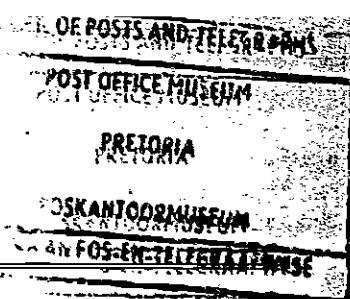


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## REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JANUARY, 1890 TO 30TH JUNE, 1891.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

SIR,—

1. I have the honour to submit my report on the Post Office for the eighteen months from the 1st of January, 1890, to the 30th of June, 1891.

2. I enclose two sets of statements, one for the half-year from the 1st of January to the 30th of June, 1890, the other for the year from the 1st of July, 1890, to the 30th of June, 1891.

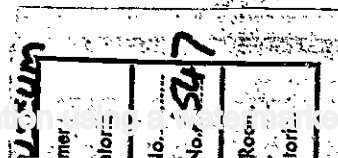
3. The debit and credit statement for the six months of 1890 shows a balance, giving the Post Office credit for the work done for Government offices, of £321 7s. 2d. in favour of the department. A less favourable result might have been anticipated in view of the depression in commercial circles prevailing throughout the colony.

4. The revenue derived from the sale of stamps, postage, and surcharges was very nearly half as much as was collected under the same heads during the full year 1889. Box and bag rents both showed a fair increase over the receipts during the previous year, but there was a considerable falling off in money order fees, owing, to some extent, to the commercial depression, but more particularly to the falling off in the issues of money orders on account of "Sweeps," which received so much favour during 1889.

5. During the six months three new offices (Biggarsberg Junction, Frere, and Hilton Road) were opened, and one (New Guelderland) was closed, and there were several alterations with regard to post office agencies. The total number of persons employed by the department on the 30th of June was 294.

6. The estimated number of postal articles dealt with at all offices and agencies during the half-year was 3,118,316, 30,709 articles were registered, 13,702 money orders were issued, representing a sum of £48,894 17s. 10d.; and 6,900 were paid, amounting in value to £18,869 19s. 5d. There were 560 private boxes and 95 private bags let, the fees received on account of the former being £627 15s. 6d., and on account of the latter £153 9s.

7. About the usual quantity of correspondence was dealt with in the Returned Letter Office, 8,690 articles of one description and another being re-issued to the senders from that office. In addition a very large number of newspapers and books were destroyed, owing to the department's inability to re-issue them to the senders, the names and addresses of these not being furnished.



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8. The convention concluded with the Government of Mauritius, in 1889, came into operation on the 1st of January, reducing the postage to that colony from 6d. to 4d. per half-ounce, and abolishing compulsory pre-payment.

9. The institution of a fairly regular mail service, by private ship, from Capetown to the Australian colonies and New Zealand, enabled the department, from the 1st of May, to introduce a greatly improved service with those colonies at the low rate of 6d. per half-ounce for letters, and a correspondingly reduced postage for newspapers and other articles, excepting, of course, parcels.

10. The opening of the section of railway from Biggarsberg Junction (now Glencoe Junction) to Newcastle, on the 15th of May, led to several alterations in the department's services; prior to this time the connection with the Transvaal was partly by way of Harrismith, and partly through Mount Prospect, but, on the opening of the line, the services through the Free State were discontinued, and all mails were forwarded by way of Newcastle and Mount Prospect—the service being a daily one (including Sunday) in each direction.

11. After the changes, referred to in the preceding paragraph, were carried out, Harrismith was left with but two services (provided by Natal) to Ladysmith, but the Free State authorities at once arranged to supplement these by two services, furnished at the cost of the Government of the Free State. The four services have been continued since.

12. Six postal drafts were issued during the six months, of which one only was honoured.

13. Foreign parcel traffic showed a steady increase. 814 parcels were despatched from, and 2,535 were received in the colony. The Customs duties collected by the Post Office on the parcels delivered amounted to £406 2s. 4d.

14. Customs duties amounting to £33 15s. 10d., raised on articles reaching the colony otherwise than by the parcel post, were also collected by the Post Office on behalf of the Collector of Customs.

15. On the 15th of May a registered letter, containing a remittance of £5, was improperly obtained from the Pietermaritzburg Post Office by a man of somewhat similar name to the addressee, who made misrepresentations to the delivery clerk, and gave his signature for the letter. The man was subsequently arrested, and on the 21st of May was sentenced by the Resident Magistrate of the City to three months' imprisonment for the theft.

16. Several very annoying thefts were committed at Ladysmith during June, without any clue to the thief being obtained.

17. A very appreciable addition was made to the accommodation at the General Post Office in April, when two upstairs rooms were transferred to the department, but the accommodation generally is still far from sufficient, and is not without effect upon the working of the department.

18. The debit and credit statement for the twelve months to the 30th of June last is not quite so favourable as that for the previous six months. The difference, however, is not so great as it appears at first sight, the balance against the department being, in reality, all but obliterated

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by an amount of £3,801 3s. 8d., owing by the British office to the colony for the six months to the 30th of June, which could not be claimed, for certain reasons, until after the end of the financial year.

19. Box and bag rents very appreciably increased, and there was also a slight increase in money order commissions. Other items of revenue remained pretty much the same.

20. In the total expenditure there was a decrease of £468 13s. 6d., as compared with the first six months of 1890.

21. On the 30th of June, 1891, there were 111 post offices, 30 post office agencies, and 19 railway agencies open for the transaction of postal business, and the total number of persons employed in the department was 301.

22. The estimated number of articles delivered at the different offices and agencies was 6,184,247, and 64,986 articles were registered throughout the colony. The money orders issued and paid during the year numbered 29,029 and 14,987 respectively. The amount of orders issued was £100,054 5s. 2d., and that of orders paid was £14,538 0s. 4d. The number of private boxes let was 707, and of private bags 134, exclusive of 63 boxes and 3 bags held by Government departments.

23. As will be observed the traffic generally continued pretty much the same as during the first six months of 1890.

24. Work in the Returned Letter Office increased, 20,834 articles being re-issued from that office to the senders, and the number of articles destroyed, owing to the department's inability to return them, being proportionately large.

25. It is observed that newspapers and periodicals, and ordinary books, are very often enclosed in wrappers of a too flimsy description, and that many such articles reach the Returned Letter Office after having broken away from their wrappers.

26. The thefts which commenced at Ladysmith in June were continued in July, and gave rise to a great amount of trouble and vexation. The issue of the enquiries made was not altogether satisfactory.

27. Important reductions were made from the 1st of August in the rates for English and foreign parcels, the charge from Durban and the Point to England being reduced from 1s. 4d. to 9d. per lb., and from other parts of the colony from 1s. 4d. to 1s. per lb. To foreign countries the reduction was proportionate.

28. Parcel traffic generally during the year increased very largely, as a result mainly, no doubt, of the reduced rates. 7,511 parcels were received from England, and 2,763 sent there in the course of the year. On the parcels coming into the colony Customs duties to the amount of £1,110 18s. 9d. were collected by the department and handed over to the Collector of Customs.

29. A good many parcels for England and foreign countries are posted without the regulations being fully complied with, with the result that awkward delays occasionally arise.

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30. Customs duties to the amount of £93 11s. 3d., on articles entering the colony otherwise than by parcel post, were collected by the Post Office on account of the Collector of Customs.

31. In the latter part of 1890 the Postmaster-General of the Transvaal visited the colony to discuss the terms of a money order convention, which the Government of Natal had submitted for the consideration of the Transvaal Government in the early part of 1889, and it was arranged with him, as a tentative measure, to reduce the parcel post rate to the Transvaal from 1s. to 8d. per lb. This reduction had been urged by the colony for some time, but the Transvaal department had not seen its way to agree to it previously. It may, I think, be regarded as an important reduction, seeing that many Transvaal residents find it convenient to make purchases in Natal of articles which, with a moderate parcel rate, can be forwarded by post.

32. The money order convention, in connection with which the Postmaster-General of the Transvaal visited the colony, was satisfactorily negotiated, and ultimately came into operation on the 29th of January. The difficulty which had arisen between the Natal and the Transvaal department was that the Transvaal department wished to do away with the "list" system which prevails between most countries transacting money order business with each other, and which was regarded in Natal as an important safeguard against embezzlement. A modification of this system had been proposed by Natal to meet local circumstances, but objection was raised by the Transvaal to the proposed modified scheme as it entailed a delay of a day in the payment of money orders issued at Transvaal offices upon Newcastle, Dundee, Ladysmith, and Estcourt. The Postmaster-General of the Transvaal regarded this delay as important, and the Natal Department ultimately gave way, a proposal made by it for the exchange of weekly lists to be rendered on a different principle being accepted by Mr. van Alphen. At Mr. van Alphen's request it was also decided to adopt the form of convention entered into between the Cape Colony and the Orange Free State, and which was guiding the operations in connection with money order business between the Transvaal and the Cape Colony.

33. The advisability of introducing a special rate for the conveyance of gold from the Transvaal to Natal, or through Natal to England, was discussed with Mr. van Alphen, but he was disinclined to enter into any arrangement, and has recently stated that his department cannot agree to the transmission of gold by post at any rate lower than the ordinary letter rate.

34. The conclusion of a convention for the exchange of money orders with the Transvaal increased the number of countries with which Natal transacts money order business to 70.

35. Arrangements were concluded with the English office in December for the reduction of the letter rate of postage between the United Kingdom and Natal from 4d. to 2½d. the half-ounce, and the new rate came into operation on the 1st of January. From the same date arrangements were made to adopt generally the Postal Union system of accounting, which is a much simpler one than that which previously obtained. Originally Natal, in effect, handed over to the United Kingdom the postage, from there to the country of destination, on letters forwarded from Natal to England for foreign places, and claims were made on account of correspondence insufficiently prepaid. Under the system now followed the Natal department retains all postage it collects.

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and pays for the transmission to the country of destination, over the lines employed, of the correspondence it despatches, whether such correspondence be wholly or only partly prepaid, and makes no claim for under-payments. On the other hand correspondence coming to the colony is conveyed here at the cost of the despatching countries, whether fully prepaid or not, Natal collecting and retaining charges raised on account of insufficient pre-payment.

36. The reduction of postage to 2½d. between this and England, and to a corresponding amount between this and foreign countries, has led to increased ocean correspondence, and I am pleased to state that there is every prospect of Natal's loss during the year 1891 being but very slight.

37. There was introduced between this and England, simultaneously with the reduction of postage, a three half-penny card post, but this has not been used by the public to any very great extent.

38. A house-to-house delivery of correspondence was commenced in Durban on the 1st of February. It was brought into operation without any hitch occurring, and it has continued to work in a thoroughly satisfactory manner since. The house-to-house delivery in Pietermaritzburg could not be commenced until the 1st of July, owing to the numbering of the houses in the different streets not being completed until some time in June. I had entertained fears that it would be found difficult to secure the services of suitable Europeans as letter-carriers, but I am happy to state that the men employed in both Pietermaritzburg and Durban have done their work very satisfactorily, and appear to be well satisfied with it. A house-to-house delivery has necessarily resulted in a greatly improved delivery, persons who were in the habit of calling for their letters at the Post Office at irregular intervals now receiving them by the letter-carriers regularly every day.

39. On the opening of the railway to Charlestown, on the 8th April, the department was enabled to discontinue its cart service between Newcastle and Charlestown, and the service with the Transvaal has since been a very expeditious one, postal matter being conveyed from the capital of the colony to Johannesburg, Pretoria, and Barberton in 48, 65, and 94 hours respectively.

40. The post services in several directions were increased, the principal increase being that to Ixopo and Umzimkulu, and places served from that line. From the 11th May a post cart was put on from Isipingo to Umzinto, to replace the service so long performed between those points by Natives. The opening of the branch line between Glencoe Junction and Dundee, on the 8th July, 1890, led to the discontinuance of a post-cart service between those places. During the year new premises were opened at Richmond, Newcastle, Point, and Dundee.

41. A little use was made of the postal draft system, 66 drafts being issued during the year, of which 16 were honoured.

42. I annex statements relative to the outward voyages of the mail boats, which will, perhaps, be found to be of some interest.

43. The call at Lisbon, about which there was, at different times, a good deal of complaint, was discontinued in June.

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44. As was to be expected, the introduction of a street delivery of letters rendered necessary an increase in the number of posting receptacles in the streets. Until correspondence came to be delivered by letter-carrier the pillar and wall boxes that had been provided by the department were in very poor request, as persons attending frequently at the Post Office to obtain their correspondence no doubt found it equally convenient to post their letters there; when, however, visits to the Post Office to obtain letters became unnecessary, a change was noticeable, the matter posted in the street receptacles being much increased. Arrangements were made to furnish six additional pillar boxes in Durban, and five in Pietermaritzburg, and these will all now shortly be in use. Certain complaints made to the effect that the boxes employed by the department are unsuitable, and that the system of clearing them is not satisfactory, are without foundation, the evils apprehended not having been found, in practice, to exist. It has been suggested that a closed van should be employed for clearing the boxes, but this, while it would give rise to extra expense, would afford no additional security, and it would be attended by delay. Boxes are presently cleared by different Natives, and their contents are conveyed to the head offices with all desirable despatch.

45. A considerable amount of difficulty has of late been experienced with the Native mail-carrier. In the past he has been a very valuable postal servant, but it has been noticeable for some time that post running has been falling into disfavour with him, and now that Magistrates have been instructed not to supply Natives for post work, I think the time is not distant when the department will have to look in some other direction for mail conveyance. Recently there have been delays and interruptions on several lines, and on others the services have only been kept up through the assistance of postmasters and residents, who have supplied Natives from their own farms rather than see their posts stopped. During the last few years mails in most directions have increased in bulk, weight, and frequency, making the work of the runner a good deal harder, and more continuous, than it used to be in the olden days. The change has not been relished by the Native, who seems to dislike the idea of doing hard work without companionship, unless his hours of work are very short. I have already approached you with a view to the importation of Indians for post-running, but the Protector of Indian Immigrants is not of opinion that the Indian would be suitable for the work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. CHADWICK,

Postmaster-General.

General Post Office, Natal,

19th November, 1891.

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DEBIT AND CREDIT

Expenditure.	Amounts.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries ... ..	...	2,573 16 5
CONTINGENT AND OTHER EXPENSES:—		
Commission on Sale of Postage Stamps ... ..	316 11 0	
Overtime Attendance, Sorting Sea-borne Mails ... ..	94 0 0	
Extra Clerical Assistance ... ..	114 15 8	
Petty Expenses, including Date Stamps, &c. ... ..	257 11 8	
		782 18 4
MAILS:—		
Contract, Castle Packets Company ... ..	6,751 13 0	
Contract, Union S.S. Company ... ..	6,751 13 0	
Private Ships, Letters sent by ... ..	30 12 11	
Landing and Shipping Mails .. ...	85 4 0	
Inland Contracts ... ..	4,615 10 10	
Native Carriers, Wages ... ..	815 4 2	
Rations and Clothing to Carriers ... ..	543 8 2	
Mail Bags, Supply and Repairs ... ..	113 15 9	
Time and Signal Guns (proportion chargeable against G.P.O.) ... ..	23 17 0	
		19,730 13 10
MISCELLANEOUS:—		
Ocean and other Postage ... ..	605 8 7	
Commission on Money Orders ... ..	213 2 7	
Supply of Postage Stamps .. ...	279 0 5	
Rent, Durban Post and Telegraph Offices, Storeroom at Pietermaritzburg, and Post Office at Lower Tugela ... ..	287 0 0	
		1,384 11 7
Balance in favour of the Department ... ..	...	321 7 2
		£24,798 7 4

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STATEMENT.

Revenue.	Amounts.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sale of Postage Stamps, Postage and Surcharges ... ..	...	21,543 16 11
FEES OF OFFICE:—		
Private Box Rents ... ..	627 15 6	
Private Bag Rents... ..	153 9 0	
Fees on Money Orders issued ... ..	625 11 10	
Commission on Money Order Accounts ... ..	45 8 9	
		1,452 5 1
Sale of Government Property... ..	...	13 13 2
Forfeited Money Orders ... ..	...	24 14 3
Sums Refunded to Treasury ... ..	...	4 8 8
Approximate Value of Official Correspondence dealt with (£1,686 5s. 3d.), and Rent, calculated at ordinary rate, of Private Boxes set apart for Government Departments (£67 4s.)	...	1,753 9 3
		£24,793 7 4



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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Acton Homes ...	234	2,014	78	39	26	2,717	5,108	21
Avoca ...	75	2,899	52	26	...	2,275	5,327	30
Addington...	273	11,869	65	65	247	3,250	15,769	63
Amanziintete...	26	3,302	65	39	...	1,716	5,148	...
Albert ...	156	2,933	58	65	117	2,808	6,137	21
Biggarsberg Junction	273	9,789	...	26	243	1,238	11,569	160
Biggarsberg ...	78	1,365	...	26	130	1,001	2,600	68
Beith... ..	65	1,014	13	91	221	442	1,846	34
Bellair ...	26	9,373	13	65	260	5,694	15,431	49
Blackburn ...	104	3,393	13	13	286	2,756	6,565	49
Boston ...	182	4,641	221	247	96	6,045	11,432	72
Beaumont ...	143	2,795	39	117	39	2,964	6,097	38
Balgowan ...	...	1,508	65	...	65	1,592	3,230	4
Byrnetown ...	...	1,950	52	65	13	2,327	4,407	25
Botha's Hill ...	26	3,848	...	...	377	1,235	5,486	42
Colenso ...	117	2,613	39	...	...	3,081	5,850	56
Cato Ridge ...	13	4,303	130	...	...	858	5,304	35
Cundycleugh ...	52	663	...	13	...	871	1,599	21
Cleveland Hill ...	13	1,235	...	91	...	1,014	2,353	13
Camperdown ...	221	5,096	65	13	78	4,394	9,867	48
Dannhauser ...	65	1,443	...	39	169	468	2,184	...
Dargle Road...	...	2,717	...	26	...	1,664	4,407	157
Dargle ...	494	5,824	247	195	247	5,174	12,181	...
Carried forward...	2,636	86,587	1,215	1,261	2,614	55,584	149,897	1,006

## STATISTICS.

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward	2,636	86,587	1,215	1,261	2,614	55,584	149,897	1,006
Dewdrop ... ..	39	1,482	91	117	117	1,885	3,731	8
Deepdale ... ..	...	1,313	13	52	156	1,846	3,380	...
Dronkvele ... ..	...	2,868	13	130	247	2,782	6,040	18
Durban ... ..	38,948	627,263	6,448	7,699	52,052	231,192	963,602	9,340
Do. Indian ... ..	13	5,942	...	...	13	297	6,265	...
Duff's Road ... ..	169	7,266	273	13	232	2,977	10,930	6
Dundee ... ..	2,080	28,470	507	1,014	2,262	14,027	48,360	684
Dumisa ... ..	39	715	...	13	...	1,248	2,015	...
Dundee Coal Fields	143	6,877	26	377	13	5,187	12,623	...
Edendale ... ..	...	3,354	...	13	39	936	4,342	1
Elandslaagte... ..	...	3,003	13	...	...	923	3,939	...
Engabeni ... ..	145	1,469	...	91	40	988	2,733	6
Equeefa ... ..	...	1,879	65	52	292	1,781	4,069	29
Estcourt ... ..	1,950	28,782	674	390	5,317	19,721	56,834	196
Do. Rail ... ..	78	2,938	234	52	26	1,820	5,148	...
Foxhill ... ..	26	1,389	26	...	91	1,833	3,365	10
Frere ... ..	104	2,652	91	26	26	1,586	4,485	38
Gilletts ... ..	52	2,574	26	...	52	1,560	4,264	13
Glendale ... ..	26	689	13	...	39	377	1,144	28
Good Hope ... ..	1,001	6,292	13	234	117	4,693	12,350	151
Gourton ... ..	234	3,614	195	208	312	2,262	6,825	58
Greytown ... ..	2,283	21,333	234	559	5,434	18,460	48,303	210
Groutville ... ..	78	3,327	13	26	...	1,079	4,523	21
Carried forward	50,044	852,078	10,183	12,327	69,491	375,044	1,369,167	11,823

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## STATISTICS.

MONEY ORDERS.				FEES OF OFFICE.				Fees on Money Orders.	Number of Free Boxes and Bags.
Issued.		Paid.		Private Boxes.		Private Bags.			
No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4,600	16,351 11 5	2,593	8,051 8 6	270	274 6 3	...	...	223 3 4	14
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
423	1,169 7 9	36	96 7 2	...	...	...	...	14 11 10	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
383	1,208 19 5	107	391 4 6	...	...	...	...	14 17 0	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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268	571 1 11	50	175 5 11	...	...	...	...	8 4 3	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5,674	19,301 0 6	2,786	8,714 6 1	270	274 6 3	...	...	260 16 5	16

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward	50,044	852,078	10,183	12,327	69,491	375,044	1,369,167	11,823
Harding ... ..	1,729	10,998	156	702	793	8,320	22,698	277
Houdboschrand ...	117	3,419	234	65	143	3,406	7,384	3
Helpmakaar ... ..	234	5,109	91	247	208	3,263	9,152	114
Do. Road ... ..	...	3,627	...	...	...	871	4,498	18
Hermansberg ... ..	1,040	8,996	234	130	390	5,109	15,899	67
Hilton Road ... ..	...	1,976	...	...	...	819	2,795	10
High Flats ... ..	270	3,562	156	221	182	3,263	7,654	9
Highlands ... ..	78	4,017	273	65	104	3,523	8,060	12
Howick ... ..	871	14,729	390	299	1,376	8,021	25,686	133
Do. Rail ... ..	39	897	13	26	...	1,391	2,366	...
Ifafa ... ..	117	2,431	78	91	65	1,846	4,628	7
Illovo ... ..	156	1,664	...	26	65	1,066	2,977	23
Inanda ... ..	...	2,236	39	26	...	766	3,067	...
Ingele ... ..	91	1,599	26	65	91	2,184	4,056	38
Ingagane ... ..	13	1,950	...	39	52	668	2,722	...
Insuzi ... ..	39	1,105	...	...	39	377	1,560	4
Isipingo ... ..	2,106	7,423	143	52	1,456	3,107	14,287	74
Ixopo ... ..	1,287	12,298	377	416	494	9,542	24,414	155
Ker's ... ..	39	1,209	...	13	26	806	2,093	...
Kearsney ... ..	585	4,069	117	130	559	2,977	8,437	42
Klipkraal ... ..	39	832	...	26	...	507	1,404	...
Ladysmith ... ..	6,240	103,368	793	792	6,617	54,873	172,683	1,538
Do. Indian ... ..	78	3,211	...	13	13	676	3,991	...
Carried forward ...	65,212	1,052,803	13,303	15,771	82,164	492,425	1,721,678	14,397



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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward	65,212	1,052,803	13,803	15,771	82,164	492,425	1,721,678	14,397
Land's End ...	65	4,563	78	104	104	3,848	8,762	219
Lidgetton ...	208	4,420	104	65	52	3,081	7,930	59
Lower Umkomanzi ...	117	5,447	52	104	39	3,107	8,866	17
Lower Tugela ...	494	1,937	91	78	169	2,093	4,862	56
Maitlandfield ...	52	1,547	13	78	26	1,404	3,120	17
Malvern ...	...	4,602	...	13	...	871	5,486	1
Manderston ...	78	624	...	...	208	26	936	...
Mapumulo ...	299	5,902	26	26	91	1,833	8,177	56
Meran ...	13	910	13	...	...	572	1,508	21
Mid Illovo ...	...	1,521	...	...	65	...	1,586	18
Moguntia ...	234	2,431	26	182	39	2,210	5,122	42
Mooi River ...	195	8,138	273	117	247	5,031	14,001	99
Musgrave Road ...	377	22,919	260	182	2,327	5,674	31,739	76
Mount Edgecombe ...	167	10,556	130	117	26	2,834	13,830	...
Mount Moriah ...	182	792	78	26	91	1,053	2,222	38
Mount Prospect ...	156	2,730	13	91	143	2,366	5,499	41
New Germany ...	65	1,469	39	...	130	949	2,652	6
New Hanover ...	78	3,237	13	39	494	2,808	6,669	102
New Leeds ...	39	2,795	52	...	26	1,495	4,407	13
Newcastle ...	2,990	66,573	481	1,053	7,176	33,345	111,618	1,445
Ngobevu ...	91	949	52	65	...	845	2,002	9
Nil Desperandum ...	26	728	...	13	39	351	1,157	...
Northdene ...	13	1,599	13	...	130	1,657	3,412	...
Carried forward...	71,151	1,209,192	15,110	18,124	93,786	569,878	1,977,241	16,732

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
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	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward	71,151	1,209,192	15,110	18,124	93,786	569,878	1,977,241	16,732
Nottingham ... ..	312	4,212	65	65	442	3,640	8,736	2
Nottingham Road ...	241	4,836	39	...	39	1,014	6,169	72
Noodsberg ... ..	299	2,055	13	247	208	2,522	5,344	65
Noodsberg Road ...	117	2,002	...	13	65	2,444	4,641	45
Normandien... ..	26	1,443	13	26	78	1,989	3,575	16
Olivier's Hoek ...	689	3,107	130	104	78	2,015	6,123	1
Olivier's Hoek Road	169	2,873	234	39	39	73	3,427	15
Ottawa ... ..	182	1,391	...	...	...	1,261	2,834	...
Phoenix ... ..	...	1,144	...	52	78	1,495	2,769	...
Pieterse ... ..	...	611	13	...	...	221	845	...
Pinetown ... ..	546	16,315	312	182	2,652	4,452	24,459	65
Polela ... ..	676	5,434	26	182	884	5,031	12,233	61
Point... ..	2,093	32,708	364	117	3,562	11,921	50,765	734
Port Shepstone ...	884	8,060	273	455	559	4,901	15,132	172
P.M.Burg ... ..	35,750	354,263	3,874	2,392	43,862	142,233	582,374	10,259
Do. Indian ... ..	65	3,172	13	...	...	26	3,276	...
Richmond ... ..	1,547	16,029	780	312	3,198	14,755	36,621	189
Richmond Road ...	65	3,239	260	13	...	1,131	4,758	43
Rietvlei ... ..	143	5,798	117	195	292	4,134	10,679	77
Roberts ... ..	...	884	39	26	52	766	1,767	7
Rorke's Drift ...	...	3,861	26	182	455	43,342	47,866	50
Rosebank ... ..	...	819	39	...	26	1,040	1,924	...
Russell Street ...	78	6,097	13	13	858	1,300	8,359	23
Carried forward	115,033	1,689,595	21,753	22,739	151,213	821,584	2,821,917	28,628

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward	115,033	1,689,595	21,753	22,739	151,213	821,584	2,821,917	28,628
Scotston ... ..	65	975	...	104	26	1,157	2,327	2
Sevenoaks ... ..	143	3,718	39	130	156	2,834	7,020	36
Spitzkop ... ..	13	1,001	...	65	...	819	1,898	41
Springfield ... ..	845	10,920	676	85	429	546	13,501	109
Spring Grange ... ..	65	3,211	13	65	...	3,263	6,617	...
Springvale ... ..	78	1,683	39	65	13	1,612	3,400	21
Stamford Hill ... ..	...	2,730	...	26	13	1,248	4,017	1
Stanger ... ..	884	18,138	572	533	468	8,385	28,980	...
Stirling ... ..	156	598	26	...	234	858	1,872	349
Sunday's River ... ..	104	1,578	13	13	13	858	2,579	20
Sydenham ... ..	117	4,615	65	68	507	1,729	7,101	49
Thornville ... ..	26	949	...	...	26	1,924	2,925	3
Tongaat ... ..	351	12,896	234	195	325	6,162	20,163	14
Ulundi ... ..	65	1,468	39	26	26	1,313	2,937	...
Umb'lo ... ..	39	3,310	26	...	26	3,159	6,560	24
Umgeni Village ... ..	481	8,697	403	130	26	1,001	10,738	80
Umhlali ... ..	663	5,239	78	299	923	4,420	11,622	170
Umhlangeni ... ..	156	3,120	65	91	...	338	3,770	12
Umlaas Bridge ... ..	13	390	13	...	...	312	728	...
Umsindusi ... ..	39	624	...	...	13	416	1,092	...
Umsinga ... ..	1,001	3,965	65	325	156	2,873	8,385	233
Umzinto ... ..	2,678	15,702	169	520	1,271	13,559	33,899	368
Umzumbi ... ..	52	624	91	23	...	429	1,219	...
Carried forward ...	123,067	1,795,746	24,379	25,502	155,864	880,799	3,005,357	30,160



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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward	123,067	1,795,746	24,379	25,502	155,864	880,799	3,005,357	30,160
Upper Umzimkulu ..	91	4,537	78	169	403	3,432	8,710	21
Upper Tongaat ...	26	1,508	...	...	13	702	2,249	...
Verulam ...	3,874	27,118	429	273	3,172	31,265	66,131	389
Wallacetown ...	104	3,217	169	13	...	507	4,010	...
Waschbank ...	65	1,521	13	26	...	572	2,197	...
Weenen ...	182	2,522	182	78	...	1,515	4,479	61
West End ...	13	3,304	13	26	403	949	4,708	...
Willow Grange ...	13	1,209	39	...	26	1,261	2,548	48
Wilgefontein ...	52	429	130	...	26	806	1,443	10
Woodside ...	13	1,612	104	221	52	1,157	3,159	16
York ...	13	3,055	52	26	130	3,809	7,085	4
Zunckels ...	195	1,755	...	52	104	1,391	3,497	...
Zwaartkop ...	...	1,495	13	...	52	1,188	2,743	...
Postmaster-General ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	127,708	1,849,028	25,601	26,386	160,245	919,348	3,118,316	30,709

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MONEY ORDERS.				FEES OF OFFICE.				Fees on Money Orders.	Nnnumber of Free Boxes and Bags.
Issued.		Paid.		Private Boxes.		Private Bags.			
No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
13,526	48,488 10 2	6,814	18,615 4 5	560	627 15 6	...	...	620 0 4	63
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...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
176	406 7 8	86	254 15 0	...	...	...	...	5 11 6	1
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...	...	...	...	...	...	95	153 9 0	...	6 Bags
13,702	48,894 17 10	6,900	18,869 19 5	560	627 15 6	95	153 9 0	625 11 10	64 Boxes 6 Bags

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DEBIT AND CREDIT

Expenditure.	Amounts.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries ... ..	...	7,722 7 0
CONTINGENT AND OTHER EXPENSES :—		
Commission on Sales of Postage Stamps ... ..	577 3 0	
Overtime Attendance, Sorting Sea-borne Mails ... ..	255 5 0	
Extra Clerical Assistance ... ..	200 15 11	
Petty Expenses, including Date Stamps, &c. ... ..	224 13 2	
Travelling Expenses in connection with Inspections ... ..	78 16 6	1,336 13 7
MAILS :—		
Contract, Castle Packets Company ... ..	13,400 0 0	
Contract, Union S.S. Company ... ..	13,407 4 2	
Private Ships, Letters sent by ... ..	119 14 9	
Landing and Shipping Mails .. ...	209 8 0	
Inland Contracts ... ..	7,207 13 5	
Native Carriers, Wages ... ..	1,509 16 10	
Rations and Clothing to Carriers ... ..	799 15 11	
Mail Bags, Supply and Repairs ... ..	143 0 3	
Remuneration of Station Masters as Postmasters ... ..	84 18 5	
Time and Signal Guns (proportion chargeable against G.P.O.) ... ..	54 13 4	
European Letter Carriers, Clothing, &c. (4 months) ... ..	267 1 3	37,203 6 4
MISCELLANEOUS :—		
Ocean and other Postage ... ..	762 11 8	
Commission on Money Orders ... ..	286 18 3	
Supply of Postage Stamps ... ..	647 1 7	
Rent, Durban Post and Telegraph Offices, Storeroom at Pietermaritzburg, and Post Offices at Lower Tugela and Umsinga ... ..	516 8 5	2,212 19 11
		£48,475 6 10

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## STATEMENT.

Revenue.	Amounts.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sale of Postage Stamps, Postage and Surcharges ...	...	38,704 17 1
FEES OF OFFICE:—		
Private Box Rents ...	689 8 3	
Private Bag Rents... ..	205 12 0	
Fees on Money Orders issued ...	1,319 2 3	
Commission on Money Order Accounts ...	87 3 4	
		2,301 5 10
Sale of Government Property... ..	...	0 6 6
Forfeited Money Orders ...	...	67 5 8
Sums Refunded to Treasury ...	...	8 0 6
Special Receipts ...	...	3 11 7
General Deposits ...	...	10 9 6
MISCELLANEOUS:—		
Fines ...	...	6 13 6
Approximate Value of Official Correspondence dealt with (£3,372 10s. 6d.), and Rent, calculated at ordinary rate, of Private Boxes set apart for Government Departments (£63 3s.)	...	3,435 13 6
Balance against the Department ...	...	3,937 3 2
		£48,475 6 10



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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Acton Homes ...	494	4,328	156	104	104	5,317	10,503	55
Addington... ..	650	23,800	169	247	1,196	6,058	32,149	91
Albert ... ..	273	5,313	136	104	390	5,174	12,390	51
Amazintote ... .. (Adams' M.S.)	143	5,941	234	52	26	3,445	9,841	12
Avoca ... ..	156	6,482	65	52	13	4,568	11,336	52
Balgowan ... ..	65	3,978	104	...	78	4,113	8,338	54
Beaumont ... ..	442	5,057	169	234	143	5,382	11,427	125
Beith... ..	143	2,158	...	143	390	1,417	4,251	56
Bellair ... ..	221	17,693	52	247	351	9,362	27,926	58
Biggarsberg ... ..	156	3,367	...	65	208	2,041	5,837	79
Blackburn ... ..	104	6,682	39	39	130	5,005	11,999	66
Botha's Hill ... ..	117	8,502	52	13	13	4,186	12,883	78
Boston ... ..	533	10,010	442	325	780	11,726	23,816	106
Byrnetown ... ..	143	4,537	117	130	338	5,174	10,439	65
Camperdown ... ..	481	11,609	156	169	195	10,673	23,283	209
Cato Ridge ... ..	169	8,541	221	...	...	1,521	10,452	49
Charlestown ... ..	494	7,358	78	273	78	4,914	13,195	80
Cleveland Hill ... ..	130	3,172	...	130	52	2,327	5,811	32
Colenso ... ..	247	6,357	104	156	832	6,786	14,482	142
Cundycleugh ... ..	78	1,274	13	39	26	1,924	3,354	35
Dannhauser ... ..	195	4,667	39	169	364	1,755	7,189	...
Dargle ... ..	988	11,089	442	364	520	10,231	23,634	30
Deepdale ... ..	143	2,535	13	104	286	3,419	6,500	...
Dewdrop ... ..	65	2,834	182	195	221	4,040	8,137	16
Carried forward...	6,630	168,313	2,983	3,354	6,744	121,168	309,172	1,541



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	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward	6,630	168,313	2,983	3,354	6,744	121,168	309,172	1,541
Dargle Road ...	494	5,343	52	130	169	3,536	9,724	216
Dingley Dell...	143	604	...	26	...	1,040	1,813	...
Dronkvele ...	130	5,117	52	143	312	4,901	10,655	51
Duff's Road ...	299	14,253	520	39	232	5,252	20,595	6
Dumisa ...	65	1,716	...	26	...	2,132	3,939	14
Dundee ...	2,581	55,575	949	1,742	7,670	31,642	100,159	1,300
Dundee Coal Fields	689	13,598	52	533	533	10,699	26,104	219
Durban ...	68,588	1,227,278	19,097	14,147	88,842	425,373	1,843,325	16,025
Do. Indian ...	...	10,466	...	...	26	43	10,535	...
Edendale ...	91	7,051	...	26	130	2,119	9,417	2
Elandslaagte...	26	5,473	26	26	130	2,340	8,021	...
Engabeni ...	262	3,302	13	156	236	1,625	5,594	19
Equeefa ...	195	3,777	169	117	695	3,601	8,554	85
Estcourt ...	5,031	61,074	2,026	1,131	7,644	41,574	118,480	350
Do. Station ...	169	6,695	325	104	78	4,537	11,908	...
Foxhill ...	117	5,146	117	156	143	5,550	11,229	37
Frere ...	208	6,914	221	39	85	3,744	11,211	96
Gillett's ...	52	4,810	2	...	52	2,535	7,475	14
Glencoe Junction ...	273	13,195	12	39	256	3,538	17,314	195
Glendale ...	104	1,196	13	...	91	793	2,197	69
Good Hope ...	1,625	19,175	78	403	442	13,988	35,711	475
Gourton ...	637	7,020	234	312	572	4,290	13,065	135
Greytown ...	4,272	44,616	640	1,326	9,009	33,792	98,655	866
Carried forward...	92,681	1,691,707	27,606	23,975	124,081	734,802	2,694,852	21,715

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## STATISTICS.

MONEY ORDERS.				FEES OF OFFICE.				Fees on Money Orders.	Number of Free Boxes and Bags.
Issued.		Paid.		Private Boxes.		Private Bags.			
No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward	92,681	1,691,707	27,606	23,975	124,081	734,802	2,694,852	21,715
Groutville ... ..	130	5,810	338	65	...	2,392	8,735	33
Harding ... ..	3,900	25,077	546	1,573	1,287	14,735	47,138	637
Helpmakaar ... ..	507	3,671	221	320	463	5,461	13,713	221
Hermansberg ... ..	2,392	19,045	390	299	949	10,543	33,618	146
High Flats ... ..	517	7,137	299	468	429	6,409	15,259	29
Highlands ... ..	260	11,310	494	156	416	7,683	20,319	27
Hilton Road ... ..	...	2,834	13	39	...	1,079	3,965	36
Houdboschrand ... ..	195	7,150	442	156	403	7,059	15,405	2
Howick ... ..	2,860	34,333	1,287	663	2,676	19,422	61,241	384
Do. Station ... ..	234	2,444	104	65	26	2,340	5,213	...
Ifafa ... ..	338	5,616	91	182	260	4,199	10,686	7
Ingagane ... ..	208	2,354	...	65	299	1,469	5,395	...
Ingele ... ..	299	4,069	52	195	247	6,045	10,907	59
Ingogo ... ..	273	5,291	39	117	390	4,732	10,842	82
Inhluzan ... ..	364	1,300	26	52	156	1,352	3,250	47
Illovo ... ..	299	3,675	39	39	104	2,249	6,405	52
Inanda ... ..	13	4,590	39	26	39	1,546	6,253	...
Insuzi ... ..	65	2,288	...	...	65	871	3,239	9
Isipingo ... ..	6,591	17,003	234	117	2,470	7,592	34,012	167
Ixopo ... ..	2,717	22,919	1,508	1,079	853	19,422	48,503	349
Kearsney ... ..	988	7,943	535	221	1,027	6,656	17,420	95
Ker's ... ..	65	2,275	...	13	52	1,339	3,744	...
Klipkraal ... ..	143	1,534	39	26	...	853	2,600	3
Carried forward ...	115,939	1,897,370	34,392	29,981	136,702	870,275	3,084,769	24,100



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	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward	115,939	1 897,370	34,392	29,981	136,702	870,275	3,084,769	24,100
Ladysmith ...	10,946	189,904	2,275	1,884	18,434	84,396	307,839	2,681
Do. Indian ...	182	5,269	...	13	13	676	6,153	...
Land's End ...	377	12,701	156	286	390	9,369	23,279	417
Langetton ...	403	9,750	234	130	91	5,067	15,675	44
Maitlandfield ...	208	2,886	65	169	117	2,912	6,357	39
Malvern ...	13	7,293	104	13	...	1,170	8,593	19
Manderston ...	247	1,599	13	...	208	312	2,379	15
Mapumulo ...	524	11,513	143	39	182	3,757	16,163	191
Meran ...	52	2,037	13	...	...	1,287	3,419	34
Mid Illovo ...	13	2,704	65	91	13	1,794	4,680	50
Moguntia ...	416	4,888	52	260	117	3,536	9,269	109
Mooi River ...	351	17,823	403	377	507	13,130	32,591	200
Mount Edgecombe ...	429	27,950	182	143	39	8,723	37,466	61
Mount Moriah ...	559	1,793	78	65	208	2,132	4,835	106
Musgrave Road ...	884	45,097	767	351	6,552	11,433	65,084	157
Newcastle ...	7,111	138,306	1,469	2,392	14,612	79,716	243,606	3,041
New Germany ...	143	3,484	13	91	208	1,976	5,915	12
New Hanover ...	182	6,279	52	91	1,079	6,110	13,793	66
New Leeds ...	91	3,381	13	65	52	3,016	6,618	25
Ngobevu ...	130	1,716	52	104	...	1,222	3,224	...
Nil Desperandum ...	26	2,106	...	52	130	1,222	3,536	...
Noodsberg ...	559	4,655	91	416	325	4,719	10,765	138
Noodsberg Road ..	273	4,342	...	65	468	4,910	10,058	108
Carried forward	140,158	2,404,891	40,632	37,078	180,437	1,122,860	3,926,066	31,534

## STATISTICS.

MONEY ORDERS.				FEES OF OFFICE.					
Issued.		Paid.		Private Boxes.		Private Bags.		Fees on Money Orders.	Number of Free Boxes and Bags.
No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		
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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward	140,158	2,404,891	40,632	37,078	180,447	1,122,860	3,92,066	31,534
Normanville...	156	2,457	13	26	73	4,784	7,514	36
Northdene ...	104	4,264	78	...	130	3,926	8,502	22
Nottingham ...	371	12,857	225	182	910	10,985	26,130	4
Nottingham Road ...	553	14,534	442	78	182	4,485	20,274	173
Olivier's Hoek ...	1,092	4,602	150	169	117	4,069	10,179	133
Olivier's Hoek Road	598	7,681	390	143	338	2,777	11,877	24
Ottawa ...	533	3,042	13	...	13	2,587	6,188	33
Phoenix ...	78	2,860	...	52	117	3,362	6,669	12
P.M.Burg ...	74,035	746,720	8,372	4,862	78,975	265,798	1,178,762	25,045
Do. Indian ...	65	6,098	13	...	13	26	6,215	...
Pieterse ...	39	1,729	39	...	91	819	2,717	...
Pinetown ...	1,144	35,204	559	325	4,342	14,371	55,945	127
Point ...	3,965	66,677	819	234	6,825	23,543	102,063	1,502
Polola ...	1,768	14,209	195	551	1,976	13,100	31,799	145
Port Shepstone ...	1,781	13,572	403	702	1,391	8,827	26,676	514
Richmond ...	3,185	30,550	1,495	806	5,350	29,419	71,305	573
Richmond Road ...	130	9,493	507	39	39	3,328	13,536	93
Rietvlei ...	364	10,829	221	364	539	7,631	19,948	138
Rorke's Drift ...	104	8,164	91	299	1,105	9,339	19,102	48
Rosebank ...	13	1,625	78	...	39	2,093	3,848	...
Russell Street ...	260	7,683	13	13	882	1,586	10,437	45
Scotston ...	143	2,925	...	182	52	2,990	6,292	5
Sevenoaks ...	325	6,435	52	208	208	5,876	13,104	73
Carried forward...	231,464	3,419,051	54,880	46,313	284,659	1,548,781	5,585,148	60,129



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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.		Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
	Official.	Ordinary.						
Brought forward	231,464	3,419,051	54,880	46,313	284,659	1,548,781	5,585,148	60,129
Spitzkop ... ..	104	1,613	...	130	...	1,677	3,524	48
Springfield ... ..	1,976	21,411	1,001	644	702	1,131	26,865	137
Spring Grange ... ..	169	5,350	78	169	...	6,461	12,727	96
Springvale ... ..	143	2,378	65	182	91	2,808	5,667	38
Stamford Hill ... ..	39	9,685	52	52	195	3,302	13,325	21
Stanger ... ..	1,742	38,145	2,002	1,404	1,001	17,459	61,753	753
Stirling ... ..	156	1,872	78	156	234	1,352	3,848	...
Sunday's River ... ..	182	2,314	26	65	13	1,573	4,173	47
Sydenham ... ..	338	9,633	169	198	1,001	3,588	14,927	99
Thornville ... ..	143	1,924	13	13	52	3,783	5,928	15
Tongaat ... ..	793	24,011	494	351	494	11,154	37,297	135
Do. Upper ... ..	65	2,730	26	39	13	1,456	4,329	29
Tugela, Lower ... ..	988	3,497	104	104	247	3,497	8,437	138
Ulundi ... ..	130	2,587	78	104	39	2,418	5,356	...
Umbilo ... ..	117	8,086	39	...	65	5,824	14,131	70
Umgeni, Lower ... ..	1,157	15,522	949	169	26	5,187	23,010	177
Umkomanzi ... ..	299	9,906	104	182	78	5,473	16,042	54
Umsindusi ... ..	65	1,365	...	...	13	663	2,106	12
Umsinga ... ..	1,638	7,787	78	455	481	5,278	15,717	392
Umhlangeni ... ..	312	4,498	65	26	143	585	5,629	16
Umhlali ... ..	887	10,699	169	624	1,248	7,774	21,401	327
Umlaas Bridge ... ..	13	728	13	...	26	650	1,430	...
Umtwalumi ... ..	52	1,482	26	13	26	78	1,677	...
Carried forward...	242,972	3,606,774	60,509	51,393	290,447	1,641,952	5,894,447	62,738



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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.		Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
	Official.	Ordinary.						
Brought forward	242,972	3,606,774	60,509	51,393	290,447	1,641,952	5,894,447	62,738
Umzimkulu, Upper ...	494	9,685	182	299	533	7,371	18,564	48
Umzinto ... ..	4,862	31,148	416	1,179	3,523	26,780	67,908	345
Umzumbi ... ..	130	1,417	91	26	...	949	2,613	...
Verulam ... ..	7,813	33,042	871	598	5,798	49,439	119,561	940
Wallacetown ...	143	5,778	208	13	65	1,612	7,319	...
Wascobank ... ..	91	2,886	13	91	...	1,053	4,134	...
Weenen ... ..	390	4,420	299	195	143	3,751	9,198	109
Wessels' Nek ...	104	5,330	13	39	13	2,808	8,307	92
West End ... ..	13	4,290	13	26	403	949	5,694	...
Wilgefontein ...	156	1,235	260	...	182	1,651	3,484	20
Willow Grange ...	117	4,511	130	78	143	4,003	8,982	94
Woodside ... ..	52	2,561	169	234	78	2,353	5,447	30
York ... ..	156	6,344	104	156	390	7,293	14,443	70
Zunckels ... ..	195	3,848	39	169	130	2,821	7,202	...
Zwaartkop ... ..	78	3,649	13	52	52	2,600	6,444	...
Postmaster-General...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ... ..	257,766	3,748,918	63,330	54,548	302,300	1,757,385	6,184,247	64,986

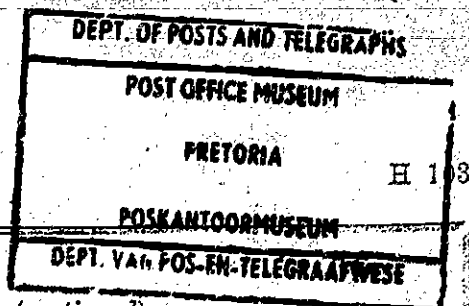


## REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (continued).

Information relative to Outward Voyages of Contract Boats, January to  
June, 1890.

Coaster.	Ocean Boat.	Engines Stopped.		Pilot Discharged.		Remarks.
		Time.	Date.	Time.	Date.	
African ...	Moor ...	3 30 p.m.	18/2/90	4 0 p.m.	24/1/90	{ 16 hours' detention at Lisbon
Melrose ...	Garth Castle ...	12 45 p.m.	24/2/90	3 39 p.m.	31/1/90	
African ...	Trojan ...	9 45 p.m.	3/3/90	3 40 p.m.	7/2/90	
Melrose ...	Hawarden ...	1 40 p.m.	10/3/90	4 23 p.m.	14/2/90	
African ...	Mexican ...	5 30 p.m.	17/3/90	4 5 p.m.	21/2/90	
Melrose ...	Grantully ...	7 0 p.m.	24/3/90	3 45 p.m.	28/2/90	{ One day's detention at Lisbon. Late reaching Madeira, owing to bad weather. { Detained at Lisbon. No. of hours not known
German ...	Athenian ...	4 30 p.m.	31/3/90	4 25 p.m.	7/3/90	
Melrose ...	Drummond ...	1 5 p.m.	8/4/90	5 37 p.m.	14/3/90	
Saxon ...	Spartan ...	11 0 a.m.	15/4/90	4 46 p.m.	21/3/90	
Melrose ...	Norham ...	7 15 p.m.	21/4/90	3 45 p.m.	28/3/90	
African ...	Tartar ...	12 45 p.m.	28/4/90	4 45 p.m.	4/4/90	{ Five hours' detention at Madeira, owing to stress of weather.
Venice ...	Roslin ...	8 52 a.m.	6/5/90	4 4 p.m.	11/4/90	
African ...	Moor ...	3 50 p.m.	12/5/90	4 45 p.m.	18/4/90	
Courland ...	Garth ...	4 41 a.m.	20/5/90	3 35 p.m.	25/4/90	
African ...	Trojan ...	12 25 p.m.	27/5/90	4 55 p.m.	2/5/90	
Melrose ...	Hawarden ...	3 55 a.m.	3/6/90	4 20 p.m.	9/5/90	
African ...	Mexican ...	9 30 a.m.	9/6/90	4 50 p.m.	16/5/90	
Melrose ...	Grantully ...	11 20 a.m.	16/6/90	3 21 p.m.	23/5/90	
Tyrian ...	Athenian ...	9 0 a.m.	23/6/90	4 45 p.m.	30/5/90	
Melrose ...	Drummond ...	11 50 a.m.	1/7/90	3 45 p.m.	6/6/90	
Tyrian ...	Spartan ...	Noon.	7/7/90	4 45 p.m.	13/6/90	
Melrose ...	Norham ...	3 30 a.m.	15/7/90	3 35 p.m.	20/6/90	
African ...	Moor ...	9 50 a.m.	21/7/90	5 0 p.m.	27/6/90	

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Information relative to Outward Voyages of Contract Boats, July 1890,  
to June, 1891.

Coaster.	Ocean Boat.	Engines Stopped.		Pilot Discharged.		Remarks.
		Time.	Date.	Time.	Date.	
Melrose ...	Methven ...	3 45 a.m.	23/7/90	3 35 p.m.	4/7/90	
Tyrian ...	Trojan ...	12 30 p.m.	4/8/90	4 45 p.m.	11/7/90	
Melrose ...	Garth Castle ...	11 40 a.m.	11/8/90	4 20 p.m.	18/7/90	
African ...	Mexican ...	9 0 a.m.	18/8/90	4 15 p.m.	25/7/90	
Melrose ...	Hawarden ...	9 15 a.m.	26/8/90	4 7 p.m.	1/8/90	23 hours' detention at Lisbon.
Tyrian ...	Athenian...	Midnight	31/8/90	4 10 p.m.	8/8/90	
Melrose ...	Grantully ...	6 35 p.m.	8/9/90	3 56 p.m.	15/8/90	
African ...	Spartan ...	10 10 a.m.	15/9/90	4 0 p.m.	22/8/90	
Melrose ...	Taymouth ...	9 20 p.m.	22/9/90	4 10 p.m.	29/8/90	{ Detained at Algoa Bay 9½ hours at request of Cape and Natal P.M.G.'s.
Tyrian ...	Tartar ...	10 0 p.m.	29/9/90	3 45	5/9/90	
Melrose ...	Pembroke Castle	1 0 p.m.	7/10/90	4 15 p.m.	12/9/90	{ Heavy weather in Channel and gale off Cape Town.
African ...	Moor ...	10 50 a.m.	19/10/90	4 40 p.m.	19/9/90	
Melrose ...	Roslin ...	10 35 a.m.	20/10/90	4 41 p.m.	26/9/90	
Tyrian ...	Trojan ...	3 30 a.m.	28/10/90	3 50 p.m.	3/10/90	
Melrose ...	Methven ...	4 30 a.m.	3/11/90	4 20 p.m.	10/10/90	
African ...	Mexican ...	2 35 p.m.	10/11/90	4 10 p.m.	17/10/90	
Melrose ...	Hawarden Castle	5 15 a.m.	18/11/90	3 55 p.m.	24/10/90	
Tyrian ...	Athenian...	5 41 p.m.	24/11/90	3 55 p.m.	31/10/90	
Melrose ...	Garth Castle ...	5 0 a.m.	2/12/90	3 58 p.m.	7/11/90	
African ...	Spartan ...	11 11 a.m.	9/12/90	4 0 p.m.	14/11/90	
Courland...	Grantully ...	4 37 p.m.	15/12/90	4 20 p.m.	21/11/90	
Tyrian ...	Tartar ...	7 11 p.m.	21/12/90	4 4 p.m.	28/11/90	
Courland...	Drummond ...	3 40 p.m.	30/12/90	4 0 p.m.	3/12/90	
African ...	Moor ...	9 16 a.m.	5/1/91	5 15 p.m.	12/12/90	
Courland...	Norham Castle ...	5 30 p.m.	10/1/91	6 58 p.m.	19/12/90	
Tyrian ...	Mexican ...	5 41 a.m.	20/1/91	4 45 p.m.	26/12/90	



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Information relative to Outward Voyages of Contract Boats, July, 1890,  
to June, 1891 (*continued*).

Coaster.	Ocean Boat.	Engines Stopped.		Pilot Discharged.		Remarks.
		Time.	Date.	Time.	Date.	
Courland...	Roslin Castle ...	5 50 p.m.	26/1/91	3 54 p.m.	2/1/91	...
African ...	Athenian... ..	3 1 p.m.	3/2/91	5 0 p.m.	9/1/91	...
Melrose ...	Dunottar... ..	0 42 a.m.	7/2/91	4 15 p.m.	16/1/91	...
Tyrian ...	Pretoria ... ..	5 11 p.m.	17/2/91	5 0 p.m.	23/1/91	...
Melrose ...	Garth Castle ...	1 57 a.m.	23/2/91	3 36 p.m.	30/1/91	...
African ...	Tartar ... ..	7 40 a.m.	2/3/91	5 0 p.m.	6/2/91	...
Melrose ...	Grantully Castle...	1 57 a.m.	10/3/91	3 35 p.m.	13/2/91	...
Tyrian ...	Moor ... ..	8 41 p.m.	16/3/91	4 40 p.m.	20/2/91	...
Melrose ...	Drummond Castle	2 39 a.m.	24/3/91	4 0 p.m.	27/2/91	...
African ...	Mexican ... ..	9 5 a.m.	31/3/91	7 0 a.m.	7/3/91	...
Melrose ...	Norham Castle ...	9 52	7/4/91	5 30 p.m.	13/3/91	...
Tyrian ...	Spartan ... ..	8 26 a.m.	14/4/91	4 55 p.m.	20/3/91	...
Melrose ...	Roslin Castle ...	11 52 p.m.	19/4/91	4 24 p.m.	27/3/91	...
African ...	Athenian... ..	5 36 p.m.	26/4/91	4 30 p.m.	3/4/91	...
Melrose ...	Dunottar Castle ...	8 32 p.m.	1/5/91	4 45 p.m.	10/4/91	...
Tyrian ...	Trojan ... ..	6 41 a.m.	12/5/91	5 0 p.m.	17/4/91	...
Melrose ...	Grantully Castle...	7 21 a.m.	18/5/91	4 10 p.m.	24/4/91	...
African ...	Tartar ... ..	7 46 p.m.	24/5/91	4 40 p.m.	1/5/91	...
Melrose ...	Garth Castle ...	4 11 a.m.	2/6/91	4 52 p.m.	8/5/91	...
Norseman ...	Moor ... ..	6 59 p.m.	8/6/91	4 30 p.m.	15/5/91	...
Melrose ...	Drummond Castle	8 39 p.m.	15/6/91	3 45 p.m.	22/5/91	...
African ...	Mexican ... ..	8 0 a.m.	21/6/91	4 0 p.m.	29/5/91	...
Lismore Castle ...	Roslin Castle ...	8 57 a.m.	28/6/91	8 14 p.m.	5/6/91	...
Tyrian ...	Spartan ... ..	8 11 a.m.	6/7/91	4 0 p.m.	12/6/91	...
Melrose ...	Dunottar... ..	4 46 a.m.	11/7/91	5 40 p.m.	20/6/91	...
African ...	Athenian... ..	7 51 p.m.	20/7/91	6 17 p.m.	27/6/91	...