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REPORT

OF THE

POSTMASTER - GENERAL

FOR THE

YEAR 1898.

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REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.

POSTAL.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

I have the honour to submit my report on the Post Office for the year, 1898.

There was a very appreciable increase in all branches of Postal work.

CORRESPONDENCE DEALT WITH.

The total number of articles posted during the year was ... 9,122,402
As compared with ... 8,997,370 posted in 1897

Increase in 1898 ... 125,032

It is estimated that one-fourth of the total number would be for delivery within the Colony.

The particulars of articles delivered in the Colony are given below :—

Year.	Letters.		Post Cards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total number of ordinary articles.	Registered articles.
	Official.	Ordinary.						
1897 ...	524,861	6,493,804	180,463	98,246	1,228,668	2,551,814	11,077,856	108,494
1898 ...	652,583	7,163,721	204,707	113,313	1,304,718	2,698,151	12,137,193	122,529
Increase in 1898 ...	127,722	669,917	24,244	15,067	76,050	146,337	1,059,337	14,035

STREET DELIVERY.

2,904,000 of the total number of articles shown in the foregoing statement were delivered by Letter Carriers in Pietermaritzburg and Durban.

For some time past the requirements of Durban suburban residents have not been sufficiently met by the present system of delivery, it is therefore proposed from July 1st next to extend the street delivery to include the Berea and Greyville. The Government has agreed to the necessary provision being made in the Estimates for the ensuing year. The letter carriers will be conveyed to and from their walks by tram car.

EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE.

The Statement of the Expenditure and Revenue (Appendix B) shows :—

	£	s.	d.
Total Expenditure of the Department ...	52,066	18	5
Total Revenue ...	63,349	3	4
Credit Balance ...	11,282	4	11

The corresponding figures for 1897 were :—

Expenditure ...	39,299	1	11
Revenue ...	57,251	5	0
Credit Balance ...	17,952	3	1

The excess of Expenditure over that of the previous year is largely attributable to the payment of £8,000 for the transit of correspondence through the Cape Colony and other countries, during the triennial period, 1895–1897, to the transfer of the Zululand Postal System to Natal, and to the Clerical Staff having been enlarged.

Under most heads of Revenue there were increases. Of the amount against sale of Postage Stamps, Postage and Surcharges, £5,151 9s. 9d. represents payment for the conveyance of foreign correspondence through the Colony. The poundage on Postal Orders increased from £56 15s. 8d. for the half year during which Postal Orders were issued in 1897, to £157 16s. 5d., an increase

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of £101 0s. 9d. The fees on Money Orders issued amounted to £2,204 1s. 9d. against £1,915 17s. 6d. in 1897, an increase of £348 4s. 3d. Private Box rents returned a Revenue of £793 15s. 9d. as compared with £636 4s. 3d. in 1897, an increase of £162 11s. 6d. From Private Bags a Revenue of £280 8s. 11d. was derived against £254 1s. 5d. in 1897, an increase of £26 7s. 6d.

FREE WORK.

As in former years, the Department undertook a large amount of work for which it received no remuneration. Official correspondence dealt with during the year would, if paid at the ordinary rates, have returned a Revenue of £8,441 12s. 5d., while the postage from which newspapers were exempt amounted to £3,998 6s. 8d.; Private Boxes and Bags let to Government Departments represented £123 7s. 6d. Against these amounts, however, it must be pointed out that the Department is not debited with the cost of its stationery and printing, nor is it charged with rent in respect of premises used for postal purposes in different parts of the Colony.

MONEY ORDERS.

The following statement shows the particulars of Money Orders issued in Natal during the Years 1897 and 1898:—

PAYABLE IN	1897.			1898.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Natal (inc. Zululand)	13289	36,229	10 7	15212	45,053	5 1	1923	8,823	14 6	...	...	...
United Kingdom ...	23061	82,902	4 9	26544	89,630	5 10	3483	6,728	1 1	...	...	...
Cape Colony ...	2874	7,181	7 7	4208	12,084	17 5	1334	4,953	9 10	...	...	...
South African Republic	4980	9,537	14 8	5191	11,669	16 2	261	2,132	1 6	...	...	...
Orange Free State ...	368	976	9 4	368	990	14 0	...	14	4 8	...	...	...
St. Helena ...	108	202	2 9	91	177	13 0	...	...	...	17	24	9 9
Mauritius ...	630	1,971	1 1	1209	6,500	17 2	579	4,529	16 1	...	...	...
Totals...	45260	138,950	10 9	52823	166,107	8 8	7580	27,181	7 8	17	24	9 9

Net Increase:—No. of Orders, 7,563, value £27,156 17s. 11d.

The particulars of Money Orders paid in Natal during the years 1897 and 1898 are given below:—

ISSUED IN	1897.			1898.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Natal (inc. Zululand)	14506	38,647	9 2	15224	45,035	2 10	718	6,387	13 8	...	...	...
United Kingdom ...	2693	8,767	2 11	3315	11,360	17 4	622	2,593	14 5	...	...	...
Cape Colony ...	2449	6,599	1 3	3473	12,165	5 11	1024	5,566	4 8	...	...	...
South Afr. Republic	12273	47,751	10 9	11287	44,096	9 1	...	...	...	986	3,655	1 8
Orange Free State	1655	3,018	12 3	1546	3,459	15 3	...	3	0	109	...	...
St. Helena ...	12	105	7 0	7	23	15 8	...	...	...	5	81	11 4
Mauritius ...	29	79	7 6	29	113	12 6	...	34	5 0	...	...	...
	33617	104,963	10 10	34881	116,254	18 7	2364	15,023	0 9	1100	3,736	13 0

Net Increase:—Number of Orders, 1,264, value £11,286 7s. 9d.

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The decrease in the number and amount of Money Orders issued in the Transvaal upon Natal Offices was due, it would seem, to the remittance of money by Natives through the Natal Native Agency at Johannesburg, instead of through the medium of the Post Office as in former years.

Money Order Offices were opened at Charlestown and Pinetown during the year, making the total number of Money Order Offices open 29, of which five are in the Province of Zululand. The opening of other offices is under consideration.

The total number of Telegraph Money Orders issued was 911, representing an amount of £4,683 18s. The total number of Telegraph Money Orders paid was 1,829, representing an amount of £10,624 11s. 11d. Telegraph Money Orders were introduced on July 1st, 1897. The issues to December 31st of that year numbered 250, representing £3,612 4s. 10d.

The details of Telegraph Money Order transactions during 1898 are shown in the following statement:—

Issued.			Paid.		
Country on which drawn.	No.	Amount.	Country in which issued.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Natal ...	351	1,958 2 2	Natal ...	351	1,957 14 2
Cape Colony ...	384	1,689 1 0	Cape Colony ...	449	2,473 2 1
S.A. Republic ...	228	946 19 10	S.A. Republic ...	968	5,929 14 8
O.F. State ...	18	89 15 0	O.F. State ...	61	264 1 0
Totals ...	981	£4,683 18 0		1,829	£10,624 11 11

With a view to meeting the requirements of persons who may wish to remit money to England by the homeward mail steamer after the closing of Saturday's mail, arrangements should be made to telegraph money to Capetown whence it may be forwarded by ordinary Money Order from the Post Office to the payee by letter direct. Regulations covering the matter have been prepared and submitted for consideration.

I am in correspondence with the Indian, Australian, and other Postal Administrations with a view to arranging direct exchanges of Money Orders. Hitherto Money Orders to and from India have circulated through London, causing delay in the receipt of Money Orders, and entailing a charge against payees for the accounting work devolving upon the English office. Money Orders to and from Australia and New Zealand are issued through Capetown. Practically no delay is involved in respect of orders issued in Natal, except a ship sail direct from Durban, but a charge has to be made against the remitter to cover the cost of the accounting work which a direct issue from the Colony would obviate. Payment of Money Orders issued in Australia and New Zealand upon Natal is subject to much delay, and payees are often seriously inconvenienced by reason of advices, although conveyed by direct ship to Durban, having to go on to Capetown whence they are forwarded to the paying offices in Natal.

With a view to facilitating the issue and payment of Money Orders to persons residing at a distance from a Money Order Office, the following regulations were approved by His Excellency the Governor and brought into operation on December 1st:—

"Any person residing at a distance from a Money Order Office may obtain from the nearest Post Office, or Post Office Agency, forms of requisition for Money Orders which may be forwarded by registered letter, free of postage, to the Postmaster of such Money Order Office with the cash, including commission, for the Money Orders required. Such remittance must be properly secured, and the usual registration receipt must be procured by the sender from the officer to whom the letter is handed.

"Payment of a Money Order may similarly be obtained, free of postage, by a person residing at a distance from the office of payment, upon application to the Paying Postmaster, care being taken to furnish the full name of the remitter and to properly sign the order. The Postmaster will remit the amount of the order by registered letter to the payee. All such letters must be endorsed "On Money Order business."

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POSTAL ORDERS.

The following statement shows in detail the particulars of Postal Orders issued in the Colony during the year :—

Paid in.	Denomination.										No.	Totals.		
	1/-	1/6	2/6	5/-	7/6	10/-	12/6	15/-	17/6	20/-		Amount.		
												£	s.	d.
Natal ...	1,218	516	860	1,743	653	2,412	324	662	301	5,621	14,608	8,699	10	0
Cape Colony ...	184	149	115	200	46	210	12	52	6	360	1,334	618	15	0
S.A. Republic ...	84	48	62	88	26	178	10	28	10	450	984	622	6	0
O.F. State ...	34	20	17	18	7	22	3	11	2	89	223	124	6	0
Totals 1898 ...	1,518	1,033	1,054	2,049	732	2,822	349	753	319	6,520	17,149	10,064	17	6
Totals July to Dec. 1897 ...	495	287	359	653	237	972	141	261	140	2,150	5,695	3,385	13	0
Increase 1898 as compared with 6 months of 1897 ...	1,023	746	695	1,396	495	1,850	208	492	179	4,370	11,454	6,679	4	6

The large number of local payments of 10s. and £1 Orders is explained by the return of Orders issued by the Department and forwarded by purchasers in blank to sweepstake promoters in the South African Republic. Payment of Poundage chargeable on Orders is thus avoided. Poundage is only charged on Orders issued by a country other than that of payment.

Details of Postal Orders issued by the adjoining Administrations and paid in the Colony are given below :—

Issued in.	Denominations.										No.	Totals.		
	1/-	1/6	2/6	5/-	7/6	10/-	12/6	15/-	17/6	20/-		Amount.		
												£	s.	d.
Cape Colony ...	124	122	139	204	52	212	23	23	13	342	1254	594	4	6
Orange Free State ...	144	126	90	194	54	125	29	30	18	250	1060	465	10	6
S. African Republic ...	146	94	102	185	48	248	25	37	19	506	1410	781	7	0
Totals ...	414	342	331	583	154	585	77	90	50	1098	3724	£1,841	2	0
Totals from July to Dec., 1897 ...	38	29	31	79	4	45	4	13	2	105	350	170	14	0
Increase, 1898 ...	376	313	300	504	150	540	73	77	48	993	3374	£1,670	8	0

Postal Orders were not issued by the South African Republic and the Orange Free State until January last, payments shown during 1897, are therefore of Cape Colony orders alone.

Greater use would doubtless be made of Postal Orders were the poundage charged on Orders paid by a country other than that of issue abolished. This is a matter which will no doubt be dealt with in the near future. Under the present South African regulations it is impossible for a person overberg to receive the exact amount of an Order issued in Natal except it be returned through a Bank, for instance, to the Colony for payment, because of the poundage the paying Administration calls for. During the year poundage to the value of £291 1s. 1d. was collected from payees of Orders issued by the Cape Colony, Transvaal, and Orange Free State, and affixed to such Orders in postage stamps. The corresponding amount collected in 1897, was £2 12s. 11d.

With a view to giving people in country districts facilities for remitting small sums through the post in a simple manner it is proposed to further extend the Postal Order System, and regulations necessary to carry out this object have been submitted for approval. During the year fourteen sub-offices were authorised to sell Postal Orders; this number will be added to as early as practicable.

POSTAL DRAFTS.

Postal Draft business showed a great improvement on former years. 155 Drafts, amounting to £301 9s. 9d. were issued, and of these 38, amounting to £66 7s. 4d., were honoured. Of 60 Drafts, amounting to £188 2s. 3d., drawn upon Natal in the Cape Colony, 13 amounting to £25 14s. 7d., were honoured. Increase over 1897: 139 Natal Drafts issued and 31 paid; 42 Cape Colony Drafts issued on Natal and 10 paid.

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Already existing services were improved as under :—

Hermansberg-Krantzkop : Daily, instead of three times a week.
 Kearsney-Stanger : Twice daily, instead of once.
 Nkandhla-Eshowe : Daily, instead of three times a week.
 Melmoth-Nongoma : Daily, instead of three times a week.
 Greytown-Ngobevu : Three times a week, instead of twice a week.
 Balgowan-Curry's Post : Daily, instead of three times a week.
 Waschbank-Biggarsberg : Three times a week, instead of twice a week.

At the latter end of the year the Carrier Service between Umzinto and Port Shepstone was delayed by reason of heavy rains rendering the rivers impassable at the points of crossing on the old road employed by the carriers. In order, as far as possible, to avoid a recurrence of such delays arrangements are being made to use the present public road as the mail route, the rivers at the points of crossing being broader and more easily fordable than those on the old road.

The total number of Post Offices and Post Office Agencies open on the 31st December, 1898, was 241, as detailed below, against 221, including Zululand offices, in 1897 :—

Post Offices	...	...	...	...	...	165
Post Office Agencies	...	...	...	...	...	62
Post Office Agencies at Railway Stations	...	...	...	...	...	14
						<hr/> 241

The mileage of postal route open within the Colony at the end of year was :—

Carriers	...	...	...	...	...	2,160
Post Cart	...	...	...	...	...	327
Railway	...	...	...	...	...	505
						<hr/> 2,992

The extent of postal route traversed during the year was :—

Carriers	...	...	...	...	...	1,014,616 miles.
Post Carts	...	...	...	...	...	132,776 "
Railway	...	...	...	...	...	611,213 "
						<hr/> 1,758,605 "

The total number of persons employed by the Department at the end of the year was 528, as compared with 412 on December 31st, 1897. The increase of 116 is made up of 44 persons additionally employed, and 72 taken over with the Zululand Post Office.

DEAD AND RETURNED LETTER BRANCH.

The following are particulars of articles received and disposed of :—

Ordinary letters returned to writers in the Colony	...	...	25,709
Registered letters returned to writers in the Colony	...	...	1,166
Returned unopened to Foreign Countries	...	...	18,507
Destroyed owing to illegible addresses and senders being unknown	...	...	13,215
			<hr/> 58,597

Two-thirds of the letters destroyed were written by natives whose names and addresses were indecipherable or were not given at all. Many letters from Europeans, however, were not returnable owing to the Christian names of writers only being given. Correspondents should affix to letters their full names and addresses with a view to the return of correspondence which, from one cause or another, is not deliverable. In the case of business people it is desirable that their names and addresses appear on envelopes in order that letters may be returned unopened.

PRIVATE BOXES AND BAGS.

The total number of private boxes let was 815, against 673 let in 1897, an increase of 142.

The total number of private bags let was 191 against 155 in 1897, an increase of 36.

The number of private boxes held by Government Offices was 82 and the number of bags 25, as compared with 84 boxes and 25 bags in 1897.

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PROSECUTION.

An Indian was prosecuted at Durban during the year for fraudulently obtaining repayment of a Money Order. He was convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

INSPECTION.

Visits of inspection have been made to certain of the principal offices in the Colony and to a number of other offices during the year with satisfactory results. It is desirable that offices should be more frequently inspected in order that the Department may be kept in touch with the requirements of each office and of the public. Arrangements are being made to this end.

ZULULAND.

The Postal Service of Zululand came under the administration of the Natal Department on the 1st January, 1898.

The principal offices were visited early in January by Mr. E. H. Mitchell, the Department's Inspecting Officer, who instructed the various postal officers in regard to the mode of work followed in Natal. The altered conditions were intelligently grasped by the various officers, and the Service has, in a general way, worked smoothly and satisfactorily.

The Natal rates for Money Orders issued in Zululand operated from the 15th January.

The Postal Order system was extended to Money Order Offices in Zululand on the 1st of May.

At the time of its annexation there were 15 Post Offices and Post Office Agencies in Zululand. During the year two additional Agencies were opened, viz., at Upper Umlatuze and Waterval, the former Agency being on the road from Nkandhla to Nondweni and the latter on the road from Nkandhla to Melmoth.

POSTAGE REDUCTIONS.

From January 1st the letter rate to the South African Republic was reduced from twopence to one penny per half ounce. An increase in the amount of correspondence has resulted, but to what extent cannot be specified.

On December the 25th Imperial Penny Postage came into operation between Natal and the following places.—

Great Britain.	The Falkland Islands.	Cyprus.
Canada.	Turks Islands.	British East Africa.
British India.	Trinidad and Tobago.	Uganda.
Newfoundland.	The Windward Islands, comprising :—	British Central Africa.
Hongkong.	Grenada.	The Niger Coast Protectorate.
Straits Settlements.	St. Lucia.	The Niger Company's Territory.
Ceylon.	St. Vincent.	Bahama Islands.
Seychelles.	The Leeward Islands, comprising :—	Aden.
The Gambia.	Antigua.	Ascension.
Gold Coast.	St. Kitts and Nevis.	Barbadoes.
Sierra Leone.	Dominica.	Bermuda.
Lagos.	Montserrat.	British Guiana.
Gibraltar.	The Virgin Islands.	Sarawak.
Fiji.	Johore.	
British Honduras.		
Federated Malay States.		

The reduction is estimated to result in a loss of revenue amounting to £3,526 per annum, chiefly because the Department will pay out approximately 7s. 6d. per lb. for the land and sea

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transit of letters for the United Kingdom while collecting only 3s. 9d. per lb. from the public (the postage prepaid on a lb. weight of letters averages 3s. 9d.) The Department's loss will therefore increase in proportion to the increased number of letters posted. That the public will fully appreciate the reduced rate is, however, certain.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AND STAFF.

At Pietermaritzburg and Durban the accommodation provided for postal requirements is altogether inadequate. Until suitable buildings are erected the business of the Post Office cannot be conducted with satisfaction. I would, therefore, urge upon the Government the desirability of building offices capable of meeting all demands for some time to come without delay.

During the early part of the year there was considerable difficulty in working the Durban Office, the staff being below its complement. As the result of an enquiry made the staff was augmented, and the conditions of service improved. The staff of the Pietermaritzburg office was also increased.

I am in consultation with the Acting General Manager of Telegraphs with a view to formulating a scheme for the tuition of youths in postal and telegraphic duties. If the Department can, as I have no doubt it can, successfully train colonial youths, it will be in a position at all times to recruit its clerical staff from its training classes, and youths appointed to clerkships may be expected to remain permanently in the service of the Department, provided sufficient inducement is offered them. The difficulty all along has been to retain young men in the Postal Service because no sufficient inducement has been held out to them.

Mr. J. O'Keefe, the Accountant, went on leave on March 15th, and was succeeded by Mr. J. Adams, who has performed the duties of the acting appointment very satisfactorily.

Mr. J. Chadwick, the Postmaster-General, went on leave of absence on November 1st, and I was appointed to act in his stead, Mr. S. C. Beckerleg being appointed to act as Postmaster and Superintendent of Telegraphs, Durban, an appointment he had previously filled with credit.

Mr. H. G. Swan, Postmaster of Pietermaritzburg, went on leave on 21st November, Mr. P. Pardy being appointed Acting Postmaster.

GENERAL.

Arrangements have been made to transfer the sale of Revenue Stamps from the Controller of Arms' Office to the Pietermaritzburg Post Office from January 1st next. Alterations have been made at the counter to meet the extra work, and to afford additional facilities for callers.

Proposals are being submitted for the purchase of postage stamp from the public.

Arrangements are being made to extend the Express delivery of letters and parcels in the United Kingdom and certain other countries to such articles posted in the Colony.

In order that the usefulness of the Department may be extended proposals have been submitted to introduce Penny Letter Cards, Registered Letter Envelopes, and embossed halfpenny and penny envelopes, and to allow the public to use private cards as post cards, under certain restrictions.

Letter Cards are largely used in the Cape Colony and in England and would, doubtless, be extensively used by Natal correspondents, especially for purposes of private correspondence to England under the reduced rate of postage.

In the interests of the Department and of the public it is advisable that linen-lined registered envelopes should be brought into use. It is almost unnecessary to point out that the use of such envelopes would tend to the greater security of coin and valuables passing through the Post Office, reducing, as it would, the possibility of coin when in course of transmission working through envelopes.

Envelopes embossed with penny and half-penny stamps would be of much service to people who have a large correspondence. A half-penny envelope of the official pouch size would be

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useful in connection with the sending of notices, prospectuses and statements, by Companies and individuals. At different times people have asked to be relieved of the trouble of affixing postage stamps to letters and circulars posted in bulk, and to be allowed to prepay postage in money, but this is not permissible under the Postal Law. Embossed envelopes would fully meet the requirements of such people.

With regard to private post cards it may be pointed out that such cards can now be sent to oversea countries which have adopted the Imperial postage rate of one penny, because the letter rate and the post card rate are the same. In respect of such countries private cards must, therefore, be regarded as letters. In the case of other oversea countries, private post cards must be prepaid at the letter rate of 2½d. under the existing local regulations.

Certain changes have been made in the internal working of the Department with a view to facilitating business.

The officers throughout the service have given me ready assistance.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. W. COLEMAN,
Acting Postmaster-General.

General Post Office, Natal.

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TELEGRAPHS. *

1. I have the honour to submit a Report on the work done in the Telegraph Department for the year ended 31st December, 1898.

2. I have had charge of the Department since the 1st of November.

3. During the year there was an increase of business, except as regards "Transmitted" messages, the decrease in these messages being caused through direct working between Durban and Johannesburg, and Durban and Kingwilliamstown, having been instituted early in the year.

4. The "Forwarded" messages numbered 352,690, "Received" 367,735, and the "Transmitted" (including second transmission) 435,882; making a total of 1,206,307 transactions.

5. The total earnings of the Department amounted to £39,265 18s. 5d.—£28,307 1s. 5d. cash earnings—and £10,958 17s. 0d. value of work done for Government Departments.

6. The expenditure of the Department was £26,343 19s. 7d. There was thus a balance in favour of the Department of £12,921 18s. 10d.

7. From the 15th of December the charges on telegrams interchanged between Natal and Rhodesia were reduced to 2s. 6d. for ten words, and 1s. 3d. for each additional five words or fraction thereof.

8. Arrangements were also completed for charges on ordinary telegrams for Natal, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, South African Republic, and Lourenço Marques being reduced from the 1st of January, 1899, to one penny per word with a minimum charge of 1s.

9. As it was considered that the employment of bicycles would facilitate the delivery of telegrams a trial was made from the 1st of December, with such satisfactory results that it is the intention to obtain a number of bicycles during the next financial year.

10. The question of training youths in telegraphy in the Colony has been carefully considered by me, and it is hoped that during next year, the necessary arrangements to admit of this will be completed, and the necessity for obtaining trained telegraphists from Home, as has hitherto been the practice, obviated.

11. Arrangements were made with the Education Department for the establishment of a night school at Pietermaritzburg, as at Durban, for the benefit of Telegraph Messengers, and all messengers are encouraged to attend this school, their hours of attendance being so arranged to admit of their doing so.

12. Arrangements have also been made whereby messengers obtain instruction in telegraphy with a view to those suitable taking up clerkships as vacancies occur. It is hoped that the inducements now held out will result in there being less difficulty in obtaining suitable boys as messengers.

13. The subscribers to the Town and Official Exchanges at the end of 1898, numbered 169 (including extensions), against 157 (including extensions) at the end of 1897.

14. The arrival of a new switchboard, of the latest pattern, is daily expected, when this has been fitted up, and other extensive works in connection with the system have been completed, a much improved service will be given.

15. Arrangements were made for the Telephone charges to be reduced from the 1st of January, 1899, to £10 for an ordinary connection within the mile area, and £5 for an extension connection.

16. The following Telegraph and Telephone Offices were opened during the year :—

Acton Homes	Ifafa	Ndwedwe
Batstones	Illovo Rail	Richmond Rail
Cleveland Hill	Kearsney	Stanger Rail
Dewdrop	Krantzkop	Umhlali Rail
Hatting Spruit	Malton	Umtamvuna
Helpmakaar	Mapumulo	Upper Tugela
High Flats	Mid-Illovo	Weenen
High Flats Police Camp	Moguntia	Park Rynie

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17. The following Zululand Offices were taken over on the 1st of January, 1898:—Eshowe, Eshowe Camp, Melmoth, Nodweni, Nongoma, Nqutu, and Ubombo.

18. At the end of the year there were in all 127 Stations open for the transmission of Telegraph business. At the same time the total number of persons employed in the Department was 321.

19. During the year an amount of £81,075 12s. 8d. was collected by the Department, and handed over to the Eastern and Western Telegraph Companies. £3,015 17s. 5d. being received from the Eastern Company on telegrams handed to the Department for re-transmission.

20. There were interruptions of the Eastern and Western Cables as follows

Eastern.	Western.
February 25th to February 26th	January 1st to January 8th
February 28th to March 4th	January 12th to January 24th
March 18th to March 25th	March 15th to March 16th
March 26th to March 27th	March 18th to March 19th
May 13th to May 20th	April 8th to May 13th
May 23rd to May 24th	June 2nd to July 1st
June 3th to June 19th	July 31st to August 13th
June 30th to July 8th	September 5th to September 6th
July 13th to July 14th	October 8th to October 10th

21. In the Engineering Branch, in addition to ordinary maintenance work being attended to, a large number of works were carried out, the most important of these being:—Four additional wires from Durban to Pietermaritzburg completed.

Construction of Lines	from		to	
"	"	Dundee	to	Umsinga
"	"	Estcourt	to	Weenen
"	"	Park Rynie	to	Umzinto
"	"	Isipingo	to	Park Rynie
"	"	Stanger	to	Mapumulo
"	"	Verulam	to	Ndwedwe
"	"	Greytown	to	Krantzkop
"	"	Harding	to	Moguntia
"	"	Ladysmith	to	Upper Tugela
"	"	Richmond	to	Mid-Illovo
"	"	Ixopo	to	High Flats
"	"	Harding	to	Umtamvuna
Railway Telegraph Line	"	Umlaas	to	Richmond

Construction of additional wire from Verulam to Lower Tugela for the Natal-Zululand Railway.

Construction of wire from South Coast Junction to Pinetown.

22. Electric Train Staff Instruments for the Railway Department were fitted up at Gillitts, Bothas Hill, Inchanga, Cato Ridge, Camperdown, Manderston, Thornville Junction, Fox Hill, Umsindusi, and Pietermaritzburg, Charlestown, Mount Prospect, No. 1 Reverse, Ingogo, and Newcastle. The system being extended during the year from South Coast Junction to Pietermaritzburg, and from Newcastle to Charlestown.

T. T. HARDAKER,
Acting General-Manager of Telegraphs.

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
/Acton Homes ✓ ...	260	9,914	589	104	55	5,910	16,832	71
/Addington ✓ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	121
/Albert ✓ ...	312	6,846	208	86	208	2,704	10,364	23
/Alcock Spruit ✓ ...	104	3,796	52	26	52	1,066	5,096	14
/Amanzimtoti ✓ ...	693	13,225	539	104	936	3,674	19,221	92
/Avoca ✓ ...	398	8,840	121	104	277	2,981	12,721	218
/Balgowan ✓ ...	121	7,886	485	173	34	1,820	10,519	197
/Batstones ✓ ...	1,612	28,236	52	324	572	28,236	59,032	198
/Beaumont ✓ ...	468	4,094	190	121	121	3,318	8,312	87
/Beith ✓ ...	153	3,510	104	52	262	2,357	6,438	77
/Bellair ✓ ...	1,014	45,318	1,534	806	1,716	27,824	78,212	383
/Besters ✓ ...	225	5,460	17	17	34	4,033	9,731	160
/Biggarsberg ✓ ...	190	5,026	...	69	34	3,293	8,612	81
/Blackburn ✓ ...	104	588	52	34	128	267	1,173	33
/Blackwater ✓ ...	554	5,772	52	433	312	3,181	10,304	64
/Boston ✓ ...	433	3,744	86	901	34	2,302	7,500	72
/Bothas Hill ✓ ...	225	3,484	52	17	69	346	4,193	38
/Brakwal ✓ ...	...	1,684	...	17	156	641	2,532	119
/Bulwer ✓ ...	4,333	20,834	398	884	1,768	13,104	41,321	629
/Byrnetown ✓ ...	208	8,892	294	329	329	7,176	17,228	66
/Cato Ridge ✓ ...	45	11,197	381	121	537	1,698	13,979	74
/Charlesown ✓ ...	5,217	52,520	2,652	606	2,305	23,746	87,046	1,085
/Clairmont ✓ ...	17	3,562	17	17	294	1,594	5,501	120
/Clarke Road ✓ ...	17	40,317	1,854	312	242	8,389	51,111	82
Carried forward ...	16,737	294,745	9,779	5,657	10,475	149,665	487,058	4,104

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			Letters.							
			Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.		Total.
Brought forward	...	16,737	294,745	9,779	5,657	10,475	149,665	487,058	4,104	
✓ Cleveland Hill ✓	...	1,386	9,260	329	394	294	5,581	17,244	169	
✓ Coleford ✓	...	1,438	4,576	52	294	346	5,338	12,044	54	
✓ Colenso ✓	...	450	10,400	450	86	17	2,600	14,003	157	
✓ Cundycleugh ✓	...	572	2,461	17	225	416	3,432	7,123	30	
✓ Curry's Post ✓	...	640	7,852	468	208	657	5,009	14,834	27	
✓ Dannhauser ✓	...	374	25,388	450	173	554	6,964	33,903	447	
✓ Dargle ✓	...	1,958	13,054	710	554	364	10,174	26,814	108	
✓ Dargle Road ✓	...	450	11,145	398	138	2,028	7,540	21,699	242	
✓ Deepdale ✓	...	121	7,124	156	312	52	3,900	11,665	45	
✓ Dew Drop ✓	...	104	4,401	190	121	364	3,726	8,906	41	
✓ Dronk Vlei ✓	...	762	7,522	242	433	1,404	4,524	14,887	137	
✓ Duff's Road ✓	...	156	4,108	52	34	260	1,248	5,858	22	
✓ Dumisa ✓	...	242	2,033	17	...	...	2,114	4,406	61
✓ Dundee ✓	...	8,770	133,206	2,374	1,473	28,270	70,424	244,517	2,746	
✓ Dundee Coalfields ✓	...	797	16,484	433	433	797	5,754	24,698	338	
✓ Durban ✓	...	134,216	2,302,300	78,468	33,982	356,980	567,852	3,473,798	29,272	
✓ Durslade ✓	...	104	2,010	121	18	173	1,282	3,708	16	
✓ Edendale ✓	...	156	12,081	156	69	86	1,976	14,524	13	
✓ Ekutandaneni ✓	...	728	3,154	85	104	52	1,837	5,961	35	
✓ Elands Kraal ✓	...	260	1,456	...	52	156	156	2,080	6	
✓ Elands Laagte ✓	...	1,742	22,568	390	468	598	11,310	27,076	138	
✓ Elizabeth ✓	...	364	9,221	52	17	86	2,461	12,201	19	
✓ Ennersdale ✓	...	832	11,250	294	130	589	6,656	19,751	309	
Carried forward	...	173,359	2,917,799	95,684	45,375	405,018	881,523	4,518,758	38,536	

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POST OFFICE.		CORRESPONDENCE.							Regis- tered Articles.
		Letters.							
		Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward	...	173,359	2,917,799	95,684	45,375	405,018	881,523	4,518,758	38,536
✓ Enqabeni ✓	...	138	5,789	...	52	34	2,184	8,197	204
✓ Equeefa ✓	...	364	4,399	294	52	364	4,437	9,910	62
Eshowe - Z	...	17,937	52,208	1,421	2,790	12,368	38,272	124,996	5,710
✓ Esidumbini (M.S.) ✓	...	502	4,128	52	17	173	1,490	6,362	...
✓ Estcourt ✓	...	11,671	89,994	4,177	1,404	26,208	42,553	176,007	1,370
✓ Fawn Leas ✓	...	814	8,216	277	173	988	4,593	15,061	107
✓ Florida Road ✓	...	589	11,647	572	225	5,564	2,721	21,318	134
✓ Fox Hill ✓	...	234	2,528	130	78	192	2,544	5,706	103
✓ Frere ✓	...	866	9,932	1,092	242	866	6,188	19,186	206
✓ Garden Castle ✓	...	...	2,166	173	...	...	2,114	4,453	19
✓ Gilletts ✓	...	398	10,538	416	121	52	5,780	17,314	223
✓ Glencoe Junction ✓	...	185	3,622	86	52	52	2,184	6,181	289
✓ Glendale ✓	...	52	3,657	17	...	17	1,230	4,973	106
✓ Gourton ✓	...	952	11,578	277	485	884	5,824	20,000	129
✓ Grahams ✓	...	156	1,196	34	34	225	832	2,477	5
✓ Greenvale ✓	...	312	2,773	450	52	436	2,401	6,424	24
✓ Greytown ✓	...	9,516	91,520	1,716	1,924	23,798	70,668	199,142	1,142
✓ Greyville ✓	...	173	34,112	984	237	1,178	6,725	43,409	290
✓ Groutville ✓	...	537	12,948	918	121	17	2,756	17,297	68
✓ Harburg ✓	...	606	3,016	52	52	433	1,733	5,892	95
✓ Harding ✓	...	6,066	68,133	572	2,200	7,224	21,978	106,173	1,520
✓ Hatting Spruit ✓	...	520	10,150	...	130	78	2,860	13,738	180
Carried forward	...	225,947	3,362,049	109,394	55,816	486,169	1,113,599	5,352,974	50,525

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			Letters.							
			Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.		Total.
Brought forward	...	225,947	3,362,049	109,394	55,816	486,169	1,113,599	5,352,974	50,525	
Hazeldene	...	173	1,698	17	52	86	606	2,632	43	
Helpmakaar	...	797	15,392	364	468	1,005	9,932	27,958	437	
Hermannsburg	...	5,633	33,886	648	589	4,246	13,953	58,955	442	
Highbury	...	260	3,796	69	208	190	2,894	7,417	55	
Highflats	...	1,508	10,573	346	728	1,542	6,434	21,131	163	
Highlands	...	...	29,848	...	...	...	9,360	39,208	274
Hill Top	...	225	2,704	86	52	190	1,352	4,609	94	
Hilton Road	...	242	7,037	190	86	554	4,281	12,390	264	
Hlabisa	...	225	2,860	86	190	312	3,501	7,174	153	
Hlokozi	...	308	2,496	624	...	...	...	3,428	6
Hopetown	...	2,270	11,925	138	260	156	9,402	24,151	552	
Hosken's	...	277	3,674	121	190	52	2,565	6,879	100	
Howick	...	8,042	44,269	2,444	1,196	20,904	24,960	101,815	726	
Howick Rail	...	754	14,872	546	494	1,248	11,102	29,016	169	
Ifafa	...	1,178	5,962	398	69	572	4,940	13,119	202	
Illovo	...	970	8,112	69	138	315	2,538	12,142	220	
Imbezane	...	832	2,166	104	128	281	1,300	4,811	66	
Imfume	...	208	4,472	32	...	104	572	5,388	12	
Impendhle	...	1,993	9,949	255	433	1,196	7,713	21,539	238	
Inadi	...	121	2,305	...	52	260	1,022	3,760	73	
Inanda	...	184	12,324	260	104	312	1,040	14,224	116	
Inchanga	...	402	8,250	346	379	86	884	10,347	228	
Indian Office, Durban	...	34	5,408	329	...	...	520	6,291	...
Carried forward		252,583	3,606,027	116,866	61,632	519,780	1,234,470	5,791,358	54,958	

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	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward ...	252,588	3,606,027	116,866	61,632	519,780	1,234,470	5,791,358	54,958
✓ Indian Office, Ladysmith ✓ ...	69	5,234	69	...	104	121	5,597	...
✓ „ „ Pietermaritzburg ...	...	3,770	...	...	...	...	3,770	...
✓ Ingagane ✓ ...	641	9,360	52	104	1,196	4,714	16,067	237
✓ Ingele ✓ ...	302	2,964	17	225	381	2,721	6,610	53
✓ Ingogo ✓ ...	173	8,649	121	34	34	3,050	12,061	43
✓ Ingogo Rail ✓ ...	225	7,744	121	52	17	4,974	13,133	96
Ingwavuma Z ...	572	1,196	...	173	17	884	2,842	59
✓ Insuzi ✓ ...	190	5,616	...	121	173	1,126	7,226	59
Inyoni ...	190	6,760	138	86	173	2,253	9,600	74
✓ Inzinga ✓ ...	433	7,436	173	86	296	1,941	10,365	36
✓ Isipingo ✓ ...	1,716	13,710	413	121	5,026	5,200	26,139	242
✓ Islington ✓ ...	52	2,288	...	52	...	728	3,120	16
✓ Ixopo ✓ ...	6,604	38,064	2,322	1,005	15,218	25,705	88,918	1,137
Kamberg ...	280	7,384	52	242	849	3,189	11,976	20
✓ Kearsney ✓ ...	1,196	14,768	450	502	277	8,493	25,686	134
✓ Krantzkloof ✓ ...	121	1,906	190	52	86	710	3,065	110
✓ Ladysmith ✓ ...	39,572	260,832	3,934	2,981	77,470	131,404	516,193	4,631
✓ Lidgetton ✓ ...	277	15,010	341	277	1,421	7,956	25,282	256
✓ L. ver Tugela ✓ ...	1,456	9,065	242	225	936	4,714	16,638	333
Lower Umfolosi Z ...	641	4,400	86	173	138	3,501	8,939	203
Lower Umkomanzi ✓ ...	52	21,552	34	173	138	6,170	27,119	274
✓ Maitlandfield ✓ ...	728	3,657	34	242	364	5,252	10,277	67
✓ Malvern ✓ ...	398	22,897	312	225	416	5,831	30,079	211
Carried forward ...	308,451	4,079,289	125,970	68,783	624,510	1,465,107	6,672,110	63,249

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.		Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
	Official.	Ordinary.						
Brought forward	308,451	4,079,289	125,970	68,783	624,510	1,465,107	6,672,110	3,249
✓ Manderston ✓	866	16,813	320	173	69	2,322	20,563	150
✓ Mapumulo ✓	3,952	17,940	294	554	381	8,485	31,606	287
Maputa Z	884	962	26	130	78	1,092	3,172	12
Melmoth Z	2,485	12,601	190	953	4,749	4,648	25,626	2,221
✓ Meran ✓	156	2,392	...	...	...	26	2,574	15
✓ Middlest ✓	138	3,969	...	121	52	1,542	5,822	32
✓ Middleton ✓	572	3,206	173	69	641	2,530	7,191	...
✓ Mid Illovo ✓	537	3,068	329	329	86	1,386	5,735	42
✓ Misgunst ✓	190	5,730	104	138	17	2,929	9,108	29
✓ Moguntia ✓	1,133	3,553	121	312	398	2,773	8,290	176
✓ Mooi River ✓	286	18,096	494	416	312	3,094	22,698	335
✓ Mossdale ✓	52	2,496	52	52	832	832	4,316	12
✓ Mount Edgecombe ✓	124	11,700	208	156	156	2,028	14,372	384
✓ Mount Moriah ✓	433	3,050	...	34	17	1,768	5,302	95
Mount Prospect ✓	121	1,213	17	17	190	1,144	2,702	115
✓ Muden ✓	121	4,524	1	86	502	2,114	7,364	16
✓ Murchison ✓	173	2,683	121	69	1,248	1,875	6,174	116
✓ Musgrave Road ✓	4,974	85,210	3,484	953	33,332	15,461	143,414	719
Ndwedwe ✓	1,924	12,930	641	208	381	2,582	18,666	179
✓ Newcastle ✓	15,461	159,917	2,686	2,686	15,929	66,525	263,204	2,240
✓ New Germany ✓	156	6,526	...	26	1,742	1,898	10,348	25
✓ New Hanover ✓	1,839	12,202	1,092	364	2,253	8,822	26,622	235
Carried forward	345,078	4,470,075	136,339	76,629	687,875	1,600,983	7,316,979	70,684

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MONEY ORDERS.				FEES OF OFFICE.		Fees on Money Orders.	Number of Free Boxes.
Issued.		Paid.		Private Boxes.			
No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		
29,533	£ 93,273 19 1 s. d.	20,345	£ 72,658 18 0 s. d.	563	£ 545 2 6 s. d.	£ 1,299 2 9 s. d.	33
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468	1,338 15 7	77	430 7 2	16 19 3	...
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626	1,822 4 8	97	284 10 8	23 2 0	...
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2,829	6,482 17 3	960	3,480 5 5	48	48 18 3	96 11 6	6
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33,844	103,797 13 9	21,640	77,319 5 7	611	594 0 9	1,450 1 6	39

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POST OFFICE.		CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
		Letters.							
		Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward	...	345,078	4,470,075	136,339	76,629	687,875	1,600,983	7,316,979	70,684
✓New Leeds ✓	...	242	2,253	52	225	190	1,317	4,279	17
✓New Scotland ✓	...	329	6,604	156	86	208	1,716	9,099	21
✓Ngobevu ✓	...	52	2,236	...	121	173	3,137	5,719	73
Nkandhla Z	...	1,785	9,100	104	866	208	7,817	19,880	444
Nondweni Z	...	1,456	12,965	416	364	2,394	7,124	25,219	453
Nongoma Z	...	2,392	12,246	676	520	260	7,514	23,608	537
✓Nonoti ✓	...	52	2,288	...	52	...	34	2,426	6
✓Noodsberg ✓	...	936	11,081	260	502	1,057	5,512	19,348	149
✓Noodsberg Road ✓	...	1,490	6,793	1,040	208	2,900	2,652	15,088	188
✓Normandien ✓	...	130	4,368	26	52	286	5,044	9,906	114
✓Northdene ✓	...	260	6,916	416	...	728	1,716	10,036	113
Northend, Ladysmith ✓	...	468	12,688	676	...	...	4,160	17,992	...
✓Nottingham ✓	...	485	7,886	329	260	1,074	4,766	14,800	63
✓Nottingham Road ✓	...	866	26,346	1,074	322	814	13,564	42,986	349
Nqutu	... Z	1,144	17,957	52	208	1,161	5,938	26,460	307
O'Banjani (Middelburg) Z	...	1,560	7,072	390	494	209	3,900	13,676	121
✓Olivier's Hoek ✓	...	554	2,461	17	208	364	1,300	4,904	71
✓Onderbrook Spruit ✓	...	104	3,674	86	86	208	1,005	5,163	21
✓Ottawa ✓	...	329	5,560	104	...	138	2,822	3,957	114
Park Rynie ✓	...	52	7,110	78	78	...	1,222	8,540	108
✓Phoenix ✓	...	312	5,130	121	52	173	2,253	8,041	139
✓Pietermaritzburg ✓	...	202,332	1,554,665	30,558	13,306	468,468	557,942	2,827,571	32,434
✓Pieters ✓	...	121	3,640	34	138	17	918	4,868	82
✓Pinetown ✓	...	1,610	60,580	1,508	494	11,440	23,582	99,214	226
Carried forward	...	564,139	6,261,703	174,512	95,571	1,180,896	2,267,938	10,544,759	106,839

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POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Regis- tered Articles.
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	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward ...	564,139	6,261,703	174,512	95,571	1,180,896	2,267,938	10,544,759	106,839
✓Point ✓ ...	11,648	75,590	2,685	329	19,240	17,525	127,017	2,707
✓Port Shepstone ✓ ...	3,674	19,136	1,057	537	936	12,612	37,952	894
Qudeni ✓ ...	260	2,028	...	121	121	1,404	3,934	97
✓Reunion ✓ ...	416	3,666	104	130	26	780	5,122	159
✓Richmond ✓ ...	7,366	64,133	2,600	1,317	10,538	35,672	121,626	572
✓Riet Valley ✓ ...	287	2,686	17	69	17	450	3,526	...
✓Riet Vlei ✓ ...	520	18,512	225	762	2,946	7,748	30,713	191
✓Rockvale ✓ ...	208	2,825	190	138	138	693	4,192	4
✓Rorkes Drift ✓ ...	190	5,044	69	121	520	1,716	7,660	126
✓Rosebank ✓ ...	208	2,860	364	156	...	1,248	4,836	12
Rosetta Rail ✓ ...	710	23,538	849	312	346	4,264	30,019	19
Salem ✓ ...	208	2,340	5	86	450	3,033	6,169	42
✓Scotston ✓ ...	242	3,258	...	294	277	3,154	7,225	28
✓Seven Oaks ✓ ...	502	13,398	224	260	398	9,498	24,280	137
✓South Coast Junction ✓ ...	832	9,178	182	52	2,340	4,264	16,848	86
✓Southdowns ✓ ...	277	2,565	173	121	138	1,161	4,435	...
✓Spionkop ✓ ...	364	2,980	78	156	390	1,544	5,512	39
✓Spitzkop ✓ ...	381	6,136	17	86	34	5,858	12,512	128
✓Springfield ✓ ...	936	9,880	537	346	468	6,292	18,459	124
✓Spring Grange... ✓ ...	52	5,026	...	...	346	3,761	9,185	34
✓Springvale ✓ ...	398	6,893	...	277	52	3,605	11,230	72
✓Stamford Hill ✓ ...	731	26,693	676	69	792	12,220	41,181	240
✓Stanger ✓ ...	3,198	79,950	7,228	1,144	4,498	36,083	132,106	1,374
Carried forward ...	597,747	6,650,023	191,839	102,454	1,225,907	2,442,528	11,210,498	113,924

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APPENDIX A (continued).

[POSTAL.]

REPORT OF THE

POSTAL

POST OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE.							Registered Articles.
	Letters.							
	Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.	Total.	
Brought forward ...	597,747	6,650,028	191,839	102,454	1,225,907	2,442,528	11,210,498	113,924
✓ Sunday's River ✓ ...	953	2,686	...	69	173	2,296	6,177	111
✓ Sydenham ✓ ...	1,161	13,554	86	138	1,120	4,766	20,825	89
Table Mountain (M.S.) ...	121	2,444	52	17	17	936	3,587	...
✓ Thornville Junction ✓ ...	294	19,916	650	130	2,416	12,844	36,250	202
Thornybush ✓ ...	381	3,709	...	17	910	3,882	8,899	50
✓ Tongaat ✓ ...	2,860	50,422	780	641	7,869	15,426	77,998	427
✓ Tugela Ferry ✓ ...	494	1,560	...	180	...	910	3,144	89
Ubombo Z ...	1,040	1,508	...	156	34	1,213	3,951	14
✓ Ulandi ✓ W (W. ...)	658	2,652	104	52	17	1,768	5,251	12
Ulandi (Zululand) Z ...	1,430	8,112	156	624	130	7,644	18,096	254
✓ Umbilo ✓ ...	537	10,972	138	69	381	3,085	15,182	140
✓ Umgeni ✓ ...	69	28,357	156	17	502	3,241	32,342	295
✓ Umhlali ✓ ...	5,858	15,184	762	693	5,373	7,834	35,404	400
✓ Umhlali River ✓ ...	260	6,188	156	...	...	6,812	13,416	71
✓ Umhlangeni ✓ ...	832	5,893	225	277	1,109	1,993	10,329	88
✓ Umlaas Bridge ✓ ...	26	884	26	...	...	676	1,612	...
✓ Umsindusi ✓ ...	242	3,484	69	...	121	346	4,262	51
✓ Umsinga ✓ ...	2,617	11,908	173	242	2,617	3,310	20,867	433
✓ Umsinisini ✓ ...	104	962	26	...	...	546	1,638	...
✓ Umtamvuna ✓ ...	814	5,876	...	554	52	3,449	10,745	235
✓ Umtwalumi ✓ ...	52	4,576	86	52	104	433	5,303	...
✓ Umzinto ✓ ...	8,753	55,709	2,530	1,473	19,638	41,340	129,443	1,109
✓ Umzumbi (M.S.) ✓ ...	104	4,350	104	52	17	1,265	5,892	...
Carried forward ...	627,407	6,910,929	198,118	107,907	1,268,507	2,568,243	11,681,111	117,994

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APPENDIX A.
[POSTAL.]

REPORT OF THE
POSTAL

POST OFFICE.			CORRESPONDENCE.						Regis- tered Articles.	
			Letters.							
			Official.	Ordinary.	Postcards.	Parcels.	Book and Sample Packets.	Papers.		Total.
Brought forward	...	627,407	6,910,929	198,118	107,907	1,268,507	2,568,243	11,681,111	117,994	
✓Undeen ✓	...	416	3,085	...	34	225	901	4,661	30	
✓Underberg ✓	...	121	4,142	34	17	676	1,508	6,498	9	
✓Upper Tongaat ✓	...	286	4,004	104	26	26	1,508	5,954	69	
Upper Tugela	...	1,950	6,708	...	286	442	4,758	14,144	215	
Upper Umhlatusi Z	...	260	4,524	...	260	104	2,288	7,436	113	
Upper Umkomaas ✓	...	26	676	26	26	130	728	1,612	...	
✓Upper Umzimkulu ✓	...	1,317	19,586	780	554	1,282	9,568	33,087	154	
✓Van Reenen ✓	...	598	12,636	78	78	962	5,798	20,150	350	
✓Vants Drift ✓	...	814	3,518	...	104	190	3,917	8,543	247	
✓Verulam ✓	...	11,925	79,126	2,461	1,352	25,324	44,442	164,630	1,654	
Wartburg ✓	...	728	6,534	572	86	1,421	5,702	15,043	100	
✓Waschbank ✓	...	866	21,977	572	554	589	8,258	35,816	639	
Waterval Z	...	...	1,508	...	208	...	1,040	2,756	8
✓Weenen ✓	...	2,669	18,598	468	849	1,698	10,088	34,370	321	
✓Wessels Nek ✓	...	286	16,900	52	130	442	5,226	23,036	341	
✓Wilgefontein ✓	...	260	3,137	17	34	762	1,976	6,186	30	
✓Willow Grange ✓	...	450	16,172	369	86	52	5,841	22,970	151	
✓Woodside ✓	...	953	6,309	433	398	208	5,901	14,202	52	
✓York ✓	...	502	8,892	398	173	1,398	6,378	17,741	20	
✓Zanckels ✓	...	346	5,130	69	86	267	2,704	8,602	...	
✓Zuurberg ✓	...	312	3,432	104	...	...	52	3,900	12
✓Zwaartkop ✓	...	91	3,198	52	65	13	1,326	4,745	20	
Total	...	652,583	7,163,721	204,707	113,313	1,304,718	2,698,151	12,137,193	122,529	

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APPENDIX B.

[POSTAL.]

REPORT OF THE

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF

Expenditure.	1897.	1898.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	12,784 5 1	16,119 10 5	3,335 5 4	...
CONTINGENT AND OTHER EXPENSES—				
Commission on Sale of Stamps...	681 6 6	470 14 3	...	210 12 3
Overtime Attendance, Sorting Seaborne Mails	492 11 1	879 13 6	387 2 5	...
Petty Expenses, including Date Stamps, &c.	275 18 8	464 0 10	188 2 2	...
Travelling Expenses	48 6 6	122 13 4	74 6 10	...
Commission to Postmasters not wholly employed on Money Order duties ...	3 15 0	16 9 0	12 14 0	...
Remuneration to Stationmasters as Post- masters	97 2 7	73 6 5	...	23 16 2
MAILS—				
Private Ships, Letters sent by	352 6 6	424 19 5	72 12 11	...
Landing and Shipping Mails	418 15 8	300 10 0	...	118 5 8
Inland Contracts	8,821 18 4	8,672 1 0	...	149 17 4
Native Carriers' Wages	2,290 1 5	2,937 4 6	647 3 1	...
Rations and Clothing to Carriers ...	972 10 11	1,149 0 10	176 9 11	...
Mail Bags, Supply and Repair of	233 9 4	269 10 5	36 1 1	...
European Letter Carriers	1,795 11 1	1,841 0 7	45 9 6	...
Travelling P.O., including Allowances ...	1,208 15 6	1,434 13 9	225 18 3	...
MISCELLANEOUS—				
Transit of Correspondence over Foreign Lines	6,989 16 9	14,521 7 9	7,531 11 0	...
Commission on Money Orders	586 10 7	607 17 2	21 6 7	...
Supply of Postage Stamps	766 4 5	1,317 14 11	551 10 6	...
Contribution—International Bureau ...	9 16 0	13 13 8	3 17 8	...
RENT—				
Rent, Durban Post and Telegraph Offices	470 0 0	430 16 8	...	39 3 4
	39,299 1 11	52,066 18 5	...	...
Balance in favour of the Department...	17,952 3 1	11,282 4 11	...	...
	57,251 5 0	63,349 3 4	13,309 11 3	541 14 9

Net Increase in Expenditure £12,767 16 6
 Net Increase in Revenue £6,097 18 4
 Net Decrease in Balance in favour of Department £6,669 18 2

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (continued).

[POSTAL.]

STATEMENT SHOWING TIMES OF ARRIVAL AT, AND DEPARTURE FROM, CAPE TOWN OF ENGLISH-NATAL MAIL AND TIMES OF RECEIPT AT PIETERMARITZBURG AND DURBAN DURING 1898.

Steamer.	Arrival at Capetown.		Departure from Capetown.		Arrival at Maritzburg.		Arrival at Durban.		Remarks.
	Date.	Hour.	Date.	Hour.	Date.	Hour.	Date.	Hour.	
Mexican ...	Jan. 6	2:45 a.m.	Jan. 6	9:0 a.m.	Jan. 9	6:5 p.m.	Jan. 9	10:10 p.m.	
Roslin Castle ...	" 13	0:20 a.m.	" 13	9:0 a.m.	" 16	6:5 p.m.	" 16	10:10 p.m.	
Norman ...	" 18	3:40 a.m.	" 18	9:0 a.m.	" 21	6:5 p.m.	" 21	10:10 p.m.	
Dunvegan Castle ...	" 25	3:20 a.m.	" 25	9:0 a.m.	" 28	6:5 p.m.	" 28	10:10 p.m.	
Moor ...	Feb. 2	0:30 p.m.	Feb. 2	9:0 p.m.	Feb. 6	1:14 p.m.	Feb. 6	6:50 p.m.	
Hawarden Castle ...	" 9	11:30 a.m.	" 9	9:0 p.m.	" 13	1:14 p.m.	" 13	6:50 p.m.	
Scot ...	" 15	10:15 a.m.	" 15	9:0 p.m.	" 19	1:14 p.m.	" 19	6:50 p.m.	
Tantallon Castle ...	" 22	8:0 a.m.	" 22	1:0 p.m.	" 26	1:14 p.m.	" 26	7:0 p.m.	
Briton ...	Mar. 1	4:55 a.m.	Mar. 1	9:0 a.m.	Mar. 4	1:14 p.m.	Mar. 4	1:14 p.m.	
Dunottar Castle ...	" 7	8:59 p.m.	" 8	9:0 a.m.	" 11	6:2 p.m.	" 11	10:12 p.m.	
Mexican ...	" 16	7:20 a.m.	" 16	1:0 p.m.	" 20	1:14 p.m.	" 20	6:50 p.m.	
Norham Castle ...	" 23	3:43 p.m.	" 23	9:0 p.m.	" 27	1:14 p.m.	" 27	6:50 p.m.	
Norman ...	" 29	3:30 a.m.	" 29	9:0 a.m.	Apl. 1	1:14 p.m.	Apl. 1	6:50 p.m.	
Roslin Castle ...	Apl. 6	2:16 p.m.	Apl. 6	9:0 p.m.	" 10	1:14 p.m.	" 10	6:50 p.m.	
Spartan ...	" 15	8:0 p.m.	" 16	8:30 a.m.	" 19	6:0 p.m.	" 19	10:12 p.m.	
Dunvegan Castle ...	" 19	3:35 a.m.	" 19	8:30 a.m.	" 22	6:0 p.m.	" 22	10:12 p.m.	
Moor ...	" 27	11:40 a.m.	" 27	9:0 p.m.	May 1	6:0 p.m.	May 1	10:12 p.m.	
Tantallon Castle ...	May 3	8:55 a.m.	May 3	1:0 p.m.	" 6	9:0 a.m.	" 6	1:15 p.m.	
Briton ...	" 10	6:0 a.m.	" 10	8:30 p.m.	" 13	6:10 p.m.	" 13	10:12 p.m.	
Dunottar Castle ...	" 18	10:47 a.m.	" 18	1:0 p.m.	" 21	9:30 a.m.	" 21	1:50 p.m.	
Scot ...	" 24	9:15 p.m.	" 25	1:0 p.m.	" 28	2:50 p.m.	" 28	7:20 p.m.	
Hawarden Castle ...	June 1	6:6 p.m.	June 1	11:30 p.m.	June 5	3:30 a.m.	June 5	8:30 a.m.	
Norman ...	" 8	1:45 a.m.	" 8	8:30 a.m.	" 11	8:50 a.m.	" 11	1:15 p.m.	
Norham Castle ...	" 15	5:25 a.m.	" 15	1:0 p.m.	" 18	9:30 a.m.	" 18	1:15 p.m.	
Mexican ...	" 23	7:45 a.m.	" 23	1:0 p.m.	" 26	8:32 a.m.	" 26	12:20 p.m.	
Carisbrook Castle ...	" 28	2:0 p.m.	" 28	8:30 p.m.	July 1	2:44 p.m.	July 1	7:15 p.m.	
Moor ...	July 7	0:15 p.m.	July 7	8:30 p.m.	" 10	6:45 p.m.	" 10	11:10 p.m.	
Dunvegan Castle ...	" 13	0:42 p.m.	" 13	8:30 p.m.	" 16	2:50 p.m.	" 16	6:50 p.m.	
Briton ...	" 20	1:0 p.m.	" 20	9:0 p.m.	" 23	2:55 p.m.	" 23	7:20 p.m.	
Tantallon Castle ...	" 28	10:0 p.m.	" 28	8:50 a.m.	" 31	3:31 a.m.	" 31	8:50 a.m.	

APPENDIX C. (continued)

REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (continued).

[Postal.]

STATEMENT SHOWING TIMES OF ARRIVAL AT, AND DEPARTURE FROM, CAPE TOWN OF ENGLISH-NATAL MAIL AND TIMES OF RECEIPT AT PIETERMARITZBURG AND DURBAN DURING 1898.

Steamer.	Arrival at Capetown.		Departure from Capetown.		Arrival at Maritaberg.		Arrival at Durban.		Remarks.
	Date.	Hour.	Date.	Hour.	Date.	Hour.	Date.	Hour.	
Scot	Aug. 3	8-0 a.m.	Aug. 4	1-0 p.m.	Aug. 7	8 55 a.m.	Aug. 7	12-30 p.m.	{ Stress of weather at Cape Town delayed landing of Mails for 23½ hours.
Dunottar Castle	" 10	3-33 a.m.	" 10	8-30 a.m.	" 13	3-30 a.m.	" 13	8-30 a.m.	
Norman	" 17	3-0 a.m.	" 17	9-0 a.m.	" 20	8-30 a.m.	" 20	1-14 p.m.	
Hawarden Castle	" 26	0-40 a.m.	" 26	9-0 a.m.	" 29	8-30 a.m.	" 29	1-14 p.m.	
Mexican	Sept. 1	1-20 a.m.	Sept. 1	8-30 a.m.	Sept. 4	3-30 a.m.	Sept. 4	8-30 a.m.	
Carisbrook Castle	" 6	12-0 noon	" 6	8-30 p.m.	" 9	2-30 p.m.	" 9	7-25 p.m.	
Moor	" 15	2-10 p.m.	" 15	8-30 p.m.	" 18	6-0 p.m.	" 18	10-12 p.m.	
Norham Castle	" 21	4-50 p.m.	" 21	11-30 p.m.	" 25	8-30 a.m.	" 25	8-30 a.m.	
Briton	" 27	6-55 a.m.	" 27	1-0 p.m.	" 30	12-0 noon	" 30	4-40 p.m.	
Dunvegan Castle	Oct. 5	5-30 a.m.	Oct. 5	1-0 p.m.	Oct. 8	8-30 a.m.	Oct. 8	1-45 p.m.	
Scot	" 11	5-30 a.m.	" 11	1-0 p.m.	" 14	8-32 a.m.	" 14	1-14 p.m.	
Tantallon Castle	" 18	5-30 p.m.	" 18	11-30 p.m.	" 22	3-30 a.m.	" 22	8-20 a.m.	
Norman	" 25	8-15 a.m.	" 25	1-0 p.m.	" 28	12-28 p.m.	" 28	4-40 p.m.	
Dunottar Castle	Nov. 1	1-27 p.m.	Nov. 1	8-30 p.m.	Nov. 4	3-2 p.m.	Nov. 4	6-57 p.m.	
Mexican	" 9	5-0 a.m.	" 9	1-0 p.m.	" 12	8-32 a.m.	" 12	1-14 p.m.	
Carisbrook Castle	" 15	12-0 noon	" 15	8-30 p.m.	" 18	2-44 p.m.	" 18	6-57 p.m.	
Moor	" 23	8-20 a.m.	" 23	8-30 p.m.	" 26	2-44 p.m.	" 26	6-57 p.m.	
Hawarden Castle	" 30	3-42 a.m.	" 30	1-0 p.m.	Dec. 3	8-32 a.m.	Dec. 3	1-45 p.m.	
Briton	Dec. 6	4-50 a.m.	Dec. 6	1-0 p.m.	" 9	6-0 p.m.	" 9	10-12 p.m.	{ 3½ Hours delay. Late arrival at Norvals Pont.
Norham Castle	" 14	3-30 a.m.	" 14	1-0 p.m.	" 17	12-0 noon	" 17	4-40 p.m.	
Scot	" 20	8-0 a.m.	" 20	1-0 p.m.	" 23	12-0 noon	" 23	4-40 p.m.	
Dunvegan Castle	" 27	4-0 a.m.	" 27	1-0 p.m.	" 30	8-32 a.m.	" 30	1-14 p.m.	

[TELEGRAPH.]

REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (Continued.)

DEBIT AND CREDIT STATEMENT, YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1898.

Expenditure.	Amount.	Revenue.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Salaries	20,675 15 5	Cash Receipts (Ordinary Fees)	26,020 4 9
Rent	547 10 0	Reimbursements	1,750 16 7
Battery and Instrument Materials	531 11 1	Fees of Office	8 4 7
Petty Expenses, including Date Stamps, Obliterating Ink, etc.	114 10 9	Sums Refunded	23 18 8
Percentage paid to Station Masters and others for forwarding messages	519 10 3	Special Receipts	7 13 3
Porterage and other Disbursements recovered in Revenue	19 3 11	General Deposits	19 7 7
Uniform Clothing for European Messengers	135 5 4	Miscellaneous	25 16 0
Stationery, Printing, and Stamps	569 8 6	Official Telephone connections, calculated at ordinary private rate	439 0 0
Travelling Expenses	163 12 7	Maintenance of line between Durban and Observatory	12 0 0
Overtime	782 6 8		
House Allowance in lieu of Quarters to Telegraph Officers	162 10 0		
Maintenance of Line	1,403 18 1		
Contribution to International Telegraph Bureau, Berne	16 13 4		
Maintenance, &c., Telephone Exchange	702 3 8		
Balance in favour of Department	12,921 18 10	Value of Government work	10,958 17 0
	39,265 18 5		39,265 18 5

[TELEGRAPH.]

RETURN OF CABLE TRAFFIC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1898.

Month.	Number of Mes- sages received from the Eastern Company for transmission to South African Stations.	Number of Mes- sages collected in South Africa and handed to the Eastern Company for transmission abroad.	Total.	Payments to Eastern and Western Telegraph Companies.	Amounts received on behalf of B.S.A. Company.	Amounts received from Eastern Company on account of Prepaid Reply Messages.	Payments made by Eastern Telegraph Company for Messages handed to Department for re-transmission.	Value of Government Mes- sages received from Eastern Telegraph Company for re-transmission.	Total Amount received by Department on Messages received from Eastern Company for re- transmission, &c.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January ...	4,696	4,467	9,163	8,586 5 1	31 13 8	10 11 8	317 2 6	16 2 6	375 9 11
February ...	2,984	2,813	5,797	5,984 16 2	6 5 3	18 8 6	212 11 1	3 19 8	241 4 6
March ...	2,681	2,413	5,094	4,918 19 5	8 2 0	17 3 10	201 12 8	7 2 5	234 0 11
April ...	4,570	4,628	9,198	8,228 11 2	37 18 3	40 19 2	327 7 7	32 19 2	439 4 2
May ...	3,253	3,237	6,490	5,726 3 6	22 8 9	10 19 10	233 12 1	13 5 3	280 5 11
June ...	4,301	4,468	8,769	7,001 15 2	39 12 3	22 7 7	305 0 4	27 13 9	394 13 11
July ...	1,602	1,678	3,280	4,247 16 6	11 8 9	4 0 0	116 19 5	4 14 4	137 2 6
August ...	3,465	3,677	7,142	7,143 4 7	32 8 6	17 6 10	243 9 10	12 12 1	305 17 3
September ...	4,543	3,801	8,344	7,877 10 5	40 5 9	26 5 4	331 3 7	10 3 10	407 18 6
October ...	3,901	3,459	7,360	8,208 3 7	20 3 5	12 8 9	277 0 5	13 18 0	323 11 4
November...	3,241	2,886	6,127	6,829 5 10	15 3 7	14 10 8	222 15 6	21 3 6	273 13 3
December...	3,416	3,037	6,453	6,323 1 3	15 13 7	10 11 0	227 2 5	20 18 5	274 5 5
	42,653	40,564	83,217	81,075 12 8	201 3 4	205 13 2	3,015 17 5	184 13 8	3,787 7 7

[TELEGRAPH].

REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (Continued.)

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

ALL STATIONS.

		Forwarded.	Received.	Transmitted.	Total.	Value of Government Work.	Revenue.	Total.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Year ended 31st December, 1897	... ..	330,034	346,253	523,036	1,199,323	10,115 12 6	25,402 15 3	35,518 7 9
Do. 31st December, 1898	... ..	352,690	367,785	485,882	1,206,307	10,958 17 0	27,856 1 5	38,814 18 5
Increase	... ..	22,656	21,482	...	6,984	843 4 6	2,453 6 2	3,296 10 8
Decrease	... ..	...	...	37,154	...	...	...	...

[TELEGRAPH.]

REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (Continued).

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SHOWING MILEAGE OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINE AND WIRE.

	Telegraph.		Telephone.		Private Wires.	
	Line.	Wire.	Line.	Wire.	Line.	Wire.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Year ended 31st December, 1897	967½	2,464½	9½	66	Nil.	Nil.
Year ended 31st December, 1898	1,237½	2,935½	14½	77½	10½	20½

[TELEGRAPH.]

RETURN OF REVENUE AND TRAFFIC, YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1898.

Stations.	No. of Messages forwarded.	No. of Messages received.	Number of Messages Transmitted (including Second Transmission).	Total.	Value of Government Work.	Revenue.	Total Earnings including Government Work.	Remarks.
Acton Homes	68	61	...	129				Opened in September.
Albertina	142	114	...	256				Railway work not included.
Avoca	349	392	...	741				" "
Balgowan	299	242	...	541				" "
Batstones	47	38	...	85				Opened in December
Bellair	1,231	2,056	...	3,287				Railway work not included.
Berea Road	293	...	...	293				" "
Besters	126	111	...	237				" "
Boston	197	173	...	370				" "
Bothas Hill	238	127	...	365				" "
Brakwal	43	30	...	73				" "
Bulwer	1,528	1,112	1,654	4,294				" "
Camperdown	449	622	...	1,071				" "
Cato Ridge	184	142	...	326				" "
Charlestown	3,312	2,913	6	6,231				" "
Chieveley	55	77	...	132				" "
Clairmont	296	368	...	664				" "
Cleveland Hill	129	78	...	207				Opened in October.
Colenso	666	346	...	1,012				Railway work not included.
Dannhauser	851	732	...	1,583				" "
Dargle Road	650	565	...	1,215				" "
Dewdrop	10	8	...	18				Opened in August.
Duffs Road	147	180	...	327				Railway work not included.
Dundee	10,211	9,223	2,550	21,984				" "
Dundee Coalfields	1,265	704	...	1,969				" "
Durban	134,490	135,681	173,954	444,125				" "
Durban Rail	1,648	49	12	1,709				" "
Elands Laagte	1,211	1,130	...	2,341				" "
Ennersdale	474	438	...	912				" "
Eshowe, Zululand	5,052	4,513	614	10,179				" "
Eshowe Camp, Zululand	981	866	...	1,847				" "
Estcourt	3,311	3,928	1,816	9,055				" "
Estcourt Rail	860	110	...	970				" "
Fox Hill	61	67	...	128				" "
Frere	512	495	...	1,007				" "
Gillitts	329	328	...	657				" "
Glencoe Junction	1,860	698	150	2,708				" "
Greytown	3,344	3,174	4,072	10,590				" "
Greyville	360	841	...	1,201				" "
Harding	2,752	2,077	686	5,515				" "
Hatting Spruit	1,508	996	...	2,504				Opened in May. Railway work not included
Helpmakaar	309	282	...	591				Opened in February.
Highflats	46	43	...	89				Opened in November.
Highflats Police Camp	5	7	...	12				Opened in November.

Highlands ...	640	588	...	1,228				Railway work not included.
Hilton Road ...	505	628	...	1,133				" "
Howick ...	2,663	2,475	1,210	6,348				Opened " in January.
Howick Rail ...	518	482	...	1,000				Opened in May. Railway work not included.
Ifafa ...	137	103	...	240				" "
Illovo ...	309	252	...	561				" "
Illovo Rail ...	69	62	...	131				" "
Impendhle ...	328	294	...	622				" "
Inchanga ...	890	495	36	1,421				Opened in April.
Ingagane ...	478	444	...	922				Railway work not included.
Ingogo ...	352	222	...	574				Opened in June.
Isipingo ...	737	668	...	1,405				" "
Ixopo ...	2,633	2,034	2,022	6,689				" "
Keatsney ...	178	229	...	407				Opened in April.
Krantzkloof ...	79	67	...	146				Railway work not included.
Krantzkop ...	414	378	...	792				Opened in June.
Ladysmith ...	9,255	10,809	42,260	62,324				" "
Ladysmith Camp ...	2,732	3,001	...	5,733				Railway work not included.
Ladysmith Rail ...	1,644	61	56	1,761				" "
Lidgettton ...	315	315	...	630				" "
Lower Tugela ...	1,442	767	194	2,403				Opened in March.
Lower Umkomaas ...	903	697	...	1,600				Railway work not included.
Malton ...	42	45	...	87				" "
Malvern ...	691	854	...	1,545				Opened in March.
Manderston ...	131	204	...	335				Railway work not included.
Mapumulo ...	289	271	...	560				Opened in April.
Melmoth, Zululand ...	2,056	1,479	4,764	8,299				" "
Mid-Illovo ...	22	20	...	42				Opened in November.
Moguntia ...	215	204	...	419				Opened in June.
Moor River ...	1,882	1,867	...	3,749				Railway work not included.
Mount Edgecombe ...	1,130	999	...	2,129				" "
Mount Prospect ...	34	22	...	56				" "
Musgrave Road, Durban ...	3,228	7,147	...	10,375				Opened in May.
Ndwedwe ...	358	300	...	658				Railway work not included.
Newcastle ...	8,606	8,151	25,938	42,695				" "
Newcastle Rail ...	1,553	46	...	1,599				" "
New Hanover ...	626	647	...	1,273				Opened in March. Railway work not included.
Nondweni, Zululand ...	1,414	845	2,530	4,789				" "
Nongoma ...	1,242	706	...	1,948				" "
Northdene ...	171	229	...	400				" "
Nottingham Road ...	1,083	1,265	...	2,348				Opened in March. Railway work not included.
Nqutu, Zululand ...	721	676	...	1,397				" "
Ottawa ...	128	127	...	255				" "
Park Rynie ...	392	266	...	658				" "
Phoenix ...	333	329	...	662				" "
Pietermaritzburg ...	66,261	96,982	205,818	369,061				" "
" " Rail ...	3,397	103	28	3,528				" "
Pieters ...	58	58	...	116				" "
Pinetown ...	1,442	2,011	...	3,453				" "
Point ...	13,654	10,646	...	24,300				" "

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RETURN OF REVENUE AND TRAFFIC, YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1898. (continued.)

Stations.	No. of Messages forwarded.	No. of Messages received.	Number of Messages Transmitted (including Second Transmission).	Total.	Value of Government Work.	Revenue.	Total Earnings including Government Work.	Remarks.
Port Shepstone ...	3,637	2,799	168	6,604				Railway work not included.
Reunion ...	146	161	...	307				
Richmond ...	3,875	3,707	1,440	9,022				Opened in Aug. Railway work not included.
Richmond Rail ...	161	8	...	169				" "
Rosetta ...	401	410	...	811				" "
South Coast Junction ...	435	401	...	836				" "
Stamford Hill ...	490	670	...	1,160				
Stanger ...	3,707	3,413	8,558	15,678				Opened in August.
Stanger Rail ...	92	1	...	93				
Sandays River ...	155	169	...	324				Railway work not included.
Thorroville Junction ...	1,038	809	...	1,847				
Tongaat ...	1,629	1,739	24	3,392				" "
Tugela Ferry ...	111	84	...	195				" "
Ubombo, Zululand ...	614	281	24	919				" "
Umbilo ...	3 1	512	...	853				" "
Umgeni ...	630	1,031	...	1,661				" "
Umlali ...	929	968	...	1,897				Opened in June. Railway work not included.
Umlali Rail ...	387	360	...	747				
Umsindasi ...	92	155	...	247				
Umsinga ...	920	614	1,418	2,952				Opened in December.
Umtamvuna ...	41	20	...	61				
Umzimkulu ...	465	636	...	1,101				
Umzinto ...	2,778	2,667	1,598	7,043				Opened in September.
Upper Tugela ...	142	148	...	290				Railway work not included.
Vanreenen ...	736	375	...	1,111				
Vants Drift ...	266	198	22	486				
Verulam ...	4,185	4,423	2,260	10,868				
Waschbank ...	1,200	974	...	2,174				Opened in March. "
Weenen ...	618	599	...	1,217				Railway work not included.
Wessels Nek ...	1,193	1,011	...	2,204				" "
Willow Grange ...	208	183	...	391				" "
York ...	179	212	...	391				" "
Zwaartkop ...	110	127	...	237				
Lords Ground, Durban ...	166	18	...	184				Temporary Office.
Show Ground, Maritzburg ...	84	4	...	88				" "
Richmond Camp ...	250	141	...	391				" "
Totals ...	352,690	367,735	485,882	1,206,307	10,958 17 0	27,856 1 5	38,814 18 5	