

In halfpenny packets the rate of increase shows a decided drop from 4·7 per cent. to 0·8 per cent.; while in the case of newspapers the increase is 5·7 per cent. against 2 per cent. only in 1906-7. The rate of increase in parcels has risen from 3·1 per cent. to 4·4 per cent.

The number of letters registered during the year was 19,123,050, showing an increase of 3·4 per cent. on the figures for 1906-7. The number of parcels registered was 1,034,262, an increase of 2·4 per cent.

See also
Appendix A,
pp. 40-42.

EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICES.

The total number of express services performed was 1,808,888, as compared with 1,673,258 in the previous year, an increase of 8·1 per cent.

See also
Appendix A,
p. 43.

UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS.

The number of undelivered packets, including packets entirely unaddressed and articles found loose, dealt with during the year ended 31st March 1908 is estimated to have reached a total of 31,278,000, an increase of about 1,512,000, or 5·08 per cent. on the total for the preceding year. All classes of correspondence seem to have contributed to the increase, though only to a slight extent in the case of parcels.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix G,
page 61.

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

The undeliverable registered letters and letters containing articles of value numbered 393,298, or 11·13 per cent. more than in 1906-7. These letters contained 19,378*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* in cash and bank notes, and 636,680*l.* 17*s.* in bills, cheques, money orders, postal orders, and postage stamps.

These figures do not include the value of remittances enclosed in packets returned unopened to the senders, nor the value of miscellaneous property dealt with as undeliverable.

They included a large number of "Limerick" letters, or letters containing "last lines," with postal orders enclosed, which had been refused because the competitors had omitted to prepay the postage.

The total number of packets posted without any address and of articles found loose in the post during the year was 442,957, an increase of 4·69 per cent. on the number for the preceding year. Included among these were bank notes and cash to the value of 1,456*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*, and cheques and other forms of remittance to the value of 27,016*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.*

HOME MAIL SERVICES.

Extension of
Postal Facili-
ties between
Bristol and
the South of
England.

By arrangement with the Great Western Railway Company a late train service between Bristol and Salisbury in both directions has been established, and I have been enabled thereby considerably to improve the Night Mail service between Bristol and the South of England. The time of posting at Bristol has now been extended by two hours for correspondence intended to be included in the first delivery at all places served by the London and South-Western Night Mail trains. In the reverse direction letters posted in time for the ordinary Night Mails are now included in the first delivery at Bristol and in the surrounding district. Several hours' acceleration is thus gained. Considerable use is already made of the new service; and the improvements effected will, I hope, have an important bearing upon the development of trade between Bristol and the South of England generally.

North Mail
Service to
Torquay and
Paignton.

As regards the Torquay district a substantially earlier delivery of the Mails from the North conveyed by the 6.15 a.m. train from Bristol to the West of England has been arranged both at Torquay and at Paignton. The mails are transferred by the mail apparatus at Newton Abbot and are taken on thence by a special motor car service.

Shetland
mail service.

A new contract has been made under which the mail steamer service between Aberdeen and the Shetland Islands has been extended from three to four days in each week during the seven winter months, October to April inclusive. During the summer months the service continues to be provided, as formerly, on five days in each week.

The arrangements for transferring the American Mails between the train and packet at Dublin and between the packet and train at Holyhead, in connection with the special through service from Queenstown to London, have been improved, and the work of transfer has been considerably expedited. The London and North-Western Railway Company have also arranged for an acceleration of the train conveying the mails between Holyhead and London. This acceleration, coupled with the saving of time effected in the transfer of the mails at Dublin and Holyhead, has resulted in appreciably shortening the time occupied in the through service from Queenstown to London.

Homeward
American
Mails landed
at Queens-
town.

Special trains from Queenstown are also employed more frequently in order to secure for mails conveyed by the Cunard packets "Mauretania" and "Lusitania" the full benefit of the high speed of those vessels.

The arrangements for affording increased frequency of delivery in remote parts of the United Kingdom, as promised in the Budget speech of 1906, have now been nearly completed. During the year under review I have been able to make provision for accelerating considerably over two million letters per annum, in addition to one million provided for up to the end of 1906-7.

Frequency
of delivery.

Motor vans are now employed, under contract, on about fifty mail services in various parts of the country. The working of the vans shows continued improvement, and their use has resulted in an acceleration of service, besides in some cases effecting economy. The most important motor mail services which have recently been established are those between London and Ipswich, London and Cambridge, and London and Aylesbury. Other services are under consideration, and will, I hope, be established during the current year.

Use of
motors.

The proportion of parcels wholly road-borne has steadily grown since 1901-2, and the increase for 1907-8 has been the largest for several years.

Hitherto no printing in ordinary type, except the title and table of contents of the book or paper, has been allowed to pass in packets containing literature impressed in special type for the use of the blind. Printing intended to serve as a key to, or instructions for, the use of the special type may now appear on a sheet attached to the book or paper.

"Blind Lit-
erature"
post.

It was represented to me that the impression of the official "paid" stamp on packets containing lottery circulars gave them a quasi-official appearance which was likely to mislead ignorant members of the public. In consequence of this, and in order to decrease the facilities hitherto offered to senders of lottery circulars, any person desiring to post large batches of packets and to prepay the postage in money, is now required to sign a

Lottery cir-
culars.

form of declaration to the effect that the packets do not contain lottery or betting circulars, and may be required to open a specimen packet. The effect of this arrangement has been to reduce considerably the number of packets containing lottery circulars observed in the post.

During the recent session a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament has been considering whether any amendments in the law relating to lotteries and indecent advertisements are necessary or desirable, and evidence has been given before the committee on behalf of the Post Office.

Abolition of certain charges on parcels.

The practice of charging additional postage for the return of undelivered inland parcels to the senders was discontinued on the 1st of July 1907. Since that date there has been a considerable increase in the proportion of undelivered parcels which it has been found possible to return to the senders.

Postage stamps.

The colour of the 1½d. embossed postage stamp was changed in October last from yellow to purple, as some difficulty had been experienced in distinguishing the yellow stamps in artificial light.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST.

Postal Union. Effect of higher unit of weight and lower postage for letters.

The total weight of letters and postcards despatched from the United Kingdom to places abroad during the year 1907-8 shows an increase of 9·67 per cent. on the total for 1906-7. This represents nearly twice the rate of increase during the previous year; and the growth is, no doubt, mainly due to the concessions in regard to the postage and weight of letters for abroad which came into force on the 1st of October last. Part of the increase may be attributed to the transfer of packets from the Parcel Post to the Letter Post.

Imperial postage system.

The unit of weight for letters from the United Kingdom for the British Colonies was raised from a half-ounce to one ounce in October 1907, concurrently with the general introduction of the new Postal Union arrangement. A similar concession has, as a rule, been made as regards letters from the Colonies for the United Kingdom; but the South African Colonies and Australia, mainly on financial grounds, have not, so far, felt justified in adopting the new unit.

Cash on delivery.

With your Lordships' approval, I have invited the Governments of the several British Colonies to enter into an arrangement under which the Post Office will collect from the addressee, and remit to the sender, the value of articles sent by post in fulfilment of an order. Such a system is largely used in the inland service of the chief countries of the continent of Europe, in India, Australia, and some other British Possessions, and also obtains in international relations.

The advantages of the system in developing a trade in small goods which can conveniently be sent by post have been the subject of repeated representations on the part of the Egyptian

Government, which has pointed out that British goods might with advantage be sent to Egypt under a "Cash on Delivery" service; and Egypt has accordingly been included in the scheme.

The arrangements made last year for the reduction of the rate of postage on British newspapers, magazines, and trade journals for Canada have continued to result in a substantial increase in the number of such articles sent to the Dominion. The estimated increase for the year is between five and six millions. I am glad to learn that the periodicals forwarded by the new post are publications of a high class.

Canadian
magazine
post.

The Board of Customs has authorised the importation by sample post of packets containing spirits; but no package imported by this means may exceed 12 ounces in gross weight. Those of heavier weight are still admissible only by parcel post.

Sample post.
Admission of
spirits.

The new contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, described in my report of last year, came into operation on the 1st of February. Under this contract the homeward mails which were formerly due in London at 6 a.m. on Saturday, except during the monsoon season, are now due at 10 p.m. on Friday, and in the monsoon season 36 hours later. The actual hour of arrival is usually earlier, because the packets as a rule reach Brindisi before the scheduled time. It was not found possible to secure for the homeward mails a delivery in London on Friday morning. The outward mails are despatched as hitherto on Friday evening.

Eastern mail
service.

The contract with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the mail service with Japan and China via Vancouver expired on the 6th of April. No other through service is available by the westward route; and as the service offers a useful means of communication with Japan and Northern China, an arrangement has, with your Lordships' approval, been concluded with the Company for a renewal of the contract for three years at a reduced payment.

Japan and
China mail
service via
Vancouver.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies in August last concluded a new contract with the Royal Mail Steamship Company, under which a regular fortnightly service is now provided between the Islands, connecting, at Barbados or Trinidad, with the Main Line service.

West Indian
mail service.

Since August last a new regular four-weekly service between San Francisco and New Zealand has been maintained by the Australian Mail Line; and mails are now sent from London by this route on every fourth Saturday.

New Zealand
mails.

The onerous charges for the conveyance of mails to the Far East by the route of Siberia are still maintained; and the use of the route is accordingly still restricted to letters and post-cards specially superscribed. Representations on the subject

Trans-
Siberian
route.

have lately been addressed to the Russian Post Office ; but, so far, no reduction in the transit rate has been secured.

Insured
letters and
parcels.

With Your Lordships' assent the fees for insurance of letters and parcels were reduced last year from 5*d.* to 4*d.* for the first 12*l.* of value, and from 2½*d.* to 2*d.* for each succeeding 12*l.* or fraction thereof.

Arrangements have been concluded with many Foreign and Colonial Postal Administrations for raising the maximum amount for which letters can be insured from 120*l.* to 400*l.*

The estimated number of insured letters despatched to places abroad during the year was 11,605, as against 10,531 during the previous year, an increase of 10·20 per cent., whilst the estimated number received from places abroad was 59,491 as against 54,738, an increase of 8·68 per cent.

Foreign and
colonial par-
cel post.

The parcel post has been extended to the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, to Pitcairn Island, and to the French Settlements in Oceania.

Parcels for Portugal are now admitted by the route of France and Spain up to 11 lbs. in weight instead of 6½ lbs. only as formerly. The postage rates are 2*s.* for parcels not exceeding 3 lbs., 2*s.* 6*d.* for those weighing from 3 lbs. to 7 lbs., and 3*s.* for those above 7 lbs. and not above 11 lbs.

The postage on parcels for Japan has been revised ; and the rates for the parcels weighing more than 3 lbs. have been reduced. Since October 1907 the rates have been 2*s.* for parcels not weighing more than 3 lbs., 3*s.* for those weighing from 3 lbs. to 7 lbs., and 4*s.* for those above 7 lbs. but not above 11 lbs. The maximum length for parcels has been raised from 2 feet to 3½ feet ; and the insurance system and express delivery system have also been introduced.

Negotiations are proceeding for a direct parcel post between the United Kingdom and Ecuador ; and, in the meantime, arrangements have been made with the French Post Office for sending parcels for Ecuador by way of Colon and Panama as well as via the Straits of Magellan.

Arrangements were made for a parcel post by way of Marseilles to Aden and onwards by German packet to Mombasa (British East Africa) in place of the service by the long sea route to Aden and thence by German packet. Additional services with Mauritius have been arranged by making use of the French packets appointed to leave Marseilles on the 10th and 25th of the month.

An agreement for the direct exchange of parcel mails with the Spanish Post Office has been signed ; but the arrangement is not yet in operation, as some questions affecting the Spanish service have to be settled by the Spanish authorities. The agreement covers also a parcel post with the Canary Islands.

Although the improvement does not fall strictly in the year under review, I am glad to state that I have, as already

mentioned, been able to arrange for parcels up to 11 lbs. (instead of 4 lbs. 6 ozs. only) for the United States of America to be accepted in the official service at comparatively low rates of postage.

Improvements have been introduced in the arrangements for sending parcels mails to and from the British Postal Agencies in the Levant. Levant agencies.

The New Zealand Shipping Company, Limited, and the Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company, Limited, claimed last year increased payments for the sea conveyance of the parcel mails to New Zealand, on the ground that the bulk of the parcels being disproportionate to the weight, the remuneration compared very unfavourably with ordinary freight rates. It was found that these representations were justified by the actual state of affairs, and that the senders of bulky parcels to New Zealand by post had obtained an advantage over the shippers of freight. The rates of payment to the Companies were consequently, by your Lordships' authority, increased by 1s. for every parcel exceeding 4 feet in length and girth combined; and a corresponding addition was made to the postage rates. Parcel post to New Zealand.

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

—	Insured.	Ordinary.	Total.
Despatched - - - -	205,081	2,531,480	2,736,561
Received - - - -	142,118	1,373,687	1,515,800
Total - - - -	347,194	3,905,167	4,252,361

The combined total number of outward and homeward parcels shows an increase over that of last year amounting to 204,685, or about 5 per cent. The total number of foreign and colonial parcels insured, namely 347,194, as against 317,255 in the previous year, shows an increase of about 9½ 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 :— Exports and imports.

—	Twelve Months ended 31st March			Comparison of 1907-8 with 1906-7.	Comparison of 1907-8 with 1905-6.
	1906.	1907.	1908.		
Exports - -	£ 4,175,661	£ 4,638,917	£ 5,072,466	£ + 433,549	£ + 896,805
Imports - -	£ 1,530,368	£ 1,585,661	£ 1,457,475	£ - 78,186	£ - 72,893
Total - -	£ 5,706,029	£ 6,174,578	£ 6,529,941	£ + 355,363	£ + 823,912

MONEY ORDERS.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix K,
pp. 74-82.

The number of inland money orders issued during the year ended 31st March 1907 was 10,431,497, representing a sum of 39,060,590*l*.

The following table shows the number and value of the orders of each kind, with the corresponding figures for the previous year :—

	Number of Inland Money Orders.			
	1906-7.	1907-8.	Increase + or Decrease—.	Rate per Cent.
Ordinary - - -	*7,558,207	7,041,904	—516,303	—6·8
Telegraph - - -	523,454	544,692	+ 21,238	+ 4·1
Government - - -	*2,763,371	2,844,901	+ 81,530	+ 3·0
Total - - -	*10,845,032	10,431,497	—413,535	—3·8

	Amount of Inland Money Orders.			
	1906-7.	1907-8.	Increase.	Rate per Cent.
	£	£	£	
Ordinary - - -	27,881,286	28,027,259	645,973	2·4
Telegraph - - -	1,812,909	1,894,588	81,679	4·5
Government - - -	8,803,144	9,138,743	335,599	3·8
Total - - -	37,997,339	39,060,590	1,063,251	2·8

The foreign and colonial orders numbered 3,197,178 and amounted to 9,291,470*l*., as against 2,974,653 orders amounting to 8,338,544*l*. in 1906-7.

Average
amounts.

The average amount of each kind of order for the year ended 31st March 1908 was—

	Amount.	Increase on Previous Year.
Inland orders :—	£ s. d.	s. d.
Ordinary - - -	3 19 7	7 2
Telegraph - - -	3 9 7	0 4
Government - - -	3 4 3	0 6
Foreign and Colonial orders - - -	2 18 1	2 0

The total number of money orders paid in the United Kingdom was 12,737,449, amounting to 45,583,249*l*. 7*s*. 8*d*. Over one-sixth of this amount (roughly the same proportion as last year) was paid at the Money Order Department to London bankers.

* The figures for 1906-7 have been adjusted.

While the increase in the amount of ordinary inland orders (2·36 per cent.) is at about the same rate as last year, there has been a decrease of 516,303 (6·8 per cent.) in their number. This and, as a consequence, the increase in the average amount of the ordinary money order, is to a great extent due to the decision of the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society to use postal orders instead of money orders for small payments not exceeding 1*l.* to their members. This change was referred to in my previous report.

The money orders issued in this country during the year 1907-8 for payment in the Colonies show an increase of 166,645*l.* (or 23·8 per cent.) in amount, and the number of orders has increased by 21,137. The number of orders advised from the Colonies show an increase on the 1906-7 figures of 75,073 in number and 126,442*l.* in amount. There was a further decrease of 226,080*l.* in the amount remitted from South Africa, due in part to the substitution of postal orders for money orders for remittance of small sums. On the other hand, the amount remitted by money orders from British North America shows an increase of 50 per cent.

The money orders advised to foreign countries show a small increase of 7,528 (1·3 per cent.) in number and a larger increase of 59,529*l.* (4·2 per cent.) in amount. The orders from foreign countries continue to show a substantial increase—118,787 (9·1 per cent.) in number and 600,310*l.* (17·7 per cent.) in amount. The largest growth was again in the orders from the United States.

The telegraph money orders exchanged with foreign countries once more show a large increase, viz., 3,984 (or 20 per cent.) in number and 33,690*l.* (or 18½ per cent.) in amount.

The orders exchanged through the medium of the London office between places having no direct money service numbered 99,228, and amounted to 423,806*l.*, as compared with 93,215 orders of the value of 348,504*l.* in 1906-7. The recovery of the "Through" money order business, notwithstanding the establishment of direct money order services between countries which formerly transacted their business through the London office, is partly attributable to an increase in the remittances sent by coolie labourers from the United States and Canada to their families in India.

The "Advice of Payment" system, for which arrangements were completed in the year 1906-7, came into operation in the inland service and in the service with certain British colonies and foreign countries on the 1st April 1907, and has been extended during the year to nearly all places abroad with which the United Kingdom transacts money order business. Under the system, the remitter of a money order may, on payment of a small fee, receive notice when the order has been paid. The

arrangement has worked well, although the number of applications has not been large.

Extensions
of service
abroad.

During the year the service between the United Kingdom and Morocco has been extended to several additional British postal agencies. Direct money order services have been arranged with Costa Rica and the Dutch West Indies. An agreement with the Greek Post Office, providing for a direct service, has been signed, but is not yet ratified. Indirect services with the Ottoman post offices in Turkey (through Germany) and with Brazil and the Argentine Republic (through Belgium) have been set up, while the indirect services previously carried on with Bulgaria and Salvador have been replaced by direct services. Arrangements have been made with the French Post Office for the extension of the money order service to the French colonies on the West Coast of Africa (namely, French Congo, Ivory Coast, Dahomey, French Guinea, Upper Senegal and Niger, Mauretania and Senegal) and for facilitating the exchange of money orders between British and French colonies.

The telegraph money order system has been extended to Bulgaria and to Iceland. An agreement has been concluded for an extension to Crete, but the service is not yet in operation.

The plan adopted in the service with Canada of sending the advices of money orders direct from the exchange office of the country of issue to the office of payment, with the view of avoiding delay, has been found to work well and has been extended to nearly all the British colonies.

The maximum amount for single orders has been increased in the case of Denmark and the Danish West Indies, Dutch Guiana and the Dutch East Indies, Crete, and Roumania, to 40*l.*, and in the case of Russia to 30*l.*

Number of
offices.

The number of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom open on the 31st March 1908 was 15,213, or 139 more than on the corresponding date in 1907.

POSTAL ORDERS.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix L,
pp. 84-86.

The total number of postal orders issued during the year (including those issued abroad) was 125,264,000, representing an amount of 44,614,000*l.*, an increase of 22·5 per cent. in number and 9·1 per cent. in amount, as compared with the previous year. This large increase is principally due to the heavy demand for sixpenny orders for the "Limerick" competitions conducted by certain newspapers and trading firms. The value of British postage stamps affixed to postal orders was 236,000*l.*

The commission on the orders yielded the sum of 466,131*l.*, or 51,090*l.* more than in the previous year.

The experiment made by the War Office of using postal orders for small remittances has proved thoroughly successful,

and that Department has now confirmed the arrangement and extended it to all small payments, such as wages, bills, &c.

The Imperial Postal Order scheme has been extended to North-Eastern Nigeria and to Northern Rhodesia. Imperial Postal Order system.

It now comprises practically the whole of the British Empire with the exception of Canada and Australia, and affords a convenient and cheap means of remitting small sums of money, not only between the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire, but also between different parts of the Empire outside the United Kingdom.

British postal orders have been adopted in Cape Colony, Natal, and the Transvaal in place of Colonial orders, which are no longer used. The arrangement was brought into force in the Transvaal in July last and in Cape Colony and Natal on the 1st January of this year, and is working satisfactorily.

During the year, 1,716,000 British postal orders, representing an amount of 1,091,000*l.*, were issued, and 744,087 orders, amounting to 440,742*l.*, were paid in various parts of the Empire. These numbers show increases of 59·8 and 227 per cent. respectively on those for the previous year.

The total amount of money remitted through the Post Office by means of money orders and postal orders during the year 1907–8 was 93,000,000*l.*

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

The deposits and withdrawals made during the year ended 31st December 1907 are shown in the following table, together with the corresponding figures for the previous year:— Statistics. See also Appendix J, pp. 66–73.

Year.	Deposits.		Withdrawals.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
1906	17,997,023	£ 43,980,579	8,629,749	£ 43,763,002
1907	18,771,969	44,217,288	9,308,247	46,433,632

The amount withdrawn during the year exceeded the amount deposited by 2,216,344*l.*, whereas in 1906 the deposits exceeded the withdrawals by 217,577*l.*

The interest credited to depositors in 1907 was 3,719,975*l.* as compared with 3,667,729*l.* in 1906; and the total sum standing to the credit of depositors on Savings Bank Account on

the 31st December 1907 was 157,500,077*l.*, an increase of 1,503,631*l.* in the year. In 1906 the increase was 3,885,306*l.*

Of the 9,308,247 withdrawals, 5,367,154 were made "on demand" for a total amount of 3,514,837*l.*; the greatest number made on one day being 34,430 on the 21st December, when the sum paid was 22,438*l.* Withdrawals by telegraph, where payment is effected on the day of application, were made in 123,114 cases, and withdrawals by return of post, where payment is effected on the day following that of application, in 12,609 cases. The numbers show a slight increase over 1906, when they were 122,802 and 11,509 respectively.

The number of accounts opened during the year was 1,674,586, and 1,314,815 accounts were closed, the net result being an increase of 359,771 depositors. In the previous year 1,600,105 accounts were opened and 1,230,370 closed, an increase of 369,735 depositors.

The total number of accounts remaining open on the 31st December 1907 was 10,692,555. Their distribution as regards England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, the average amount to the credit of each depositor and the proportion of depositors to population are shown in the following statement:—

	At 31st December 1907.			
	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 - -	9,672,200	140,587,592	14 10 8	1 in 3·63
Scotland - - - -	494,914	6,336,571	12 16 1	1 in 9·65
Ireland - - - -	525,441	10,575,914	20 2 7	1 in 8·33
United Kingdom -	10,692,555	157,500,077	14 14 7	1 in 4·14

The average amount standing to the credit of each depositor shows a further decrease of 7*s.* 4*d.*

Accounts of societies.

During the year 226 accounts in the Post Office Savings Bank were opened by Friendly Societies, against 272 in 1906. The accounts opened by Charitable, Provident and Trade Societies numbered 2,592, against 2,542 opened during 1906.

In September 1907 the National Debt Commissioners decided to allow the funds of Registered Trades Unions and their branches to be invested in the Post Office Savings Bank within the special limits of 250*l.* in one year and 1,000*l.* in all. Sixteen such societies took advantage of this concession before the 31st December.

Fewer accounts were opened under the provisions of the County Courts Acts, viz. :—244, with deposits of 20,332*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.*, as compared with 312 with deposits of 20,700*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* in 1906; but the number of accounts opened under the Workmen's Compensation Acts increased from 1,129 with deposits of 82,199*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.* to 1,764 with deposits of 144,820*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.* This large growth is no doubt principally due to the passing of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, which came into force on the 1st July 1907, and considerably extended the class of persons who could claim compensation.

The only Trustee Savings Bank closed during the year was that at Banbury. A sum of 21,500*l.* was transferred to the Post Office Savings Bank. The total sum transferred to the Post Office Savings Bank in 1907 from Trustee Savings Banks was 39,149*l.*, as compared with 43,859*l.* in the previous year. The amount transferred from the Post Office Savings Bank to Trustee Savings Banks was 59,022*l.*, compared with 54,732*l.* in 1906.

There are now 19 Foreign and Colonial Government Savings Banks participating in the arrangement with the British Post Office Savings Bank, made under the provisions of the Savings Bank Act, 1904, for the transfer of accounts. During the year 1907 the sum of 148,696*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* was transferred to the British Savings Bank, and the sum of 22,286*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* was transferred in the reverse direction.

The arrangement with the War Office for enabling soldiers stationed abroad to remit money for deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank through the War Office Public Accounts continues to be highly popular. During 1907 there were 31,072 deposits amounting to 47,815*l.*

For some years an arrangement has existed with the London County Council for crediting scholarship grants quarterly or half-yearly to accounts in the Post Office Savings Bank in the names of the pupils. This arrangement has now been extended so as to enable the quarterly salaries of the pupil teachers to be paid, as they become due, to the credit of Savings Bank Accounts.

There has been a decrease, as compared with the year 1906, in the number of Penny Banks investing their funds in the Post Office Savings Bank and in the number of schools making use of the Stamp Deposit System; but the ground gained in the preceding years in this form of thrift has not been lost.

The average price of Government stock being abnormally low in 1907, there was a large increase in the number and amount of the investments made by depositors. On the other hand, the sales showed some falling off as compared with those in 1906.

The following is a statement of the number and amount of investments and sales, and the average price of Consols in each of the last five years :—

Year.	Investments.		Sales.		Average Price of Consols.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
		£		£	
1903	47,726	3,181,172	17,742	1,085,578	90½
1904	39,633	2,507,546	18,848	1,131,543	88½
1905	32,301	2,212,285	22,824	1,507,219	89½
1906	39,184	2,674,494	20,004	1,349,044	88½
1907	44,652	3,028,194	19,168	1,232,252	84½

The number of stock certificates with coupons for dividends annexed obtained for depositors during the year 1907 was 67, representing a sum of 14,800*l.*, as compared with 50 certificates representing a sum of 9,400*l.* obtained in 1906. The transfers of stock to accounts opened for depositors at the Bank of England amounted to 236,944*l.*

The total number of stockholders on the 31st December 1907 was 154,230, and the amount of stock held 20,533,897*l.*, being an increase in the year of 9,111 stockholders and 1,547,698*l.* stock.

**Annuities
and life in-
surances.**

The number of Immediate Annuities granted in 1907 was 1,685, for sums amounting to 37,940*l.*, as compared with 1,797 for 43,241*l.* in 1906. The amount of the purchase money received was 471,385*l.* The number of such Annuities in existence at the close of the year was 27,660, the aggregate annual amount being 673,453*l.* The number of Deferred Annuities granted was 157, the amount being 2,890*l.* It has long been recognised that this class of annuity finds but little favour in the eyes of the public, who prefer an immediate rather than a deferred benefit.

The number of life insurance contracts granted in 1907 was 492, the total sum insured being 24,912*l.*, a decrease of 149 in number and 3,142*l.* in amount as compared with the figures of the previous year, which were 641 and 28,054*l.*

The Committee which I appointed, under the presidency of Lord Farrer, to consider whether any steps should be taken to encourage the use of the Post Office system of life insurance has concluded its labours; and I am considering its recommendations. I am indebted to the Committee and its Chairman for the care they have devoted to the enquiry.

The net expenses of management of the Post Office Savings Bank Department for the year 1907 amounted to

585,603*l.*, and the average cost per transaction on the total number of deposits and withdrawals works out at 5*d.*, as compared with 5·4*d.* in 1906.

The expenditure (including interest paid to depositors) exceeded the income by 86,247*l.*

TELEGRAPHS.

During the year ended 31st March 1908, 85,969,000 telegrams passed over the Post Office wires, as compared with 89,493,000 in 1906-7, a decrease of 3·9 per cent.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix H,
pp. 62-64.

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.		
	1906-7.	1907-8.	(+) Increase or (-) Decrease.	1906-7.	1907-8.	(+) Increase or (-) Decrease.
Ordinary - -	72,480,000	70,561,000	- 1,919,000	<i>£</i> 2,200,730	<i>£</i> 2,179,857	- <i>£</i> 20,873
Press - -	5,912,000	4,408,000	- 1,504,000	137,237	140,008	+ 2,771
Foreign - -	9,147,000	9,147,000	—	418,026	416,356	- 1,670
Railway, free - -	1,482,000	1,437,000	- 45,000	—	—	—
„ reduced rate	28,000	28,000	—	535	525	- 10
Government, free - -	444,000	388,000	- 56,000	—	—	—
Totals - -	89,493,000	85,969,000	- 3,524,000	2,756,528	2,736,746	- 19,782

* These receipts for 1906-7 were not correctly stated in last year's Report.

The estimated value of the railway and canal free telegrams is 56,550*l.* against 59,600*l.* in 1906-7; that of the Government free telegrams 20,150*l.*, against 22,700*l.* in 1906-7.

The decrease in the number of telegrams is, to some extent, apparent only. I was not altogether satisfied with the system upon which telegraph statistics were compiled, and during the year under review much attention was given to the subject. The basis of computation has been somewhat altered, with the view, primarily, of giving a more accurate presentment of the amount of work actually done by the Post Office in connection with telegrams. It had, I think, previously been overrated; for instance, credit had been taken separately for identical messages sent but once over the wire for delivery, say, at two, three, or more addresses in the same town. The over-estimate thus caused was specially noticeable in the case of press messages. The decrease in the number of ordinary telegrams is most

marked in the case of London local traffic, and is due no doubt to the increasing popularity of the telephone.

Press telegrams.

In connection with the revision of the system of counting messages I caused a careful and prolonged inquiry to be made into the expense of transmitting Press Messages. I find, in the result, that the loss to the State on these messages, which pass at the special rates prescribed by the Telegraph Act of 1868, may be estimated at about 225,000*l.* a year.

New telegraph offices.

During the year the telegraph system has been extended to 275 offices in country districts and in the areas of the larger towns. Guarantees have been given for 190 of these new telegraph offices, 93 by local authorities, and 97 by private persons. There are now in the United Kingdom 10,862 telegraph offices at Post Offices, and 2,402 at railway stations and other public places.

New and improved apparatus.

The Metropolitan Intercommunication Switch in the Central Telegraph Office was completed in November last by the final installation, which added 308 offices to the system and brought the total number up to 520. This system enables offices within the London Postal Area to transmit Metropolitan telegrams direct, thereby saving the time formerly occupied in retransmission at the Central Telegraph Office, and relieving that Office of many thousands of transactions a day.

Underground telegraph lines.

Steady progress has been made with the underground telegraph line between Edinburgh and Glasgow. The line to the West of England will, I hope, reach Penzance in the financial year 1908-9, with a spur to Plymouth as well as to Weston-super-Mare. The construction of this line will greatly diminish the risk of interruption in the important cable routes which start from the West and South-West of England.

Underground lines from Birmingham (southwards) and from Bristol (northwards) are being put in hand, with a view to a line hereafter between those two cities; and progress is also being made with the underground line which is to connect Newcastle-on-Tyne with Leeds, and so with the main underground system. The section from Newcastle to Durham has been completed.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHS.

Statistics.
See also
Appendix H,
p. 64.

The number of foreign telegrams sent to and from the United Kingdom during the year (exclusive of certain telegrams dealt with entirely by Cable Companies) was practically the same as the number sent during 1906-7, viz., 9,147,000.

Improvements of communication.

During the year two additional channels have been provided between the United Kingdom and France, and one between the United Kingdom and Switzerland, by the use of a type of

apparatus (already in operation on three of the Anglo-French wires) which permits of several channels being worked by means of a single wire. Experiments have also been made with a view to the adoption of fast-speed apparatus on certain of the Anglo-Netherland and Anglo-German wires.

The arrangements made in the year 1906-7 (to which reference was made in my last report) for the transmission of messages between the United Kingdom and South Africa by telegraph at each end and by post between Southampton and Cape Town have not been used to the extent anticipated. The number of messages sent in this way during last year was 483. I trust, however, that as the arrangements become better known they will be more largely used.

The International Telegraph Conference which has just concluded its labours at Lisbon, although not falling within the year 1907-8, may perhaps be referred to. The British delegates were Sir H. Babington Smith, K.C.B., C.S.I., Mr. A. M. J. Ogilvie, Mr. R. J. Mackay, and Mr. F. W. Home. No very important changes have been made by the Conference; but various smaller measures have been agreed to which will help to facilitate international telegraphy and will be to the advantage of the public.

In the International Telegraph Regulations, the Conference incorporated regulations which deal with the acceptance, wire-transmission and delivery of wireless telegrams to and from ships, and with the accounting arrangements in respect of such telegrams, so that the wireless telegraph installations on ships and shore stations are now for purposes of public communication joined to the general telegraph and cable system in most countries of the world.

One of the subjects discussed at the Conference was that of Code Telegraphy. The last previous Conference (that held in London in 1903) had admitted pronounceable *artificial* words (other than combinations of actual words) on the footing of code at ten letters to the word. A telegraphist can deal more rapidly and surely with pronounceable words, which can be grouped and remembered while they are being transmitted without a separate effort of attention for each letter, than with arbitrary combinations of letters; and the London Conference admitted artificial words on condition that the syllables composing them should be pronounceable according to the usage of one of the languages hitherto used for codes consisting of real words, namely, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, and Latin. This condition having been seriously abused, the Lisbon Conference, while maintaining the privilege of using artificial words, has adopted measures designed to check the tendency shown in some codes to depart altogether from a reasonable standard of pronounceability.

It was undoubtedly the intention of the London Conference that the standard of pronounceability should be the ordinary current usage of each language. The Lisbon Conference has agreed to insert the word "current" in the regulation, thus making the "current usage" of each of the specified languages the test, and excluding attempts to justify the use of recondite or uncouth combinations of letters on the ground that they are actually to be found, in isolated cases, in one or other of the eight languages in question.

The Conference also decided to encourage the use of codes conforming to a reasonable standard of pronounceability by permitting the compilers to submit codes for examination and approval. The user or author of a code is at present uncertain whether the words in his code are entitled to pass or not. In future, if his code is approved, he will obtain a guarantee that the words which the code contains will be accepted without question at every Telegraph Office throughout the International Telegraph Union. The submission of codes for examination will, however, be permissive, not compulsory. The possession of a certificate will ensure the admission of the words in a given code. In the case of a code which is not certificated the present position will remain unaltered. Those words which satisfy the regulations will pass unquestioned, and those only will be challenged which actually infringe the regulations. The Telegraph Union agreed that the examination of codes submitted for approval should be entrusted to the Administrations of Great Britain, France, and Germany.

As regards rates, arrangements were made for a reduction of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ a word, as from the 1st July 1909, in the charges for telegrams between the United Kingdom and 13 countries in the European system, of which the principal are as follows:—

Country.	Present Rate.
Austria-Hungary - - -	- 3d.
Bulgaria - - -	- 4d.
Greece - - -	- 6d.
Italy - - -	- 3d.
Malta - - -	- 4½d.
Roumania - - -	- 3½d.
Sweden - - -	- 3½d.
Switzerland - - -	- 3d.
Turkey - - -	- 6½d.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Licences
under the
Acts of 1904
and 1906.

During the year 39 licences (covering 58 installations) have been granted under the Wireless Telegraphy Acts. Of these, 37 were for experimental purposes and two for private business

purposes. Since the end of the financial year I have licensed installations at Liverpool for general public communication with ships, and installations at Heysham Harbour and Parkeston Quay for public communication with the packets of the Midland and Great Eastern Railway Company respectively.

The following particulars of the total number of licences in existence at present, or about to be granted, may be of interest :—

—	No. of Licences.	No. of Stations.
Commercial purposes - - - -	8	25
Private business (including lightships) - - -	5	11
Experimental - - - -	77	116
Minor cases in which permission has been given by letter. - - - -	59	—

Under the Order in Council of the 29th of February 1908, licences have become necessary for radio-telegraphic installations on board British ships on the high seas. Licences are in preparation, and will shortly be issued to a considerable number of ships.

At the date of my last report His Majesty's Government had just decided, in accordance with the recommendations of the Select Committee which had then recently reported on the subject, to ratify the Radio-telegraphic Convention signed at Berlin in November 1906. The formal ratification has now been deposited; and the Government has also adhered to the Convention on behalf of the whole of the British Empire, except Newfoundland, which has decided not to adhere for the present, and the Orange River Colony, which, as an inland country, sees no necessity for adhesion. The Convention has been ratified by the great majority of the other signatory Powers, and came into operation on the 1st July 1908.

The Marconi Company has, I am glad to say, accepted the position, and decided to co-operate with the Government in giving effect to the Convention and the Regulations annexed to it.

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 settled in 1904. The total number of outward telegrams dealt with during the year was 1,725, as compared with 1,140 in 1906-7, and of inward telegrams 20,067 as compared with 15,853. Under the new arrangements, consequent on the coming into operation of the Convention, telegrams can now be forwarded (with the charges prepaid) from

Radio-
telegraphic
Convention.

The Marconi
Company's
telegrams.

foreign countries for transmission to ships through the Marconi and other stations open for public traffic in this country, while telegrams can similarly be forwarded from this country for transmission through any foreign or colonial station so open.

In connection with the Convention, a new Post Office station (which will have a range of about 250 miles) is being erected at Bolt Head, Devonshire, and will shortly be opened for public communication with ships.

The Post Office stations for communication between Tobermory and Loch Boisdale (Marconi system), and between Hunstanton and Skegness (De Forest system), have continued to work satisfactorily during the year.

TELEPHONES.

Trunk lines.
(See also
Appendix M,
p. 87.)

The number of telephone trunk wire centres open on the 31st March 1908 was 551, as compared with 533 on the corresponding date in 1907. During the year 342 new trunk circuits were provided, bringing the total number in use up to 2,385, containing about 80,000 miles of double wire. The capital expenditure on the purchase and development of the trunk wire system up to the 31st March last amounted to 3,946,658*l.*, including an expenditure during the past year of 570,406*l.*

Trunk line
conversations.

The total number of conversations which took place over the inland trunk wires during the year 1907-8 was 21,993,113, showing an increase of about 11 per cent. upon the number for the previous year. The gross revenue derived from the inland trunk service was 535,104*l.* as against 480,658*l.* in 1906-7, an increase of 11·3 per cent. The average value of each conversation was slightly more than in 1906-7, namely, 5·84*d.*, instead of 5·82*d.* The receipts from the Continental Telephone Service for the year 1907-8 were 21,187*l.* as against 20,166*l.* for the previous year.

I am glad to be able to report that the reduction of fees above 6*d.* for trunk calls made between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., which took effect on 1st October 1906, has resulted in a large increase in the number of calls. Not only has the loss of revenue been made good, but there has been an actual increase of about 12 per cent. Even now, in spite of the issue of many notices and circulars, the arrangement is not as well known as it should be, and further increases may be expected when subscribers realise that in London, for example, conversation may be had after 7 p.m. with Liverpool and Manchester for 1*s.* It is intended shortly to allow calls to be booked for fixed times in the evening in order to facilitate arrangements for social and business communication.

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

Extension of
the Post
Office system
in the
Provinces.

England and Wales.

*Alderton.	Haydon Bridge.	*Robertsbridge.
*Amersham Com- mon.	*Heybridge.	*Rowlands Gill.
*Arlesey.	Hindhead.	*Saxilby.
Balcombe.	Hornsea.	*Scole.
*Blaenau Festiniog.	*Hurst Green.	*Seaton Delaval.
Brandsby.	Kelvedon.	*Staindrop.
Brigstock.	*Little London.	*Steeple Claydon.
*Buntingford.	*Littleport.	Stillington.
*Burton (Lincoln).	Llandoverly.	*Stotfold.
*Cholmondeley.	*Llyswen.	*Swineshead.
*Clee Hill.	*Longfield.	Tenby.
*Codicote.	*Long Stratton.	Tetbury.
Coggeshall	Lowick.	Thrapston.
*Corwen.	*Madingley.	Tidworth.
*Criccieth.	Malmesbury.	*Tiptree.
*Danehill	Manton.	Tollesbury.
*Dinder.	*Meopham.	Tolleshunt D'Arcy.
*Dolgelly.	*Milford Haven.	Tutbury.
*Dudley (Northd.).	*Milford-on-Sea.	*Upper Cwmtwrch.
*Dulverton.	Narberth.	Uppingham.
*East Harlsey.	*Nonington.	*Washford.
Gerrard's Cross.	North Marston.	Wem.
Grayshott.	Pembroke.	West Woodburn.
Haltwhistle.	Pembroke Dock.	*Whitwell.
*Hanworth.	Petersfield.	Woldingham.
Haslemere.	*Port Madoc.	*Wylam.
Haverfordwest.	*Pwllheli.	Wymondham
	*Raglan.	(Oakham).

Ireland.

Castlebellingham.	*Fermoy.	Lenaderg.
Coalisland.	Killarney (Royal	*Randalstown.
*Donaghmore.	Victoria Hotel).	

Scotland.

Aberfeldy.	Lerwick (Local	Strathtay.
Biggar.	Exchange only).	*Stuartfield.
*Burrelton.	*Leuchars.	Whitburn.
*Ellon.	*Pitcaple.	Yarrowford.
Fauldhouse.		

* The Exchanges marked with an asterisk were opened under guarantee given by local authorities or persons interested in the extensions. A considerable increase has taken place in the number of such guarantees since the introduction of the liberal terms now in force under which two-thirds of the deficiency in the revenue from any guaranteed extension is borne by the Post Office and one third only falls on the guarantors.

Besides these 101 exchanges, 93 public call offices connected with the Post Office trunk line system were opened at places where the number of prospective subscribers was not sufficient to warrant the opening of an exchange. It is found that a call office often becomes the nucleus of a small exchange.

During the past year additions have been made to the system of rural call offices, to which I referred in my last report, in the districts of Easingwold, Moreton-in-Marsh, Chipping Norton, Richmond (Yorks), Uppingham, in England, and at Dunkeld, Hawick, and Peterhead in Scotland.

These call offices are served by adapting existing telegraph wires to telephone working, and are intended primarily to afford local communication between market towns and their neighbouring villages. Communication over the trunk lines with places not over 70 miles distant is in some cases found to be practicable. The extension of the telephone system by means of these rural call offices is especially appreciated by fruit and vegetable growers.

Number of
exchange
subscribers
(See Ap-
pendix M,
p. 87.)

The total number of subscribers to the Post Office Provincial Telephone Exchanges on the 31st March 1908 (excluding those at Glasgow and Brighton) was 11,579, as compared with 10,010 on the 31st March 1907; and the number of Exchange telephones rented increased during the year from *13,232 to 15,785.

This increase in the number of subscribers is the result of the normal development of the Provincial Telephone System of the Post Office. There has been a slight decrease in the number of the subscribers to the system taken over in 1906 from the Corporations of Glasgow and Brighton. On the 31st March 1908 the number of exchange telephones on the Glasgow system was 12,151, and the number on the Brighton system was 1,768. Steps are being taken to put the systems on a better footing.

Telephone
rates.

As stated in my last report, I have introduced a new scale of telephone rates, based on the principle of a measured service; and, as required by the agreement of 2nd February 1905, the rates of the National Telephone Company and those of the Post Office have been assimilated in competitive areas. The consequent abolition of the Unlimited Service Rate for business houses in the provinces has given rise to considerable comment. I am glad to have had the opportunity during the year of discussing on more than one occasion with representatives of the Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom the reasons which led to the adoption of the new tariff; and I have endeavoured to dispel the view that the object of the Government was to make an exorbitant profit out of the monopoly

* The figures for 1906-7 have been adjusted.

which it will enjoy after 1911, when the system of the National Telephone Company passes into the hands of the Post Office.

With reference to the future development of telephony in this country, I have stated in the House of Commons that the Telephone business of the Post Office should, in my opinion, be conducted in such a way that the revenue should be sufficient to provide for current expenditure of all kinds, for the maintenance, and renewal of plant, and for a moderate return on the capital expenditure. The present tariff is to some extent experimental; and further experience under the new conditions which will arise after 1911 will show whether it requires modification.

Much interest has been shown during the year in the method adopted by the Post Office in recording calls made by subscribers. I am glad to say that a committee of the London Chamber of Commerce, which made a thorough investigation of the system in use at the larger Exchanges of the Department, have satisfied themselves that the measures taken to secure the accuracy of the accounts rendered to subscribers are efficacious, and that the percentage of error, which is very small, is in favour of subscribers and not of the Post Office. Recording of subscribers' calls.

The system formerly owned by the Corporation of Swansea has now passed into the hands of the National Telephone Company. My consent was given to the terms on conditions which will, I think, safeguard the interests of the taxpayer when the Company's system is purchased by the State in 1911. Municipal systems.

The following table, based on returns furnished by the Corporations concerned, gives the number of telephones connected with the exchanges of the two municipal telephone systems in existence in England on the 31st March last:—

Name of Municipality.	Date of opening Exchange System.	Number of Telephones.
Hull - - - -	October 1904 - -	2,445
Portsmouth - - - -	November 1902 - -	2,545

The sum received as rental in respect of private wires was 185,269*l.*, as compared with 183,008*l.* for the preceding year. Private wires.
(See Appendix M, p. 88.)

The number of telephones connected with the Post Office telephone system in the Metropolitan area increased during the past year from 41,236 to 48,032, and additional subscribers are being connected at the rate of about 160 a week. The City Exchange, situated in the same premises as the Central Exchange, was opened during the year, and new exchanges have been established at Southall and Hornsey. It has also been found necessary to enlarge the London trunk exchange in London telephone service.

order to provide accommodation for the additional circuits which, owing to the rapid development of the trunk system, will shortly be brought into use.

There were 534 Post Office Call Offices open in the London area on the 31st March last, and the number of calls made from call offices increased by nearly 55 per cent. during the past year.

Extent and
cost of under-
ground
system.

The length of the underground pipes which had been laid in the Metropolitan area for telephone purposes up to the 31st March last was 2,227 miles, 197 miles of which were laid during the year. Cables containing 383,070 miles of wire have been laid, including 95,862 miles rented by the National Telephone Company, and 43,548 miles provided for telegraphs, private wires, &c. The lines of the present subscribers and the junction lines connecting exchanges amount to 136,979 miles, and 102,357 miles of wire remain available for the future development of the telephone system. About 65,280 miles of telephone wire were laid by the Post Office in the Metropolitan area during last year.

Income and
expenditure.

Accounts, for the year ended 31st March 1908, of the income and expenditure relating to the London service, the Provincial Exchange system, and the Trunk system, will be found in Appendix O (pages 90-93).

In my last Report I stated that I was considering whether a form of accounts could not be devised which would show more clearly the financial results of the telegraph and telephone services. I accordingly appointed a Committee, on which the Treasury was represented, to report on the matter. The matter is a very complicated one, and the Committee has not yet finished its work; but, in accordance with their preliminary recommendations, the Estimates for 1908-9 have been presented to the House of Commons in such a way as to show separately the expenditure involved in the Telegraph and Telephone services.

Telephone
royalty.

The amount of royalty received during the year from the National Telephone Company was 269,789*l.*, and from other licensees 2,677*l.*

National
Telephone
Company.

Having regard to the transfer of the National Telephone Company's system to the State at the end of 1911, I am making arrangements so far as practicable to prevent unnecessary duplication of plant during the period which still remains for the dual development of the telephone system in this country. The mileage of wire provided on rental terms by the Post Office for the Company and by the Company for the Post Office is constantly increasing. I have arranged that the Company's Central Exchange at Cardiff should be accommodated on Post Office premises, suitable rental being paid by the Company for the facilities that are being afforded; and I hope to make

similar arrangements in other cases. I am also in negotiation with the Company as to the development of the telephone service in those areas where competition has led to the duplication of wires and plant in general, and I hope to arrive at an understanding which will be to the advantage of both telephone administrations and will tend to the efficiency of the service.

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

Use of telephone for postal and telegraph purposes.

—	1906-7.	1907-8.	Increase.
Telegrams - -	3,797,600	4,089,900	7·7
Express letters - -	89,300	116,000	29·9
Ordinary letters - -	14,600	14,850	1·7

WAYLEAVES.

Wayleave and tree-cutting difficulties still continue to cause embarrassment and expense to the Post Office, with resultant delay in the execution of telephone and telegraph works, and disappointment to individual subscribers and indeed to the inhabitants of whole districts. It cannot be realised too clearly that a wayleave or tree-cutting difficulty, while perhaps not causing any inconvenience to the person or Body actually withholding the necessary permission, may yet prevent the provision of urgently needed telephonic and telegraphic facilities at distant places.

The objections raised appear often to proceed merely from a general dislike to overhead lines without reference to the particular circumstances of the case. The cost of underground work is in most cases many times as great as that of overhead lines; and where only one or two subscribers are served by a line the cost of underground work is prohibitive if cheap telephone rates are to be maintained. Further, I must repeat, that in the present state of electrical science, it is not practicable to place trunk telephone wires underground without in a great measure reducing their effectiveness; and I am consequently compelled to press for open routes where long-distance trunk wires are concerned.

The Act which was passed during the present session will, I hope, diminish to some extent my difficulties as regards wayleave and tree-cutting. But generous co-operation on the part of the public bodies and landowners of the country must always be of the utmost importance in the extension and maintenance of electrical communication.

Mileage of
wire.

It may be interesting to record in this connection that the Post Office has to deal at present with 946,165 miles of wire distributed as follows:—Public telegraph wire, 274,183 miles telephone wires, 482,394 miles; leased and other wires maintained by the Post Office, 189,588 miles. These wires are—

	Miles.
Aerial - - - -	403,778
Underground - - -	530,307
Submarine - - - -	12,080
Total - - - -	946,165

POST OFFICE BUILDINGS.

New and
enlarged
offices in
London.

During the year under review good progress has been made with the erection of the new General Post Office (King Edward's Building). A fifth storey has been added to the General Post Office South (Carter Lane Block), to provide additional accommodation for the London Telephone Service. Further space for telephone purposes will shortly be gained in that building by means of the removal of the Central Metropolitan Engineer and his staff to quarters in the disused London Bridge Parcel Office. The new buildings for the Central Power Station at Blackfriars are nearly completed, and the foundations for the engines &c., are being laid.

The enlargement of the Sorting Office at Paddington has been completed; the erection of the new Western District Office has been begun; and plans for the enlargement of the South-Eastern, South-Western, and Western Central District Offices are under consideration.

Provinces.

In the Provinces, the first block of the new Telegraph Stores Dépôt (Block A) at Birmingham is nearing completion; and new Head Post Offices have been completed and occupied at Blackburn, Boston, Carmarthen, Droitwich, Kilmarnock, Twickenham, Wellingborough, and Wrexham.

Good progress has been made in regard to the erection of a new Letter-Sorting Office for Manchester and a new Head Post Office for Sheffield, and also as regards extensions of the General Post Office at Edinburgh and the Head Post Offices at Bristol and Nottingham. The new Post Office at Hull will, I hope, be ready for occupation before the end of the present year.

Plans have been settled for an enlargement of the Head Post Office at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A Telephone Exchange for Hornsey (London) has been completed and occupied; and considerable progress has been made with the provision of other Exchanges in London and the Provinces.

During the year a total of 62 new buildings specially erected for Post Office purposes were completed and occupied ; and the leases of 31 existing buildings were taken over by the Department, after alterations had been effected to adapt them for Post Office purposes. Besides these, additional accommodation has been provided for the Surveying and Engineering Branches in different parts of the country.

The improvement, with or without enlargement, of 157 Crown Post Offices has been taken in hand, and in the case of 54 of these the work has been completed. Preliminary arrangements have also been made in many cases for enlarging Crown Post Offices or providing new ones.

Under Treasury Authority, the work of providing electric light, electric and hydraulic lifts, and pneumatic plant for Crown Post Offices in Ireland was taken over at the beginning of the year by the Post Office from the Board of Public Works.

The expenditure out of the Post Office Vote on the purchase of sites and buildings during the year amounted to 156,996*l.*, of which 32,893*l.* was for London. Expenditure.

During the year the expenditure by H.M. Office of Works and by the Board of Public Works in Ireland on the erection of new Post Office buildings and on the enlargement and maintenance of existing buildings amounted to 513,401*l.* in Great Britain and 24,381*l.* in Ireland.

POST OFFICES AND LETTER BOXES.

The total number of Post Offices open on the 31st March 1908 was made up as follows:—

—	London.	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Total.
Head Offices -	11	593	129	110	843
Branch Offices -	109	131	30	10	280
Town Sub-Offices -	930	4,566	387	224	6,107
Country Sub-Offices	—	11,835	1,857	2,678	16,370
Totals -	1,050	17,125	2,403	3,022	23,600

Of these offices 193 were opened during the year. Money Order and Savings Bank business is transacted at 15,213 offices, and Telegraph business at 10,862, as well as at 2,402 offices at railway stations and other public places.

The number of letter boxes was increased during the year from 41,720 to 43,025.

STORES, FACTORIES, AND CONTRACTS.

Advices to Trade Unions when certain forms of tender are issued. In October last I made arrangements, similar to those obtaining in certain other Government Departments, for forms of tender, &c., for the supply of certain of the more important articles required by the Post Office to be furnished to the Secretaries of the Trade Unions respectively concerned. This arrangement will, I hope, help to prevent infringements of the fair wages clauses.

Post Office Contracts. I continue to give much attention to the question of the various clothing and other Post Office contracts, with a view to the improvement of the condition of the workers. Special attention is being given to the "fair wages" clause. The action of the Post Office Inspector of contracts continues to be beneficial in enabling me to obtain information in reference to, and to exercise some control over, the conditions of labour.

Home-grown telegraph poles. Efforts have been made to obtain supplies of home-grown timber for telegraph poles; and a large number of invitations to tender were issued to growers and dealers in Great Britain and Ireland. The response was not very satisfactory, and the prices quoted were, for the most part, much higher than those paid for foreign poles. I was able, however, to place an order for a small number of home-grown poles; and I shall continue my efforts in this direction.

Awards for suggestions. The Awards Committee, referred to in my previous report, for the consideration of suggestions from Post Office servants for improvements in machinery, tools, apparatus, &c., has been working successfully, and a large number of suggestions have been made, many of which have been adopted.

STAFF.

See also Appendix F, pp. 56-57. The number of persons on the establishment of the Post Office on 31st March 1908 was 90,776, of whom 13,259 were women. The number added during the year was 2,568.

In addition, there were 112,821 persons filling unestablished situations (some of them employed only for a portion of the day), of whom 30,476 were women. The number added during the year to the unestablished force was 1,851.

The total number of persons employed wholly or in part in the Post Office on the 31st March 1908 was thus 203,597.

Dismissals. The number of established persons dismissed during the year was 318, whilst 239 were deprived of good-conduct stripes. The corresponding figures for 1906-7 were 358 and 198.

Dishonesty accounts for 23 per cent. of the whole number of dismissals, whilst intemperance is responsible for 36 per cent. of the dismissals and 66 per cent. of the losses of good-conduct stripes.

During the year 122 grants, amounting to 2,038*l.* 5*s.* in Retiring all, were made from the fund placed at my disposal by Parliament for awarding gratuities on retirement to unestablished officers who are in poor circumstances and are not eligible for the benefits of the Superannuation Act of 1887. gratuities.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Select Committee on Post Office Servants, I am about to introduce an arrangement under which every Post Office servant who lives outside the visiting area of the Medical Officer upon whose capitation list he is placed will be entitled to call in the services of the Post Office Medical Officer living nearest to his residence if he is too unwell to leave his house. Post Office servants normally entitled to free medical attendance who do not live within the visiting area of any Post Office Medical Officer will in future be granted a compensating allowance of 8*s.* 6*d.* per annum. Thus all Post Office servants whose rank entitles them to the privilege will either receive free medical attendance at home or a compensating allowance to enable them to obtain it for themselves. Medical attendance.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE SERVANTS.

Following on the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed in March 1906, referred to in my last report, I have revised the pay and conditions of working of the Post Office servants concerned. Details of the revision are contained in the Return, Post Office (Changes in Wages, &c.), ordered by the House of Commons to be printed on the 2nd July 1908 (H.C. 206). It is estimated that as a result of the improvements in pay and conditions which have been or are being introduced, the immediate cost of the Post Office Services has been increased by 450,000*l.* The cost will ultimately amount to about 680,000*l.* a year.

HEALTH OF THE STAFF.

Influenza was again epidemic during certain parts of the year, and was the direct cause of 16 deaths and 12 retirements. Seventy-six deaths and 96 retirements were due to diseases of tubercular origin. See also Appendix F, pp. 58-60.

I have instituted a special inquiry into the question of telegraphists' cramp.

Much has been done during the past year to improve the sanitary condition of various Post Offices.

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, 115,636 men (73,943 established and 41,693 unestablished) and 16,291 women (12,328 established and 3,963 unestablished), making 131,927 persons in all :—

—	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.
1. Established Staff :						
London - - -	59	79	13·3	14·3	7·8	11·3
England and Wales (Provinces). - -	46	57	16·6	17·3	7·6	9·9
Scotland - - -	36	46	15·4	18·7	5·6	8·6
Ireland - - -	54	68	16·0	19·9	8·6	13·6
2. Unestablished Staff :						
London - - -	53	62	9·5	10·8	5·0	6·6
England and Wales (Provinces). - -	35	31	12·7	14·5	4·4	4·5
Scotland - - -	37	20	10·0	11·8	3·7	2·5
Ireland - - -	36	36	10·9	17·9	3·8	6·5

The following table gives particulars as to the deaths and retirements during 1907 among the whole of the established staff in the United Kingdom :—

—	Number of Persons.		Average Age on Death or Retirement (in years).		Average Length of Service (in years).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Deaths - - -	268	16	39	36	16	14
Invalided - - -	576	150	43	34	22	14
Superannuated at age of 60 and upwards.	241	11	63	62	34	24

The deaths represent a death-rate of 3·43 per 1,000 among men and 1·20 per 1,000 among women.

The number of women who retired on marriage in 1907 was 329, with an average age of 27 and an average service of nine years.

The number of candidates for Post Office employment examined by the Department's medical officers was 4,204 men and 2,315 women, of whom 252 men (5·9 per cent.) and 288 women (12·4 per cent.) were rejected.

FINANCE.

See also
Appendices
Q, R, S, & T,
pp. 95-101.

The postal revenue of the year, including the value of services rendered to other Departments, was 18,096,243*l.*, an increase

of 735,739*l.* on that of the previous year. The postal expenditure was 13,108,734*l.*, an increase of 813,905*l.* on that of the previous year. The net profit was thus 4,987,509*l.*, or 78,166*l.* less than last year.

The telegraph and telephone revenue of the year, including the value of services rendered to other Departments, was 4,484,120*l.*, an increase of 114,893*l.*; and the telegraph and telephone expenditure was 5,335,996*l.*, an increase of 324,071*l.* upon the previous year. The net deficit on working was thus 851,876*l.*, or 209,178*l.* more than last year.

The net revenue from the postal and telegraph services combined was 4,135,633*l.* If the interest on the capital expended on the purchase of the telegraphs—10,867,644*l.*—be taken into account, the net profit was 3,863,942*l.* or 287,344*l.* less than last year.

These figures are, necessarily, partly estimated.

CONCLUSION.

I desire once more to express my appreciation of the spirit of loyalty and devotion to duty which animates all classes in the Post Office Service.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient Servant,

SYDNEY BUXTON.

8th September 1908.

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 1908.

	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	35,045,980	2,443,500,000	69·7	729,200,000	20·8	794,900,000	22·7	153,400,000	4·4	90,871,000	2·6	71,530,000	2·0
Scotland	4,776,063	255,700,000	53·5	92,200,000	19·3	102,700,000	21·5	24,200,000	5·1	11,581,000	2·4	8,942,000	1·9
Ireland	4,376,349	164,700,000	37·6	36,900,000	8·4	43,000,000	9·8	20,200,000	4·6	7,018,000	1·6	5,384,000	1·2
Totals	44,198,372	2,863,900,000	64·8	858,300,000	19·4	940,600,000	21·3	198,800,000	4·5	108,470,000	2·5	85,966,000	1·9

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

Letters	-	56·6	Halfpenny Packets	-	18·6	Parcels	-	3·2
Post-cards	-	16·9	Newspapers	-	4·0	Telegrams	-	1·7

APPENDIX A—*continued*

Letters Delivered.

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

Year.	England and Wales.						Scotland.	Ireland.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each person.	United Kingdom.	Increase per cent.	Average number to each person.			
	Country Offices.	Increase per cent.	London District.	Increase per cent.	Total.	Increase per cent.										
1898-99	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	2,186,900,000	8·6	54
1899-1900	1,276,800,000	2·7	632,600,000	2·4	1,908,900,000	2·0	60	198,800,000	3·3	46	141,100,000	3·4	31	2,246,800,000	2·7	55
1900-01	1,312,700,000	2·9	664,300,000	5·0	1,977,000,000	3·6	61	202,400,000	2·8	47	144,200,000	2·2	32	2,323,000,000	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	231,900,000	1·7	49	149,800,000	·8	34	2,579,500,000	5·2	61
1903-04	1,487,700,000	1·5	730,600,000	dec.	2,218,300,000	·5	66	228,200,000	1·9	49	153,100,000	2·2	35	2,597,800,000	·7	61
1904-05	1,511,800,000	1·6	727,200,000	·5	2,239,000,000	·9	66	229,700,000	1·5	50	155,900,000	1·8	35	2,694,000,000	1·0	61
1905-06	1,559,900,000	3·2	753,400,000	inc.	2,313,300,000	3·3	68	238,100,000	3·7	51	155,900,000	dec.	36	2,707,300,000	3·1	63
1906-07	1,680,700,000	4·5	767,000,000	1·8	2,397,700,000	3·6	69	248,400,000	4·3	53	158,300,000	inc.	36	2,804,400,000	3·6	64
1907-08	1,672,300,000	2·6	771,200,000	·5	2,443,500,000	1·9	70	255,700,000	2·9	54	164,700,000	4·0	38	2,868,900,000	2·1	65

APPENDIX A.—continued.

Post-cards Delivered.

STATEMENT showing the ESTIMATED NUMBER of POST-CARDS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	England and Wales.					Scotland.	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.								
1898-99	223,100,000	8.0	104,100,000	1.8	327,200,000	5.9	10.4	.1	16,200,000	7.3	3.6	392,300,000	6.0	9.5
1899-1900	233,700,000	4.8	108,900,000	4.6	342,600,000	4.7	10.8	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	9.6	18,000,000	6.5	4.0	419,000,000	4.7	10.2
1901-02	260,900,000	6.7	119,400,000	4.0	380,300,000	5.8	11.6	10.2	18,900,000	5.0	4.3	444,900,000	6.2	10.7
1902-03	286,200,000	9.7	123,700,000	8.6	415,900,000	9.4	12.6	11.8	19,500,000	3.2	4.4	468,900,000	9.9	11.6
1903-04	369,200,000	20.9	147,900,000	14.0	517,100,000	24.3	15.4	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	19.7	30,700,000	25.8	7.0	734,500,000	19.7	17.1
1905-06	463,500,000	9.5	183,000,000	9.8	646,500,000	9.6	19.8	19.5	32,900,000	6.8	7.5	800,300,000	9.0	18.5
1906-07	517,100,000	4.8	188,100,000	2.8	705,200,000	4.2	20.4	19.4	34,700,000	5.8	7.9	831,400,000	3.9	19.0
1907-08	537,600,000	4.0	191,600,000	1.9	729,200,000	3.4	20.8	19.3	36,900,000	6.3	8.4	868,300,000	3.2	19.4

APPENDIX A.—continued.

Halfpenny Packets Delivered.

STATEMENT showing the ESTIMATED NUMBER of HALFPENNY PACKETS* delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM in each of the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	England and Wales.				Average Number to each Person.	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.
	Country Offices.	Increase per cent.	London District.	Increase per cent.	Total.	Increase per cent.								
1898-99	449,600,000	dec. 3'0	141,300,000	dec. 5'3	590,900,000	dec. 3'6	18'8	17'7	35,500,000	5'3	7'8	701,500,000	dec. 3'5	17'4
1899-1900	451,800,000	inc. 4	143,700,000	inc. 1'7	595,500,000	inc. 7'7	18'7	17'5	32,500,000	8'5	7'2	703,800,000	inc. 2	17'3
1900-01	463,800,000	3'3	152,700,000	6'3	619,500,000	4'0	19'3	18'0	35,300,000	inc. 8'6	7'8	732,400,000	4'2	17'9
1901-02	499,800,000	7'1	153,300,000	4	653,100,000	5'5	20'0	16'9	37,100,000	5'1	8'4	766,200,000	4'6	18'4
1902-03	523,500,000	5'4	157,900,000	3'0	684,800,000	4'9	20'7	19'3	33,100,000	3'7	8'6	808,900,000	5'7	19'3
1903-04	533,800,000	1'3	159,500,000	1'0	693,300,000	1'2	20'7	18'9	40,800,000	6'6	9'2	830,400,000	1'3	19'3
1904-05	547,500,000	2'6	163,200,000	2'3	710,700,000	2'5	21'0	19'7	42,000,000	3'4	9'5	843,700,000	3'8	19'7
1905-06	583,000,000	6'8	169,000,000	3'6	754,000,000	6'1	22'0	20'6	41,300,000	dec. 1'9	9'4	891,600,000	5'7	20'6
1906-07	611,900,000	4'6	173,200,000	5'4	790,100,000	4'8	22'8	21'5	41,600,000	inc. 1'0	9'5	933,200,000	4'7	21'3
1907-08	612,600,000	1	182,500,000	2'3	794,900,000	6	22'7	21'5	43,000,000	3'4	9'8	940,800,000	8	21'3

* 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.								
1898-99	87,300,000	2·7	30,700,000	dec. 3·5	118,000,000	1·0	3·7	4·2	18,200,000	7·7	4·0	154,100,000	2·1	3·8
1899-1900	94,200,000	7·9	30,800,000	inc. 3	125,000,000	5·9	3·9	4·5	19,100,000	4·9	4·2	163,400,000	6·0	4·0
1900-01	95,400,000	1·3	32,400,000	5·2	127,800,000	2·2	4·0	4·5	20,700,000	8·4	4·6	167,900,000	2·7	4·1
1901-02	96,900,000	1·6	33,900,000	4·3	130,700,000	2·3	4·0	4·5	19,000,000	dec. 8·2	4·3	169,800,000	1·2	4·1
1902-03	100,000,000	3·2	35,000,000	3·6	135,000,000	3·3	4·1	4·6	19,500,000	inc. 2·6	4·4	175,400,000	3·3	4·2
1903-04	99,900,000	dec. 1	33,700,000	dec. 3·7	133,600,000	1·0	4·0	4·6	20,100,000	9	4·6	174,900,000	dec. 3	4·1
1904-05	103,500,000	inc. 3·6	33,700,000	—	137,200,000	2·7	4·1	4·7	20,400,000	1·5	4·6	179,400,000	inc. 2·6	4·2
1905-06	106,000,000	2·4	37,100,000	inc. 10·1	143,100,000	4·3	4·2	4·9	19,600,000	dec. 3·9	4·5	185,400,000	3·3	4·3
1906-07	110,200,000	4·0	35,700,000	dec. 3·8	145,900,000	2·0	4·2	4·9	19,900,000	inc. 1·5	4·5	189,100,000	2·0	4·3
1907-08	113,700,000	3·2	41,700,000	inc. 16·8	155,400,000	6·5	4·4	5·1	20,200,000	1·5	4·6	199,900,000	5·7	4·5

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.						
1898-99	7,817,968	6·9	5,174,092	8·0	12,992,060	7·3	1,368,732	7·5	879,887	5·4	15,240,869	7·2
1899-1900	8,359,899	6·9	5,555,544	7·4	13,915,443	7·1	1,438,550	5·1	902,379	2·6	16,256,862	6·7
1900-01	9,042,411	8·2	5,921,288	6·6	14,963,699	7·5	1,791,775	23·9	984,395	9·0	17,752,869	9·1
1901-02	9,553,006	5·6	6,190,983	4·6	15,743,989	5·2	2,027,342	13·8	1,028,982	4·5	18,800,313	6·0
1902-03	9,896,088	2·9	6,447,780	4·1	16,375,818	3·4	1,696,098	dec.	1,046,240	1·7	19,016,156	1·1
1903-04	9,745,095	dec.	6,502,334	·8	16,247,429	dec.	1,718,235	inc.	1,063,456	1·6	19,029,114	·1
1904-05	9,292,669	4·6	6,472,637	dec.	15,765,296	3·0	1,680,596	dec.	1,053,888	dec.	18,504,690	dec.
1905-06	9,203,963	1·0	6,702,301	inc.	15,906,264	inc.	1,678,602	2·2	1,048,867	·4	18,654,333	2·8
1906-07	9,122,063	·9	6,678,902	dec.	15,800,965	dec.	1,642,335	·1	1,048,550	·9	18,491,770	inc.
1907-08	9,496,473	4·0	6,807,753	inc.	16,304,225	inc.	1,697,471	2·2	1,131,354	·03	19,123,050	dec.
				1·9		3·1		3·4		7·9		3·4

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.						
1898-99	459,555	10·2	212,968	dec. 1·4	672,513	6·2	40,524	2·4	20,704	4·5	761,801	5·9
1899-1900	523,077	13·8	218,031	inc. 2·4	741,128	10·2	53,547	8·1	43,483	9·2	838,113	10·0
1900-01	574,728	·9	238,475	9·4	813,203	9·7	77,913	45·5	43,909	13·6	940,025	13·2
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	2·0	73,973	dec. 34·2	63,244	10·7	1,063,373	dec. 1·3
1903-04	610,322	5·1	290,308	4·2	907,280	dec. 2·3	71,779	3·0	64,918	2·6	1,043,927	2·0
1904-05	616,241	inc. ·9	291,315	dec. 1·7	907,456	inc. ·03	70,422	1·9	63,643	dec. 3·0	1,041,321	·2
1905-06	613,289	dec. ·5	300,481	inc. 3·2	913,770	·7	68,586	1·2	64,319	inc. 1·1	1,047,676	inc. ·6
1906-07	567,803	7·4	306,975	2·2	874,778	dec. 4·3	68,747	inc. ·2	63,333	1·6	1,009,848	dec. 3·6
1907-08	579,402	inc. 2·0	317,843	3·5	897,245	inc. 2·6	72,484	3·9	64,533	dec. 1·2	1,034,863	inc. 3·4

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.	
1898-99	-	-	-	791,489	80,312	761,801
1899-1900	-	-	-	805,708	82,405	888,113
1900-01	-	-	-	904,862	85,163	940,025
1901-02	-	-	-	1,042,789	86,802	1,079,541
1902-03	-	-	-	1,026,584	88,838	1,065,372
1903-04	-	-	-	1,003,822	40,105	1,043,927
1904-05	-	-	-	1,003,960	37,561	1,041,521
1905-06	-	-	-	1,008,287	39,388	1,047,675
1906-07	-	-	-	964,740	45,108	1,009,848
1907-08	-	-	-	987,298	46,964	1,034,262

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.						
1898-99	181,918	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	8,547	inc. ·9	720,331	13·3
1900-01	223,908	12·0	530,031	11·9	754,569	11·9	40,909	9·5	8,989	1·4	804,447	11·7
1901-02	233,918	15·6	637,896	18·3	866,744	17·5	45,237	10·6	9,925	10·7	941,906	17·1
1902-03	299,547	15·6	745,233	18·7	1,044,599	17·8	50,333	11·3	12,179	22·7	1,107,106	17·5
1903-04	364,733	21·9	855,013	14·7	1,219,794	16·8	57,173	13·6	13,567	13·9	1,290,333	16·6
1904-05	409,360	13·2	916,744	7·2	1,393,104	8·7	61,835	8·1	16,124	9·1	1,403,033	8·7
1905-06	490,251	17·3	1,010,815	10·3	1,461,066	12·4	71,331	15·5	16,399	7·8	1,573,746	13·5
1906-07	530,363	10·4	1,048,440	3·7	1,578,733	5·9	76,769	7·5	17,761	9·0	1,673,353	6·0
1907-08	613,333	15·5	1,092,873	4·2	1,706,156	8·0	83,634	8·9	20,106	13·2	1,808,333	8·1

APPENDIX B.

Foreign and

**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.
EUROPE.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
Austria-Hungary - - - -	63,000	519,000	72,000	189,000
Belgium and Luxemburg - - -	115,000	385,000	100,000	187,000
Denmark, Norway, and Sweden - -	87,000	365,000	79,000	159,000
France - - - - -	371,000	1,512,000	404,000	1,227,000
Germany - - - - -	369,000	1,924,000	437,000	1,197,000
Gibraltar, Malta, and Cyprus - -	43,000	365,000	61,000	42,000
Holland - - - - -	157,000	369,000	116,000	286,000
Italy - - - - -	80,000	703,000	81,000	188,000
Russia - - - - -	53,000	355,000	41,000	94,000
Spain and Portugal - - - - -	60,000	683,000	58,000	109,000
Switzerland - - - - -	62,000	462,000	62,000	125,000
Turkey, Greece, Roumania, and Balkan States	23,000	292,000	24,000	63,000
Totals - - - - -	1,483,000	7,934,000	1,535,000	3,866,000
ASIA.				
Asiatic Turkey and Persia - -	14,000	153,000	8,000	19,000
India (including Aden) - - -	257,000	3,219,000	184,000	496,000
Ceylon, Straits Settlements, Dutch East Indies, &c.	59,000	748,000	48,000	99,000
China, Japan, &c. - - - -	66,000	865,000	47,000	94,000
Totals - - - - -	396,000	4,985,000	287,000	710,000

APPENDIX B.

Colonial Letters, &c.

of OTHER ARTICLES, exchanged by the UNITED KINGDOM with
COLONIES, during the Year 1907.

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.
AFRICA.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
South African Colonies - - -	258,000	3,352,000	304,000	474,000
East Coast of Africa, Mauritius, &c. - -	20,000	201,000	10,000	13,000
West Coast of Africa, Madeira, &c. - -	40,000	422,000	32,000	15,000
Egypt, Morocco, &c. - - -	53,000	515,000	56,000	88,000
Totals - - -	371,000	3,390,000	302,000	590,000
AMERICA.				
United States - - - -	473,000	3,285,000	503,000	2,419,000
Canada and Newfoundland - - -	387,000	3,589,000	304,000	923,000
West Indies (British and Foreign), &c. -	42,000	432,000	26,000	42,000
Mexico and Central American States -	15,000	190,000	8,000	18,500
Brazil, Argentine Republic, Uruguay, and Paraguay - - - - - }	52,000	719,000	40,000	107,000
Chili, Peru, and Bolivia - - - -	22,000	222,000	11,000	19,000
Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, &c. - -	7,000	101,000	3,000	2,500
Totals - - -	998,000	8,538,000	895,000	3,536,000
AUSTRALASIA.				
Commonwealth of Australia - - -	156,000	1,716,000	92,000	544,000
New Zealand, Fiji, &c. - - - -	68,000	823,000	46,000	374,000
Totals - - -	224,000	2,544,000	138,000	918,000
GRAND TOTALS - - -	3,472,000	27,391,000	3,187,000	9,620,000

A P P E N D I X B.—continued.

Foreign and Colonial Parcels.

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.
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	47,904	42,262	65,198	61,880	51,712	21,961
1900-1	54,038	28,178	222,477	212,032	281,145	392,426	48,904	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	48,887	80,028	74,523	56,362	22,407
1902-3	56,655	33,272	237,215	234,356	330,587	467,819	53,018	46,150	88,855	74,716	58,278	22,793
1903-4	59,769	36,692	251,872	242,351	337,889	470,036	57,668	50,348	103,367	75,347	65,098	25,404
1904-5	60,608	37,101	261,807	247,044	332,608	459,471	62,669	51,618	121,823	74,064	70,052	20,064
1905-6	63,745	38,351	275,074	254,490	356,423	474,669	68,956	56,365	133,361	76,384	74,627	6,444
1906-7	66,817	39,244	285,889	252,234	377,623	477,082	72,898	60,291	141,273	74,067	74,626	4,950
1907-8	70,993	41,481	288,354	256,641	410,013	477,645	78,869	62,048	155,121	63,331	76,904	4,554

APPENDIX B.—continued.

Foreign and Colonial Parcels—continued.

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

Y EAR.	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.
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	34,367	120,673	51,354	64,546	42,167	171,410	90,612	436,459	67,535	47,612	6,455
1904-5	121,066	35,362	148,444	63,462	69,743	41,148	192,368	107,258	405,279	66,688	55,539	7,154
1905-6	127,041	36,488	173,609	76,492	73,179	41,450	215,744	117,616	392,725	64,569	59,545	7,824
1906-7	143,523	38,296	209,690	95,716	80,831	40,207	231,919	130,956	330,841	60,603	70,835	9,629
1907-8	166,165	43,142	261,593	119,494	85,840	43,572	245,360	127,997	280,815	53,922	87,081	14,290

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

APPENDIX B.—continued.

Foreign and Colonial Parcels—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.
1898-9	29,903	8,270	59,011	24,440	505,352	9·63	211,998	7·28	1,304,678	6·33	989,187	10·70
1899-1900	33,988	9,233	66,547	33,107	688,507	36·24	329,448	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	90,535	33,444	1,283,040	13·33	313,718	Dec. 0·23	2,202,845	9·84	1,211,391	8·28
1902-3	44,336	11,342	94,899	35,250	1,097,239	14·48	314,360	Inc. 0·20	2,109,755	4·23	1,244,850	2·76
1903-4	51,542	11,819	102,748	34,220	1,108,458	1·02	338,529	7·69	2,213,819	4·93	1,295,484	4·07
1904-5	51,780	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	48,438	10,674	115,217	37,725	1,204,498	4·76	392,838	6·47	2,474,003	6·86	1,481,035	8·76
1906-7	48,094	9,706	108,161	32,685	1,233,894	1·61	407,798	3·81	2,575,891	4·12	1,471,765	2·85
1907-8	54,095	9,760	107,100	30,333	1,288,049	5·24	442,510	8·51	2,736,561	6·24	1,515,800	2·99

APPENDIX C.

Home Packet Service.

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
ENGLAND AND WALES.					
ALDERNEY and GUERNSEY Service.	—	Alderney Steam Packet Co., Ltd.	- - -	600 <i>l</i> .	Two services weekly between Alderney and Guernsey, and one between Alderney and Cherbourg, with an additional weekly service between Alderney and Guernsey during summer months.
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. 52 mins. night service and 3 hrs. 17 mins. day service.
HOLYHEAD and NORTH WALL.	Saturdays	London and North Western Railway Company.	—	4,660 <i>l</i> .	This service is in connection with the acceleration of outward American Mails, and the sum of 1,553 <i>l</i> . is contributed by the Cunard Steamship Co. towards the cost of the Packet Service.
Ditto	Week Days.	Ditto	—	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 1st Oct. of any year by 6 months' notice on either side.	4,500 <i>l</i> .	Speed of 14 nautical miles an hour in summer; 12 in winter.
Ditto	—	Ditto	- - -	3 <i>s</i> . per cwt. Est., 1,080 <i>l</i> . p.a. 500 <i>l</i> . and 1 <i>s</i> . 6 <i>d</i> . per basket for parcels.	Conveyance of Parcel Mails.
PENZANCE and SCILLY	Three times a week in summer. Twice a week in winter.	West Cornwall Steamship Company.	On 6 months' notice.	—	—
PORTSMOUTH and RYDE.	Once daily, with the Night Mails.	London, Brighton, and South Coast, and London and South - Western Railway Companies.	30th June 1911	2,500 <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.

* 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.
ENGLAND AND WALES—cont.					
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES.	Once on week days.	Southampton, Isle of Wight, and South of England Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.	- -	150 <i>l</i> .	No contract. The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
WEYMOUTH and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	Six days a week.	Great Western Railway Company.	- - -	200 <i>l</i> .	No contract. The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
SCOTLAND.					
ABERDEEN and LERWICK.	Five days a week in summer. Four days a week in winter.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	30th April 1912 or on 6 months' notice thereafter.	6,500 <i>l</i> .	—
LERWICK, WHALSAY, and NORTH ISLES.	Thrice a week.	Do.			
ARDROSSAN and ARRAV. and GREENOCK and ROTHESAY.	Week days	Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company.	30 June 1917	500 <i>l</i> .	The Department has the general use of all the Company's steamers.
GLASGOW and CAMPBELTOWN.	Week days	Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Joint Stock Company, Ltd.	On 3 months' notice.	1,875 <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	Lochgail 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 and ROTHESAY.	Week days	David MacBrayne, Ltd.	On 6 months' notice.	2,510 <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 ARDMISHAIG.					
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 28 <i>l</i> . for Parcel Service.	—
KIRK WALL and BALFOUR.	Five days a week.	John Reid	On 3 months' notice.	59 <i>l</i> .	Speed of not less than 8 nautical miles an hour.

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

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
SCOTLAND—cont.					
KIRK WALL and NORTH ISLES of ORKNEY.	Twice a week for 9 months, and three times a week for 3 months.	Orkney Steam Navigation Company, per Donald Bertram.	On 6 months' notice.	500 <i>l.</i>	—
KNOYDART and MALLAIG.	Three days a week.	Arthur Salvin Bowlby, payable to Alexander McLennan.	On 4 months' notice.	52 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i>	By sailing vessel.
KYLE and PORTREE.	Six days a week.	David MacBrayne, Ltd.	On 12 months' notice.	650 <i>l.</i>	Speed of not less than 10 nautical miles an hour.
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 8½ hours.
OBAN and TOBERMORY.	Once a day, six days a week.	"	On 6 months' notice.	555 <i>l.</i>	Speed of 10 nautical miles an hour.
OBAN and West of MULL, calling at Crogan, Tobermory, Kilchoan, Coll, Tiree, Iona (on outward voyage) and Bunessan.	<i>Out.</i> — On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. <i>In.</i> — On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	"	On 6 months' notice.	1,200 <i>l.</i>	—
OBAN and DUNVEGAN, calling at Tobermory, Castlebay, Lochboisdale, and Lochmaddy.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	"	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 Pooltiel, and Loch Bracadale and Tobermory; And also at Canna and Rum.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.				
	Tuesdays and Thursdays.				
OBAN and LOCHMADDY, calling at Tobermory, Loch Bracadale, Loch Pooltiel, and Dunvegan; And also at Rum and Canna.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	"	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.	<i>Out.</i> — Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. <i>In.</i> — Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.				

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

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
SCOTLAND—cont.					
ROTHESAY and WEMYSS BAY	Week days	Caledonian Steam Packet Company, Ltd., per Capt. James Williamson.	On 6 months' notice.	150 <i>l</i> .	—
SCRABSTER PIER (THURSO) and STROMNESS.	6 days a week	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	On 6 months' notice.	2,000 <i>l</i> .	Vessels to be capable of steaming 12 knots an hour.
SHETLAND (VIRKIE) and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight.	Labister and Co.	—	60 <i>l</i> . 1 Apr. to 31 Oct.; 10 <i>l</i> . a trip other months.	By sailing vessel.
SHETLAND (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. (See below.)					
STROMNESS and SOUTH ISLES.	4 days a week	E. 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> .	—
WEMYSS BAY and ROTHESAY.	April to Sept. Week days.	Do.	—	300 <i>l</i> .	—
IRELAND.					
LARNE and STRANRAER.	Week days	Portpatrick and Wigtownshire Joint Committee.	On 12 months' notice.	13,500 <i>l</i> .	This amount includes also payment for Railway Services between Carlisle and Stranraer, Larne and Belfast, and Larne and Derry.
GALWAY and ARRAN ISLANDS.	3 days a week	Galway Bay Steamboat Co.	—	85 <i>l</i> .	No contract.

NOTES—

1. In addition to the payments given in detail above. Letters, &c. are conveyed by Private Ships to and from places in the United Kingdom for a payment of 2*s*. 1*d*. per 100. The total amount paid at present is about 900*l*. a year.

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

3. For the conveyance of Homeward American Mails by steamer from Dublin to Holyhead when required, the London and North-Western Railway Company receives 60*l*. a trip.

APPENDIX D. Foreign and Colonial Packet Service.

Service.	Contracts.		Payment during the Year 1907-1908 (See footnote.)	Amount received.		Cost borne in respect of Mails despatched from the United Kingdom.
	Com-mencement.	Termination.		By Contributions.	By Sea Postage for Mails despatched by Colonies and Foreign Countries.	
EUROPE:			£	£	£	£
Dover and Calais - - - -	21 June 1893 -	On 12 months' notice -	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. -	56†	-	-	56
+Channel Islands and St. Malo and Granville -	15 Feb. 1888 -	Do. -	41†	-	27	14
+Grimsby and Hamburg -	16 Apr. 1893 -	Do. -	1,570†	-	776	794
+London and Hamburg -	1 Jan. 1886 -	Do. -	942†	-	150	792
+Liverpool, Malta, and the Levant -	1 Jan. 1886 -	Do. -	117†	-	77	40
+United Kingdom and Lisbon -	1 Jan. 1888 -	Do. -	185†	-	29	156
AMERICA:						
United Kingdom to United States:—						
Cunard Service -	7 Aug. 1902 -	15 Nov. 1927 -	68,000	-	-	151,310
White Star Service -	1 Aug. 1899 -	On 12 months' notice -	92,102\$	-	13,185	-
American Service -	-	-	4,293\$	-	-	-
New York and Bermuda -	1 Jan. 1889 -	On 6 months' notice -	854†	-	54	800
Newfoundland -	Colonial Contract -	-	2,000†	-	-	2,000
+Liverpool, Belize, and Mexico -	1 Dec. 1891 -	On 6 months' notice -	808†	-	2	804
+United Kingdom and West Indies -	1 July 1905 -	31 May 1907 -	11,864†	-	6,714	5,180
United Kingdom, West Indies, and New York -	1 June 1907 -	On 6 months' notice -	-	-	-	-
+United Kingdom and Costa Rica -	10 Oct. 1905 -	-	146†	-	6	140

Southampton to Brazil and River Plate † Do. to and from do. do. - Liverpool and Falkland Islands, Liverpool to Callao, Panama to Val- paraiso -	1 Sept. 1876 - 1 Sept. 1889 - 14 June 1900 -	On 6 months' notice Do. 13 June 1910 -	- - -	- - -	12,651† 804† 32,000	- - £ Falkland Islands, 2,500	- - -	4,555 21,404 8,098	8,900 8,098
AFRICA:									
United Kingdom and West Coast of Africa † Do. do. do. -	1 Jan. 1899 - 1 Jan. 1898 -	On 3 months' notice On 6 months' notice	- -	- -	15,355 3,674†	{ Gold Coast - 1,500 Sierra Leone - 1,150 Southern Nigeria 1,620 } £ Gambia - 200 Northern Nigeria 170 }	- -	1,696	12,723
United Kingdom and St. Helena and Ascension Aden and Zanzibar -	1 Oct. 1893 - 5 Nov. 1892 -	On 6 months' notice On 12 months' notice	- -	- -	5,220 9,000	Admiralty, 780	- -	150 450	4,590 8,550
†United Kingdom and Chinde, &c. -	15 Aug. 1900 -	On 3 months' notice	-	-	219†	-	-	27	192
†United Kingdom and Morocco -	1 Oct. 1900 -	-	-	-	46†	-	-	6	40
United Kingdom to Canaries, &c. -	1 Jan. 1904 -	-	-	-	500	-	-	-	500
ASIA AND AUSTRALASIA									
Brindisi and Bombay, Shanghai and Adelaide -	1 Feb. 1905 -	31 January 1908	{ 100% for every 12 hours on Eastern route, and for every 24 hours on Australian route	-	335,041	{ India - 60,120 Ceylon - 5,281 } £ Straits Settle- ments - 7,076 Hong Kong 12,520 }	-	46,804	203,540
†United Kingdom to New Zealand -	1 Oct. 1905 -	-		-	4,748†	-	-	-	4,748
United Kingdom, Canada, Japan, and Hong Kong.	7 April 1903 -	6 April 1903	100% for every 12 hours.	-	59,400	Canada - 14,850	-	2,996	41,554

NOTE.—In addition to the payments given in detail above, Letters, &c. are conveyed abroad by Private Ships at rates of 3d. 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 3,500l. 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.
 || This sum represents the Imperial share of the cost of the Service.

APPENDIX F.

Staff of Officers.

Totals 31 Mar. 1907.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1908.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
	A.									
2	Postmaster General and Minister assisting Post- master General.	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
	B.									
11	Secretary, Second Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Comp- troller and Accountant General, and Secretaries for Ireland and Scotland.	9	—	1	—	1	—	11	—	11
	C.									
42	Clerks, Class I., Secretary's Office.	44	—	—	—	—	—	44	—	44
	D.									
174	Heads of Departments, Staff Officers, and other Superior Officers:									
	Metropolitan - -	135	4	9	—	8	—	178	4	182
	Provinces - -	16	—	6	—	4	—			
	E.									
277	Surveyors and Assistant Sur- veyors.	52	—	12	—	13	—	285	—	285
	Travelling Clerks, Inspecting Telegraphists, and Stationary Clerks.	149	—	30	—	29	—			
	F.									
860	Head Postmasters:									
	Metropolitan - -	8	—	—	—	—	—	776	59	835*
	Provinces - -	566	26	35	22	117	11			
	G.									
22,252	Sub-Postmasters:									
	Metropolitan - -	717	173	58	104	63	54	14,750	7,687	22,437†
	Provinces - -	11,114	5,287	1,544	1,186	1,254	873			
	H.									
10,444	Clerks and Superintending Officers:									
	Metropolitan - -	3,974	2,709	215	38	175	53	7,784	3,094	10,878
	Provinces - -	2,890	244	167	8	363	42			
	I.									
32,711	Counter Clerks and Tele- graphists, Sorters, Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists, Telegraphists, and Tele- phone Operators, &c.:									
	Metropolitan - -	9,673	3,188	619	111	457	162	24,055	9,776	33,831
	Provinces - -	10,947	4,780	840	393	1,519	1,142			
66,773	Carried forward - -	40,296	16,411	3,586	1,372	4,003	2,337	47,886	20,620	68,505

* Unestablished, 42; Established, 793.

† Unestablished, 21,849; Established, 683.

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

Totals 31 Mar. 1907.	Description of Officers.	England and Wales.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Totals.		Totals 31 Mar. 1908.
		Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
66,773	Brought forward . . .	40,296	16,411	3,586	1,872	4,003	2,337	47,885	20,620	68,505
	J.									
43,175	Mechanics, Porters, Postmen, &c.: Metropolitan . . .	11,197	—	427	—	661	—	44,137	17	44,154
	Provinces . . .	25,708	10	2,070	1	4,074	6			
	K.									
89,220	Persons employed in un- established positions, viz., Assistants to Postmasters, Auxiliaries, Boy Messengers, Boy Clerks, Commissionaires, Female Servants, Telegraph Construction Hands, &c.: Metropolitan . . .	14,199	2,703	726	277	478	192	67,788	23,098	90,886
	Provinces . . .	37,143	15,888	8,880	1,602	6,362	2,436			
199,168	L.	128,543	35,012	15,689	3,752	15,578	4,971	159,810	43,735	203,545
*10	Postmasters, Clerks, Postmen, &c. abroad (under direction of Postmaster General) and agents in Foreign Countries for collection of postage, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	—	52
199,173	Totals . . .	128,543	35,012	15,689	3,752	15,578	4,971	159,862	43,735	203,597

* The number of established officers only was shown in the Report for 1907.

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

	Number of Deaths during the Twelve Months ended 31st December 1907.											
	Chief Office.		Metro- politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Infective Diseases :—												
Cerebro-spinal men- ingitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
Diphtheria -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dysentery -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Enteric fever	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Erysipelas -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Gangrene	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Influenza -	1	1	1	-	7	3	1	-	2	-	12	4
Pneumonia -	6	-	3	-	34	2	5	-	6	-	54	2
Pyæmia -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Rheumatic fever	2	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	1	-	8	1
Scarlet fever -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Septicæmia -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	-
Tuberculosis	18	-	12	1	33	-	6	-	5	1	74	2
General Diseases (not included above):—												
Leucocythæmia	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Exophthalmic goitre	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Purpura	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Diseases of the—												
Nervous system -	4	-	2	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	11	-
Ear -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Circulatory system	18	3	10	-	43	-	6	1	3	-	80	4
Respiratory system	3	1	2	-	15	-	2	1	-	-	22	2
Digestive system -	5	1	3	-	16	-	8	-	4	-	36	1
Urinary system -	4	1	2	1	10	-	1	-	2	-	19	2
Generative system -	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Skin -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Not included under above headings:—												
Accidents -	2	-	5	-	16	-	-	-	1	-	24	-
Alcoholism -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Drowned -	-	-	-	-	6	-	3	-	1	-	10	-
Senile decay -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Suicide -	1	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	5	1
Tumours—												
Malignant -	5	1	2	-	4	-	1	-	2	-	14	1
Non-malignant -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Not stated -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Totals	73	10	47	2	205	9	36	2	31	1	392	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 1907.											
	Chief Office.		Metro-politan Districts.		Rest of England.		Scotland.		Ireland.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Infective Diseases :—												
Enteric fever -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Influenza -	-	-	-	-	10	-	1	-	1	-	12	-
Chronic rheumatism -	6	1	9	-	28	1	5	1	1	-	49	3
Syphilis -	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Tuberculosis -	22	8	10	1	35	4	8	1	6	1	81	15
General Diseases (not included above) :—												
Anæmia -	-	9	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	11
Pernicious anæmia -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Diabetes -	2	-	2	-	6	1	1	-	-	-	11	1
Exophthalmic goitre -	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Gout -	1	-	4	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Nervous debility -	3	4	4	2	11	4	1	2	3	-	22	12
General debility -	-	35	2	-	14	3	1	1	-	-	17	39
Diseases of the—												
Nervous system -	26	4	22	4	75	12	6	2	7	5	136	27
Eye -	4	2	2	-	9	2	-	-	-	-	15	4
Ear -	-	1	-	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	3	4
Nose -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Circulatory system -	16	1	9	-	47	2	6	-	1	1	79	4
Respiratory system -	5	2	8	-	17	-	4	1	1	-	35	3
Digestive system -	7	2	4	1	14	6	4	-	4	-	33	9
Urinary system -	3	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	2	-	11	-
Generative system -	1	1	-	1	1	5	-	-	-	-	2	7
Organs of locomotion -	-	-	2	-	16	1	2	-	-	-	20	1
Skin -	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
Not included under above headings :—												
Accidents -	1	-	-	-	5	-	3	-	-	-	9	-
Alcoholism -	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Malignant tumours -	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Telegraphists' cramp -	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	4	1
Writers' cramp -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Senile decay -	2	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	9	-
Totals	102	71	79	10	320	48	45	8	28	8	574	145

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 of the last TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	ESTABLISHED STAFF.										UNESTABLISHED STAFF.									
	ENGLAND AND WALES.					SCOTLAND.					ENGLAND AND WALES.					SCOTLAND.				
	Chief Office.		Metropolitan Districts.		Country.	Chief Office.		Metropolitan Districts.		Country.	Chief Office.		Metropolitan Districts.		Country.	Chief Office.		Metropolitan Districts.		Country.
	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	3.8	4.8	5.3
1899	8.1	11.4	8.7	13.1	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	10.5	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	13.0	7.6	13.9	6.2	8.5	10.0	15.6	6.4	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	12.9	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	11.5	7.3	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	6.5	9.1	7.9	10.4	7.1	9.9	5.5	8.9	10.2	15.7	5.1	7.3	5.0	5.5	4.1	4.9	3.5	4.1	4.2	7.7
1906	7.4	9.9	8.9	10.1	7.1	10.2	6.0	7.2	9.2	13.9	5.8	7.2	5.0	5.1	4.0	5.0	3.5	3.0	3.6	4.8
1907	7.3	11.3	8.5	11.4	7.6	9.9	5.6	8.6	8.0	13.6	5.2	6.7	4.8	5.2	4.4	4.5	3.7	2.5	3.3	6.5

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.			
1898-99	8,553,936	665,274	1,387,084	11,301,606	553,622	188,837	44,976	—	21,985,085	3·10 Decrease.
1899-1900	8,954,041	698,294	1,495,085	10,613,853	597,919	206,944	51,066	—	21,867,842	·53 Increase.
1900-01	9,786,870	832,421	1,619,391	11,911,614	627,642	227,252	53,059	—	24,172,769	10·54
1901-02	10,183,866	986,120	1,757,081	11,523,272	615,265	242,472	58,272	—	24,321,976	·62
1902-03	10,905,023	1,188,081	1,868,093	12,084,150	600,661	255,289	57,879	—	25,683,316	5·60
1903-04	11,148,281	1,238,480	2,245,327	12,427,681	683,179	253,515	55,684	—	26,707,983	3·99 Decrease.
1904-05	10,743,447	1,058,575	2,386,124	12,559,049	622,731	257,389	60,388	—	26,568,740	·52 Increase.
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	2·00
1906-07	11,120,695	980,960	3,152,027	14,276,193	551,399	242,865	47,147	423,085	29,766,394	9·84
1907-08	11,745,992	1,145,551	3,440,176	14,818,769	585,448	244,406	14,722	442,957	31,377,748	5·08

* Included under the various headings of the Statement up to 1904-05.

† Including also foreign printed papers, &c., over 2 oz. in weight, prepaid at the halfpenny rate.

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.	United Kingdom	(+ Increase or (-) Decrease per cent. per Annum.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.				
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	29,356,000	75,385,000	9,289,000	4,903,000	89,577,000	- .9
1901-02	46,858,000	28,924,000	75,782,000	9,730,000	4,920,000	90,432,000	+ 1.0
1902-03	47,678,000	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
1906-07	47,507,000	27,463,000	74,970,000	9,203,000	5,320,000	89,493,000	+ .02
1907-08	46,683,000	24,947,000	71,630,000	8,345,000	5,394,000	85,969,000	- 3.9*

* See Note at foot of Statement, page 63.

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

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER of TELEGRAMS forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM during the Years 1906-1907 and 1907-1908; and the Increase or Decrease in each Month of the latter Year as compared with the corresponding Month of the former Year.

Month.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	(+) Increase. (-) Decrease.
April - - -	6,927,000	6,970,000	+ 43,000
May - - -	7,903,000	7,752,000	- 151,000
June - - -	8,072,000	7,589,000	- 483,000
July - - -	8,380,000	8,413,000	+ 33,000
August - -	8,754,000	8,388,000	- 366,000
September - - -	7,902,000	7,546,000	- 356,000
October - -	7,953,000	7,689,000	- 264,000
November - - -	7,159,000	6,738,000	- 421,000
December - -	6,731,000	6,256,000	- 475,000
January - - -	6,740,000	6,291,000	- 449,000
February - - -	5,989,000	5,921,000	- 68,000
March - - -	6,933,000	6,416,000	- 517,000
Totals - - -	89,493,000	85,969,000	-3,524,000*

* It is estimated that of this decrease 2,307,000 is due to an alteration in the system of numbering Telegrams, brought into force on 1st April 1907, leaving an actual decrease of 1,217,000.

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.			Telegrams.			Telegrams.			Telegrams.			Telegrams.			Telegrams.			Telegrams.		
	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From 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.
	123,029	89,720	225,125	205,175	—	—	746,189	647,874	38,560	32,622	1,618	3,961	1,190,291	818,169	—	792	352,187	221,320	164,827	135,553	59,563	47,943	82,123	82,522
	144,584	102,010	283,238	222,029	—	—	785,817	668,927	36,569	34,887	2,562	4,184	1,225,881	877,698	—	790	377,831	238,869	169,892	136,327	68,925	54,818	79,910	75,851
	142,984	98,185	272,526	219,802	—	—	800,898	681,582	32,273	30,388	2,565	3,976	1,216,895	862,168	—	808	403,503	252,245	178,183	133,919	65,155	50,338	79,683	78,115
	140,612	105,562	270,479	221,867	—	—	770,841	661,027	30,310	28,444	2,563	3,979	1,221,350	900,006	—	762	434,747	258,570	183,519	147,144	70,921	57,297	96,174	88,465
	159,445	112,829	275,535	230,969	—	—	796,538	675,048	34,348	31,846	2,568	3,051	1,238,712	900,250	—	447	455,195	269,633	183,636	148,682	71,280	67,465	108,164	95,822
	161,462	117,384	274,544	231,612	4,126	3,536	806,787	689,288	33,086	31,040	2,763	3,270	1,245,751	922,284	—	447	457,555	269,910	189,539	152,399	74,297	61,072	106,545	95,067
	170,656	119,009	291,036	239,906	6,335	8,064	850,791	709,510	37,397	35,738	2,914	3,214	1,381,968	1,026,079	—	398	468,922	278,210	193,186	151,905	83,787	67,379	92,161	84,490
	179,140	127,154	301,764	251,238	7,257	9,233	807,362	751,619	43,940	46,620	4,686	2,322	1,429,168	1,081,326	—	513	486,554	280,816	207,861	165,814	85,473	70,042	107,473	100,142
	185,313	133,605	315,727	261,860	9,514	11,555	847,155	800,172	41,104	49,701	5,142	2,151	1,461,464	1,106,959	—	571	492,583	299,238	216,197	176,777	91,931	77,011	121,494	102,235
	192,638	137,862	318,073	269,520	11,261	11,891	894,353	791,889	41,660	51,362	5,007	2,105	1,425,633	1,088,266	—	555	481,646	300,306	219,861	179,136	86,535	71,843	123,402	102,331

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

APPENDIX J.

Post Office Savings Bank.

APPENDIX J.

Post Office
STATEMENT OF BUSINESS for

Year ended 31st Dec.	Number of Post Office Savings Bank Offices.	Deposits.*				Withdrawals.†		
		Number.	Amount.	Average Amount.	Number of Persons who deposited in Single Sums the Entire Amount allowed in the Year.	Number.	Amount.	Average Amount.
			£	£ s. d.			£	£ s. d.
1898	12,582	13,757,244	37,361,838	2 14 4	54,000	4,957,895	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 18 1
1900	13,341	14,969,849	40,516,434	2 14 2	48,100	5,406,347	38,231,372	7 1 5
1901	13,672	15,018,645	41,452,051	2 15 2	48,900	5,748,624	39,890,043	6 18 9
1902	14,048	15,250,316	42,217,003	2 15 4	49,800	6,012,963	41,395,800	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	15,468,928	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	7,155,283	42,066,037	5 17 8
1906	15,055	17,997,023	43,980,579	2 8 11	43,200	8,629,749	43,763,002	5 1 5
1907	15,166	18,771,969	44,217,288	2 7 1	39,500	9,308,247	46,433,632	4 19 9

* 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.	Remain- ing open at close of the Year.		Total.	Rate per Cent. to Total Amount standing to credit of Depositors.	Average Cost per Trans- action.	
£	£				£ s. d.	£	s. d.	d.	
2,838,304	123,144,099	1,333,395	942,654	7,630,502	16 2 9	450,841	7 3½	5·8	1898
3,023,831	130,118,605	1,373,799	957,621	8,046,680	16 3 5	473,877	7 3½	5·8	1899
3,145,978	135,540,645	1,376,171	962,968	8,439,963	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
3,390,999	144,605,088	1,386,962	1,041,476	9,133,161	15 16 8	526,007	7 3½	5·9	1902
3,458,578	146,135,147	1,342,040	1,071,340	9,403,852	15 10 10	549,140	7 6	6·1	1903
3,496,633	148,339,354	1,350,857	1,080,992	9,673,717	15 6 8	537,672	7 2½	5·9	1904
3,567,206	152,111,140	1,435,829	1,145,997	9,963,040	15 5 4	527,856	6 11½	5·4	1905
3,667,729	155,996,446	1,600,105	1,230,370	10,332,784	15 1 11	598,925	7 8	5·4	1906
3,719,975	157,500,077	1,674,586	1,314,815	10,692,555	14 14 7	585,603	7 5	5·0	1907

‡ 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 7d.

APPENDIX J.—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank—continued.
GOVERNMENT STOCK.

TABLE showing the BUSINESS done during the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	Stock Accounts.			Investments.			Dividends credited to Stock Holders.		Sales.		Stock Certificates obtained.	Transfers.			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.	Bank of England Fees.	Total.	Average per Ac. count.
1898	10,356	7,408	72,071	20,162	1,303,990	£ 1,183,029		£ 198,991	12,567	£ 714,235	£ 787,898	£ 2,200	£ 35,715	£ 392	£ 1,183	£ 2,424	£ 7,463,134	104
1899	13,988	7,011	78,998	26,531	1,770,170	1,670,354		294,186	11,789	886,135	735,721	4,950	46,689	1,094	3,543	2,982	8,397,213	106
1900	22,044	7,077	93,965	41,030	2,830,513	2,830,918		339,463	12,028	678,574	673,510	6,000	75,189	1,448	1,170	4,274	10,468,290	111
1901	23,383	7,769	109,509	46,550	3,065,596	3,192,154		398,597	13,574	761,639	729,531	6,100	107,861	727	2,053	4,901	12,796,190	117
1902	19,154	9,987	118,696	40,893	2,592,988	2,694,447		451,234	17,221	1,054,193	1,012,042	9,300	133,133	832	2,438	4,656	14,235,617	120
1903	22,912	10,265	131,543	47,726	2,921,499	3,131,172		487,145	17,742	1,085,678	1,012,228	14,400	151,948	2,165	2,850	5,262	16,165,548	123
1904	17,985	10,746	138,652	39,633	2,283,877	2,507,546		438,315	18,548	1,131,543	1,027,016	10,450	172,640	2,705	2,194	4,613	17,367,960	125
1905	14,893	13,483	139,992	32,301	2,056,041	2,212,285		554,158	22,324	1,507,219	1,398,811	10,550	174,707	2,496	2,390	4,538	17,877,644	128
1906	16,988	11,811	145,119	39,134	2,451,570	2,674,494		563,321	20,004	1,349,044	1,284,022	9,400	207,085	3,467	3,057	4,919	18,986,199	131
1907	20,283	11,182	154,230	44,652	2,649,248	3,028,194		591,467	19,168	1,232,232	1,089,894	14,800	236,944	2,065	5,665	5,235	20,583,897	133

APPENDIX J.—continued.
Post Office Savings Bank—continued.
ANNUITIES AND LIFE INSURANCES.

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

Y <small>EAR</small> .	ANNUITIES.										LIFE INSURANCES.					
	Immediate.					Deferred.					Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.	
	Contracts entered into.	Receipts.	Payments.		Contracts entered into.	Receipts.		Payments.		Amount of In- surances.	No.	Amount.	No.			
			Amount.	No.		Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.							
														No.	Amount.	No.
1898	-	2,065	55,763	760,364	£	164	3,626	1,374	23,876	£	864	10,690	31,327	21,563	841	11,673
1899	-	2,031	54,044	719,419		147	3,085	1,347	23,617		943	11,801	31,266	21,575	342	10,663
1900	-	2,258	40,893	725,142		137	2,722	1,343	19,852		1,090	12,921	21,400	22,185	364	15,422
1901	-	1,764	42,268	563,159		142	3,066	1,365	23,650		1,075	14,175	21,972	22,647	380	12,992
1902	-	1,779	42,791	558,770		130	2,973	1,353	21,764		1,164	17,179	22,553	23,045	389	14,646
1903	-	1,763	43,973	537,981		157	3,424	1,366	24,469		1,210	14,689	22,672	23,063	387	13,126
1904	-	1,768	41,000	520,538		128	2,492	1,366	21,011		1,237	16,167	22,323	23,031	465	16,878
1905	-	1,840	45,488	573,205		158	3,204	1,386	24,237		1,347	16,905	21,836	23,376	449	15,593
1906	-	1,797	43,241	544,571		132	2,926	1,332	23,311		1,501	20,637	22,319	23,803	406	14,634
1907	-	1,635	37,940	471,385		157	2,890	1,323	22,033		1,578	19,494	21,769	23,423	420	15,783

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 1907, and the Number and Amount of CONTRACTS in existence on the 31st December 1907.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO				TOTAL.	
	From 17 April 1865 to 31 December 1906.		From 1 Jan. 1907 to 31 December 1907.			
	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 1907, viz.:—						
Immediate Annuities - -	47,611	1,035,169 14 8	1,685	37,939 11 6	49,296	1,073,109 6 2
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	1,507	27,259 5 2	55	746 2 6	1,562	28,005 7 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - - -	2,777	61,009 1 6	102	2,143 17 6	2,879	63,152 19 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on the 17th April 1865 to the 31st December 1907 - - - - -	24,282	1,461,175 8 5	492	24,912 3 5	24,774	1,486,087 11 10
Contracts for Annuities in existence on the 31st December 1907, viz.:—						
Immediate Annuities - -	-	- - - -	-	- - - -	27,600	673,453 9 2
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable - -	-	- - - -	-	- - - -	1,210	21,168 7 0
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable - - -	-	- - - -	-	- - - -	1,404	30,052 16 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death, in existence on the 31st December 1907 - - - -	-	- - - -	-	- - - -	13,261	765,861 8 8

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

Post Office Savings Bank—*continued.*

**EXTRACT from PARLIAMENTARY PAPER (209) ORDERED
by the HOUSE of COMMONS to be printed, 6th July 1908.**

APPENDIX J.—*continued.*

Post Office Savings Bank.

ACCOUNT of all Deposits Received and Paid from 1st January to 31st December 1907.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	155,996,446	9	6			
To Cash received from Depositors from 1st January to 31st December 1907	44,217,287	15	9*	Cash Paid	46,331,562	13 7†
	200,213,734	5	3	Warrants issued, but not cashed at date	102,069	18 2
To interest thereon up to 31st December 1907, computed according to Act 24 Viet., c. 14, sections 7 and 8, and added to the Principal Money of the said Depositors	3,719,975	0	2	Balance due at the close of the Year 1907, to all Depositors, inclusive of Interest to 31st December 1907	46,433,632	11 9
	203,933,709	5	5		157,500,076	13 8
					203,933,709	5 5

* Including the sum realised by the sale of Government Stock, viz., 1,099,749*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; the amount of dividends credited to Depositors, viz., 514,927*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.*; the amount credited as payments under Annuity and Insurance Contracts, viz., 687,587*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*; and the amount of Government Stock transferred to the Depositors' own names in the books of the Bank of England, viz., 236,943*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*

† Including the sum invested on behalf of Depositors in the purchase of Government Stock, and the Commission and Fees, amounting together to 2,660,047*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*; the sum withdrawn as purchase money under Annuity and Insurance Contracts, viz., 516,356*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*., and the amount of Government Stock transferred to the Depositors' own names in the books of the Bank of England, viz., 236,943*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*

General Post Office, { CHARLES A. KING, Comptroller and Accountant General.
12th June 1908. { H. DAVIES, Controller of Post Office Savings Bank.

SYDNEY BUXTON,
Postmaster 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. Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number. Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number. Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number. Amount.
1898-99	9,721,647	28,604,078	3·1	583,414	1,893,307	4·6	1,180,140	2,816,132	2·5	11,475,201	33,278,517	3·1
1899-1900	10,292,890	30,505,351	5·8	617,340	1,876,411	4·0	1,177,229	2,819,500	1·4	12,087,459	35,201,262	5·3
1900-01	11,375,518	34,454,859	10·5	680,370	2,074,495	10·2	1,207,679	2,845,311	2·5	13,263,567	39,374,665	9·7
1901-02	11,892,333	36,660,120	4·5	784,735	2,463,714	15·3	1,286,342	3,045,367	6·5	13,963,410	42,169,201	5·2
1902-03	12,151,861	38,920,596	2·2	980,462	3,124,551	24·9	1,399,071	3,357,348	8·8	14,531,424	45,402,495	4·1
1903-04	11,261,745	35,430,349	Decrease, 7·3	1,188,073	3,608,353	21·2	1,514,365	3,677,504	8·2	13,664,173	42,716,206	Decrease, 5·9
1904-05	10,637,020	35,870,862	Increase, 1·2	1,165,989	3,478,663	Decrease, 1·9	1,541,937	3,811,937	1·8	13,404,946	43,161,462	Increase, 1·0
1905-06	10,768,785	36,872,608	·8	1,124,316	3,490,761	3·6	1,713,062	4,249,426	11·1	13,696,153	44,612,785	Increase, 1·4
1906-07	*10,846,032	37,997,339	·8	1,096,294	3,534,623	2·2	1,875,359	4,809,921	9·5	13,519,685	46,335,883	1·6
1907-08	10,481,497	36,060,590	Decrease, 3·8	1,195,504	3,827,710	Increase, 8·8	2,001,674	5,463,760	6·7	13,628,675	46,382,080	Decrease, 1·4

* This number was understated in the 1906-7 Report as 10,844,509.

† This number was understated in the 1906-7 Report as 13,819,162.

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

INLAND ORDERS.															
YEAR.	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 population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	Number of Money Orders issued to each 100 of population.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Increase per cent. on Amount.	
1898-99	8,156,871	24,131,276	3.1	3.9	25.9	1,003,138	2,911,860	3.6	5.0	23.6	558,538	1,370,942	3.0	4.0	13.3
1899-1900	8,656,871	25,697,094	6.0	6.5	27.1	1,047,134	3,119,470	4.3	7.1	24.4	558,585	1,638,787	5.4	7.5	13.0
1900-01	9,638,474	29,213,745	11.3	13.6	29.9	1,094,431	3,344,691	4.5	7.2	25.3	642,613	1,906,423	9.1	13.2	14.2
1901-02	10,097,088	31,006,664	4.4	6.1	30.7	1,141,433	3,556,429	4.2	6.3	25.4	683,962	2,097,037	6.4	10.5	15.3
1902-03	10,232,120	32,746,950	1.9	5.6	31.0	1,179,571	3,833,949	3.3	7.8	26.0	710,161	2,340,897	3.8	11.6	16.0
1903-04	9,545,088	29,846,259	7.0	8.9	28.5	1,094,369	3,600,062	7.2	6.1	23.9	632,438	1,964,928	12.4	15.2	14.1
1904-05	9,125,126	30,171,773	4.4	1.1	26.9	997,410	3,671,310	8.9	3.0	21.5	574,464	2,097,280	7.7	2.1	13.0
1905-06	9,171,125	30,979,146	Inc. 0.6	2.7	26.8	996,047	3,907,177	1	3.7	21.3	591,613	2,096,283	Inc. 3.0	2.9	13.5
1906-07	*9,262,473	31,926,365	1.0	3.1	26.7	987,345	3,917,100	9	3.9	20.9	595,214	2,153,874	6	3.3	13.6
1907-08	8,888,097	32,726,403	Dec. 4.6	2.5	25.2	1,004,926	4,137,863	Inc. 1.8	5.6	21.0	588,472	2,198,804	Dec. 1.1	1.9	13.4

* This number was understated in the 1906-7 Report as 9,261,950.

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.
1898-99 { Number Amount £	511,961 1,542,815	11,893 104,414	285 374	76,794 48,194	1,129 3,776	1,573 6,308	632,644 2,012,310	14,094 197,166	4,636 17,073	474 4,707	682,144 2,315,134	1,877,536 6,282,063
1899- 1900 { Number Amount £	534,102 1,583,155	12,163 106,664	165 54	76,216 80,178	1,364 4,202	1,413 5,673	659,228 2,054,328	16,272 214,715	4,410 18,074	437 4,634	797,234 2,786,796	2,102,904 6,941,371
1900-01 { Number Amount £	554,656 1,629,434	12,630 106,644	263 403	77,906 49,765	1,391 4,515	1,302 4,893	679,095 2,239,242	22,729 235,644	4,829 20,561	375 4,310	1,363,063 4,397,446	2,718,228 8,692,757
1901-02 { Number Amount £	569,718 1,663,595	11,663 103,213	126 41	76,572 47,516	1,390 4,426	1,233 4,631	746,053 2,725,508	18,533 240,165	6,644 36,851	457 4,748	1,329,518 4,262,201	2,761,956 9,069,890
1902-03 { Number Amount £	588,432 1,702,009	11,900 105,831	317 578	79,403 49,018	1,396 4,279	1,233 4,512	791,257 3,040,559	17,763 249,862	6,322 33,067	478 4,692	1,149,963 3,669,583	2,646,464 8,869,295
1903-04 { Number Amount £	614,097 1,756,525	7,631 42,298	396 383	76,428 46,864	1,203 4,072	1,151 4,261	838,446 3,162,144	17,314 239,897	7,252 40,805	979 5,346	948,393 2,881,701	2,512,290 8,204,276
1904-05 { Number Amount £	638,187 1,826,404	7,647 41,508	209 200	75,395 46,718	963 3,304	1,098 4,158	899,916 2,983,218	18,661 272,088	7,150 44,635	1,170 5,867	970,693 2,966,680	2,621,063 8,185,230
1905-06 { Number Amount £	635,736 1,867,702	6,775 37,660	1,210 1,495	76,522 46,655	769 2,230	1,074 4,064	909,504 3,179,639	19,431 235,635	7,301 47,006	533 5,066	1,045,550 3,095,526	2,664,536 8,572,970
1906-07 { Number Amount £	608,818 1,904,891	6,011 33,516	2,104 1,985	78,606 45,130	927 2,744	1,088 4,341	954,390 3,220,245	*90,315 301,032	6,799 49,354	326 3,733	1,083,963 3,236,063	12,763,371 8,903,144
1907-08 { Number Amount £	621,401 2,002,658	5,735 31,549	552 591	70,305 40,867	1,280 3,943	1,058 4,365	991,555 3,294,641	21,464 322,468	7,096 57,006	283 3,319	1,124,048 3,373,416	2,844,901 9,138,743

* This number was overstated in the 1906-7 Report as 26,742.

† This number was understated in the 1906-7 Report as 2,759,798.

‡ This number was understated in the 1906-7 Report as 1,073,933.

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.
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	18·8	13·0
1901-02	411,952	1,340,619	11·6	9·9
1902-03	462,885	1,459,496	12·4	17·6
1903-04	475,738	1,584,925	2·8	Decrease. 5·1
1904-05	477,691	1,544,488	·4	Increase. 11·5
1905-06	508,543	1,646,882	5·4	6·6
1906-07	528,454	1,812,909	4·0	10·1
1907-08	544,692	1,894,588	4·1	4·5

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 Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.
1898-99	142,169	£ 497,629	3·2	2·8	£ 1,360,878	5·0	451,245	1,360,878	·1	400,691	£ 1,015,170	2·1
1899-1900	142,574	476,631	·2	Dec. 4·2	1,369,750	5·2	474,766	1,369,750	2·8	407,128	1,039,489	1·6
1900-01	140,772	449,463	Dec. 1·2	5·6	1,625,012	13·6	539,596	1,625,012	16·0	426,985	1,050,975	4·8
1901-02	142,114	456,901	Inc. ·9	1·6	2,006,513	19·1	642,681	2,006,513	23·4	472,312	1,175,142	10·6
1902-03	161,421	559,941	13·6	22·6	2,564,510	27·5	819,071	2,564,510	27·8	525,319	1,329,182	11·2
1903-04	174,580	584,954	8·2	4·5	3,029,399	23·7	1,013,493	3,029,399	17·9	649,693	1,445,695	4·6
1904-05	175,562	611,864	·6	4·6	2,866,799	Dec. 2·3	990,427	2,866,799	Dec. 5·2	520,402	1,376,197	Dec. 4·9
1905-06	176,059	646,921	·3	5·7	2,845,980	4·3	945,267	2,845,980	·8	643,476	1,409,749	Inc. 4·4
1906-07	174,548	699,269	Dec. ·7	8·1	2,835,355	2·5	924,446	2,835,355	·3	565,904	1,420,132	4·1
1907-08	195,985	865,913	Inc. 12·1	23·8	2,961,797	Inc. 8·1	999,519	2,961,797	Inc. 4·5	573,432	1,490,061	1·3
										1,498,242	3,983,699	4·2
												9·1
												17·7
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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.
1898-99	£ 66,586	£ 34,131	£ 38,612	£ 58,234	£ 17,355	£ 19,351	£ 5,985	£ 50,675	£ 155,206	£ 175,832	£ 201,124	£ 160,336	£ 47,798	£ 32,039	£ 15,002	£ 9,312	£ 71,275	£ 16,325
1899-1900	85,380	33,774	40,449	59,766	19,787	21,230	6,094	49,874	155,418	170,130	203,117	175,568	39,654	39,665	20,394	9,345	76,176	16,132
1900-01	81,822	34,619	42,220	58,232	20,496	21,617	6,227	43,725	167,379	165,300	203,319	175,387	33,735	34,427	25,080	11,340	84,819	16,536
1901-02	83,380	38,798	45,691	60,562	22,212	18,380	6,597	41,919	179,874	176,301	219,331	192,562	40,925	35,973	36,960	12,261	94,230	18,807
1902-03	110,524	41,153	50,663	62,964	25,695	25,693	8,793	45,106	193,417	190,659	238,316	202,818	49,532	37,210	45,723	15,074	111,956	20,171
1903-04	159,988	46,002	50,809	66,676	27,177	26,130	9,272	46,005	205,004	212,468	238,639	216,251	60,749	36,119	59,210	19,152	138,599	23,486
1904-05	90,648	45,033	55,371	74,048	27,515	28,165	8,672	55,114	212,306	234,749	236,858	237,842	61,562	39,509	46,891	20,358	133,583	24,133
1905-06	95,766	47,141	61,808	94,677	24,370	28,463	8,793	63,112	227,693	261,938	235,921	261,577	63,553	44,735	13,830	18,850	132,766	27,134
1906-07	89,656	49,592	60,943	103,500	25,429	38,767	9,212	82,261	247,219	238,316	236,061	277,909	64,891	57,536	13,692	20,494	115,703	31,754
1907-08	59,359	57,461	65,368	112,157	24,568	37,673	10,593	90,093	257,512	313,551	239,311	300,199	65,534	68,220	14,251	23,875	110,591	34,830

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.
1898-99	£ 1,551	2,327	£ 42,139	14,632	£ 1,124	231	£ —	£ —	£ 43,292	14,397	£ 33,964	30,065	£ 255,567	963,539	£ 13,991	£ 230,446	£ 1,015,170	£ 1,900,968
1899-1900	1,581	2,344	43,233	15,292	1,116	653	—	—	45,752	15,425	41,846	31,258	246,312	1,039,444	8,981	110,121	1,039,469	1,790,011
1900-01	2,011	2,700	48,980	21,327	1,629	1,223	—	—	52,602	17,229	42,964	30,794	239,762	1,116,617	8,690	12,663	1,080,975	1,764,336
1901-02	2,375	3,046	50,703	18,064	2,033	1,854	—	—	55,329	16,496	46,481	33,796	281,887	1,189,577	7,634	11,507	1,175,142	1,870,225
1902-03	2,267	4,266	56,548	18,617	2,158	2,540	—	—	64,366	17,237	52,689	36,018	309,534	1,394,404	7,103	13,815	1,389,833	2,087,765
1903-04	2,531	4,224	53,571	18,057	2,394	3,043	—	—	73,946	18,095	54,325	39,298	301,969	1,440,414	7,442	14,479	1,445,635	2,231,849
1904-05	2,935	5,913	52,076	19,740	3,068	4,165	15,713	3,625	66,470	19,154	54,101	43,241	307,993	1,559,379	9,523	30,368	1,575,197	2,436,740
1905-06	3,184	7,323	47,637	21,073	2,601	7,473	85,546	18,404	44,240	19,627	55,814	46,460	304,377	1,850,776	15,820	30,924	1,499,749	2,393,677
1906-07	3,306	6,683	44,602	22,477	3,424	9,262	79,258	25,471	43,235	23,225	55,063	47,511	313,010	2,249,071	15,838	44,092	1,490,532	3,383,389
1907-08	3,704	11,556	40,438	23,616	3,905	8,512	99,387	148,549	40,728	23,954	54,008	53,939	367,637	2,617,140	23,677	49,009	1,490,061	3,983,699

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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.	Bulgaria.	Denmark and Faroe Islands.	Egypt.	France.	Germany.	Hungary.	Italy.	Luxem- bourg.	Nether- lands.	Norway.	Rou- mania.	Switzer- land.	Total.
1898-9 { Number - Amount £	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	983 5,102	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	983 5,102
1899-1900 { Number - Amount £	26 138	176 941	- -	- -	- -	- -	3,101 16,884	2 11	- -	1 10	403 1,480	21 113	7 43	37 219	3,774 19,789
1900-1 { Number - Amount £	431 2,345	758 4,787	- -	- -	- -	- -	3,811 20,949	89 485	231 1,687	- -	922 3,349	243 1,568	57 267	266 1,610	6,827 37,172
1901-2 { Number - Amount £	532 2,355	1,049 6,304	- -	- -	20 196	2,227 13,471	4,606 24,537	139 1,659	456 3,252	10 71	1,643 7,194	373 2,355	53 326	137 2,634	11,678 63,733
1902-3 { Number - Amount £	701 3,705	1,199 7,739	- -	- -	38 319	3,340 19,188	5,034 26,887	187 1,031	552 3,471	11 70	2,372 9,752	351 1,973	57 360	199 2,503	14,511 75,351
1903-4 { Number - Amount £	910 4,845	995 5,531	- -	- -	31 294	4,557 26,700	5,643 30,728	229 1,337	614 4,379	11 32	2,683 10,066	398 2,177	80 484	233 3,353	16,891 91,435
1904-5 { Number - Amount £	665 5,218	907 7,718	- -	- -	33 523	4,376 23,319	5,626 42,128	230 2,106	610 6,366	9 41	2,404 10,951	367 3,046	76 554	553 1,451	16,526 113,717
1905-6 { Number - Amount £	21 7,514	1,297 16,689	- -	17 127	71 1,270	5,383 33,925	5,834 46,586	227 2,036	686 6,837	7 31	3,161 13,707	404 3,121	99 678	583 5,071	13,787 139,402
1906-7 { Number - Amount £	802 7,412	1,590 20,787	- -	229 1,751	96 2,121	5,149 55,073	5,953 50,470	222 2,337	733 7,135	9 116	3,865 23,651	373 2,861	122 714	595 5,006	20,068 182,066
1907-8 { Number - Amount £	919 9,658	1,743 31,182	11 159	236 2,089	177 2,955	6,021 58,831	6,735 61,150	244 1,960	728 6,915	12 144	5,748 35,794	407 3,727	91 654	334 4,317	24,032 315,763

APPENDIX L

Postal Orders.

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.	per Cent.
			Number.	Value.			Number.	Value.			Number.	Value.			Number.	Value.		
1898-99	76,591,000	27,119,000	7.5	6	164,000	98,000	10.1	11.4	231,000	186,000	5.4	2.8	77,046,000	27,403,000	7.5	4.6	188,000	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	4.3	205,000	121,000	7.9	8.0	351,000	224,000	12.1	12.0	86,741,000	30,106,000	4.0	4.4	180,000	Dec. 4.3
1901-02	88,388,000	30,931,000	3.8	3.9	*2,300,000	*1,794,000	1,022.0	1,382.6	364,000	235,000	3.7	4.9	91,062,000	32,960,000	6.2	9.5	172,000	4.4
1902-03	92,050,900	31,954,000	4.1	3.3	*804,000	*679,000	Dec. 65.0	Dec. 62.2	414,000	267,000	13.7	13.6	93,268,000	32,900,000	2.4	Dec. 0.2	179,000	Inc. 4.1
1903-04	98,810,000	33,817,000	Dec. 2.4	5.8	312,000	186,000	61.2	72.6	449,000	298,000	8.5	11.6	90,571,000	34,301,000	Dec. 2.9	Inc. 4.3	185,000	3.4
1904-05	90,371,000	36,095,000	Inc. 0.6	6.7	376,000	225,000	Inc. 20.5	Inc. 21.0	502,000	343,000	11.8	15.1	91,246,000	36,683,000	Inc. 0.7	6.9	193,000	5.9
1905-06	96,070,000	38,019,000	6.3	5.3	658,000	387,000	75.0	72.0	543,000	364,000	8.2	6.1	97,271,000	38,770,000	6.6	5.7	215,000	9.7
1906-07	100,584,000	39,910,000	4.7	5.0	1,074,000	574,000	63.2	46.3	589,000	394,000	8.5	8.2	102,247,000	40,378,000	5.1	5.4	218,000	1.4
1907-08	122,893,000	43,115,000	22.2	8.0	1,716,000	1,091,000	59.8	90.1	655,000	408,000	11.2	8.6	126,264,000	44,614,000	22.5	9.1	236,000	8.3

* 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).																			
	£ 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.
1898-99	—	7,601	4,967	5,843	5,116	4,217	2,535	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	6,564	5,730	5,030	2,956	5,692	2,363	12,401	—	—	—	—	—	3,939	—	—	—	10,086
1901-02	—	7,889	5,658	6,898	6,142	5,211	3,146	5,943	2,556	13,167	—	—	—	—	—	4,204	—	—	—	10,718
1902-03	—	8,280	5,029	7,223	6,478	5,463	3,145	6,266	2,670	13,673	—	—	—	—	—	4,318	—	—	—	10,744
1903-04	331	6,671	4,420	6,553	6,431	5,067	2,544	4,844	1,834	10,913	757	1,969	740	1,143	1,218	2,774	512	732	442	9,067
1904-05	718	5,973	3,698	6,414	6,537	4,823	2,306	4,260	1,689	9,744	1,136	2,773	1,069	1,568	1,691	2,055	717	1,012	603	8,552
1905-06	1,355	6,769	3,834	6,942	6,879	5,072	2,406	4,479	1,907	10,061	1,231	2,981	1,181	1,672	1,869	2,082	807	1,082	653	8,789
1906-07	1,406	7,105	3,928	7,464	7,402	5,164	2,463	4,516	1,832	10,244	1,364	3,103	1,307	1,740	1,942	2,159	890	1,124	768	9,927
1907-08	14,735	9,768	4,306	8,454	8,532	5,375	2,669	4,762	1,991	10,572	1,377	3,390	1,366	1,842	2,058	3,240	911	1,224	780	9,343

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

APPENDIX L.—*continued.*

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

Year.	NUMBER, IN THOUSANDS ('000 OMITTED).																			
	s. d. 10 6	s. d. 11 0	s. d. 11 6	s. d. 12 0	s. d. 12 6	s. d. 13 0	s. d. 13 6	s. d. 14 0	s. d. 14 6	s. d. 15 0	s. d. 15 6	s. d. 16 0	s. d. 16 6	s. d. 17 0	s. d. 17 6	s. d. 18 0	s. d. 18 6	s. d. 19 0	s. d. 19 6	s. d. 20 0
1888-89	2,444	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,763	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,983
1889-1890	2,560	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,876	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,363
1900-01	2,767	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,986	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,687
1901-02	2,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,247	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,387
1902-03	2,926	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,220	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,925
1903-04	2,014	305	214	513	411	257	174	281	120	2,434	118	289	91	123	121	158	79	142	—	12,416
1904-05	1,203	682	406	1,084	689	555	366	591	268	1,751	251	521	229	312	303	369	195	381	—	12,603
1905-06	1,202	633	446	1,162	763	597	394	641	287	1,787	277	553	256	341	332	437	211	376	57	13,260
1906-07	1,288	773	530	1,239	872	692	458	754	343	2,349	299	577	277	366	354	468	223	278	213	13,607
1907-08	1,362	903	602	1,492	1,044	826	530	880	421	3,108	318	627	303	396	382	744	241	295	293	14,171

* 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 of the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	Circuits.	Increase.	Miles of Wire.	Increase.	Calls.	Increase.
1898-99	953	76	63,109	7,383	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	76,881	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	123,063	15,320	17,974,039	2,512,217
1906-07	2,043	288	141,810	13,747	19,803,363	1,829,324
1907-08	2,385	342	159,353	17,543	21,993,113	2,189,750

Provincial Telephone Exchange Wires.

(Excluding Glasgow and Brighton Exchanges.)

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.
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	*11,469	2,825
1906-07	14,370	1,841	*13,232	1,763
1907-08	17,560	3,190	15,785	2,553

* These figures have been adjusted.

APPENDIX M.—*continued.*

Private Wires.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER OF CONTRACTS and APPARATUS, and the RENTALS in each of the last TEN YEARS.

Year.	Contracts.	Increase.	Telephones and Telegraph Apparatus.	Increase.	Rentals.	Increase.
1898-99	2,676	68	5,629	170	£ 121,065	£ 11,023
1899-1900	2,788	112	5,868	234	126,132	5,067
1900-1	2,910	122	6,193	330	132,424	6,292
1901-2	3,234	324	6,605	412	151,853	19,429
1902-3	3,439	205	7,118	513	163,638	11,785
1903-4	3,499	60	7,595	477	169,769	6,131
1904-5	3,746	247	8,901	1,306	172,953	3,184
1905-6	3,869	123	9,243	342	177,111	4,158
1906-7	3,909	40	11,000	1,767	183,008	5,897
1907-8	4,075	166	12,773	1,773	185,269	2,261

APPENDIX O.

Post Office Telephones.

LONDON EXCHANGE SYSTEM.

AN ACCOUNT, partly estimated, of INCOME and EXPENDITURE, for the YEAR ended 31st March 1908.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£		£
Annual Subscriptions :—			
Proportion of Subscriptions paid in 1906-7, but proper to 1907-8	123,546	Maintenance of System	56,915
Paid in the year 1907-8 :		Salaries, Wages, &c. of Staff, including provision for Pensions of Established Staff	100,767
At Flat Rates	60,520	Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light, including estimated Rental Value of Premises already belonging to the Department	12,254
At Toll Rates	218,065	Miscellaneous Expenses (Stationery, Travelling, &c.)	4,230
Less proportion proper to 1908-9	278,585		
	141,196	Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c.	230,794
Message Fees, in addition to fixed minimum of 1 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> per Message Rate Circuit	64,668		
Call Office Fees	15,559		
Rentals of wires leased to National Telephone Co.	49,424		
Miscellaneous receipts	958		
Value of services rendered to Government Departments without payment	3,416		
	394,960		394,960

The various accounts and returns presented to Parliament in connection with the Telegraph and Telephone services are at present being considered by a Departmental Committee, who have not finally reported as to the form in which such accounts should be prepared. The above account has, therefore, been compiled on the same lines as in previous years.

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

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGE SYSTEM.

AN ACCOUNT, partly estimated, of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for the YEAR ended 31st March 1908.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Annual Subscriptions :—			£
Proportion of Subscriptions paid in 1906-7, but proper to 1907-8	- - - - -	Maintenance of Provincial Exchange Systems	-
	- - - - -	Salaries, Wages, &c., of Staff, including provision for Pensions of Established Staff	-
Paid in 1907-8	- - - - -	Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light, including estimated Rental Value of Premises already belonging to the Department	-
Less proportion proper to 1908-9	- - - - -	Miscellaneous Expenses (Stationery, Travelling, &c.)	-
	£	Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c.	£
	136,953		28,914
	70,084		150,108
Message Fees for excess calls	- - - - -		
Call Office Collections	- - - - -		
Rentals of junction lines leased to National Telephone Company	- - - - -		
Miscellaneous receipts	- - - - -		
Value of services rendered to Government Departments without payment	- - - - -		
	1,155		
	£		
	150,103		

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Post Office Telephones—continued.

AN ACCOUNT, partly estimated, of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for the YEAR ended 31st March 1908.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Trunk Fees :—		Maintenance of Trunk Line System	£ 75,740
Gross value for year	£ 555,921	Salaries, Wages, &c., of Staff, including provision for Pensions of Established Staff	178,448
Less Commission paid to Licensees for Collection, &c.	22,177	Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light, including estimated Rental Value of Premises already belonging to the Department	15,899
	<u>533,744*</u>	Miscellaneous Expenses (Stationery, Travelling, &c.)	10,380
Miscellaneous receipts	12	Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c.	253,647
Value of Services rendered to Government Departments without payment	358		£ 534,114
	<u>£ 534,114</u>		

*** Including Fees from International Calls.**

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

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE for the YEAR ended 31st March 1908.

	Exchanges.		Trunk Lines.	Total.
	London.	Provincial.		
Income	£ 394,960	£ 150,103	£ 534,114	£ 1,079,177
<i>Deduct</i>				
Working Expenses (including Day-to-Day Maintenance)	174,166	126,189	280,467	580,822
Balance available towards meeting Depreciation, Interest, &c.	220,794	23,914	253,647	498,355

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.	Amorial Bearings.	Guns.	Game.	Game-keepers.	Motors.	Total Number.	Revenue.
1888-89	-	13,069	1,287,504	118,094	321,777	36,083	179,886	46,898	4,019	2,007,350	1,134,510
1889-1900	-	11,898	1,306,557	119,898	321,325	36,153	199,947	49,684	4,174	2,049,614	1,161,066
1900-01	-	11,611	1,343,913	122,494	323,895	36,349	215,591	50,770	4,226	2,113,549	1,194,586
1901-02	-	11,152	1,404,253	123,976	334,601	36,316	223,278	53,883	4,358	2,196,822	1,239,081
1902-03	-	10,960	1,462,049	127,425	340,578	37,272	230,006	53,197	4,442	2,265,887	1,272,052
1903-04	-	10,623	1,492,025	128,734	348,266	37,060	225,386	49,543	4,302	2,296,312	1,281,867
1904-05	-	9,261	1,526,212	129,956	361,998	36,991	223,841	53,147	4,373	2,346,529	1,320,341
1905-06	-	8,707	1,557,227	129,339	365,026	36,296	225,696	55,233	4,515	2,380,674	1,343,199
1906-07	-	8,363	1,621,965	131,043	370,715	35,791	223,078	54,702	4,531	2,453,498	1,384,145
1907-08	-	7,968	1,654,163	134,275	364,023	35,519	229,279	49,539	4,487	2,484,471	1,389,014

APPENDIX Q.

RETURN showing, for each YEAR from 1898-99 the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POSTAL SERVICES.

Year.	REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.										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.				
1898-99	12,841,399	—	207,918	13,049,317	37,127	136,760	249,443	5,645,061	43.26	1,535,261	11.77	821,370	553,798	206,196	9,190,006	70.48	3,899,311	4,033,198
1899-1900	13,192,020	—	202,315	13,394,335	115,294	169,098	289,092	6,017,618	44.93	1,537,967	11.46	769,507	601,576	213,747	9,683,969	73.29	3,710,336	3,994,728
1900-01	13,776,896	—	218,584	13,995,470	78,789	156,373	286,265	6,339,390	45.30	1,575,540	11.26	764,905	605,954	234,478	10,041,564	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	45.64	1,640,969	11.34	770,431	624,153	269,893	10,465,101	73.34	4,000,769	4,367,491
1902-03	14,760,694	—	244,568	15,005,262	112,038	205,630	311,332	6,841,383	45.59	1,665,288	11.10	770,385	643,996	270,087	10,819,938	73.11	4,185,394	4,502,892
1903-04	15,559,100	—	265,294	15,824,394	159,734	234,645	335,160	7,006,127	44.27	1,728,673	10.93	784,635	663,296	286,860	11,301,123	70.78	4,633,273	5,017,651
1904-05	16,031,050	—	243,928	16,274,978	82,604	274,175	354,832	7,199,248	44.24	1,831,864	11.26	740,136	680,684	283,816	11,446,579	70.38	4,388,609	5,185,478
1905-06	16,823,349	24,363	216,311	17,064,023	75,759	250,127	377,121	7,787,010	45.34	1,831,768	10.68	687,109	604,927	295,191	11,849,012	69.44	5,215,011	5,549,897
1906-07	17,125,817	—	234,637	17,360,504	37,976	259,622	409,675	8,063,669	46.39	1,854,839	10.68	724,341	656,383	298,424	12,294,829	70.83	5,065,675	5,363,373
1907-08 (Estimated)	17,851,118	—	245,125	18,096,243	102,706	276,567	437,822	8,623,198	47.68	1,871,344	10.34	756,365	694,330	341,352	13,108,734	72.44	4,967,509	5,366,782

* The Railway Companies' share of the postage on Parcels is not included in these totals. The figures are shown in Appendix A., page 39.

APPENDIX R.

RETURN showing, for each YEAR from 1898-99, the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

YEAR.	REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.													
	Telegraph Receipts.	Extra Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	Total.	Sites and Buildings.		Direct Charge to Vote.	Extensions.		Superannuations and other Non-Effective Charges.	Salaries, Wages, &c.	Percentage of Salaries to Total Revenue.	Maintenance of the Telegraph System.	Percentage of Main-tenance to Total Revenue.	Other Expenditure.		Total Expenditure.	
					Purchase.	Erection.		Capital.	Interest.						Under Tele-Graph Vote.	Under other Votes.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	
1898-99	£ 3,204,396	—	£ 55,749	£ 3,260,145	£ 28,806	£ 52,323	£ 153,651	£ 46,930	£ 25,730	£ 73,439	£ 2,171,518	68·60	£ 617,616	18·94	£ 230,649	£ 76,352	£ 3,482,014	
1899-1900	3,389,746	—	70,746	3,460,492	18,029	59,529	187,063	63,140	26,990	81,031	2,279,722	65·87	705,819	20·39	238,610	86,151	3,746,064	
1900-01	3,389,689	—	78,764	3,468,453	23,160	46,890	148,118	78,817	33,795	86,375	2,343,769	67·75	691,946	20·00	246,723	95,399	3,796,994	
1901-02	3,490,698	—	79,448	3,570,146	34,110	47,694	228,997	127,545	45,763	96,394	2,416,653	67·69	874,436	24·40	255,112	97,233	4,231,927	
1902-03	3,631,745	—	92,121	3,723,866	37,346	47,903	179,271	166,907	60,524	103,744	2,509,234	67·38	874,067	23·47	243,733	102,843	4,323,577	
1903-04	3,674,158	—	61,957	3,736,115	53,245	68,141	245,410	207,267	77,612	111,716	2,562,145	68·68	1,004,462	26·89	252,168	111,732	4,693,898	
1904-05	3,651,719	—	68,304	3,690,023	37,534	107,828	291,617	242,744	88,724	113,274	2,624,563	69·95	997,269	25·44	230,386	110,530	4,839,459	
1905-06	4,038,957	—	62,423	4,151,380	33,924	78,886	257,704	299,127	100,224	119,094	2,678,571	64·40	963,912	23·22	259,169	116,588	4,892,199	
1906-07	4,295,790	—	73,437	4,369,227	11,665	79,683	306,375	351,246	118,642	125,848	2,722,412	62·31	947,657	21·69	231,748	116,639	5,011,925	
1907-08 (Estimated)	4,408,774	—	74,346	4,484,120	30,679	80,430	162,993	429,706	140,104	130,779	2,839,264	63·10	1,027,680	22·92	379,000	125,341	5,335,996	

* The Annuities shown under the head of Extensions are also charged against the Vote; they are for varying periods (12 to 20 years). The advances in respect of which the Annuities were issued are shown in column 28 of this Appendix; the expenditure is shown in Appendices N. and O.

APPENDIX R.—*continued.*

RETURN showing, for each YEAR from 1898-99, the REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the
POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS—*continued.*

Year.	(19)	Gross Revenue. (20)	Gross Expenditure. (21)	Percentage of Gross Expenditure to Gross Revenue. (22)	Balance of Gross Expenditure over Revenue. (23)	Expenditure in the nature of Capital (Sites, &c.). (24)	Net Revenue after deducting Expenditure in the nature of Capital (Sites, &c.) from Gross Expenditure. (25)	Interest on Balance of Stock created for Purchase of Telegraphs (10,887,644.). (26)	Deficiency of Gross Expenditure, including Interest on Stock as shown in Return prepared in pursuance of Section 4 of 39 Vict., c. 5. (27)	Advances under the Telegraph Acts, 1892-1907. (28)
1898-99 -	-	£ 3,250,145	£ 3,453,014	106·80	£ 221,869	£ 233,710	£ 61,841	£ 236,538	£ 520,757	£ 135,336
1899-1900 -	-	3,460,492	3,746,084	108·54	285,592	327,761	39,169	236,890	587,433	290,000
1900-01 -	-	3,459,353	3,796,984	109·76	337,631	296,985	40,646	236,890	638,501	438,500
1901-02 -	-	3,670,046	4,321,927	118·26	651,881	436,346	215,535	236,890	960,741	881,500
1902-03 -	-	3,723,866	4,325,577	116·16	601,711	431,427	170,284	236,890	900,571	570,000
1903-04 -	-	3,736,115	4,686,898	125·64	967,783	574,063	388,720	273,443	1,236,966	730,000
1904-05 -	-	3,920,023	4,539,459	125·45	919,436	609,723	240,713	271,691	1,191,127	700,000
1905-06 -	-	4,151,380	4,892,199	117·85	740,819	639,641	81,178	271,691	1,012,510	750,000
1906-07 -	-	4,369,227	5,011,925	114·71	642,698	748,979	106,281	271,691	914,389	1,380,000
1907-08 (Estimated).	-	4,464,120	5,335,996	119·00	851,876	703,908	Deficit. 148,068	271,691	1,123,567	1,020,000

APPENDIX S.

STATEMENT showing for each YEAR from 1898-99 the combined REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, and NET REVENUE of the
POSTAL and TELEGRAPH SERVICES.

YEAR.	REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.										Per-centage of Total Expen- diture to Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Depart-ments.	Total.	Salaries, Wages, &c.		Superannuations and other Non-Effective Charges.		Sites and Buildings.		Other Expenditure.		Total.			
				Amount.	Per-centage to Total Revenue.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expen- diture.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expen- diture.	Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expen- diture.				
1898-99	£ 16,045,795	263,667	£ 16,309,462	£ 7,516,669	47·93	£ 322,382	2·55	£ 255,016	2·01	£ 4,277,563	33·76	£ 12,672,020	77·70	£ 3,637,442	
1899-1900	16,531,766	273,061	16,804,827	8,297,340	49·23	350,123	2·61	361,960	2·69	4,423,670	32·93	13,433,083	79·70	3,421,744	
1900-01	17,157,475	297,348	17,454,823	8,683,169	49·75	372,630	2·69	306,212	2·21	4,477,577	32·36	13,838,678	79·28	3,616,245	
1901-02	17,719,504	316,412	18,035,916	9,018,687	50·00	397,374	2·71	346,526	2·37	4,922,441	33·52	14,687,028	81·43	3,348,888	
1902-03	18,392,439	336,689	18,729,128	9,350,616	49·93	414,976	2·74	402,917	2·66	4,977,006	32·86	15,146,515	80·87	3,583,613	
1903-04	19,233,298	327,251	19,560,509	9,567,272	48·91	446,866	2·81	515,765	3·24	5,366,117	33·75	15,895,020	81·26	3,665,489	
1904-05	19,882,769	312,232	20,195,001	9,623,811	48·64	473,066	2·91	492,141	3·02	5,406,690	33·75	16,285,738	80·64	3,909,263	
1905-06	20,536,660	278,734	21,215,403	10,410,681	49·07	496,225	2·96	428,696	2·56	5,406,709	32·29	16,741,211	78·91	4,474,192	
1906-07	21,421,607	306,124	21,727,731	10,775,931	49·59	535,523	3·09	383,666	2·25	5,606,294	32·39	17,306,754	79·65	4,422,977	
1907-08 (Estimated)	22,240,892	319,471	22,560,363	11,467,432	50·74	568,801	3·08	490,382	2·66	5,928,265	32·14	18,444,730	81·68	4,135,633	

APPENDIX T.

**Extract from the Finance Accounts for the
Year ended 31st March 1908.**

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**Extract from the Finance Accounts for the
Year ended 31st March 1908.**

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

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

POSTAL RECEIPTS.						
	£	s.	d.		£	s. d.
Gross Receipts :						
From Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters - - -	18,867,994	13	11½			
From Postage Stamps sold by Stamp Distributors of Inland Revenue - -	270,457	15	8		18,688,452	9 7½
From Postage collected in cash by Country Postmasters - - -	186,797	4	11½			
From Postage collected in cash in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh - -	251,642	8	7½		488,439	13 7
From Postage collected for credit of United Kingdom by Colonial Offices - - -	54,233	9	10½			
From Postage collected for credit of United Kingdom by Foreign Offices, &c. - - -	161,678	12	5½		215,912	2 4
From Commission on Money Orders - - -	153,790	1	0½			
Ditto Postal Orders - -	466,131	4	6		619,921	5 6½
From Miscellaneous Receipts - - -	-	-	-		47,525	12 4½
					19,960,251	3 4½
Payments out of Receipts :						
For Postage, &c., refunded - - -	30,505	13	4½			
To Inland Revenue Department - - -	587,240	0	0			
To Railway Companies, &c., on account of Parcel Post - - -	1,054,725	6	1			
For Postage collected for credit of Colonial Offices - - -	169,632	9	4½			
For Postage collected for credit of Foreign Offices, &c. - - -	267,029	11	4		2,109,133	0 1½
Net Receipts	-	-	£		17,851,118	3 3½
Payments into Exchequer	-	-	-		£17,880,000	0 0

APPENDIX T.—*continued.*

TELEGRAPH RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts :—						
For transmission of Telegrams, &c.,						
collected in Cash - - - - -	998,462	3	3½			
For transmission of Telegrams, &c.,						
collected in Stamps - - - - -	2,611,393	1	3½			
				3,609,855	4	7
Payments out of Receipts :—						
To Cable Companies, &c. - - - - -	574,163	5	7			
To Telegram Moneys refunded, &c. - - - - -	4,257	7	11½			
				578,420	13	6½
Net Receipts - - - - -			£	3,031,434	11	0½

TELEPHONE RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Post Office Telephone Service :—						
Gross Receipts :—						
Telephone Trunk and Exchange						
Receipts - - - - -	1,118,233	8	2			
Payments out of Receipts :—						
Refundments, &c. - - - - -	12,355	11	8			
Net Receipts from Post Office Telephone Service - - - - -				1,105,877	16	6
Royalties from Licensees - - - - -				272,462	2	3
Net Receipts - - - - -			£	1,378,339	18	9

Net Telegraph Receipts - - - - -	£	s.	d.
	3,031,434	11	0½
Net Telephone Receipts - - - - -	1,378,339	18	9
Total Net Receipts - - - - -	4,409,774	9	9½
Payments into Exchequer - - - - -	4,420,000	0	0

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Comptroller and Accountant-General.

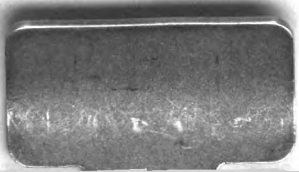
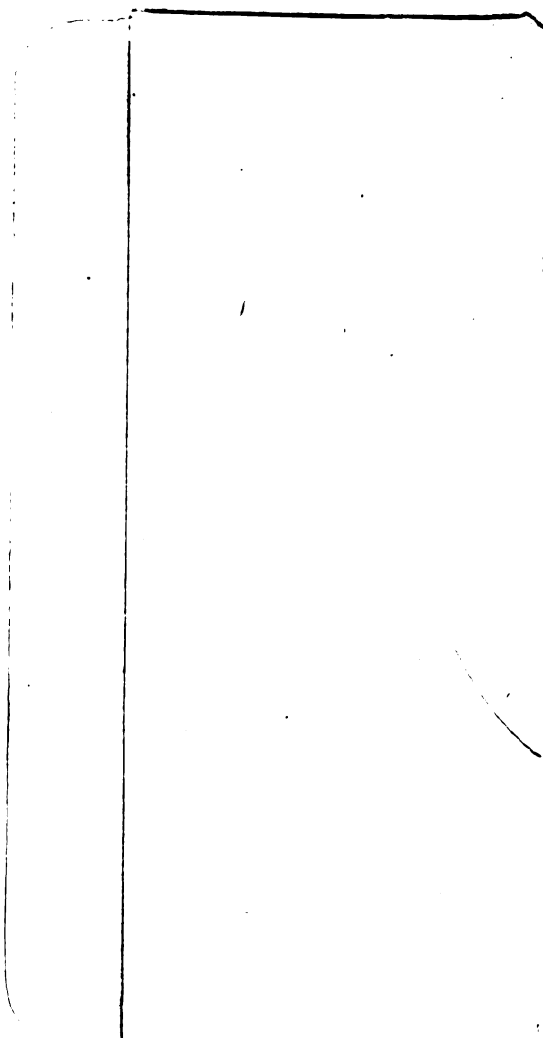
APPENDIX U.

SUMMARY of STATISTICS for the YEAR 1907-08 compared with
the PREVIOUS YEAR.

	1906-07.	1907-08.	Increase per cent.	For details see pages
Postal.				
Postal packets delivered - -	4,758,100,000	4,862,600,000	2·20	34-38
Parcels delivered - -	104,819,000	109,470,000	4·44	39
Registered Letters and Parcels - -	19,501,618	20,157,312	3·36	40-42
Express Delivery Services - -	1,673,258	1,808,888	8·11	43
Undelivered Postal Packets, &c. -	29,766,394	31,277,748	5·08	61
Foreign and Colonial Mails :—				
Letters, &c. :—				
Despatched (Weight) - -	* Lb. 28,490,000	† Lb. 30,863,000	8·33	} 44-45
Received (Weight) - -	* Lb. 12,477,000	† Lb. 12,777,000	2·40	
Parcels :—				
Despatched (Number) - -	2,575,891	2,736,561	6·24	} 46-49
Received (Number) - -	1,471,785	1,515,800	2·99	
Savings Bank transactions :—				
Deposits :—				
Number - - - -	* 17,997,023	† 18,771,969	4·31	} 66
Amount - - - -	* £43,980,579	† £44,217,288	·54	
Withdrawals :—				
Number - - - -	* 8,629,749	† 9,308,247	7·86	} 66
Amount - - - -	* £43,763,002	† £46,433,632	6·10	
Money Orders :—				
Number - - - -	13,819,685	13,628,675	Dec. 1·38	} 74-82
Amount - - - -	£46,335,883	£48,352,060	Inc. 4·35	
Postal Orders :—				
Number - - - -	102,247,000	125,264,000	22·51	} 84-86
Amount - - - -	£40,878,000	£44,614,000	9·14	
Telegraph.				
Telegrams - - - -	89,493,000	85,969,000	Dec. 3·94	62-63
Telephone Trunk Calls - -	19,803,363	21,993,113	Inc. 11·06	87
Postal and Telegraph Combined.				
Gross Revenue - - - -	£21,729,731	£22,580,363	3·91	} 95-101
Gross Expenditure - - - -	£17,306,754	£18,444,730	6·58	
Net Revenue - - - -	£4,422,977	£4,135,633	Dec. 6·50	} 56-57
Staff (all classes) - - - -	199,178	203,597	Inc. 2·22	

* Year 1906.

† Year 1907.



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