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OF THE

## POSTMASTER-GENERAL

AND

## GENERAL MANAGER OF TELEGRAPHS

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### YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1893.

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## REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL AND GENERAL MANAGER OF TELEGRAPHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1893.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

SIR,—

I beg to submit my Report on the Postal and Telegraph Departments for the year from the 1st July, 1892, to the 30th June, 1893.

1. I forward the usual returns.

### POSTAL DEPARTMENT.

2. The total postal earnings taken to credit amounted to £46,139 17s. 4d., and the total expenditure charged to £49,670 6s. 9d., giving a balance against the department of £3,530 9s. 5d.

3. The cash receipts of the department were £38,064 19s. 6d., but there is still to be received on account of 1892-93 the postage owing from the United Kingdom and foreign countries for the conveyance of correspondence over the Colonies' ocean lines. The amount of this postage has not yet been calculated, as, in terms of the International Convention, the postage payable by the different Union countries to each other is arrived at from triennial returns, and the return for the years 1892, 1893, and 1894, commenced last month, is not yet completed. The foreign postage receivable by the Colony for the year 1892-93, it is expected, will be not less than £5,000.

4. The revenue received during the year from the 1st of July, 1891, to the 30th of June, 1892, excluding an item belonging to the previous year, was £46,082 5s. 2d., and it may be assumed that the cash earnings—including postage still to be received—in 1892-93 will show a falling-off as compared with those of 1891-92 of a little over £3,000. In January, 1892, a number of reductions had been made, and it was estimated that the loss of revenue from entering the Universal Postal Union on the 1st of July, 1892, would be about £1,430 for the year 1892-93. Reductions would, perhaps, be responsible for a falling-off of £1,750, and the balance of loss may, I think, be put down to the depression in commercial circles which prevailed throughout the Colony.

5. It was under "Sale of Postage Stamps, Postage, and Surcharges" that the falling-off principally occurred. The decrease in other items collectively amounted to £124 19s. 2d. only.

6. The credit taken by the department for services for which it is not paid amounted to £8,074 17s. 10d., as compared with £7,465 19s. 3d. the previous year.

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7. Under Expenditure, salaries advanced to £8,832 5s. 9d. from £3,337 4s. 11d.; contingent and other expenses fell to £1,778 9s. 9d. from £1,852 10s. 1d.; stamps advanced to £37,203 1s. 8d. from £36,629 4s. 8d.; miscellaneous charges fell to £1,366 9s. 7d. from £1,902 14s. 4d.; and rent fell to £490 from £555 0s. 8d.

The Colony has still to pay the postage due from it to other countries for the year. The amount will, perhaps, be a little in excess of £300.

9. The following items of expenditure from postal votes do not form a proper charge against the Post Office, and I have not, therefore, included them in the Debit and Credit Statement:—

	£	s.	d.
Cost of Time Gns	29	14	6
Postage of Official Letters	25	2	"
Refund of Customs Charges on Parcels sent through Natal to East Griqualand	0	19	2
	£55	16	8

10. Traffic generally fell off considerably as compared with 1891-92. The total number of articles conveyed was 6,519,160, as against 7,138,686. In registered articles there was a slight increase, the number dealt with being 70,073, as against 70,005. Money orders issued numbered 27,339, representing an amount of £89,328 8s. 4d. as against a number of 31,001 and an amount of £98,493 18s. 8d. Money orders paid numbered 21,918, representing an amount of £65,622 2s. 10d., as against a number of 19,868 and an amount of £59,126 2s. 4d. Private boxes let fell to 565 from 588, and private bags to 125 from 126. The fees received on account of private boxes and bags amounted to £758 16s. 7d. as compared with £790 7s. 9d. Government departments appropriated 74 boxes and 9 bags, representing an amount of £87 3s.; and the approximate value of Government correspondence dealt with was £4,327 14s.

11. A post office was established at Upper Tongaat in place of the agency previously existing there, and a new agency was opened at the Greyville railway station.

12. The Polela post office was removed to the village of Bulwer and re-named "Bulwer." The offices at Inhlizani, Hond Bosch Rand, and Wallacetown were re-named, respectively, "Imperdhle," "Cherry's Post," and "Inchanga."

13. On the 30th of June there were open for the transaction of business 155 post offices, 32 ordinary postal agencies, and 25 postal agencies at railway stations; and the total number of persons employed by the department was 355.

14. The Colony entered the Universal Postal Union on the 1st of July, and adopted the initial rates of the Union to all countries of the world outside South Africa from that date. It

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has since been practicable to send a letter weighing not more than half an ounce to the most distant part of the universe over sea for 2½d., and to most, though not all countries, a post-card can be sent for 1d., or, with reply prepaid, for 2d.

15. The rates chargeable by the Natal Post Office had been undergoing gradual reduction for a length of time, and when it was ultimately decided to enter the Postal Union the prospective loss for the first year—the heaviest yearly loss anticipated—was but £1,430.

16. The Inland rates for Book and Sample Packets were assimilated to those of the Postal Union, the minimum rate of a half-penny for both commercial papers and samples being retained, from the 15th of July.

17. Inland Reply Cards were introduced from the 21st of February.

18. More liberal regulations in regard to the use of post-cards were issued on the 18th of March.

19. The Cape Colony, though not in the Postal Union, expressed its readiness to furnish acknowledgments of the delivery of registered articles from the 21st of November, and the Natal office, from this date, undertook to obtain such acknowledgments from Cape offices at the Union charge of 2½d.

20. From the 1st of November arrangements were made for the interchange of three-half-penny post-cards with Bechuanaland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate, the Transvaal Protectorate, and Mashonaland.

21. From the 1st of January arrangements were made with the Cape Colony and Bechuanaland for the interchange of reply paid post-cards.

22. Intimation was received that the South African Republic entered the Universal Postal Union on the 1st of January—six months subsequently to the entry of Natal.

23. Numerous alterations were made in the Native Runner Services of the Department during the year.

24. The post-cart service between Umzimkulu and Harding was made a daily one (excluding Sunday) from the 1st of January; and a post-cart service between Pietermaritzburg and Polela, by way of Edendale, Boston, and Deepdale, was established on the 16th September. Polela had previously been served six times a week by way of Ixopo, and Boston and Deepdale six times a week by way of Howick railway station, runners being employed beyond the points mentioned, but a majority of those concerned were anxious to get a closer connection with Pietermaritzburg, and to secure this were prepared to submit to a reduced service.

25. The following new contracts for post-cart services were entered into during the year:—

For a service thrice a week for one year between Pietermaritzburg and Bulwer.  
Mr. John Welch, Contractor. Subsidy, £700 per annum.

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For a service six times a week for three years between Harding and Umzimkulu, Mr. John Welch, Contractor. Subsidy, £400 per annum.

For a service six times a week for three years between Isipingo and Umzinto. Mr. R. Redman, Contractor. Subsidy £500 per annum.

For a service twice a week for five years between Dandee and Vrijheid. Mr. T. J. Botha, Contractor. Subsidy, £300 per annum. Two-thirds of the cost of this service is borne by the Transvaal Department, which entered into the contract with Mr. Botha, two-thirds of the distance traversed being in Transvaal territory.

26. The completion of the Railway to Harrismith on the 13th July afforded a complete service by train to and from that place, in lieu of a service partly by train and partly by post-cart.

27. Improved connections in the Orange Free State from the 1st of January admitted of a closer connection overland with the Mail steamer at Capetown, and the Supplementary English and Foreign Mail, forwarded weekly by way of Bloemfontein, has since been despatched from both Pietermaritzburg and Durban as late as Saturday night.

28. For several months a sorting-van was employed on the Railway between Newcastle and Charlestown, but it was ultimately discontinued as a matter of economy, and because it was found to afford but very trifling advantage on account of the limited quantity of matter treated in it.

29. The Mail signal guns in Pietermaritzburg, which were thought to have become of little service to the public, owing to the introduction of the street delivery of correspondence, were discontinued on the 22nd of August, without, apparently, any inconvenience being experienced.

30. Posts were much interfered with by the heavy rains which fell during December, January, February, and the early part of March. The services to the Lower Tugela and Eshowe were most affected, but delays occurred on the Polela and Umzimkulu lines. There were also interruptions in the Transvaal which affected Natal connections.

31. Foreign Parcels traffic largely increased in one direction, and fell off slightly in the other. There were received in the Colony 15,058 parcels, as against 9,216 the previous year; and 2,781 parcels were despatched from the Colony, as against 2,900 in 1891-92.

32. The Customs Dues collected by the Post Office on behalf of the Customs Department on parcels entering the Colony amounted to £1,791 ls. 3d.

33. On articles received in the Colony by Letter-Post, Customs Dues to the amount of £97 0s. 10d. were collected by the Post Office and transferred to the Customs Department.

34. The business done in connection with Postal Drafts was again very small. Seven Drafts were issued in the course of the year, but only two of them were honoured.

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35. A total of 25,262 letters were re-issued from the Returned Letter Branch of the Department.

36. The majority of the principal offices were again inspected.

37. A native employed in the Telegraph Branch at Harding was convicted on the 25th of January of stealing a Registered letter at the Harding Post Office on the 26th of the previous month, and was sentenced to pay a fine of £20, or to undergo six months' imprisonment.

38. I have furnished information relative to the voyages of the Mail steamers to Natal in tabular form. It will be seen from this that the shortest time taken from Capetown to Natal was 50 hours 36 minutes, and the longest 139 hours 29 minutes; that the earliest arrival before time was 118 hours 32 minutes in advance of such time, and that on three occasions there were arrivals after contract time, the longest delay being 22 hours 59 minutes.

## TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

39. The total earnings of the Telegraph Department amounted to £18,968 6s. 7d., while the total expenditure was £17,439 9s. 6d. There was thus a balance in favour of the Department of £1,528 17s. 1d.

40. There were important decreases in general traffic, as in the Post Office, but in cable traffic there was an appreciable increase. The forwarded telegrams of all stations numbered 210,034, as compared with 227,120 the previous year. Received messages numbered 220,167, as compared with 230,281 the previous year. The transmitted telegrams of all stations, including second transmissions, advanced to 517,718 from 512,052 in 1891-92. The total falling-off in numbers was 21,534. The value of Government work increased to £4,380 16s. 2d. from £4,156 16s.; and Revenue decreased to £14,587 10s. 5d. from £15,459 5s. 6d. The total decrease in the earnings of the Department amounted to £647 14s. 11d.

41. The total number of Ocean telegrams dealt with was 39,436. There were transferred to the two companies 19,533 messages, and received from them 19,903. The payments to the two companies amounted to £55,801 6s. 6d., and the receipts for the overland transmission of Ocean telegrams amounted to £1,258 11s. 8d.

42. The total expenditure of the Department was £17,439 9s. 6d., as compared with £17,373 4s. 3d. the previous year.

43. The total number of offices open for the transaction of telegraphic business on the 30th June was 77. This number included the Railway telegraph office at Albertina in the Orange Free State, which, by arrangement with the General Manager of Railways, is under the supervision of this Department.

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44. Three offices were opened in the course of the year, viz., Albertina, Berea Road, and Clairmont.
45. The total number of persons employed by the Department on the 30th June was 201.
46. The Eastern and Western Cables were interrupted during the year as under:—  
Eastern Cable from 4th to 11th, and 22nd to 26th January ;  
Western Cable from 1st to 23rd July · 11th to 21st September ; 23rd November to 12th January ; 10th to 25th April ; and 30th May to 30th June.
47. Numerous alterations and improvements were carried out by the Engineering officers, and the lines and apparatus were maintained throughout the year in thoroughly good order.
48. The work continued to be treated with every desirable expedition, and error was also at a minimum.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. CHADWICK,

Postmaster-General and General Manager of Telegraphs.

Pietermaritzburg, Natal,

December 15th, 1895.

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Acton Homes ...	312	5,408	494	180	78	5,460	11,882	72
Addington ...	584	23,972	650	104	1,222	4,966	31,498	114
Albert ...	338	5,840	78	182	234	5,382	12,054	69
Avoca ...	1,118	8,164	78	...	...	6,422	15,782	74
Amanzimtoti ...	338	8,086	364	26	624	3,484	12,922	28
Batstones ...	...	6,006	...	52	234	...	6,292	57
Balgowan ...	832	13,208	182	234	78	3,744	18,278	140
Beith ...	260	2,392	26	286	208	2,002	5,174	63
Beaumont ...	208	4,628	286	26	234	4,706	10,088	80
Bellair ...	390	27,584	208	260	234	14,872	43,548	177
Besters ...	234	2,808	...	26	...	910	3,978	43
Biggarsberg ...	296	5,866	104	78	78	2,834	3,256	84
Blackburn ...	1,040	7,736	104	52	78	4,362	13,872	80
Boshoff's Road ...	182	1,378	78	...	...	116	1,754	38
Botha's Hill ...	286	11,856	...	26	208	3,874	16,250	138
Boston ...	...	7,124	52	104	52	5,958	13,290	79
Brakwal ...	286	1,534	...	...	52	260	2,132	155
Bulwer ...	1,638	25,610	390	1,066	1,950	22,490	53,144	36
Byrnetown ...	104	7,072	78	312	...	8,294	15,860	35
Camperdown ...	364	18,902	416	104	624	10,894	31,304	202
Cato Ridge... ..	156	9,880	156	...	52	494	10,738	115
Charlestown ...	2,392	86,528	1,352	676	12,298	22,126	125,372	918
Chieveley ...	182	1,300	26	52	...	520	2,080	39
Carried forward ...	11,540	292,882	5,112	3,796	18,538	134,670	463,538	2,836



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Brought forward ...	11,540	292,882	5,112	3,796	18,538	134,670	466,538	2,836
Clairmont ...	156	3,328	...	26	104	832	4,446	48
Cleveland Hill ...	192	5,200	364	260	130	3,250	9,396	53
Colenso ...	364	6,136	130	52	1,378	4,336	12,896	124
Cundycleugh ...	234	1,918	...	182	26	1,976	4,336	35
Curry's Post ...	286	8,788	78	208	234	5,746	15,340	28
Dannhauser ...	338	7,462	...	78	52	2,236	10,166	98
Dargle ...	1,144	10,426	364	442	416	8,294	21,086	101
Dargle Road ...	442	5,122	234	26	156	3,432	9,412	95
Dew Drop ...	26	3,198	260	52	520	4,212	8,268	13
Deerpale ...	364	3,770	...	130	26	3,536	7,826	38
Dingley Dell ...	104	1,668	...	...	26	78	1,876	...
Dronk Vlei ...	676	7,020	208	260	182	4,194	12,540	88
Durban ...	75,764	1,018,394	22,076	14,774	163,462	400,634	1,695,104	18,535
Dundee ...	5,876	69,160	1,274	2,470	22,802	40,040	141,622	1,326
Dundee Coalfields ...	1,118	14,326	156	208	234	9,204	25,246	319
Duff's Road ...	416	11,856	1,066	208	104	3,458	17,108	15
Dumisa ...	130	1,482	...	26	...	1,170	2,808	20
Edendale ...	234	9,646	52	...	52	3,380	13,364	9
Eland's Laagte ...	130	4,290	...	26	...	2,132	6,578	82
Ennersdale ...	286	10,894	624	78	182	4,784	16,848	14
Engabeni ...	286	3,744	26	208	...	2,184	6,448	76
Estcourt ...	4,550	57,044	1,560	1,118	7,254	32,136	108,662	656
Carried forward ...	104,656	1,557,754	33,584	24,628	215,878	676,414	2,612,914	24,604

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Brought forward ...	104,656	1,557,754	33,584	24,628	215,878	676,414	2,612,914	24,604
Estcourt Rail ...	208	22,516	520	208	286	10,426	34,164	95
Esidumbini, Miss ...	26	2,236	26	26	78	728	3,120	...
Equeefa ...	260	4,160	234	104	234	3,978	8,970	121
Fawn Leas ...	208	3,250	104	104	234	1,404	5,304	44
Fox Hill ...	156	4,420	26	26	78	5,018	9,724	88
Frere ...	338	9,880	364	104	104	3,562	14,352	123
Graham's ...	78	286	...	52	...	598	1,014	11
Greenvale ...	26	1,768	52	52	26	1,156	3,120	...
Greyville ...	52	12,116	52	...	...	1,300	13,520	59
Greytown ...	2,574	60,684	1,300	1,300	6,058	36,244	108,160	874
Groutville ...	104	7,462	208	26	52	2,938	10,790	32
Gillett's ...	...	2,392	...	...	...	2,080	4,472	68
Glencoe Junction ...	78	4,836	...	26	26	3,354	8,320	122
Glendale ...	182	1,404	26	...	...	858	2,470	69
Gourton ...	364	7,072	156	260	780	5,096	13,728	142
Harding ...	4,134	31,122	1,924	1,638	1,794	22,906	63,518	704
Hermansburg ...	2,262	17,966	416	312	1,066	9,386	31,408	90
Highbury ...	208	4,056	364	104	208	4,068	9,008	18
Helpmakaar ...	702	8,840	260	442	338	6,656	17,238	261
Highflats ...	676	8,112	286	546	286	6,994	16,900	35
Hilton Road ...	364	3,498	130	104	...	2,496	6,592	95
Highlands ...	182	16,120	624	182	260	8,658	26,026	19
Carried forward ...	117,838	1,791,950	40,656	30,244	227,786	816,358	3,024,842	27,674

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Brought forward ...	117,838	1,791,950	40,656	30,144	227,786	816,358	3,024,842	27,674
Howick ...	1,638	59,744	72	754	2,626	21,242	86,732	531
Howick Railway Station	312	3,770	78	78	52	3,588	7,878	68
Inchanga ...	...	2,054	26	...	...	312	2,392	1
Ingogo ...	130	3,276	26	52	52	1,768	5,304	33
Ingogo Railway Station	234	2,730	26	26	...	1,196	4,212	64
Inadi ...	26	2,392	104	78	26	1,482	4,108	35
Ifafa ...	182	4,550	30	78	...	2,938	7,878	58
Insuzi ...	52	2,990	...	52	52	832	3,978	23
Impendhle ...	728	6,006	104	208	208	4,472	11,726	62
Inanda ...	130	6,188	208	26	156	330	7,038	...
Illovo ...	468	3,874	52	52	78	1,104	5,538	16
Ixopo ...	3,770	37,336	2,210	1,846	6,214	23,712	75,088	508
Ingele ...	780	7,254	338	286	78	2,626	11,362	67
Isipingo ...	3,250	19,890	364	104	4,184	4,184	31,976	240
Ingagan ...	130	2,236	...	26	26	1,584	4,002	67
Indian, Pietermaritzburg	26	11,258	...	...	...	...	11,284	...
„ Durban ...	...	9,412	130	...	...	468	10,010	...
„ Ladysmith ...	104	3,692	...	...	26	...	3,822	...
Kershaw's ...	156	2,476	156	52	312	2,132	5,284	...
Krantzkloof ...	130	1,066	...	26	26	754	2,002	57
Kearsney ...	1,248	12,688	1,274	130	936	7,774	24,050	209
Lower Tugela ...	1,352	5,486	72	182	780	3,718	11,596	258
Carried forward ...	132,684	2,002,318	46,688	34,300	243,618	902,484	3,362,092	30,071

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Brought forward ...	132,684	2,002,318	46,688	34,300	243,618	902,484	3,362,092	30,071
Lidgetton ...	494	10,582	182	182	208	5,174	16,822	130
Lower Umkomaas ...	234	9,776	26	208	130	4,420	14,794	70
Ladysmith ...	8,268	116,688	1,430	1,430	23,114	69,706	220,636	2,437
Mount Edgecombe ...	572	19,670	78	104	286	10,322	31,032	152
Murchison ...	104	1,144	...	...	...	858	2,106	46
Moguntia ...	364	4,070	78	234	182	3,250	8,178	143
Meran ...	26	3,146	...	104	...	754	4,030	9
Manderston...	26	3,302	52	...	...	314	3,694	61
Mid-Illovo ...	260	1,690	1,040	234	...	936	4,160	39
Musgrave Road ...	1,170	68,718	728	832	15,918	12,714	100,080	93
Mooi River ...	312	20,072	546	572	52	19,844	41,398	176
Maitlandfield ...	234	1,924	234	78	208	2,756	5,434	32
Malvern ...	208	13,416	260	130	...	7,072	21,086	152
Mount Moriah ...	572	2,392	...	26	182	1,794	4,966	125
Mapumulo ...	650	7,540	130	182	52	3,770	12,324	129
New Hanover ...	286	7,748	312	312	936	5,512	15,106	149
Nil Desperandum ...	130	1,950	78	26	26	1,092	3,302	...
New Germany ...	104	3,926	52	...	104	1,508	5,634	20
Normandien ...	234	2,652	52	78	182	3,484	6,682	66
Nottingham Road ...	494	25,480	416	182	156	6,292	33,020	87
New Leeds ...	260	3,640	104	52	338	2,392	6,786	24
Noodsberg ...	572	6,202	78	364	208	4,888	12,312	133
Carried forward ...	148,258	2,338,046	52,564	39,630	285,900	1,071,336	3,935,734	34,294



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.	
18,924	45,780 3 7	11,026	37,375 4 1	286	284 5 9	...	...	650 3 0	19
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		POSTAL							
POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.	
	Letters.								
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.		
Brought forward ...	148,258	2,338,046	52,564	39,630	285,900	1,071,336	3,935,734	34,294	
Newcastle ...	7,488	91,806	2,028	1,820	16,198	67,496	186,836	1,778	
Nottingham ...	832	10,920	208	468	598	5,096	18,122	46	
Ngobevu ...	130	1,014	...	...	...	468	1,612	...	
Northdene ...	130	14,872	650	156	130	2,756	18,694	27	
Noodsberg Road ...	406	6,396	182	130	1,638	3,874	12,626	139	
Olivier's Hoek ...	676	3,380	52	338	104	2,444	6,994	106	
Ottawa ...	702	4,108	26	...	...	3,276	8,112	123	
Phoenix ...	468	3,458	78	...	...	3,692	7,696	120	
Pietermaritzburg ...	104,520	774,046	10,738	3,914	85,342	290,784	1,269,344	23,555	
Point ...	5,902	71,370	1,430	702	14,846	20,878	115,128	2,272	
Pinetown ...	858	37,804	806	390	7,020	22,672	69,550	143	
Pieters ...	286	2,106	...	52	...	468	2,912	22	
Port Shepstone ...	2,314	10,114	156	520	2,808	6,058	21,970	815	
Riet Valley ...	52	2,418	26	26	26	52	2,600	13	
Richmond Road ...	338	10,374	156	78	78	2,288	13,312	137	
Rorke's Drift ...	182	8,528	...	286	884	5,980	15,860	38	
Richmond ...	3,978	37,596	1,846	650	8,542	30,108	82,720	375	
Riet Vlei ...	468	11,648	234	4,368	936	8,112	25,766	213	
Rosebank ...	182	2,886	338	26	26	2,652	6,110	...	
Springvale ...	...	4,004	...	260	130	3,770	8,164	95	
Stirling ...	208	1,300	26	104	...	520	2,158	...	
Stamford Hill ...	52	15,054	...	26	...	3,796	18,928	21	
Carried forward ...	278,430	3,463,248	71,544	53,944	425,206	1,558,576	5,850,948	64,332	

## POSTMASTER-GENERAL (continued).

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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.		
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15,708	49,832 5 2	11,797	39,698 12 7	333	329 14 0	...	...	709 13 3	23
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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward ...	278,430	3,463,248	71,544	53,944	425,206	1,558,576	5,850,948	64,332
Sunday's River ...	...	1,170	...	26	...	988	2,184	27
Sydenham ...	598	12,714	104	26	338	4,056	17,836	115
Stanger ...	2,132	37,336	2,664	1,456	1,430	26,962	71,980	732
Spitzkop ...	156	6,864	130	338	104	3,042	10,634	105
Springfield ...	1,456	19,604	1,092	754	780	6,474	30,160	176
Scotston ...	650	4,728	...	78	...	3,094	8,550	10
Seven Oaks...	312	8,788	78	208	130	6,240	15,756	73
Spring Grange ...	52	3,432	...	26	...	3,068	6,578	7
Thompson's...	78	832	52	26	...	1,248	2,236	...
Thornville ...	234	2,314	...	...	...	2,678	5,226	14
Tongaat ...	1,040	39,546	364	1,092	1,534	9,620	53,196	204
Tugela Ferry ...	...	416	...	52	...	468	936	...
Umhlangeni ...	26	3,016	26	78	...	1,300	4,446	27
Undeen ...	26	2,678	26	182	...	2,756	5,668	9
Upper Tongaat ...	104	3,098	26	78	52	1,456	4,814	34
Upper Umzimkulu ...	390	12,272	130	546	126	8,372	21,836	86
Umzumbi Mission ...	208	3,510	156	26	52	1,794	5,746	...
Umsinga ...	1,170	12,584	78	260	546	5,252	19,890	305
Umgeni Village ...	1,196	11,908	520	104	156	2,626	16,510	207
Umsinsini ...	104	312	...	26	...	390	832	...
Umtwalumi...	104	2,990	52	...	104	442	3,692	...
Ulundi ...	286	2,990	312	104	52	1,740	5,484	...
Carried forward ...	288,752	3,656,350	77,354	59,430	430,610	1,652,642	6,165,138	66,463

## POSTMASTER-GENERAL (continued).

## STATISTICS.

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## POSTAL

POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward ...	288,752	8,656,350	77,354	59,430	430,610	1,652,642	6,165,138	66,463
Umlaas Bridge ...	...	1,144	26	...	...	676	1,846	...
Umbilo ...	312	7,540	78	...	182	5,174	13,286	132
Umsindusi Railway Stat'n	286	1,976	78	...	78	156	2,574	34
Umhlali ...	1,430	14,248	156	780	2,782	8,892	28,288	545
Umzinto ...	5,668	41,418	1,404	1,196	7,826	26,572	84,084	844
Verulam ...	7,046	67,132	676	650	6,266	41,996	123,766	1,080
Van Reenen ...	624	12,662	104	208	312	6,760	20,670	419
Woodside ...	234	3,146	624	78	104	2,288	6,474	25
Wessels Nek ...	234	2,002	...	...	26	2,106	4,368	64
Wilgefontein ...	260	2,132	...	26	26	1,118	3,562	21
Weenen ...	1,066	6,084	208	208	260	4,316	12,142	103
Willow Grange ...	286	8,866	104	182	546	3,926	13,910	173
Waschbank ...	182	4,212	...	52	26	5,538	10,010	101
York ...	260	8,112	156	338	416	6,370	15,652	69
Zwaartkop ...	208	3,926	52	...	26	1,404	5,716	...
Zunckel's ...	364	4,264	78	104	78	2,886	7,774	...
Postmaster-General ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ulundi C: Total ...	307,212	3,846,214	81,098	63,252	449,564	1,772,820	6,519,160	70,073

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## REPORT OF THE

## DEBIT AND

Expenditure.	Amounts.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries... ..	..	8,832 5 9
CONTINGENT AND OTHER EXPENSES—		
Commission on Sale of Stamps... ..	583 8 6	
Overtime Attendance, Sorting Seaborne Mails ... ..	305 8 0	
Extra Clerical Assistance ... ..	254 19 9	
Petty Expenses, including Date Stamps, &c. ... ..	384 16 5	
Travelling Expenses ... ..	106 13 6	
Remuneration of Stationmasters as Postmasters ... ..	143 3 7	
MAILS—		1,778 9 9
Contract, Union Steamship Company ... ..	13,400 0 0	
Contract, Castle Packets Company ... ..	13,400 0 0	
Private Ships, Letters sent by ... ..	174 15 ..	
Landing and Shipping Mails ... ..	53 17 0	
Inland Contracts ... ..	6,302 2 10	
Native Carriers' Wages ... ..	1,610 13 9	
Rations and Clothing to Carriers ... ..	826 5 7	
Mail Bags, Supply and Repair of ... ..	105 0 8	
European Letter Carriers ... ..	1,330 6 9	
MISCELLANEOUS—		37,203 1 8
Ocean and other Postage ... ..	556 5 8	
Commission on Money Orders ... ..	362 7 10	
Supply of Postage Stamps ... ..	447 16 1	
RENT—		1,366 9 7
Rent, Durban Post and Telegraph Offices, and Storeroom at Pietermaritzburg ... ..	...	490 0 0
		£ 19,670 6 9



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## CREDIT STATEMENT.

Revenue.	Amounts.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sale of Postage Stamps, Postage and Surcharges ... ..	...	35,752 14 4
<b>FEES OF OFFICE—</b>		
Private Box Rents ... ..	568 8 6	
Private Bag Rents ... ..	190 8 1	
Fees on Money Orders issued ... ..	1,223 18 3	
Commission on Money Order Accounts ... ..	215 19 3	
		2,198 14 1
SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY ... ..	...	26 0 4
FORFEITED MONEY ORDERS ... ..	...	63 0 8
SUMS REFUNDED TO TREASURY ... ..	...	14 5 5
SPECIAL RECEIPTS ... ..	...	5 0 2
GENERAL DEPOSITS ... ..	...	4 19 6
FINES ... ..	...	0 5 0
Approximate Value of Official Correspondence dealt with ...	4,327 14 0	
Rent, calculated at ordinary rate, of Private Boxes, &c., set apart for Government Departments ... ..	87 3 0	
Approximate Postage on Newspapers conveyed unstamped within the Colony ... ..	3,660 0 10	
		8,074 17 10
Balance against the Department ... ..	...	3,530 9 5
		£49,670 6 9

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## REPORT OF THE

## INFORMATION RELATIVE TO OUTWARD VOYAGES OF

Ocean Boat.	Coaster.	Pilot Discharged from Ocean Packet.			Ocean Packet arrived at Capetown.		
		*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.	*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.
Grantully Castle...	Courland ...	6 30 p.m.	Saturday	2/7/92	1 30 p.m.	Thursday	21/7/92
Athenian...	Tyrian ...	6 55 p.m.	"	9/7/92	6 0 a.m.	Friday	29/7/92
Dunottar Castle...	Melrose ...	6 25 p.m.	"	16/7/92	8 30 a.m.	Tuesday	2/8/92
Tartar ...	Tyrian...	7 0 p.m.	"	23/7/92	0 30 a.m.	Thursday	11/8/92
Roslin Castle ...	Courland ...	6 55 p.m.	"	30/7/92	10 0 a.m.	Wednesday	17/8/92
Moor ...	African ...	6 55 p.m.	"	6/8/92	1 30 a.m.	Thursday	25/8/92
Hawarden Castle	Melrose ...	6 50 p.m.	"	13/8/92	3 0 a.m.	Wednesday	31/8/92
Trojan...	African ...	7 0 p.m.	"	20/8/92	9 0 p.m.	Friday	9/9/92
Norham Castle ...	Courland ...	8 55 p.m.	"	27/8/92	7 0 a.m.	Thursday	15/9/92
Mexican ...	African ...	7 10 p.m.	"	3/9/92	9 30 a.m.	Thursday	22/9/92
Drummond Castle	Courland ...	6 40 p.m.	"	10/9/92	3 38 p.m.	Friday	30/9/92
Athenian...	Saxon ...	6 42 p.m.	"	17/9/92	Noon.	Thursday	6/10/92
Grantully Castle...	Courland ...	6 40 p.m.	"	24/9/92	4 54 a.m.	Friday	14/10/92
Scot ...	Saxon ...	6 35 p.m.	"	1/10/92	5 5 a.m.	Sunday	16/10/92
Dunottar Castle...	Melrose ...	7 15 p.m.	"	8/10/92	4 41 a.m.	Tuesday	25/10/92
Tartar ...	Tyrian ...	6 42 p.m.	"	15/10/92	5 0 a.m.	Thursday	3/11/92
Hawarden Castle	Melrose ...	3 15 p.m.	Thursday	27/10/92	2 16 p.m.	Monday	14/11/92
Moor ...	African ...	6 22 p.m.	Saturday	29/10/92	6 0 a.m.	Friday	18/11/92
Norham Castle ...	Courland ...	7 15 p.m.	"	5/11/92	1 16 a.m.	Wednesday	23/11/92
Mexican ...	African ...	6 55 p.m.	"	12/11/92	1 0 p.m.	Thursday	1/12/92
Roslin Castle ...	Warwick Castle to Port Eliza- beth, Melrose on.	7 20 p.m.	"	19/11/92	4 56 p.m.	Wednesday	7/12/92
Athenian...	Tyrian...	6 35 p.m.	"	26/11/92	12 30 p.m.	Thursday	15/12/92
Drummond Castle	Venice...	7 16 p.m.	"	3/12/92	4 45 p.m.	Friday	23/12/92
Scot ...	Natal ...	6 28 p.m.	"	10/12/92	12 Noon	Sunday	25/12/92
Grantully Castle	Melrose ...	7 0 p.m.	"	17/12/92	3 46 p.m.	Thursday	5/1/93

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CONTRACT BOATS, JULY, 1892, to JUNE, 1893.

M. Due to arrive at Natal.			Engines of Coasting Packet Stopped at Natal.			Time'tween Capetown & Natal.	Arrival before Contract Time.	Arrival after Contract Time.	Remarks.
*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.	*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.				
3 30 p.m.	Tuesday	26/7/92	11 45 a.m.	Monday	25/7/92	Hrs. Min. 94 15	Hrs. Min. 27 45	Hrs. Min. ...	Stress of weather.
3 55 p.m.	"	2/8/92	6 41 a.m.	Tuesday	2/8/92	96 41	9 14	...	
3 25 p.m.	"	9/8/92	5 53 a.m.	Saturday	6/8/92	93 23	81 32	...	
4 0 p.m.	"	16/8/92	6 56 p.m.	Monday	15/8/92	102 26	21 4	...	
3 55 p.m.	"	23/8/92	11 40 a.m.	Sunday	21/8/92	97 40	52 15	...	
3 55 p.m.	"	30/8/92	11 30 a.m.	Tuesday	30/8/92	130 0	4 25	...	
3 50 p.m.	"	6/9/92	8 46 a.m.	Sunday	4/9/92	101 46	55 4	...	
4 0 p.m.	"	13/9/92	8 20 a.m.	Wednesday	14/9/92	107 20	...	16 20	
5 55 p.m.	"	20/9/92	10 36 a.m.	Monday	19/9/92	99 36	31 19	...	
4 10 p.m.	"	27/9/92	2 30 p.m.	"	26/9/92	77 0	25 40	...	
3 40 p.m.	"	4/10/92	9 2 a.m.	Tuesday	4/10/92	89 24	6 38	...	
3 42 p.m.	"	11/10/92	4 30 p.m.	Monday	10/10/92	100 30	23 12	...	
3 40 p.m.	"	18/10/92	3 29 a.m.	Tuesday	18/10/92	94 35	12 11	...	
3 35 p.m.	"	25/10/92	1 0 a.m.	Saturday	22/10/92	135 55	86 35	...	
4 15 p.m.	"	1/11/92	11 39 a.m.	"	29/10/92	102 58	76 36	...	
3 42 p.m.	"	8/11/92	1 26 a.m.	Monday	7/11/92	92 26	38 16	...	
0 15 p.m.	Sunday	20/11/92	2 10 p.m.	Friday	18/11/92	95 54	46 5	...	
3 22 p.m.	Tuesday	22/11/92	5 41 p.m.	Monday	21/11/92	83 41	21 41	...	
4 15 p.m.	"	29/11/92	11 36 a.m.	Sunday	27/11/92	106 26	52 39	...	
3 55 p.m.	"	6/12/92	0 28 p.m.	Monday	5/12/92	95 28	27 27	...	
4 20 p.m.	"	13/12/92	9 20 a.m.	"	12/12/92	112 24	31 0	...	
3 35 p.m.	"	20/12/92	8 11 p.m.	"	19/12/92	103 41	19 14	...	
4 16 p.m.	"	27/12/92	3 15 p.m.	Wednesday	28/12/92	118 30	...	22 59	
3 28 p.m.	"	3/1/93	0 20 a.m.	Friday	30/12/92	108 20	111 8	...	
4 0 p.m.	"	10/1/93	5 26 p.m.	Monday	9/1/93	97 40	22 34	...	

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## INFORMATION RELATIVE TO OUTWARD VOYAGES OF

Ocean Packet.	Coasting Packet.	Pilot Discharged from Ocean Packet.			Ocean Packet Arrived at Capetown.		
		*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.	*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.
Tartar ... ..	Tyrian ... ..	7 0 p.m.	Saturday	24/12/92	9 39 a.m.	Friday	13/1/93
Hawarden Castle	Melrose ... ..	6 0 p.m.	"	31/12/92	4 26 p.m.	Wednesday	18/1/93
Moor ... ..	African ... ..	6 45 p.m.	"	7/1/93	6 5 p.m.	Thursday	26/1/93
Dunottar Castle ...	Courland ... ..	7 14 p.m.	"	14/1/93	3 0 a.m.	Tuesday	31/1/93
Mexican ... ..	African ... ..	6 40 p.m.	"	21/1/93	9 15 p.m.	Wednesday	8/2/93
Norham Castle ...	Melrose ... ..	11 4 p.m.	"	28/1/93	6 26 a.m.	"	15/2/93
Athenian ... ..	African ... ..	6 30 a.m.	"	4/2/93	3 48 p.m.	Thursday	23/2/93
Roslin Castle ...	Courland ... ..	6 55 p.m.	"	11/2/93	4 15 a.m.	Wednesday	1/3/93
Spartan ... ..	Tyrian ... ..	6 55 p.m.	"	18/2/93	2 0 p.m.	Friday	10/3/93
Grantully Castle ...	Melrose ... ..	6 20 p.m.	"	25/2/93	8 55 a.m.	"	17/3/93
Scot ... ..	Natal ... ..	6 41 p.m.	"	4/3/93	4 15 p.m.	Sunday	19/3/93
Drummond Castle	Courland ... ..	6 3 p.m.	"	11/3/93	10 30 p.m.	Friday	31/3/93
Tartar ... ..	Tyrian ... ..	6 40 p.m.	"	18/3/93	0 0 a.m.	Thursday	6/4/93
Hawarden Castle	Melrose ... ..	6 20 p.m.	"	25/3/93	1 40 a.m.	Wednesday	12/4/93
Mexican ... ..	Tyrian ... ..	7 10 p.m.	"	1/4/93	6 13 a.m.	Thursday	20/4/93
Dunottar Castle ...	Venice ... ..	6 6 p.m.	"	8/4/93	8 0 p.m.	Monday	24/4/93
Athenian ... ..	African ... ..	7 0 p.m.	"	15/4/93	6 5 a.m.	Friday	5/5/93
Norham Castle ...	Melrose ... ..	6 10 p.m.	"	22/4/93	4 25 p.m.	Tuesday	9/5/93
Spartan ... ..	African ... ..	6 53 p.m.	"	29/4/93	6 0 p.m.	Thursday	18/5/93
Roslin Castle ...	Venice ... ..	6 16 p.m.	"	6/5/93	2 36 a.m.	Wednesday	24/5/93
Scot ... ..	Natal ... ..	6 35 p.m.	"	13/5/93	6 45 a.m.	Monday	29/5/93
Grantully Castle ...	Venice ... ..	6 40 p.m.	"	20/5/93	9 0 a.m.	Thursday	8/6/93
Tartar ... ..	Tyrian ... ..	7 20 p.m.	"	27/5/93	6 31 a.m.	"	15/6/93
Drummond Castle	Courland ... ..	6 19 p.m.	"	3/6/93	1 5 p.m.	Friday	23/6/93
Mexican ... ..	Tyrian ... ..	6 55 p.m.	"	10/6/93	1 35 p.m.	Thursday	29/6/93
Hawarden Castle	Melrose ... ..	6 25 p.m.	"	17/6/93	5 13 p.m.	Tuesday	4/7/93
Athenian ... ..	African ... ..	6 40 p.m.	"	24/6/93	7 50 p.m.	Thursday	13/7/93

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CONTRACT BOATS, JULY, 1892, TO JUNE, 1893.

Mail Due to arrive at Natal.			Engines of Coasting Packet Stopped at Natal.			Time'tween Capetown & Natal.	Arrival Before Contract Time.		Arrival After Contract Time.	Remarks.
*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.	*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.					
4 0 p.m.	Tuesday	17/1/93	7 26 a.m.	Tuesday	17/1/93	Hrs. Min. 93 47	Hrs. Min. 8 34	...		
3 0 p.m.	"	24/1/93	3 59 a.m.	Monday	23/1/93	107 33	35 1	...		
3 45 p.m.	"	31/1/93	11 50 a.m.	"	30/1/93	89 45	27 55	...		
4 14 p.m.	"	7/2/93	9 56 p.m.	Sunday	5/2/93	138 56	42 18	...		
3 40 p.m.	"	14/2/93	10 5 a.m.	Monday	13/2/93	108 50	29 35	...		
8 4 p.m.	"	21/2/93	5 57 a.m.	"	20/2/93	119 31	38 7	...		Mails reached Port Elizabeth from Capetown by train at 9 29 a.m. on Feb. 17th. Melrose reached Port Elizabeth from Natal and East London at 7 30 a.m., 18th, and left for Durban at Noon.
3 30 a.m.	"	28/2/93	0 10 p.m.	"	27/2/93	92 22	15 20	...		
3 55 p.m.	"	7/3/93	9 50 p.m.	"	6/3/93	137 35	18 5	...		
3 55 p.m.	"	14/3/93	2 26 p.m.	Tuesday	14/3/93	96 26	1 29	...		
3 20 p.m.	"	21/3/93	11 31 a.m.	Sunday	19/3/93	50 36	27 49	...		
3 41 p.m.	"	28/3/93	5 9 p.m.	Thursday	23/3/93	96 54	118 32	...		
3 3 p.m.	"	4/4/93	4 52 a.m.	Wednesday	5/4/93	102 22	...	13 49		
3 40 p.m.	"	11/4/93	6 41 a.m.	Monday	10/4/93	102 41	8 59	...		
3 20 p.m.	"	18/4/93	1 16 p.m.	"	17/4/93	131 36	26 4	...		Mails reached Port Elizabeth by train from Capetown at 9 5 a.m., on April 14th, and awaited arrival of Melrose from Natal. Melrose left Port Elizabeth at 3 p.m. on April 15th.
4 10 p.m.	"	25/4/93	5 41 a.m.	"	24/4/93	95 28	10 29	...		
3 6 p.m.	"	2/5/93	1 19 a.m.	Saturday	29/4/93	101 19	85 47	...		
4 0 p.m.	"	9/5/93	4 41 p.m.	Monday	8/5/93	82 36	23 19	...		
3 10 p.m.	"	16/5/93	6 8 a.m.	"	15/5/93	133 43	33 2	...		Mails reached Port Elizabeth by train from Capetown at 3 p.m., on 12th April, and awaited arrival of Melrose. Melrose left Port Elizabeth at 12 50 p.m., 13th idem.
3 53 p.m.	"	23/5/93	Noon	"	22/5/93	90 0	27 53	...		
3 16 p.m.	"	30/5/93	10 47 p.m.	Saturday	27/5/93	92 11	64 29	...		
3 35 p.m.	"	6/6/93	9 56 p.m.	Thursday	1/6/93	87 11	113 39	...		
3 40 p.m.	"	13/6/93	10 45 a.m.	Monday	12/6/93	97 45	28 55	...		
4 20 p.m.	"	20/6/93	3 41 a.m.	"	19/6/93	93 10	36 39	...		
3 19 p.m.	"	27/6/93	8 56 p.m.	"	26/6/93	79 51	18 23	...		
3 55 p.m.	"	4/7/93	7 56 a.m.	"	3/7/93	90 51	31 59	...		
3 25 p.m.	"	11/7/93	0 42 p.m.	"	10/7/93	129 29	26 43	...		
3 40 p.m.	"	18/7/93	8 45 p.m.	"	17/6/93	96 55	18 55	...		

\* Greenwich Mean Time.

NOTE.—Difference between Greenwich and Durban Time, 2 hours 4 minutes. Authorised Time and Day of Departure from England 4 p.m. Saturday corresponds with 6 4 p.m. Durban Time. Approximate Time of Pilot's Discharge, 7 p.m. Contract Time and Day of Arrival at Natal when no delay in departure, 4 p.m. Tuesday.

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## RETURN OF REVENUE AND TRAFFIC—YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1893.

Station.	Number of Messages Forwarded.	Number of Messages Received.	Number of Messages transmittd. (including Second transmission).	Total.	Value of Government Work.	Revenue.	Total Earnings, including Government Work.	Remarks.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Albertina ...	83	62	...	145	...			Free State office worked by the Natal Department. Railway work not included.
Avoca ...	185	289	...	474	0 12 0			Railway work not included.
Balgowan ...	260	211	...	471	6 8 0			" "
Bellair ...	687	1,103	...	1,790	0 18 6			" "
Berea Road (Durban) ...	16	...	...	16	...			Office opened April. Ditto do.
Bestar's ...	134	123	...	257	...			Railway work not included.
Boshoff's Road ...	37	11	...	48	0 6 0			" "
Botha's Hill ...	505	203	...	708	1 11 6			" "
Brakwal ...	81	51	...	132	0 12 6			" "
Camperdown ...	345	388	...	733	1 11 6			" "
Cato Ridge ...	156	163	...	319	0 14 0			" "
Charlestown ...	9,559	9,029	...	18,588	87 2 8			" "
Chieveley ...	44	40	...	84	...			" "
Clairmont ...	39	58	...	97	0 4 6			Office opened Nov. Ditto do.
Colenso ...	237	323	2	612	4 3 6			Railway work not included.
Dannhauser ...	185	104	...	239	0 7 0			" "
Dargle Road ...	357	433	...	790	6 11 6			" "
Duff's Road ...	131	168	...	299	0 6 0			" "
Dundee ...	3,926	4,026	...	7,952	70 12 6			" "
Dundee Coal Fields ...	678	527	...	1,205	2 7 0			" "
Durban ...	87,373	88,006	57,870	233,249	1,078 2 9			" "
Durban Rail ...	1,061	57	20	1,138	1 13 6			" "
Eland's Laagte ...	145	133	...	278	0 16 0			" "
Ennersdale ...	271	293	2	566	0 18 0			" "
Estcourt ...	1,309	2,511	3,718	7,528	87 17 0			" "
Estcourt Rail ...	1,389	70	...	1,459	5 8 6			" "
Fox Hill ...	74	56	...	130	0 4 6			" "
Frere ...	272	228	...	500	0 12 6			" "
Gillett's ...	118	154	...	272	0 16 0			" "
Glencoe Junction ...	416	299	...	715	0 16 6			" "
Greytown ...	2,238	1,982	...	4,220	35 8 0			" "
Grayville ...	122	150	...	272	0 2 6			" "
Harding ...	1,833	1,514	...	3,347	62 17 6			" "

Highlands ...	350	351	...	701	0 11 0	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	Railway work not included.
Hilton Road ...	280	280	...	560	2 15 0			" "
Howick ...	1,178	1,208	...	2,386	49 12 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Howick Rail ...	238	186	...	424	1 10 0			" "
Ingagane ...	152	113	...	265	0 15 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Inchanga ...	67	39	...	106	0 16 6			" "
Ingogo ...	179	151	...	330	1 6 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Ispingo ...	843	853	...	1,696	4 8 6			" "
Ixopo ...	1,500	1,036	...	2,526	46 7 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Krantz Kloof ...	19	16	...	35	...			" "
Ladysmith ...	5,588	6,984	18,174	30,746	114 18 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Ladysmith Rail ...	1,241	86	568	1,845	2 3 0			" "
Lidgettton ...	201	226	...	427	0 12 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Lower Tugela ...	960	745	66	1,771	49 2 6			" "
Malvern ...	291	330	...	621	1 7 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Manderston ...	74	66	4	144	0 14 0			" "
Mooi River ...	912	930	...	1,842	1 17 0	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Mount Edgecombe ...	798	681	...	1,479	0 12 0			" "
Newcastle ...	6,218	6,836	6,104	19,158	99 0 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Newcastle Rail ...	788	16	...	799	3 10 0			" "
Northdene ...	444	388	...	832	0 16 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Nottingham Road ...	975	1,036	...	2,011	1 8 6			" "
Ottawa ...	188	174	...	362	0 7 0	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Phoenix ...	179	195	...	374	2 7 6			" "
Pietermaritzburg ...	46,839	65,191	431,088	543,118	1,666 17 9	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Pietermaritzburg Rail ...	2,203	191	...	2,394	15 18 6			" "
Pieterse ...	55	72	...	127	0 14 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Pinetown ...	956	1,137	...	2,093	5 10 0			" "
Point ...	8,474	5,159	...	13,633	559 15 0	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Port Shepstone ...	2,199	1,425	...	3,624	74 9 6			" "
Richmond ...	1,676	1,372	...	3,048	33 18 0	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Richmond Road ...	834	915	...	1,749	3 3 0			" "
Stamford Hill ...	235	424	...	659	0 5 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Stanger ...	1,516	1,369	...	2,885	49 8 0			" "
Umbilo ...	233	415	...	648	2 9 0	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Umgeni ...	626	878	...	1,504	4 5 0			" "
Umsindusi ...	52	68	...	120	...	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Umqinto ...	1,592	1,431	64	3,087	48 17 6			" "
Van Reenen ...	828	658	...	1,486	9 9 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Versluis ...	3,066	3,084	38	6,178	66 1 0			" "
Waschbank ...	320	324	...	644	1 5 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Wessel's Nck ...	180	158	...	338	0 2 6			" "
Willow Grange ...	140	122	...	262	0 10 0	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Zwaartkop ...	86	155	...	241	...			" "
	210,034	220,167	517,718	947,919	4,380 16 2			

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Station.	Number of Messages Forwarded.	Number of Messages Received.	Number of Messages transmittd. (including Second transmission).	Total.	Value of Government Work.	Revenue.	Total Earnings, including Government Work.	Remarks.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Avoca ...	186	291	...	477	1 5 0			Railway work not included
Balgowan ...	125	113	...	238	1 2 6			" "
Bellair ...	653	882	...	1,535	1 18 0			" "
Bester's ...	62	28	...	90	...			Office opened Nov. Ditto do.
Boshoff's Road...	34	11	...	45	0 8 6			Railway work not included.
Botha's Hill ...	783	254	...	1,037	2 8 0			" "
Brakwal ...	47	37	...	84	...			Office opened Nov. Ditto do.
Camperdown ...	374	418	...	792	3 12 0			Railway work not included.
Cato Ridge ...	286	256	...	542	1 2 0			" "
Charlestown ...	11,693	10,283	...	21,976	39 7 6			" "
Chieveley ...	44	38	...	82	...			Office opened Sept. Ditto do.
Colenso ...	350	347	...	697	5 14 0			Railway work not included.
Dannhauser ...	204	152	...	356	0 10 6			" "
Dargle Road ...	384	449	...	833	6 9 6			" "
Duff's Road ...	208	221	...	429	1 8 0			" "
Dundee ...	3,779	3,698	...	7,477	37 4 6			" "
Dundee Coalfields	707	505	...	1,212	2 14 6			" "
Durban ...	92,889	89,602	57,140	239,631	1,106 17 6			" "
Durban Rail ...	1,137	67	8	1,212	4 3 0			" "
Eland's Laagte...	230	244	...	474	1 1 0			" "
Ennersdale ...	192	161	...	353	1 16 0			" "
Estcourt ...	1,412	1,393	4,100	7,905	78 19 0			" "
Estcourt Rail ...	1,119	132	...	1,251	3 1 6			" "
Fox Hill ...	119	125	...	244	0 12 0			" "
Frere ...	253	233	...	486	0 14 0			" "
Gillett's ...	137	140	...	277	0 7 6			" "
Glencoe Junction	109	280	...	689	1 8 0			" "
Greytown ...	2,125	1,956	...	4,081	42 3 0			" "
Greyville ...	8	10	...	18	...			Office opened June. Ditto do.
Harding ...	1,972	1,614	6	3,592	59 15 0			Railway work not included.
Highlands ...	373	380	...	753	0 13 0			" "
Hilton Road ...	272	274	...	546	2 8 6			" "



Howick	...	1,156	1,243	...	2,399	21 10 0			Railway work not included.
Howick Rail	...	255	200	12	467	1 2 0			" "
Inchanga	...	101	105	...	206	0 3 0			" "
Ingagane	...	159	155	...	314	3 7 6			" "
Ingogo	...	215	125	...	340	0 19 6			" "
Isipingo	...	857	870	...	1,727	3 18 0			" "
Ixopo	...	1,490	1,088	8	2,581	57 9 6	15,459 5 6	19,616 1 6	Office opened Sept. Ditto do.
Krantz Kloof	...	32	19	...	51	0 6 6			Railway work not included.
Ladysmith	...	6,939	10,261	9,828	27,028	115 19 6			" "
Ladysmith Rail	...	3,780	42	144	3,966	19 8 6			" "
Lidgerton	...	205	196	...	401	1 3 0			" "
Lower Tugela	...	875	484	292	1,651	35 3 0			" "
Malvern	...	254	243	...	497	0 3 0			" "
Manderston	...	73	70	...	143	0 16 0			" "
Mooi River	...	949	915	...	1,864	3 3 6			" "
Mount Edgcombe	...	669	602	...	1,271	0 7 6			" "
Newcastle	...	7,395	8,725	15,268	31,388	121 3 0			" "
Newcastle Rail...	...	1,276	23	...	1,299	4 8 0			" "
Northdene	...	370	295	...	665	0 3 0			" "
Nottingham Road	...	308	954	...	1,062	0 7 6			" "
Ottawa	...	99	126	...	225	...			" "
Pietermaritzburg	...	49,586	66,751	425,184	541,521	1,494 11 0			" "
Pietermaritzburg Rail	...	2,639	274	...	2,913	24 15 0			" "
Pieterse	...	129	99	...	228	0 13 0			" "
Pinetown	...	1,016	1,255	...	2,271	3 8 0			" "
Phoenix	...	84	132	...	216	2 1 0			" "
Point	...	8,198	5,603	...	13,796	510 7 0			" "
Port Shepstone	...	1,841	1,327	8	3,176	58 1 6			" "
Richmond	...	1,692	1,532	4	3,228	37 2 0			" "
Richmond Road	...	1,155	1,059	...	2,214	3 13 6			" "
Stamford Hill	...	231	347	...	578	0 8 0			" "
Stanger	...	1,436	1,270	...	2,786	46 18 0			" "
Umbilo	...	340	434	12	786	4 9 0			" "
Umgeni	...	537	739	...	1,278	6 18 0			" "
Umsindusi	...	68	125	...	193	0 3 0			" "
Umzinto	...	1,855	1,524	14	3,393	49 1 6			Office opened Nov. Ditto do.
Van Reenen	...	1,259	839	...	2,098	14 17 6			Office opened Dec. Ditto do.
Tunnel Siding	...	119	106	...	225	0 2 0			Office closed Nov. Ditto do.
Van Reenen's Pass	...	849	811	...	16,060	28 5 6			Railway work not included.
Vernlam	...	2,887	2,921	24	5,832	58 11 6			" "
Waschoank	...	267	236	...	503	0 19 6			" "
Wessel's Nek	...	318	281	...	599	0 15 6			" "
Willow Grange...	...	80	85	...	165	...			" "
Zwaartkop	...	114	201	...	315	...			" "
		227,120	230,281	512,052	969,453	4,156 16 0			

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

ALL STATIONS.

	Forwarded.	Received.	Transmitted.	Total.	Value of Government Work.	Revenue.	Total.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Year ending 30th June, 1892 ... ..	227,120	230,281	512,052	969,453	4,156 16 0	15,459 5 6	19,616 7 6
„ „ 1893 ... ..	210,034	220,167	517,718	947,919	4,380 16 2	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7
Decrease ... ..	17,086	10,114	...	21,534	...	871 15 1	647 14 11
Increase ... ..	...	...	5,666	...	224 0 2	...	...

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## RETURN OF CABLE TRAFFIC FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1893.

Month.	Number of Messages received from the Eastern and Western Companies for transmission to South African Stations.	Number of Messages collected in South Africa and handed to the Eastern and Western Companies for transmission abroad.	Total.	Payments to Eastern and Western Telegraph Companies.	Payments made by Eastern Telegraph Co. for Messages handed to Dept. for re-transmission.	Value of Government Messages received from Eastern Telegraph Co. for re-transmission.	Total Earnings by Dept. on Messages received from Eastern Telegraph Company for re-transmission.
1892.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July ...	1,427	1,608	3,035	4,237 0 9	87 16 2	3 1 4	90 17 6
August ...	1,042	925	1,967	2,817 15 9	63 8 4	1 0 2	64 8 6
September ...	1,654	1,555	3,209	4,033 10 8	97 13 7	2 1 4	99 14 11
October ...	1,650	1,445	3,095	4,731 14 2	102 7 9	2 3 4	104 11 1
November ...	2,379	2,107	4,486	6,725 16 10	158 17 4	3 16 2	162 13 6
December ...	2,298	2,483	4,781	6,303 18 10	144 19 8	6 7 6	151 7 2
1893.							
January ...	1,056	1,039	2,095	3,172 1 10	73 9 7	1 15 2	75 4 9
February ...	1,343	1,390	2,733	3,843 12 8	92 5 6	3 17 8	96 3 2
March ...	1,523	1,421	2,949	4,061 7 8	92 9 0	6 0 2	98 9 2
April ...	2,508	2,243	4,751	6,773 1 3	160 4 1	10 7 0	170 11 1
May ...	883	1,127	2,010	3,179 1 3	58 16 7	5 4 3	64 0 10
June ...	2,135	2,190	4,325	5,922 4 10	126 4 1	12 12 6	133 16 7
	19,903	19,533	39,436	55,801 6 6	1,258 11 8	58 6 7	1,316 18 3

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## DEBIT AND CREDIT STATEMENT.—1892-1893.

Expenditure.	Amount.	Revenue.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Salaries ... ..	13,923 14 1	Cash Receipts (Ordinary Fees) ... ..	14,201 9 7
Rent ... ..	328 0 0	Re-imbursements ... ..	333 1 2
Battery and Instrument Materials ... ..	658 14 11	Sale of Government Property ... ..	27 11 3
Petty Expenses, including Date Stamps, Obliterating Ink, &c. ... ..	81 16 4	Sums Refunded ... ..	9 17 8
Percentage to Stationmasters for forwarding Paid Messages ... ..	309 16 6	Special Receipts ... ..	12 8 7
Porterage and other Disbursements recovered in Revenue ... ..	38 0 5	General Deposits ... ..	3 2 2
Extra Clerical Assistance ... ..	401 3 4	Value of Government Work ... ..	4,380 16 2
Uniform Clothing for European Messengers ... ..	142 10 11		
Stationery, Printing, and Stamps ... ..	393 18 3		
Travelling Expenses ... ..	68 16 9		
Overtime ... ..	5 16 6		
House Allowance, in lieu of Quarters, to Telegraph Officer, Verulam ... ..	26 6 2		
House Allowance, in lieu of Quarters, to Telegraph Officer, Point ... ..	30 0 0		
Travelling Expenses, Linemen ... ..	19 13 2		
Maintenance of Line ... ..	999 16 9		
Contribution to International Telegraph Bureau, Berne ... ..	16 5 5		
Balance in favour of Department ... ..	1,523 17 1		
	18,968 6 7		18,968 6 7