



COLONY OF NATAL.

REPORT

OF THE

POSTMASTER-GENERAL

AND

GENERAL MANAGER OF TELEGRAPHS

FOR THE

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1895.

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and a falling away of passenger traffic, rendered a reduction desirable after six months. The service is now one of three times a week in each direction. The subsidy paid is £600 a year, and it is borne equally by the Governments of Natal and Zululand.

13. Extra men had to be employed on the following carrier services :—

Ladysmith and Cundcycleugh.
Estcourt and Weenen.
Greytown and Hermansberg.
Newcastle and Normandien.
Rorke's Drift and Vant's Drift.
Umlangeni and Imbezane.
Harding and Port Shepstone.
Harding and Umtamvuna.

14. The Verulam-Lower Tugela post-cart contract was terminated by notice from the contractor from the 31st of October, and a new contract was entered into with the same contractor from the 1st of November, after tenders had been called for. The subsidy under the old contract was £750 a year: Under the new contract it is £1,500 a year. The contractor complained of serious losses in connection with his first contract. A new contract for the service between Isipingo and Umzinto was entered into from the 1st of December, the subsidy being £200 in excess of that for the previous contract.

15. The opening of the railway to Elandsfontein, in December, afforded the opportunity to exchange Mails with Delagoa Bay overland, and led to accelerated services to and from the Cape Colony and the Orange Free State. The service to and from Delagoa Bay has the advantage of being regular, but there has not been much gain in the matter of expedition. To both the Cape Colony and Delagoa Bay Mails are still, of course, despatched by sea as opportunity offers.

16. To and from Johannesburg and Pretoria the gain in the transmission of Mails since December has been very important; the time to and from the former place, as regards the City, being 23 hours and 23½ hours respectively, and to and from the latter place 36 hours and 29 hours respectively.

17. A convention, for the interchange of parcels, which was entered into with British Central Africa, came into operation from the 1st of November. It provides for the transmission of parcels from the one country to the other, through the Post Office, at a charge of 1s. 4d. per lb., and for the transmission through Natal of parcels between British Central Africa and countries abroad.

18. The Money Order system was extended to the Post Offices at Musgrave Road (Durban) and Bulwer in September and October respectively.

19. The limit of weight for Foreign Parcels, to and from most foreign countries, was increased to 11 lbs. in October.

20. The regulations for the conduct of Postal Draft business were amended in October, to admit of the transmission of an invoice or account attached to a draft, and not exceeding half-an-ounce in weight, upon payment of a fee of one penny in addition to the issuing fee. The alteration was made to make the local practice conform to the practice of the Cape Colony, with which place a convention for the interchange of postal drafts was being negotiated.

21. On the 31st of December there were open for the transaction of business 129 post offices, 40 ordinary postal agencies, and 23 agencies at railway stations; and the total number of persons employed by the Department was 374.

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22. Work continued to increase in the Telegraph Department, and the total earnings were £13,317 1s. 6d., as compared with £11,790 8s. 2d. during the previous six months.

23. The "forwarded" messages of all stations numbered 132,458, the "received" 140,193, and the "transmitted," including second transmissions, 248,994, which gave a total of 521,645 transactions, showing an increase of 59,710 transactions over the transactions of the previous half-year.

24. The revenue collected amounted to £10,397 11s. 7d., and Government messages transmitted, if paid for, would have carried to the revenue £2,919 9s. 11d.

25. The total capital which has been expended on the Department's telegraphs, up to date, is £63,170 9s. 2d.; and, taking the earnings of the Department over and above expenditure at £3,871 3s. 8d., the return on capital was at the rate of 12½ per cent. per annum. During the financial year 1894-95 the excess of earnings over expenditure was £4,593 18s. 5d., which represented 7½ per cent on the capital mentioned.

26. As usual, the main item of expenditure was on account of salaries. On maintenance, and battery, and instrument materials, £201 12s. 6d. and £211 11s. 6d., respectively, was expended; and stationery, printing, and stamps cost £109 6s. 10d.

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27. There was an appreciable increase in cable traffic, 41,960 messages being handed to and received from the Eastern and Western Companies, as compared with 36,311 during the previous six months ; and the Department paid to the two companies, on account of messages transferred, £50,198 6s. 2d.

28. The mean time of the Colony was altered by some four minutes from the 1st of September, the meridian two hours East of Greenwich being adopted. Natal mean time is now exactly two hours earlier than Greenwich mean time, and half-an-hour earlier than the mean time of the Cape Colony and the neighbouring Republics. The meridian adopted corresponds with the tenth meridian in the universal time system sketched by Mr. Sandford Fleming, and, by employing it, we secure a time very closely approximating to the time observed in the Colony prior to the establishment of the Observatory at Durban.

29. According to the scheme of Mr. Sandford Fleming, the time of the Cape Colony and the adjoining Republics would correspond with that adopted by Natal, but the Cape Colony, anticipating inconvenience from employing the tenth meridian, decided to adopt the meridian half-way between those numbered 10 and 11 by Mr. Fleming. Their action accounts for the difference of half-an-hour referred to above. The Orange Free State and Transvaal Governments have, so far, employed Cape mean time.

30. The engineering officers of the Department completed during the half-year the engineering works undertaken in Zululand and the Transvaal. These works were as follows :—

In Zululand—

- (1) The construction of a single telegraph line, 22 miles in length, from Eshowe to Melmoth.
- (2) The construction of a single telegraph line, 17 miles in length, from Vant's Drift to Nondweni.
- (3) The re-poling and re-wiring of the telegraph line, 23 miles in length, from Lower Tugela to Eshowe.

In the Transvaal—

The construction of a telegraph line of two wires, 163 miles in length, skirting the line of railway from Volksrust to Elsburg Junction.

31. Practical use was made of the phonopore telephone, which has been found to work quite successfully. It is an instrument by means of which the voice can be conveyed over a line actually employed at the time in transmitting ordinary telegraphic signals from a battery.

32. Offices were opened in September at Musgrave Road (Durban) and Reunion ; and the office at Boshoff's Road was closed in November.

33. Eighty-one offices were open for the transaction of telegraphic business, and two hundred persons of all grades were employed at the close of the year.

34. The cables were interrupted as follows :—

Eastern—1st to 30th September ; 24th to 31st December. (Communication restored 4th January, 1893) Western—11th to 18th August ; 20th to 23rd December.

35. A fire occurred in the battery room of the Telegraph Office at Pietermaritzburg on the 16th of November, but the officers on duty at the time acted with great energy and promptitude, and subdued it before the fire-engine could be got on the spot. Rats had secured ingress to the wooden boxing through which a number of battery wires were led to the instrument room, and they had eaten through the covering of the wires and brought them into contact. The force of the electric current caused ignition, and the wires and woodwork were in a very short time badly burnt.

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36. Extreme pressure of work was experienced in both Departments, and the strain upon all officers was excessive. In the Telegraph Department a great deal of overtime was performed, and has been paid for. In the Post Office overtime performed has been allowed again, as far as possible super-numerary clerks being employed as reliefs. In the Telegraph Department the general insufficiency of staff, and the want of proper wire accommodation between Pietermaritzburg and Durban, gave rise to much difficulty in working ; and, in the Post Office, the numerous changes in the staff, and the consequent employment of junior clerks inexperienced in postal work, led to much inconvenience.

37. On the occasions of Dr. Jameson's raid into the Transvaal and the railway disaster at Glencoe Junction an unusual amount of telegraphic work offered, and it was a very fortunate circumstance that there was a number of practical telegraphists in the Postal and Telegraph Departments, outside the transmitting branch, whose assistance could be called in. Without the assistance of these officers the work could hardly have been got out of hand. All concerned were indefatigable in their efforts to get the work out of hand, and it was ultimately disposed of in very fair time.

J. CHADWICK,
Postmaster-General and General Manager of Telegraphs.

General Post Office, Natal,
28th March, 1896.

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Regis- tered Articles.	
	Letters.		Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.		
	Official.	Ordinary.							
Acton Homes	312	5,343	234	91	130	3,328	9,438	47	
Addington	598	11,466	247	104	3,536	2,782	18,733	46	
Albert	52	2,574	...	26	174	1,404	4,160	10	
Amanzimtote	338	5,265	299	39	364	3,250	9,555	32	
Avoca	936	4,836	208	...	...	2,824	8,814	61
Balgowan	52	2,184	117	...	104	923	3,380	67	
Batstones	1,066	8,580	...	169	416	2,171	12,402	83	
Beaumont	156	2,652	52	26	...	2,652	5,538	43	
Beith	104	1,417	13	78	377	1,170	3,159	42	
Bellair	260	20,150	208	260	468	6,688	28,034	167	
Bester's	104	1,417	...	26	156	1,105	2,808	87	
Biggarsværg	52	3,094	13	26	13	1,898	5,096	32	
Blackburn	221	2,574	26	26	39	2,088	4,974	44	
Blackwater	169	1,898	26	91	273	1,326	3,783	36	
Boston	143	2,469	13	65	117	1,898	4,732	46	
Botha's Hill	169	3,592	...	26	39	792	4,418	54	
Brakwal	78	364	...	...	...	78	520	51
Bulwer	1,872	8,775	130	325	4,563	7,946	23,611	237	
Bynetown	104	2,470	104	39	65	3,484	6,266	27	
Camperdown	611	17,108	351	598	1,282	15,483	35,433	96	
Cato Ridge	26	4,940	78	...	104	1,584	6,732	97	
Carried forward ...	7,423	112,995	2,119	2,015	12,150	64,884	201,586	1,415	

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MONEY ORDERS.				FEES OF OFFICE.				Fees on Money Orders.	Number of Free Boxes and Bags.		
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Brought forward ...	7,423	112,995	2,119	2,015	12,150	64,884	201,586	1,415	
Charlestown ...	2,769	29,523	1,014	676	2,236	12,898	49,116	819	
Chieveley ...	182	2,128	...	...	...	546	2,856	48
Clarke Road ...	...	8,593	39	169	1,963	1,274	12,038	17
Clairmont* ...	...	2,886	13	13	364	520	3,796	32
Cleveland Hill ...	26	3,770	26	234	312	2,080	6,448	39	
Colenso ...	377	3,250	26	52	1,274	2,964	7,943	106	
Cundycleugh ...	429	2,457	...	52	156	1,391	4,485	31	
Curry's Post ...	195	4,056	117	104	728	3,523	8,723	13	
Dannhauser ...	143	11,531	260	91	65	1,846	13,936	36	
Dargle ...	806	5,694	338	286	377	5,005	12,506	48	
Dargle Road ...	182	5,473	91	91	1,482	2,296	9,615	124	
Dew Drop ...	...	1,456	52	104	260	1,326	3,198	7
Deepdale ...	156	3,484	65	156	26	93	3,980	27	
Dingley Dell ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dronk Vlei ...	260	2,717	78	91	169	2,262	5,977	65	
Dumisa ...	156	1,716	78	...	26	1,014	2,990	31	
Durban ...	45,201	986,154	28,301	14,404	323,570	454,285	1,851,915	12,653	
Dundee ...	4,108	45,422	1,274	1,183	12,974	37,440	102,401	832	
Dundee Coal Fields ...	325	6,214	247	130	325	5,226	12,467	165	
Duff's Road ...	13	2,301	65	13	442	546	3,380	17	
Edendale ...	78	4,615	52	26	13	656	5,440	8	
Carried forward ...	62,829	1,246,435	34,255	19,890	358,912	602,075	2,324,396	16,533	

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Brought forward ...	62,829	1,246,435	34,255	19,890	358,912	602,075	2,324,396	16,533	
Elands Laagte ...	156	2,990	91	13	65	1,053	4,368	81	
Elizabeth	39	1,690	...	13	26	273	2,041	13	
Ennersdale	260	5,629	260	52	247	3,380	9,828	102	
Engabeni	52	1,755	...	13	26	779	2,625	43	
Esidumbini Mission ...	143	2,405	39	39	26	325	2,977	...	
Estcourt	5,187	33,982	1,937	403	11,609	21,606	74,724	588	
Equeefa	247	1,807	13	156	416	3,081	5,720	57	
Fawn Leas	104	3,315	117	104	741	2,132	6,513	55	
Florida Road	65	2,795	26	26	91	1,287	4,290	33	
Fox Hill	130	1,924	...	13	260	2,509	4,836	70	
Frere	65	5,018	221	52	...	1,781	7,137	140	
Garden Castle	52	1,300	...	...	26	910	2,288	...
Graham's	13	143	13	...	13	208	390	9	
Greendale	52	793	26	39	104	962	1,976	5	
Greyville	130	5,369	78	26	3,736	2,808	12,147	63	
Greytown	2,925	33,670	962	1,209	6,396	20,813	65,975	557	
Groutville	26	4,666	39	26	13	1,131	5,901	14	
Gillett's ... ... ...	...	3,094	...	...	...	306	3,400	75
Glencoe Junction ... ...	...	2,678	...	...	...	1,820	4,498	40
Glendale	26	845	13	...	221	624	1,729	43	
Gourton	273	4,433	104	130	494	1,424	6,858	107	
Carried forward ...	72,774	1,366,736	38,194	22,204	383,422	671,287	2,554,617	18,628	

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Brought forward ...	72,774	1,366,736	38,194	22,204	383,422	671,287	2,554,617	18,628	
Harding ...	1,313	10,686	559	442	2,414	7,894	23,338	613	
Hermannsburg ...	2,431	12,701	273	351	1,950	5,512	23,218	114	
Highbury ...	143	1,547	26	...	104	1,352	3,172	52	
Helpmakaar ...	208	4,692	65	273	195	4,264	9,697	159	
Highflats ...	624	5,005	234	299	1,898	4,679	12,739	12	
Hilton Road ...	91	3,718	104	...	91	4,238	8,242	70	
Highlands ...	104	5,447	43	91	429	4,784	10,998	100	
Hopetown ...	702	1,638	26	26	156	1,430	3,978	51	
Fleick ...	2,496	18,460	702	598	5,018	12,064	39,338	278	
Howick Railway Station ...	533	4,056	52	65	234	4,680	9,620	67	
Inchanga ...	65	3,094	52	...	117	78	3,406	74	
Ingogo ...	78	3,536	130	26	39	1,156	4,965	...	
Ingogo Railway Station ...	..	1,352	...	...	...	806	2,158	66
Inadi ...	52	1,248	26	...	39	416	1,781	24	
Ifafa ...	260	3,889	52	78	780	2,470	7,529	64	
Insuzi ...	65	2,066	39	78	156	468	2,872	22	
Imbezane ...	195	624	...	39	78	598	1,534	8	
Impendhle ...	494	3,952	65	91	455	2,881	7,938	62	
Inanda ...	91	4,085	78	13	104	1,118	5,499	...	
Illovo ...	585	3,887	52	52	65	1,755	6,396	102	
Carried forward ...	83,304	1,462,429	40,872	24,726	397,774	733,930	2,743,035	20,566	

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MONEY ORDERS.				FEES OF OFFICE.				Fees on Money Orders.	Number of Free Boxes and Bags.		
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Brought forward ...	8,3304	1,462,429	40,872	24,726	397,774	733,930	2,743,035	26,	
Ixopo	2,730	12,550	2,079	1,677	7,735	18,772	45,543	37	
Ingele	130	1,911	26	65	117	69	2,318	36	
Isinga	65	1,495	...	...	65	819	2,444	10
Isipingo	3,016	12,493	260	78	3,185	3,366	22,398	188	
Ingagane	156	2,782	26	13	52	1,820	4,849	64	
Indian, Pietermaritzburg ...	...	1,638	...	...	...	...	1,638	...
" Durban	39	3,291	13	...	130	260	3,733	...	
" Ladysmith	39	1,664	13	...	26	26	1,768	...	
Kershaw's	169	1,807	26	156	234	369	2,761	...	
Krantzkloof	39	767	13	...	52	286	1,157	24	
Kearsney	988	8,008	169	143	949	5,330	15,587	117	
Lower Tugela	507	2,613	13	65	871	1,833	5,902	115	
Lidgetton	247	6,448	130	104	884	4,589	12,402	104	
Lower Umkomaas	598	7,163	91	286	156	3,965	12,259	85	
Ladysmith	6,175	50,752	1,560	481	12,402	32,487	103,857	1,505	
Mount Edgecombe	182	6,383	78	13	533	5,811	13,000	153	
Murchison	65	702	39	13	26	1,001	1,846	67	
Moguntia	234	2,132	26	...	26	69	2,487	...	
Manderston	65	2,249	26	78	234	390	3,042	51	
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Carried forward... ...	99,151	1,590,616	45,616	27,950	425,477	816,167	3,004,977	23,477	

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Issued.		Paid.		Private Boxes.		Private Bags.					
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Brought forward ...	99,151	1,590,616	45,616	27,950	425,477	816,167	3,004,977	23,475	
Musgrave Road ...	723	33,293	793	455	11,960	9,711	56,940	268	
Mozi River ...	156	7,488	273	130	208	6,851	15,106	104	
Maitland Field ...	117	1,846	91	104	338	2,041	4,537	31	
Malvern ...	26	6,838	156	52	91	4,082	11,245	72	
Mount Moriah ...	312	1,443	...	26	65	1,300	3,146	24	
Mapumulo ...	676	5,057	91	169	169	2,613	8,775	120	
Middleton ...	169	1,586	78	117	416	1,521	3,887	...	
Misgunst ...	13	949	13	...	13	962	1,950	2	
Muden ...	26	1,521	...	104	208	702	2,561	...	
New Hanover ...	169	4,862	65	91	2,314	4,472	11,973	135	
New Germany ...	52	2,405	65	104	494	1,684	4,804	8	
Normandien ...	13	1,235	26	39	39	1,729	3,081	29	
Nottingham Road ...	611	14,118	637	234	2,821	6,812	25,233	192	
New Leeds ...	39	1,508	18	26	351	858	2,795	12	
New Scotland ...	39	1,820	52	26	26	533	2,496	13	
Noodsberg ...	429	5,265	156	130	910	2,457	9,347	57	
Newcastle ...	4,251	45,110	1,443	377	12,389	33,410	96,980	1,069	
Nottingham ...	351	4,589	104	182	845	576	6,647	63	
Nyobewu ...	182	1,118	26	...	52	936	2,314	58	
Northdene ...	104	4,212	52	13	...	1,651	6,032	54	
Noodsberg Road ...	650	4,966	286	52	3,250	3,081	12,285	149	
Carried forward ...	108,264	1,741,845	50,036	30,381	462,436	904,149	3,297,111	25,935	

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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.				
9,500	£ 26,831 10 6	8,383	£ 28,018 13 3	20	£ 6 7 9	...	£ s. d.	£ 381 5 3	...		
85	162 7 7	9	12 7 6	2 17 6	...		
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976	2,390 11 3	431	1,551 5 11	1	0 5 3	33 15 0	...		
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10,561	29,384 9 4	8,773	29,582 6 8	21	6 13 0	417 17 9	...		

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Regis- tered Articles	
	Letters.		Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.		
	Official.	Ordinary.							
Brought forward	...	103,264	1,741,845	50,036	30,381	462,436	904,149	3,297,111	25,935
Olivier's Hoek	...	767	2,171	39	169	884	1,612	5,642	115
Onderberg Spruit	...	33	1,209	13	...	130	663	2,054	6
Ottawa	...	299	2,574	13	13	53	1,833	4,748	59
Phoenix	1,612	...	...	...	78	1,690	61
Pietermaritzburg	...	51,415	469,287	7,813	3,926	98,306	193,427	824,174	13,103
Point	...	3,302	45,175	962	260	11,362	14,144	75,205	2,264
Pinetown	...	559	21,307	1,131	169	1,612	18,434	43,212	158
Pieter's	...	78	728	...	...	26	247	1,079	14
Port Shepstone	...	1,937	5,226	182	364	2,535	4,511	14,755	421
Reunion	...	26	1,196	26	13	13	559	1,833	23
Reit Valley	...	26	1,287	...	...	26	13	1,352	2
Richmond Road	...	247	11,180	234	416	78	1,107	13,262	93
Rorke's Drift	...	78	1,742	...	26	429	637	2,912	78
Richmond	...	2,756	21,320	1,287	338	6,708	20,319	52,728	206
Reit Vlei	...	312	7,007	91	273	1,729	4,940	14,352	96
Rosebank	...	182	1,378	78	...	...	1,794	3,432	...
Springvale	...	39	2,327	13	155	117	1,001	3,652	38
Stirling	...	130	728	...	78	26	208	1,170	7
Stamford Hill	...	52	4,062	104	46	...	3,926	8,190	7
Sunday's River	...	117	2,106	26	130	52	1,118	3,549	40
Sydenham	...	182	4,693	104	39	1,612	1,742	8,372	59
Carried forward	...	170,807	2,350,160	62,152	36,796	588,133	1,176,462	4,384,510	42,785

POSTMASTER-GENERAL: (continued).

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.				
10,561	£ 29,384 9 4	8,773	£ 29,582 6 8	21	£ 6 13 0	...	£ ...	£ 417 17 9	...		
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4,221	11,212 9 11	5,217	13,107 4 11	6	2 12 6	165 17 6	...		
1,102	3,406 15 0	154	468 3 9	1	0 10 6	25 16 0	...		
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344	1,089 15 3	106	438 17 1	12 16 3	...		
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145	319 8 4	238	906 12 2	4 16 3	...		
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16,373	45,412 17 10	14,488	44,503 4 7	28	9 16 0	627 3 9	...		

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Regis- tered Articles	
	Letters.		Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.		
	Official.	Ordinary.							
Brought forward ...	170,807	2,350,160	62,152	36,796	588,133	1,176,462	4,384,510	42,785	
Stanger ...	1,794	22,620	2,002	1,378	2,276	13,650	43,720	694	
Spitzkop ...	130	1,937	13	...	182	2,132	4,394	53	
Springfield ...	741	7,644	481	455	412	3,770	15,533	73	
Scotston ...	208	2,080	13	117	195	1,222	3,835	20	
Seven Oaks ...	182	4,979	104	91	390	4,823	10,569	85	
Spring Grange ...	13	1,612	...	13	663	2,093	4,394	7	
Southdowns ...	26	1,352	39	26	91	559	2,093	...	
South Coast Junction ...	117	2,561	26	39	104	1,443	4,200	56	
Thornville ...	39	897	...	...	104	125	1,165	17
Tongaat ...	1,443	17,160	468	403	2,873	9,360	31,707	154	
Tugela Ferry ...	...	520	...	13	...	390	923	9
Tafamasi ...	650	1,482	...	65	101	572	2,870	50	
Umhlangeni ...	442	3,887	78	130	143	1,586	6,266	61	
Undeen ...	78	2,223	26	130	...	2,366	4,823	11	
Upper Tongaat ...	91	2,873	39	78	104	975	4,160	13	
Upper Umzimkulu ...	247	8,086	533	377	1,053	5,499	15,795	97	
Umzumbi Mission ...	26	1,066	26	...	...	442	1,560	...
Umsinga ...	871	5,304	78	247	650	4,251	11,401	259	
Umgeni ...	637	10,036	377	91	...	8,866	20,007	195	
Umsinisine ...	65	312	13	...	39	325	754	...	
Umtwalumi ...	13	1,547	13	13	65	273	1,924	...	
Carried forward ...	178,620	2,450,338	66,481	40,462	597,608	1,231,184	4,564,693	44,639	

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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.				
16,373	£ 45,412 17 10	14,438	£ 44,503 4 7	28	£ 9 16 0	...	£ ...	627	£ 3 9		
364	929 3 4	223	855 11 3	12	10 9		
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525	3,695 12 10	43	176 8 1	31	7 6		
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17,262	50,051 14 0	14,754	£ 45,535 3 11	28	£ 9 16 0	...	£ ...	671	2 0		

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REPORT OF THE

POSTAL

POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Regis- tered Articles.	
	Letters.		Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.		
	Official.	Ordinary.							
Brought forward ...	178,620	2,450,338	66,481	40,462	597,608	1,231,184	4,564,693	44,639	
Ulundi	52	806	13	13	13	845	1,742	...	
Umlaas Bridge	13	572	...	...	...	325	910	...
Umbilo	39	3,640	26	39	78	3,419	7,241	63	
Umsunduzi Mission ...	26	936	...	..	117	130	1,209	...
Umsindusi Railway Station	104	1,365	26	26	91	260	1,872	33	
Umhlabi	1,261	5,343	52	234	1,976	4,589	13,455	232	
Umtamvuna	117	2,015	52	104	234	1,833	4,355	111	
Umzinto	4,147	21,996	689	1,170	7,033	19,903	54,938	527	
Underberg	156	1,222	...	52	78	598	2,106	...	
Vant's Drift	247	1,729	13	117	286	1,274	3,666	16	
Verulam	6,227	36,244	988	728	6,955	24,297	75,439	762	
Van Reenen	468	2,210	39	78	208	1,027	4,030	149	
Woodside	351	1,989	130	143	585	1,937	5,135	10	
Wessel's Nek	52	1,300	...	...	65	793	2,210	47
West End	1,378	18,330	364	78	390	2,928	23,468	...	
Wilgefondine	65	1,118	26	13	390	1,040	2,652	15	
Weenen	1,144	7,436	273	325	442	4,602	14,222	144	
Willow Grange	104	4,186	221	78	1,352	3,133	9,074	196	
Waschbank	78	3,952	...	130	...	1,014	5,174	89	
York	156	3,289	39	65	520	3,666	7,735	67	
Zwaartkop	26	1,742	26	13	...	689	2,496	3	
Zunckel's	104	1,794	78	39	65	962	3,042	...	
Postmaster-General... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	194,935	2,573,552	69,536	43,907	618,486	1,310,448	4,810,864	47,103	

POSTMASTER-GENERAL: (*continued*).

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REPORT OF THE

DEBIT AND

Expenditure.						Amounts.	Totals.				
						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries			5,243	12	5
CONTINGENT AND OTHER EXPENSES—											
Commission on Sale of Stamps	...	...	...	...	...	272	9	0			
Overtime Attendance, Sorting Seaborne Mails	...	...	...	...	...	152	0	0			
Petty Expenses, including Date Stamps, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	81	11	2			
Travelling Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	0			
Remuneration to Stationmasters as Postmasters	...	...	...	...	...	70	7	4	585	8	6
MAILED—											
Contract, Union Steamship Company	...	...	...	...	...	7,500	0	0			
Contract, Castle Packets Company	...	...	...	...	...	7,500	0	0			
Private Ships, Letters sent by	...	...	...	...	...	124	7	5			
Landing and Shipping Mails	...	...	...	...	...	302	4	8			
Inland Contracts	...	...	...	...	...	3,625	10	2			
Native Carriers' Wages	...	...	...	...	...	881	1	7			
Rations and Clothing to Carriers	...	...	...	...	...	380	3	7			
Mailbags, Supply and Repair of	...	...	...	...	...	56	12	6			
European Letter Carriers	...	...	...	...	...	671	16	6	21,041	16	5
MISCELLANEOUS—											
Ocean and other Postage	...	...	...	...	...	689	10	2			
Commission on Money Orders	...	...	...	...	...	190	1	1			
Supply of Postage Stamps	...	...	...	...	...	759	3	5	1,638	14	8
RENT—											
Rent, Durban Post and Telegraph Offices, and Store-room at Pietermaritzburg	...	...	...	...	...	235	0	0	235	0	0
									28,744	12	0

POSTMASTER-GENERAL (*continued*).

CREDIT STATEMENT.

Revenue.	Amounts.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sale of Postage Stamps, Postage and Surcharges ... ...	... ...	21,925 13 5
FEES OF OFFICE—		
Private Box Rents	9 16 0	
Private Bag Rents	6 1 0	
Fees on Money Orders issued...	704 16 0	
Share of Money Order Commission received from other Countries	170 12 6	891 5 6
SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY ... ... ...	... ...	7 9 3
FORFEITED MONEY ORDERS ... ... ...	... ...	24 17 1
SUMS REFUNDED TO TREASURY ... ... ...	... ...	8 2 11
SPECIAL RECEIPTS ... ... ...	... ...	0 7 7
Approximate Value of Official Correspondence dealt with ...	3,482 7 6	
Rent, calculated at ordinary rate, of Private Boxes and Bags set apart for Government Departments... ...	2 18 0	
Approximate Postage on Newspapers conveyed unstamped within the Colony	1,929 9 7	5,414 15 1
Balance against the Department	472 1 2
		28,744 12 0

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REPORT OF THE

Ocean.	Coasting Packet.	Pilot discharged from Ocean Packet.			Ocean Packet arrived at Capetown.		
		*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.	*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.
Moor	Venice... ...	6.45 p.m.	Saturday	1895. 6th July	9.30 a.m.	Wednesday	1895, 24th July
Tantallon Castle...	" ...	6.30 "	"	13th "	1.20 "	Tuesday	30th "
Mexican	" ...	6.45 "	"	20th "	2.20 "	Thursday	8th Aug.
Roslin Castle ...	Courland ...	6.26 "	"	27th "	2.14 "	Wednesday	14th "
Scot	Venice... ...	7.36 "	"	3rd Aug.	5.50 "	Tuesday	20th "
Dunottar Castle...	" ...	7.0 "	"	10th "	5.16 "	"	27th "
Spartan	" ...	6.59 "	"	17th "	8.7 "	Friday ...	6th Sept.
Hawarden Castle	" ...	6.22 "	"	24th "	7.21 "	Wednesday	11th "
Tartar	" ...	6.55 "	"	31st "	2.30 p.m.	Thursday	19th "
Norham Castle ...	" ...	8.40 "	"	7th Sept.	8.35 a.m.	Wednesday	25th "
Moor	" ...	6.30 "	"	14th "	8.30 "	"	2nd Oct.
Tantallon Castle...	" ...	7.2 "	"	21st "	2.30 "	Tuesday	8th "
Mexican	" ...	6.15 "	"	28th "	1.40 p.m.	Wednesday	16th "
Roslin Castle ...	" ...	7.0 a.m.	Sunday	6th Oct.	9.16 a.m.	Thursday	24th "
Scot	Roslin Castle ...	7.55 p.m.	Saturday	12th "	3.15 "	Tuesday	29th "
Dunottar Castle ...	Venice... ...	7.10 "	"	19th "	Noon	"	5th Nov.
Athenian... ...	" ...	6.5 "	"	26th "	3.45 p.m.	Wednesday	13th "
Hawarden Castle	" ...	6.42 "	"	2nd Nov	1.3 "	"	20th "
Norman	" ...	6.35 "	"	9th "	7.18 a.m.	Tuesday	26th "
Norham Castle ...	" ...	1.20 a.m.	Sunday	17th "	8.43 p.m.	Wednesday	4th Dec.
Tartar	" ...	6.12 p.m.	Saturday	23rd "	3.9 a.m.	Thursday	12th "
Tantallon Castle...	Tartar	8.25 "	"	30th "	4.5 "	Tuesday	17th "
Moor	Venice... ...	6.10 "	"	7th Dec.	0.30 p.m.	Friday ...	27th "
Grantully Castle...	" ...	9.0 a.m.	Sunday	15th "	5.40 a.m.	Saturday	1896. 4th Jan.
Scot Athenian... }	Natal	6.45 p.m.	Saturday	21st "	7.30 p.m.	Friday ...	17th "
Roslin Castle ...	Goth	6.32 "	"	28th "	9.1 "	"	18th "

POSTMASTER-GENERAL (*continued*).

Mail due to arrive at Natal.			Engines of Coasting Packet stopped at Natal.			Time elapsed between Capetown and Natal.	Arrival before time.	Arrival after time.	REMARKS.
*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.	*G.M.T.	Day.	Date.				
9.30 p.m.	Sunday	1895. 28th July	2.15 p.m.	Sunday	1895. 28th July	hrs. min.	hrs. min.	h. m.	
1.20 "	Saturday	3rd Aug.	10.40 "	Friday ...	2nd Aug.	93 20	14 40	...	
2.20 "	Monday	12th "	0.30 a.m.	Monday	12th "	94 10	13 50	...	
2.14 "	Sunday	18th "	Midnight	Saturday	17th "	93 46	14 14	...	
5.50 "	Saturday	24th "	11.0 a.m.	"	24th "	101 10	6 50	...	
5.16 "	"	31st "	10.0 p.m.	Friday ..	30th "	88 44	19 16	...	
8.7 "	Tuesday	10th Sept.	9.35 "	Monday	9th Sept.	85 28	22 32	...	
7.21 "	Sunday	15th "	11.15 "	Saturday	14th "	87 54	20 6	...	
2.30 a.m.	Tuesday	24th "	0.43 "	Monday	23rd "	94 13	13 47	...	
8.35 p.m.	Sunday	29th "	9.30 "	Sunday	29th "	108 55	...	0 55	Delay owing to a detention of 9 hours at Capetown before train left and to bad weather between East London and Durban.
8.30 "	"	6th Oct.	1.40 "	"	6th Oct.	101 10	6 50	...	
2.30 "	Saturday	12th "	11.45 "	Saturday	12th "	117 15	...	9 15	Delay owing to a detention of 9 hours at Capetown before train left and to bad weather between East London and Durban.
10.0 a.m.	Monday	21st "	3.15 a.m.	Monday	21st "	101 15	6 45	...	
9.16 p.m.	"	28th "	7.0 p.m.	Sunday	27th "	81 44	26 16	...	
3.15 "	Saturday	2nd Nov.	1.19 "	Friday ...	1st Nov.	82 4	25 56	...	
Midnight	"	9th "	8.40 "	"	8th "	80 40	27 20	...	
3.45 a.m.	Monday	18th "	8.55 "	Sunday	17th Nov.	101 10	6 50	...	
1.3 "	"	25th "	7.5 "	"	24th "	102 2	5 58	...	
7.18 p.m.	Saturday	30th "	3.15 a.m.	Saturday	30th "	91 57	16 3	...	
8.43 a.m.	Monday	9th Dec.	0.45 p.m.	Monday	9th Dec.	112 2	...	4 2	Delay owing to arrival of train at East London at 9 p.m. on a stormy night. Venice left at 5 next morning.
3.9 p.m.	"	16th "	6.10 a.m.	"	16th "	90 1	8 59	...	
4.5 "	Saturday	21st "	0.56 p.m.	Friday ...	20th "	80 51	27 9	...	
0.30 a.m.	Wednesday	1st Jan.	9.55 "	Tuesday	31st "	105 25	2 35	...	Delayed 27 hours at Madiera. Fault with machinery.
5.40 p.m.	"	8th "	0.50 "	Wednesday	1896. 8th Jan.	103 10	4 50	...	Delayed by fog.
7.30 a.m.	"	22nd "	3.15 "	"	22nd "	115 45	...	7 45	Mall train arrived after dark (0.30 p.m.) at East London. Venice delayed 12 hours owing to accident to Scott's machinery. Mails were transferred to Athenlau at Vigo 6.35 a.m. G.M.T. 31st Dec., 1895.
9.1 "	Thursday	23rd "	9.41 "	"	22nd "	96 40	11 20	...	Roslin Castle delayed owing to accident to machinery.

*Greenwich Mean Time. NOTE.—Difference between Greenwich and Durban Time, 2 hours. 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 of Arrival at Natal, 108 hours after the Ocean Steamer has stopped at Capetown.

RETURN OF REVENUE AND TRAFFIC—HALF-YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

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.
Albertina	41	55		94	0 5 0			[Railway work not included.
Avoca	97	145		240	1 13 0			F. State Office worked by Natal Govt.
Balgowan	57	66		123	...			Railway work not included
Bellair	440	841		1,281	1 3 6			" "
Berea Road, Durban	189	1		190	...			" "
Bester's	38	42		80	...			" "
Boshoff's Road	5	6		11	0 2 6			" "
Botha's Hill	66	55		121	0 7 0			" "
Brakwall	22	17		39	...			" "
Camperdown	185	255		440	4 3 6			" "
Cato Ridge	79	79		158	...			" "
Charlestown	4,003	3,847		7,850	115 12 0			Office closed November, do., do.
Chieveley	34	54		88	...			Railway work not included
Clairmont	92	110		202	0 4 6			" "
Colenso	284	157		441	10 6 6			" "
Dannhauser	202	130		332	...			" "
Dargle Road	171	168		339	0 4 0			" "
Duff's Road	71	116		187	0 1 0			" "
Dundee	3,613	3,002		8,113	66 11 6			" "
Dundee Coal Fields	438	444		882	0 16 6			" "
Durban	54,284	55,212		47,070	156,566	714 19 3		" "
Durban Rail	560	33		605	0 13 0			" "
Elandsbaagte	156	218		374	1 7 0			" "
Ennersdale	151	175		326	1 8 0			" "
Estatecourt	1,108	1,290		2,446	48 7 6			" "
Estatecourt Rail	389	49		429	4 1 0			" "
Fox Hill	24	39		63	0 2 6			" "
Frere	161	144		305	0 5 0			" "
Gilletti's	70	77		147	0 8 6			" "
Glencoe Junction	429	147	18	594	2 5 0			" "
Greytown	1,307	1,261		2,568	30 3 0			" "
Greyville	74	159		233	0 1 0			" "
Harding	826	608		1,434	27 1 0			" "
Highlands	139	148		287	0 5 6			" "
Hilton Road	151	159		310	0 1 0			" "
Howick	737	681		1,418	35 12 0			" "

Hlofwick Rail	...	...	259	193		452	0 13 0			Railway work not included
Ingagán	...	...	57	25		82	...			" "
Inchangá	...	...	284	128		412	0 7 6			" "
Ingógo	...	...	131	151		282	0 12 6			" "
Isipingo	...	...	522	618		1,140	4 1 0			" "
Ixopo	...	...	891	613		1,504	37 10 0			" "
Krantzkloof	...	...	14	14		28	...			" "
Ladysmith	...	2,798	3,341	11,930	18,067	71 13 0				" "
Ladysmith Rail	...	452	20	18	489	0 12 0				" "
Lidgeeton	...	...	89	109		198	0 8 6			" "
Lower Tagela	...	...	510	221	58	769	23 5 6			" "
Malvern	...	...	260	361		621	0 2 6			" "
Manderston	...	...	51	59		110	0 3 6			" "
Mooi River	...	493	509		1,002	1 19 0				" "
Mount Edgecombe	...	352	303		655	1 6 6				" "
Musgrave Road, Durban	...	605	1,442		2,647	0 13 0				Office opened in September
Newcastle	...	2,628	3,177	6,234	12,039	53 14 6				Railway work not included
Newcastle Rail	...	722	9		731	3 11 6				" "
Northdene	...	89	86		175	...				" "
Nottingham Road	...	611	798		1,409	1 7 6				" "
Ottawa	...	112	123		285	...				" "
Phoenix	...	84	95		179	0 11 0				" "
Pietermaritzburg	...	33,239	44,424	182,180	259,948	922 0 8				" "
Pietermaritzburg Rail	...	1,117	106	8	1,291	14 16 0				" "
Pieterso	...	18	18		36	...				" "
Pincetown	...	392	588		980	5 10 0				" "
Point	...	4,666	3,610		8,276	310 12 6				" "
Port Shepstone	...	1,405	1,000		2,405	75 17 0				" "
Richmond	...	1,020	613		1,838	29 14 0				" "
Kirkwood Road	...	680	677		1,357	2 8 0				" "
Reunion	...	23	32		65	0 2 6				" "
Siamford Hill	...	104	217		321	...				" "
Stanger	...	1,014	876		1,890	38 8 6				" "
South Coast Junction	...	96	85		181	1 2 6				" "
Umbilo	...	90	182		272	0 2 0				" "
Umgeni	...	340	589		929	4 5 0				" "
Umsindusi	...	55	95		150	...				" "
Umsinga	...	466	269		733	45 0 0				" "
Umnzinto	...	1,152	853		2,005	68 11 6				" "
Van Reenen	...	261	167		528	11 7 0				" "
Verulam	...	2,144	2,124		4,263	82 6 6				" "
Waschbank	...	295	313		608	3 11 0				" "
Wessel's Nek	...	102	98		200	...				" "
Willow Grange	...	46	35		81	0 7 0				" "
Zwartkop	...	42	57		99	...				" "
Bulwer	...	704	506		1,210	31 8 6				" "
		132,458	140,193	248,994	521,645	2,919 9 11				

Office opd. Sep., Rly. work not incl.
Railway work not included

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Albertina	81	65		146	0 4 6			[Railway work not included.]
Avoca	65	90		155	0 12 0			F. State Office worked by Natal Govt.
Balgowan	38	41		79	...			Railway work not included
Bellair	410	713		1,123	0 13 6			" "
Bester's	55	44		99	...			" "
Botha's Hill	194	100		294	0 18 6			" "
Berea Road, Durban	131	..		131	0 6 6			" "
Camperdown	177	221		398	1 15 0			" "
Boshoff's Road	13	8		21	...			" "
Brakwater	18	9		27	...			" "
Cato Ridge	86	75		161	0 7 6			" "
Charlestown	5,629	5,009		10,638	141 5 0			" "
Chieveley	25	25		50	...			" "
Clairmont	55	75		130	0 9 6			" "
Colenso	232	123		345	9 11 6			" "
Dannhauser	169	126		295	...			" "
Dargle Road	176	181		357	0 11 6			" "
Duff's Road	44	92		136	...			" "
Dundee	2,493	2,286		4,779	49 5 6			" "
Dundee Coal Fields	325	374		699	1 1 0			" "
Durban	47,210	48,941	32,656	128,807	586 6 10			" "
Durban Rail	474	38	10	522	1 8 0			" "
Elandslaagte	81	79		160	0 14 0			" "
Homersdale	103	139		242	0 1 0			" "
Estcourt	1,004	1,258	210	2,472	44 18 6			" "
Estcourt Rail	410	51		461	4 1 6			" "
Fox Hill	47	39		86	0 1 0			" "
Frere	166	158		324	...			" "
Gillet's	69	109		178	0 4 0			" "
Glencoe Junction	215	107		322	0 9 0			" "
Greytown	1,312	1,196		2,508	22 17 0			" "
Greyville	75	150		225	...			" "
Harding	729	469		1,198	32 5 0			" "
Highlands	203	269		472	0 13 0			" "

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Frere	166	158		324	...			" "
Gilletts	69	109		178	0 4 0			" "
Glencoe Junction	215	107		322	0 9 0			" "
Greytown	1,312	1,196		2,508	22 17 0			" "
Greyville	75	150		225	...			" "
Harding	729	469		1,198	32 5 0			" "
Highlands	203	269		472	0 18 0			" "

Hilton Road	151	133		284	0 14 6				Railway work not included.
Howick	715	575		1,290	23 3 0				" "
Howick Rail	343	277		620	0 19 0				" "
Ingagana	72	37		109	0 1 0				" "
Inchanga	38	28		66	0 5 0	9,219	7 8		" "
Ingogo	70	70		140	0 1 0				" "
Ispingo	389	517		906	4 13 3				" "
Ixopo	852	585	8	1,445	29 3 0				" "
Krantzkloof	23	20		43	0 2 0				" "
Ladysmith	2,698	3,224	13,230	19,152	56 19 0				" "
Ladysmith Rail	405	17	22	444	2 3 0				" "
Lidgeston	92	115		207	0 1 0				" "
Lower Tngela	507	270	36	813	23 2 3				" "
Malvern	185	259		444	0 14 6				" "
Manderston	27	35		62	...				" "
Mooi River	585	528		1,113	4 5 0				" "
Mount Edgecombe	293	228		521	1 6 6				" "
Newcastle	2,394	2,860	6,750	12,004	39 10 6				" "
Newcastle Rail	390	3		393	0 12 6				" "
Northdene	67	80		147	0 11 6				" "
Nottingham Road	799	718		1,517	7 10 0				" "
Ottawa	68	84		152	0 2 0				" "
Phoenix	45	38		83	...				" "
Pietermaritzburg	31,534	41,880	163,730	237,194	857 8 8				
Pietermaritzburg Rail	995	92	6	1,093	9 5 3				" "
Pieters	36	40		76	0 3 6				" "
Pinetown	352	427		779	1 0 0				" "
Point	4,233	970		7,203	310 12 6				" "
Port Shepstone	1,329	979		2,308	66 1 6				" "
Richmond	809	663		1,472	22 7 0				" "
Richmond Road	543	538		1,081	1 19 0				" "
Stamford Hill	67	183		250	...				" "
Stanger	882	667		1,549	37 9 6				" "
South Coast Junction	23	14		37	...				" " [June
Umbilo	151	213		364	0 5 6				Office opened in
Umgeni	311	320		831	2 19 0				" "
Umsindosi	34	56		90	0 1 0				" "
Umsinga	347	277		624	38 9 6				" "
Umzinto	1,027	812	6	1,845	35 18 9				" "
Van Reenen	349	149		498	10 13 0				" "
Vernlam	1,802	1,683		3,485	71 16 6				" "
Waschbank	186	229		415	2 1 6				" "
Wessel's Nek	113	88		201	0 1 6				" "
Willow Grange	71	65		136	0 9 6				" "
Zwaartkop	44	79		123	...				" "
Bniwer	147	139		286	4 12 6				" " Office opened in May
	119,147	126,121	216,664	461,925	2,571. 0 6				

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REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (*continued*)

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

ALL STATIONS.

		Forwarded.	Received.	Transmitted.	Total.	Value of Government Work.	Revenue.	Total.
Half-year ended 30th June, 1895	...	119,147	126,124	216,664	461,935	2,571 0 6	9,219 7 8	11,790 8 2
" 31st December, 1895	...	132,458	140,193	248,994	521,645	2,910 0 11	10,397 11 7	13,317 1 6
Increase	...	13,311	14,069	32,330	59,710	348 9 5	1,178 3 11	1,526 13 4

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REPORT OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL (*continued*).

DEBIT AND CREDIT STATEMENT, HALF-YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

Expenditure.	Amount.	Revenue.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Salaries ...	8,185 3 0	Cash Receipts (Ordinary Fees) ...	10,012 17 7
Rent ...	195 0 0	Reimbursements ...	244 19 10
Battery and Instrument Materials ...	211 11 6	Sale of Government Property ...	0 11 0
Petty Expenses, including Date Stamps Obliterating Ink, etc. ...	63 15 4	Sum Refunded ...	130 1 1
Percentage paid to Stationmasters for forwarding Paid Messages ...	160 3 7	Special Receipts ...	7 7 1
Porterage and other Disbursements recovered in Revenue ...	70 6 10	General Deposits ...	1 15 0
Uniform Clothing for European Messengers ...	97 3 3	Value of Government Work ...	2,919 9 11
Stationery, Printing, and Stamps ...	109 6 10		
Travelling Expenses ...	65 10 0		
Overtime ...	...	
House Allowance, in lieu of Quarters, to Telegraph Officers —Verulam, Point, Stanger, Estcourt, Umgzinto, and Greytown ...	86 5 0		
Maintenance of Line ...	201 12 6		
Contribution to International Telegraph Bureau, Berne		
Balance in favour of Department ...	3,871 3 8		
	£13,317 1 6		£13,317 1 6

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RETURN OF CABLE TRAFFIC, FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

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 Company for Messages handed to Department for re-transmission.	Value of Government Messages received from Eastern Telegraph Company for re-transmission.	Total earnings by Department on Messages received from Eastern Telegraph Company for re-transmission.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July, 1895 ...	3,139	4,212	7,351	10,755 13 11	331 2 5	3 6 4	334 8 9
August, 1895 ...	5,318	5,345	10,663	12,421 0 4	929 3 2	3 17 3	533 0 5
September, 1895 ...	966	414	1,380	236 0 0	104 4 9	11 4 2	115 8 11
October, 1895 ...	5,197	4,002	9,199	10,222 16 10	536 16 1	13 15 4	550 11 5
November, 1895 ...	3,839	4,055	7,944	10,100 0 10	384 5 3	14 11 6	398 16 9
December, 1895 ...	2,759	2,644	5,423	6,463 0 3	301 19 6	8 14 2	310 13 8
	21,268	20,692	41,960	50,198 6 2	2,187 11 2	55 8 9	2,242 19 11