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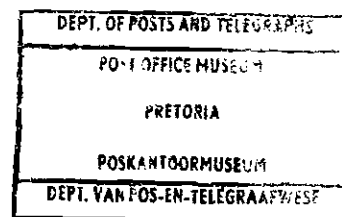
POSTMASTER-GENERAL

AND

GENERAL MANAGER OF TELEGRAPHS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894.



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REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL AND GENERAL MANAGER OF TELEGRAPHS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1894.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

I have the honour to submit my Report on the Post and Telegraph Offices for the financial year ended on the 30th June, 1894.

I forward the usual returns.

POSTAL DEPARTMENT.

1. The total earnings of the Department during the year amounted to £45,636 13s. 11d., while the expenditure was £52,395 14s. 11d., leaving a balance against the Department of £6,759 1s. There is still to be received on account of the year's transactions a sum of over £5,000, on account of International correspondence, after deducting the amounts to be paid away on account of such correspondence. The real balance against the Department may, therefore, be looked upon as being just over £1,500.

2. There was an appreciable reduction in the amounts of postage received from other countries from month to month, which affected the Department's actual receipts for the year. But the receipts from month to month of postage items from other countries will naturally fall away now that the Department is in the Postal Union, and that other Post Offices with which it directly deals are entering the Union, under the regulations of which bulk payments for postage are made.

3. In most other items of revenue there was an increase, though there were certain decreases. Sales of stamps, cards, and wrappers increased to £33,207 3s. 5d. from £32,668 10s.; surcharges increased to £737 7s. 7d. from £673 15s. 11d.; box rents fell to £548 7s. 3d. from £568 8s. 6d.; bag rents increased to £208 11s. 11d. from £190 8s. 1d.; fees on money orders issued fell to £1,184 5s. from £1,223 18s. 3d.; commission received from other countries on money orders paid in the Colony advanced to £250 12s. 11d. from £215 19s. 3d.; sales of Government property advanced to £65 18s. 5d. from £26 0s. 4d.; forfeited money orders fell to £60 16s. 6d. from £63 0s. 8d.; sums refunded to Treasury fell to £9 16s. 4d. from £14 5s. 5d.; special receipts advanced to £6 8s. 3d. from £5 0s. 2d.; and general deposits advanced to £7 3s. 2d. from £4 19s. 6d.

4. The approximate value of official correspondence dealt with fell from £4,327 14s. to £4,197 11s. 10d.; and the rent of Government boxes and bags calculated at the ordinary rate was £88 4s., as compared with £87 3s. the previous year. The approximate postage on newspapers conveyed unstamped within the Colony was £3,706 5s. 6d., as compared with £3,660 0s. 10d. the previous year.

5. Under expenditure, salaries advanced to £9,448 15s. 2d. from £8,832 5s. 9d.; contingent and other expenses fell from £1,778 4s. 6d. to £1,533 18s. 4d.; charges for conveyance of mails advanced to £30,156 13s. 8d. from £27,203 1s. 8d.; miscellaneous expenditure advanced to £1,781 7s. 9d. from £1,366 9s. 7d.; and rent fell to £475 from £490.

6. There was a very fair increase of traffic during the year. The number of ordinary letters was 3,853,889, as compared with 3,845,214 the previous year. Official unpaid letters numbered 300,391, as compared with 307,212. Post-cards numbered 103,324, as compared with 81,098. Parcels numbered 63,187, as compared with 63,252; books and sample packets numbered 627,822, as compared with 449,564; and the number of newspapers was 1,891,309, as compared with 1,772,820. The total number of articles conveyed was 56,839,922, as compared with 6,519,160. The number of

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articles registered by the Department was 104,509, as against 70,073. The number of money orders issued was 28,513, representing an amount of £35 230 17s. 4d., as compared with 27,339, representing an amount of £39,328 8s. 4d. The orders paid numbered 24,292, representing an amount of £70,124 9s. 4d., as compared with 21,918, representing an amount of £65,632 2s. 10d. The numbers of private letter boxes and bags let were 526 and 128 respectively, as compared with 565 and 125. There were 74 private boxes and 10 private bags set apart for the use of Government Departments.

7. The Postal Agencies at Umhlangeni, Northdene, Greyville, and Zuckel's were made Post Offices during the year; and Postal Agencies were opened at Tamafasi (1st February), Misgunst (1st March), Underberg (14th March), West End, Pietermaritzburg (12th May), and Isinga, (1st June).

8. On the 30th June, there were open for the transaction of business, 119 Post Offices, 40 ordinary Postal Agencies, and 22 Postal Agencies at Railway Stations.

9. On the same date the total number of persons of all ranks employed by the Department was 360.

10. The conveyance of mails throughout the Colony was generally very satisfactorily performed, the prescribed times of running on the various services being very closely observed, except during the rainy season, when the exceptional falls of rain gave rise to many stoppages and delays.

11. The following new Contracts for Post-cart Services were entered into during the year :—

For a service six times a week for three years, between Richmond-road and Umzimkulu.
Mr. John Welch, Contractor. Subsidy, £800 per annum.

For a service three times a week for three years, between Pietermaritzburg and Bulwer.
Mr. John Welch, Contractor. Subsidy, £600 per annum.

For a service six times a week for three years, between Pietermaritzburg and Greytown.
Mr. John Welch, Contractor. Subsidy, £325 per annum.

12. The Department's ocean contracts expired on the 30th September, and the terms of new contracts had not, by that date, been agreed to. Informal arrangements, were, however, made with the companies, who continued to carry the mails until contracts were concluded in February.

13. The new contracts provide for a service from England to Natal in 24 days 12 hours; and from Natal to England in 24 days 4 hours; and the service between Capetown and Durban may be performed entirely by sea, or partly by land and partly by sea. The contracts are for seven years, or until such time as through railway communication may be established between Capetown and Durban, when they may be terminated on six months' notice from either the Government or the Companies. The subsidy payable to each Company is £15,000 per annum, as compared with £13,400 per annum under the old contract.

14. In anticipation of the early conclusion of contracts the mail steamers began to leave Durban on the Saturday, from the 9th of December, that being the proposed new day of departure.

15. The mail steamer is presently due to sail from Durban at 2 p.m., and since the beginning of May a special tug has been employed by the Department to take off the mails at 12.30 p.m. This arrangement has allowed of an extension of the time of posting at Durban, but has not, unfortunately, admitted of a similar extension at Pietermaritzburg.

16. The contracts for the conveyance of the English and Foreign Parcels Mails to and from the Colony are between the English Post Office and the Companies, and from the 16th of June the Companies claimed, under these contracts, to convey parcels from Capetown to Durban by the ocean boats, instead of overland with the ordinary mails, representing that the conveyance overland was too costly for them to be able to continue it. The result has been an average delay of over five days, and the companies have been urged to revert to the original arrangements, but so far without success.

17. Foreign Parcels' traffic showed a falling off in one direction, and a slight increase in the other. Only 11,701 parcels were received in the Colony, as compared with 13,058 the previous year; but 2,859 were despatched from the Colony, as compared with 2,781.

18. The customs dues collected by the Post Office on behalf of the Customs Department on parcels entering the Colony amounted to £1,770 18s. 3d.

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19. On articles received in the Colony by letter-post, Customs dues to the amount of £69 0s. 9d. were collected by the Post Office, and transferred to the Customs Department.

20. Very little business was done in connection with postal drafts during the year. Ten drafts were issued, but only one of them was honoured.

21. There were 22,041 letters re-issued from the Returned Letter Branch of the Department during the twelve months.

22. For some years the Postmasters at Estcourt, Stanger, and Ixopo had combined with their postal and telegraph duties those of gaoler, but the combination was inconvenient in certain respects, and it was decided to take away the gaol duties—a alteration which was carried out at the close of the financial year.

23. It was decided that, from January, countries of the Postal Union should return to the senders book and sample packets containing letters or manuscript notes of the character of letters, and packets not so made up as to be easy of examination, and the alteration was introduced in Natal in the ordinary course. The previous practice had been to charge such packets as letters, and send them forward to their destinations.

24. The office at Charlestown was broken into on Sunday, the 26th of November, the thief being fortunately caught. He was, later, prosecuted, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour. He had obtained a key which fitted the door of the post office, and by means of this obtained ingress. The previous loss of small sums of money raised a suspicion that someone was entering the office, and a member of the Natal Mounted Police, set to watch the building, effected a capture.

25. I regret to have to record that the Ennersdale-Gourton runner was drowned on Wednesday, the 22nd of November, while attempting to cross the Little Tugela on his way from his kraal to the Gourton office. He was not carrying any mail at the time. His body was recovered from the river a short distance below Gourton on the 27th of November.

26. The usual inspections of out-offices were made during the year.

27. I submit, as previously, a statement furnishing information in regard to the voyages of mail steamers to the Colony.

28. A postal measure was passed during the session of the Legislature, and came into operation during July of the current financial year. It was introduced mainly to meet a requirement of the Universal Postal Union, that countries adhering to the Union will provide for the withholding from the addressees of postal articles bearing counterfeit stamps, in the event of the addressees declining to give information in regard to the senders of the articles, and to give up the whole or necessary portions of the articles. The provision corresponds with one of the English Postal Service, and will admit, should the addressee decline to comply with the requirements of the post office, of a postal officer withholding from delivery an article bearing a counterfeit stamp or stamps, for the purpose of having it sent back to the place of origin in the condition in which it is received. Advantage was taken of the opportunity afforded by the bringing forward of a Bill to provide :—

- (1.) A Twopenny-halfpenny, instead of a Sixpenny rate for Ship Letters, and a complete scale for other articles sent by ship to countries with which the Colony has no convention, for the transmission of postal parcels by ship, and for a more appropriate scale of payments to be made to ship-masters.
- (2.) The Governor's increasing the limit of weight for packets or parcels conveyed by post to a point over seven pounds.
- (3.) The disposal by the Post Office of Articles prohibited on account of their endangering the mails, or the persons of individuals, and withheld on such grounds from transmission, and for the disposal of articles withheld from transmission because of their being insufficiently prepaid in cases where prepayment is compulsory.

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- (4.) Enabling the Postmaster-General to make suitable arrangements for assisting the Collector of Customs to collect Customs charges on articles sent into the country by post, and containing enclosures liable to such charges.
- (5.) Empowering the Postmaster-General to obtain for delivery to the senders of registered letters for a certain fee, acknowledgments of the receipt of such letters from the delivery office—a service compulsory under the regulations of the Postal Union.

TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

29. The total earnings of the Department amounted to £17,997 1s. 6d., and the total expenditure to £16,394 11s. 2d., and there was thus a balance in favour of the Department of £1,602 10s. 4d. The total earnings during the previous year amounted to £18,968 6s. 7d., and the total expenditure to £17,439 9s. 6d., the balance in favour of the Department being £1,528 17s. 1d. There was, therefore, a trifling improvement in the results of the year's work.

30. There was an important falling-off in the traffic. The "forwarded" messages of all stations fell to 197,678 from 210,034; the "received" to 206,166 from 220,167; and the "transmitted" (including second transmissions) to 399,448 from 517,718, the total number of transactions being 803,292 as compared with 947,919.

31. Cable traffic fell off a good deal. The number of messages received from the Eastern and Western Companies was 17,344, as compared with 19,903, and the number of messages collected in South Africa for transfer to the two Companies through the Department was 16,768, as compared with 19,533, the total number of cable messages treated being 34,112, as compared with 39,136. The payments to the Companies amounted to £43,984 4s. 9d., as compared with £55,801 6s. 6d. The Department's collections from the Eastern Company amounted to £1,111 9s. 11d., as against £1,258 11s. 8d.

32. No office was established or disestablished during the year, the number of offices open on the 30th of June, including Albertina in the Orange Free State, being 77, as on the 30th June, 1893.

33. There were 192 persons in the service of the Department at the close of the year.

34. A temporary office was provided at the Volunteer Encampment at York from the 8th to the 16th of June, and afforded much convenience to the Volunteer authorities and the members of the various corps.

35. New premises were secured at Pietermaritzburg from the 1st of July, the Department leasing from the Corporation the Town Offices in Church Street. The position of the offices is very central, and excellent accommodation is afforded for all requirements. The lease is for five years, with the right of renewal for an additional three years, and the rent paid is £300 per annum.

36. Telegraphic communication was established overland between the Transvaal and Delagoa Bay in January, and the Department has since that time been forwarding messages to Delagoa Bay through the Transvaal at the ordinary South African rate.

37. The Eastern and Western Cables were interrupted, as shown below, in the course of the year:—

Eastern Cable from 9th August to 10th September, 1893.

Western Cable, 1st to 18th July; 4th to 27th December; 5th February to 4th March; and 20th May to 6th June.

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38. The work, as in the previous year, was treated with every despatch, and in such a manner as to give thorough satisfaction.

39. Much good work was done in the Engineering Branch of the Department, and the lines generally were maintained in excellent order. In a climate such as that of Natal telegraphic lines are very liable to interruption, and it is highly creditable to the Engineering Staff that there should have been practically an absence of stoppages on all the sections throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. CHADWICK,

Postmaster-General and Manager of Telegraphs.

Pietermaritzburg, 28th December, 1894.

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Post Office.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Post-cards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Acton Homes	481	5,928	325	156	130	6,370	13,390	69
Addington	806	19,877	234	208	2,327	3,419	26,871	121
Albert	247	7,371	104	78	78	3,965	11,843	73
Amanzimtoti	325	9,035	442	91	325	4,134	14,352	52
Avoca	1,040	9,503	117	39	...	4,745	15,444	101
Balgowan	130	4,446	143	39	234	1,183	6,175	128
Batstones	585	9,672	117	299	91	5,122	15,886	...
Beaumont	169	5,655	156	156	130	5,577	11,843	80
Beith	143	3,016	13	117	624	1,976	5,889	56
Bellair	247	26,884	429	130	390	17,485	45,565	243
Bester's	182	3,848	13	65	104	1,911	6,123	62
Biggarsberg	169	5,434	13	104	182	3,445	9,347	69
Blackburn	728	7,163	65	104	52	4,485	12,597	84
Blackwater	208	2,496	...	156	...	988	3,848	27
Boshoff's Road	117	1,157	78	13	13	1,404	2,782	69
Boston... ..	182	5,707	403	208	221	4,823	11,544	64
Botha's Hill	312	5,811	...	13	78	2,795	9,009	189
Brakwal	104	1,586	...	...	156	286	2,132	133
Bulwer... ..	1,924	45,591	520	871	1,482	17,836	68,224	192
Byrnetown	78	5,499	234	143	78	5,525	11,557	...
Camperdown	858	28,080	390	481	55	19,890	49,764	184
Cato Ridge	39	10,543	156	...	143	598	11,479	167
Charlestown	2,899	83,876	975	1,079	8,450	32,487	129,766	1,339
Carried forward	11,973	308,178	4,927	4,550	15,353	150,449	495,430	3,502

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Brought forward ...	11,973	308,178	4,927	4,550	15,353	150,449	495,430	3,502
Chieveley	234	4,680	429	52	13	936	6,344	59
Clarke Road ... ..	...	8,710	117	65	260	1,274	10,426	17
Clairmont	65	3,562	13	...	91	1,001	4,732	101
Cleveland Hill ...	312	4,576	143	156	234	3,796	9,217	64
Colenso	312	5,148	156	104	1,092	5,031	11,843	266
Cundycleugh	117	2,691	...	78	273	2,288	5,447	40
Curry's Post	299	7,033	299	195	468	6,006	14,300	26
Dannhauser	182	7,410	130	91	182	2,665	10,660	119
Dargle	1,430	11,765	481	195	1,235	9,763	24,869	82
Dargle Road	403	5,772	507	156	65	3,900	10,893	142
Dew Drop	52	3,224	208	117	494	3,471	7,566	18
Deepdale	338	3,939	91	156	104	3,783	8,411	42
Dingley Dell	39	2,730	78	13	182	2,392	5,434	...
Dronk Vlei	403	6,318	299	208	806	4,121	12,155	65
Durban	87,503	1,092,273	34,151	16,796	305,851	427,271	1,963,845	18,920
Dundee	5,590	66,937	1,742	1,671	22,490	48,568	146,998	1,330
Dundee Coalfields ...	1,157	11,141	39	182	780	6,647	19,946	484
Duff's Road	325	10,400	247	52	221	5,668	16,913	15
Edendale	182	9,191	104	117	...	2,353	11,947	19
Elands Laagte	117	4,589	26	169	156	1,963	7,020	146
Ennersdale	182	10,764	455	104	195	3,822	15,522	...
Enqabeni	312	3,640	39	52	117	1,664	5,824	31
Estcourt	5,213	54,405	2,886	936	11,765	29,029	104,234	787
Carried forward ...	116,749	1,649,076	47,557	26,215	362,427	727,861	2,929,886	58,275

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Estcourt Rail ...	611	17,654	884	260	143	12,922	32,474	237
Usidumbini Mission ...	52	1,417	39	65	39	650	2,262	...
Equeefa ...	455	5,278	182	325	897	4,264	11,401	125
Fawn Leas. ...	299	4,524	169	104	351	2,028	7,475	75
Fox Hill ...	208	3,757	39	13	169	4,173	8,359	104
Frere ...	312	10,088	338	91	...	4,654	15,483	172
Grahams ...	...	429	104	...	130	273	936	8
Greenvale ...	91	1,991	195	39	169	1,077	4,082	27
Greyville ...	130	13,754	208	39	780	3,549	18,460	122
Greytown ...	2,496	55,484	1,378	1,222	845	38,571	99,996	962
Groutville ...	130	8,580	65	13	39	2,964	11,791	42
Gillet's ...	13	3,107	...	...	...	858	3,978	85
Glencoe Junction ...	52	2,990	...	104	26	2,262	5,434	237
Glendale ...	78	1,846	26	...	156	336	3,042	64
Gourton ...	494	8,385	416	299	624	5,473	15,691	148
Harding ...	3,497	31,187	1,001	1,534	5,356	21,775	64,350	889
Hermansberg ...	2,509	17,745	455	429	3,510	7,904	32,552	81
Highbury ...	273	5,200	39	117	104	3,666	9,399	69
Helpmakaar ...	312	8,320	117	312	182	5,941	15,184	197
Highflats ...	533	9,542	611	598	663	7,150	19,097	31
Hilton Road ...	78	4,524	52	52	91	3,809	8,606	130
Highlands ...	221	12,402	286	52	338	8,723	22,022	50
Howick ...	3,783	38,987	2,470	871	9,724	20,839	76,674	552
Carried forward ...	133,367	1,916,187	56,641	32,754	386,763	892,922	3,418,634	62,682

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Brought forward ...	133,367	1,916,187	56,641	32,754	386,763	892,922	3,418,634	62,682
Howick Railway Station	182	5,512	286	52	130	4,485	10,647	116
Inchanga	182	1,755	13	...	...	910	2,860	...
Ingogo... ..	65	4,056	104	52	52	3,393	7,722	60
Ingogo Railway Station	78	2,449	39	...	78	988	3,432	60
Inadi	143	2,418	13	26	325	949	3,874	25
Ifafa	572	3,954	130	182	416	3,848	11,102	78
Insuzi	26	2,262	26	26	156	819	3,315	33
Inpendhle	663	4,017	39	65	273	4,888	9,945	85
Inanda... ..	104	6,682	195	39	78	1,703	8,801	...
Illovo	364	4,095	117	13	143	1,014	5,746	68
Ixopo	3,406	29,276	2,496	1,690	5,798	28,860	71,526	627
Ingele	416	7,982	78	312	390	3,692	12,370	61
Isipingo	3,341	14,872	442	164	4,407	3,614	26,780	302
Ingagan	65	3,042	...	13	...	1,638	4,758	130
Indian, Pietermaritzburg	...	8,502	52	...	...	...	8,554	...
Durban ...	52	8,710	78	...	104	364	9,308	...
Ladysmith ...	...	2,236	52	...	...	...	2,288	...
Kershaw's	312	2,808	52	91	429	1,846	5,538	...
Krantzkloof	78	1,261	...	13	195	689	2,236	97
Kearsney	1,222	12,220	1,703	416	1,131	7,995	24,687	201
Lower Tugela	923	8,463	143	234	910	3,926	14,599	261
Lidgetton	221	9,269	247	104	182	5,460	15,483	214
Lower Umkomaas ...	728	11,375	208	325	286	5,369	18,291	22
Carried forward ...	146,510	2,075,203	63,154	36,511	402,246	97,...	3,702,996	65,122

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Brought forward ...	146,510	2,075,203	63,154	36,511	402,246	979,372	3,702,996	65,122	
Ladysmith	7,007	105,820	1,378	1,456	25,987	67,834	209,482	2,561	
Mount Edgecombe ...	689	11,752	65	182	546	6,032	19,266	327	
Murchison	273	1,248	...	65	117	741	2,444	66	
Moguntia	598	5,148	52	182	247	2,795	90,022	121	
Neran	39	2,301	...	...	...	663	3,003	10
Nanderston	104	4,251	26	13	...	481	4,875	74	
Nid Illovo	65	2,932	128	208	169	1,261	4,277	39	
Nusgrave Road ...	975	58,513	988	390	13,039	16,497	90,402	95	
Nooi River	559	39,663	1,742	962	650	21,037	67,613	203	
Naitlandfield ...	143	2,379	221	78	403	3,081	6,305	58	
Nalvern	195	10,543	364	91	78	6,994	18,265	151	
Mount Moriah ...	624	2,197	39	26	507	1,703	5,096	121	
Napumulo	637	11,115	221	247	130	4,641	16,991	175	
Middleton	403	2,236	39	39	273	1,794	4,784	...	
Misgunst	52	1,092	...	...	...	...	1,144	...
New Hanover	455	7,033	156	234	2,236	6,175	16,289	154	
New Germany ...	117	5,018	130	26	598	2,548	8,437	15	
Normandien	52	2,041	26	...	65	3,926	6,110	67	
Nottingham Road ...	364	26,559	1,326	208	195	10,426	39,078	212	
New Leeds	182	4,212	52	91	65	3,172	7,774	22	
Noodsberg	403	8,346	91	377	169	4,927	14,313	96	
Newcastle	7,098	92,170	2,158	1,261	16,497	63,817	183,001	1,840	
Nottingham	494	4,745	236	143	338	2,691	8,697	59	
Carried forward ...	168,038	2,485,977	72,696	42,790	464,555	1,215,608	4,449,664	71,588	

STATISTICS.

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REPORT OF THE

POSTAL

CORRESPONDENCE.

POST OFFICE.

Letters.

Official.

Ordinary.

Post-cards.

Parcels.

Book and Sample Packets.

Papers.

Total.

Registered Articles.

POST OFFICE.	Official.	Ordinary.	Post-cards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	Registered Articles.
Brought forward ...	168,038	2,485,977	72,696	42,790	464,555	1,215,608	4,449,664	71,588
Ngobevu ...	169	1,209	13	...	26	715	2,132	19
Nort dene ...	130	7,046	52	39	182	5,187	12,636	138
Noodsberg Road ...	533	7,319	195	65	2,886	4,082	15,080	170
Olivier's Hoek ...	689	3,120	...	169	832	2,873	7,683	128
Ottawa ...	689	4,797	117	26	78	3,510	9,217	175
Phoenix ...	208	2,548	78	13	208	3,328	6,383	103
Pietermaritzburg ...	84,097	759,733	13,260	6,032	78,078	312,585	1,253,785	21,711
Point ...	4,394	64,376	1,859	442	13,611	22,113	106,795	2,112
Pinetown ...	741	36,205	533	442	6,123	23,374	67,418	125
Pieter's ...	13	871	...	...	...	169	1,053	48
Port Shepstone ...	2,392	11,011	338	442	3,631	6,227	23,491	757
Riet Valley ...	52	2,158	...	52	65	13	2,340	13
Richmond Road ...	676	18,083	208	91	208	5,980	25,246	145
Rorke's Drift ...	260	4,472	39	221	104	2,054	7,150	133
Richmond ...	4,381	37,180	2,379	936	9,828	30,199	84,903	415
Riet Vlei ...	8	13,455	156	611	1,950	8,060	24,544	209
Rosebank ...	204	1,950	143	26	...	1,846	4,069	...
Springvale ...	52	3,874	104	182	325	3,328	7,865	108
Stirling ...	221	1,872	13	143	39	624	2,912	...
Stamford Hill... ..	260	14,846	169	91	...	1,716	17,082	37
Sunday's River ...	52	2,977	...	26	234	1,456	4,745	17
Sydenham ...	234	10,387	234	104	1,547	3,666	16,172	105
Stanger ...	2,184	43,407	1,638	1,469	1,300	25,506	75,504	931
Carried forward ...	270,881	3,538,873	94,224	54,412	585,260	1,684,219	6,227,869	99,187

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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.	
17,120	51,295 12 7	14,143	43,178 18 7	351	359 2 0	729 14 1	25
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7,006	18,436 16 10	8,614	21,675 18 2	160	166 10 3	270 15 6	41
1,151	4,058 6 1	185	482 8 8	15	15 15 0	55 18 3	8
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471	1,780 1 5	130	551 3 4	19 10 3	...
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204	423 18 2	285	1,033 4 5	7 0 0	...
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617	1,484 19 11	380	1,595 11 0	19 4 9	...
26,569	77,479 15 0	23,737	68,517 4 2	526	541 7 3	1,102 2 10	74

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.	
	Letters.								
	Official.	Ordinary.	Post-cards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.		
Brought forward ...	270,881	3,538,873	94,224	54,412	585,260	1,684,219	6,227,869	99,187	
Spitzkop ...	247	5,525	78	208	221	4,069	10,348	77	
Springfield ...	1,222	18,395	1,118	975	910	10,790	33,410	177	
Scotston ...	260	5,954	39	221	247	3,380	10,101	12	
Seven Oaks ...	234	8,073	377	247	1,040	6,032	16,003	2	
Spring Grange ...	13	2,912	...	26	325	3,042	6,318	51	
Southdowns ...	39	5,473	104	...	78	4,082	9,776	...	
Thornville ...	104	1,898	...	39	143	2,717	4,901	19	
Tongaat ...	1,495	24,089	494	364	2,197	10,998	39,637	236	
Tugela Ferry ...	26	572	...	...	...	364	962	91
Tafamasi ...	286	1,716	26	52	26	676	2,782	24	
Umhlangeni ...	767	7,709	169	390	182	1,963	11,180	47	
Undeen ...	78	2,912	...	234	13	3,289	6,526	17	
Upper Tongaat ...	169	3,510	78	78	169	1,937	5,941	31	
Upper Umzimkulu ...	429	12,168	507	559	1,690	9,919	25,272	86	
Umzumbi Mission ...	130	3,107	78	52	65	1,287	4,719	...	
Umsinga ...	910	11,050	78	325	520	4,134	17,017	423	
Ungeni ...	3,107	15,340	624	65	39	9,958	29,133	297	
Umsinisini ...	104	468	26	...	65	507	1,170	...	
Umtwalumi ...	39	2,535	65	26	39	533	3,237	...	
Ulundi... ...	182	2,717	169	221	52	1,768	5,109	...	
Umhaas Bridge ...	52	1,209	39	...	65	1,079	2,444	...	
Umbilo ...	208	10,075	234	104	520	7,137	18,278	133	
Umsindusi Railway Stn.	117	2,210	39	...	143	260	2,769	57	
Carried forward ...	281,099	3,688,490	98,566	58,598	594,009	1,774,140	6,494,902	100,967	

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REPORT OF THE

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Post-cards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward ...	281,099	3,688,490	98,566	58,598	594,009	1,774,140	6,494,902	100,967
Umhlali	1,547	9,659	221	416	3,406	7,514	22,763	226
Umzinto	4,901	38,961	1,846	2,106	7,800	31,109	86,723	962
Underberg	208	3,016	...	26	156	1,170	4,576	...
Verulam	9,906	62,465	1,391	754	18,421	42,965	135,902	1,186
Van Reenen	507	8,957	130	312	1,521	5,291	16,718	527
Woodside	221	3,263	299	143	156	2,613	6,695	20
Wessel's Nek	91	1,976	39	...	65	1,053	3,224	101
Wilgefontein	130	2,132	...	39	416	1,443	4,160	33
Weenen	741	5,954	208	169	351	4,823	12,246	133
Willow Grange ✓	429	7,904	221	143	377	5,577	14,651	204
Waschbank	104	5,070	169	104	...	2,210	7,657	125
Yerk	221	7,930	91	234	1,027	7,046	16,549	25
Zwaartkop	39	4,602	65	65	26	1,651	6,448	...
Zunckel's	247	3,510	78	78	91	2,704	6,708	...
Postmaster-General
Total	300,391	3,353,889	103,324	63,187	627,822	1,891,309	6,839,922	104,509

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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.	
27,226	81,709 18 7	23,772	68,645 3 10	526	541 7 3	1,138 12 4	74
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643	1,938 16 3	165	459 17 11	23 5 0	...
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644	1,582 2 6	355	1,019 7 7	23 1 6	...
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...	128	202 2 2	...	10 bags
28,513	85,230 17 4	24,292	70,124 9 4	526	541 7 3	128	202 2 2	1,184 18 10	74 boxes 10 bags

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REPORT OF THE

DEBIT AND

Expenditure.	Amounts.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	9,448 15 2
CONTINGENT AND OTHER EXPENSES—		
Commission on Sale of Stamps	594 2 0	
Overtime Attendance, Sorting Seaborne Mails	308 10 0	
Extra Clerical Assistance	250 17 1	
Petty Expenses, including Date Stamps, &c.	201 8 9	
Travelling Expenses	44 0 6	
Remuneration to Stationmasters as Postmasters	135 0 0	1,533 18 4
MAILS—		
Contract, Union Steamship Company	14,200 0 0	
Contract, Castle Packets Company	14,200 0 0	
Sutton, Ommamey & Co., Professional Services, Preparing Contracts	95 18 2	
Private Ships, Letters sent by	193 14 5	
Landing and Shipping Mails	110 8 0	
Inland Contracts	6,628 18 0	
Native Carriers' Wages	1,552 9 11	
Rations and Clothing to Carriers	761 14 10	
Mailbags, Supply and Repair of	106 4 4	
European Letter Carriers	1,309 6 0	39,156 13 8
MISCELLANEOUS—		
Ocean and other Postage	782 12 8	
Commission on Money Orders	355 5 9	
Supply of Postage Stamps	643 9 4	1,781 7 9
RENT—		
Rent, Durban Post and Telegraph Offices, and Store-room at Pietermaritzburg	475 0 0
		£52,395 14 11

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CREDIT STATEMENT.

Revenue.	Amounts.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sale of Postage Stamps, Postage and Surcharges	35,302 12 11
FEES OF OFFICE—		
Private Box Rents	548 7 3	
Private Bag Rents	208 11 11	
Fees on Money Orders issued	1,184 5 0	
Commission on Money Order Accounts	250 12 10	2,191 17 0
SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY		65 18 5
FORFEITED MONEY ORDERS		60 16 6
SUMS REFUNDED TO TREASURY		9 16 4
SPECIAL RECEIPTS		6 8 3
GENERAL DEPOSITS		7 3 2
Approximate Value of Official Correspondence dealt with ...	4,197 11 10	
Rent, calculated at ordinary rate, of Private Boxes and Bags set apart for Government Departments	88 4 0	
Approximate Postage on Newspapers conveyed unstamped within the Colony	3,706 5 6	7,992 1 4
Balance against the Department		6,759 1 0
		£52,395 14 11

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REPORT OF THE

Ocean Packet.	Coasting Packet.	Pilot Discharged from Ocean Packet.			Ocean Packet arrived at Capetown.		
		*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.	*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.
Dunottar Castle ...	Venice ...	6.33 p.m.	Saturday ...	1/7/93	2.0 p.m.	Tuesday ...	18/7/93
Spartan ...	Natal ...	9.20 "	"	8/7/93	0.30 a.m.	Friday ...	28/7/93
Norham Castle ...	Venice ...	6.45 "	"	15/7/93	5.38 p.m.	Tuesday ...	1/8/93
Scot ...	African ...	6.25 "	"	22/7/93	6.40 a.m.	Monday ...	7/8/93
Roslin Castle ...	Venice ...	7.0 "	"	29/7/93	6.45 p.m.	Wednesday	16/8/93
Tartar ...	Tyrian ...	6.30 "	"	5/8/93	6.16 "	Thursday ...	24/8/93
Grantully Castle...	Melrose ...	7.22 "	"	12/8/93	5.30 "	"	31/8/93
Mexican ...	Tyrian ...	6.35 "	"	19/8/93	Noon	"	7/9/93
Drummond Castle	Courland ...	6.50 "	"	22/8/93	5.10 p.m.	Friday ...	15/9/93
Athenian ...	Tyrian ...	6.5 "	"	2/9/93	7.45 "	Thursday ...	21/9/93
Hawarden Castle...	Melrose ...	6.55 "	"	9/9/93	3.50 a.m.	Wednesday	27/9/93
Spartan ...	Tyrian ...	6.13 "	"	16/9/93	0.40 p.m.	Friday ...	6/10/93
Norham Castle ...	Courland ...	7.22 "	"	23/9/93	6.2 "	Tuesday ...	10/10/93
Trojan ...	Tyrian ...	6.0 "	"	30/9/93	3.15 "	Friday ...	20/10/93
Dunottar Castle ...	Melrose ...	6.50 "	"	7/10/93	8.30 a.m.	Tuesday ...	24/10/93
Tartar ...	Tyrian ...	6.25 "	"	14/10/93	4.30 "	Thursday ...	2/11/93
Roslin Castle ...	Courland ...	7.10 "	"	21/10/93	8.46 "	Wednesday	8/11/93
Scot ...	Natal ...	6.25 "	"	28/10/93	0.30 "	Monday ...	13/11/93
Grantully Castle...	Melrose ...	6.30 "	"	4/11/93	9.30 "	Friday ...	24/11/93
Mexican ...	Tyrian ...	6.25 "	"	11/11/93	8.25 "	Wednesday	29/11/93
Hawarden Castle...	Drummond Cstle.	7.30 a.m.	Sunday ...	19/11/93	8.30 "	"	6/12/93
Athenian ...	Tyrian ...	8.5 p.m.	Saturday ...	25/11/93	10.40 "	Thursday ...	14/12/93
Norham Castle ...	Natal ...	7.0 "	"	2/12/93	11.8 p.m.	Tuesday ...	19/12/93
Spartan ...	" ...	6.30 "	"	9/12/93	2.10 "	Friday ...	29/12/93
Pembroke Castle...	" ...	6.30 "	"	16/12/93	4.39 a.m.	Sunday ...	7/1/94
Tartar ...	Tyrian ...	6.45 "	"	23/12/93	8.30 "	Thursday ...	11/1/94
Roslin Castle ...	Natal ...	6.0 "	"	30/12/93	11.15 "	Wednesday	17/1/94
Scot ...	" ...	9.55 "	"	5/1/94	0.10 p.m.	Monday ...	22/1/94

POSTMASTER-GENERAL (continued).

Mail Due to arrive at Natal.			Engines of Coasting Packets stopped at Natal.			Time elapsed between Capetown and Natal.		Arrival before Contract Time.		Arrival after Contract Time.		Remarks.
*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.	*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.	Hrs.	Mns.	Hrs.	Mns.	Hrs.	Mns.	
3.33 p.m.	Tuesday...	25/7/93	12.10 p.m.	Saturday	22/7/93	94	10	75	23	...	...
6.20 "	"	1/8/93	2.26 a.m.	Tuesday...	1/8/93	97	56	15	54	...	...
3.45 "	"	8/8/93	3.54 p.m.	Saturday	5/8/93	94	16	71	51	...	...
3.25 "	"	15/8/93	7.40 "	Thursday	10/8/93	85	...	116	45	...	...
4.0 "	"	22/8/93	0.3 "	Monday...	21/8/93	113	18	27	57	...	...
3.30 "	"	29/8/93	4.11 a.m.	"	28/8/93	81	55	35	19	...	...
4.22 "	"	5/9/93	4.43 "	Tuesday...	5/9/93	107	13	11	39	...	...
3.35 "	"	12/9/93	3.11 p.m.	Monday...	11/9/93	99	11	24	24	...	...
3.50 "	"	19/9/93	9.58 a.m.	Tuesday...	19/9/93	88	48	5	52	...	...
3.5 "	"	26/9/93	7.26 p.m.	Monday...	25/9/93	95	41	19	39	...	...
3.55 "	"	3/10/93	9.38 a.m.	Wednesday	4/10/93	173	48	...	...	17	43	Mails reached Port Elizabeth by train at 1.26 p.m. 29th; "Melrose" detained by heavy weather till 4.30 p.m., 2nd October.
3.13 "	"	10/10/93	9.41 "	Tuesday...	10/10/93	93	1	5	32	...	...
4.22 "	"	17/10/93	10.50 "	Monday...	16/10/93	136	48	29	32	...	...	Parcel Boxes not landed till 15th owing to heavy sea breaking on bar, and heavy weather outside.
3.0 "	"	24/10/93	7.11 "	Tuesday...	24/10/93	87	56	7	49	...	...
8.30 "	Saturday	28/10/93	9.20 "	Monday...	30/10/93	144	50	...	...	36	50	Mails taken to Port Elizabeth by "Dunottar Castle," and transferred to "Melrose."
4.30 "	Monday...	6/11/93	4.41 p.m.	"	6/11/93	108	11	...	...	...	11	
8.46 "	Sunday ...	12/11/93	6.18 a.m.	"	13/11/93	117	32	...	...	9	32	Mails conveyed by train from Capetown to Port Elizabeth.
0.30 "	Friday ...	17/11/93	6.11 p.m.	Thursday	16/11/93	89	41	18	19	...	...
9.30 "	Tuesday...	28/11/93	7.10 a.m.	Tuesday...	28/11/93	93	40	14	20	...	...
8.25 a.m.	Monday...	4/12/93	8.56 "	Monday...	4/12/93	108	31	...	...	...	31	Delayed at Southampton by heavy storm of wind and snow.
8.30 p.m.	Sunday ...	10/12/93	9.28 "	Sunday ...	10/12/93	96	58	11	2	...	...
10.40 "	Monday...	18/12/93	10.11 "	Monday...	18/12/93	95	31	12	29	...	...
11.8 a.m.	Sunday ...	24/12/93	5.41 p.m.	Saturday	23/12/93	90	33	17	27	...	...
2.10 "	Wednesday	3/1/94	5.56 "	Tuesday...	2/1/94	99	46	8	14	...	...
4.39 p.m.	Thursday	11/1/94	7.15 a.m.	Thursday	11/1/94	98	36	9	24	...	...
8.30 "	Monday...	15/1/94	10.41 "	Monday...	15/1/94	98	11	9	49	...	...
11.15 "	Sunday ...	21/1/94	2.36 p.m.	Sunday ...	21/1/94	99	21	8	39	
0.10 a.m.	Saturday	27/1/94	11.11 a.m.	Friday ...	26/1/94	95	1	12	59	

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REPORT OF THE

Ocean Packets.	Coasting Packet.	Pilot Discharged from Ocean Packet.			Ocean Packet arrived at Capetown.		
		*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.	*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.
Dunottar Castle ...	Tyrian ...	6.0 p.m.	Saturday ...	13/1/94	4.9 a.m.	Tuesday ...	30/1/94
Mexican ...	Natal ...	6.40 "	"	20/1/94	9.50 p.m.	Wednesday	7/2/94
Grantully Castle...	Courland ...	6.27 "	"	27/1/94	Noon	Friday ...	16/2/94
Athenian ...	Natal ...	6.20 "	"	3/2/94	9.5 a.m.	Thursday ...	22/2/94
Drummond Castle	" ...	5.43 "	"	10/2/94	3.3 "	Friday ...	2/3/94
Spartan ...	" ...	6.40 "	"	17/2/94	1.25 "	Wednesday	7/3/94
Hawarden Castle...	Venice ...	6.10 "	"	24/2/94	9.0 p.m.	Tuesday ...	13/3/94
Tartar ...	" ...	6.30 "	"	3/3/94	2.0 a.m.	Thursday ...	22/3/94
Norham Castle ...	" ...	6.30 "	"	10/3/94	10.30 p.m.	Tuesday ...	27/3/94
Scot ...	Norham Castle...	6.20 "	"	17/3/94	9.0 "	Monday ...	2/4/94
Roslin Castle ...	Venice ...	6.16 "	"	24/3/94	2.55 "	Wednesday	11/4/94
Mexican ...	" ...	6.10 "	"	31/3/94	3.45 a.m.	Thursday...	19/4/94
Dunottar Castle ...	" ...	6.45 "	"	7/4/94	9.16 "	Tuesday ...	24/4/94
Athenian ...	" ...	6.16 "	"	14/4/94	2.0 "	Friday ...	4/5/94
Drummond Castle	" ...	6.36 "	"	21/4/94	5.20 "	" ...	11/5/94
Moor ...	" ...	6.25 "	"	28/4/94	10.30 "	Tuesday ...	15/5/94
Tantallon Castle...	" ...	6.35 "	"	5/5/94	6.36 "	Monday ...	21/5/94
Tartar ...	" ...	5.57 "	"	12/5/94	9.45 "	Thursday...	31/5/94
Hawarden Castle...	" ...	6.18 "	"	19/5/94	10.30 "	Tuesday ...	5/6/94
Scot ...	Lismore Castle...	6.10 "	"	26/5/94	9.10 p.m.	Monday ...	11/6/94
Norham Castle ...	Venice ...	6.46 "	"	2/6/94	11.10 "	Tuesday ...	19/6/94
Mexican ...	Dunbar Castle...	6.0 "	"	9/6/94	1.46 a.m.	Thursday...	28/6/94
Grantully Castle...	Venice ...	6.35 "	"	16/6/94	10.56 "	" ...	5/7/94
Athenian ...	" ...	7.5 "	"	23/6/94	6.25 p.m.	Wednesday	11/7/94
Dunottar Castle ...	" ...	7.0 "	"	30/6/94	5.46 a.m.	Tuesday ...	17/7/94

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Mail Date to arrive at Natal.			Engines of Coasting Packet stopped at Natal.			Time elapsed between Capetown and Natal.		Arrival before Contract Time.		Arrival after Contract Time.		Remarks.
*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.	*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.	Hrs.	Mns.	Hrs.	Mns.	Hrs.	Mns.	
4.9 p.m.	Saturday	3/2/94	7.26 p.m.	Friday ...	2/2/94	87	17	20	43	...	...
9.50 a.m.	Monday...	12/2/94	10.41 a.m.	Sunday ...	11/2/94	84	51	23	9	...	...
Midnight	Tuesday...	20/2/94	7.52 p.m.	Tuesday...	20/2/94	103	52	4	8	...	...
9.5 p.m.	Monday...	26/2/94	10.46 "	Sunday ...	25/2/94	85	41	22	19	...	...
3.3 "	Tuesday...	6/3/94	6.46 a.m.	Tuesday...	6/3/94	99	43	8	17	...	...
1.25 "	Sunday ...	11/3/94	5.0 p.m.	Sunday ...	11/3/94	111	35	...	...	3	35	
9.0 a.m.	" ...	18/3/94	6.40 "	Saturday	17/3/94	93	40	14	20	...	...
2.0 p.m.	Monday...	26/3/94	5.40 a.m.	Monday...	26/3/94	99	40	8	20	...	...
10.30 a.m.	Sunday ...	1/4/94	7.40 p.m.	Saturday	31/3/94	93	10	14	50	...	...
9.0 "	Saturday	7/4/94	1.4 "	Friday ...	6/4/94	88	4	19	56	...	...
2.55 "	Monday...	16/4/94	6.30 "	Sunday ...	15/4/94	99	35	8	25	...	...
3.45 p.m.	" ...	23/4/94	9.20 a.m.	Monday...	23/4/94	101	35	6	25	...	...
9.16 "	Saturday	28/4/94	10.20 "	Saturday	28/4/94	97	4	10	56	...	...
2.0 "	Tuesday...	8/5/94	2.0 "	Tuesday...	8/5/94	96	...	12	...	...	...
5.20 "	" ...	15/5/94	4.30 "	" ...	15/5/94	95	10	12	50	...	...
10.30 "	Saturday	19/5/94	1.20 p.m.	Saturday	19/5/94	98	50	9	10	...	...
6.36 "	Friday ...	25/5/94	2.35 "	Friday ...	25/5/94	103	59	4	1	...	...
9.45 "	Monday...	4/6/94	4.45 "	Monday...	4/6/94	103	...	5	...	...	...
10.30 "	Saturday	9/6/94	7.40 a.m.	Friday ...	8/6/94	69	10	38	50	...	...
0.10 a.m.	" ...	16/6/94	7.39 "	" ...	15/6/94	91	29	16	31	...	...
11.15 "	Sunday ...	24/6/94	9.0 p.m.	Saturday	23/6/94	93	45	14	15	...	...
0.46 p.m.	Monday...	2/7/94	2.28 a.m.	Monday...	2/7/94	97	42	10	18	...	...
10.56 "	" ...	9/7/94	10.10 "	" ...	9/7/94	95	14	12	46	...	...
6.35 a.m.	" ...	16/7/94	1.0 p.m.	Sunday ...	15/7/94	90	25	17	35	...	...
5.46 p.m.	Saturday	21/7/94	2.45 a.m.	Saturday	21/7/94	92	59	15	1	...	...

NOTE.—Greenwich mean time—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 Pilots discharge, 7 p.m. Contract time and day of arrival at Natal, when no delay in departure, 4 p.m. Tuesday.
 * Voyages under new Contract, but Contract not completed until February 20th, 1894. Mail Packets due at Natal 108 hours after the engines of the Ocean Packet are stopped at Capetown.

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Station.	Number of Messages Forwarded	Number of Messages Received.	Number of Messages transmitted (including Second transmission).	Total.	Value of Government Work.	Revenue.	Total Earnings including Government Work.	Remarks.
					£ s. d.			
Albertina ...	189	147	...	336	0 13 6			[Railway work not included
Avoca ...	158	208	...	366	1 8 6			F. State Office worked by Natal Dpt.
Balgowan ...	99	96	...	195	0 11 0			Railway work not included
Bellair ...	787	1,161	...	1,948	0 17 6			" "
Berea Road Station...	164	...	...	164	0 2 0			" "
Bester's ...	145	120	...	265	0 3 0			" "
Boshoff's Road ...	42	31	...	73	0 7 0			" "
Botha's Hill ...	431	219	...	650	1 10 6			" "
Brakwal ...	26	31	...	57	0 4 0			" "
Camperdown ...	292	377	...	669	0 18 6			" "
Cato Ridge ...	158	162	...	320	0 13 6			" "
Charlestown ...	9,787	8,564	4	18,355	112 8 6			" "
Chieveley ...	39	62	...	101	0 1 0			" "
Clairmont ...	104	149	...	253	0 1 6			" "
Colenso ...	220	267	...	487	5 5 0			" "
Dannhauser ...	163	114	...	277	0 11 0			" "
Dargle Road ...	380	473	...	853	5 18 0			" "
Duff's Road ...	118	145	...	263	0 10 6			" "
Dundee ...	4,198	3,943	...	8,141	77 15 0			" "
Dundee Coalfields ...	520	608	...	1,128	2 18 0			" "
Durban ...	82,991	83,239	59,036	225,266	1,154 17 5			" "
Durban Railway Station	1,004	61	14	1,079	4 4 9			" "
Elandslaagte ...	125	132	...	257	1 6 6			" "
Ennersdale ...	202	249	...	451	1 6 6			" "
Estcourt ...	1,225	2,152	3,018	6,395	84 14 6			" "
Estcourt Railway Station	1,144	106	...	1,250	11 2 6			" "
Fox Hill ...	68	53	...	121	0 1 0			" "
Frere ...	254	257	2	513	1 2 6			" "
Gillett's ...	105	115	...	220	0 2 6			" "
Glencoe Junction ...	366	170	...	536	1 9 6			" "
Greytown ...	2,193	1,875	...	4,068	50 11 0			" "
Greyville ...	135	212	...	347	0 4 0			" "
Harding ...	1,923	1,396	...	3,319	87 14 6			" "
Highlands...	231	234	...	465	0 9 0			" "

Hilton Road	...	...	252	210	...	462	2	5	0				Railway work not included
Howick	...	...	1,149	1,137	...	2,236	45	17	0				Railway work not included
Howick Railway Station	...	...	272	184	...	456	2	1	0				" "
Ingagan	...	...	99	91	...	190	0	2	6	13,288	14	4	" "
Inchanga	...	...	36	32	...	68	0	3	0				" "
Ingogo	...	...	214	202	...	416	2	0	6				" "
Isipingo	...	...	738	819	...	1,557	5	10	0				" "
Ixopo	...	...	1,459	1,044	...	2,503	51	1	6				Railway work not included
Kranz Kloof	...	...	31	20	...	51	0	10	0				Railway work not included
Ladysmith	...	...	4,202	5,487	17,920	27,600	87	4	0				Railway work not included
Ladysmith Rail	...	...	719	42	658	1,419	3	19	6				" "
Lidgetton	...	...	127	167	...	294	2	6	6				Railway work not included
Lower Tugela	...	...	1,216	952	28	2,196	70	0	6				" "
Malvern	...	...	334	483	...	817	0	1	6				Railway work not included
Manderston	...	...	54	77	...	131	0	9	0				" "
Mooi River	...	...	872	789	14	1,673	1	13	6				" "
Mount Edgecombe	...	...	716	630	...	1,346	4	5	6				" "
Newcastle	...	...	4,900	5,420	8,226	18,555	119	0	0				" "
Newcastle Railway Station	...	...	718	5	...	723	5	1	0				Railway work not included
Northdene	...	...	338	325	...	663	1	16	3				" "
Nottingham Road	...	...	1,002	1,072	...	2,074	1	10	0				" "
Ottawa	...	...	178	156	...	334	0	13	0				" "
Phoenix	...	...	68	101	...	169	1	2	6				" "
Pietermaritzburg	...	...	42,646	59,754	310,254	412,654	1,730	3	4				" "
Pietermaritzburg Rail	...	...	2,230	198	...	2,428	48	18	11				Railway work not included
Pieterse	...	...	21	31	...	52	0	2	0				" "
Pinetown	...	...	832	1,088	...	1,920	7	15	0				" "
Point	...	...	8,245	5,591	...	13,836	514	6	6				" "
Port Shepstone	...	...	2,486	1,797	...	4,283	69	17	6				Railway work not included
Richmond	...	...	1,600	1,260	...	2,869	54	16	0				" "
Richmond Road	...	...	799	886	...	1,685	4	4	0				" "
Stamford Hill	...	...	197	335	...	532	...	...	...				Railway work not included
Stanger	...	...	1,811	1,400	...	3,220	81	4	0				" "
Umbilo	...	...	205	463	...	668	1	8	0				Railway work not included
Umgeni	...	...	618	950	...	1,568	7	10	6				" "
Umsindusi	...	...	42	78	...	120	...	...	...				" "
Umzinto	...	...	1,908	1,556	10	3,474	57	5	6				Railway work not included
Van Reenen	...	...	426	365	...	791	4	9	6				" "
Verulam	...	...	3,129	3,028	10	6,167	96	13	6				Railway work not included
Waschbank	...	...	257	284	...	541	3	14	0				" "
Wessel's Nek	...	...	151	94	...	245	0	7	0				" "
Willow Grange	...	...	169	159	...	328	0	1	0				" "
Zwaartkop	...	...	115	194	...	309	...	...	...				" "
York	102	73	254	429	4	3	0				Office opened from 8th to 16th June, 1894.—Volunteer Encampment.
			197,078	206,166	399,448	803,292	4,708	7	2				

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					£ s. d.			
Albertina ...	83	62	...	145	...			[Railway work not included
Avoca ...	185	289	...	474	0 12 0			F. State Office worked by Natal Dpt.
Balgowan ...	260	211	...	471	6 8 0			Railway work not included
Bellair ...	687	1,103	...	1,790	0 18 6			" "
Berea Road Station	16	...	...	16	...			Office opd. A. pl., Rly. work not incld
Bester'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 opd. Nov., Rly. work not incld
Colenso ...	287	323	2	612	4 3 6			Railway work not included
Dannhauser ...	135	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 Coalfields	678	527	...	1,205	2 7 0			Railway work not included
Durban ...	87,373	88,006	57,870	233,249	1,078 2 9			" "
Durban Railway Station	1,061	57	20	1,138	1 13 6			Railway work not included
Elandslaagte ...	145	133	...	278	0 16 0			" "
Ennersdale ...	271	223	2	566	0 18 0			" "
Estcourt ...	1,309	2,511	3,718	7,538	87 17 0			" "
Estcourt Railway Station	1,389	70	...	1,459	5 8 6			Railway work not included
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			" "
Greyville ...	122	150	...	272	0 2 6			Railway work not included
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			Railway work not included
Howick Rail	238	186	...	424	1 10 0			" "
Ingagan	152	113	...	265	0 15 6			" "
Inchanga	67	39	...	106	0 16 6			" "
Ingogo	179	151	...	330	1 6 0			" "
Isipingo	843	853	...	1,696	4 3 6			" "
Ixopo	1,500	1,026	...	2,526	46 7 6			Railway work not included
Krausz Kloof	19	16	...	35	...			Railway work not included
Ladysmith	5,588	6,984	18,174	30,746	114 18 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	Railway work not included
Ladysmith Rail	1,241	36	568	1,845	2 3 0			" "
Lidgetton	201	226	...	427	0 12 6			" "
Lower Tugela	960	745	66	1,771	49 2 6			Railway work not included
Malvern	291	330	...	621	1 7 6			" "
Manderston	74	66	4	144	0 14 0			" "
Mooi River	912	930	...	1,842	1 17 0			" "
Mount Fidgecombe	798	681	...	1,479	0 12 0			" "
Newcastle	6,218	6,836	0,104	19,158	99 0 6			Railway work not included
Newcastle Rail	783	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			" "
Phoenix	179	195	...	374	2 7 6			" "
Pietermaritzburg	46,839	65,191	431,088	543,118	1,666 17 9			Railway work not included
Pietermaritzburg Rail	2,203	191	...	2,394	75 18 6			" "
Pieterse	56	72	...	127	0 14 6			" "
Pinetown	956	1,137	...	2,093	5 10 0			" "
Point	8,474	5,159	...	13,633	559 15 0			" "
Port Shepstone	2,199	1,425	...	3,624	74 9 6	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	Railway work not included
Richmond	1,676	1,372	...	3,348	33 18 0			" "
Richmond Road	834	915	...	1,749	3 3 0			" "
Stamford Hill	235	424	...	659	3 5 6			Railway work not included
Stanger	1,516	1,369	...	2,885	49 8 0			" "
Umbilo	233	415	...	648	2 9 0			Railway work not included
Umgeni	626	878	...	1,504	4 5 0			" "
Umsindusi	52	68	...	120	...			" "
Umzinto	1,592	1,431	64	3,087	48 17 6			" "
Van Reenen	828	658	...	1,486	9 9 6			" "
Versulam	3,066	3,084	38	6,178	66 1 0	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7	" "
Waschbank	320	324	...	644	1 5 6			" "
Wessel's Nek	180	158	...	338	0 2 6			" "
Willow Grange	140	122	...	262	0 10 0			" "
Zwaartkop	86	155	...	241	...			" "
	210,034	220,167	517,718	947,919	4,380 16 2			

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

ALL STATIONS.

					Forwarded.	Received.	Transmitted.	Total.	Value of Government Work.	Revenue.	Total.
Year ending 30th June, 1893	...	...	...	...	310,034	220,167	517,718	947,919	4,380 16 2	14,587 10 5	18,968 6 7
" " 1894	197,678	206,166	339,448	803,292	4,708 7 2	13,288 14 4	17,997 1 6
Decrease	12,356	14,061	118,270	144,627	...	1,298 16 1	971 5 1
Increase	327 11 0

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RETURN OF CABLE TRAFFIC FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1894.

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.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1893.							
July	1,044	1,687	3,331	4,527 13 10	105 7 2	12 3 4	117 10 6
August	631	491	1,122	1,164 17 4	44 0 1	16 5 2	60 5 3
September	973	825	1,800	2,557 3 10	63 10 11	14 1 2	77 12 1
October	1,217	1,128	2,345	3,654 17 7	84 4 1	8 7 11	92 12 0
November	1,078	1,051	2,129	3,302 16 7	68 3 1	2 12 0	70 15 1
December	1,760	2,015	3,775	4,770 19 0	112 19 10	11 3 10	124 3 8
1894.							
January	1,315	1,055	2,370	3,420 16 0	82 0 6	4 0 10	86 1 4
February	1,988	2,132	4,120	5,005 10 1	120 15 8	6 2 10	126 18 6
March	1,641	1,467	3,108	4,994 1 9	107 9 3	4 10 2	111 19 5
April	1,577	1,451	3,028	4,844 7 9	101 17 8	1 2 0	102 19 8
May	1,924	1,908	3,832	5,568 4 6	121 14 1	11 16 4	133 10 5
June	1,594	1,558	3,152	5,173 0 10	99 7 7	3 5 8	105 13 3
	17,344	16,768	34,112	48,984 4 9	1,111 9 11	98 11 3	1,210 1 2

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REPORT OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL (*continued*).

DEBIT AND CREDIT STATEMENT, YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1894.

Expenditure.	Amount.	Revenue.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Salaries	13,128 15 11	Cash Receipts (Ordinary Fees)	12,810 17 4
Rent	328 0 0	Reimbursements (Maintenance of Railway and Zululand Lines, &c.)	409 8 6
Battery and Instrument Materials	558 0 3	Sale of Government Property	44 15 9
Petty Expenses, including Date Stamps, Obliterating Ink, &c.	86 12 3	Sums Refunded	10 12 11
Percentage to Station Masters for forwarding paid Messages	273 10 6	Special Receipts	11 5 4
Porterage and Disbursements recovered in Revenue	46 10 1	General Deposits	1 14 6
Extra Clerical Assistance	360 14 4	Value of Government Work	4,708 7 2
Uniform Clothing for European Messengers	166 5 0		
Stationery, Printing, and Stamps... ..	337 12 5		
Travelling Expenses	67 7 0		
Overtime... ..	...	
House Allowance, in lieu of Quarters, to Telegraph Officer, Verulam	30 0 0		
House Allowance, in lieu of Quarters, to Telegraph Officer, Point	30 0 0		
Travelling Expenses, Linemen	17 8 2		
Maintenance	949 13 2		
Contribution to International Telegraph Convention, Berne	14 2 1		
Balance in favour of Department	1,602 10 4		
	17,997 1 6		£17,997 1 6