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ANNUAL REPORT, 1913-14.

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

My Lords,

I have the honour to submit to Your Lordships the Report of the Postmaster-General on the business of the Post Office during the year ended the 31st of March, 1914.

A large portion of this Report was in print before the outbreak of war and several of the schemes, described as in progress or under consideration, have necessarily been suspended.

STATISTICS OF POSTAL PACKETS. (*See also Appendix A, pp. 30-39, and Appendix G, p. 63.*)

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

—	Number.	Increase per cent. over the year 1912-13.
Letters	3,477,800,000	5·4
Postcards	926,500,000	3·1
Halfpenny Packets	1,172,300,000	8·6
Newspapers	207,100,000	2·4
Parcels	132,700,000	5·2
Total	5,916,400,000	5·6

Letters.—The letters show an increase of 5·4 per cent., as compared with increases of 3·5 per cent. in 1912-13, and 4·6 per cent. in 1911-12. The increase shown by this year's figures is the largest recorded for many years. The rates of increase for the various parts of the United Kingdom, compared with the corresponding figures for last year, are as follows :—

—	Increase per cent. in 1912-13.	Increase per cent. in 1913-14.
England and Wales (excluding London)	3·1	3·7
London	4·4	9·8
Scotland	3·7	4·3
Ireland	2·6	4·0

The expansion is thus general throughout the Kingdom, and is especially marked in London, the exceptionally high rate of increase in this case being attributed mainly to "competition" letters. The number of letters delivered per head of population continues to increase, and has now reached the high figure of 75 per annum.

Postcards.—The decline which occurred last year in the number of postcards delivered has been arrested, and the figures for the year now under review show a substantial increase (21 millions) over those for the year before last (1911-12). The increase has been general throughout the country, except in Ireland where the number remains stationary, and is most marked in London where an increase of nearly ten millions, or 4·7 per cent., over the number for last year, is recorded.

Halfpenny Packets.—The abnormal increase in the number of halfpenny packets delivered is believed to be largely due to the improvement in trade during the year. The increase has been unusually heavy in London (29 millions, or 13·9 per cent.).

Newspapers.—Newspapers show the lowest rate of increase of any item, but the increase is greater than that recorded last year, and it is general throughout the Kingdom. The number of newspapers delivered through the post per head of population has not increased materially since 1890-91.

Parcels.—The number of parcels delivered shows a substantial increase in all parts of the country—more especially in Ireland. The percentage of parcels wholly road-borne continues to increase.

Increase since 1900-1.—The following table shows how great has been the increase since 1900-1 in the number of postal packets delivered per head of population :—

	Number delivered per head of population in	
	1900-01.	1913-14.
Letters	56·7	75·4
Postcards	10·2	20·1
Halfpenny Packets ..	17·9	25·4
Newspapers	4·1	4·5
Parcels	1·9	2·9
Totals	90·8	128·3

Registered Letters and Parcels.—The number of letters registered during the year was 23,623,000, an increase of 6·1 per cent. over the figures for 1912-13. The number of parcels registered was 1,739,000, an increase of 9·2 per cent. over the corresponding figures for last year. The increases are believed to be largely due to improved trade.

Express Delivery Services.—The total number of Express Services was 2,517,697, as compared with 2,404,555 last year, an increase of 4·7 per cent.

Undelivered Postal Packets.—The number of undelivered packets of all kinds, including unaddressed packets and articles found loose, dealt with during the year ended the 31st March, 1914, is estimated to have reached a total of 35,790,000.

The number of packets of all descriptions posted without any address and of articles found loose in the post is estimated at 444,000, as compared with 408,000 in the previous year.

POSTAGE AND OTHER ADHESIVE STAMPS AND STAMPED STATIONERY.

Transfer of Responsibility for Manufacture and Distribution of Postage Stamps from Commissioners of Inland Revenue to the Postmaster-General.

Arrangements were made for the transfer from the Inland Revenue to the Post Office of the work of manufacture and distribution of postage stamps, stamped postal stationery, Insurance stamps, and adhesive Inland Revenue stamps. The transfer was sanctioned by an Order in Council, dated 30th March, 1914, made in pursuance of Section 20 of the Finance Act, 1911. The Post Office has already taken over the distribution work; and the work of manufacture will be transferred as soon as a Post Office building to accommodate it can be provided.

Adhesive Postage Stamps bearing the portrait of His Majesty King George V.—The issue was completed in August, 1913. There is one new denomination (8d.) and eighteen denominations in all.

Health and Unemployment Insurance Stamps.—These were introduced in June, 1912. During the year ended the 31st March, 1914, Health Insurance Stamps value £16,880,586 and Unemployment Insurance Stamps value £1,553,147 were sold at Post Offices.

Rolls of Adhesive Stamps suitable for use with Stamp Affixing Machines.—Rolls of postage stamps were introduced in September, 1912, and rolls of Health and Unemployment Insurance Stamps in December, 1912. During the year ended the 31st March, 1914, 269,896 rolls of Postage Stamps and 32,853 rolls of Insurance Stamps were sold at Post Offices.

Books of Adhesive Postage Stamps.—In June, 1911, the 2s. Books of Stamps were issued at face value, the additional charge of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ formerly made being abolished. Since that date the sale of these books has increased from about one million a year to about eight millions a year.

Embossed Envelopes.—A $\frac{1}{2}d.$ Embossed Envelope of new pattern has been placed on sale. It is wider than the envelope it replaced ($8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{3}{8}$ inches, instead of $8\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{8}$), and is adapted for the enclosure, not only of paper of foolscap size, but also of National Health Insurance Books and Cards.

Collection of small sums by means of Postage Stamps.—In order to facilitate the collection by Friendly Societies and other bodies of small sums, payable weekly, an arrangement was introduced in April 1913 under which postage stamps affixed to books, forms or cards of special pattern are repurchased by the Post Office. The rate of commission on stamps repurchased under this arrangement is $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.—instead of the usual 5 per cent.—where the value of the stamps is £50 or more.

HOME MAIL SERVICES.

Underground Conveyance of Mails in Central London.—The Post Office London Railway Act received the Royal Assent on the 15th August, 1913. By this Act the Postmaster-General is authorised to construct an underground railway from Paddington to the Eastern District Office in Whitechapel, and to work it by electrical power. There will be intermediate stations at the Western Parcel Office, Western District Office, West Central District Office, Mount Pleasant, King Edward's Building, and Liverpool Street.

The railway will be used for letters, parcels and all kinds of postal packets which should in many cases be accelerated in delivery; but perhaps the chief benefit conferred by the railway will be the greater frequency in the transfer of letters and

parcels between Post Offices on the line of route, thus enabling a more economical distribution of the force to be made. There will also be the incidental advantage that some of the busiest streets in Central London will be relieved of a number of Mail vans which at present contribute to congestion of traffic. With regard to the total cost of the railway, the Act provides for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of a sum not exceeding £1,100,000.

The tunnel between the stations will be 9 feet in diameter and will contain two tracks. The stations will consist of an island platform, in the centre of which electric lifts and conveyors will be provided in order to secure the expeditious transfer of Mails between the platforms and the Sorting Offices. The trains, which will be made up of one, two, or three trucks, will not require drivers, but will be operated by a system of distant control from cabins situated at the stations. It is estimated that the trains will run at an average speed of 25 miles per hour.

Use of Motor Vehicles for the conveyance of Mails.—The use of Motor Vans for the conveyance of Mails continues to be extended with advantage to the public service. During the year under review nearly 50 new Motor Mail Services have been established, and at the present time the total number of such services or sets of services is about 200.

Motor Cycles with Side Cars hired under contract and driven by the contractors' servants have been introduced in a few rural districts for the conveyance of Mails with satisfactory results.

Arrangements are in progress for the purchase by the Post Office of twenty Motor Cycles with Side Cars for trial in rural districts in place of horse-drawn vehicles. These machines, which will be driven by postmen, will cover from 40 to 50 miles a day, and it is anticipated that their use will provide improved postal facilities and save expense.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST.

An estimate of the weight of Foreign and Colonial letters, &c., despatched and received during the year 1913 is given in Appendix B (pp. 40-41).

Penny Postage with United States of America.—When penny postage with the United States of America was established, on the 1st of October, 1908, the immediate sacrifice of British revenue, without allowance for increase in the number of letters sent, was estimated at £136,000 per annum. The rates of increase as compared with the previous year in the weight of letters and postcards sent to the United States for the first four years after the establishment of penny postage were 32 per cent., 15·4 per cent., 6·3 per cent., and 7·5 per cent., and in the reverse direction 29 per cent., 12·5 per cent., 3·6 per cent., and 6·8 per cent., respectively. For the fifth year there has been a decrease of 37 per cent. in the weight of letters and postcards sent to the United States, and an increase of 5·5 per cent. in the reverse direction; and the estimated loss of revenue is still as much as £123,000 per annum. The average yearly rate of increase in each direction for the ten years preceding the introduction of penny postage was about 5 per cent.

Mail Service to United States of America.—The Cunard Steamship Company asked in the spring of 1913 that their outward-bound packets should be freed from the contractual obligation to call at Queenstown in view of the danger incurred by their largest steamers in entering Queenstown Harbour. In view of the opinions of the Nautical Adviser to the Post Office, the Board of Trade, and the Admiralty, my predecessor felt constrained to agree to the omission of the call, commencing with the sailing from Liverpool on the 28th of February, 1914, the payment to the Company for the conveyance of mails being reduced. On the request of a deputation representing Irish interests, the Prime Minister has consented to the appointment of a Committee to investigate the issues arising out of this alteration in the mail arrangements.

In order to minimise the inconvenience caused by the alteration in the posting hour, which the omission of the call at Queenstown has necessitated, arrangements have been made for the despatch of correspondence from Scotland and Ireland by the Anchor Line steamers, sailing from Glasgow and Moville.

Magazine Post to Canada and Newfoundland.—The weight of newspapers, magazines and trade journals sent to Canada by Magazine Post during the year 1913, is estimated at 7,185,000 lb., as compared with a weight of 5,785,000 lb. in 1912. The corresponding figures for Newfoundland are 44,300 lb. in 1913 and 33,700 lb. in 1912.

Aden-Zanzibar Mail Service.—The contract with the British India Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of mails from Aden to East Africa and Zanzibar terminated on the 30th of July, 1913, and since then the mails have been conveyed by the Union Castle Line and the British India Steam Navigation Company under the ship-letter system.

Mail Service with South Africa.—Arrangements have been made for sorting at sea mails exchanged between this country and the Union of South Africa.

South American Mail Service.—The transmission of mails to the West Coast of South America has been accelerated by the institution, in July, 1913, of a weekly in place of a fortnightly contract service from Panama to Valparaiso.

Cash on Delivery.—The number of Cash on Delivery packets dealt with in the United Kingdom during the 12 months ended the 31st of March, 1914, was 64,487 despatched, and 1,639 received, as compared with 48,806 despatched, and 1,372 received during the 12 months ended the 31st of March, 1913.

The service was extended to Sarawak on the 2nd of June, 1913.

Reply Coupons.—The Reply Coupon system has been extended during the year to Portuguese East Africa. The number of coupons issued abroad and exchanged for stamps in the United Kingdom during the financial year 1913-14 was 111,020, as compared with 107,034 during the preceding year. The number of coupons sold in this country which were exchanged abroad during the year 1912 (the latest for which figures are available) was 55,563, as compared with 46,185 during the preceding year.

Insured Letters.—The estimated number of Insured Letters despatched to places abroad during the year 1913-14 was 17,900, as against 17,500 during the previous year, an increase of 2·3 per cent., whilst the estimated number received from places abroad was 81,800, as against 79,000.

Insured Box System.—The number of Insured Boxes despatched to places abroad during the year was 879, whilst the number received was 6,672, as compared with 802 and 6,733 during the previous year.

Parcel Post.—A new agreement for the exchange of parcels between France (including Corsica and Algeria) and the United Kingdom, which contains provision for the reduction of the rates of postage foreshadowed in last year's Report, has been concluded.

The revised rates are as follows :—

	Parcels not exceeding		
	3 lb.	7 lb.	11 lb.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
France	1 0	1 4	1 7
Corsica	1 4	1 8	2 0
Algeria	1 4	1 8	2 0

These rates do not include the stamp fees and delivery fees levied by the French Post Office, which were formerly comprised in the postage. These fees are now paid by the addressee—the stamp fee of 10 c. in all cases and the delivery fee of 25 c. where it is actually incurred.

The Parcel Post with Brazil has been extended to the Offices of Para and Curityba.

Arrangements have been made for a direct Parcel Post to Ciudad Bolivar (Venezuela) by way of the River Orinoco.

Since the 1st of October, 1913, parcels have been accepted for transmission via Siberia to Chinese Post Offices in China as well as to the British Postal Agencies at Chefoo, Shanghai, Wei-hai-wei and Tientsin.

A Parcel Post to the Katanga Province of the Belgian Congo by way of Cape Town was instituted on the 1st of February, 1914.

Arrangements have been made to reduce by 4*d.* the postage on parcels sent via France for onward conveyance by packets of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company to Australia, Aden, British East Africa and Uganda, Brunei, Ceylon, Dutch East Indies, Hong-Kong, India, Malay States, Mauritius, Straits Settlements and Zanzibar.

Number of Parcels. (*See also Appendix B, pp. 42-45.*)—The number of parcels sent to and received from places abroad during the year 1913-14 was as follows :—

		Insured.	Ordinary.	Total.
Despatched	... ..	395,600	4,071,800	4,467,400
Received	... ..	194,900	2,145,900	2,340,800
Total	... ..	590,500	6,217,700	6,808,200

The combined number of outward and homeward parcels shows an increase of 686,200, or about 11 per cent. over the corresponding figure for last year. The total number of foreign and colonial parcels insured, namely 590,500, as against 528,800 in the previous year, shows an increase of about 12 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 was as follows :—

	Twelve months ended 31st March.			Comparison of 1912-13 with 1911-12.	Comparison of 1913-14 with 1912-13.
	1912.	1913.	1914.		
Exports	£ 7,797,050	£ 8,535,667	£ 9,232,905	+ £ 738,617	+ £ 697,238
Imports (dutiable articles excluded).	1,663,706	1,990,961	2,289,654	+ 327,255	+ 298,693
Total	9,460,756	10,526,628	11,522,559	+ 1,065,872	+ 995,931

MONEY ORDERS.

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

The number of Inland Money Orders issued during the year ended 31st March, 1914, was 11,372,000, representing a sum of £47,353,000.

The following tables show the number and value of the Orders of each kind with the corresponding figures for the previous year :—

Number of Inland Money Orders.

	1912-13.	1913-14.	Increase.	Rate per cent.
Ordinary	6,941,000	7,275,000	334,000	4·8
Telegraph	679,000	699,000	20,000	2·9
Government	3,226,000	3,398,000	172,000	5·3
Total ...	10,846,000	11,372,000	526,000	4·8

Amount of Inland Money Orders.

	1912-13.	1913-14.	Increase.	Rate per cent.
rd inary	£ 31,187,000	£ 33,410,000	£ 2,223,000	7·1
elegraph	2,479,000	2,521,000	42,000	1·7
overnment	10,888,000	11,422,000	534,000	4·9
Total ...	44,554,000	47,353,000	2,799,000	6·3

Average value of Inland Money Orders.

	Amount.	Compared with previous year.	
		Increase.	Decrease.
Ordinary	£ s. d. 4 11 10	s. d. 2 0	d. —
Telegraph	3 12 2	—	10
Government	3 7 3	—	3

The rate of increase in the amount of ordinary orders issued to the public is again greater than that in the number. This indicates a still further displacement of Money Orders by Postal Orders for remittances of small amounts.

The increase in Government Orders is mainly in those issued by the Admiralty in respect of Allotments of Naval Pay, and in those issued for Inland Revenue purposes. The Orders issued by the National Health Insurance Commission and those issued for the Board of Trade in connection with unemployment insurance (being in each case a full year's transactions as compared with only a few months in 1912-13) also contributed to the increase.

The Foreign and Colonial Orders, issued and paid, numbered 4,795,000 and amounted to £14,121,000, as against 4,570,000, amounting to £13,334,000, in 1912-13, an increase of 4·9 per cent. in number and 5·9 per cent. in amount.

Payments to the Public and to Bankers.—The total number of Money Orders, Inland and Foreign, paid in the United Kingdom was 14,899,000, amounting to £55,897,000. Of these nearly 4½ million Orders amounting to £18,363,000 were paid to bankers under special arrangements either at the Metropolitan Offices,

London, Edinburgh, or Dublin, or at the Head Offices of the cities and towns where these arrangements are in force.

Colonial Orders.—The Money Orders advised from this country during the year 1913-14 for payment in the Colonies and at Postal Agencies abroad show an increase of 24,000 or 10·3 per cent. in number and £95,000 or 7·5 per cent. in amount. The remittances to the Dominion of Canada have again contributed a large part of the increase both in number and amount, but those to the Commonwealth of Australia, though showing an increase of 4,000 in number, fell off in amount to the extent of £23,000.

The Orders from the Colonies also show an increase, viz. :—144,000 in number and £262,000 in amount, and here again the increases, as in the last four years, are mainly in the remittances from Australia and Canada. On the other hand, the remittances by Money Order from South Africa, which showed a decrease in 1912-13, show a further and greater decrease in 1913-14, viz. :—10,000 in number and £64,000 in amount. This was no doubt due to the still increasing popularity of Postal Orders, the issue of which in the Union of South Africa during the year in question exceeded that of the previous year by nearly 300,000.

Foreign Orders.—The Money Orders advised to foreign countries again show an increase, viz. :—62,000 or 9·1 per cent. in number and £328,000 or 14·2 per cent. in amount. These increases were mainly due to the larger number of Orders advised from British Colonies for onward transmission to Greece and Russia, and from the United States for transmission to Crete. Owing to the annexation of Crete by Greece—with which country the United States has a direct Money Order Service—Orders for Crete ceased to be advised from the United States Post Office to this Department on the 28th February last. Such orders are now advised direct from New York to Athens. Orders for Bulgaria decreased by 6,000 or 52 per cent. in number and £79,000 or 55 per cent. in amount. This was no doubt attributable to the cessation of the war in the Balkan States, as the decrease was almost entirely in "Through" Orders, which on the outbreak of hostilities in 1912-13 increased abnormally.

The Orders from foreign countries were 5,000 fewer in number, but £102,000 more in amount than last year. Those from most countries increased both in number and amount, but those from France, while showing a decrease of 8,000 in number, increased in amount to the extent of £19,000. The Orders from the United States, which showed an increase last year as compared with the previous year, decreased this year by 10,000 in number and £24,000 in amount, and those from Mexico, owing to the disturbed state of that country, and the depreciation of the Mexican currency, showed a decrease of 55 per cent. in number and 35 per cent. in amount.

Foreign and Colonial Telegraph Money Orders.—The totals of the Telegraph Money Orders exchanged with Administrations abroad show an increase of 3,738 or 10·4 per cent. in number and £62,702 or 16·3 per cent. in amount. The business with Austria increased 820 in number and £31,806 in amount (due to a number of remittances of large amounts), and that with British North America and the United States 2,190 in number and £30,199 in amount. The transactions with France, though 181 less in number, showed an increase of £3,295 in amount, and the transactions with the Netherlands further declined to the extent of £11,790.

Through Orders.—The Orders exchanged through the medium of the London Office between places having no direct Money Order Service numbered 214,000 and amounted to £1,584,000, as compared with 180,000 Orders amounting to £1,296,000 in 1912-13.

Extension of Service Abroad.—The Agreement for an exchange of Money Orders with Bolivia, which was signed on the 12th of February, 1912, will come into force this year. A direct service with the Sudan was substituted for the indirect service through Egypt, and a new Agreement with the latter country has been signed and brought into operation. The Telegraph Money Order Service was extended to Tripoli and Benghazi in Tripolitana, but was discontinued with Crete on the 1st March, when that country was annexed by Greece with which we have no Telegraph Money Order Service. The proposals for the establishment of Telegraph Money Order Services with India, Ceylon, the Provinces of the Union of South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Gibraltar and Malta are still under consideration.

POSTAL ORDERS.

(See also *Appendix L*, pp. 87-89.)

Statistics.—The total number of Postal Orders issued during the year (including those issued abroad) was 159,242,000, representing an amount of £57,206,000, an increase of 10·2 per cent. in number and 7·3 per cent. in amount, as compared with the previous year. The value of the British postage stamps affixed to Postal Orders was £341,933, or £26,786 more than in the previous year.

The poundage on the Orders yielded the sum of £592,499, or £47,548 more than in the previous year.

Increased demand for 6d. Orders.—The increased use of sixpenny Postal Orders due to newspaper competitions has been maintained, the total number of Orders at this value issued during the year being 13,477,000, an increase of 34·7 per cent. over the number for the previous year.

Machine Sorting.—Experiments in mechanical sorting have been made during the year with a machine invented by an officer of the Department. The results are promising, and steps are being taken with a view to removing certain obstacles which are occasioned by the present system of cancelling the Orders. A further trial will shortly be made with a new machine, which is now in course of construction.

Imperial Postal Orders.—The number of British Postal Orders issued during the year in the various British Possessions, &c., was 6,077,000, representing an amount of £3,612,000, and 3,868,000 Orders, amounting to £2,272,000, were paid in those countries. The numbers of orders issued and paid show increases of 19·7 and 18·8 per cent., respectively, on those for the previous year.

The value of Colonial postage stamps affixed to British Postal Orders was £6,585, or £679 more than in the previous year.

Orders paid in Canada.—The number of British Postal Orders paid in Canada shows a large increase in spite of the fact that such Orders are not issued in that country, and payment is restricted to 24 offices. The following are the numbers paid since the commencement of the arrangement in July, 1910 :—

1910-11	...	...	...	...	22,841
1911-12	...	...	...	...	44,158
1912-13	...	...	...	...	53,080 (Increase 20%)
1913-14	...	...	...	...	74,181 (Increase 40%)

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Numbers and Amount.—The total number of Old Age Pensions paid during the year was 50,518,052, representing an amount of £12,363,643, an increase of 1·9 per cent. in number, and 1·9 per cent. in amount, as compared with the previous year. A return is appended showing the numbers paid, and the distribution of the payments as regards England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, respectively. (See *Appendix M*, p. 90.)

Transfer of Work to Edinburgh.—During the year the work of sorting Old Age Pension Orders paid in Scotland, which had hitherto been performed in London owing to want of space at the Edinburgh Office, has been transferred to the latter Office.

LICENCES.

(See also *Appendix E*, p. 53.)

The number of Local Taxation Licences issued at Post Offices, and by County Council Licence Officers, in England and Wales during the year ended the 31st March, 1914, was 3,042,067, of the total value of £2,318,718. The amounts paid to the County Councils and to the Exchequer were £1,717,726 and £600,992, respectively.

The amount of motor car licence duty collected in Ireland during the year was £26,157, and that amount has been paid into the Exchequer. The number of licences issued was 7,528.

The number of Excise Licences sold by the Post Office in the United Kingdom during the year was 204,315 of the value of £132,393, and that amount has been accounted for to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

(See also Appendix J, pp. 70-77.)

The deposits and withdrawals made in each of the last two years have been as follows :—

Year.	Deposits.		Withdrawals.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1912	22,293,077	£ 50,708,852	11,280,434	£ 49,381,878
1913	23,398,558	51,165,624	11,296,617	50,397,407

Interest credited to Depositors.—The interest credited to depositors in 1913 was £4,375,386, as compared with £4,259,082 in 1912.

The total amount standing to the credit of depositors on Savings Bank account on the 31st December, 1913, was £187,248,167, an excess of £5,143,603 over the balance due at the end of the previous year. In 1912 the increase was £5,586,056.

The largest number of deposits made on one day in 1913 was 156,356, on the 1st March, and the largest amount deposited was £393,046 on the 31st December.

The greatest number of withdrawals effected in one day was 93,748 on the 2nd August, and the largest amount paid was £290,745 on the 20th December.

The payments on demand made in 1913 numbered 7,393,545, the total sum so withdrawn being £4,823,009. Of these withdrawals 1,134,500 amounting to £229,106 were made from accounts dealt with under the Coupon system.

Withdrawals applied for and authorized by telegraph increased from 146,473 in 1912 to 153,785 in 1913. Withdrawals applied for by telegraph and authorized by return of post increased from 29,358 in 1912 to 33,185 in 1913.

The average amount of each deposit in 1913 was £2 3s. 9d. or 1s. 9d. less than in the previous year. The average amount of each withdrawal was £4 9s. 3d. or 1s. 8d. more than in 1912.

1,856,664 accounts were opened and 1,408,748 accounts were closed in 1913, a surplus of 447,916 open accounts compared with 380,047 in 1912.

The total number of active accounts on the 31st December, 1913, was 9,180,950. The following statement shows their distribution as regards the divisions of the United Kingdom, the average amount to the credit of each account, and the proportion of accounts to population :—

		Active accounts on 31st December, 1913.		Average amount to credit of each account.	Proportion of active accounts to population.
		Number.	Amount.		
England and Wales ... ..	...	8,255,494	£ 165,619,997	£ s. d. 20 1 3	1 in 4·48
Scotland ... ..	...	445,583	8,070,977	18 2 3	1 in 10·61
Ireland ... ..	...	479,873	13,143,664	27 7 10	1 in 9·13
United Kingdom ... ..	...	9,180,950	186,834,638	20 7 0	1 in 5·02

The number, amount, and average balance of the dormant accounts in existence on the 31st December, 1913, are shown below:—

	Number.	Amount.	Average Balance.
		£	s. d.
England and Wales	3,619,256	376,290	2 1
Scotland	199,053	19,008	1 11
Ireland	199,350	18,231	1 10
United Kingdom	4,017,659	413,529	2 1

One hundred and ninety-eight accounts, with balances amounting to £11,797, were transferred from Trustee Savings Banks to the Post Office Savings Bank in 1913, a decrease of 52 in number and £6,981 in amount on the figures for 1912.

The amount transferred to Trustee Savings Banks from the Post Office Savings Bank increased from £81,920 in 1912 to £97,539 in 1913, the number of accounts transferred being 1,510, against 1,362 in 1912. Nearly all these transfers are made to Banks having a Special Investment Department in which depositors can continue their savings beyond the £200 limit without being compelled to invest in stock. The net amount diverted from the Post Office Savings Bank by these transfers shows a steady increase.

Societies' Accounts.—New accounts in the Post Office Savings Bank were opened in 1913 by 252 Friendly Societies, 2,582 Charitable and Provident Societies, and 332 Trade Societies. This was an increase on 1912 of 49 Friendly Societies, a decrease of 226 Charitable and Provident Societies, and an increase of 118 Trade Societies. Sixty-five Trade Unions availed themselves of the extended limits of deposit (£250, annually, to £1,000), and 133 Charitable Societies applied for permission to deposit without limit, as against 58 and 191 respectively in 1912.

County Court and Workmen's Compensation Accounts.—The accounts opened under the County Courts and Workmen's Compensation Acts during the last two years were as follows:—

Year.	County Courts Acts.		Workmen's Compensation Acts.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1912	199	£ 15,050	6,979	£ 685,909
1913	228	13,268	6,100	599,870

Penny Banks.—Two hundred and five Penny Banks opened accounts during the year for the deposit of their aggregate funds in the Post Office Savings Bank, and were supplied with the books and cards which the Department issues free for the use of Penny Bank depositors.

Encouragement of Thrift among soldiers and sailors.—The attendance of a Post Office Official for the collection of deposits at Seaforth Barracks ceased in October, 1913, when the barracks were vacated. At the Devonport Naval Barracks and at Caterham Barracks the attendance was continued throughout the year.

Soldiers stationed abroad continued to take full advantage of the facility of remitting money through the Public Accounts for deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank.

The figures for 1912 and 1913 are as follows:—

Year.	Remittances through War Office.		Remittances through India Office.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1912	27,365	£ 39,731	74,817	£ 80,502
1913	23,104	37,443	77,818	81,141

County Council Scholarships.—The deposits made during 1913 by County Councils in connexion with Scholarship and Maintenance Grants were 31,633 in number amounting to £109,495 as compared with 30,952 deposits amounting to £110,790 in the previous year.

Foreign and Colonial Transfers.—Transfers to the United Kingdom increased considerably, while transfers from the United Kingdom decreased slightly, as shown in the following table:—

Year.	Transfers to the United Kingdom.		Transfers from the United Kingdom.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1912	3,665	£ 242,259	3,485	£ 173,133
1913	4,476	320,235	3,322	165,515

Of the transfers to the United Kingdom the largest amount comes from the Transvaal, which sent £74,942. Of transfers from the United Kingdom the largest amount goes to Canada, which received £61,508.

Accounts Opened by the Public Trustee.—The number of accounts opened by the Public Trustee rose from 373 in 1912 to 508 in 1913, and the total amount due in accounts opened by the Public Trustee was, on the 31st December, 1913, £21,249 and £1,831 stock, an increase of £6,045 on deposit and a decrease of £498 in stock in the year.

Home Safes.—The steady extension of this system is shown in the following table:—

Year.	Safes issued.	Deposits from Safes.			New accounts opened.
		Number.	Amount.	Average Amount.	
1911 (from 11th December)	9,974	30,027	£	£ s. d.	2,689
1912	37,339		58,550	1 19 0	
1913	36,126		104,155	2 0 0	
Total	83,439	82,100	162,705	1 19 8	6,112

Many appreciations of the Home Safe as an aid to thrift have reached the Department, and it is believed that most of the issues are due to the recommendations of those who have tried this system of saving.

Coupon System.—A second year's working has proved that this new system of dealing with small accounts, until the balance reaches the interest-bearing minimum of £1, runs with perfect smoothness, and relieves the Central Office of work which, under the old system, would have involved a substantial increase in force. In comparing the following statistics for 1912 and 1913, it should be borne in mind that the Coupon System was applied at first to all accounts opened with deposits of less than £1 but that the line was drawn at 10s. towards the end of the year 1912:—

Year.	Number of Accounts opened.	Number of		Amount of	
		Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Deposits.	Withdrawals.
1912	888,194	2,652,792	821,322	£ 393,274	£ 175,597
1913	820,919	3,324,007	1,134,500	389,181	229,106

Of the total number of Coupon Accounts opened, 531,934 remained open as coupon accounts on the 31st December, 1913, while 354,582 had been transferred to the ordinary system, and 822,597 had been closed.

Government Stock.—The following table shows the number and amount of the investments and sales in Government Stock effected through the medium of the Post Office Savings Bank during the last five years, and also shows the average price of Consols:—

Year.	Investments.		Sales.		Average price of Consols.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
1909	36,816	£ 2,652,449	20,545	£ 1,371,962	83½
1910	43,842	3,181,795	19,935	1,357,568	81½
1911	46,053	3,337,283	19,489	1,347,045	79½
1912	41,653	2,991,260	19,689	1,377,181	76½
1913	32,637	2,312,398	19,956	1,488,831	73½

The total amount of stock held by depositors on the 31st December, 1913, was £26,575,937, against £26,077,858 at the end of 1912. The number of stock accounts increased from 182,969 to 183,627, the actual number of stockholders being estimated at 167,200.

Stock Certificates.—In 1913 there were 79 applications for Stock Certificates with coupons annexed, amounting to £13,950, as compared with 86, amounting to £14,600, in 1912.

Transfers to the Bank of England.—Transfers of Stock to depositors' own names in the books of the Bank of England increased from 1,307, amounting to £334,844, in 1912, to 1,356, amounting to £337,978, in 1913.

Immediate Annuities.—The number of Immediate Annuities granted during the year 1913 was 1,566 for sums amounting to £30,404, as compared with 1,956, amounting to £40,244, in the preceding year, and the purchase money received was £391,205, as against £511,228. The total number of Immediate Annuity Contracts in existence at the end of the year was 31,640, the amount of the Annuities being £731,280.

Deferred Annuities.—Deferred Annuities are not now granted. The total number of these Annuities existing on the 31st December, 1913, was 2,682, amounting to £52,306.

Life Insurances.—The number of Life Insurance policies issued during the year was 238 for £11,199, as against 315 for £17,524 in 1912. The number of Insurances in existence on the 31st December, 1913, was 12,247 for £692,810, a decrease of 212 and £14,895 in the year.

Expenses of Management of Savings Bank Department.—The net expenses of management amounted in 1913 to £652,423, after taking into account receipts amounting in all to £8,033, viz.:—£4,631 for commission charged to depositors on stock transactions; £1,808 home safe registration fees; £689 paid by the War Office and India Office for postage in connexion with soldier depositors abroad; £328 received from depositors for new books; and £577 for miscellaneous items. The expenditure was £3,216 more than in the preceding year, the increase being due to growth of business and consequent additional expenses for commission.

Surplus of Income over Expenditure.—The year 1913 shows a surplus of income over expenditure amounting to £162,219, as compared with the 1912 surplus of £83,208. Under the arrangement agreed to by Your Lordships in 1912, half of this surplus remains in the Post Office Savings Bank Fund to provide against depreciation in the value of the securities held, and half is paid over to the Exchequer. The net amount paid over by the Post Office Savings Bank since its foundation is now £1,016,383.

Average Cost per Transaction.—The average cost per transaction on the total number of deposits and withdrawals was 4·51*d.*, as compared with 4·64*d.* in 1912; while the percentage of the expenses of management to the total sum due to depositors at the close of the year was 6*s.* 11½*d.*, against 7*s.* 1½*d.* in 1912.

TELEGRAPHS.

(See also Appendix H, pp. 64-67.)

Number of Telegraph Offices.—The number of Telegraph Offices open on the 31st of March, 1914, was 14,152 (including offices at railway stations, &c.), as against 14,044 last year, an increase of 108.

Number of Telegrams.—The following table shows the number and value of the Telegrams of each class which passed over the Post Office wires during the year ended the 31st of March, 1914, with the corresponding figures for the year before.

Class of Telegram.	Number.			Receipts.		
	1912-13.	1913-14.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).	1912-13.	1913-14.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
Ordinary	70,649,000	69,441,000	-1,208,000	£ 2,184,112	£ 2,146,673	- 37,439
Press	4,347,000	4,194,000	- 153,000	147,900	140,619	- 7,281
Foreign	11,459,000	11,471,000	+ 12,000	536,327	533,145	- 3,182
Railway and Canal Free	1,383,000	1,345,000	- 38,000	(55,400)*	(54,000)*	- (1,400)*
Railway Reduced Rate...	23,000	21,000	- 2,000	413	380	- 33
Government Free ...	633,000	617,000	- 16,000	(33,494)	(32,491)	- (1,003)
Total ...	88,494,000	87,089,000	-1,405,000	2,868,752	2,820,817	- 47,935

* Estimated value.

Telegraph Traffic.—Notwithstanding the growth of the telephone system, telegraph traffic has remained practically stationary. Slight increases have alternated with slight decreases, except in the summer of 1911 when there was a large increase in traffic owing to the Coronation and the Railway Strike. The returns of all traffic for the year 1913-14 show a falling off of about 1·6 per cent. as against the traffic for the year 1912-13, but as compared with the years 1908-09 and 1909-10 they show an increase of 2·7 per cent. and 0·2 per cent., respectively.

For local and short distance messages the public increasingly use the telephone, and the amount of local telegraph traffic is now small, but the Telegraph Service is carrying more long distance telegrams involving transmission at intermediate points, and it seems likely that for long distance commercial work, especially where the messages are complex or contain groups of figures, codes or words with arbitrary meaning, the telegraph will not be superseded by the telephone.

Substitution of the Telephone as a Telegraph Instrument for the Morse Sounder.—Until recently the predominant telegraph apparatus has been the Morse Sounder, the chief variation being in Wheatstone working. On a few routes the Hughes Printing Telegraph is used, and in remote country districts the A.B.C. remains. Within recent years, however, the telephone, which requires less skill for its efficient operating, has displaced the latter at many offices where the telegraph traffic is light. The acquisition of the National Telephone Company's plant has facilitated this change because in many places where formerly two circuits had been in use, a telephone call office circuit and a telegraph circuit, the telephone call office circuit can be used to carry the telegraph traffic as well as telephone calls, and the telegraph circuit can be dispensed with.

Number of Offices served telegraphically by Telephone.—At 6,257 telegraph offices telephone instruments are now used for sending and receiving telegrams, and at 2,197 of these offices the same instruments are also used for public telephone calls. Telephones will also shortly be installed for both purposes at 432 other offices, and their installation at about 800 more is under consideration.

Extensions of Telegraph System.—Joint extensions of the Telephone and Telegraph Systems are now made when the work transacted would not have justified the provision of either service by itself.

During the year 1912-13 about 60 extensions were made at an average capital cost of £56 for each extension, while in 1913-14 nearly double the number of extensions have been made, and the average cost has fallen below £40.

Despatch and Delivery of Telegrams for Telephone Subscribers by Telephone.—The development of the Telephone System has made the Telegraph Service more readily available to telephone subscribers, because telegrams can be despatched by subscribers and delivered to them by telephone. The use made of this facility is large, and is increasing with the more general use of the telephone. In 1911-12 2,621,000 telegrams were delivered by telephone. The next year the number rose to 3,673,860, and this year to 4,010,500. This matter is further referred to on page 22 of this Report.

Delivery at night by Telephone of urgent Telegrams for Telephone Subscribers.—An arrangement has also been made for the delivery at night by trunk telephone of urgent telegrams. Provided the local telephone exchange is open a telegram for a subscriber can be forwarded at any hour of the day or night.

Use of Typewriters in Telegraphy.—Typewriters are now used generally at large offices for "writing up" press news and for receiving messages at Continuous Wheatstone circuits and at busy Sounder circuits. Altogether more than 300 typewriters are being used for the typing of telegrams, in addition to the various high-speed direct printing telegraph instruments.

In view of the fact that the work of a Telegraphist will come to consist more and more in perforating slip with a key-board perforator and in typing messages for delivery, Learners at large offices are required to qualify in typing, and instruction is given to the established staff as opportunity affords. More than 400 Learners and about 900 Telegraphists are now able to type.

High-Speed Telegraphy.—As a result of the continued efforts of inventors high-speed telegraph apparatus has now reached a high state of development and is more trustworthy, both mechanically and electrically, than in the past. A Committee is at present engaged in investigating the different high-speed systems with the view of reporting on their comparative merits.

In connexion with Wheatstone working the “ Gell ” Perforator, which is generally used, has been standardized, and other perforators are being used experimentally.

The “ Creed ” Reperforator and Printer have been much improved, and the former has proved of great value in dealing with reports of political speeches, &c.

As regards other high-speed systems a “ Siemens-Halske ” instrument has been purchased and is now undergoing engineering tests before being put on a London-Liverpool circuit.

Sextuple-duplex working—which gives six different channels in each direction on a single circuit—has been applied to the “ Baudot,” and apparatus so fitted is now being worked experimentally between London and Birmingham. Quadruple-duplex sets will shortly be installed between London and Liverpool and between London and Glasgow.

A new form of “ Murray ” multiplex apparatus is being worked experimentally between London and Manchester.

Both in London and in the Provinces there has been an acceleration in the disposal of telegraph traffic and an improvement in the efficiency of the service generally.

Main Underground Telegraph System.—The underground telegraph line from London to the landing places of the French and Belgian Cables, has now been completed.

The London to Chelmsford section of the underground telegraph line from London to the landing places on the east coast of the German and Dutch Cables has been completed, and provision has been made for its extension to Colchester, as well as for placing underground the section between North Walsham and Bacton. After the completion of these underground lines there will be no need, so far as can at present be seen, to extend further the main underground telegraph system, but where the telegraph overhead routes between large centres are congested the wires will be put underground.

Maintenance of Wires.—The need for an underground telegraph system as a means of ensuring freedom from interruptions has decreased in late years, as the standard of maintenance has been improved and as the progress of electrical science has enabled “ phantom ” circuits to be established.

Post Office engineers have been giving special attention to the maintenance of telegraph lines with the object of lessening the number of interruptions of the wires; and as a result the standard of maintenance of electrical communication generally has improved.

Phantom Circuits.—By means of various electrical devices telephone circuits can now be used for telegraph purposes without causing interference with telephonic speech. Such circuits are called “ phantom circuits.” Successful Wheatstone working has been established on phantom circuits between London and Southampton, between Aberdeen and Dundee, and between Dundee and Newcastle, and on many telephone trunk lines for special events. Many circuits also have been equipped in Scotland with apparatus so that they can be brought into use immediately in

times of emergency. For instance, at Dundee and Aberdeen 16 phantom circuits are equipped in this manner.

The telephone trunk lines, on which these phantom circuits are superimposed, consist of heavy copper conductors on stout timber, and thus are less likely to be interrupted during storms than the lighter conductors on the lighter timber used for telegraph purposes.

Private Newspaper Circuits.—The proprietors of certain newspapers which rented “Special Wires”—under the provisions of the Telegraph Act of 1868—asked to be permitted to substitute high-speed Automatic Telegraphy for the key-speed Morse Telegraphy hitherto employed, and also to begin the use of the circuit before 6 p.m. Their wishes have been met by the provision of “private newspaper circuits” under conditions which allow fast-speed apparatus to be used and work to begin before 6 p.m. “Special Wires” are still at the service of newspaper proprietors under the old regulations.

Delivery of Telegrams to Newsagents.—Arrangements have been made for the delivery of telegrams to the offices of newspapers by pneumatic tube instead of by messenger when the proprietors desire such delivery, the tubes being provided on rental terms.

Registered Abbreviated Addresses.—The use in London of “Indicators” representing the offices of delivery in the case of telegrams bearing registered abbreviated addresses is gradually increasing as the public become more accustomed to the change, and a substantial saving in staff in the Central Telegraph Office has been effected and the time of transit of such telegrams reduced. Only a small percentage of registrants still decline to accept the arrangement and the time is perhaps not far distant when all London telegraphic addresses will contain “Indicators.”

Savings Bank Withdrawals by Telegraph.—The charges for telegrams to and from the Savings Bank in connexion with withdrawals of deposits have been under review and the prescribed wording of such telegrams has been revised, with a resulting reduction by three of the number of words for which the depositor has to pay. The cost of the telegrams of withdrawal and advice now rarely exceeds sixpence each.

Coast Communications.—The organisation of the Coast Communication System by which Lighthouse Keepers, Wireless Operators at Coast Stations, Coast Guards, and others having special facilities for coast watching can give early information of shipping casualties to Lifeboat Authorities, Harbour Authorities, and Rocket Life-Saving Apparatus Companies has been considerably improved and developed during the past year at a cost of about £2,000. In addition to the lines specially provided for the life-saving service facilities have been given for the use by Coastguards of the general telephone system at night.

The Coast Communication System has been extended during the year to 44 of the Watch Huts used by men engaged in watching for signals from vessels in distress on parts of the coast not ordinarily under observation.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHS.

The number of foreign telegrams sent to and from the United Kingdom during the year (exclusive of telegrams dealt with entirely by cable companies) was 11,471,000, an increase of 12,000, as compared with the preceding year.

Improvement of Communication with the Continent.—A new cable to Germany containing four wires was completed in October last.

Telegraphic communication with the Continent has been further improved by the extension of the system of multiplex working by means of the Baudot type of instrument. This method of working is now in operation between London and Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Havre, Berlin, Hamburg, Emden, Genoa, Milan, Amster-

dam, and Zurich. Arrangements are being made to extend the system to other places in Germany and Switzerland, and also to Belgium.

Letter Telegrams.—The week-end letter telegram service (formerly known as cable letter service), under which telegrams are accepted at about quarter rate (with a fixed minimum) subject to a fixed period of delay, was extended during the year to Chile and Peru.

Although the deferred and letter telegram services have been in operation a comparatively short time only, the public have not been slow to appreciate their advantages. According to information obtained from the cable companies, these special classes of traffic amounted during a recent period of twelve months to twelve million words and equalled approximately two-fifths of the full rate traffic to the places concerned.

Deferred Telegrams.—The deferred telegram service has been extended to several fresh countries, including Japan, Chile and Peru. Only a few places now remain outside this arrangement, under which extra-European telegrams in plain language are accepted at not more than half rates on condition that they may if necessary be deferred for not more than 24 hours.

Reductions of Rates for Ordinary Telegrams.—During the year reductions have been made in the rates for ordinary telegrams to the Canary Islands, China, Japan, and the Far East generally, Italian Somaliland, Porto Rico and San Domingo.

Extension of Telegraph Communication.—Telegraphic communication has been established with British New Guinea (Papua) and the Marshall Islands (Nauru).

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

International Convention.—The revised International Radio-telegraph Convention and Regulations agreed upon at the International Conference held in London in June, 1912, were brought into operation on the 1st July, 1913, and the classification of ships fitted with wireless telegraphy in accordance with the regulations of the Convention has been carried out. The question of the steps to be taken for securing the equipment of ships not already equipped with wireless telegraphy was considered by the International Conference on the Safety of Life at Sea, which met in London in the latter part of 1913; and a Bill prepared by the Board of Trade to embody the recommendations of this Conference has been before Parliament.

Ships Fitted with Wireless Apparatus.—There were at the end of the financial year 879 ships registered in the United Kingdom carrying wireless apparatus under licence from the Postmaster-General, as compared with 646 ships on the 31st March, 1913.

Coast Stations.—New stations have been opened at Land's End and Fishguard in place of those formerly maintained at the Lizard and Rosslare. The stations at Malin Head and Niton have been transferred to new positions in the neighbourhood, and a new station will shortly be opened at Valentia, on the west coast of Ireland.

The station at Guernsey, which is to be used for the purpose of maintaining communication with the mainland (via the wireless station at Bolt Head) when the Channel Islands Cable is interrupted, will shortly be ready for service.

The number of radio-telegrams dealt with at the Post Office Coast Stations during the year was 57,252 (48,904 inwards and 8,348 outwards), as compared with 51,109 last year—an increase of about 12 per cent.

Wireless Station near Aberdeen.—For the purpose, *inter alia*, of maintaining communication with Aberdeen and other towns in the north in the event of interruption of the ordinary means of telegraphic communication by storms, arrangements have been made for the establishment near Stonehaven of a wireless station fitted with fast-speed apparatus, to be worked in connection with the wireless

station at Cullercoats, near Newcastle-on-Tyne. The new station will be available for communicating with ships at sea, and at a subsequent stage it is possible it may also be used for the transmission of telegrams to and from places on the Continent.

Long-distance Wireless Telegraphy.—A licence (terminable at short notice) has been issued to the Marconi Company to establish a commercial wireless service between their station at Poldhu and Spain, and the service will be brought into operation as soon as the necessary arrangements are completed.

Licences are also under consideration for a new station which the Marconi Company have erected in North Wales for communicating with a station recently established at New Jersey, in the United States, and for a station on the west coast of Ireland which is being constructed by the Universal Radio Syndicate (Poulsen System) for the purpose of communicating with a station in Canada.

Imperial Wireless Chain.—A revised Agreement was completed with the Marconi Company on the 30th July, 1913, for the construction of high-power stations in England, Egypt, the East African Protectorate, South Africa, India, and Singapore, subject to the right to cancel the Agreement in regard to three of the six stations under certain conditions. The Company are to be paid for each station the sum of £60,000, or such sum as may be arrived at when variations in the cost of material between July, 1912, and August, 1913, are taken into account, and they are also to receive a royalty not exceeding 10 per cent. of the gross receipts for such period (not exceeding 28 years) as any valid Marconi patents are used.

This Agreement was approved by the House of Commons on the 8th August, 1913.

Sites have been acquired for the station to be erected in this country—that for the sending aerial at Leafield, near Oxford, and that for the receiving aerial at Bishop's Cannings, near Devizes. The erection of the masts is in hand. Sites have also been selected and placed at the disposal of the Marconi Company for the station to be erected in Egypt. These are situated at Abu Zabal, near Cairo, and Abu Sueir, near Ismailia. Arrangements are now in progress for the erection of the masts on both of these sites.

It was originally intended that communication with India should be established through the East African Station, but it has been thought better to arrange for direct communication between Egypt and India. The Indian Government, who will be responsible for the arrangements in connection with the latter station, are proceeding with the preliminary arrangements for erecting the sending aerials in the neighbourhood of Poona and the receiving aerials on a site about 20 miles from Poona.

Sites have also been provisionally selected for the East African station near Nairobi, and for the South African station in the Transvaal. Provisional steps have been taken for the selection of sites for the station to be erected in the Straits Settlements.

Wireless Telegraph Licences.—During the year, 1,111 new licences, covering 1,195 stations, were granted in the United Kingdom under the Wireless Telegraphy Act for the purpose of experiments or the reception of time signals, while 90 licences for experimental stations were cancelled or expired. In 41 cases permission to conduct temporary experiments was given by letter.

On the 31st of March last there were in existence 1,963 licences for these purposes, as compared with 942 on the 31st of March, 1913. In view of the rapid increase in the number of applications, new conditions were introduced during the year with a view to ensure, as far as possible, that licences to conduct experiments should only be issued to persons having the necessary scientific qualifications; and an Inter-Departmental Committee has now been appointed to consider the conditions which should be applied to such licences in future.

TELEPHONES.

The number of telephones belonging to the Post Office on 31st March, 1914, was 774,821, made up as follows:—

—	Exchange Stations.	Private Wires.	Total.
London	244,084	14,811	258,895
Provinces... ..	483,572	32,354	515,926
United Kingdom	727,656	47,165	774,821

In addition the Post Office was responsible for the maintenance of 2,762 telephones, the property of subscribers.

In the County of London there is now a telephone to every 20 persons; in Glasgow one to every 29 persons, and in Liverpool one to every 34 persons.

Calls.—The total number of effective calls originated during the year is estimated to have been 834,000,000, an increase of about 5 per cent. on the figures for the previous year. The average number of calls per telephone per day was 3·14.

Development of Exchange System. (*See also Appendix I, p. 69.*)—The extension of the Telephone Exchange System during the year 1913-14 has been exceptional, 184 new exchanges having been opened as compared with 55 in 1912-13, and 44,058 stations having been added to the system, an increase of 6 per cent., as compared with 29,638 stations, an increase of 4·2 per cent., in the previous year.

Of the new exchanges 153 were opened in England and Wales, 19 in Scotland, and 12 in Ireland. The total number of exchanges on 31st March, 1914, was 2,831.

In addition to these new exchanges, serving localities not previously provided with telephone facilities, 1,905 public call offices have been opened. One thousand three hundred and forty-eight were provided with full facilities for speaking over the trunk lines, and 90 with partial trunk line facilities. The remaining 467 were for local service only.

Provision of Exchange Plant.—Considerable progress has been made with the work of providing additional switch boards and lines in those areas where, owing to the impending expiration of their licence, the National Telephone Company reduced or stopped construction work during the period immediately preceding the transfer of their system to the Post Office, and it is anticipated that by the end of the current year these arrears of construction work will be reduced to small proportions, and that there will no longer be delay in giving a telephone service to new subscribers.

In the London area twenty of the National Telephone Company's Exchanges were replaced by new exchanges in new buildings. In addition preparations had been nearly completed on the 31st March for opening the "Museum" Exchange in Bloomsbury, and sites have been obtained for three other large exchanges to be opened in the East Central and West Central districts of London.

In most of the provincial areas it has been necessary to provide additional underground wires and exchange plant on a large scale.

Development of Trunk System. (*See also Appendix I, p. 68.*)—During the year 1913-14, 106 new trunk exchanges were opened, 456 additional circuits were completed, involving an addition of 47,279 miles of wire (exclusive of spare wire), and the number of trunk calls increased by over 2,000,000.

Provision of Trunk Lines.—Owing to congestion of the principal existing overhead telephone routes to the north, and the impossibility of finding new routes overhead, the construction of an underground telephone cable between London, Birmingham, and Liverpool has been commenced. This will, it is anticipated, provide for a large development of the service, and will also ensure the lines from

interruption by storm. New underground cables were also commenced between London and Brighton, Glasgow and Edinburgh, Newcastle and Sunderland, Cardiff and Swansea, Barnsley and Sheffield, and other important centres. The additional lines which will thus become available will enable a very rapid service to be given between these places.

It is only recently that by the adoption of a special method known as "loading" it has been found possible to provide long underground cables, which will give satisfactory telephonic speech.

A service involving practically no delay owing to the use of special methods of operating was introduced between Manchester and Liverpool early in 1914; a very satisfactory increase of traffic ensued; and it is the intention to adopt similar methods on routes connecting other large places between which there is much telephone traffic.

In December last a telephone cable was laid across the Irish Sea from Carnarvonshire to Dublin Bay. The new cable, which is about 72 miles long, is the longest submarine telephone cable in the world, and will afford three and possibly four additional channels of communication between Great Britain and Ireland.

The amount expended on the construction of trunk lines up to the end of the year 1913-14 amounted to £7,578,026, as compared with £6,241,603 at the end of 1912-13.

Development of Foreign Telephone Service. Anglo-French Telephone Service.—On the 1st November, 1913, a revised scale of rates was introduced which effected sweeping reductions in the charges for calls between the two countries. The fee for a call of three minutes between London and Paris was, for example, reduced by 50 per cent. from 8s. to 4s.

There has been a considerable increase in the traffic on the Anglo-French lines, partly no doubt as a result of the reduction of the rates, but also owing to the accelerated service and the superior quality of speech which were made possible by the provision of the two loaded cables brought into use in 1912. The figures are : 1912-13, 153,198 calls; 1913-14, 184,277 calls—increase 31,079, or 20 per cent.

Owing to the great increase in traffic during the past two years the question of providing additional cables is being discussed with the French Administration.

Anglo-Belgian Telephone Service.—The telephone traffic between Belgium and this country is steadily increasing, and arrangements for the provision of additional lines are under consideration.

The figures are : 1912-13, 49,929 calls; 1913-14, 62,520 calls—increase 12,591, or 25 per cent.

Anglo-Swiss Telephone Service.—A telephone service between London and Basle, Geneva and Lausanne, was opened on the 1st January, 1914. The traffic has up to the present been small.

Anglo-Dutch Telephone Service.—Arrangements have been made with the Dutch Administration for the joint provision of a direct Anglo-Dutch telephone cable which will be brought into use next year.

Automatic Exchanges.—The automatic telephone exchanges at Epsom and at the General Post Office, London, continue to give satisfactory service. Similar exchanges are being constructed at Newport (Monmouthshire), Darlington, and Hereford, and are about to be commenced at Accrington, Chepstow, Dudley, Grimsby, Paisley, Portsmouth, Leeds, and Stockport. Arrangements have also been made for a trial of automatic equipment of a type which, it is anticipated, will be particularly suitable for use in small outlying exchanges in country districts where there is a difficulty in providing continuous attendance.

Continuous Telephone Service.—During the year ending 31st March, 1914, a continuous telephone service was introduced at 165 exchanges where previously the service had been restricted. There still remain 430 exchanges where the service is

not continuous, but at many of these there are only two or three subscribers. Steps are being taken to introduce continuous service in a considerable number of the outstanding cases.

Rural Party Lines (Farmers' Lines).—There has been a satisfactory increase in rural party line connexions during the year. The number of subscribers on the 31st March, 1914, who had been or were being provided with such connexions, was 2,242, an increase of over 1,300 since the 31st March, 1913.

Telephone and Telegraph Advisory Committees.—Telephone and telegraph advisory committees, consisting of representatives of the chief public and commercial interests of the localities, have been formed in the following towns:—Aberdeen, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Chesterfield, Coventry, Croydon, Derby, Dover, Dublin, Dudley, Dundee, Eastbourne, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Halifax, Huddersfield, Ipswich, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Margate, Newcastle, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldham, Oxford, Ramsgate, Sheffield, Southampton, Sunderland, Swansea, Walsall, West Hartlepool, and the formation of committees in other centres is under consideration.

Municipal Systems.—The negotiations with the States of Guernsey and the Corporations of Hull and Portsmouth, to which reference was made in last year's Report, have now been completed. The States of Guernsey have been granted a new licence to carry on their telephone system for 14 years from the 1st January, 1912. The Corporation of Hull has taken over the local telephone system which was acquired by the Post Office from the National Telephone Company, and has been granted a licence to work the system in combination with the Municipal system which it had previously carried on. The licence is for a term of 21 years from the 1st January, 1912. The Portsmouth Municipal System became the property of the Post Office as from the 1st October, 1913.

Telephone Royalty.—The amount of royalty received during the year from licensees was £47,786, including a sum of £44,737 in respect of the year 1911 paid in the final settlement of accounts with the National Telephone Company.

Telegrams and Express Letters by Telephone.—The figures given below show the estimated extent to which the telephone is being used for sending telegrams and express or ordinary letters:—

	1912-13.	1913-14.	Increase per cent.
Telegrams	6,291,000	6,834,000	8·6
Express Letters... ..	222,000	226,400	2·0
Ordinary Letters	3,600	6,300	75·0

The number of telegrams delivered by telephone in 1913-14 represented 5·13 per cent. of the total number of telegrams delivered, as compared with 4·7 per cent. in 1912-13. This matter is also referred to on page 15 of this Report.

Private Wires.—Private telephone line rentals amounted to £308,784, as compared with £293,974 for the preceding year.

Revision of Tariff.—The question of introducing a fresh scale of Telephone Charges has received careful consideration during the year, and a scheme has been formulated and is nearing completion.

WAYLEAVES.

As a result of the measures outlined in last year's Report, there has been less delay in the provision of Telephone Services through the failure of Road Authorities to consent to the construction of the necessary lines within the period of 21 days specified by the Telegraph Act of 1878. It is anticipated that as Road

Authorities come to realize the importance of granting consents promptly there will be a further improvement in this respect.

MILEAGE OF WIRE.

The total mileage of Post Office wires, including spare wires, on the 31st March, 1914, was 2,886,025 miles, an increase during the year of 224,647 miles or 8·4 per cent. The total mileage is allocated as follows :—

Miles of Single Wire.			Miles of Single Wire.		
Telegraphs	...	267,252	Aerial	...	947,392
Telephones	...	1,846,565	Underground	...	1,926,743
Spares	...	772,208	Submarine	...	11,890
<hr/> 2,886,025 <hr/>			<hr/> 2,886,025 <hr/>		

POST OFFICE BUILDINGS.

London.—The new building, which it is proposed to erect on the site of the General Post Office, East, is intended to accommodate the Accountant-General's Department of the Post Office, and also the Headquarters Staff of the Controller of Stores. Plans which would have provided for these purposes, with a margin of space available for letting for the time being to business firms, were prepared in 1912 and were approaching settlement when proposals were brought forward by the Corporation of London for the appropriation of considerable portions of the site with a view to widening St. Martins-le-Grand and Gresham Street. These proposals involved a serious reduction of the space available for the proposed new building and also necessitated re-casting the plans; but in view of the public improvement contemplated, it was thought right to give them full consideration, and eventually, with the approval of the Treasury, the Corporation's proposals were agreed to, subject to payment by the Corporation, for purchase of the land in question, of a sum of £126,000 and to certain other conditions. Revised plans of the new building have been prepared by the Office of Works and are nearly settled, and it is hoped to make a start on the building in a few months' time. The building—owing to the reduction of the site—will not contain any space available for letting. The site has already been excavated to a considerable depth. Interesting relics of Roman occupation were brought to light, and are being examined by experts.

The extension of the South-Eastern District Office has been nearly completed, and considerable progress has been made with the extension of the North-Western District Office which was begun last year.

The new Offices at Denman Street, Southwark, for the Superintending Engineer of the Metropolitan District have been begun, as also the extension of the Stores Depot at Studd Street. At Denman Street also Roman pottery has been found.

Work in connection with the new Electric Sub-station and Boiler House at Mount Pleasant has been begun, and the arrangements for the erection of a proposed new Letter Sorting Office have been advanced.

A new building on part of the Mount Pleasant site is contemplated for the accommodation of stamp manufacture and distribution work on transfer from the Inland Revenue Department.

New Telephone Exchanges known as the Museum and Victoria Exchanges have been completed and occupied. The new Exchange at Greenwich is in course of erection, and preparations are being made for the enlargement of the North Exchange. Plans have been settled for the proposed Tower and Charterhouse Exchanges, and the Inns of Court Hotel has been purchased for conversion into the new Holborn Exchange. Arrangements are also being made for the erection and improvement of various other Exchanges in the London area.

Provinces, England.—The work in connection with the extension of the Head Post Office and the building of the new factory at Birmingham is in progress.

New Head Post Offices have been completed at Blyth, Mansfield, Newcastle (Staffordshire) and Stafford, while new offices are in course of erection at Bolton, Carlisle, Dover, Huddersfield and Northampton. The enlargement of other offices, including Portsmouth, has been completed or is in hand.

The new Central Telephone Exchange building at Leeds is well advanced, and the improvement of old Exchanges or erection of new Exchanges in some of the other large towns, *e.g.*, Liverpool and Manchester, is being considered.

Scotland.—The extension of the Head Post Office at Glasgow is making satisfactory progress, and operations will shortly be begun in connection with the extension of the Dundee Post Office.

The extension of the Central Exchange at Edinburgh has been completed. Arrangements have been made for the erection of an exchange at Glasgow to be known as the South Side Exchange.

Ireland.—The extension of the Dublin Head Post Office is nearing completion.

Summary.—During the year 62 new Crown Offices in all were occupied, and the enlargement of 57 existing offices completed; building operations were begun in connection with the erection of 35 new offices and the enlargement of 33 existing offices, and the provision of 135 new offices and the enlargement of 136 existing offices is being considered.

Forty-one Telephone Exchanges have been, or are being, established in Crown Post Offices, and 42 in outside premises.

Expenditure.—The total expenditure during the year on the purchase of sites and buildings was as follows :—

Out of Post Office Vote, £100,403.

Out of Telephone Capital, £90,545.

The sum of £554 was realised from the sale of old sites and buildings.

The total expenditure on the erection of new buildings and enlargements and the maintenance of existing buildings was as follows :—

His Majesty's Office of Works (Great Britain).	{ Vote	£475,082
	{ Telephone capital	£109,965
Board of Public Works (Ireland)	{ Vote	£21,969
	{ Telephone capital	£806

POST OFFICES AND LETTER BOXES.

The total number of Post Offices open in the United Kingdom on the 31st March, 1914, was as follows :—

—	London.	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Total.
Head Offices	11	557	117	94	779
Branch Offices	124	144	30	14	312
Town Sub Offices	979	5,028	435	241	6,683
Country Sub Offices	—	12,093	1,877	2,703	16,673
Total	1,114	17,822	2,459	3,052	24,447

There has been an increase of 93 in the number of offices of all classes.

Money Order and Savings Bank business is transacted at 15,314 offices.

The number of letter boxes was increased during the year from 48,546 to 49,651.

STORES, CONTRACTS, AND FACTORIES.

Stores to the value of £2,786,000 were bought during the year, of which sum £2,082,000 represents the cost of engineering stores. The increase in the value of the engineering stores as compared with 1911-12 (£964,000), and 1912-13 (£1,500,000) is due mainly to the continued development of the Telephone Service.

With a view to the mitigation of unemployment, Post Office contracts were placed as far as possible at such times of the year as would ensure the provision of work in the various trades during their slack seasons.

During the year systematic investigation into the wages and conditions of employment of workers employed by Post Office contractors were continued, and action was taken where necessary.

Factories.—The curtailment of construction work recommended by the Factories Committee is being carried into effect as circumstances permit; and the work is being handed over to contractors. The work of the Post Office Factories now consists mainly of repairs to telegraph and telephone apparatus.

Machines for Cleaning Mail Bags.—Considerable progress has been made, both in London and the Provinces, with the provision of machines for cleaning mail bags. Machines of the kind are already in use at Mount Pleasant and King Edward's Building, and machines have been installed and are about to be brought into use at Bristol, Liverpool, Glasgow, and Dublin.

Awards Committee.—There has been a slight falling off this year in the number of suggestions received by the Awards Committee; but the proportion of suggestions adopted to those received is higher than last year—the percentage being 13·2 as against 8·1 in 1912-13; and this indication of an improved standard of utility in the suggestions made is satisfactory. There is abundant evidence that the scheme continues to stimulate the interest taken by the manipulative staff in their duties.

STAFF. (*See also Appendix F, pp. 54-62.*)

The number of persons on the establishment of the Post Office on the 31st March, 1914, was 123,793, of whom 100,307 were men and 23,486 were women. The number added during the year was 5,677; this represents an increase of 3,904 men and 1,773 women.

In addition to the above there are 125,813 persons, 88,640 men and 37,173 women, filling unestablished situations. These totals show increases of 3,695 men and 100 women, making a total increase of 3,795.

The total number of persons employed wholly or in part in the Post Office on the 31st March, 1914, was thus 249,606, viz., 188,947 men and 60,659 women, an increase of 9,472 as compared with the previous year.

Dismissals.—The number of established officers dismissed during the year was 360. The dismissals for dishonesty represent 11 per cent. and those for intemperance 1 per cent. of the total established staff.

Compassionate Gratuities.—During the year grants amounting to £862 5s. 9d. were made from the fund placed at my disposal by Parliament for awarding gratuities on retirement to unestablished officers of the Post Office who are in poor circumstances and who are not eligible for the benefits of the Superannuation Acts.

Boy Messengers.—The Standing Committee, appointed by the Postmaster-General in 1910 to watch over and advise on all questions connected with Boy Messengers, presented their third Report in July, 1913. The Report describes the progress made with regard to the various schemes adopted on the recommendations contained in the Committee's previous Reports for reducing the messenger force and for increasing the number of boys taken into the permanent service of the Post Office, and contains proposals relating to the recruitment, education, and physical training of Boy Messengers.

Except for some 38 cases, which occurred early in the year, discharge at 16 years of age through lack of prospects wholly ceased in 1913 and it is now possible to give an assurance that all Boy Messengers who give satisfaction and can satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners as to their physical and educational fitness will be retained permanently in the service of the Post Office. When the Committee began their labours in 1910, more than 4,000 boys were discharged annually through lack of prospects. Your Lordships will doubtless agree that much credit is due to the Committee for the striking success that has attended their efforts to solve the problem of Boy Labour in the Post Office.

Special educational classes with a uniform syllabus have been arranged at practically all towns where as many as 20 Boy Messengers are employed. At all other places the boys are required as a condition of employment to attend such suitable local educational classes as are available. There is still a considerable number of boys employed at small towns and villages for whom no educational facilities at present exist, but efforts are being made to arrange with the local Education Authorities for the formation in such places of suitable classes open to outsiders which can be attended by Boy Messengers.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE SERVANTS.

The Select Committee appointed by the House of Commons in 1912 to consider the wages and conditions of service of the Post Office Staff issued its Report in August, 1913. The recommendations of the Committee with regard to pay and emoluments were accepted in the main by my predecessor and myself, and were carried out as from the 2nd February, 1914. Certain further improvements beyond those recommended by the Committee were also made in the wages of the lower paid members of the staff. With allowance for the cost of some other changes which have not yet been carried out, the total additional expenditure involved in the alterations is estimated at over £700,000 in the first year and over £1,300,000 a year ultimately.

The principal alterations in the scales of pay, &c., are stated in a Return (Cd. 7355) which I presented to Parliament in April last.

The Select Committee's Report was subjected to criticism during the debate in Parliament on the Post Office Estimates and the Government have decided to appoint a small Committee to examine into the Report and the points raised upon it in the course of the debate. This Committee, which will report to me, consists of representatives of the Treasury and of the Post Office, with two representatives of the Post Office Staff and an independent Chairman nominated by the Board of Trade.

HEALTH OF THE STAFF.

The health of the Staff has again been satisfactory. The average sick-rate of the Established Staff during the year ended 31st December, 1913, was 7·9 days for men and 12·2 days for women; and of the Unestablished Staff 5·2 days for men and 6·0 days for women.

Sick Absence.—The numbers of the Staff referred to in the returns of sick absence shown below and in Appendix F (p. 62) are as follows :—

	Established Staff.		Unestablished Staff.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
London, Chief Offices	15,155	8,266	5,010	2,718
London, Metropolitan Districts	14,808	808	7,765	166
England and Wales (Provinces)	51,051	9,593	28,774	4,082
Scotland	9,576	2,427	4,888	912
Ireland	5,682	987	6,283	311
	96,272	22,081	52,720	8,189

The following table shows the percentage of sick absentees, the average amount of sick absence per sick officer, and the average absence per officer employed :—

	Percentage of Sick Absentees.		Average Amount of Sick Absence per Sick Officer in days.		Average Absence per Officer employed in days.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
<i>(1) Established Staff.</i>						
London, Chief Offices ...	59	87	13·2	15·9	7·8	13·8
London, Metrop. Districts ...	58	82	15·2	21·3	8·9	17·5
England & Wales (Provinces)...	44	60	18·0	17·9	7·9	10·6
Scotland ...	35	51	17·2	20·5	6·1	10·4
Ireland ...	54	71	17·7	19·7	9·5	14·0
<i>(2) Unestablished Staff.</i>						
London, Chief Offices ...	60	70	14·2	10·1	6·3	7·1
London, Metrop. Districts ...	49	42	10·2	16·1	5·5	7·1
England & Wales (Provinces)...	37	37	14·8	15·3	5·4	5·6
Scotland ...	28	25	13·6	18·1	3·8	4·5
Ireland ...	30	38	15·9	17·2	4·8	6·5

Deaths and Retirements.—The deaths recorded through the year show an annual death-rate of 3·1 per 1,000 for men and 1·0 for women on the established staff.

The following table gives particulars with regard to deaths and retirements during 1913 among the established staff :—

	Number of Persons.		Average age on death or retirement (in years).		Average length of service (in years).	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Deaths ...	297	22	41	31	17	10
Retirements on account of ill-health.	669	178	45	35	24	16
Retirements at age of 60 and upwards.	338	19	61	61	36	36
Retirements of women with marriage gratuities.	—	695	—	28	—	10

The proportion of deaths from Tubercular diseases to deaths from all causes in the Post Office was 16 per cent.; and the proportion of deaths and retirements from Tubercular diseases to deaths from all causes and retirements from ill-health in the Post Office was 16·1 per cent. It appears from the Registrar-General's Annual Return for 1911 that in the case of persons in the United Kingdom between the ages 15 and 65, the proportion of deaths from Tubercular diseases to deaths from all causes was 21·0 per cent.; and it therefore appears that the conditions of service in the Post Office are not, as is sometimes alleged, specially favourable to the development of Tuberculosis. This is confirmed by the fact that in 87 per cent. of the cases of tuberculosis occurring during 1913 there was a history either of previous Tubercular disease in the family or of previous illness predisposing to Tuberculosis in the patient.

Every facility is granted to Post Office servants suffering from Tuberculosis to obtain sanatorium treatment where a reasonable prospect of recovery exists. It may be of interest to point out that of the cases occurring during 1913, which were completed before the end of the year, about 61 per cent. of those who received sanatorium treatment were able to resume duty as compared with 22 per cent. in the case of those who did not receive such treatment.

An examination of the cases of Neurasthenia occurring during 1913 showed that in the majority of cases the disease was attributable to physical causes, or to domestic troubles; and that there is no foundation for the allegation that Post Office work has a prejudicial effect upon the nervous systems of the staff generally.

FINANCE.

(See also Appendices N to U, pp. 92-129.)

The gross receipts paid into the Exchequer during the year were £30,800,000, an increase of £1,625,000 over the previous year, and the issues from the Exchequer, exclusive of Telephone Capital, were £24,607,000, an increase of £1,583,000.

In the following table the financial results of the working of the Department are shown on commercial lines as explained in detail in Appendices N to P.

	Adjusted revenue.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) as compared with previous year.	Adjusted expense.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) as compared with previous year.
	£	£	£	£
Postal	23,464,791	+ 1,101,156	17,321,332	+ 511,022
Telegraph	3,114,146	— 71,663	4,345,102	— 16,054
Telephone	6,186,699	+ 339,289	5,914,056	+ 369,989
Total	32,765,636	+ 1,368,782	27,580,490	+ 864,957

Thus, the grand financial results of Post Office work in the year 1913-14 may be summarised as follows :—

Postal—a net profit of £6,143,459.

Telegraph—a net loss of £1,230,956.

Telephone—a net profit of £272,643.

A total net profit of £5,185,146.

These figures are necessarily partly estimated and have not yet been fully checked by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

CONCLUSION.

Sir Robert Hunter, K.C.B., retired in July, 1913. He had been Solicitor to the Post Office for over 32 years, and during that period his ability, experience and devotion to duty had rendered him invaluable to the Department. I regret that he died within a few months of his retirement.

Since the close of the year under review the Post Office has suffered a severe loss by the retirements of the Secretary, Sir Alexander King, K.C.B., and the Second Secretary, Mr. Edward Crabb, C.B. These gentlemen had for years taken a leading part in the higher administration of the Post Office and their ability, energy, and experience have been of inestimable service to myself and my predecessors in office. Happily Sir Alexander King has not yet finally severed his connexion with the Department, as he has consented to remain a member of the Committee which is engaged, under the Chairmanship of Sir George Gibb, in considering the Report of the recent Select Committee on Post Office Servants.

Mr. Evelyn Murray, a member of the Board of Customs and Excise, has been appointed Secretary.

In conclusion, I desire to record my appreciation of the services of the staff. It would be impossible to maintain the complex organisation of the Post Office at its present level of efficiency without the loyal co-operation of all ranks.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' obedient Servant,

C. HOBHOUSE.

APPENDICES.

Letters Delivered.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LETTERS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM.

Year.	England and Wales.					Scotland.	In-crease per cent.	Number per Head of Population.	Ireland.	In-crease per cent.	Number per Head of Population.	United Kingdom.	In-crease per cent.	Number per Head of Population.
	Country Offices.	In-crease per cent.	London District.	In-crease per cent.	Total.	In-crease per cent.								
1839 ...	Millions. *	—	Millions. *	—	Millions. 65·2	—	4	3	Millions. 9·0	—	1	Millions. 82·6	—	3
1840 ...	88·1	—	43·9	—	132·0	—	8	7	18·6	—	2	168·8	—	7
1860 ...	324·8	—	137·2	—	462·0	—	22	17	48·2	—	8	564·0	—	19
1880-81...	651·0	—	330·4	—	981·4	—	38	29	78·8	—	15	1,165·2	—	34
1900-01...	1,312·7	—	664·3	—	1,977·0	—	61	47	144·2	—	32	2,323·6	—	57
1904-05...	1,511·8	—	727·2	—	2,239·0	—	66	50	155·9	—	35	2,624·6	—	61
1905-06...	1,559·9	3·2	753·4	3·6	2,313·3	3·3	68	51	155·8	dec. ·1	36	2,707·2	3·1	62
1906-07...	1,630·7	4·5	767·0	1·8	2,397·7	3·6	69	53	158·3	inc. 1·6	36	2,804·4	3·6	64
1907-08...	1,672·3	2·6	771·2	·5	2,443·5	1·9	70	54	164·7	4·0	38	2,863·9	2·1	65
1908-09 ..	1,698·5	1·6	784·1	1·7	2,482·6	1·6	70	53	167·9	1·9	38	2,907·4	1·5	65
1909-10...	1,733·6	2·1	783·5	dec. ·1	2,517·1	1·4	70	53	173·2	3·2	40	2,947·1	1·4	65
1910-11...	1,800·3	3·8	805·9	inc. 2·9	2,606·2	3·5	73†	56†	176·5	1·9	40	3,047·5	3·4	68†
1911-12...	1,875·5	4·2	854·3	6·0	2,729·8	4·7	75	58	183·2	3·8	42	3,186·8	4·6	70
1912-13...	1,934·5	3·1	892·0	4·4	2,826·5	3·5	77	60	188·0	2·6	43	3,298·3	3·5	72
1913-14...	2,006·7	3·7	979·5	9·8	2,986·2	5·7	81	63	195·6	4·3	45	3,477·8	5·4	75

* Details not available.

† The increase shown in 1910-11 is partly due to over-estimate of the population in previous years. The figure shown for 1910-11 is based on the Census of 3rd April, 1911.

APPENDIX A—continued.

Post-cards Delivered.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF POST-CARDS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM.

Year.	England and Wales.				Scotland. Millions.	In-crease per cent.	Number per Head of Population.	Ireland. Millions.	In-crease per cent.	Number per Head of Population.	United Kingdom. Millions.	In-crease per cent.	Number per Head of Population.
	Country Offices.	In-crease per cent.	London District.	In-crease per cent.	Total. Millions.								
1872* ...	44.0	—	20.0	—	64.0	—	2.8	8.0	—	2.3	76.0	—	2.4
1880-81...	69.7	—	33.8	—	103.5	—	4.0	13.4	—	3.7	122.9	—	3.5
1890-91...	136.8	—	58.2	—	195.0	—	6.7	24.0	—	6.0	229.7	—	6.1
1900-01...	244.6	—	114.8	—	359.4	—	11.2	41.6	—	9.6	419.0	—	10.2
1904-05...	450.5	—	166.6	—	617.1	—	18.2	86.7	—	18.7	734.5	—	17.1
1905-06...	493.5	9.5	183.0	9.8	676.5	9.6	19.8	91.0	5.0	19.5	800.3	9.0	18.5
1906-07...	517.1	4.8	188.1	2.8	705.2	4.2	20.4	91.5	.5	19.4	831.4	3.9	19.0
1907-08...	537.6	4.0	191.6	1.9	729.2	3.4	20.8	92.2	.8	19.3	858.3	3.2	19.4
1908-09...	536.7	.2	195.6	2.1	732.3	.4	20.7	91.0	dec. 1.3	18.9	860.0	.2	19.3
1909-10...	546.1	inc. 1.8	199.4	1.9	745.5	1.8	20.8	84.7	inc. 2.2	17.4	866.8	.8	19.2
1910-11...	548.3	.4	199.8	.2	748.1	.3	20.8	86.6	inc. 2.2	18.3†	871.4	.5	19.4†
1911-12...	570.7	4.1	208.8	4.5	779.5	4.2	21.5	88.1	1.7	18.6	905.5	3.9	20.0
1912-13...	566.8	dec. .7	209.2	.2	776.0	dec. .4	21.2	85.7	dec. 2.7	18.1	899.0	dec. 1.6	19.6
1913-14...	582.3	inc. 2.7	219.0	4.7	801.3	inc. 3.3	21.6	87.9	inc. 2.6	18.6	926.5	inc. 3.1	20.1

NOTE.—First issue of Post-cards 1st October, 1870. Private cards with adhesive stamps admitted 1st September, 1894.

* Statistics not available prior to 1872.

† The increase shown in 1910-11 is partly due to an over-estimate of the population in the preceding years. The figure shown for 1910-11 is based on the Census of 3rd April, 1911.

Halfpenny Packets* Delivered.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF HALFPENNY PACKETS delivered in the UNITED KINGDOM.

Year.	England and Wales.				Number per Head of Population.	Scotland.	Increase per cent.	Number per Head of Population.	Ireland.	Increase per cent.	Number per Head of Population.	United Kingdom.	Increase per cent.	Number per Head of Population.
	Country Offices.	Increase per cent.	London District.	Increase per cent.	Total.	Increase per cent.								
1872† ...	Millions. 68·0	—	Millions. 22·0	—	Millions. 90·0	—	3·9	Millions. 13·0	—	—	3·8	Millions. 11·0	—	2·0
1880-81...	149·9	—	54·1	—	204·0	—	7·9	24·2	12·1	—	6·6	240·3	—	2·3
1890-91...	288·7	—	123·2	—	411·9	—	14·2	44·6	24·7	—	11·1	481·2	—	5·2
1900-01...	466·6	—	152·7	—	619·3	—	19·2	77·8	35·3	—	18·0	732·4	—	7·8
1904-05...	547·5	—	163·2	—	710·7	—	21·0	91·0	42·0	—	19·7	843·7	—	9·5
1905-06...	585·0	6·8	169·0	3·6	754·0	6·1	22·0	96·4	41·2	dec.	20·6	891·6	5·7	9·4
1906-07...	611·9	4·6	178·2	5·4	790·1	4·8	22·8	101·5	41·6	inc.	21·5	933·2	4·7	9·5
1907-08...	612·6	·1	182·3	2·3	794·9	·6	22·7	102·7	43·0	1·2	21·5	940·6	·8	9·8
1908-09...	618·4	·9	186·8	2·5	805·2	1·3	22·7	102·6	45·4	dec.	21·3	953·2	1·3	10·4
1909-10...	634·9	2·7	187·2	·2	822·1	2·1	22·9	104·0	48·1	inc.	21·3	974·2	2·2	11·0
1910-11...	680·3	7·2	203·1	8·5	883·4	7·5	24·6†	110·7	50·0	6·4	23·3†	1,044·1	7·2	11·4
1911-12...	698·5	2·7	205·9	1·4	904·4	2·4	24·9	110·5	51·8	dec.	23·3	1,066·7	2·2	11·8
1912-13...	705·4	1·0	208·7	1·4	914·1	1·1	25·0	111·4	53·5	inc.	23·5	1,079·0	1·2	12·2
1913-14...	763·4	8·2	237·8	13·9	1,001·2	9·5	27·0	115·8	55·3	3·9	24·5	1,172·3	8·6	12·6

* Including Foreign Printed Papers, &c., over 2 oz. in weight, prepaid at the halfpenny rate, and also, for the years 1872, 1880-81, and 1890-91, Inland Samples and Inland Book Packets over 2 oz. in weight.

† The "Book Post" dates from 1848, but full Statistics of the service are not available prior to the year 1872. The rate of ½d. for every 2 oz. was introduced 1st October, 1870.

‡ The increase shown in 1910-11 is partly due to an over-estimate of the population in the preceding years. The figure shown for 1910-11 is based on the Census of 3rd April, 1911.

APPENDIX A—continued.

Newspaper Post.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS DELIVERED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Year.	England and Wales.					Number per Head of Population.	Scotland.	Increase per cent.	Number per Head of Population.	Ireland.	Increase per cent.	Number per Head of Population.	United Kingdom.	Increase per cent.	Number per Head of Population.
	Country Offices.	Increase per cent.	London District.	Increase per cent.	Total.		Millions.								
1872* ...	69.0	—	18.0	—	87.0	3.7	12.0	—	3.5	10.0	—	1.9	109.0	—	3.4
1880-81...	72.9	—	29.9	—	102.8	4.0	15.1	—	4.1	15.9	—	3.0	133.8	—	3.9
1890-91...	81.2	—	46.6	—	127.8	4.4	16.6	—	4.1	16.6	—	3.5	161.0	—	4.3
1900-01...	95.4	—	32.4	—	127.8	4.0	19.3	—	4.5	20.7	—	4.6	167.8	—	4.1
1904-05...	103.5	—	33.7	—	137.2	4.1	21.8	—	4.7	20.4	—	4.6	179.4	—	4.2
1905-06...	106.0	2.4	37.1	10.1	143.1	4.2	22.7	4.3	4.9	19.6	dec. 3.9	4.5	185.4	3.3	4.3
1906-07...	110.2	4.0	35.7	3.8	145.9	4.2	23.3	2.0	4.9	19.9	inc. 1.5	4.5	189.1	2.0	4.3
1907-08...	113.7	3.2	41.7	16.8	155.4	4.4	24.2	6.5	5.1	20.2	1.5	4.6	199.8	5.7	4.5
1908-09...	115.9	1.9	41.3	1.0	157.2	4.4	24.4	1.2	5.1	20.7	dec. 8	4.7	202.3	1.3	4.5
1909-10...	116.0	.1	37.2	9.9	153.2	4.3	24.3	dec. 2.5	5.0	22.1	6.8	5.1	199.6	dec. 1.3	4.4
1910-11...	113.3	dec. 2.3	36.9	.8	150.2	4.2	24.0	2.0	5.1	22.1	—	5.0	196.3	1.7	4.4
1911-12...	115.0	inc. 1.5	38.5	4.3	153.5	4.2	24.1	inc. 2.2	5.1	21.2	dec. 4.1	4.8	198.8	inc. 1.3	4.4
1912-13...	115.9	.8	39.0	1.3	154.9	4.2	24.9	.9	5.3	22.5	inc. 6.1	5.1	202.3	1.8	4.4
1913-14...	118.0	1.8	40.5	3.8	158.5	4.3	25.6	2.3	5.4	23.0	2.2	5.3	207.1	2.4	4.5

* The rate of ½d. per Newspaper was introduced 1st October, 1870. Full statistics of the service prior to 1872 are not available.

Parcel Post.

NUMBER of PARCELS and the REVENUE derived from the PARCEL POST.*

NUMBER OF PARCELS DEALT WITH.																		REVENUE.							
Year.	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		UNITED KINGDOM.				Postage.			Average Postage per Parcel.							
	Country Offices.		London District.		Total.		Number.		In-crease per cent.		Number.		In-crease per cent.		Number.		In-crease per cent.		Gross Amount.		Railway Companies' Share (55 per cent. on Rail-borne Parcels).		Post Office Share.		
1884-85†	12,673,000	—	6,549,000	—	19,222,000	—	2,376,000	—	1,306,000	—	22,904,000	—	8-21	508,247	256,572	251,675	d. 5-33								
1890-91	29,819,000	—	8,406,000	—	38,225,000	—	4,879,000	—	3,184,000	—	46,288,000	—	12-09	1,035,773	499,913	535,860	5-37								
1895-96	39,361,000	—	10,618,000	—	49,979,000	—	6,510,000	—	4,038,000	—	60,527,000	—	13-76	1,372,577	648,825	723,752	5-44								
1900-01	52,523,000	—	14,671,000	—	67,194,000	—	8,608,000	—	5,215,000	—	81,017,000	—	14-08	1,699,994	801,236	898,758	5-04								
—																									
1904-05	63,184,000	—	17,391,000	—	80,575,000	—	10,381,000	—	6,275,000	—	97,231,000	—	14-46	2,050,150	961,420	1,088,730	5-06								
1905-06	66,277,000	4-9	18,167,000	4-5	84,444,000	4-8	10,725,000	3-3	6,513,000	3-8	101,682,000	4-6	15-00	2,138,673	936,449	1,142,224	5-05								
1906-07	68,542,000	3-4	18,417,000	1-4	86,959,000	3-0	11,102,000	3-5	6,758,000	3-8	104,819,000	3-1	15-19	2,131,223	991,371	1,139,852	4-88								
1907-08	71,895,000	4-9	18,976,000	3-0	90,871,000	4-5	11,581,000	4-3	7,018,000	3-8	109,470,000	4-4	16-06	2,211,095	1,018,282	1,192,813	4-85								
1908-09	74,331,000	3-4	19,325,000	1-8	93,656,000	3-1	12,050,000	4-0	7,317,000	4-3	113,023,000	3-2	16-99	2,259,125	1,045,342	1,213,783	4-80								
1909-10	77,821,000	4-7	19,956,000	3-3	97,777,000	4-4	12,683,000	5-3	7,730,000	5-6	118,190,000	4-6	18-02	2,371,928	1,085,932	1,285,996	4-82								
1910-11	80,069,000	2-9	20,662,000	3-5	100,731,000	3-0	13,103,000	3-3	7,968,000	3-1	121,802,000	3-0	19-11	2,449,881	1,108,451	1,341,433	4-83								
1911-12	82,280,000	2-8	21,276,000	3-0	103,556,000	2-8	13,485,000	2-9	8,183,000	2-7	125,224,000	2-8	20-36	2,527,119	1,128,142	1,398,977	4-84								
1912-13	85,691,000	4-1	22,108,000	3-9	107,799,000	4-1	13,975,000	3-6	8,388,000	2-5	130,162,000	3-9	21-74	2,633,515	1,157,961	1,475,554	4-86								
1913-14	89,604,000	4-6	23,617,000	6-8	113,221,000	5-0	14,802,000	5-9	9,098,000	8-5	137,121,000	5-3	22-34	2,772,386	1,210,325	1,562,061	4-85								

* Including Foreign and Colonial Parcels despatched and received, and the Revenue thereon calculated at Inland Rates.

† Service introduced 1st August, 1883.

APPENDIX A—continued.

Registered Letters.

NUMBER of LETTERS REGISTERED or INSURED by the PUBLIC in the UNITED KINGDOM.

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.		
1880-81*	6,145,000	—	2,597,000	—	8,742,000	—	696,000	—	597,000	—	10,035,000	—
1890-91	6,394,000	—	3,239,000	—	9,633,000	—	1,002,000	—	722,000	—	11,357,000	—
1900-01	9,043,000	—	5,921,000	—	14,964,000	—	1,782,000	—	984,000	—	17,730,000	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1904-05	9,292,000	—	6,473,000	—	15,765,000	—	1,681,000	—	1,059,000	—	18,505,000	—
1905-06	9,204,000	dec. .9	6,703,000	3.6 dec.	15,907,000	.9 dec.	1,678,000	.2 dec.	1,049,000	.9 dec.	18,634,000	.7 dec.
1906-07	9,122,000	.9 inc.	6,679,000	.4 inc.	15,801,000	.7 inc.	1,642,000	2.1 inc.	1,049,000	— inc.	18,492,000	.8 inc.
1907-08	9,486,000	4.0 dec.	6,808,000	1.9 inc.	16,294,000	3.1 inc.	1,698,000	3.4 inc.	1,131,000	7.8 inc.	19,123,000	3.4 inc.
1908-09	9,425,000	.6 inc.	6,940,000	1.9 inc.	16,365,000	.4 inc.	1,726,000	1.6 inc.	1,131,000	— dec.	19,222,000	.5 inc.
1909-10	9,554,000	1.4 inc.	7,375,000	6.3 inc.	16,929,000	3.4 inc.	1,767,000	2.4 inc.	1,129,000	.2 inc.	19,825,000	3.1 inc.
1910-11	10,295,000	7.8 inc.	8,076,000	9.5 dec.	18,371,000	8.5 dec.	1,854,000	4.9 inc.	1,181,000	4.6 inc.	21,406,000	8.0 dec.
1911-12	10,308,000	.1 inc.	7,985,000	1.1 inc.	18,293,000	.4 inc.	1,867,000	.7 inc.	1,095,000	7.3 inc.	21,255,000	.7 inc.
1912-13	10,727,000	4.1 inc.	8,437,000	5.7 inc.	19,164,000	4.8 inc.	1,962,000	5.1 inc.	1,132,000	3.4 inc.	22,258,000	4.7 inc.
1913-14	11,338,000	5.7 inc.	8,993,000	6.6 inc.	20,331,000	6.1 inc.	2,129,000	8.5 inc.	1,163,000	2.7 inc.	23,623,000	6.1 inc.

* Registration system introduced 6th January, 1841. Statistics of early years of service not available.

APPENDIX A—continued.

Registered Parcels.

NUMBER OF PARCELS REGISTERED OR INSURED BY THE PUBLIC IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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.								
1892-93*	256,000	—	138,000	—	394,000	—	30,000	—	28,000	—	452,000	—
1895-96	405,000	—	197,000	—	602,000	—	45,000	—	37,000	—	684,000	—
1900-01	601,000	—	301,000	—	902,000	—	82,000	—	50,000	—	1,034,000	—
—														
1904-05	659,000	—	394,000	—	1,053,000	—	77,000	—	66,000	—	1,196,000	—
1905-06	659,000	—	410,000	4·1	1,069,000	1·5 dec.	77,000	—	67,000	1·5	1,213,000	1·4 dec.
1906-07	617,000	dec. 6·4	425,000	3·7	1,042,000	2·5 inc.	78,000	1·3	68,000	1·5	1,188,000	2·1 inc.
1907-08	635,000	inc. 2·9	451,000	6·1	1,086,000	4·2	81,000	3·8	68,000	—	1,235,000	4·0
1908-09	651,000	2·5	466,000	3·3	1,117,000	2·9	84,000	3·7	69,000	1·5	1,270,000	2·8
1909-10	673,000	3·4	495,000	6·2	1,168,000	4·6	88,000	4·8	69,000	—	1,325,000	4·3
1910-11	729,000	8·3	530,000	7·1	1,259,000	7·8	92,000	4·5	70,000	1·4	1,421,000	7·2
1911-12	752,000	3·2	550,000	3·8	1,302,000	3·4	98,000	6·5	75,000	7·1	1,475,000	3·8
1912-13	813,000	8·1	595,000	8·2	1,408,000	8·1	105,000	7·1	80,000	6·7	1,593,000	8·0
1913-14	881,000	8·4	655,000	10·1	1,536,000	9·1	117,000	11·4	86,000	7·5	1,739,000	9·2

* Parcels first admitted to Registration system 1st June, 1891, on introduction of combined Registration and Insurance system.

APPENDIX A—continued.

Registered Letters and Parcels—Analysis of Fees Paid.

NUMBERS REGISTERED OR INSURED by the PUBLIC in the UNITED KINGDOM (a) at the ordinary fee of 2d., (b) at higher fees.

LETTERS.				PARCELS.			
Year.	Registered at		Total.	Year.	Registered at		Total.
	2d.	Fees above 2d.			2d.	Fees above 2d.	
1880-81* ...	10,035,000	—	10,035,000	1892-93* ...	421,000	31,000	452,000
1890-91 ...	11,357,000	—	11,357,000	1895-96 ...	632,000	52,000	684,000
1900-01 ...	17,591,000	139,000	17,730,000	1900-01 ...	905,000	129,000	1,034,000
1904-05 ...	18,387,000	118,000	18,505,000	1904-05 ...	1,004,000	192,000	1,196,000
1905-06 ...	18,518,000	116,000	18,634,000	1905-06 ...	1,008,000	205,000	1,213,000
1906-07 ...	18,374,000	118,000	18,492,000	1906-07 ...	965,000	223,000	1,188,000
1907-08 ...	19,004,000	119,000	19,123,000	1907-08 ...	987,000	248,000	1,235,000
1908-09 ...	19,105,000	117,000	19,222,000	1908-09 ...	1,007,000	263,000	1,270,000
1909-10 ...	19,701,000	124,000	19,825,000	1909-10 ...	1,028,000	297,000	1,325,000
1910-11 ...	21,279,000	127,000	21,406,000	1910-11 ...	1,093,000	328,000	1,421,000
1911-12 ...	21,128,000	127,000	21,255,000	1911-12 ...	1,121,000	354,000	1,475,000
1912-13 ...	22,125,000	133,000	22,258,000	1912-13 ...	1,197,000	396,000	1,593,000
1913-14 ...	23,481,000	142,000	23,623,000	1913-14 ...	1,296,000	443,000	1,739,000

* See footnotes on pages 86 and 87.

APPENDIX A—continued.

Express Delivery Service.

NUMBER OF EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICES PERFORMED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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.		
1891-92*	34,585	—	63,908	—	98,493	—	7,547	—	2,543	—	108,583	—
1895-96	94,019	—	243,751	—	337,770	—	20,298	—	5,903	—	363,971	—
1900-01	223,908	—	530,661	—	754,569	—	40,909	—	8,969	—	804,447	—
—
1904-05	409,360	—	916,744	—	1,326,104	—	61,825	—	15,124	—	1,403,053	—
1905-06	480,251	17·3	1,010,815	10·3	1,491,066	12·4	71,381	15·5	16,299	7·8	1,578,746	12·5
1906-07	530,288	10·4	1,048,440	3·7	1,578,728	5·9	76,769	7·5	17,761	9·0	1,673,258	6·0
1907-08	612,283	15·5	1,092,873	4·2	1,705,156	8·0	83,624	8·9	20,108	13·2 dec.	1,808,888	8·1
1908-09	671,336	9·6	1,139,697	4·3	1,811,033	6·2	88,774	6·2	19,880	1·1 inc.	1,919,687	6·1
1909-10	786,649	17·2	1,223,267	7·3	2,009,916	11·0	108,561	22·3	22,468	13·0	2,140,945	11·5
1910-11	844,384	7·3	1,264,682	3·4	2,109,066	4·9	124,526	14·7	24,143	7·5	2,257,735	5·5
1911-12	910,398	7·8	1,310,717	3·6	2,221,115	5·3	136,164	9·3 dec.	27,268	12·9	2,384,547	5·6
1912-13	928,023	1·9†	1,340,304	2·3†	2,268,327	2·1†	107,602	21·0†	28,626	5·0† dec.	2,404,555	·8†
1913-14	988,060	6·5	1,398,100	4·3	2,386,160	5·2	104,133	3·2†	27,404	4·3	2,517,697	4·7

* Service introduced 25th March, 1891.

† The check in the rate of increase is due to the discontinuance as from 21st May, 1912, of the practice of recording applications for delivery of correspondence over the counter as Express Delivery services.

APPENDIX B.

Foreign and Colonial

ESTIMATE of the WEIGHT of LETTERS and POST-CARDS and of OTHER ARTICLES during the

COUNTRY OR COLONY.	Despatched from the United Kingdom.		Destined for the United Kingdom.		
	Letters and Post-cards.	Printed papers, Commercial papers, Samples.	Letters and Post-cards.	Printed papers, Commercial papers, Samples.	
EUROPE.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	
Austria-Hungary	103,000	623,000	102,000	175,000	
Belgium and Luxemburg	177,000	478,000	147,000	228,000	
Denmark, Norway, and Sweden	141,000	493,000	114,000	240,000	
France	554,000	1,917,000	470,000	1,429,000	
Germany	539,000	2,148,000	586,000	1,375,000	
Gibraltar, Malta, and Cyprus	60,000	394,000	70,000	33,000	
Holland	135,000	434,000	139,000	253,000	
Italy	121,000	882,000	98,000	233,000	
Russia (including Russia in Asia)	119,000	585,000	72,000	153,000	
Spain and Portugal	85,000	763,000	75,000	135,000	
Switzerland	186,000	583,000	172,000	190,000	
Turkey, Greece, Roumania, and Balkan States.	48,000	409,000	32,000	75,000	
Total	1913	2,268,000	9,709,000	2,077,000	4,519,000
	1912	2,151,000	9,360,000	1,883,000	4,368,000
ASIA.					
Asiatic Turkey and Persia	20,000	185,000	12,000	43,000	
India (including Aden)	439,000	4,370,000	265,000	640,000	
Ceylon, Straits Settlements, Dutch East Indies, &c.	125,000	1,381,000	86,000	121,000	
China, Japan, &c.	202,000	1,127,000	90,000	135,000	
Total	1913	786,000	7,063,000	453,000	939,000
	1912	724,000	6,516,000	436,000	902,000

APPENDIX B—continued.

Letters, &c.

exchanged by the UNITED KINGDOM with FOREIGN COUNTRIES and BRITISH COLONIES
Year 1913.

COUNTRY OR COLONY.	Despatched from the United Kingdom.		Destined for the United Kingdom.	
	Letters and Post-cards.	Printed papers, Commercial papers, Samples.	Letters and Post-cards.	Printed papers, Commercial papers, Samples.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
AFRICA.				
South African Colonies	406,000	2,604,000	242,000	450,000
East Coast of Africa, Mauritius, &c. ...	38,000	359,000	22,000	32,000
West Coast of Africa, Madeira, &c....	90,000	769,000	58,000	25,000
Egypt, Morocco, &c.	100,000	712,000	61,000	115,000
Total	1913	634,000	4,444,000	383,000
	1912	605,000	4,347,000	365,000
AMERICA.				
United States	818,000	4,489,000	866,000	3,273,000
Canada and Newfoundland	842,000	9,447,000	716,000	1,964,000
West Indies (British and Foreign), &c. ...	72,000	574,000	37,000	56,000
Mexico and Central American States ...	20,000	207,000	11,000	28,000
Brazil, Argentine Republic, Uruguay, and Paraguay.	103,000	1,251,000	67,000	160,000
Chile, Peru, and Bolivia	35,000	435,000	24,000	41,000
Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, &c. ...	13,000	157,000	6,000	8,000
Total	1913	1,903,000	16,560,000	1,727,000
	1912	1,882,000	14,723,000	1,597,000
AUSTRALASIA.				
Commonwealth of Australia	478,000	3,472,000	257,000	939,000
New Zealand, Fiji, &c.	162,000	1,320,000	81,000	503,000
Total	1913	640,000	4,792,000	338,000
	1912	605,000	4,196,000	321,000
H.M. SHIPS STATIONED ABROAD ...	1913	60,000	353,000	13,000
	1912	52,000	355,000	16,000
GRAND TOTAL	1913	6,291,000	42,921,000	4,991,000
	1912	6,019,000	39,497,000	4,618,000

APPENDIX B—continued.

Foreign and Colonial Parcels—continued.

ESTIMATE of the NUMBER of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS DESPATCHED and RECEIVED—continued.

Year.	FOREIGN COUNTRIES—continued.											
	SWITZERLAND.		EGYPT.		JAPAN.		UNITED STATES.		OTHER COUNTRIES.		TOTAL.	
	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched.	Increase per cent.
1886-87 ...	—	—	8,000	3,100	—	—	—	—	8,500	5,100	125,500	—
1890-91 ...	31,400	9,800	7,500	5,100	—	—	—	—	34,200	8,800	473,200	—
1895-96 ...	39,100	14,400	12,300	8,600	200	—	—	—	99,900	15,600	677,000	—
1900-01 ...	52,300	22,300	24,700	15,300	6,200	4,100	—	—	110,600	22,700	873,400	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1904-05 ...	70,100	20,100	37,300	19,300	9,900	7,400	39,600	—	169,600	30,700	1,155,500	—
1905-06 ...	74,600	6,400	43,700	21,800	15,000	8,000	58,200	69,100*	180,400	32,600	1,269,500	8·92
1906-07 ...	74,600	5,000	53,900	23,600	18,400	8,700	61,200	89,200	173,500	31,500	1,352,000	6·50
1907-08 ...	76,900	4,600	55,700	24,700	19,600	9,900	69,800	88,500	196,800	36,500	1,448,500	7·14
1908-09 ...	83,200	4,900	61,200	26,000	20,200	26,100	82,000	99,700	276,800	71,500	1,530,000	5·63
1909-10 ...	90,900	5,000	66,300	26,700	23,800	20,000	101,700	128,200	308,700	82,900	1,679,700	9·78
1910-11 ...	93,600	5,900	73,200	28,600	26,100	20,600	122,000	155,700	352,700	92,500	1,825,900	8·70
1911-12 ...	98,000	8,200	76,700	30,500	24,800	20,300	146,200	177,800	378,000	98,700	1,913,100	4·78
1912-13 ...	107,400	8,300	81,600	29,700	27,800	19,300	170,600	213,300	424,100	109,900	2,053,600	7·34
1913-14 ...	119,500	9,900	87,800	32,000	30,900	21,300	219,700	301,000	457,100	121,200	2,262,600	10·18
												13·11

* Inward Official Service arranged from 1st April, 1905.

APPENDIX B—continued.

Foreign and Colonial Parcels—continued.

ESTIMATE of the NUMBER of FOREIGN and COLONIAL PARCELS DESPATCHED and RECEIVED—continued.

Year.	BRITISH COLONIES AND POSSESSIONS—continued.						GRAND TOTAL (FOREIGN AND COLONIAL).			
	WEST INDIES.		OTHER COLONIES AND POSTAL AGENCIES.		TOTAL.			Despatched.	Received.	Increase per cent.
	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched to.	Received from.	Despatched.	Received.	Increase per cent.			
1886-87	12,900	3,600	15,000	5,900	117,400	64,600	—	242,900	150,700	—
1890-91	27,100	6,500	34,300	12,000	280,200	116,400	—	753,400	394,900	—
1895-96	33,100	8,400	47,000	20,000	358,600	196,300	—	1,035,600	726,000	—
1900-01	37,500	9,700	75,600	27,600	1,132,100	314,400	—	2,005,500	1,118,800	—
1904-05	51,700	11,500	110,600	36,400	1,149,700	369,000	—	2,315,200	1,315,800	—
1905-06	48,400	10,700	115,200	37,700	1,204,500	392,800	4.77	2,474,000	1,431,000	6.86
1906-07	48,100	9,700	108,200	32,700	1,223,900	407,800	1.61	2,575,900	1,471,800	4.12
1907-08	54,100	9,800	107,100	30,300	1,288,100	442,500	5.25 dec.	2,736,600	1,515,800	6.24
1908-09	53,800	9,800	134,800	38,900	1,278,100	426,700	.78 inc.	2,808,100	1,534,000	2.61
1909-10	56,200	10,700	142,200	30,400	1,383,500	444,800	8.25	3,063,200	1,621,100	9.08
1910-11	61,500	10,200	155,600	41,400	1,594,000	504,100	15.22	3,419,900	1,769,800	11.64
1911-12	65,100	11,500	166,300	42,300	1,797,800	567,400	12.79	3,710,900	1,909,800	8.51
1912-13	75,600	12,800	180,100	42,200	1,994,200	621,500	10.92	4,047,800	2,074,200	9.08
1913-14	90,500	15,800	200,600	45,200	2,204,800	697,700	10.56	4,467,400	2,340,800	10.37
										12.85

NOTES.—(a) The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post was introduced 1st July, 1885.

(b) Previous to the year 1906-07 the numbers of parcels exchanged with Austria-Hungary and Russia cannot be shown separately.

(c) The figures for each of the last six years represent parcels actually posted or delivered in the Countries named, whereas the figures for previous years include all parcels received or despatched in mails exchanged with those Countries.

APPENDIX C.

Home Packet Service.

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
ENGLAND AND WALES.					
ALDERNEY and GUERNSEY Service.	—	Alderney Steam Packet Company, 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.
FISHGUARD and ROSSLARE.	Daily.	Great Western Railway Company.	—	700 <i>l</i> .	This amount includes payment for certain railway services.
FLEETWOOD and BELFAST.	Week days.	North Lancashire Steam Navigation Company (but payment made through Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company).	On six months' notice.	1,000 <i>l</i> .	The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
HEYSHAM and BELFAST.	—	Midland Railway Company.	—	100 <i>l</i> .	—
HOLYHEAD and KINGSTOWN.	Twice a day.	City of Dublin Steam Packet Company.	31st Mar. 1917 or on twelve months' notice after 31st Mar. 1916.	100,000 <i>l</i> . [*] to 31 Mar. 1917; 80,000 <i>l</i> . after that date.	Time on outward journeys (including transfer on both sides of the Channel), 3 hrs. 37 mins. night service, and 3 hrs. 22 mins. day service. Time on inward journeys (including transfer), 3 hrs. 32 mins. night service, and 3 hrs. 17 mins. day service.
HOLYHEAD and NORTH WALL.†	Saturdays.	London and North-Western Railway Company.	—	5,200 <i>l</i> . per annum.	This service was in connection with the acceleration of outward American Mails, and the sum of 2,610 <i>l</i> . per annum was contributed by the Cunard Steamship Company 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.

^{*} Subject to a reduction of 2,000*l*. in respect of the receipts from passenger traffic. An additional payment of 545*l*., approximately, is made to the Company in respect of excess harbour dues.

† This service ceased 21st February, 1914. The question of its resumption is under consideration.

APPENDIX C—continued.

Home Packet Service—continued.

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
ENGLAND AND WALES—cont.					
INSTOW AND LUNDY ISLE.	—	Bideford and Bristol Steamship Company, Ltd.	—	75 <i>l</i> .	—
KINGSTOWN and HOLYHEAD.	—	London and North-Western Railway Company.	—	166 <i>l</i> .	Conveyance of Mail Bags by Day Express Boat.
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 six 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. 1,640 <i>l</i> . per annum. 860 <i>l</i> .	Conveyance of Parcel Mails.
PENZANCE and SCILLY.	Three times a week in summer. Twice a week in winter.	West Cornwall Steamship Company, Ltd.	On six months' notice.	—	—
PORTSMOUTH and RYDE.	Once daily, with the Night Mails.	London, Brighton, and South Coast, and London and South - Western Railway Companies.	On six months' notice.	2,500 <i>l</i> .	The Department has the general use of the Companies' vessels, which are constantly plying between the two places.
SCILLY, ST. MARTIN and ST. AGNES.	—	West Cornwall Steamship Company, Ltd.	—	120 <i>l</i> .	—
SOUTHAMPTON and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	Once on week days.	London and South-Western Railway Company.	On six months' notice.	6,500 <i>l</i> .	No contract.
SOUTHAMPTON and COWES.	Once on week days	Southampton, Isle of Wight, and South of England Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.	—	150 <i>l</i> .	No contract. The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
WEYMOUTH and CHANNEL ISLANDS.	Six days a week.	Great Western Railway Company.	—	200 <i>l</i> .	No contract. The Department has the general use of the Company's vessels.
SCOTLAND.					
ABERDEEN and LERWICK.	Five days a week in summer. Four days a week in winter.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	30th April 1912 or on six months' notice thereafter.	6,500 <i>l</i> .	—
LERWICK, WHALSAY, and NORTH ISLES.	Thrice a week.	Ditto.			
ARDROSSAN and AR-RAN, and GREENOCK and ROTHESAY.	Week days.	Glasgow and South - Western Railway Company.	30th June 1917.	500 <i>l</i> .	The Department has the general use of all the Company's steamers.
CALLANISH and MIA-VAIG.	—	Duncan MacRae.	—	120 <i>l</i> .	—

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

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
<i>SCOTLAND—cont.</i>					
GREENOCK and CAMPBELTOWN.	—	Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Joint Stock Company, Ltd., per Ross Wallace.	--	1,850 <i>l.</i>	—
GREENOCK, ARDROSSAN, and BELFAST.	Week days.	G. and J. Burns, Ltd.	On twelve months' notice.	7,000 <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.	David MacBrayne, Ltd.	On six months' notice.	350 <i>l.</i>	—
GREENOCK and ROTHESAY.	Week days.	Ditto.	On six months' notice.	2,510 <i>l.</i>	This payment includes 290 <i>l.</i> for the general use of all the Company's steamers running to and from the Clyde.
GREENOCK and ARDRISHAIG.					
GREENOCK, ISLAY, and JURA.	Week days.	Ditto.	On six months' notice.	900 <i>l.</i>	—
TARBERT, ISLAY, and JURA.					
GREENOCK, ROTHESAY, DUNOON, and GOUROCK.	—	Ditto.	—	375 <i>l.</i>	—
INVERGORDON and CROMARTY.	Week days.	Cromarty Steamship Company, Ltd.	On three months' notice.	120 <i>l.</i>	No contract.
INVERNESS and FORT AUGUSTUS.	Six days a week.	David MacBrayne, Ltd.	On six months' notice.	210 <i>l.</i> and 25 <i>l.</i> for Parcel Service.	—
KIRKWALL and BALFOUR.	Five days a week.	John Reid ...	On three months' notice.	80 <i>l.</i>	Speed of not less than 8 nautical miles an hour.
KIRKWALL and NORTH ISLES OF ORKNEY.	Twice a week for 9 months, and three times a week for 3 months.	Orkney Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., per Donald Bertram.	On six months' notice.	500 <i>l.</i>	—
KNOYDART, MALLAIG and LOCH NEVIS HEAD.	Three days a week.	A. McLennan ...	On six months' notice.	153 <i>l.</i>	By steam launch.

APPENDIX C—continued.

Home Packet Service—continued.

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
<i>SCOTLAND—cont.</i>					
KYLE and PORTREE	Six days a week.	David MacBrayne, Ltd.	On twelve months' notice.	650 <i>l</i> .	Speed of not less than 10 nautical miles an hour.
KYLE and STORNO-WAY.	Once a day, six days a week each way.	Ditto.	On six 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.	Ditto.	—	500 <i>l</i> .	Time on outward or homeward journey 3½ hours.
OBAN and TOBER-MORY.	Once a day, six days a week.	Ditto.	On six months' notice.	555 <i>l</i> .	Speed of 10 nautical miles an hour.
OBAN and West of MULL, calling at Croggan, Tobermory, Kilchoan, Coll, Tiree, Iona (on outward voyage) and Bunessan.	<i>Out.</i> —On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. <i>In.</i> —On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Ditto.	On six months' notice.	1,200 <i>l</i> .	—
OBAN and DUNVEGAN, calling at Tobermory, Castlebay, Lochboisdale, and Lochmaddy.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Ditto.	On six 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 LOCH-MADDY, calling at Tobermory, Loch Bracadale, Loch Pooltiel, and Dunvegan ; And also at Rum and Canna.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Ditto.	On six months' notice.	3,000 <i>l</i> .	—
	Tuesdays and Saturdays.				
	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.				
LOCHMADDY and OBAN, calling at Lochboisdale and Castlebay.					
PORTREE, HARRIS, LOCHMADDY, and DUNVEGAN.	<i>Out.</i> —Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. <i>In.</i> —Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Ditto.	On six months' notice.	1,550 <i>l</i> .	Speed of not less than 10 nautical miles an hour.

APPENDIX C—continued.

Home Packet Service—continued.

Line of Communication.	Frequency.	Contractors.	Terminable.	Payment.	Remarks.
<i>SCOTLAND—cont.</i>					
LOCH SHIEL... ..	—	Lord Howard of Glossop, per W. Middleton.	—	198 <i>l</i> .	—
ROTHESAY and WEMYSS BAY.	Week days.	Caledonian Steam Packet Company, Ltd., per Capt. James Williamson.	On six months' notice.	150 <i>l</i> .	—
SCRABSTER PIER (THURSO) and STROMNESS.	Six days a week.	North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company.	On six months' notice.	2,000 <i>l</i> .	Vessels to be capable of steaming 12 knots an hour.
SHETLAND (SUMBURGH) and FAIR ISLE.	Once a fortnight (Nov. to Mar.). Once a week (Apr. to Oct.).	Grutness Station Company, W. L. McDougall, Manager.	—	297 <i>l</i> . 5 <i>s</i> . (7 <i>l</i> . 5 <i>s</i> . a trip.)	By sailing vessel.
SHETLAND (WALLS) and FOULA.	Once a fortnight (Oct. to Mar.). Once a week (Apr. to Sept.).	J. Isbister and L. Gray.	On six months' notice.	107 <i>l</i> . 5 <i>s</i> . (2 <i>l</i> . 15 <i>s</i> . a trip.)	By sailing vessel
STRANRAER and LARNE.	Week days.	Portpatrick and Wigtownshire Joint Committee.	On twelve 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.
STROMNESS and SOUTH ISLES.	Four days a week.	W. J. Garden ...	On six months' notice.	215 <i>l</i> . 17 <i>s</i> . 4 <i>d</i> .	—
TAYNUILT and GLENETIVE.	—	D. R. MacKay ...	—	124 <i>l</i> .	—
WEMYSS BAY and MILLPORT.	Thrice on week days in summer and twice in winter.	Caledonian Railway Company.	—	—	The service is provided under a general agreement with the Railway Company.
Ditto	Additional week day service in winter.	Caledonian Steam Packet Company, Ltd., per Capt. James Williamson.	On six months' notice.	200 <i>l</i> .	—
<i>IRELAND.</i>					
LARNE and STRANRAER. (<i>See above.</i>)					
GALWAY and ARRAN ISLANDS.	Three days a week.	Galway Bay Steamboat Company.	—	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 800*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.	Contract.		Payment.	Remarks.
	Commencement.	Termination.		
<i>EUROPE.</i>				
DOVER and CALAIS and FOLKESTONE and BOULOGNE	23 Oct. 1908	—	£ 40,374	Subject to deductions for overtime in the case of the Indian Mail Service:— £5 for 20 minutes and £5 for every additional 15 minutes. An additional service between Dover and Calais is provided at the cost of the French Post Office.
HARWICH to the HOOK of HOLLAND	1 Jan. 1904	On 6 months' notice	850	
NEWHAVEN to DIEPPE...	1 July 1897	Do.	62	Contracts for parcel mails only. The payments depend on the number, or the weight, of parcels conveyed.
CHANNEL ISLANDS and ST. MALO and GRANVILLE	15 Feb. 1888	Do.	40	
GRIMSBY and HAMBURG	16 Apr. 1893	Do.	2,030	
LEITH and HAMBURG ...	2 Nov. 1910	Do.	73	
LONDON and HAMBURG	1 Jan. 1886	Do.	1,176	
LIVERPOOL, MALTA, and the LEVANT	1 Jan. 1886	Do.	120	
UNITED KINGDOM and LISBON	1 Jan. 1888	Do.	185	
UNITED KINGDOM and NORWAY and SWEDEN	1 May 1910	Do.	246	
<i>AMERICA.</i>				
UNITED KINGDOM to UNITED STATES—				
CUNARD SERVICE...	7 Aug. 1902	15 Nov. 1927	68,033	Including payment for Sea Sorting Accommodation.
WHITE STAR SERVICE	1 Aug. 1899	25 Aug. 1914	73,723	
AMERICAN SERVICE	—	—	5,712	
NEW YORK and BERMUDA	1 Jan. 1889	On 6 months' notice	557	The payment depends on the weight of letter mails, and the number of parcels, conveyed.
NEWFOUNDLAND ...	Colonial contract		2,000	This sum represents the Imperial share of the cost of the service.
LIVERPOOL, BELIZE, and MEXICO	1 Dec. 1891	On 6 months' notice	1,388	Contracts for parcel mails only. The payments depend on the number, or the weight, of parcels conveyed.
UNITED KINGDOM and WEST INDIES	18 Jan. 1911	9 Aug. 1917	63,000	Contributions towards the cost of the service are received from Colonies as follows:—
				£
				Barbados ... 4,000
				Trinidad ... 16,300
				British Guiana... 2,700
				Total ... 23,000
UNITED KINGDOM, JAMAICA, and COSTA RICA	10 Oct. 1905	—	1,103	Contract for parcel mails only. The payment depends on the number of parcels conveyed.
SOUTHAMPTON to BRAZIL and RIVER PLATE	1 Sept. 1876	On 6 months' notice	19,393	The payment depends on the weight of mails conveyed.
Do. to and from do. do....	1 Sept. 1889	Do.	1,609	Contract for parcel mails only. The payment depends on the number of parcels conveyed.

APPENDIX D—continued.

Foreign and Colonial Packet Service—continued.

Service.	Contract.		Payment.	Remarks.
	Commencement.	Termination.		
<i>AMERICA</i> —continued.				
LIVERPOOL and FALKLAND ISLANDS, LIVERPOOL to CALLAO, PANAMA to VALPARAISO	14 June 1900	On 12 months' notice	£ 33,084	The payment was increased by £2,500 a year from 26 July, 1913, in consideration of additional packet services from Panama to Valparaiso. A contribution of £2,500 a year towards the cost of the service is received from the Falkland Islands.
<i>AFRICA.</i>				
UNITED KINGDOM and WEST COAST OF AFRICA	1 Jan. 1899	On 3 months' notice	15,355	Contributions towards the cost of the service are received from Colonies as follows:— £ Gambia 95 Sierra Leone ... 723 Gold Coast... .. 2,121 Southern Nigeria... 1,706 Northern Nigeria... 350 Total 4,995
Do. do.	1 Jan. 1888	On 6 months' notice	8,120	Contracts for parcel mails only. The payment depends on the number of parcels conveyed.
UNITED KINGDOM and ST. HELENA and ASCENSION	1 Oct. 1893	Do.	5,070	A contribution of £780 a year towards the cost of the service is received from the Admiralty.
ADEN and ZANZIBAR ...	5 Nov. 1892	5 Nov. 1909	2,942	The service was continued until 30 July, 1913, at the old rate of payment.
Do. ...	20 Aug. 1913	—	303	Contracts for parcel mails only. The payments depend on the number of parcels conveyed.
UNITED KINGDOM and CHINDE, &c.	15 Aug. 1900	On 3 months' notice	587	
UNITED KINGDOM and MOROCCO	18 June 1908	—	199	
UNITED KINGDOM to CANARIES, &c.	1 Jan. 1904	—	500	
<i>ASIA AND AUSTRALASIA.</i>				
BRINDISI and BOMBAY, SHANGHAI, and ADELAIDE	1 Feb. 1908	On 2 years' notice	305,000	Subject to deductions for overtime:—£100 for every 12 hours on the Eastern route and for every 24 hours on the Australasian route. Contributions towards the cost of the service are received from Colonies, &c. as follows:— £ India... .. 54,588 Ceylon 4,852 Straits Settlements... 6,475 Hong Kong... .. 10,673 Total 76,588
UNITED KINGDOM to NEW ZEALAND	1 Oct. 1905	—	5,576	Contracts for parcel mails only. The payment depends on the number of parcels conveyed.
UNITED KINGDOM and CANADA, JAPAN, and HONG KONG	7 Apr. 1911	6 Apr. 1913	45,000	Service continued after 6 April, 1913, at the old rate of payment. A contribution of £25,000 a year towards the cost of the service is received from Canada.

NOTE.—In addition to the payments given in detail above, Letters, &c., are conveyed abroad by Private Ships at rates of $\frac{1}{4}d.$ per article for a distance not exceeding 300 miles and $\frac{1}{2}d.$ per article over that distance. The total amount so paid at present is about £5,000 a year.

APPENDIX E.

Licences.

NUMBER and DESCRIPTION of LICENCES issued by the POST OFFICE.

Year.	Private Brewers.	Horses and Horse-dealers.	Dogs.	Male Servants.	Carriages.	Armorial Bearings.	Guns.	Game.	Game- keepers.	Game- dealers.	Motor Cars.	Total Number.	Revenue.
1869 ...	—	—	473,218	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	473,218	£ 118,305
1870 ...	—	203,361	524,032	74,607	105,191	16,390	40,742	—	—	—	—	964,323	460,028
1880-81 ...	68,176	—	633,969	79,253	198,644	26,254	88,253	5,949	610	—	—	1,101,108	645,562
1890-91 ...	21,698	—	924,176	116,674	296,655	36,607	155,652	33,868	3,302	—	—	1,588,632	943,319
1900-01 ...	11,611	—	1,343,913	122,494	328,895	36,349	215,591	50,770	4,226	—	—	2,113,849	1,194,586
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1904-05 ...	9,261	—	1,526,212	129,956	361,998	36,991	223,861	53,147	4,373	—	730	2,346,529	1,320,341
1905-06 ...	8,707	—	1,557,227	129,339	362,026	36,296	225,596	55,233	4,515	—	1,735	2,380,674	1,343,199
1906-07 ...	8,363	—	1,621,965	131,043	370,715	35,791	228,078	54,702	4,521	—	3,320	2,458,498	1,384,145
1907-08 ...	7,958	—	1,654,163	134,275	364,023	35,519	229,279	49,539	4,487	—	5,228	2,484,471	1,388,014
1908-09 ...	8,142	—	1,733,795	200,944	442,600	48,453	222,924	52,048	4,453	24	63,348	2,776,731	1,647,739
1909-10 ...	6,659	—	1,806,865	218,856	496,407	50,787	225,649	56,502	5,092	3,879	115,380	2,986,076	1,833,814
1910-11 ...	6,526	—	1,854,527	225,782	460,628	51,057	229,272	57,362	5,116	3,913	146,721	3,040,904	2,204,025*
1911-12 ...	5,679	—	1,863,928	229,018	439,334	51,814	231,569	59,326	5,208	3,962	184,423	3,074,261	2,186,525
1912-13 ...	4,770	—	1,899,100	229,309	417,284	50,739	238,807	57,556	5,211	3,947	231,426	3,138,149	2,295,826
1913-14 ...	4,340	—	1,960,053	233,803	396,221	51,169	245,817	58,059	5,163	3,929	295,356	3,253,910	2,477,268

NOTE.—The issue of Licences by the Post Office began in 1869.

* Includes additional Carriage (including Motor Car) Duty collected in respect of licences issued in 1909-10, estimated at £173,000.

APPENDIX F.

Staff of

TABLE I.—ADMINISTRATIVE

(Classes and figures in *italics*)

CLASS.	MALES.						TOTAL.
	ENGLAND AND WALES.		SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		
	Head-quarter and Metro-politan.	Pro-vincial.	Head-quarter and Metro-politan.	Pro-vincial.	Head-quarter and Metro-politan.	Pro-vincial.	
Administrative and Controlling Staff :—							
Headquarters {	346 1	4 —	24 —	— —	25 —	— —	399 1
Local :—							
Surveyors and Assistant Surveyors.	—	64	—	15	—	12	91
District Managers and Assistant District Managers.	—	55	—	8	—	6	69
Traffic Superintendents (Telephone).	—	32	—	5	—	2	39
Contract Managers	—	33	—	5	—	2	40
Clerks :—							
Supplementary Establishment	991	69	9	—	14	—	1,083
Investigation Branch	29	—	—	—	—	—	29
Second Division {	1,046 8	— —	76 —	— —	73 —	— —	1,195 8
Surveyors'	—	168	—	35	—	33	236
Superintending Engineers' ...	158	378	—	33	—	62	631
District Managers' Supervising Assistant	—	89	—	17	—	6	112
Boy	1,027	55	8	—	15	—	1,105
Women	762	25	11	—	13	—	811
Girl	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clerical Assistants	—	916	—	202	—	74	1,192
Junior Clerical Assistants ...	—	131	—	25	—	11	167
Contract Officers {	68 42	64 155	— —	19 35	— —	4 9	155 241
Medical Officers	101	2,207	—	440	—	524	3,272
Miscellaneous {	18 107	— 65	— 6	— 6	— 12	— 5	18 201
Total	4,704	4,510	134	845	152	750	11,095

APPENDIX F.

Officers.**AND CLERICAL STAFF.**

refer to unestablished officers.)

FEMALES.							CLASS.
ENGLAND AND WALES.		SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL.	
Head-quarter and Metro-politan.	Pro-vincial.	Head-quarter and Metro-politan.	Pro-vincial.	Head-quarter and Metro-politan.	Pro-vincial.		
135	—	3	—	3	—	141	Administrative and Controlling Staff :—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	} Headquarters.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Local :—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Surveyors and Assistant Surveyors.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	District Managers and Assistant District Managers.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Traffic Superintendents (Telephone).
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Contract Managers.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Clerks :—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Supplementary Establishment.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Investigation Branch.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	} Second Division.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Surveyors'.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Superintending Engineers'.
—	14	—	2	—	—	16	District Managers' Supervising.
171	—	—	—	—	—	171	Assistant.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Boy.
2,633	—	74	—	62	—	2,769	Women.
246	—	—	—	—	—	246	Girl.
—	697	—	151	—	46	894	Clerical Assistants.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Junior Clerical Assistants.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	} Contract Officers.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	1	—	—	—	—	1	Medical Officers. ✓
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	} Miscellaneous.
83	—	8	—	9	—	100	
3,268	712	85	153	74	46	4,338	Total.

APPENDIX F—continued.

Staff of

TABLE II.—EXECUTIVE AND MANIPULATIVE FORCE

(Classes and figures in *italics*)

CLASS.	MALES.						TOTAL.
	ENGLAND AND WALES.		SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		
	Head-quarter and Metropolitan.	Pro-vincial.	Head-quarter and Metropolitan.	Pro-vincial.	Head-quarter and Metropolitan.	Pro-vincial.	
Head Postmasters {	8 —	534 7	— —	111 2	— —	82 1	735 10
Assistant Postmasters, Chief Superintendents, Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents.	467	871	38	107	42	39	1,564
Overseers	1,109	1,502	58	200	82	103	3,054
Exchange Managers and Assistan Exchange Managers.	61	20	—	4	—	2	87
Salaried Sub-Postmasters .. {	— —	251 63	— 4	45 5	— —	18 2	314 74
Scale Payment Sub-Postmasters {	— 767	36 10,866	— 30	4 1,193	— 24	2 1,445	42 14,325
Supervisors and Assistan Supervisors :—							
Telegraphs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Telephones	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typists	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Telegraphists... .. {	2,025 25	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	2,025 25
Sorters {	6,875 491	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	6,875 491
Counter Clerks and Telegraphists...	744	—	—	—	—	—	744
Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists ...	—	12,967	488	1,720	572	1,035	16,782
Overseers and Telegraphists at Wireless Stations.	—	35	—	—	—	12	47
Telephonists {	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
Part-time Telephonists	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typists and Shorthand Writers ...	41	66	—	9	—	2	118
Assistants (employed by Department), Full-time.	—	175	—	28	—	14	217
Assistants (employed by Department), Part-time.	—	27	—	1	—	11	39
Learners	135	767	8	101	30	101	1,142
Carried forward	12,748	28,187	626	3,530	750	2,869	48,710

APPENDIX F—continued.

Officers—continued.

—POSTAL, TELEGRAPH, AND TELEPHONE.

refer to unestablished officers.)

FEMALES.							CLASS.
ENGLAND AND WALES.		SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL.	
Head-quarter and Metropolitan.	Pro-vincial.	Head-quarter and Metropolitan.	Pro-vincial.	Head-quarter and Metropolitan.	Pro-vincial.		
—	13	—	3	—	9	25	} Head Postmasters.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Assistant Postmasters, Chief Superintendents, Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Overseers.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Exchange Managers and Assistant Exchange Managers.
—	96	1	20	3	25	145	} Salaried Sub-Postmasters. ✓
—	23	2	1	—	1	27	
—	55	—	16	—	18	89	} Scale Payment Sub-Postmasters. ✓
195	5,730	29	962	52	1,353	8,321	
							Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors :—
247	154	9	29	13	7	459	Telegraphs.
530	395	12	86	11	9	1,043	Telephones.
22	—	—	—	—	—	22	Typists.
958	—	—	—	—	—	958	} Telegraphists.
16	—	—	—	—	—	16	
935	—	7	—	8	—	950	} Sorters.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1,066	—	—	—	—	—	1,066	Counter Clerks and Telegraphists.
—	3,928	144	858	117	422	5,469	Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Overseers and Telegraphists at Wireless Stations.
2,430	4,769	105	948	93	153	8,498	} Telephonists.
1,680	1,217	40	147	31	29	3,144	
—	264	1	20	1	18	304	Part-time Telephonists. ✓
255	183	13	33	14	14	512	Typists and Shorthand Writers.
—	464	6	64	4	29	567	Assistants (employed by Department), Full-time.
—	146	—	13	2	9	170	Assistants (employed by Department), Part-time. ✓
330	563	11	118	14	41	1,077	Learners.
8,664	18,000	380	3,318	363	2,137	32,862	Carried forward.

APPENDIX F—*continued.*

Staff of

TABLE II.—EXECUTIVE AND MANIPULATIVE FORCE—

(Classes and figures in *italics*)

CLASS.	MALES.						
	ENGLAND AND WALES.		SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL.
	Head-quarter and Metropolitan.	Provincial.	Head-quarter and Metropolitan.	Provincial.	Head-quarter and Metropolitan.	Provincial.	
Brought forward	12,748	28,187	626	3,530	750	2,869	48,710
<i>Night Operators, Full-time</i> ...	<i>344</i>	<i>321</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>725</i>
<i>Do. Part-time</i> ...	<i>204</i>	<i>343</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>666</i>
<i>Exchange Attendants and Care-taker Operators.</i>	—	443	5	58	—	34	540
<i>Call Office Attendants</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>12</i>	—	<i>2</i>	—	—	<i>86</i>
Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of Postmen.	—	471	16	58	21	13	579
Head and Assistant Head Postmen, Postmen and Coin Collectors.	10,815	30,788	698	5,062	504	2,807	50,674
Head Porters and Porters ... }	1,945 60	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1,945 60
Bagmen	110	—	—	—	—	—	110
✓ <i>Assistant Postmen</i>	<i>926</i>	<i>1,061</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>2,384</i>
✓ <i>Auxiliary Postmen</i>	<i>1,482</i>	<i>8,235</i>	—	<i>1,039</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>4,046</i>	<i>14,841</i>
Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of Messengers, Head and Assistant Head Messengers.	202	—	1	—	1	—	204
Messengers (Adult) and Commis-sionaires. }	70 495	13 107	3 1	2 40	3 4	3 14	94 661
<i>Doorkcepers, Liftmen, Firemen and Patrols.</i>	<i>275</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>445</i>
Tube Attendants and Night Collec-tors.	102	—	—	—	—	—	102
<i>Boy Messengers</i>	<i>3,419</i>	<i>7,608</i>	<i>252</i>	<i>1,259</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>960</i>	<i>13,690</i>
<i>Girl Probationers</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Registry Assistants and Paper Keepers.	263	—	5	—	6	—	274
Inspectors of Tracers and Tracers }	263 —	— —	33 6	— —	62 2	— —	358 8
<i>Cleaners and Charwomen</i>	<i>448</i>	<i>864</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>1,469</i>
Miscellaneous }	29 73	4 40	— —	— 4	— 2	— —	33 119
✓ <i>Assistants employed by Scale Pay-ment Sub-Postmasters.</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>1,298</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>283</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>329</i>	<i>2,087</i>
<i>Persons employed on Minor Duties under Allowance.</i>	—	7,569	—	706	—	1,308	9,583
✓ <i>Mail Drivers, &c.</i>	<i>739</i>	<i>1,699</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>183</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>186</i>	<i>2,884</i>
Total	35,248	89,173	1,792	12,699	1,716	12,703	153,331

APPENDIX F—*continued.***Officers—***continued.*POSTAL, TELEGRAPH, AND TELEPHONE—*continued.*

refer to unestablished officers.)

FEMALES.							CLASS.
ENGLAND AND WALES.		SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL.	
Head-quarter and Metro-politan.	Pro-vincial.	Head-quarter and Metro-politan.	Pro-vincial.	Head-quarter and Metro-politan.	Pro-vincial.		
8,664	18,000	380	3,318	363	2,137	32,862	Brought forward.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Night Operators, Full-time.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Do. Part-time.
—	384	5	139	2	26	556	Exchange Attendants and Care-taker Operators.
—	1	—	—	—	—	1	Call Office Attendants.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of Postmen.
—	6	—	3	—	—	9	Head and Assistant Head Postmen, Postmen and Coin Collectors.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	} Head Porters and Porters.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Bagmen.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Assistant Postmen.
—	708	—	254	—	61	1,023	Auxiliary Postmen.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of Messengers, Head and Assistant Head Messengers.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	} Messengers (Adult) and Commissioners.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Doorkeepers, Liftmen, Firemen and Patrols.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Tube Attendants and Night Collectors.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Boy Messengers.
206	338	19	80	30	16	689	Girl Probationers.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Registry Assistants and Paper Keepers.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	} Inspector of Tracers and Tracers.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
549	1,425	36	320	45	102	2,477	Cleaners and Charwomen.
1	—	—	—	—	—	1	} Miscellaneous.
70	5	—	3	2	2	82	
1,486	9,753	105	1,515	105	1,644	14,618	Assistants employed by Scale Payment Sub-Postmasters.
—	3,454	—	274	—	140	3,868	Persons employed on Minor Duties under Allowance.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Mail Drivers, &c.
10,976	34,084	545	5,906	547	4,128	56,186	Total.

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

TABLE III.—STAFF EMPLOYED ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CIRCUITS, AND IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF POSTAL, TELEGRAPH, AND TELEPHONE STORES AND MATERIAL.

(Classes and figures in *italics* refer to unestablished officers.)

CLASS.	ENGLAND AND WALES.		SCOTLAND.		IRELAND.		TOTAL.
	Head-quarter and Metropolitan.	Pro-vincial.	Head-quarter and Metropolitan.	Pro-vincial.	Head-quarter and Metropolitan.	Pro-vincial.	
MALES.							
Staff Engineers and Superintending Engineers.	12	13	—	2	—	1	28
Assistant Staff and Assistant Superintending Engineers.	31	22	—	4	—	3	60
Executive Engineers	25	67	—	11	—	7	110
Assistant Engineers... ..	149	111	—	18	—	11	289
Junior Engineers	23	3	—	—	—	—	26
Chief and Senior Inspectors ...	140	322	—	53	—	17	532
Inspectors	151	318	—	70	—	19	558
Skilled Workmen {	1,432	2,929	—	643	—	223	5,227
Storekeepers and Assistant Storekeepers.	1,400	3,616	—	621	—	310	5,947
Storemen	3	1	—	—	—	—	4
Storemen	112	52	9	—	15	—	188
Factory Overseers and Foremen ...	20	11	—	—	—	—	31
Draughtsmen... .. {	36	12	—	2	—	1	51
Wayleave Officers {	49	110	—	18	—	6	183
Labourers {	16	27	—	3	—	1	47
Labourers {	12	95	—	11	—	4	122
Boys and Youths (Engineering) ...	927	3,913	—	526	—	202	5,568
Store Porters... .. {	737	1,689	—	299	—	93	2,818
Store Boys {	16	—	—	—	—	—	16
Mechanics and Junior Mechanics	277	152	21	—	32	—	482
Electric Light Staff... ..	127	63	—	—	—	—	190
Telephone Hands	335	243	—	—	—	—	578
Miscellaneous {	385	139	—	36	—	17	577
Miscellaneous {	72	58	—	—	—	—	130
Miscellaneous {	21	52	—	1	2	—	76
Miscellaneous {	322	142	2	59	2	3	530
Total	6,830	14,160	32	2,377	51	918	24,368
FEMALES.							
Miscellaneous {	2	1	—	—	—	—	3
Miscellaneous {	36	92	—	—	4	—	132
Total	38	93	—	—	4	—	135

APPENDIX F—continued.

Sick Absence of Staff.

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

Year.	ESTABLISHED STAFF.												UNESTABLISHED STAFF.														
	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.			IRELAND.			ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.			IRELAND.					
	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.		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	4.7	7.7	3.8	5.6	3.9	3.8	4.8	5.3					
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	4.4	4.5	5.4	6.0					
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	3.7	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	4.9	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	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	8.6	13.6	5.2	6.7	4.8	5.2	4.4	4.5	3.7	4.5	3.6	2.5	3.8	6.5					
1908	7.9	11.2	8.7	13.3	7.7	10.7	5.4	7.9	9.3	13.2	5.0	6.2	4.9	7.2	4.4	5.2	3.6	5.2	3.6	3.7	2.8	5.8					
1909	7.9	11.6	8.1	13.9	7.0	10.5	5.7	8.8	8.4	11.6	5.1	7.1	4.6	8.0	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	2.8	4.4					
1910	7.9	12.7	7.5	13.0	7.0	10.4	5.5	9.8	8.5	13.6	4.7	6.9	3.8	7.7	4.3	4.4	3.7	4.4	3.5	3.5	3.3	2.6					
1911	7.9	14.0	8.8	14.8	7.3	11.0	5.8	8.9	9.2	15.7	5.5	6.8	4.7	3.9	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.6	4.9	3.3	3.4					
1912	8.0	12.5	8.1	14.6	7.4	9.8	5.8	8.0	8.8	12.8	6.0	6.5	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.3	3.4	6.1					
1913	7.8	13.8	8.9	17.5	7.9	10.6	6.1	10.4	9.5	14.0	6.3	7.1	5.5	7.1	5.4	5.6	3.8	5.6	3.8	4.5	4.8	6.5					

APPENDIX G.

Undelivered Postal Packets.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS, &c., dealt with.

Year.	Letters.		Post-cards.	Halfpenny Packets.*	Newspapers.	Parcels.		Unaddressed Postal Packets and Articles found loose.	Total.	Increase per cent.
	Total Number.	Number which could neither be delivered to the Addressees nor returned to the Senders.				Total Number.	Number which could neither be delivered to the Addressees nor returned to the Senders.			
1860	2,468,000	295,000	—	221,000	389,000	—	—	†	3,078,000	—
1880-81	5,383,000	475,000	524,000	4,196,000	395,000	—	—	†	10,498,000	—
1900-01	9,787,000	832,000	1,619,000	11,912,000	628,000	227,000	53,000	†	24,173,000	—
—										
1904-05	10,744,000	1,059,000	2,386,000	12,559,000	623,000	257,000	60,000	†	26,569,000	—
1905-06	10,868,000	1,008,000	2,657,000	12,439,000	473,000	249,000	52,000	413,000	27,099,000	1.99
1906-07	11,121,000	981,000	3,152,000	14,276,000	551,000	243,000	47,000	423,000	29,766,000	9.84
1907-08	11,746,000	1,146,000	3,440,000	14,819,000	586,000	244,000	15,000	443,000	31,278,000	5.08
1908-09	11,995,000	1,292,000	3,203,000	14,048,000	592,000	243,000	14,000	428,000	30,509,000	dec. 2.46
1909-10	11,922,000	1,295,000	3,459,000	14,630,000	541,000	262,000	15,000	427,000	31,241,000	inc. 2.40
1910-11	12,588,000	1,002,000	3,508,000	17,004,000	555,000	297,000	13,000	467,000	34,419,000	10.17
1911-12	13,085,000	965,000	3,405,000	14,761,000	561,000	343,000	19,000	477,000	32,632,000	dec. 5.19
1912-13	14,113,000	961,000	3,277,000	14,314,000	591,000	290,000	20,000	408,000	33,093,000	inc. 1.41
1913-14	15,698,000	1,095,000	3,533,000	15,205,000	607,000	303,000	19,000	444,000	35,790,000	8.15

* Including Foreign Printed Papers, &c., over 2 oz. in weight, prepaid at the halfpenny rate, and also, for the year 1880-81, Inland Samples and Inland Book Packets over 2 oz. in weight.

† Included under other headings.

APPENDIX H.

Telegrams.

NUMBER of TELEGRAMS forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM.

Year.	England and Wales.			Scotland.	Ireland.	United Kingdom.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) per cent.
	Provinces.	London.	Total.				
1870-71	5,300,000	2,864,000	8,164,000	1,080,000	606,000	9,850,000	—
1880-81	13,457,000	11,176,000	24,633,000	3,042,000	1,737,000	29,412,000	—
1890-91	32,827,000	22,831,000	55,658,000	7,077,000	3,674,000	66,409,000	—
1900-01	46,029,000	29,356,000	75,385,000	9,289,000	4,903,000	89,577,000	—
—							
1904-05	46,427,000	28,364,000	74,791,000	9,071,000	5,107,000	88,969,000	—
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	8,945,000	5,394,000	85,969,000	—3.9*
1908-09	45,751,000	25,044,000	70,795,000	8,690,000	5,340,000	84,825,000	—1.3
1909-10	46,951,000	25,731,000	72,682,000	8,747,000	5,455,000	86,884,000	+2.4
1910-11	46,799,000	25,662,000	72,461,000	8,734,000	5,512,000	86,707,000	— .2
1911-12	48,122,000	26,185,000	74,307,000	8,962,000	5,892,000	89,161,000	+2.8
1912-13	47,731,000	25,820,000	73,551,000	9,202,000	5,741,000	88,494,000	— .7
1913-14	46,960,000	25,342,000	72,302,000	9,057,000	5,730,000	87,089,000	—1.6

* Decrease partly due to an alteration on 1st April, 1907, in the method of numbering certain Telegrams.

Telegram—continued.

NUMBER of ORDINARY, INLAND PRESS and FOREIGN TELEGRAMS forwarded from TELEGRAPH OFFICES in the UNITED KINGDOM.

Year.	NUMBER, IN THOUSANDS ('000 OMITTED).															TOTAL.
	ENGLAND AND WALES.						SCOTLAND.			IRELAND.			UNITED KINGDOM.			
	Provinces.			London.												
	Ordinary.	Inland Press.	Foreign.	Ordinary.	Inland Press.	Foreign.	Ordinary.	Inland Press.	Foreign.	Ordinary.	Inland Press.	Foreign.	Ordinary.	Inland Press.	Foreign.	
1870-71	...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9,850,000
1880-81	...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	29,412,000
1890-91	...	30,144	851	1,832	15,875	3,860	3,096	6,435	166	476	3,471	126	77	55,925	5,003	5,431
1900-01	...	41,988	1,286	2,755	19,756	5,394	4,206	8,517	198	574	4,713	84	106	74,974	6,962	7,641
1904-05	...	42,237	1,388	2,802	18,528	5,025	4,811	8,224	233	614	4,911	84	112	73,900	6,730	8,339
1905-06	...	42,515	1,475	2,989	18,316	4,846	5,039	8,243	240	645	4,959	88	123	74,033	6,649	8,796
1906-07	...	42,957	1,355	3,195	18,043	4,276	5,144	8,320	202	681	5,114	79	127	74,434	5,912	9,147
1907-08	...	42,181	1,160	3,342	16,953	2,998	4,996	8,086	169	690	5,194	81	119	72,414	4,408	9,147
1908-09	...	41,314	1,165	3,272	16,859	2,856	5,329	7,824	184	682	5,134	68	138	71,131	4,273	9,421
1909-10	...	42,140	1,201	3,610	16,868	3,006	5,857	7,913	183	651	5,239	75	141	72,160	4,465	10,259
1910-11	...	41,837	1,077	3,885	16,677	3,061	5,924	7,831	172	731	5,300	74	138	71,645	4,384	10,678
1911-12	...	43,209	1,078	3,835	16,875	3,143	6,167	8,055	173	734	5,658	78	156	73,797	4,472	10,892
1912-13	...	42,584	888	4,259	16,375	3,215	6,230	8,210	170	822	5,519	74	148	72,688	4,347	11,459
1913-14	...	41,925	879	4,156	15,916	3,058	6,368	8,084	173	800	5,499	84	147	71,424	4,194	11,471

The above figures do not include Press matter passing over the special wires leased to Newspapers.

APPENDIX H—continued.

Telegrams—continued.

TELEGRAPH and TELEPHONE BUSINESS passing over the GOVERNMENT CABLES between the UNITED KINGDOM and EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

Year.	AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.			BELGIUM.				FRANCE.				GERMANY.			
	Telegrams.		For the U.K.	Telegrams.		Telephone Calls.		For the U.K.	Telegrams.		Telephone Calls.		Telegrams.		Number of Hours per Annum during which Wires were leased to Newspapers.
	From the U.K.	For the U.K.		From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.		From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.			
1889-90 ...	90,224	64,932	162,403	132,153	—	—	—	695,359	621,380	—	—	737,624	566,466	—	*
1890-91 ...	97,599	67,279	192,838	147,994	—	—	—	741,080	628,245	—	—	785,161	600,114	—	*
1895-96 ...	143,298	95,780	245,403	186,883	—	—	—	846,598	694,243	33,772	24,210	1,051,610	803,300	—	742
1900-01 ...	142,984	98,185	272,526	219,802	—	—	—	800,898	691,582	32,272	30,388	1,216,895	862,168	—	808
1904-05 ...	170,656	119,009	291,036	239,906	6,335	8,064	8,064	850,781	709,510	37,327	33,738	1,381,968	1,026,079	—	398
1905-06 ...	179,140	127,154	301,764	251,238	7,257	9,233	9,233	907,362	751,619	43,940	45,620	1,429,168	1,061,326	—	513
1906-07 ...	185,313	133,605	315,727	261,860	9,514	11,535	11,535	947,155	800,172	41,104	49,701	1,461,464	1,105,959	—	571
1907-08 ...	192,638	137,882	318,073	269,520	11,981	14,891	14,891	924,353	791,899	41,660	51,362	1,425,533	1,083,266	—	555
1908-09 ...	200,201	144,272	325,403	269,926	13,488	14,268	14,268	945,652	812,322	43,774	50,040	1,510,610	1,128,575	50	701
1909-10 ...	217,008	152,776	366,156	298,311	15,568	14,738	14,738	1,041,344	878,340	47,414	54,360	1,684,318	1,253,630	313	723
1910-11 ...	232,687	168,076	398,457	322,738	15,544	14,193	14,193	1,081,053	918,181	48,165	58,488	1,647,689	1,244,490	312	479
1911-12 ...	243,816	175,498	395,041	320,607	15,324	14,622	14,622	1,056,108	910,735	55,730	70,468	1,630,953	1,244,280	313	480
1912-13 ...	245,767	182,657	427,856	344,677	25,010	24,919	24,919	1,102,549	951,010	69,063	84,135	1,622,059	1,253,552	313	486
1913-14 ...	252,614	191,530	412,137	335,995	31,765	30,755	30,755	1,063,478	925,582	81,546	102,731	1,627,131	1,268,724	78	422

* Particulars not available.

APPENDIX H—continued.

Telegrams—continued.

TELEGRAPH and TELEPHONE BUSINESS passing over the GOVERNMENT CABLES between the UNITED KINGDOM and EUROPEAN COUNTRIES—continued.

Year.	HOLLAND.		ITALY.		NORWAY.		SWITZERLAND.				OTHER COUNTRIES.	
	Telegrams.		Telegrams.		Telegrams.		Telegrams.		Telephone Calls.		Telegrams.	
	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.	From the U.K.	For the U.K.
1889-90 ...	230,414	144,521	116,810	100,831	1,536	8	37,673	31,665	—	—	68,634	52,712
1890-91 ...	246,931	152,942	117,721	97,963	262	11	37,480	31,207	—	—	66,948	62,141
1895-96 ...	306,443	195,054	144,316	120,261	125	16	61,241	50,739	—	—	72,741	70,072
1900-01 ...	403,503	252,245	178,183	138,919	156	145	65,155	50,328	—	—	79,507	77,970
1904-05 ...	468,922	278,210	193,185	151,905	338	191	83,787	67,379	—	—	91,823	84,299
1905-06 ...	486,554	290,315	207,861	163,814	85	20	85,473	70,042	—	—	107,388	100,122
1906-07 ...	492,593	299,238	215,197	176,777	1,105	1,099	91,931	77,011	—	—	120,389	101,136
1907-08 ...	481,646	300,806	219,861	179,138	120	57	86,835	71,843	—	—	123,282	102,294
1908-09 ...	516,211	309,311	214,551	176,973	379	351	94,497	77,286	—	—	124,379	97,552
1909-10 ...	553,007	321,077	214,714	180,640	825	624	110,539	90,405	—	—	130,040	107,405
1910-11 ...	552,859	323,896	230,405	195,361	55,467*	42,216*	117,190	95,486	—	—	153,114	114,777
1911-12 ...	521,149	341,520	240,337	207,089	229,640*	180,360*	137,256	103,051	—	—	166,640	122,803
1912-13 ...	532,199	360,085	267,795	228,014	251,527	194,965	141,199	104,953	—	—	169,485	121,811
1913-14 ...	529,829	357,463	264,694	220,485	259,532	201,717	148,600	106,109	23†	20†	153,679	115,606

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

NOTE.—The first Government Telegraph Cables were acquired 1st April, 1889. The first Telephone Cable was laid in 1891.

* Increase due to the acquisition of Anglo-Norwegian Cables (by British and Norwegian Governments jointly) 1st January, 1911.

† Service commenced 1st January, 1914.

Telephones—Trunk Service.

* The numbers quoted show Trunk Exchanges only up to 1911-12, and include Combined Local and Trunk Exchanges from 1912-18.
+ Trunk Lines purchased in 1896.

Telephones—Local Service.

Year.	Number of Exchanges, including Combined Local and Trunk Exchanges.			Miles of Working Wire.				Number of Telephones.						Approximate Number of Originated Effective Calls.					
	London.	Provinces.	United Kingdom.	London.	Provinces.	United Kingdom.	Increase per cent.	Exchange Stations other than Call Offices.		Call Offices.		Private Wire Stations.		Total for United Kingdom.	Increase per cent.	London.	Provinces.	United Kingdom.	Increase per cent.
								London.	Provinces.	London.	Provinces.	London.	Provinces.						
1895-96*	—	†	†	—	3,110	3,110	—	—	†	†	—	—	†	1,842	—	—	†	†	—
1897-98	—	†	†	—	3,968	3,968	—	—	—	†	—	—	†	1,957	—	—	†	†	—
1900-01	—	†	†	—	5,199	5,199	—	—	—	†	—	—	†	2,686	—	—	†	†	—
1902-03†	†	†	†	21,800	7,372	29,172	—	†	†	†	†	†	†	14,340	—	†	†	†	—
—																			
1904-05	†	†	†	66,023	9,893	75,916	—	†	†	†	†	†	†	32,995	—	†	†	†	—
1905-06	†	†	†	90,804	12,529	103,333	36.1	†	†	†	†	†	†	44,849	35.9	†	†	†	—
1906-07	†	†	†	111,516	14,370	125,886	21.8	†	†	†	†	†	†	54,476	21.5	†	†	†	—
1907-08	†	†	†	136,979	51,151	188,130	49.4	†	†	†	†	†	†	79,099	45.2	†	†	†	—
1908-09	†	†	†	146,883	54,873	201,756	7.2	†	†	†	†	†	†	86,744	9.7	†	†	†	—
1909-10	†	†	†	163,389	58,259	221,648	9.9	†	†	†	†	†	†	98,296	13.3	†	†	†	—
1910-11§	†	†	†	202,678	93,775	296,453	33.7	†	†	†	†	†	†	121,730	23.8	†	†	†	—
1911-12||	†	†	†	547,036	803,240	1,350,276	355.5	†	†	†	†	†	†	701,125	476.0	†	†	†	—
1912-13	76	2,585	2,661	585,499	874,921	1,470,420	8.9	225,742	445,524	3,706	9,562	14,872	31,357	730,763	4.2	265	532	797	—
1913-14	76	2,755	2,831	630,355	924,963	1,555,318	5.8	240,295	473,272	3,789	10,300	14,811	32,354	774,821	6.0	275	559	834	4.6

* Figures not available prior to 1895-96.

† Details not available.

‡ London Service commenced 1st March, 1902

§ Private Wires included from 1910-11 onwards.

|| Transfer of National Telephone Company's System 1st January, 1912.

APPENDIX J.

Post Office

STATEMENT

Year ended 31st Dec.	Deposits.*			Withdrawals.*			Interest credited to Depositors.	Amount including Interest standing to credit of all open Accounts at close of the Year.
	Number.	Amount.	Average Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Average Amount.		
1862§	592,582	£ 1,947,139	£ s. d. 3 5 9	94,427	£ 431,619	£ s. d. 4 11 5	£ 21,763	£ 1,698,302
1870	2,135,993	5,995,121	2 16 1	787,172	4,758,187	6 0 11	337,961	15,099,104
1880	3,755,689	10,301,152	2 14 5	1,465,331	9,346,634	6 7 7	777,985	33,744,637
1890	8,776,566	20,990,692	2 7 10	2,892,006	17,908,860	6 3 10	1,553,355	67,634,807
1900	14,969,849	40,516,434	2 14 2	5,406,347	38,231,372	7 1 5	3,145,978	135,549,645
1904	15,466,928	40,612,967	2 12 6	6,276,929	41,904,393	6 13 6	3,495,633	148,339,354
1905	16,320,204	42,300,617	2 11 10	7,155,283	42,096,037	5 17 8	3,567,206	152,111,140
1906	17,997,023	43,980,579	2 8 11	8,629,749	43,763,002	5 1 5	3,667,729	155,996,446
1907	18,771,969	44,217,288	2 7 1	9,308,247	46,433,632	4 19 9	3,719,975	157,500,077
1908	18,379,991	44,770,782	2 8 9	9,922,169	45,395,400	4 11 6	3,772,755	160,648,214
1909	18,987,778	45,300,525	2 7 9	10,022,437	45,220,656	4 10 3	3,867,982	164,596,065
1910	19,975,375	46,205,870	2 6 3	10,058,009	45,861,181	4 11 2	3,949,461	168,890,215
1911	21,774,306	50,142,531	2 6 1	10,443,669	46,606,569	4 9 3	4,092,331	176,518,508
1912	22,293,077	50,708,852	2 5 6	11,280,434	49,381,878	4 7 7	4,259,082	182,104,564
1913	23,398,558	51,165,624	2 3 9	11,296,617	50,397,407	4 9 3	4,375,386	187,248,167

* Government Stock, Annuity and Insurance transactions appear in Depositors'

† Accounts with balances of less than £1 which have been dormant five

‡ Prior to the passing of the Post Office Savings Bank Act, 1861, it was estimated (see

§ The Post Office Savings Bank was

APPENDIX J.

Savings Bank.

of BUSINESS.

Number of Accounts.				Average Amount standing to credit of each open Account.		Expenses of Management.			Year ended 31st Dec.
Opened.	Closed	Remaining open at close of the Year.				Total.	Rate per cent. to Total Amount standing to credit of De- positors.	Average Cost per Trans- action.†	
		Active.	Dormant.†	Active.	Dormant.†				
180,199	26,530	176,569	—	£ s. d. 9 12 4	s. d. —	£ 15,941	s. d. 18 9½	d. 5·57	1862½
333,648	236,280	1,183,153	—	12 15 3	—	67,945	9 0	5·58	1870
554,658	358,163	2,184,972	—	15 8 11	—	188,891	11 2½	8·68	1880
997,283	677,778	4,827,314	—	14 0 3	—	326,394	9 7½	6·71	1890
1,376,171	982,868	8,439,983	—	16 1 3	—	487,025	7 2½	5·74	1900
									—
1,350,857	1,080,992	9,673,717	—	15 6 8	—	537,672	7 2½	5·93	1904
1,435,329	1,145,997	9,963,049	—	15 5 4	—	527,856	6 11½	5·40	1905
1,600,105	1,230,370	10,332,784	—	15 1 11	—	598,925	7 8	5·40	1906
1,674,586	1,314,815	10,692,555	—	14 14 7	—	585,603	7 5	5·01	1907
1,657,131	1,331,435	11,018,251	—	14 11 7	—	679,678	8 5½	5·76	1908
1,726,561	1,340,244	7,913,295	3,491,273	20 15 0	2 2	598,729	7 3½	4·95	1909
1,768,920	1,341,312	8,371,789	3,460,387	20 2 7	2 2	608,913	7 2½	4·87	1910
1,872,030	1,333,560	8,453,178	3,917,468	20 16 8	2 1	631,952	7 2	4·71	1911
1,769,840	1,389,793	8,868,008	3,882,685	20 9 9	2 1	649,207	7 1½	4·64	1912
1,856,664	1,408,748	9,180,950	4,017,659	20 7 0	2 1	652,423	6 11½	4·51	1913

accounts as Deposits or Withdrawals and are included in the above statistics.
years and upwards. These accounts were not distinguished before 1909.
Parliamentary Paper, No. 523, 1861) that the average cost of each transaction would be 7d.
established 16th September, 1861.

APPENDIX J—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank—continued.

ANALYSIS of DEPOSITS and WITHDRAWALS, showing their DISTRIBUTION among the VARIOUS SYSTEMS in use.

Year.	Number of Deposits.			Number of Withdrawals.				
	Ordinary Accounts.		Coupon Accounts.†	Ordinary Accounts.			Coupon Accounts.†	Total.
	General.	From Home Safes.*		By Notice.	By Telegraph.‡	By Return of Post.‡	On Demand.§	
1852 ...	592,582	—	—	94,427	—	—	—	94,427
1870 ...	2,135,993	—	—	787,172	—	—	—	787,172
1880 ...	3,755,689	—	—	1,465,331	—	—	—	1,465,331
1890 ...	8,776,566	—	—	2,892,006	—	—	—	2,892,006
1900 ...	14,969,849	—	—	5,227,349	167,389	11,609	—	5,406,347
1904 ...	15,466,928	—	—	6,049,356	211,977	15,596	—	6,276,929
1905 ...	16,320,204	—	—	5,012,617	168,036	12,965	1,961,665	7,155,283
1906 ...	17,997,023	—	—	3,736,998	122,802	11,509	4,758,440	8,629,749
1907 ...	18,771,969	—	—	3,805,370	123,114	12,609	5,367,154	9,308,247
1908 ...	18,379,991	—	—	3,873,067	125,401	13,216	5,910,485	9,922,169
1909 ...	18,987,778	—	—	3,739,261	119,383	13,513	6,150,280	10,022,437
1910 ...	19,975,375	—	—	3,681,567	118,344	16,046	6,242,052	10,058,009
1911 ...	21,773,981	325	—	3,621,101	135,357	24,038	6,663,173	10,443,669
1912 ...	19,610,583	29,702	2,653,792	3,761,389	146,473	29,358	6,521,892	11,280,434
1913 ...	20,022,478	52,073	3,324,007	3,716,102	153,785	33,185	6,239,045	11,296,617

* Home Safe System introduced in London 11th December, 1911, and generally 1st May, 1912.

† Coupon System introduced 1st January, 1912.

‡ Withdrawals by Telegraph and Return of Post introduced 1st December, 1893.

§ System of Withdrawal on Demand introduced 3rd July, 1906.

APPENDIX J—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank—continued.

GOVERNMENT STOCK BUSINESS.

Year.	Stock Accounts.			Investments.			Dividends credited to Stock Holders.			Sales.			Stock Certificates obtained.			Transfers.			Com-mission and Bank of England Fees.		Stock remaining to credit of Stock Holders at close of the Year.	
	Number opened.	Number closed.	Number 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.				
1881*	11,019	1,338	11,812	13,709	£ 690,181	£ 694,957	11,303	£ 10,439	2,023	£ 75,868	£ 75,697	£ 7,700	£ —	£ 50	£ —	£ 1,112	£ 738,968	63				
1890	14,606	10,536	51,063	22,385	1,089,257	1,125,310	189,109	118,326	12,096	590,907	573,168	4,000	37,490	271	6,819	2,337	4,680,168	92				
1900	22,044	7,077	93,965	41,030	2,830,513	2,830,918	339,463	255,695	12,028	678,374	678,510	6,000	75,189	1,448	1,170	4,274	10,468,290	111				
—																						
1904	17,985	10,746	138,582	39,633	2,283,877	2,507,546	538,378	438,315	18,848	1,131,543	1,027,016	10,450	172,640	2,705	2,194	4,613	17,357,950	125				
1905	14,893	13,483	139,992	32,301	2,056,041	2,212,285	554,158	460,387	22,824	1,507,219	1,398,811	10,550	174,707	2,495	2,380	4,538	17,877,644	128				
1906	16,938	11,811	145,119	39,134	2,451,570	2,674,494	563,321	478,415	20,004	1,349,044	1,234,022	9,400	207,085	3,467	3,057	4,919	18,986,199	131				
1907	20,293	11,182	154,230	44,652	2,649,248	3,028,194	591,467	514,928	19,168	1,232,252	1,082,884	14,800	236,944	2,065	5,565	5,235	20,533,897	133				
1908	13,352	14,320	153,262	29,519	1,783,382	1,993,174	612,406	540,114	24,467	1,671,512	1,502,555	11,200	214,856	3,104	2,586	4,458	20,628,985	135				
1909	16,112	11,956	157,418	36,816	2,329,008	2,652,449	615,993	551,605	20,545	1,371,962	1,202,352	11,050	256,344	4,902	2,944	4,839	21,640,120	137				
1910	19,720	11,719	165,419	43,842	2,689,182	3,181,795	636,265	582,359	19,935	1,357,568	1,157,034	11,000	297,635	5,140	1,296	5,424	23,151,868	140				
1911	23,167	11,898	176,688	46,053	2,745,778	3,337,283	664,990	619,972	19,489	1,347,045	1,119,590	11,800	316,719	3,934	8,203	5,581	24,817,856	140				
1912	18,977	12,696	182,969	41,653	2,362,967	2,991,260	708,006	665,327	19,689	1,377,181	1,091,918	14,600	334,844	8,700	4,067	5,216	26,077,858	143				
1913	13,691	13,033	183,627†	32,637	1,789,546	2,342,398	724,363	691,934	19,956	1,488,831	1,138,499	13,950	337,978	5,922	2,362	4,539	26,575,937	145				

* Service introduced 22nd November, 1880.

† It is estimated that the number of Stockholders on 31st December, 1913, was 167,200.

APPENDIX J—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank—continued.

ANNUITIES AND LIFE INSURANCES (I.).

Year.	ANNUITIES.										LIFE INSURANCES.						
	Immediate.					Deferred.					Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		
	Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		Contracts entered into.		Receipts.		Payments.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
	Number.	Amount of Annuities.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount of Annuities.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.						
1866*	196	£ 4,327	£ 48,829	280	£ 3,183	72	£ 1,389	297	£ 2,845	8	£ 94	621	£ 47,261	3,782	£ 2,838	1	£ 70
1870	306	6,120	67,738	2,529	26,099	57	1,195	514	3,529	9	346	385	31,254	9,274	5,877	39	1,676
1880	892	13,249	146,562	14,933	101,734	41	847	621	4,406	119	1,570	258	20,378	15,379	10,506	125	3,886
1890	948	21,956	273,578	17,976	206,422	116	2,527	914	14,283	412	4,644	468	25,466	11,799	14,422	196	6,841
1900	2,258	49,893	728,142	31,409	503,297	137	2,722	1,343	19,852	1,020	12,921	677	35,512	21,460	22,185	364	15,422
1904	1,768	41,000	520,538	36,607	594,502	128	2,492	1,366	21,011	1,297	16,167	517	28,629	22,323	23,031	465	16,878
1905	1,840	45,488	573,205	37,686	614,406	158	3,204	1,386	24,287	1,347	16,965	741	37,011	21,836	23,376	449	15,593
1906	1,797	43,241	544,571	38,820	635,492	132	2,926	1,332	23,311	1,501	20,637	641	28,054	22,219	23,803	406	14,634
1907	1,685	37,940	471,385	39,738	652,341	157	2,890	1,323	22,053	1,578	19,494	492	24,912	21,759	23,422	420	15,753
1908	1,812	41,053	513,446	40,417	663,038	137	2,560	1,321	19,524	1,681	21,972	421	21,535	21,366	23,071	443	18,349
1909	1,730	40,124	508,328	41,380	678,152	127	2,752	1,269	22,268	1,772	20,361	395	19,324	20,830	22,787	513	19,814
1910	1,724	36,713	464,937	42,007	686,803	106	2,331	1,237	20,448	1,846	22,804	372	17,974	20,015	22,474	521	19,909
1911	1,885	40,400	511,589	42,686	694,547	115	2,382	1,190	21,813	1,967	23,081	426	20,040	19,055	22,328	448	20,046
1912	1,956	40,244	511,228	43,549	706,468	67†	1,316	1,103	18,103	2,016	23,604	315	17,524	18,647	21,512	509	20,228
1913	1,566	30,404	391,205	44,216	711,985	13†	191	962	12,943	2,113	25,928	238	11,199	18,034	21,087	397	18,291

* Service introduced 17th April, 1865.

† Tables withdrawn 6th July, 1912.

‡ Variations of existing contracts.

APPENDIX J—continued.

Post Office Savings Bank—continued.

ANNUITIES AND LIFE INSURANCES—continued.

(II.) TABLE showing the Number and Amount of CONTRACTS entered into from the Commencement of Business on 17th April, 1865, to 31st December, 1913, and the Number and Amount of CONTRACTS in existence on 31st December, 1913.

	CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO.				TOTAL	
	From 17th April, 1865, to 31st December, 1912.		From 1st Jan., 1913, to 31st December, 1913.			
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Contracts for Annuities entered into from the commencement of business on 17th April, 1865, to 31st December, 1913, viz.—						
Immediate Annuities	58,403	1,271,643 16 4	1,566	30,404 7 4	59,969	1,302,048 3 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable ...	1,774	31,922 15 8	4*	41 10 0	1,778	31,964 5 8
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable ...	3,219	70,575 18 6	9*	149 3 0	3,228	70,725 1 6
Contracts for Sums payable at Death entered into from the commencement of business on 17th April, 1865, to 31st December, 1913	26,703	1,582,484 15 10	238	11,198 15 8	26,941	1,593,683 11 6
Contracts for Annuities in existence on 31st December, 1913, viz.—						
Immediate Annuities	—	—	—	—	31,640	731,279 10 4
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money not returnable ...	—	—	—	—	1,302	22,980 13 6
Deferred Annuities and Monthly Allowances, Money returnable ...	—	—	—	—	1,380	29,324 18 0
Contracts for Sums payable at Death in existence on 31st December, 1913.	—	—	—	—	12,247	692,810 5 5

*Variations of existing contracts.

APPENDIX J—*continued.*

Post Office

EXTRACT from PARLIAMENTARY PAPER (309) ordered,

ACCOUNT of all DEPOSITS Received and Paid from 1st January to 31st December 1913.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward... ..	182,104,564	18	6	By Repayments from 1st January to 31st December 1913, viz. :—			
To Cash received from Depositors from 1st January to 31st December 1913 ...	51,165,623	10	8*	Cash paid ...	50,281,652	11	7†
	233,270,188	9	2	Warrants issued, but not cashed at date ...	115,754	3	0
To interest thereon up to 31st December 1913, computed according to Act 24 Vict. c. 14, Sections 7 and 8, and added to the Principal Money of the said Depositors ...	4,375,385	11	6		50,397,406	14	7
	£237,645,574	0	8	Balance due at the close of the Year 1913, to all Depositors, inclusive of Interest to 31st December 1913	187,248,167	6	1
					£237,645,574	0	8

* Including the sum realised by the sale of Government Stock, viz., £1,158,370 19s. 11d.; the amount of dividends credited to Depositors, viz., £691,933 10s. 9d.; the amount credited as payments under Annuity and Insurance Contracts, viz., £756,204 8s. 7d.; and the amount of Government Stock transferred to the Depositors' own names in the books of the Bank of England, viz., £337,978 8s. 5d.

† Including the sum invested on behalf of Depositors in the purchase of Government Stock, and the Commission and Fees, amounting together to £1,796,447 10s. 11d.; the sum withdrawn as purchase money under Annuity and Insurance Contracts, viz., £425,230 9s. 11d. and the amount of Government Stock transferred to the Depositors' own names in the books of the Bank of England, viz., £337,978 8s. 5d.

C. HOBHOUSE,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, }
24th June 1914. }

Charles A. King,
Comptroller and Accountant General.

H. Davies,
Controller of Post Office Savings Banks.

APPENDIX J—continued.

Savings Bank—continued.

by THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, to be Printed, 29 June 1914.

STATEMENT showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Depositors in POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS on 31st December 1913, and the nature and amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to meet those Liabilities at that date.

Liabilities.			Nature and Amount of Securities held.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance due to Depositors on 31st December 1913 (including Interest)...	187,248,167	6 1	STOCKS :—		
Warrants issued to Depositors, but not cashed, on 31st December 1913 ...	115,754	3 0	2½ per cent. Consols ...	64,467,203	15 4
	187,363,921	9 1	2½ per cent. Annuities ...	9,412,303	4 11
Add—			2¼ per cent. Annuities (1905) ...	780,153	13 4
Amount of Expenses unpaid ...	8,933	18 0½	Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock ...	20,832,969	2 8
Aggregate Liabilities ...	£187,372,855	7 1½	2¼ per cent. Guaranteed Land Stock ...	5,358,188	6 2
			Guaranteed 2¼ per cent. Stock ...	18,554,868	4 4
			Guaranteed 3 per cent. Stock ...	14,600,000	0 0
			Transvaal 3 per cent. Guaranteed Stock ...	1,053,101	15 10
			Mauritius 3 per cent. Guaranteed Stock ...	30,000	0 0
			BILLS AND BONDS :—		
			2¼% Exchequer Bonds (1915) ...	110,000	0 0
			3% Exchequer Bonds (1915) ...	931,300	6 0
			3% Exchequer Bonds (1917) ...	1,820,000	0 0
			Egyptian Guaranteed 3 per cent. Bonds ...	660,400	0 0
			Greek Guaranteed 2½ per cent. Bonds ...	1,201,000	0 0
			ANNUITIES FOR TERMS OF YEARS :—		
			Annuities operating to replace Stock—		
			Amount of Stock still outstanding...	5,361,891	7 0
			Annuities operating to replace Cash—		
			Amount of Cash still outstanding...	40,852,992	10 7
			ADVANCES on the Security of Annuities to be provided in the Annual Votes of Parliament ...	3,227,638	0 6
			TEMPORARY ADVANCES to Local Loans Fund, per 50 & 51 Vict., c. 16, s. 13 (5) ...	851,000	0 0
			TEMPORARY ADVANCES to Irish Land Purchase Fund, per 3 Edw. VII., c. 37, s. 30 ...	350,000	0 0
			INTEREST accrued ...	1,592,160	16 10
			CASH Balance (including 525,875 <i>l.</i> 6 <i>s.</i> 7 <i>d.</i> in hands of Postmaster General) ...	744,649	5 2

NOTE.—In addition to the above Securities, the capital cost of the Central Savings Bank Premises is 354,000*l.*

National Debt Office, } W. G. TURPIN,
26th June 1914. } Comptroller General.

APPENDIX K.

Money Orders.

Year.	INLAND ORDERS.			COLONIAL ORDERS.			FOREIGN ORDERS.			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.
1839	189,000	£ 313,000	—	—	£ —	—	—	£ —	—	189,000	£ 313,000	—
1840	588,000	961,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	588,000	961,000	—
1860	7,213,000	13,810,000	—	16,000	48,000	—	—	—	—	7,229,000	13,858,000	—
1880-81	16,329,000	24,229,000	—	222,000	813,000	—	384,000	962,000	—	16,935,000	26,004,000	—
1900-01	11,376,000	34,455,000	—	680,000	2,074,000	—	1,208,000	2,845,000	—	13,264,000	39,374,000	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1904-05	10,697,000	35,871,000	—	1,166,000	3,478,000	—	1,542,000	3,812,000	—	13,405,000	43,161,000	—
1905-06	10,759,000	36,873,000	·6	1,124,000	3,491,000	Dec. 3·6	1,713,000	4,249,000	11·1	13,596,000	44,613,000	1·4
1906-07	10,845,000	37,997,000	·8	1,099,000	3,535,000	2·2	1,876,000	4,804,000	9·5	13,820,000	46,336,000	1·6
1907-08	10,431,000	39,060,000	Dec. 3·8	1,196,000	3,828,000	Inc. 8·8	2,002,000	5,464,000	6·7	13,629,000	48,352,000	Dec. 1·4
1908-09	10,232,000	39,307,000	1·9	1,150,000	3,625,000	Dec. 3·8	1,999,000	5,209,000	Dec. 4·7	13,381,000	48,141,000	1·8
1909-10	10,105,000	39,508,000	1·2	1,208,000	3,814,000	Inc. 5·0	2,136,000	5,570,000	Inc. 6·9	13,449,000	48,892,000	Inc. 1·6
1910-11	10,626,000	41,951,000	Inc. 5·2	1,447,000	4,590,000	19·8	2,363,000	6,345,000	10·6	14,436,000	52,886,000	7·3
1911-12	10,525,000	42,393,000	Dec. 1·0	1,752,000	5,436,000	21·1	2,392,000	6,397,000	1·2	14,669,000	54,226,000	1·6
1912-13	10,846,000	44,554,000	Inc. 3·0	2,091,000	6,459,000	19·3	2,479,000	6,875,000	3·6	15,416,000	57,888,000	5·1
1913-14	11,372,000	47,353,000	4·8	2,259,000	6,816,000	8·0	2,536,000	7,305,000	2·3	16,167,000	61,474,000	4·9

APPENDIX K—continued.
Money Orders—continued.

Year.	INLAND ORDERS.											
	ORDINARY.			TELEGRAPH.*			GOVERNMENT.†			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.
1839	189,000	£ 313,000	—	—	£ —	—	—	—	—	189,000	£ 313,000	—
1840	588,000	961,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	588,000	961,000	—
1860	7,213,000	13,810,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,213,000	13,810,000	—
1880-81	16,264,000	23,985,000	—	—	—	—	65,000	244,000	—	16,329,000	24,229,000	—
1900-01	8,288,000	24,633,000	—	369,000	1,129,000	—	2,719,000	8,693,000	—	11,376,000	34,455,000	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1904-05	7,598,000	26,141,000	—	478,000	1,545,000	—	2,621,000	8,185,000	—	10,697,000	35,871,000	—
1905-06	7,561,000	26,653,000	Dec. 5	504,000	1,647,000	5.4	2,694,000	8,573,000	2.8	10,759,000	36,873,000	.6
1906-07	7,558,000	27,381,000	.04	524,000	1,813,000	4.0	2,763,000	8,863,000	2.6	10,845,000	37,997,000	.8
1907-08	7,042,000	28,027,000	6.8	544,000	1,894,000	3.8	2,845,000	9,139,000	3.0	10,431,000	39,060,000	Dec. 3.8
1908-09	6,675,000	27,817,000	5.2	587,000	2,019,000	7.9	2,970,000	9,471,000	4.4	10,232,000	39,307,000	1.9
1909-10	6,618,000	28,154,000	.9	612,000	2,104,000	4.3	2,875,000	9,250,000	Dec. 3.2	10,105,000	39,508,000	1.2
1910-11	6,721,000	28,888,000	Inc. 1.6	627,000	2,145,000	2.5	3,278,000	10,918,000	Inc. 14.0	10,626,000	41,951,000	Inc. 5.2
1911-12	6,665,000	29,401,000	Dec. .8	665,000	2,307,000	6.1	3,195,000	10,685,000	Dec. 2.5	10,525,000	42,393,000	Dec. 1.0
1912-13	6,941,000	31,187,000	Inc. 4.1	679,000	2,479,000	2.1	3,226,000	10,888,000	Inc. 1.0	10,846,000	44,554,000	Inc. 3.0
1913-14	7,275,000	33,410,000	4.8	699,000	2,521,000	2.9	3,398,000	11,422,000	.5.3	11,372,000	47,353,000	4.8

* Service introduced 2nd September, 1889.

† The issue of Money Orders on behalf of other departments commenced in 1879.

Money Orders—continued.

NUMBER and AMOUNT of MONEY ORDERS issued by and for other GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, and by the METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Year.	Admiralty.		Board of Trade.		Inland Revenue.		Metropolitan Police.		National Health Insurance Commission.		War Office.		Other Departments.		Total.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1880-81	24,000	£ *	—	£ —	41,000	£ *	—	£ —	—	£ —	—	£ —	—	£ —	65,000	£ 244,000
1890-91	212,000	*	77,000	*	510,000	*	—	—	—	—	550,000	*	21,000	*	1,370,000	5,085,000
1900-01	555,000	1,629,000	78,000	50,000	679,000	2,239,000	23,000	236,000	—	—	1,363,000	4,398,000	21,000	141,000	2,719,000	8,693,000
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1904-05	638,000	1,826,000	75,000	47,000	900,000	2,983,000	19,000	272,000	—	—	971,000	2,957,000	18,000	100,000	2,621,000	8,185,000
1905-06	626,000	1,868,000	78,000	47,000	909,000	3,180,000	19,000	285,000	—	—	1,044,000	3,096,000	18,000	97,000	2,694,000	8,573,000
1906-07	609,000	1,904,000	79,000	45,000	954,000	3,220,000	20,000	301,000	—	—	1,084,000	3,237,000	17,000	96,000	2,763,000	8,803,000
1907-08	622,000	2,003,000	70,000	41,000	992,000	3,295,000	21,000	322,000	—	—	1,124,000	3,378,000	16,000	100,000	2,845,000	9,139,000
1908-09	667,000	2,164,000	77,000	44,000	1,017,000	3,288,000	23,000	350,000	—	—	1,171,000	3,525,000	15,000	100,000	2,970,000	9,471,000
1909-10	713,000	2,344,000	72,000	41,000	874,000	2,943,000	28,000	415,000	—	—	1,172,000	3,397,000	16,000	110,000	2,875,000	9,250,000
1910-11	743,000	2,462,000	67,000	39,000	1,271,000	4,485,000	29,000	443,000	—	—	1,152,000	3,377,000	16,000	112,000	3,278,000	10,918,000
1911-12	777,000	2,573,000	66,000	38,000	1,151,000	4,109,000	30,000	464,000	—	—	1,155,000	3,387,000	16,000	114,000	3,195,000	10,685,000
1912-13	806,000	2,709,000	70,000	49,000	1,143,000	4,090,000	32,000	484,000	14,000†	52,000	1,145,000	3,383,000	16,000	121,000	3,226,000	10,888,000
1913-14	880,000	2,931,000	86,000	75,000	1,190,000	4,210,000	33,000	505,000	28,000	123,000	1,164,000	3,449,000	17,000	129,000	3,398,000	11,422,000

NOTE.—The issue of Money Orders on behalf of other departments commenced in 1879.

* Details not available.

† Part of year only.

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.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.	Number.	Amount.	Increase per cent. on Number.
1860	2,600	£ 7,700	—	13,600	£ 40,300	—	—	£ —	—	—	£ —	—
1870	17,000	68,000	—	121,000	531,000	—	7,000	23,000	—	5,000	17,000	—
1880-81	34,000	123,000	—	188,000	630,000	—	142,000	336,000	—	242,000	626,000	—
1890-91	86,000	315,000	—	383,000	1,343,000	—	288,000	720,000	—	639,000	1,592,000	—
1900-01	141,000	449,000	—	539,000	1,625,000	—	427,000	1,081,000	—	781,000	1,764,000	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1904-05	176,000	612,000	—	990,000	2,866,000	—	520,000	1,375,000	—	1,022,000	2,437,000	—
1905-06	176,000	647,000	5·7	948,000	2,844,000	Dec. 4·2	543,000	1,410,000	4·4	1,170,000	2,839,000	14·5
1906-07	175,000	699,000	Dec. 6·6	924,000	2,836,000	2·5	566,000	1,421,000	4·2	1,310,000	3,383,000	12·0
1907-08	196,000	866,000	Inc. 12·0	1,000,000	2,962,000	Inc. 8·2	574,000	1,480,000	1·4	1,428,000	3,984,000	9·0
1908-09	201,000	862,000	23·9	919,000	2,763,000	Dec. 5·1	577,000	1,513,000	Dec. 6·7	1,422,000	3,696,000	Dec. 7·2
1909-10	196,000	885,000	Inc. 2·7	1,012,000	2,929,000	Inc. 6·6	576,000	1,557,000	Inc. 6·0	1,560,000	4,013,000	Inc. 8·6
1910-11	209,000	1,041,000	17·6	1,238,000	3,549,000	22·3	609,000	1,742,000	21·2	1,754,000	4,003,000	12·4
1911-12	216,000	1,127,000	8·3	1,536,000	4,309,000	24·1	637,000	1,911,000	21·4	1,755,000	4,486,000	11·9
1912-13	232,000	1,271,000	12·8	1,859,000	5,188,000	21·0	678,000	2,305,000	20·4	1,801,000	4,570,000	2·6
1913-14	256,000	1,366,000	7·5	2,003,000	5,450,000	7·7	740,000	2,633,000	5·1	1,796,000	4,672,000	Dec. 2·2

NOTE.—Money Order business with the Colonies commenced in 1856, and with Foreign Countries in 1869.

Money Orders—Colonies.

AMOUNT OF MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and the COLONIES.

Year.	Australia.		British America.		Ceylon.		India.		New Zealand.		South Africa.		West Africa.		West Indies.		Other Colonies and Postal Agencies.		Total.	
	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Australia.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in British America.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Ceylon.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in India.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in New Zealand.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in S. Africa.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in W. Africa.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in W. Indies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Colonies.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in the Colonies.
1860 ...	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£	£
1870 ...	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£	£
1880-81 ...	37,000	198,000	38,000	91,000	†	†	6,000	86,000	15,000	99,000	8,000	93,000	†	†	4,000	67,000	14,000	57,000	68,000	123,000
1890-91 ...	87,000	346,000	79,000	216,000	†	†	70,000	181,000	25,000	71,000	26,000	257,000	†	†	10,000	196,000	18,000	76,000	315,000	690,000
1900-01 ...	113,000	251,000	107,000	218,000	6,000	11,000	72,000	218,000	31,000	109,000	76,000	553,000	4,000	57,000	15,000	113,000	25,000	65,000	449,000	1,625,000
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1901-05 ...	116,000	237,000	174,000	451,000	7,000	18,000	98,000	323,000	33,000	146,000	119,000	1,369,000	7,000	104,000	16,000	120,000	42,000	98,000	612,000	2,866,000
1905-06 ...	117,000	236,000	197,000	546,000	7,000	18,000	111,000	340,000	36,000	154,000	112,000	1,241,000	7,000	106,000	14,000	102,000	46,000	101,000	647,000	2,844,000
1906-07 ...	116,000	243,000	222,000	736,000	7,000	18,000	131,000	340,000	37,000	159,000	109,000	1,013,000	5,000	89,000	14,000	138,000	58,000	100,000	699,000	2,836,000
1907-08 ...	123,000	260,000	276,000	1,105,000	8,000	17,000	223,000	358,000	39,000	151,000	99,000	787,000	6,000	83,000	13,000	101,000	79,000	100,000	866,000	2,962,000
1908-09 ...	127,000	270,000	286,000	991,000	8,000	20,000	220,000	413,000	45,000	187,000	93,000	617,000	6,000	81,000	11,000	81,000	66,000	103,000	862,000	2,763,000
1909-10 ...	135,000	299,000	255,000	1,162,000	8,000	21,000	277,000	389,000	47,000	205,000	83,000	592,000	9,000	81,000	12,000	78,000	57,000	102,000	883,000	2,929,000
1910-11 ...	160,000	352,000	297,000	1,674,000	10,000	22,000	348,000	361,000	48,000	220,000	83,000	640,000	11,000	95,000	14,000	78,000	70,000	107,000	1,041,000	3,549,000
1911-12 ...	212,000	497,000	333,000	2,290,000	11,000	24,000	345,000	354,000	51,000	244,000	82,000	628,000	10,000	81,000	12,000	77,000	71,000	114,000	1,127,000	4,309,000
1912-13 ...	230,000	730,000	363,000	2,951,000	11,000	25,000	339,000	359,000	51,000	263,000	87,000	574,000	27,000	84,000	14,000	81,000	99,000	121,000	1,271,000	5,188,000
1913-14 ...	207,000	807,000	426,000	3,197,000	10,000	26,000	393,000	349,000	55,000	256,000	84,000	510,000	45,000	87,000	15,000	88,000	131,000	130,000	1,366,000	5,460,000

* Details not available.

† Amounts included with Other Colonies and Postal Agencies.

+ Amounts included with South Africa.

Money Orders—Foreign Countries.

AMOUNT OF MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Year.	Austria.		Belgium.		Bulgaria.		Denmark.		Egypt.		France.		Germany.		Greece.		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 Bulgaria.	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 Greece.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Holland.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Hungary.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Italy.
1870 ...	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ *	£ *	£ —	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ —	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ —	£ *	£ *
1880-81...	—	—	—	14,000	5,000	—	5,000	6,000	1,000	8,000	79,000	90,000	111,000	72,000	—	—	6,000	11,000	—	—	23,000	11,000
1890-91...	16,000	13,000	—	27,000	15,000	—	15,000	17,000	3,000	23,000	128,000	155,000	186,000	119,000	—	—	15,000	21,000	4,000	3,000	52,000	36,000
1900-01...	82,000	35,000	—	42,000	21,000	—	21,000	25,000	6,000	44,000	167,000	165,000	203,000	175,000	—	—	34,000	34,000	25,000	11,000	85,000	17,000
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1904-05...	91,000	45,000	—	55,000	27,000	—	27,000	28,000	9,000	55,000	212,000	235,000	237,000	238,000	—	—	62,000	40,000	47,000	20,000	134,000	26,000
1905-06...	94,000	47,000	—	62,000	25,000	—	25,000	28,000	9,000	63,000	227,000	262,000	234,000	262,000	—	—	63,000	45,000	14,000	19,000	123,000	27,000
1906-07...	90,000	50,000	—	61,000	26,000	—	26,000	39,000	9,000	82,000	247,000	289,000	236,000	278,000	—	—	65,000	58,000	14,000	20,000	116,000	32,000
1907-08...	59,000	58,000	1,000	65,000	25,000	1,000	25,000	38,000	11,000	90,000	257,000	313,000	239,000	300,000	—	—	65,000	68,000	14,000	24,000	111,000	35,000
1908-09...	48,000	63,000	8,000	68,000	26,000	2,000	26,000	35,000	10,000	90,000	268,000	346,000	232,000	312,000	—	—	67,000	98,000	16,000	30,000	106,000	40,000
1909-10...	45,000	76,000	23,000	75,000	26,000	3,000	26,000	36,000	9,000	89,000	272,000	367,000	230,000	315,000	1,000	1,000	71,000	100,000	18,000	33,000	101,000	45,000
1910-11...	49,000	73,000	24,000	81,000	30,000	3,000	30,000	41,000	10,000	95,000	268,000	421,000	231,000	344,000	7,000	2,000	72,000	135,000	17,000	39,000	97,000	56,000
1911-12...	50,000	79,000	76,000	68,000	32,000	3,000	32,000	43,000	10,000	100,000	262,000	431,000	239,000	369,000	17,000	4,000	57,000	128,000	17,000	42,000	104,000	46,000
1912-13...	52,000	87,000	143,000	68,000	33,000	3,000	33,000	44,000	12,000	103,000	279,000	454,000	254,000	368,000	28,000	4,000	54,000	88,000	18,000	48,000	103,000	44,000
1913-14...	52,000	127,000	64,000	74,000	37,000	3,000	37,000	49,000	11,000	94,000	286,000	479,000	264,000	380,000	33,000	3,000	59,000	85,000	21,000	50,000	104,000	42,000

* Details not available.

Money Orders—Foreign Countries—continued.

AMOUNT OF MONEY ORDER TRANSACTIONS between the UNITED KINGDOM and FOREIGN COUNTRIES—continued.

Year.	Japan.		Norway.		Portugal.		Roumania.		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 Roumania.	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 the U.S.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued in Other Countries.	Issued in the U.K.	Issued Abroad.	
1870 ...	£ —	£ —	£ *	£ *	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ *	£ —	£ —	£ —	£ 29,000	£ 17,000
1880-81 ...	—	—	7,000	2,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,000	72,000	393,000	—	—	—	336,000	626,000
1890-91 ...	1,000	3,000	27,000	6,000	6,000	4,000	+	+	—	—	26,000	9,000	32,000	22,000	181,000	1,116,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	720,000	1,592,000
1900-01 ...	2,000	3,000	48,000	21,000	2,000	1,000	7,000	8,000	—	—	53,000	18,000	43,000	31,000	260,000	1,117,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,081,000	1,764,000
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1904-05 ...	3,000	6,000	52,000	20,000	3,000	4,000	7,000	6,000	16,000	4,000	56,000	19,000	54,000	43,000	308,000	1,560,000	2,000	14,000	1,375,000	2,437,000	
1905-06 ...	3,000	7,000	48,000	21,000	3,000	7,000	12,000	7,000	85,000	18,000	44,000	20,000	56,000	46,000	304,000	1,851,000	4,000	24,000	1,410,000	2,839,000	
1906-07 ...	3,000	7,000	45,000	22,000	3,000	9,000	11,000	8,000	79,000	25,000	43,000	23,000	55,000	48,000	313,000	2,249,000	5,000	36,000	1,421,000	3,383,000	
1907-08 ...	4,000	12,000	40,000	29,000	4,000	9,000	10,000	12,000	99,000	148,000	41,000	29,000	54,000	53,000	368,000	2,617,000	13,000	36,000	1,480,000	3,984,000	
1908-09 ...	4,000	8,000	39,000	26,000	5,000	8,000	8,000	7,000	108,000	69,000	39,000	28,000	56,000	53,000	376,000	2,336,000	29,000	34,000	1,513,000	3,696,000	
1909-10 ...	4,000	9,000	36,000	28,000	6,000	10,000	9,000	8,000	133,000	56,000	59,000	26,000	56,000	44,000	356,000	2,605,000	47,000	35,000	1,557,000	4,013,000	
1910-11 ...	5,000	11,000	36,000	31,000	7,000	10,000	13,000	9,000	224,000	75,000	42,000	28,000	58,000	49,000	372,000	2,967,000	99,000	53,000	1,742,000	4,603,000	
1911-12 ...	6,000	13,000	36,000	31,000	7,000	11,000	13,000	10,000	304,000	72,000	46,000	30,000	71,000	58,000	398,000	2,813,000	98,000	35,000	1,911,000	4,486,000	
1912-13 ...	6,000	13,000	37,000	36,000	6,000	11,000	14,000	10,000	528,000	78,000	53,000	34,000	76,000	61,000	395,000	2,864,000	146,000	40,000	2,305,000	4,570,000	
1913-14 ...	6,000	14,000	37,000	39,000	7,000	10,000	15,000	10,000	821,000	100,000	53,000	36,000	89,000	61,000	421,000	2,840,000	179,000	59,000	2,633,000	4,672,000	

* Details not available.

† Amounts included with Other Countries.

APPENDIX K—continued

Foreign and Colonial Telegraph Money Orders.

Year.	Amount of Transactions.												Total.	
	Austria-Hungary.	Belgium and Luxembourg.	British America.	Denmark, Norway and Sweden.	Egypt and Tunis.	France.	Germany.	Holland.	Italy.	Switzerland.	United States.	Other Countries.	Number.	Amount.
	£	£	£.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£
1899-1900 ..	149	951	—	113	—	—	16,884	1,430	—	219	—	43	3,774	19,789
1900-01 ...	2,830	4,787	—	1,633	—	—	20,949	3,349	1,687	1,610	—	267	6,827	37,172
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1901-05 ...	7,324	7,759	—	4,497	523	28,319	42,128	10,951	6,356	5,306	—	554	16,526	113,717
1905-06 ...	9,550	16,730	—	5,017	1,270	33,926	46,586	13,707	6,837	5,071	—	678	18,787	139,402
1906-07 ...	9,749	20,853	—	7,241	2,121	55,073	50,470	23,651	7,185	5,006	—	714	20,058	182,066
1907-08 ...	11,603	21,326	—	10,133	2,955	58,831	61,150	35,794	6,915	6,231	—	813	24,052	215,756
1908-09 ...	11,385	15,262	—	9,860	2,199	68,763	60,934	60,426	11,211	6,637	—	539	26,357	247,216
1909-10 ...	18,548	17,987	3,198	11,254	2,546	88,253	59,602	63,241	13,216	7,796	6,573	1,733	30,495	293,947
1910-11 ...	22,110	26,104	16,021	13,022	5,295	86,826	66,732	91,114	24,333	7,804	33,459	3,845	35,505	396,665
1911-12 ...	18,425	25,262	22,343	14,585	4,480	82,412	84,933	66,831	15,214	17,653	38,393	4,567	34,573	395,098
1912-13 ...	24,995	27,497	28,296	17,002	4,891	93,036	81,856	19,962	12,843	20,284	46,913	7,421	35,821	384,996
1913-14 ...	58,184	33,455	45,486	19,878	6,077	96,331	79,599	8,172	14,924	19,271	59,922	6,399	39,559	447,698

NOTE.—Service introduced 1st November, 1898.

APPENDIX L.
Postal Orders.
NUMBER and VALUE of POSTAL ORDERS issued.

Year.	IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.			IN THE COLONIES.			ON BOARD H.M. SHIPS.			TOTAL.			STAMPS AFFIXED.	
	Number.	Value.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Value.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Value.	Increase per cent.	Number.	Value.	Increase per cent.	Value.	Increase per cent.
1881-82*	4,457,000	£ 2,003,000	—	6,000	£ 4,000	—	—	—	—	4,463,000	£ 2,007,000	—	£ —	—
1885-86	25,708,000	10,731,000	—	82,000	58,000	—	88,000	57,000	—	25,878,000	10,846,000	—	13,000	—
1890-91	48,714,000	19,102,000	—	128,000	76,000	—	165,000	106,000	—	49,007,000	19,284,000	—	64,000	—
1895-96	63,957,000	23,827,000	—	119,000	69,000	—	247,000	156,000	—	64,323,000	24,052,000	—	102,000	—
1900-01	85,185,000	29,761,000	—	205,000	121,000	—	351,000	224,000	—	85,741,000	30,106,000	—	180,000	—
—														
1904-05	90,371,000	36,095,000	—	376,000	225,000	—	502,000	343,000	—	91,249,000	36,663,000	—	196,000	—
1905-06	96,070,000	38,019,000	6.3	658,000	387,000	75.0	543,000	364,000	8.2	97,271,000	38,770,000	6.6	215,000	9.7
1906-07	100,584,000	39,910,000	4.7	1,074,000	574,000	63.2	589,000	394,000	8.5	102,247,000	40,878,000	5.1	219,000	1.9
1907-08	122,893,000	43,115,000	22.2	1,716,000	1,091,000	59.8	655,000	408,000	11.2	125,264,000	44,614,000	22.5	237,000	8.2
1908-09	115,823,000	44,059,000	Dec. 5.7	2,726,000	1,717,000	58.9	721,000	437,000	10.1	119,280,000	46,213,000	4.8	252,000	6.3
1909-10	121,513,000	45,557,000	Inc. 5.0	3,584,000	2,098,000	31.5	758,000	451,000	5.1	125,855,000	48,106,000	Inc. 5.5	273,000	8.3
1910-11	127,368,000	47,212,000	4.8	4,120,000	2,557,000	15.0	774,000	456,000	2.1	132,262,000	50,225,000	5.1	289,000	5.9
1911-12	128,844,000	48,030,000	1.2	4,591,000	2,899,000	11.4	798,000	464,000	3.1	134,233,000	51,393,000	1.5	301,000	4.2
1912-13	138,638,000	49,687,000	7.6	5,076,000	3,195,000	10.6	778,000	454,000	Dec. 2.5	144,492,000	53,336,000	7.6	321,000	6.6
1913-14	152,340,000	53,106,000	9.9	6,077,000	3,612,000	19.7	825,000	488,000	Inc. 6.0	159,242,000	57,206,000	10.2	349,000	8.7

* Service introduced 1st January, 1881.

† Large increase due to newspaper competitions.

‡ Large increase due to newspaper competitions and National Insurance business.

APPENDIX I—continued.

Postal Orders—continued.

NUMBER OF EACH CLASS OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED.

Year.	NUMBER, IN THOUSANDS ('000 OMITTED).																		
	s. d. 6	s. d. 1 0	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 0	† s. d. 2 6	† s. d. 3 0	† s. d. 3 6	† s. d. 4 0	† s. d. 4 6	† s. d. 5 0	† s. d. 5 6	† s. d. 6 0	† s. d. 6 6	† s. d. 7 0	† s. d. 7 6	† s. d. 8 0	† s. d. 8 6	† s. d. 9 0	† s. d. 9 6
1881-82 ...	—	453	362	—	437	—	—	—	—	853	—	—	—	—	263	—	—	—	—
1885-86 ...	—	1,628	1,171	1,535	1,585	1,345	704	1,500	566	3,997	—	—	—	—	1,147	—	—	—	—
1890-91 ...	—	3,706	2,634	3,347	3,005	2,620	1,526	3,101	1,241	7,172	—	—	—	—	2,187	—	—	—	—
1895-96 ...	—	5,230	3,785	4,578	4,288	3,523	2,123	4,091	1,776	9,349	—	—	—	—	3,019	—	—	—	—
1900-01 ...	—	8,245	5,365	6,564	5,730	5,030	2,956	5,662	2,363	12,401	—	—	—	—	3,939	—	—	—	—
1904-05 ...	718	5,973	3,598	6,414	6,537	4,823	2,305	4,260	1,689	9,744	1,136	2,773	1,069	1,568	2,055	1,691	717	1,012	603
1905-06 ...	1,255	6,769	3,834	6,842	6,879	5,072	2,406	4,479	1,807	10,081	1,231	2,981	1,181	1,672	2,082	1,869	807	1,082	652
1906-07 ...	1,406	7,105	3,926	7,464	7,402	5,164	2,482	4,516	1,832	10,244	1,294	3,103	1,307	1,740	2,159	1,942	890	1,124	703
1907-08 ...	14,735	8,798	4,306	8,454	8,532	5,575	2,659	4,762	1,991	10,572	1,377	3,290	1,386	1,842	2,240	2,058	911	1,224	780
1908-09 ...	4,386	9,209	4,543	8,886	8,605	5,820	2,799	4,928	2,036	10,806	1,485	3,390	1,394	1,905	2,254	2,115	957	1,283	855
1909-10 ...	5,110	9,996	4,853	9,480	9,106	6,211	3,017	5,161	2,165	11,178	1,558	3,549	1,434	2,013	2,336	2,214	1,006	1,344	895
1910-11 ...	5,935	10,757	5,044	10,137	9,687	6,361	3,078	5,323	2,246	11,634	1,602	3,634	1,476	2,085	2,411	2,296	1,052	1,377	932
1911-12 ...	5,765	10,657	4,980	10,230	9,815	6,443	3,128	5,407	2,299	11,904	1,642	3,710	1,502	2,116	2,429	2,359	1,085	1,408	962
1912-13 ...	10,008	11,963	5,204	10,829	10,261	6,706	3,334	5,638	2,427	12,417	1,781	3,826	1,571	2,198	2,535	2,446	1,099	1,446	943
1913-14 ...	13,477	14,128	5,639	11,818	10,955	7,271	3,525	6,024	2,643	13,252	2,018	4,187	1,668	2,373	2,896	2,615	1,139	1,498	980

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

† These Orders were not issued prior to 1st June, 1884.

‡ Large increase due to newspaper competitions.

APPENDIX L—continued.

Postal Orders—continued. NUMBER of each CLASS of POSTAL ORDERS issued—continued.

Year.	NUMBER, IN THOUSANDS ('000 OMITTED).																								
	s. 10	d. 6	s. 11	d. 0	s. 12	d. 6	s. 13	d. 0	s. 14	d. 0	s. 15	d. 6	s. 16	d. 0	s. 17	d. 6	s. 18	d. 0	s. 19	d. 0	s. 20	d. 0	s. 21	d. 0	
1881-82	—	—	—	—	—	111	—	—	—	203	—	—	—	—	—	60	—	—	—	—	—	912	—	—	—
1885-86	695	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,130	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,984	—	—	—
1890-91	1,514	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,944	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,521	—	—	—
1895-96	2,112	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,435	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9,967	—	—	—
1900-01	2,767	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,996	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,687	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1904-05	1,208	582	406	1,084	699	555	366	591	258	1,751	251	521	229	312	303	399	195	381	—	—	—	12,653	1,268	1,268	1,268
1905-06	1,262	633	446	1,162	768	597	394	641	287	1,787	277	553	256	341	332	437	211	375	57	57	57	13,260	1,425	1,425	1,425
1906-07	1,288	773	530	1,299	872	692	458	754	343	2,349	299	577	277	366	354	468	223	278	213	213	213	13,607	1,497	1,497	1,497
1907-08	1,362	903	602	1,492	1,044	826	530	880	421	3,108	318	627	303	396	382	744	241	295	232	232	232	14,171	1,553	1,553	1,553
1908-09	1,425	951	644	1,607	1,156	904	580	956	466	3,423	342	664	322	420	414	854	254	310	254	254	254	14,542	1,609	1,609	1,609
1909-10	1,489	1,004	691	1,725	1,270	984	619	1,042	500	3,714	354	719	337	439	430	850	267	325	265	265	265	14,788	1,681	1,681	1,681
1910-11	1,546	1,057	732	1,820	1,398	1,060	667	1,112	539	3,956	375	720	354	459	463	872	288	338	279	279	279	15,390	1,753	1,753	1,753
1911-12	1,609	1,103	767	1,906	1,475	1,103	697	1,158	561	4,091	386	747	362	468	477	907	295	345	290	290	290	15,690	1,811	1,811	1,811
1912-13	1,685	1,149	801	1,970	1,555	1,148	730	1,202	591	4,257	403	779	375	483	495	904	306	360	320	320	320	16,167	1,861	1,861	1,861
1913-14	1,725	1,236	866	2,106	1,675	1,304	783	1,287	639	4,711	431	827	402	514	528	919	330	390	367	367	367	17,143	1,919	1,919	1,919

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

† These Orders were not issued prior to 1st June, 1884.

‡ These Orders were not issued prior to 12th December, 1905.

§ These Orders were abolished 31st May, 1884, and re-introduced 1st July, 1903.

APPENDIX M.

Old Age Pensions.

NUMBER and VALUE of PENSION ORDERS paid.

Year.	ENGLAND AND WALES.				SCOTLAND.				IRELAND.				UNITED KINGDOM.			
	Number.	Value.	Increase per cent.		Number.	Value.	Increase per cent.		Number.	Value.	Increase per cent.		Number.	Value.	Increase per cent.	
			Number.	Value.			Number.	Value.			Number.	Value.			Number.	Value.
1st Jan.- 31st Mch. 1909*	4,816,264	£ 1,144,640	—	—	845,134	£ 206,207	—	—	2,263,752	£ 553,876	—	—	7,925,150	£ 1,904,723	—	—
1909-10	21,786,140	5,198,637	—	—	3,870,567	944,865	—	—	9,511,276	2,321,729	—	—	35,167,983	8,465,231	—	—
1910-11†	25,893,381	6,238,588	18·8	20·0	4,296,474	1,052,329	11·0	11·4	9,765,987	2,384,376	2·7	2·7	39,955,842	9,675,293	13·6	14·3
1911-12†	32,629,810	7,938,406	26·1	27·2	4,848,958	1,191,022	12·9	13·2	10,512,696	2,574,968	7·6	8·0	47,991,464	11,704,396	20·1	21·0
1912-13	34,063,503	8,317,912	4·4	4·8	4,970,184	1,222,235	2·5	2·6	10,541,257	2,590,462	·3	·6	49,574,944	12,130,609	3·3	3·6
1913-14	35,106,638	8,577,566	3·1	3·1	5,035,437	1,238,417	1·3	1·3	10,375,977	2,547,660	dec. 1·6	dec. 1·7	50,518,052	12,363,643	1·9	1·9

* Payment of Old Age Pensions commenced 1st January, 1909.

† Pauper disqualification removed 1st January, 1911.

APPENDICES N to U.

Finance.

APPENDIX N.

Statement of Expenditure and Receipts in the Year 1913-14 in connexion with
excluding Post Office Savings Bank

1912-13.		EXPENDITURE.				1913-14.
£	£					£
10,214,653		Salaries, Wages and Allowances	...	...	..	10,538,318
273,226		Rent, Rates, Office Fittings, Water, Light and Heating	...			268,981
		Conveyance of Mails (excluding Payments to Foreign and Colonial Administrations) :—				
			£	£	£	
		By Rail—				
		Ordinary Postal packets	1,292,460			
		Parcels	1,197,037			
				2,489,497		
		By Road		662,010		
		„ Packet		890,530		
	3,981,668				4,042,037	
		Less—				
		Contributions received towards the cost of				
	138,132	Packet and Mail services			130,335	
3,843,536						3,911,702
392,466		Purchase of Stores and Uniform Clothing	...	...	...	452,065
135,925		Manufacture of Stamps, &c.	...	...	...	128,000
167,604		Travelling, Law Charges and Incidental Expenses	...			180,527
281,758		Estimated Rental Value of premises belonging to the Post Office used for Postal purposes	...	...	...	278,344
1,133,663		Estimated Pension liability for the year	...	...	...	1,169,406
		Amount expended by other Government Departments in respect of various services rendered, viz. :—				
				£		
	159,920	Maintenance and Repair of Buildings...	...	160,200		
	101,042	Rates on Government Property	...	95,676		
	22,333	Issue of Postage Stamps	...	22,193		
	80,794	Stationery, Printing, &c.	...	112,308		
	3,390	Cost of Audit (Exchequer and Audit Department)		3,612		
367,479						393,989
5,553,325		Net Revenue contribution to the Exchequer for the year..				6,143,459
<u>£22,363,635</u>						<u>£23,464,791</u>

APPENDIX N.

the Postal Services, including Money Order and Postal Order business but and Government Annuity business.

1912-13.		RECEIPTS.		1913-14.	
£	£		£	£	£
		Postal business :—			
		Collections in Postage Stamps ...	22,228,724		
		Collections in Cash ...	503,330		
		Receipts from Foreign and Colonial Administrations ...	391,691		
		Miscellaneous Receipts ...	55,126		
	22,210,098			23,178,871	
		<i>Less—</i>			
		Payments to H.M. Customs ...	47,431		
		Payments to Foreign and Colonial Administrations ...	833,051		
		Payments to Inland Revenue in respect of Stamps used for Receipts ...	615,560		
		Refundments by the Inland Revenue in respect of spoilt stamps, &c., Postage refunded, &c. ...	35,601		
	1,489,065			1,531,643	
20,721,033					21,647,228
		Money Order business :—			
		Poundage collected in United Kingdom and Miscellaneous Receipts ...	147,806		
		Commission received from Foreign and Colonial Administrations ...	56,721		
	194,909			204,527	
		<i>Less—</i>			
		Commission paid to Foreign and Colonial Administrations ...		19,698	
177,486	17,423				184,829
		Postal Order business :—			
564,754		Poundage on Postal Orders Issued, &c. ...			614,853
		Services rendered to other Government Departments, &c., viz. :—			
	34,612	Admiralty ...		37,778	
	11,255	Board of Education, England ...		10,701	
	12,082	Board of Trade ...		12,528	
	23,155	Customs and Excise ...		32,427	
	169,080	Inland Revenue ...		176,623	
	79,246	Labour Exchanges and Unemployment Insurance ...		59,246	
	39,081	National Health Insurance ...		149,516	
	134,998	Old Age Pensions ...		135,202	
	230,512	Post Office Savings Bank ...		235,600	
	59,824	War Office ...		62,150	
	106,517	Other Departments and Services ...		106,110	
900,362					1,017,881
<u>£22,363,635</u>					<u>£23,464,791</u>

APPENDIX O.

Post Office Telegraphs (including

I.—SUMMARY of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE from the date of

(Abstracted from House of Commons

RECEIPTS.						£
Gross Receipts (page 4, House of Commons Paper 378) :—						
In respect of Telegrams, Telephone Rentals, &c.	...	...	...	(col. 2)		105,499,421
Do. Royalties payable by Licensees	...	...	...	(col. 3)		3,726,452
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	(col. 4)		44,601
Value of services performed for other Public Departments	...	...	...	(col. 5)		1,692,190
Total Receipts	...	...	...	(col. 6)		110,962,664
<i>Deduct—</i>						
Amount of Revenue applied to the redemption of Stock (<i>see</i> footnotes* } and † on page 7 of Paper 378) }						£
						{ 50,869
						{ 11,740
						<u>62,609</u>
						110,900,055
Sundry Debtors for Telegraph Revenue :—						
Due from National Telephone Company (page 9 of Paper 378)	...					13,878
Amounts collected in 1912–13 in respect of services rendered in 1911–12 (page 9 of Paper 378)	...	...	...	...		14,224
Adjustment of amount due from National Telephone Company	...					168
						<u>28,270</u>
<i>Less—</i>						
Sundry Creditors for services to be rendered in 1912–13 (page 9 of Paper 378)						10,414
						<u>17,856</u>
						110,917,911
<i>Deduct—</i>						
Telephone Receipts (included in the above) as from the 1st April, 1906, when separate Telephone Accounts began... ..						10,810,089
						<u>100,107,822</u>
Value of Plant at prime cost						£ 6,654,112
<i>Less—</i>						
Accrued depreciation						1,818,943
						<u>4,835,169</u>
Value of Stores in Stock						312,049
<i>Less—</i>						
Stores not yet paid for						46,072
						<u>265,977</u>
						5,101,146
I certify the sum of 4,835,169 <i>l.</i> appearing above as the valuation of the Post Office Telegraph Plant at 31st March, 1912, being 6,654,112 <i>l.</i> the value at prime cost, less 1,818,943 <i>l.</i> accrued depreciation.						
W. SLINGO, Engineer-in-Chief.						
I certify the sum of 312,049 <i>l.</i> appearing above as the value of the Stores in Stock on 31st March, 1912.						
G. MORGAN, Controller of Stores.						
Excess of expenditure over receipts (including value of Plant, Stores in Stock, &c.) ...						21,796,520
						<u>£127,005,488</u>

NOTE.—Prior to 1st April, 1906, the accounts do not accurately distinguish between expenditure in the nature of capital

Telegraph System up

* The value of plant included in this sum of 10,129,687*l.*

APPENDIX O.

Telephones up to 31st March, 1906).

the transfer of TELEGRAPHS to the STATE up to 31ST MARCH, 1912.

Paper 378 of Session 1912-13.)

EXPENDITURE.						£
Total net expenditure of money raised by the creation of Stock at the time of the transfer (page 6, House of Commons Paper 378)...						10,129,687*
Total expenditure out of Annual Votes of Parliament to 31st March 1912 (page 5 of Paper 378):—						
						£
Salaries, Superannuations, Maintenance, &c. ...	(col. 8)	102,068,106				
Purchase of Sites ...	(col. 9)	954,922				
Extensions : Direct Charge to Vote ...	(col. 10)	5,394,825				
Do. Terminable Annuities : Capital ...	(col. 11)	4,498,814				
Do. do. do. Interest ...	(col. 12)	1,513,125				
Erection of Buildings ...	(col. 13)	1,894,441				
Expenses charged to Votes of other Departments ...	(col. 14)	3,030,646				
Gross Expenditure as shown in Statutory Return ... (col. 15)						119,354,879
Total amount of interest paid on the Stock created at the time of the transfer (page 7 of Paper 378) ...						12,444,275
						141,928,841
<i>Deduct—</i>						
Telephone expenditure (included in the above) as from the 1st April, 1906, when separate Telephone Accounts began ...						10,695,860
Value of Private Wires, &c. transferred from Telegraphs to Telephones on the 1st April, 1911...						890,076
Value of Stores in Stock, purchased by the Telegraph Service, transferred to Telephones ...						766,341
Value of Premises, purchased by the Telegraph Service, transferred to Post Office General Land and Buildings Accounts :—						
						£
Estimated expenditure ...		2,958,152				
<i>Less—</i>						
Depreciation ...		502,522				
						2,455,630
Estimated Telegraph share of the cost of construction of Power Plant, Electric Light Plant, Lifts, &c. transferred to Post Office General Land and Buildings Accounts ...						115,446
						14,923,353
						£127,005,488

and expenditure on the re-arrangement of the Telegraph System ; the Telephone Service was treated as part of the to the same date.
is estimated to have been about 3,500,000/.

APPENDIX O—continued.

Post Office

II.—REVENUE ACCOUNT for the

1912-13.		EXPENDITURE. (a)		1913-14.	
£	£			£	£
Administrative and Operating Expenses :—					
		Salaries, Wages, and Allowances of Staff (b)			
	2,769,801	(other than the Engineering Staff) ...	...	2,753,015	
	79,111	Rents, Rates, Fuel and Light ...	...	91,750	
	176,124	Incidental Expenses ...	...	172,671	
3,025,036	—			—	3,017,436
Maintenance of System :—					
		Supervision and Establishment charges of the Engineering Staff (b) (including the charges in connection with construction, renewals, and re-arrangements) ...			
	77,823	...	...	62,892	
	76,348	Wages (b) ...	...	71,999	
	29,839	Materials ...	...	23,668	
	36,724	Rents, Rates and Way Leaves ...	...	35,852	
	23,635	Maintenance of Wires by Railway Companies ...	...	23,613	
	25,683	Incidental Expenses ...	...	24,142	
270,052	—			—	242,166
108,746 (c)		Estimated Rental Value of premises belonging to the Post Office used for Telegraph purposes ...			
					118,818(c)
Amount expended by other Government Departments in respect of various services rendered, viz. :—					
	45,896	Maintenance and Repair of Buildings ...	...	53,401	
	28,999	Rates on Government Property ...	...	31,892	
	43,626	Stationery, Printing, &c. ...	...	48,960	
	1,695	Cost of Audit (Exchequer and Audit Department) ...	...	1,806	
120,216	—			—	136,059
£3,524,050	—			—	£3,514,479

(a) The telegraph share of Post Office "Common Service" expenditure is necessarily estimated.

(b) The salaries, wages, &c. paid in the year are taken as the expenditure of the year.

(c) The General Land and Buildings Accounts, on which the rental is based, are subject to revision.

APPENDIX O—continued.

Telegraphs—continued.

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

1912-13.		INCOME.				1913-14.	
£	£					£	£
	1,362,911	For transmission of	Telegrams, &c. collected in Cash...			1,472,246	
	2,546,697	Do.	do.	do.	Stamps	2,462,822	
	<u>3,909,608</u>					<u>3,935,068</u>	
		<i>Less—</i>					
		£		£			
		792,515	Payments to Cable Companies, &c....	860,515			
		3,199	Moneys refunded	3,383			
	<u>795,714</u>					<u>863,898</u>	
3,113,894							3,071,170
		Apportionment of Wire Rentals and Telegram Moneys :—					
		<i>Add—</i>					
	10,414		Amounts collected in 1912-13			9,392	
	20,119		and in 1914-15... ..			19,188	
	<u>30,533</u>					<u>28,580</u>	
		<i>Less—</i>					
		£	Amounts collected in 1913-14 in respect of services rendered in 1911-12	£	14,046		
		14,224	and in 1912-13	20,119			
		9,392	and of services to be rendered in 1914-15	10,700			
	<u>23,616</u>					<u>44,865</u>	
6,917							16,285
<u>3,120,811</u>							<u>3,054,885</u>
—		Miscellaneous Receipts... ..					4,150
		Services rendered to other Government Departments, viz. :—					
	14,444	Admiralty				15,896	
	1,691	Board of Trade				1,692	
	1,175	Customs and Excise				1,065	
	665	Inland Revenue				629	
	2,213	Labour Exchanges and Unemployment Insurance				1,660	
	2,031	War Office				1,942	
	33,297	Other Departments				32,227	
55,516							55,111
347,723		Balance carried to Net Revenue Account					400,333
<u>£3,524,050</u>							<u>£3,514,479</u>

APPENDIX O—continued.

Post Office

III.—NET REVENUE ACCOUNT,

EXPENDITURE.			
1912-13.			1913-14.
£			£
347,723	Balance from Revenue Account (<i>vide</i> page 97)	... ..	400,333
271,691	Interest on Capital Stock (Consols) created in respect of money raised for the Purchases of Telegraphs under the Telegraph Acts, 1868-70, and Acts amending the same	... ..	271,691
300,411	Estimated Pension liability for the year	... ..	290,073
265,004	Provision required for Depreciation during the year	... ..	268,859
<u>£1,184,829</u>			<u>£1,230,956</u>

IV.—DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT,

1912-13.				1913-14.	
£	£			£	£
		Renewals, &c. during the year :—			
	38,141	Wages	... ..	33,314	
	31,776	Materials	... ..	34,827	
	53,023	Incidental Expenses	... ..	43,840	
122,940	<u> </u>			<u> </u>	111,981
3,700		Value of Plant permanently displaced during the year	...		1,553
1,957,307		Balance on 31st March, 1914, being the estimated liability of the Exchequer in respect of Depreciation at that date	...		2,112,632
<u>£2,083,947</u>					<u>£2,226,166</u>

APPENDIX O—continued.

Telegraphs—continued.

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

INCOME.					
1912-13.					1913-14.
£					£
9,482	Factory enhancement of the value of Stores during the year	...	...		—
1,175,347	Deficiency of Revenue for the year, borne by the Exchequer	...	...		1,230,956
<u>£1,184,829</u>					<u>£1,230,956</u>

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

1912-13.								1913-14.
£								£
1,818,943	Balance on the 1st April, 1913	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,957,307
265,004	Transfer from Net Revenue Account (<i>vide</i> page 98), being the provision required for Depreciation during the year...	268,859
<u>£2,083,947</u>								<u>£2,226,166</u>

APPENDIX O—continued.

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V.—CAPITAL ACCOUNT, YEAR

1912-13.		1913-14.	
£			£
6,654,112	Value of Plant at prime cost at 31st March, 1913	6,724,185	
Additions in the year 1913-14 :—			
£			£
72,076	Post Office Expenditure	156,674	
1,697	General Suspense Account Plant	1,845	
<u>73,773</u>		<u>158,519</u>	
3,700	Less Displaced Plant	1,553	
<u>70,073</u>		<u>156,966</u>	
6,724,185	Total prime cost value of Plant	6,881,151	
Value of purchased Stores in Stock :—			
312,049	Stores in Stock on the 31st March, 1913... ..	341,889	
29,840	Net decrease in 1913-14	29,669	
<u>341,889</u>		<u>312,220</u>	
88,812	Less Sundry Creditors for Stores	128,745	
<u>253,077</u>		<u>183,475</u>	
<u>£6,977,262</u>	Value of Plant and Stores at 31st March, 1914	<u>£7,064,626</u>	

APPENDIX O—continued.

Telegraphs—continued.

ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

1912-13.		1913-14.	
£	£	£	£
Capital Liability to Exchequer :—			
6,920,089	On the 31st March, 1913	6,977,262	
57,173	Additional in the year 1913-14	87,364	
6,977,262			7,064,626

APPENDIX O—continued.

Post Office

VI.—BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES.									
1912-13.								1913-14.	
£								£	
6,977,262	CAPITAL LIABILITY to the Exchequer (<i>vide</i> page 101)	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,064,626	
88,812	SUNDRY CREDITORS FOR STORES	...	...	...	...	...	...	128,745	
9,392	ADVANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS AND SUNDRY CREDITORS for services to be rendered in 1914-15	10,700	
107,475	EXCHEQUER for revenue not yet paid over	82,360	
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£7,182,941								£7,286,431	
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APPENDIX O—*continued.*Telegraphs—*continued.*

at 31ST MARCH, 1914.

1912-13.		ASSETS.		1913-14.	
£	£			£	£
	6,724,185	VALUE OF PLANT at prime cost (<i>vide</i> page 100)		6,881,151	
		<i>Less—</i>			
	1,957,307	Depreciation (<i>vide</i> page 98) ...	... ..	2,112,632	
4,766,878	————			————	4,768,519
341,889		VALUE OF STORES in stock (<i>vide</i> page 100) ...	... ..		312,220
34,165		SUNDRY DEBTORS for Outstanding Revenue ...	... ..		19,188
82,702		CASH IN HAND on Revenue Account ...	... ..		73,872
1,957,307		EXCHEQUER liability in respect of accrued depreciation			2,112,632
£7,182,941	————				£7,286,431
	————				————

(In continuation of the Account published in the House of

* Telephone share of the 1,452,044, shown in Appendix III, to Appropriation Account for 1911-12, page 436, exclusive of (a) the sum of 187,779, (page 12 of Paper 378), already charged to Capital; and (b) the percentage for freight and handling.

APPENDIX P

Telephones.

31ST MARCH, 1912.

of NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S PLANT, &c.

Commons Paper No. 378 of Session 1912-13, pages 12 and 13.)

ASSETS.						£	£	£
Expenditure on Post Office Plant to 31st March, 1912 :—								
Trunk System (page 12 of Paper 378)	...	...	...	...	...	5,585,950		
Exchange System (do.)	...	...	...	...	...	5,844,376		
Private Wires, &c. (do.)	...	...	...	...	...	890,076		
Total	...	...	...	...	...	12,320,402		
<i>Less—</i>								
Deficiency on valuation	...	...	...	...	...	653,859		
							11,666,543	
<i>Less—</i>								
Accrued depreciation	...	...	...	...	...		1,817,621	
								9,848,922
Value of Stores in Stock	...	...	...	...	...			954,120
Cash in Hand on Capital Account (page 13 of Paper 378)	...	...	...	...	...			33,301
Sundry Debtors for outstanding Revenue (page 13 of Paper 378)	...	...	...	...	...			59,221
Exchequer	...	...	...	...	...		1,700,907	
<i>Less—</i>						£		
Net Revenue contribution to the Exchequer—								
Balance of Net Revenue (<i>see</i> page 13 of Paper 378)...						37,119		
<i>Deduct—</i>								
Adjustment in respect of sundry transactions prior to 31st March, 1912	...	...	...	...	...	13,821		
							23,298	
								1,677,609
								£12,573,173

I certify the sum of 9,848,922*l.* appearing above as the valuation of the Post Office Telephone Plant at 31st March, 1912.

W. SLINGO,
Engineer-in-Chief.

I certify the sum of 954,120*l.* appearing above as the value of the Stores in Stock on 31st March, 1912.

G. MORGAN,
Controller of Stores.

APPENDIX P—continued.

Post Office

II (1). SETTLEMENT of PURCHASE MONEY of NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S PLANT, &c.,
(A) with the COMPANY, and (B) with the EXCHEQUER.

(A) With the Company.				(B) With the Exchequer.					
Date of Payment.				Cash or Exchequer Bonds.		Amount paid.		Exchequer Issues on Loan Account.	
1912.									
29th January				Cash	... ..	£	3,000,000	£	3,000,000
21st July				Exchequer Bonds	... ..		4,000,000		4,000,000
1913.									
6th February				Do.	... ..		3,000,000		3,000,000
19th May				Do.	... ..		380,000		380,000
1st July				Cash	... ..		285,716		180,000
21st August				Do.	... ..		20,000		149,249
							10,685,716		10,709,249
Advance Subscriptions retained by the Company						<i>Sets-off.</i>	1,411,834	<i>Sets-off.</i>	1,411,834
Balance of other moneys retained by the Company... ..							313,533	—	
Allowance by the Company in respect of Cash Payment in lieu of Bonds.							59,181		59,181
Exchequer Issues in respect of the Company's Stores							—		290,000
Total £							12,470,264		12,470,264

APPENDIX P—*continued.***Telephones—*continued.***

II (2). CLASSIFICATION in the POST OFFICE ACCOUNTS of the PLANT, &c., acquired
from the NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Plant Account	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£	14,246,501
Post Office General Land and Buildings Account	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	884,802	
								Total	...	...	15,131,303
<i>Deduct—</i>											
Depreciation on the Plant as assessed by the Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£	2,997,220
Do. do. Post-Inventory Plant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,000	
											3,010,220
Net amount of the purchase price of Plant, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,121,083
<i>Add—</i>											
Allowance by the Company in respect of Cash Payment in lieu of Bonds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£	59,181
Stores purchased from the Company	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	290,000	
											349,181
Net amount of the Award	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£12,470,264

APPENDIX P—*continued.*

Post Office

III.—REVENUE ACCOUNT for the

1912-13.		EXPENDITURE.(a)		1913-14.	
£	£			£	£
		Administrative and Operating Expenses :—			
	1,279,366	Salaries, Wages, and Allowances of Staff(b) (other than the Engineering Staff) ...	...	1,425,069	
	112,100	Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light ...	...	119,933	
	77,800	Incidental Expenses ...	...	73,233	
1,469,266					1,618,235
		Maintenance of System :—			
	420,206	Supervision and Establishment Charges of the Engineering Staff (b) (including the charges in connection with construction, renewals, and re-arrangements) ...	...	524,602	
	478,424	Wages(b) ...	...	515,931	
	135,417	Materials ...	...	109,686	
	252,362	Rents, Rates, and Way Leaves ...	...	234,465	
	5,646	Maintenance of Wires by Railway Companies		5,681	
	87,325	Incidental Expenses ...	...	101,439	
1,379,380					1,491,804
107,459(c)		Estimated Rental Value of premises belonging to the Post Office used for Telephone purposes ...			114,205(c)
		Amount expended by other Government Depart- ments in respect of various services rendered, viz. :—			
	33,227	Maintenance and Repair of Buildings...	...	54,632	
	20,994	Rates on Government Property ...	...	32,371	
	82,932	Stationery, Printing, &c. ...	...	41,060	
	3,390	Cost of Audit (Exchequer and Audit Depart- ment) ...	...	3,743	
140,543					131,806
2,746,494		Balance carried to Net Revenue Account ...	...		2,820,652
£5,843,142					£6,176,702

(a) The telephone share of Post Office "Common Service" expenditure is necessarily estimated.

(b) The salaries, wages, &c. paid in the year are taken as the expenditure of the year.

(c) The General Land and Buildings Accounts, on which the rental is based, are subject to revision.

APPENDIX P—*continued.*Telephones—*continued.*

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

		INCOME.					
1912-13.						1913-14.	
£	£					£	£
		Advance Subscriptions and Sundry Creditors brought forward from year 1912-13				2,039,020	
1,735,926							
		<i>Deduct—</i>					
		Amount in respect of Hull Telephone System transferred to the Corporation				18,788	
							2,020,232
46,889		Collections by the National Telephone Company, and adjustment in the Account with that Company ...				—	
6,065,282		Subscriptions and rentals				6,377,824	
		<i>Deduct—</i>					
		Amount in respect of Hull Telephone System transferred to the Corporation				38,334	
							6,339,490
7,848,097							8,359,722
		<i>Less—</i>					
		Amount included in the above for services to be rendered in 1914-15				2,230,416	
2,039,020							
17,089		Payable to Foreign Administrations, &c. ...				16,951	
2,056,109							2,247,367
5,791,988		Accrued Revenue for the year					6,112,355
		<i>Services rendered to other Government Departments, viz. :—</i>					
2,283		Admiralty				3,303	
2,946		Board of Trade				2,897	
2,783		Customs and Excise				3,227	
5,608		Inland Revenue				6,869	
13,606		Labour Exchanges and Unemployment Insurance				15,518	
3,685		War Office				6,373	
20,243		Other Departments				26,160	
51,154							64,347
£5,843,142							£6,176,702

APPENDIX P—continued.

Post Office

IV.—NET REVENUE ACCOUNT,

1912-13.		EXPENDITURE.	1913-14.	
£	£		£	
697,428		Interest on Exchequer Loans, Advances, &c., less interest on current balance of Advance Subscriptions in hand... ..	686,780	
		Estimated Pension liability for the year :—		
	294,944	Ordinary Charges	£ 321,931	
		Annuity for 20 years to cover the estimated capitalised cost, viz., 907,500 <i>l.</i> , of the Special Benefits granted to the National Telephone Company's Staff under section 6, subsections 2-7, of the Telephone Transfer Act, 1911, after allowing for the sums, amounting in all to 79,314 <i>l.</i> , paid to the Postmaster General by the Trustees of the Company's Pension Fund ...	63,850	
358,794	—		—	385,781
1,391,197		Provision for Depreciation during the year	1,485,445	
303,343		Net Revenue contribution to the Exchequer in the year ...	272,643	
£2,750,762			£2,830,649	

V.—DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT,

1912-13.			1913-14.	
£	£		£	£
		Renewals, &c. during the year :—		
	217,123	Wages	270,612	
	150,558	Materials	204,005	
	59,317	Incidental Expenses	81,867	
426,998	—		—	556,484
8,282		Value of Plant permanently displaced during the year	2,910	
—		Depreciation on Plant at Hull transferred to the Corporation ...	50,434	
5,949,764		Balance on the 31st March, 1914	6,825,381	
£6,385,044			£7,435,209	

APPENDIX P—*continued.***Telephones—*continued.***

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

INCOME.											
1912-13.						1913-14.					
£						£					
2,746,494	Balance from Revenue Account (<i>vide</i> page 108)					...	...	...	...	2,820,652	
3,844	Royalties payable by Telephone Licensees					...	...	...	...	6,259	
424	Factory enhancement of the value of Stores during the year					...	...			—
	Arbitration and Valuation expenses received from the Corporation of Hull					3,738	
—											
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£2,750,762						£2,830,649					
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YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

1912-13.				1913-14.	
£	£			£	
4,827,841	Balance on the 1st April, 1913	5,949,764
166,006	Depreciation on National Telephone Company's Plant for the quarter ended 31st March, 1912.				
4,993,847	—————				
	Transfer from Net Revenue Account (<i>vide</i> page 110), being the provision for Depreciation during the year ended 31st March, 1914 :—				
				£	
1,164,759	Exchange System ...	...	...	1,225,114	
226,438	Trunk System ...	...	...	260,331	
1,391,197	—————			—————	1,485,445
£6,385,044	=====			=====	£7,435,209

APPENDIX P—continued.

Post Office

VI.—CAPITAL ACCOUNT, YEAR

1912-13.		1913-14.
£	£	£
25,913,044	Value of Plant at prime cost on the 31st March, 1913 ...	27,513,814
	<i>Add—</i>	
	Value of Plant at Portsmouth purchased from the Corporation ...	33,975
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		27,547,789
	<i>Deduct—</i>	
	Value of Plant at Hull transferred to the Corporation ...	231,174
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		27,316,615
	Additions in the year 1913-14 :—	£
997,651	Exchange System ...	1,592,149
603,119	Trunk System ...	1,364,193
1,600,770		<hr/>
		2,956,342
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27,513,814	Total prime cost value of Plant ...	30,272,957
	<i>Deduct—</i>	
5,949,764	Balance at credit of Depreciation Account (<i>vide</i> page 110)	6,825,381
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21,564,050	Value of Plant on the 31st March, 1914, after deducting Depreciation ...	23,447,576
	Value of Stores in Stock :—	
954,120	On the 31st March, 1913... ..	£ 1,429,700
475,580	Net decrease in 1913-14... ..	155,689
1,429,700		<hr/>
		1,274,011
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£22,993,750	Value of Plant and Stores, less Depreciation, at 31st March, 1914 ...	£24,721,587
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APPENDIX P—*continued.***Telephones—*continued.***

ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1914.

1912-13.		1913-14.	
£	£	£	£
Loans raised under the Telegraph Acts, 1892-1907, and the Telephone Transfer Acts, 1911 :—			
9,267,790*	Loans outstanding on the 31st March, 1913	9,612,685	
1,390,000	Loans raised in the year 1913-14	4,029,249	
<u>10,657,790</u>		<u>13,641,934</u>	
<i>Less—</i>			
Expenditure on Land and Buildings transferred to Post Office General Land and Buildings Account			
£ 155,531		£ 205,392	
889,574	Loans repaid in 1913-14	797,569	
1,045,105		1,002,961	
<u>9,612,685</u>		<u>12,638,973</u>	
<i>Exchequer Telephone Bonds :—</i>			
7,000,000†	Issued to 31st March, 1913	7,000,000	
	Issued in 1913-14	380,000	
		<u>7,380,000</u>	
<i>Liability to Exchequer in excess of Loans outstanding :—</i>			
5,804,834‡	On 31st March, 1913	6,381,065	
576,231	Reduction in 1913-14	1,532,711	
<u>6,381,065</u>		<u>4,848,354</u>	
<i>Add—</i>			
	Cost of purchase of Portsmouth Municipal Telephone System	35,000	
		<u>4,883,354</u>	
<i>Less—</i>			
	Value of Post Office Telephone System at Hull transferred to the Corporation	180,740	
		<u>4,702,614</u>	
<u>£22,993,750</u>	Total Capital Liability at 31st March, 1914	<u>£24,721,587</u>	

* Including 3,000,000*l.* (less 884,802*l.* carried to Land and Buildings Account) in respect of the purchase of the National Telephone Company's System.

† Issued in part payment of purchase price of the National Telephone Company's System.

‡ Including 2,121,083*l.* in respect of the purchase of the National Telephone Company's System.

APPENDIX P—continued.

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VII.—BALANCE SHEET

1912-13.		LIABILITIES.				1913-14.
£	£	CAPITAL LIABILITY at 31st March, 1914, in respect of				£
22,993,750		Plant and Stores (<i>vide</i> page 113)	...	...	...	24,721,587
ADVANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS AND SUNDRY CREDITORS :—						
2,039,020		Value of services to be rendered in 1914-15	...		£	2,230,416
8,793		Sundry Creditors for Revenue	...	...		11,904
	4,509	Due to Foreign Administrations...	...	...		3,659
2,052,322						2,245,979
<u>£25,046,072</u>						<u>£26,967,566</u>

APPENDIX P—*continued.*Telephones—*continued.*

at 31ST MARCH, 1914.

1912-13.		ASSETS.		1913-14.
£	£			£
21,564,050		VALUE OF PLANT, less Depreciation (<i>vide</i> page 112)	...	23,447,576
1,429,700		VALUE OF STORES in stock	(do.)	1,274,011
<u>22,993,750</u>				<u>24,721,587</u>
726,977		SUNDRY DEBTORS for Outstanding Revenue	... ..	449,228
1,628,688		EXCHEQUER	... ..	£ 2,069,394
		<i>Less—</i>		
		Net Revenue Contribution to the Exchequer		
1,325,345	<u>303,343</u>	for the year ...	... ..	<u>272,643</u>
				1,796,751
<u>£25,046,072</u>				<u>£26,967,566</u>

APPENDIX P—*continued.*

Post Office

VIII.—EXCHANGE

An Account of Expenditure and Income

1912-13.	EXPENDITURE.								1913-14.
£								£	
1,165,164	Administrative and Operating Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,257,466
1,188,977	Maintenance of System	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,270,475
1,164,759	Provision for Depreciation during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,225,114
The expenditure on Renewals in the year was 447,549 <i>l.</i> , leaving 777,565 <i>l.</i> as a credit balance in the Depreciation Account.									
308,872	Estimated Pension Liability	...	...	...	...	...	...	320,695
95,230	Estimated Rental Value of premises belonging to the Department							84,612	
125,501	Amounts expended by other Government Departments in respect of services rendered	...	...	...	...	...	...	106,462
531,112	Interest on Exchequer Loans and Advances, less interest on current balance of Advance Subscriptions in hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	501,522
4,579,615								4,766,346	
Less—									
424	Factory enhancement of value of Stores during the year	...	...	—			
4,579,191									
318,291	Balance, being the amount of the net profit for the year	421,443				
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APPENDIX P—*continued.*Telephones—*continued.*

SYSTEM.

for the Year ended 31st March, 1914.

1912-13.		INCOME.				1913-14.	
£	£					£	£
	1,735,926	Brought forward from 1912-13...	...	...	...	2,020,232	
	46,889	Collections by the National Telephone Company and adjustment in the Account with that Company ...				—	
	5,106,319	Subscriptions and Rentals for 1913-14	...	...		5,333,316	
	<u>6,889,134</u>					<u>7,353,548</u>	
		<i>Less—</i>					
	2,039,020	Amount included in the above for services to be rendered in 1914-15	...	...	...	<u>2,230,416</u>	
4,850,114		Accrued Revenue for the year	...	...	...		5,123,132
—		Arbitration and Valuation expenses received from the Corpora- tion of Hull	...	...	...		3,738
3,844		Royalties payable by Telephone Licensees	...	...	...		6,259
43,524		Value of services rendered to other Government Departments without payment	...	...	...		54,660
	<u>£4,897,482</u>						<u>£5,187,789</u>

APPENDIX P—*continued.*

Post Office

IX.—TRUNK

An Account of Expenditure and Income

EXPENDITURE.									
1912-13.									1913-14.
£									£
304,102	Administrative and Operating Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	360,769
190,403	Maintenance of System	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	221,329
226,438	Provision for Depreciation during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	260,331
The expenditure on Renewals in the year was 108,935 <i>l.</i> , leaving 151,396 <i>l.</i> as a credit balance in the Depreciation Account.									
49,922	Estimated Pension Liability	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65,086
12,229	Estimated Rental Value of premises belonging to the Department	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29,593
15,042	Amounts expended by other Government Departments in respect of services rendered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25,344
166,316	Interest on Exchequer Loans and Advances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	185,258
<u>£964,452</u>									<u>£1,147,710</u>

APPENDIX P—*continued.***Telephones—*continued.*****SYSTEM.***for the Year ended 31st March, 1914.*

INCOME.					
1912-13.			1913-14.		
£	£		£	£	
	958,963	Accrued Revenue for the year	1,006,174		
		<i>Less—</i>			
	17,089	Payable to Foreign Administrations, &c. ...	16,951		
941,874	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	989,223	
7,630		Value of services rendered to other Government Departments without payment		9,687	
14,948		Balance, being the amount of the net loss for the year...		148,800	
<u>£964,452</u>				<u>£1,147,710</u>	

APPENDIX Q.

REVENUE, EXPENDITURE and NET REVENUE of the Postal, Telegraph, and
by, other

Year.	REVENUE.			EXPEN-							
	Receipts.*	Esti- mated Value of Services to other Depart- ments.	Total.	Salaries, Wages, &c.			Super- annua- tions and other Non- Effic- tive Charges.	Sites and Buildings.		Packet Service and Conveyance of Mails.	
				Amount.	Per- centage to Total Reve- nue.	Per- centage to Total Expen- diture.		Amount.	Per- centage to Total Expen- diture.	Amount.	Per- centage to Total Expen- diture.
	£	£	£	£			£	£		£	
1839-40	†	†	2,390,764	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
1840-41§	†	†	1,359,466	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
1860-61	†	†	3,548,873	1,013,444	28·56	32·88	49,134	†	†	1,800,289	58·41
1880-81	8,612,534	152,172	8,764,706	2,743,823	31·31	45·39	171,632	71,186	1·18	1,645,714	27·22
1900-01	17,157,475	297,348	17,454,823	8,683,159	49·75	61·42	372,630	305,212	2·16	2,290,512	16·20
—											
1904-05	19,882,769	312,232	20,195,001	9,823,811	48·64	59·33	473,096	492,141	2·97	2,468,028	14·91
1905-06	20,912,302	303,101	21,215,403	10,410,581	49·07	61·19	496,225	428,696	2·52	2,408,263	14·16
1906-07	21,421,607	308,124	21,729,731	10,775,981	49·59	61·30	535,523	388,956	2·21	2,468,861	14·04
1907-08	22,260,892	319,471	22,580,363	11,456,514	50·74	61·21	568,705	491,056	2·62	2,497,796	13·34
1908-09	22,335,654	412,089	22,747,743	11,789,632	51·83	61·55	598,699	457,225	2·39	2,461,722	12·85
1909-10	23,120,308	506,902	23,627,210	12,219,770	51·72	61·57	659,610	457,732	2·31	2,493,115	12·56
1910-11	24,260,751	603,617	24,864,368	12,545,781	50·46	60·84	798,257	541,455	2·62	2,534,754	12·29
1911-12	25,611,381	560,182	26,171,563	13,236,823	50·58	61·02	822,008	332,116	1·53	2,633,048	12·14
1912-13	29,133,296	699,127	29,832,423	15,457,751	51·82	63·15	913,565	331,293	1·35	2,682,410	10·96
1913-14 (Esti- mated)	30,854,591	827,664	31,682,255	16,087,172	50·78	63·92	952,000	328,667	1·31	2,703,505	10·74

* These figures represent Receipts during the year, and in some cases include payments for services rendered, or to be
† The chief causes of this adjustment are the substitution of (a) Pension Liability for actual pension payments;
receipts in the year; (d) Provision for Depreciation of Plant instead of expenditure on Renewals and Redemption of
‡ Details not available.
§ The Revenue does not include the produce of the Impressed Stamp on Newspapers, and the Expenditure does not
|| Includes cost of Sites, Buildings, Repairs, Furniture and Fittings.
¶ Includes cost of manufacture of Postage Stamps (£101,256).
** Prior to the year 1912-13 the Engineering Salaries, Wages, &c. are included under Maintenance, Extensions, &c. (See

APPENDIX Q.

Telephone Services combined (including services rendered gratuitously to, or Departments).

EXPENDITURE.								Per-centage of Total Expen- diture to Total Reve- nue.	Net Revenue.	Deduction from Net Revenue to agree with Balance of Com- mercial Accounts, vide Appen- dices N, O and P.†	Adjusted Net Revenue.	Year.
Stores (other than Engineering Materials).		Other Expenditure.										
Amount.	Per-centage to Total Expen- diture.	Under Post Office Vote.		Under other Votes and Consolidated Fund.			Total.					
		Mainten- ance and Exten- sions of the Telegraph and Telephone Systems.	Miscel- laneous.	Main- tenance, &c. of Build- ings, Furni- ture, Fuel, &c.	Sta- tionery, Print- ing, &c.	Miscellaneous, including In- terest on Balance of Stock (£10,867,644) created for Purchase of Telegraphs.						
£	†	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
†	†	—	†	†	†	†	757,000	31·66	1,633,764	—	—	1839-40
†	†	—	†	†	†	†	858,677	63·16	500,789	—	—	1840-41§
†	†	—	185,170||	†	†	34,223	3,082,260	86·85	466,613	—	—	1860-61
109,619	1·81	395,653	299,140	83,250	174,812¶	350,077	6,044,906	68·97	2,719,800	—	—	1880-81
485,383	3·43	952,678	419,127	112,817	148,905	367,015	14,137,438	80·99	3,317,385	—	—	1900-01
												—
565,881	3·42	1,620,344	449,091	142,519	162,014	360,504	16,557,429	81·99	3,637,572	—	—	1904-05
534,866	3·14	1,620,967	429,834	145,615	172,979	364,876	17,012,902	80·19	4,202,501	—	—	1905-06
581,586	3·31	1,723,920	416,864	154,441	160,538	371,775	17,578,445	80·90	4,151,286	—	—	1906-07
619,132	3·31	1,787,017	556,384	187,034	186,655	373,507	18,717,800	82·89	3,862,563	—	—	1907-08
663,219	3·46	1,875,340	553,961	203,172	173,628	378,302	19,154,900	84·21	3,592,843	—	—	1908-09
643,188	3·24	2,039,452	582,043	198,093	171,744	381,675	19,846,422	84·00	3,780,788	—	—	1909-10
647,787	3·14	2,212,518	590,115	199,025	162,513	389,572	20,621,777	82·94	4,242,591	—	—	1910-11
622,642	2·87	2,451,480	789,947	212,563	186,374	406,782	21,693,783	82·89	4,477,780	—	—	1911-12
632,274	2·58	2,903,717	656,815	239,043	229,685	431,201	24,477,754	82·05	5,354,669	678,348	4,676,321	1912-13
687,200	2·73	2,981,707	493,183	268,233	224,928	441,113	25,167,708	79·44	6,514,547	1,329,401	5,185,146	1913-14 (Esti- mated)

rendered, in another year.

(b) Rental Value of premises for expenditure on Sites and Buildings ; (c) Rentals and Subscriptions proper to the year for actual Capital ; and (e) Interest on full Capital Liability instead of Interest on Loans outstanding.

include either the cost of the Packet Service or that of Stationery.

Appendices S and T)

APPENDIX R.

REVENUE, EXPENDITURE and NET REVENUE of the Postal Services

Year.	REVENUE.			EXPEN.						
	Postal Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	Total	Salaries, Wages, &c.		Super-annuations and other Non-Effective Charges.	Sites and Buildings.		Conveyance of Mails.*	
				Amount.	Percentage to Total Revenue.		Purchase.	Erection.	By Rail or Road.	By Sea.
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£
1839-40	†	†	2,390,764	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
1840-41§	†	†	1,359,466	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
1860-61	†	†	3,548,873	1,013,444	28·56	49,134	†	†	758,546	1,041,743
1880-81	6,998,126	132,693	7,130,819	2,024,534	28·39	152,577	18,828	29,814	921,093	724,621
1900-01	13,776,886	218,584	13,995,470	6,339,390	45·30	286,255	78,789	156,373	1,519,219	771,293
—										
1904-05	16,031,050	243,928	16,274,978	7,199,248	44·24	354,822	82,604	274,175	1,720,558	747,470
1905-06	16,823,349	240,674	17,064,023	7,737,010	45·34	377,131	75,759	250,127	1,710,891	697,372
1906-07	17,125,817	234,687	17,360,504	8,053,569	46·39	409,675	37,976	259,622	1,732,879	735,982
1907-08	17,851,118	245,125	18,096,243	8,625,714	47·67	437,903	102,765	277,027	1,734,919	762,877
1908-09	17,790,015	335,559	18,125,574	8,860,370	48·88	460,998	33,537	318,529	1,751,578	710,144
1909-10	18,256,258	453,769	18,710,027	9,185,427	49·09	507,900	58,922	293,532	1,791,961	701,154
1910-11	19,204,593	538,434	19,743,027	9,398,886	47·61	612,662	154,218	273,531	1,812,505	722,249
1911-12	19,576,170	484,952	20,061,122	9,870,937	49·20	621,767	44,520	210,668	1,855,552	777,496
1912-13	20,286,855	592,457	20,879,312	9,996,377	47·88	677,500	63,602	194,477	1,916,063	766,347
1913-14 (Estimated)	21,220,105	708,206	21,928,311	10,314,869	47·04	699,149	74,977	171,589	1,940,735	762,770

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

† See foot-note † to Appendix Q.

‡ Details not available.

§ Introduction of penny postage. The Revenue does not include the produce of the Impressed Stamp on Newspapers,

|| Includes cost of Sites, Buildings, Repairs, Furniture and Fittings.

¶ Includes cost of manufacture of Postage Stamps (£101,256).

** Certain charges for Engineering work and materials (Electric Lighting, &c.) formerly shown under the Rent Sub-

APPENDIX R.

(including services rendered gratuitously to, or by, other Departments).

EXPENDITURE.						Per-centage of Total Expen- diture to Total Revenue.	Net Revenue.	Deduction from Net Revenue to agree with Balance of Com- mercial Accounts, vide Appendix N.†	Adjusted Net Revenue.	Year.
Other Expenditure.					Total.					
Under Post Office Vote.		Under other Votes.								
Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light, &c.	Miscoel- laneous.	Main- tenance, &c. of Buildings, Furniture, Fuel, &c.	Stationery, Printing, &c.	Miscel- laneous.						
£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	
†	†	†	†	†	757,000	31·66	1,633,764	—	—	1839-40
†	†	†	†	†	858,677	63·16	500,789	—	—	1840-41§
†	185,170||	†	†	34,223	3,082,260	86·85	466,613	—	—	1860-61
35,804	268,964	63,720	150,901¶	19,179	4,410,035	61·84	2,720,784	—	—	1880-81
176,209	479,578	83,707	101,484	49,287	10,041,584	71·75	3,953,886	—	—	1900-01
										—
205,266	579,320	107,230	111,461	64,125	11,446,279	70·33	4,828,699	—	—	1904-05
221,937	483,594	110,630	118,246	66,315	11,849,012	69·44	5,215,011	—	—	1905-06
227,920	538,782	118,022	110,561	69,841	12,294,829	70·82	5,065,675	—	—	1906-07
249,521	575,344	144,016	126,629	72,851	13,109,566	72·44	4,986,677	—	—	1907-08
259,509	637,253	156,443	122,243	76,592	13,387,196	73·86	4,738,378	—	—	1908-09
271,921	635,306	152,531	121,163	79,416	13,799,233	73·75	4,910,794	—	—	1909-10
309,414	632,684	152,752	116,100	84,495	14,269,496	72·28	5,473,531	—	—	1910-11
185,471**	596,156	151,983	106,582	95,108	14,516,270	72·36	5,544,852	—	—	1911-12
234,741	659,024	159,920	103,127	104,432	14,875,610	71·25	6,003,702	455,377	5,548,325	1912-13
223,874	704,292	160,200	134,501	99,288	15,286,244	69·71	6,642,067	498,608	6,143,459	1913-14 (Esti- mated)

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and the Expenditure does not include either the cost of the Packet Service or that of Stationery.

heads are included from 1911-12 onwards in the general Engineering expenditure.

APPENDIX S.

REVENUE, EXPENDITURE and NET REVENUE of the Telegraph Services

Year.	REVENUE.			EXPEN.									
	Tele-graph Receipts.	Esti-mated Value of Ser-vices to other Depart-ments.	Total.	Salaries, Wages, &c. (exclu-sive of Engineer-ing).	Maintenance of Telegraph System.		Extension of Telegraph System.*		Extension of Telephone System.		Per-centage of Sala-ries, Wages, &c. to Total Re-venue.	Per-cent-age of Main-ten-ance to Total Re-venue.	Super-annua-tions and other Non-Effective Charges.
					Salaries, Wages, &c. of Engi-neering Staff.	Ma-terial, &c.	Sala-ries, Wages, &c. of Engi-neering Staff.	Ma-terial, &c.	Redemp-tion of Capital.	Interest.			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£			£
1870-71	799,795	1,467	801,262	313,591	40,288		—		—	—	39·13	5·02	—
1880-81	1,614,408	19,479	1,633,887	719,289	292,165		103,488		—	—	44·02	17·88	19,055
1890-91	2,420,383	36,381	2,456,764	1,506,219	440,351		109,735		—	—	61·30	17·91	26,607
1900-01	3,380,589	78,764	3,459,353	2,343,769	691,948		148,118		78,817	33,795	67·75	20·00	86,375
—													
1904-05	3,851,719	68,304	3,920,023	2,624,563	997,259		291,617		242,744	88,724	66·95	25·44	118,274
1905-06	4,088,953	62,427	4,151,380	2,673,571	963,912		257,704		299,127	100,224	64·40	23·22	119,094
1906-07	4,295,790	73,437	4,369,227	2,722,412	947,657		306,375		351,246	118,642	62·31	21·69	125,848
1907-08	3,031,434	69,506	3,100,940	2,503,875	547,611		181,323		See Appendix T, Telephone Services.		80·75	17·66	116,584
1908-09	3,029,855	69,872	3,099,727	2,554,966	639,190		96,105				82·43	20·62	121,237
1909-10	3,123,385	43,490	3,166,875	2,611,438	504,434		238,715				82·46	15·93	131,922
1910-11	3,116,793	52,011	3,168,804	2,701,490	464,514		271,668				85·25	14·66	161,647
1911-12	3,101,930	45,775	3,147,705	2,729,189	441,694		133,984				86·70	14·03	166,015
1912-13	3,113,894	53,516	3,167,410	2,832,581	223,983	169,009	9,691	62,385			96·81	12·41	184,814
1913-14 (Esti-mated)	3,071,170	55,111	3,126,281	2,820,542	202,926	151,221	12,621	144,053			97·12	11·33	183,641

NOTE.—Prior to the year 1907-03 the Revenue and Expenditure of the Telephone Services are included in this

* Capital outlay on Telegraph Extensions is a final charge on the Vote.

† See footnote † to Appendix Q.

‡ See footnote ¶ to Appendix R.

§ These amounts are overstated to the extent of about £150,000, an adjustment transferring an amount from Vote to

|| Prior to the year 1912-13 these percentages refer only to Salaries and Wages other than Engineering.

APPENDIX S.

(including services rendered gratuitously to, or by, other Departments).

EXPENDITURE.								Per-centage of Total Expen- diture to Total Re- venue.	Ne Revenue or Deficiency.	Addi- tion to Net De- ficiency to agree with Balance of Com- mercial Ac- counts, vide Appen- dix O.†	Ad- justed Net De- ficiency.	Year.	
Sites and Buildings.		Other Expenditure.											
Pur- chase.	Erec- tion.	Under Post Office Vote.		Under other Votes.			Total.						
		Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light, &c.	Miscel- laneous.	Main- ten- ance, &c. of Build- ings, Furni- ture, Fuel, &c.	Sta- tionery, Print- ing, &c.	Mis- cella- neous.							
Interest on Balance of Stock (£10,867,644) created for Pur- chase of Telegraphs.													
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£		
2,693	1,425	—	102,872	789	1,004	100	214,500	677.262	84.52	124,000	—	—	1870-71
4,104	18,440	28,876	75,115	19,530	23,911	4,481	326,417	1,634,871	100.06	984	—	—	1880-81
4,548	69,340	57,126	120,753	21,032	30,117	2,752	299,216	2,687,796	109.40	231,032	—	—	1890-91
23,160	46,890	74,545	174,178	29,110	47,421	18,868	298,860	4,095,854	118.40	636,501	—	—	1900-01
													—
27,534	107,828	80,134	150,252	35,239	50,553	24,688	271,691	5,111,150	130.39	1,191,127	—	—	1904-05
23,924	78,886	82,390	176,779	34,985	54,733	26,870	271,691	5,163,890	124.39	1,012,510	—	—	1905-06
11,665	79,693	83,070	148,678	36,419	49,977	30,243	271,691	5,283,616	120.93	914,389	—	—	1906-07
30,697	80,567	76,853	252,369	38,342	48,154	25,817	271,691	4,173,883	134.60	1,072,943	—	—	1907-08
10,017	95,142	78,322	213,235	41,142	45,241	25,223	271,691	4,191,511	135.22	1,091,784	—	—	1908-09
17,600	87,678	80,770	203,949	39,619	43,984	25,464	271,691	4,257,264	134.43	1,090,389	—	—	1909-10
40,995	72,711	89,581	171,426	40,302	39,199	27,866	271,691	4,353,090	137.37	1,184,286	—	—	1910-11
12,213	64,715	51,514†	445,911§	46,218	42,136	29,593	271,691	4,434,873	140.89	1,287,168§	—	—	1911-12
17,399	55,815	65,199	172,452	45,896	43,626	30,694	271,691	4,185,235	132.13	1,017,825	157,522	1,175,347	1912-13
24,872	57,229	91,252	57,236	53,401	48,960	33,698	271,691	4,153,343	132.85	1,027,062	203,894	1,230,956	1913-14 (Esti- mated)

Appendix with the Telegraph Services.

Capital in respect of Stores to be used for Telephone purposes not having been made until 1912-13.

APPENDIX T.

REVENUE, EXPENDITURE and NET REVENUE of the Telephone Services

Year	REVENUE.			EXPEN-						
	Telephone Receipts.	Estimated Value of Services to other Departments.	Total.	Salaries, Wages, &c. (exclusive of Engineering).	Maintenance of Telephone System.		Percentage of Salaries, Wages, &c. to Total Revenue.	Percentage of Maintenance to Total Revenue.	Superannuations and other Non-Effective Charges.	Extension of Capital.
					Salaries, Wages, &c. of Engineering Staff.	Materials, &c.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£			£	£
1907-08	1,378,340	4,840	1,383,180	326,925	488,273		23·64	35·30	14,218	429,706
1908-09	1,515,784	6,658	1,522,442	374,296	528,865		24·59	34·74	16,464	457,624
1909-10	1,740,665	9,643	1,750,308	422,905	539,296		24·16	30·81	19,788	572,724
1910-11	1,939,365	13,172	1,952,537	445,405	623,774		22·81	31·94	23,948	650,947
1911-12†	2,933,281	29,455	2,962,736	636,667	953,947		21·49	32·20	34,226	705,972
1912-13	5,732,547	53,154	5,785,701	1,279,366	1,115,753	690,625	41·40§	31·22	51,251	1,416,523
1913-14 (Estimated)	6,563,316	64,347	6,627,663	1,425,069	1,311,145	737,143	41·28	30·91	69,210	1,218,923

NOTE.—Prior to the year 1907-8 the Revenue and Expenditure of the Telephone Service was met by Loan, the repayments taking the form of

† See foot-note + to Appendix Q.

‡ The National Telephone Company's System was transferred to the Post Office on 1st

§ Prior to the year 1912-13 these percentages refer only to Salaries and Wages other than

|| The miscellaneous expenditure was £146,495, converted into a credit of £10,219 owing to an

APPENDIX T.

(including services rendered gratuitously to, or by, other Departments).

EXPENDITURE.							Per-centage of Total Expendi- ture to Total Revenue.	Net Revenue or Deficiency.	Deduction from Net Revenue to agree with Balance of Com- mercial Accounts, vide Appendix P.†	Adjusted Net Revenue.	Year.	
Interest.	Other Expenditure.					Total.						
	Under Post Office Vote.		Under other Votes.									
	Rent, Rates, Fuel and Light, &c.	Miscel- laneous.	Mainten- ance, &c., of Buildings, Furniture, Fuel, &c.	Sta- tionery, Printing, &c.	Miscel- laneous.							
£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£		
140,104	10,366	11,063	4,676	5,872	3,148	1,434,351	103·70	Deficits. {	51,171	—	—	1907-08
153,556	13,028	15,833	5,587	6,144	4,796	1,576,193	103·53		53,751	—	—	1908-09
184,283	15,118	18,167	5,943	6,597	5,104	1,789,925	102·26		39,617	—	—	1909-10
201,615	16,663	18,134	5,971	7,214	5,520	1,999,191	102·39		46,654	—	—	1910-11
215,883	80,222	53,315	14,362	37,656	10,390	2,742,640	92·57		220,096	—	—	1911-12‡
565,175	101,533	56,140	33,227	82,932	24,384	5,416,909	93·63		368,792	65,449	303,343	1912-13
730,367	113,948	— 10,219||	54,632	41,467	36,436	5,728,121	86·43		899,542	626,899	272,643	1913-14 (Esti- mated)

phone Services were included with the Telegraph Services. (See Appendix S.)
annual charges on the Vote.

January, 1912.

Engineering.

excess of Stores issued and charged to Works in the year over Stores purchased in the year.

APPENDIX U.

Extract from the Finance Accounts for

Inserted by desire of the Select Committee

DETAILED STATEMENT of the GROSS RECEIPTS

POSTAL RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts :						
From Postage Stamps sold by Postmasters	21,914,954	16	11½			
Ditto ditto Stamp Distributors of						
Inland Revenue ...	313,769	6	4			
				22,228,724	3	3½
From Postage collected in cash by Country Post-						
masters	242,670	1	8½			
From Postage collected in cash in London, Dublin,						
and Edinburgh... ..	260,660	1	8½			
				503,330	3	5½
From Postage collected for credit of United King-						
dom by Colonial Offices	117,850	10	8½			
From Postage collected for credit of United King-						
dom by Foreign Offices, &c.	273,840	15	7½			
				391,691	6	4
From Poundage on Money Orders	178,034	6	3			
Ditto Postal Orders	592,498	18	9			
				770,533	5	0
From Miscellaneous Receipts				54,507	1	10½
				23,948,785	19	11
Payments out of Receipts :						
For Postage, &c., refunded	35,601	4	8½			
To Inland Revenue Department	615,560	0	0			
To Customs and Excise Department, Railway Com-						
panies, &c., on account of Parcel Post	1,244,467	19	0			
For Postage collected for credit of Colonial Offices ...	314,969	19	4½			
Ditto ditto Foreign Offices, &c.	518,081	12	1½			
				2,728,680	15	2½
Net Receipts				£21,220,105	4	8½
Payments into Exchequer				£21,190,000	0	0

APPENDIX U.

the Year ended 31st March, 1914.

on *Estimates, Revenue Departments.*

and NET RECEIPTS of the REVENUE.

TELEGRAPH RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Receipts :						
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., collected in Cash	1,472,245	9	1½			
For transmission of Telegrams, &c., collected in Stamps	2,462,822	3	1½			
				3,935,067	12	3
Payments out of Receipts :						
To Cable Companies, &c.	860,514	12	8			
To Telegram Moneys refunded, &c.	3,382	19	11			
				863,897	12	7
Net Receipts				£3,071,169	19	8
Payments into Exchequer				£3,080,000	0	0

TELEPHONE RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Post Office Telephone Service :						
Gross Receipts :						
Telephone Trunk and Exchange Receipts	6,533,331	2	3½			
Payments out of Receipts :						
To Foreign Administrations, Refundments, &c. ..	17,801	0	7			
Net Receipts from Post Office Telephone Service				6,515,530	1	8½
Royalties from Licensees				47,785	13	2
Net Receipts				£6,563,315	14	10½
Payments into Exchequer				£6,530,000	0	0

General Post Office, }
9th June, 1914. }

CHARLES A. KING,
Comptroller and Accountant General.