



COLONY OF NATAL.

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OF THE

Postmaster-General

FOR THE

YEAR 1901.

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REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL FOR THE YEAR 1901.

In accordance with the arrangement sanctioned last year, the comparative statement of revenue and expenditure is for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1901, in order to correspond with the figures in the Estimates, but the statistics are for the calendar year ending 31st December, 1901, for the purpose of maintaining the Colonial statistical records on the lines of former years.

POSTAL BRANCH.

The Postal Revenue for the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1901, amounted to £85,978 8s. 1d., and the expenditure to £59,585 16s. 11d., leaving a credit balance of £26,392 11s. 2d.

The estimated value of work done for other Government Departments, for which no payment is made, was £13,754, and the postage value of newspapers conveyed free between £7,000 and £8,000.

// The amount paid out on account of Crisis—that is, abnormal expenditure caused by the War—was £17,306 14s. 11d., a portion of which, it is hoped, may be recovered from the Imperial Government.

The prolongation of the War has necessitated a continuance of the arrangements for the conveyance of mails between Capetown and Durban by sea, but it is hoped that it will be practicable to revert to the overland route shortly.

From the same cause it has not been possible to hold a Conference of the representatives of the South African Postal Union, and various alterations of Postal arrangements affecting the South African Colonies generally have necessarily again been deferred. By agreement, however, with the Postmasters-General of the other Colonies a few alterations which should, properly, have been discussed at the next Conference have been made.

The principal alterations made during the year were :—

The Postal Draft Regulations were, in the interests of the public, amended with a view to simplifying their issue. The amount of business transacted in Natal has increased, but it is still so small that it is a question whether the continuance of the system is warranted.

Official letter-cards, embossed envelopes, and registered letter envelopes were introduced, and the use of private post cards with an adhesive half-penny stamp affixed, was authorised.

Money Order Conventions were entered into with British Central Africa and Ceylon, and Parcel Conventions with New Zealand and Ceylon. Negotiations were also opened with the Australian Colonies with a view to entering into Parcel Post Conventions, and the matter is still under the consideration of the Federated Government. In view of the increasing trade between South Africa and Australia, it is hoped that the direct exchange of parcels will be arranged at an early date.

A reduction of the rates of postage on parcels for Rhodesia from 2s. 6d. to 1s. 6d. per lb. was made.

For the convenience of passengers by the Homeward steamers from Capetown, a direct mail bag from Durban for the mail steamers was established, and the arrangement has been much appreciated.

// The various Army Post Offices, which had existed in Natal from shortly after the outbreak of the War, were closed except at Dundee, and for the convenience of soldiers the Department undertook to issue and cash British Postal Orders.

// Notwithstanding the issue of instructions by the Military Authorities, British stamps continued to be largely used for letters posted in Natal, but arrangements were made to exchange Natal for British stamps at the Civil Post Offices, with good results, and the number of letters now posted bearing English stamps is comparatively small.

The Postal Order Regulations were amended so as to allow postage stamps to be affixed to the face of the Orders to make up broken amounts. Orders for intermediate amounts will be issued as soon as a supply can be obtained from England.

1901 REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (continued).

At intervals during the past two years efforts have been made to arrange a Postal Order Convention with the Imperial Post Office, and attention to the matter has been promised, but so far nothing has resulted. It would undoubtedly be a great convenience to the Colony if small amounts could be remitted to the United Kingdom by means of Postal Orders, and it is hoped that the matter may eventually be arranged.

Authority has been given for the payment of compensation, up to a maximum value of £5, for the loss "in consequence of carelessness or theft on the part of a Post Office servant" of a registered letter. Compensation is given as an "act of grace," and not because of any legal liability.

A full Postal Service with the Transvaal and Orange River Colony was resumed after an interruption for nearly two years, but for the transmission of parcels a permit is still necessary.

Post-cart services were established between—

Rosetta and Kamburg,
Estcourt and Weenen,
Bulwer and Underberg,
Port Shepstone and Harding,

and the service between Maritzburg and Bulwer was increased from three times to six times a week.

A contract was entered into for the conveyance of mails between Stanger and Kearnsey by trains running over the Kearnsey private railway.

A fresh contract was entered into for the service between Mooi River and Reit Vlei.

Arrangements were made for the sale of the Post Office Guide at all Money Order Post Offices in the Colony, and it is evident that the public appreciated the facility, for the supply was soon exhausted.

The Imperial penny postage rate was extended to New Zealand and the Cook Islands.

During the year twenty-five Post Offices and Postal Agencies were opened, and four closed, making the total number 296, as compared with 275 in 1900.

It has not yet been considered advisable to re-open the Offices at De Jaager's Drift, Ellensdale, Eqwatsha, Hazeldene, Olivier's Hoek, Spitzkop, Meeran, Nondweni, Underberg, Upper Umhlathuze, which have been closed on account of the War.

The new Post Office at Stanger was occupied, and the Musgrave Road Office, Durban, was purchased during the year.

An offer was received from the Durban Corporation to sell the Durban Town Hall to the Government for £100,000, instead of building a new Post Office, and if certain conditions, which are objected to, can be modified, it is probable that the purchase will be completed.

Designs for new Post Offices at Maritzburg and Durban were invited, and the competition was keen. Mr. W. Lucas obtained the first prize for Maritzburg Office, and Messrs. Kent & Price for the Durban Office, but if the Town Hall be purchased the building of the latter will not be proceeded with.

Owing to labour difficulties, the prolongation of the War, and great pressure in the Public Works Department, the new offices authorised at Port Shepstone and Melmoth have not yet been built.

The work of the Department has grown so rapidly that at very few places is the office accommodation sufficient, and during the coming year provision has been made for either building new offices or enlarging the existing offices at Charlestown, Dundee, Newcastle, Verulam, Howick, Point, Mooi River, Weenen, Ladysmith, and Richmond.

The accommodation at Durban especially, but also at Maritzburg, is altogether inadequate, and the staff deserve sympathy for having to work under such trying conditions.

The opening of the Railway to Port Shepstone in July led to an improved Postal Service being given to that and other places on the South Coast, and to the discontinuance of a service by Native runners between Umzumbe and Port Shepstone.

Owing to the confusion of the names of the Umzumkulu (Natal) and Umzumkulu (Cape Colony) Post Offices, the name of the former was changed to Union Bridge.

The name the Dundee Coalfields Office was changed to Talana.

By the wreck of the *Tantallon Castle* outside Table Bay, the whole of the parcel mail from the United Kingdom was lost, with the exception of two boxes, the contents of which were damaged.

The *Dunottar Castle* also broke down after leaving Madeira, but the mails were transhipped, and, though delayed, none were lost.

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

Owing to the altered conditions in consequence of the War, which has led to a large increase in the weight of the mails from the United Kingdom, the contribution of the British Post Office to the subsidy of £135,000 a year for the conveyance of mails by the Union-Castle Company's mail steamers was increased, and the proportion payable by this Colony was reduced from £4,561 to £2,975.

Messrs. Rennie & Sons and King & Co. have continued to convey the outward United Kingdom mails from Durban to Capetown, and although, owing to stress of weather, the connection was missed on one occasion, and several times the Homeward steamers have had to be detained for some hours at Capetown, the service has, on the whole, been creditably performed.

The S.S. *Umzimvubu* has conveyed the inward United Kingdom and Cape mails from East London to Durban throughout the year, and the service has worked in a satisfactory manner.

TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

The following comparative statement shows the work in the Telegraph Branch during the last three years :—

Year.	Forwarded.	Received.	Transmitted.	Total.	Increase.
1899	... 497,466	509,829	637,270	1,644,565	438,258
1900	... 716,824	740,362	867,647	2,324,833	680,268
1901	... 830,314	860,580	986,136	2,677,030	352,197

Increase since 1899, approximately, 62 per cent.

For the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1901, the receipts for telegraphic business amounted to £53,350 11s. 2d., and £29,415 7s. 11d. represented the value of work done for Government Departments, making a total of £82,765 19s. 1d., an increase on the previous year of £3,913 8s.

The expenditure on Telegraph account during the same period was £51,849 18s. 3d., including a sum of £12,583 3s. paid on crisis account, leaving a balance in favour of the Department of £30,916 0s. 10d.

The amount received from the Military Authorities for the transmission of Military telegrams at half-rates was £28,548 11s. 5d., an increase of £11,936 14s. 11d. over the previous year.

The following Telegraph and Telephone Stations were opened during the year :—Boscobella, Drimmond, Esperanza, Fountain, Harrison, Hospital Siding, Merebank, North Stepstone, Umlaas Road, Umzimvubu, Glen Isla, Gourton, Loskop, New Guelderland, Rosebank, and Springfield.

On the 31st of December there were 159 Telegraph Offices in the Colony.

During the year the following Offices were raided by the enemy :—Acton Homes, Upper Tugela, Nondweni, and Dewdrop.

The Nondweni Office has been closed since July owing to the unsettled state of the country.

The following Construction Works were carried out during the year :—

Two additional wires were erected between Charlestown and Volksrust. This now gives the Department three clear lines to the Transvaal Border, and provision is being made for a fourth.

New line between Estcourt and Springfield, with Telephone connections at Loskop, Gourton, Glen Isla, and Springfield.

New wire from Hilton Road to Howick Rail. This line considerably reduces the delay between Pietermaritzburg and Hilton Road.

Additional wire between Durban and Avoca.

A new wire establishing telephonic communication between Stanger and New Guelderland.

Numerous works were carried out for the Military Authorities during the year, among which the following are worthy of mention :—

Line between Blaauwbank and Acton Homes, connecting Blockhouses at those places and at Middledale with Ladysmith and Upper Tugela.

The establishment of telephonic communication between Talana and the Blockhouses along the Buffalo Railway line.

The erection of 25 miles of line between Krantzkop and Military outposts in the neighbourhood.

The carrying out of these works and others of lesser importance has retarded Departmental work.

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

Other works, including the construction of a number of telephone lines between Railway Stations and Colliery Offices in the northern part of the Colony, were also carried out.

Owing to the increased volume of business the staff of messengers had to be considerably augmented during the year.

The night school established for messengers has been fairly well attended, but there is a disinclination on the part of several of the boys to attend the school, although every encouragement is given them to do so.

I am, however, glad to state that three of the messengers passed the recent examination for Telegraph Learners, and I have hopes that this will act as an incentive to others.

To enable as many messengers as possible to attend the night school, and to obviate their being on duty late at night, Indian Messengers are now employed at Pietermaritzburg and Durban for the delivery of telegrams received after 8 p.m., and the arrangement has, so far, worked well.

The introduction of bicycles has much improved the delivery service, but there are still cases of loitering on the part of the messengers. Their excuses, of which the following is a fair illustration, are sometimes curious:—"I went to 1, Berg Street, and after I went up Pine Street, and the hill is very steep near Loop Street and I could not stop myself, and the bicycle took me into the Park."

I am glad to say that there has been a marked improvement in the conduct of the messengers, as a body, notwithstanding the misconduct of a minority.

The new system introduced during the year, whereby learners entering the Department are required to attend at the Telegraph Office only until they are proficient in telegraphy, has resulted in the youths making very satisfactory progress, and rendering good service. Under the previous system the learners were required to perform a portion of their duty in learning Postal and Telegraph work at the same time, and their progress was consequently slow.

The progress made is all the more gratifying, as during the year some difficulty was experienced in obtaining skilled telegraphists from the Home Department owing to the very heavy drain by the War on the English service. With the improvement shown by the learners it is hoped that very shortly it will not be necessary to import telegraphists.

On the 20th July, 1900, after a stoppage of nearly ten months, arrangements were made for the acceptance in Natal of public telegrams for certain offices in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. The concession was also granted to the Cape Colony, but owing to the wire accommodation between the Cape Colony and the Transvaal being insufficient, a good deal of the Cape-Transvaal traffic circulated *via* Natal.

Owing to the wires available being unable to carry the Military and paid traffic for the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, the transmission of paid traffic was stopped on the 31st December, 1900.

Representations were, however, made later, and arrangements were again made from the 2nd September, 1901, for the exchanging of public traffic between Natal and the Transvaal, and the work has been got through without being unduly delayed.

The rates on cables exchanged between Europe and Natal were reduced from the 1st of January from 4s. to 3s. 6d. a word, and the rate per word in regard to indulgence cablegrams, *i.e.*, cablegrams sent from officers and men on active service for which no local rate is charged, was reduced from 2s. to 1s. 9d. a word.

Under the new agreement with the Eastern and South African Telegraph Company, which was signed on the 27th of July, 1901, and which provides for the subsidy payable being refunded when the Company's receipts exceed £300,000 a year, the annual subsidy paid by Natal—£825—was refunded by the Company to the Agent-General.

As will be seen from the following statement, the opening of the cable between Durban and Perth (Western Australia) on the 1st of November led to a large reduction in the rates on cables exchanged between Australia and South Africa:—

				Old Rate.	New Rate
				s. d.	s. d.
New South Wales	...	...	...	7 4	2 4½
South and West Australia	...	...	...	7 2	2 3
Tasmania	...	...	...	7 0	2 8½
New Zealand	...	...	...	7 7	3 1
New Caledonia	...	...	...	8 2	3 8
Queensland	...	...	...	7 6	3 0
Victoria	...	...	...	7 1	2 9

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

Arrangements had been made for the holding of the International Telegraph Conference in London during 1901, and for this Colony to be represented by the British delegates, but after consideration the British Postmaster-General came to the conclusion that, in consequence of the death of Her late Majesty, it was desirable to postpone the Conference until 1902. This was agreed to by the various Administrations. A further communication has been received notifying the postponement of the Conference until the year 1903.

The number of connections at the Telephone Exchange on the 31st of December was 288, including extensions and Government connections.

On the 20th of August, 1901, authority was obtained to reduce the telephone rates as follows:—

	Old Rate.	New Rate.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Within a radius of two miles	16 0 0	10 0 0
For each additional quarter mile or portion thereof	1 10 0	1 0 0

This reduction, it is hoped, will lead to a large number of connections being made with outlying residences.

The accommodation at the Telephone Exchange is exceedingly cramped, and steps have been taken with a view to the removal of the Exchange to temporary premises which are being erected on the land purchased for a new Post and Telegraph Office.

On permanent premises being obtained, it is hoped that it will be possible to commence the new "Metallic Return" System, which it is estimated will cost about £20,000, and to reduce the charges for connections with private houses.

Negotiations were entered into with a view to purchasing the private Telephone System at Durban, but the Corporation there eventually decided to purchase and work it themselves.

It is proposed to establish Telephone Exchanges at Ladysmith, Newcastle, and Dundee, and in the event of inter-Colonial telephonic communication being established, I foresee considerable difficulty in extending it to Durban, as the other systems throughout South Africa are controlled and worked by the different Governments.

Owing to the great increase of traffic, and to meet the requirements of the Military Authorities in regard to all night attendance, it was found necessary to considerably increase the staff at the larger offices in the Colony.

On the occasion of my visiting certain of the smaller offices, I found it necessary to appoint assistants to relieve the Postmasters and ensure a more efficient performance of the duties.

There is still a Military Censorship over telegrams, but this, I am glad to state, is carried out without friction, as is shown by the following letter received from the Press Censor on the occasion of his leaving Maritzburg:—

"I cannot leave the Press Censor's Department, which I have served in since February, 1901, without expressing my great admiration for the excellence of the system, regularity and discipline, and above all for the great courtesy, assistance and kindness shown me by all the members of the Postal Telegraph Staff at Pietermaritzburg.

"While assistant, and when acting Chief Censor, I have had opportunities that few outsiders have had of observing the inner working of the service. Consequently I have taken this opportunity of thanking the staff for all they have done in helping me in what would otherwise have been a very disagreeable duty."

Mr. Glyn, who was acting as Press Censor for nearly two years, also expressed his high appreciation of the invariable courtesy shewn him, and of the great assistance rendered to him by the officers of the Department.

Owing to there being no direct communication between Harrismith and Bloemfontein, a considerable amount of Military traffic was performed for the Military Authorities, all telegrams to and from the columns operating in the North-East of the Orange River Colony having to be transmitted over the Natal lines.

It has been the practice for some time to allow Stationmasters commission on telegrams dealt with at their stations, but as this involved a good deal of accounting work, it was arranged from the 1st of July to pay a combined salary for the Postal and Telegraph duties performed.

Arrangements were also made from the 1st of April to bring the cable charges to account on telegrams by means of stamps, and to recover the amount due to the Eastern Telegraph Company from Revenue. The amount due to the Eastern Company had previously been sent to the Head Office in coin, a most unsatisfactory arrangement.

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

This Department, which constructs and maintains the Railway Department's Telegraphic System, had during the year some difficulty in obtaining Telegraph Linemen with a knowledge of Electric Train Staff and Phonopore Telephone Instruments, and suitable men were only obtained on a higher rate of wage being offered. I have made provision in the Estimates for 1902-3 for the training of a number of local youths as skilled Linemen and Mechanics, with a view to eventually recruiting the service entirely from the Colony.

Messengers were placed at several railway stations for the delivery of telegrams, but owing to the high rate of wages which had to be paid, and the difficulty in obtaining Natives, I was not able to extend the delivery to other places, but I hope to extend the system when times become normal.

I have been in communication with the Corporation regarding the establishment of a Fire Alarm System for the City, and the advice of Sir William Preece has been obtained as to what would be the best system for Pietermaritzburg.

During the year efforts were made to have the restriction on Code messages relaxed, but the Military Authorities stated that nothing could be done at present.

Owing to interruptions of the telegraph lines in the Cape Colony, there were at times heavy delays on traffic to and from Capetown, but it is hoped that as the country is now more settled, and as the Cape Department has promised to meet this Department at the Border with another line as soon as it can be constructed, delays will be reduced.

Provision was made during the year for the sale at the principal Telegraph Offices of bound interleaved telegraph forms, and it has been found to be a convenience to the public.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The number of persons employed by the Department on 31st December, 1901, was 1,237, of whom 253 were on the Fixed Establishment.

Owing to pressure of work at Headquarters, and the unsettled conditions which have prevailed, I have found it a matter of difficulty to devote as much time as I should like to personal inspection—to which I attach much importance—but during the year I visited all Head Offices in the Colony, with the exception of three, and I hope to visit those at an early date.

Perhaps the best illustration of the exceptional growth of the work of the Department will be found in the following figures:—

	1900.	1901.	Increase.
Number of Letter and Parcel Mails dealt with ...	295,553	426,743	131,190
Number of Letters, Newspapers, Parcels, &c., received ...	13,309,046	21,699,587	8,390,541
Number of Letters, Newspapers, Parcels, &c., posted ...	10,552,883	17,302,727	6,749,844
Number of Articles Registered ...	174,038	227,772	53,734
	<u>24,035,967</u>	<u>39,230,086</u>	<u>15,194,119</u>

Increase in postal articles dealt with, approximately, 63 per cent.

As already shown, the increase of telegraph work since 1899 amounts to about 62 per cent.

The growth of work performed free for other Government Departments calls for special comment. A scrutiny of telegrams sent "On Service" clearly shows that telegrams on *bonâ fide* official business are often sent when letters would answer the purpose; messages are unnecessarily long, and in numerous instances the subject can hardly be described as official. If these telegrams had to be paid for by the respective Departments, as in the Cape Colony, there is little doubt that the number of messages and the number of words would be reduced by fully a third.

The unnecessary use of the wires by Government Departments, especially at a time like the present, when all wires are crowded, naturally causes delay to public messages, heavy expense to this Department, and, indirectly, a waste of public money.

The special attention of the Government is being called to the matter, and it is hoped that some improvement will be the result.

A postman at Durban was prosecuted for theft of letters, and convicted, and a clerk at Pinetown was prosecuted for a similar offence.

Arrangements have been made to abolish the separate Telegraph stamp, and when the fresh issue has been received the same stamp will be used for Postage, Telegraphic, and Revenue purposes. This should prove a convenience to the public.

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

During the year the Department lost the valuable services of Mr. Hardaker, Telegraph Engineer; Mr. Long, Controller of Telegraphs, Maritzburg; Mr. Aitken, Mr. Thomalla, and Mr. Fiddes, owing to their transfer to the Transvaal Post Office Department, and of Mr. P. Pope, a promising telegraphist, by death.

The absences on account of sickness have been numerous. No doubt the unhealthy conditions under which clerks at the larger offices have had to work, together with the strain caused by the exceptional pressure of business which has continued throughout the year, are in a large measure the causes, but there is reason to suspect that some officers have malingered, and it has, therefore, been necessary to lay down certain conditions which must be observed before full pay during the period of absence can be granted.

* It is unfortunate that trustworthy officers have to suffer for the unsatisfactory conduct of the few.

With a few exceptions, the conduct of the officers of the Department has been excellent, and I cannot speak too highly of the cheerful manner in which exceptional pressure has been met, notwithstanding the prolonged strain to which all classes have been subjected during the past two-and-a-half years.

I trust that better times are coming, and that it will soon be practicable to allow officers who have rendered such sterling service throughout the War to take a well-deserved rest.

In certain districts great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining Native runners, and the Postal Services have consequently been dislocated at times. There appears to be a disinclination to order out Natives for such work, and when ordered out the wages insisted upon have been 50 per cent. or more higher than paid to runners doing voluntary service. The result has been that the runners previously employed have become discontented, and it has been necessary to give a general increase in wages, which, in turn, has caused Natives in private employment to be dissatisfied, and called forth protests from farmers in the districts concerned.

J. FRANK BROWN,
Postmaster-General.

Pietermaritzburg, 1st March, 1902.

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH.]

REPORT OF THE
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF POSTAL AND

Expenditure.	Financial Year 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.			Financial Year 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries	43,835	3	1	50,550	7	2	6,715	4	1	...		
CONTINGENT AND OTHER EXPENSES—												
Commission on Sale of Stamps	521	3	3	650	7	9	129	4	6	...		
Overtime Attendance, Sorting Seaborne Mails	1,558	11	9	2,087	4	11	528	13	2	...		
Petty Expenses, including Date Stamps ...	684	11	11	629	18	0	...			54	13	11
Travelling Expenses	305	12	1	487	6	8	181	14	7	...		
Commission to Postmasters not wholly employed on Money Order duties ...	14	18	10	30	16	7	15	17	9	...		
Remuneration to Stationmasters as Post- masters	90	17	11	103	18	6	13	0	7	...		
Learners and Probationers	136	3	0	559	12	8	423	9	8	...		
Battery and Instrument Materials ...	632	10	5	614	19	10	...			17	10	7
Percentage to Stationmasters	1,088	8	5	1,117	10	11	29	2	6	...		
Porterage and Disbursements	13	0	11	56	0	2	42	19	3	...		
Uniform Clothing for European Messengers	415	8	0	350	2	6	...			65	4	6
Stationery, Printing, and Stamps ...	993	18	6	922	15	3	...			71	3	3
Allowance in lieu of Quarters	166	12	6	90	0	0	...			76	12	6
Bicycles for European Messengers ...	178	17	0	263	5	3	84	8	3	...		
Refund on Rhodesian Messages	160	8	8	464	0	7	303	12	3	...		
	6,961	3	2	8,428	0	11	1,467	2	6	285	4	9
MAILS—												
Travelling Post Office	535	1	2	...			...			535	1	2
Private Ships	480	4	2	385	3	4	...			95	0	10
Landing and Shipping Mails	390	4	6	550	5	0	160	0	6	...		
Inland Contracts	8,661	2	11	9,292	9	7	631	6	8	...		
Native Carriers, Stampers, and Messengers	3,660	19	1	4,069	12	2	408	13	1	...		
Rations and Clothing to Carriers ...	1,707	17	2	1,972	4	11	264	7	9	...		
Supply and Repair of Mail Bags, etc. ..	346	11	3	430	6	4	83	15	1	...		
European Letter Carriers	3,640	13	8	4,433	17	9	793	4	1	...		
	19,422	13	11	21,133	19	1	2,341	7	2	630	2	0
Carried forward	70,219	0	2	80,112	7	2	10,808	13	9	915	6	9

POSTMASTER-GENERAL (continued).

TELEGRAPH EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE.

Revenue.	Financial Year 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.	Financial Year 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sale of Postage Stamps, Postage, and Sur- charges	61,782 18 4	79,203 5 1	17,420 6 9	...
Sale of Telegraph Stamps	31,465 17 8	31,438 12 8	...	27 5 0
Poundage on Postal Orders	263 14 7	397 14 8	134 0 1	...
Private Box Rents	838 5 0	1,111 10 3	273 14 3	...
Commission on Stamps Purchased... ..	1 6 2	1 11 9	0 5 7	...
Private Bag Rents	264 7 2	293 13 4	29 6 2	...
Fees on Money Orders Issued	3,203 13 0	4,240 17 3	1,037 4 3	...
Commission on Money Order Accounts	299 10 9	327 14 3	28 3 6	...
Registration Fees, Telegraph	320 19 0	407 8 0	86 9 0	...
Telephone Subscriptions	1,544 15 11	1,870 0 6	325 4 7	...
Amount Received from Eastern Company	5,406 12 9	2,179 1 8	...	3,227 11 1
Received from Chief Paymaster on Trans- mitted Military Messages	8,209 7 11	15,011 12 7	6,802 4 8	...
Sale of Government Property, Postal	80 0 0	4 9 0	...	75 11 0
" " Telegraph ... ..	...	13 5 11	13 5 11	...
Forfeited Money Orders	87 6 4	210 16 2	123 9 10	...
Sums Refunded, Postal	58 5 6	132 2 4	73 16 10	...
" " Telegraph	6 8 0	...	...	6 8 0
Special Receipts, Postal	35 13 3	22 3 0	...	13 10 3
" " Telegraph	5 5 6	16 4 4	10 18 10	...
General Deposits, Postal	0 1 0	32 2 0	32 1 0	...
" " Telegraph	3 6 3	1 18 8	...	1 7 7
Reimbursements, Telegraph	1,704 13 9	2,404 7 10	699 14 1	...
Fines, Postal	5 0 2	...	...	5 0 2
Miscellaneous. Telegraph	7 19 4	7 19 0	...	0 0 4
Actual Revenue	115,595 7 4	139,328 19 3	27 090 5 4	3,356 13 5
Net Increases of Actual Receipts :— £23,733 11s. 11d.				
Value of Government Work, Postal	11,236 0 0	13,754 0 0	2,518 0 0	...
" " Telegraph	19,540 11 1	29,415 7 11	9,874 16 10	...
Value of Newspaper Work for which Postage is not paid, Estimated	7,500 0 0	7,500 0 0	...	...
Official Telephone Connections calculated at Ordinary Rate	520 0 0	540 0 0	20 0 0	...
Electric Bells, Government Offices	100 0 0	100 0 0	...	...
Maintenance of Line between Durban and Observatory... ..	12 0 0	12 0 0
Carried forward	154,503 18 5	190,650 7 2	39,502 2 2	3,356 13 5

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REPORT OF THE

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF POSTAL AND

Expenditure.	Financial Year 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.	Financial Year 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought Forward	70,219 0 2	80,112 7 2	10,808 13 9	915 6 9
MAINTENANCE—				
Maintenance of Lines	1,083 8 4	794 9 4	...	288 19 0
MISCELLANEOUS—				
Transit of Correspondence	6,583 14 9	9,400 12 9	2,816 18 0	...
Commission on Money Orders	951 3 8	1,253 16 1	303 12 5	...
Supply of Postage Stamps	1,003 9 7	2,085 6 3	1,081 16 8	...
Contribution to International Bureau ... ..	...	9 7 3	9 7 3	...
Loss of Registered Letter, Compensation ... ..	...	5 0 0	5 0 0	...
Passages of the late Postmaster-General and Family ... ..	...	227 17 6	227 17 0	...
Passages of Postmaster-General's Family ... ..	...	226 18 6	226 18 6	...
Contribution to International Telegraph Convention, Berne... ..	15 9 6	18 7 10	2 18 4	...
Salaries, Maintenance, and Rent, Telephone System	971 13 2	1,056 12 5	84 19 3	...
Electric Bells, Government Offices	56 14 8	109 14 1	52 19 5	...
Postage of Official Letters	69 5 8	87 6 5	18 0 9	...
Subsidy, Ocean Telegraphs	3,614 8 5	412 10 0	...	3,201 18 5
Cost of Time Gun	50 13 6	...	...	50 13 6
Improvements to Telephone System	1,356 18 0	1,750 7 1	393 9 1	...
General Stores	531 16 5	...	...	531 16 5
Installation, new Electric Bell System, Legislative Assembly ... ..	...	137 0 0	137 0 0	...
	15,205 7 4	16,780 15 8	5,359 16 8	3,784 8 4
RENT—				
Rent, Post and Telegraph Offices	1,080 0 0	1,165 0 0	85 0 0	...
Balance in favour of the Department	87,587 15 10 66,916 2 7	98,852 12 2 91,797 15 0
	154,503 18 5	190,650 7 2

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TELEGRAPH EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE.

Revenue.	Financial Year 1st July, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.	Financial Year 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought Forward	154,503 18 5	190,650 7 2	39,502 2 2	3,356 13 5
Net Increase, £36,146 8s. 9d.				
	154,503 18 5	190,650 7 2		...

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

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MONEY ORDERS ISSUED.

Payable in.	1900.		1901.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Natal	23,825	84,248 17 4	25,557	95,613 18 11	1,732	11,365 1 7	...	...
United Kingdom	37,966	134,075 4 9	47,226	166,396 0 0	9,260	32,320 15 3	...	...
Cape Colony	7,780	27,261 12 5	7,809	28,643 3 1	29	1,381 10 8	...	...
Orange River Colony	91	191 2 0	291	749 3 2	200	558 1 2	...	...
Rhodesia	74	279 8 5	134	568 8 11	60	289 0 6	...	...
St. Helena	85	143 10 11	112	315 11 2	27	172 0 4	...	...
Mauritius	801	2,725 9 0	793	2,763 10 0	...	38 1 0	8	...
British India	9,895	59,253 8 9	12,710	82,132 13 0	2,821	22,879 4 3	...	...
Australasia	2,332	10,758 7 0	3,476	17,908 15 0	1,144	7,150 8 0	...	...
Ceylon ... ..	...	...	112	489 15 2	112	489 15 2	...	...
British Central Africa ... ..	...	...	3	15 19 11	3	15 19 11	...	...
Total	82,849	318,937 0 7	98,229	395,596 18 5	15,388	76,659 17 10	8	...

NET INCREASE:—No. of Orders, 15,388. Value, £76,659 17s. 10d.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MONEY ORDERS PAID.

Issued in.	1900.		1901.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Natal	23,691	83,631 16 3	25,397	95,015 7 6	1,706	11,383 11 3	...	...
United Kingdom	5,506	19,515 18 4	4,632	15,827 9 10	...	...	874	3,688 8 6
Cape Colony	10,200	35,170 1 10	15,666	40,863 4 0	5,466	5,693 2 2	...	...
Orange River Colony	236	603 1 1	2,027	4,737 19 6	1,791	4,134 18 5	...	...
Rhodesia	11	1,187 17 10	636	2,653 6 4	325	1,465 8 6	...	...
St. Helena	10	71 13 6	20	59 2 8	10	...	...	12 10 10
Mauritius	53	100 0 4	51	144 10 1	...	44 9 9	2	...
British India	105	364 17 9	129	574 6 1	24	209 8 4	...	...
Australasia	256	1,091 10 0	272	1,039 3 4	16	...	...	52 6 8
Ceylon ... ..	...	...	11	26 12 9	11	26 12 9	...	...
British Central Africa ... ..	...	...	23	99 7 6	23	99 7 6	...	...
*Transvaal	10	60 14 6	...	...	...	...	10	60 14 6
Total	40,378	141,797 11 5	48,864	161,040 9 7	9,372	23,056 18 8	886	3,814 0 6

NET INCREASE:—No. of Orders, 8,486; Value, £19,242 18s. 2d.

*Money Order Business suspended when War declared.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDERS ISSUED.

Country on which Drawn.	1900.		1901.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Natal ...	1,015	5,139 5 9	826	4,458 15 11	...	...	189	680 9 10
Cape Colony ...	1,636	8,921 9 11	1,496	7,935 10 3	...	...	140	985 19 8
Totals ...	2,651	14,060 15 8	2,322	12,394 6 2	329	1,666 9 6

NET DECREASE:—No. 329 ; Amount, £1,666 9s. 6d.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDERS PAID.

Country on which Issued.	1900.		1901.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Natal	997	5,009 5 3	861	4,681 19 3	...	...	136	327 6 0
Cape Colony	2,442	15,097 6 10	2,639	12,860 8 2	196	...	...	2,236 18 8
Transvaal	2	11 0 0	...	...	...	...	2	11 0 0
Total	3,442	20,117 12 1	3,500	17,542 7 5	196	...	138	2,575 4 8

NET INCREASE :—No., 58. NET DECREASE :—Amount, £2,575 4s. 8d.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED BY THE ADJOINING ADMINISTRATIONS
AND PAID IN NATAL.

Issued In.	Denomination.										Totals.	
	1s.	1s. 6d.	2s. 6d.	5s.	7s. 6d.	10s.	12s. 6d.	15s.	17s. 6d.	20s.	No.	Amount.
Cape Colony ...	278	246	520	1,045	27	770	49	100	48	902	3,985	£ s. d. 1,803 7 0
British Postal Orders ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38,554	25,423 16 6
Totals, 1901 ...	278	246	520	1,045	27	770	49	100	48	902	42,539	27,227 3 6
Totals, 1900 ...	295	226	239	523	71	491	30	66	11	790	2,742	1,332 6 6
Increase, 1901 ...	...	20	281	522	...	279	19	34	37	112	*39,858	25,912 4 0
Decrease, 1901 ...	17	...	...	...	44	...	...	...	...	...	61	17 7 0

* Including British Postal Orders from June, 1901.

NET INCREASE :—No., 39,797 ; Amount, £25,894 17s.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED IN NATAL, AND PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT IN THE RESPECTIVE COLONIES DURING THE YEAR.

Where Paid.	Denomination.										Totals.	
	1s.	1s. 6d.	2s. 6d.	5s.	7s. 6d.	10s.	12s. 6d.	15s.	17s. 6d.	20s.	No.	Amount.
												£ s. d.
Natal	4,659	3,743	3,760	9,378	1,716	8,404	797	1,729	592	15,562	50,340	26,048 11 0
Cape Colony	328	264	214	325	82	362	52	60	18	757	2,462	1,206 4 0
Orange River Colony	23	18	12	21	10	26	2	10	1	76	199	111 12 6
Rhodesia	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	0 16 0
Totals, 1901	5,011	4,025	3,986	9,725	1,808	8,793	851	1,799	611	16,395	53,004	27,367 3 6
Totals, 1900	3,821	2,624	2,872	5,762	1,398	6,592	724	1,765	520	14,441	40,519	22,679 17 0
Increase, 1901	1,190	1,401	1,114	3,963	410	2,201	127	34	91	1,954	12,485	4,687 6 6

NET INCREASE :—No., 12,485 ; Amount, £4,687 6s. 6d.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF POSTAL DRAFTS ISSUED AND COLLECTED IN THE COLONY.

	1900	1901.	Increase.	Decrease.
Number of Drafts issued in Natal	20	31	11	...
" " " Cape Colony for Collection in Natal	172	71	...	101
" " " Natal, honoured	8	6	...	2
" " " Cape Colony for Collection, honoured	71	18	...	53
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Amount of Drafts issued in Natal	88 18 4	116 18 4	28 0 0	...
" " " Cape Colony for Collection in Natal	604 17 0	282 5 0	...	322 12 0
" of Natal Drafts honoured	27 2 3	33 19 6	6 17 3	...
" of Drafts issued in Cape Colony on Natal, honoured	232 9 8	73 14 10	...	158 14 10

NET DECREASE :—No., 145 ; Amount, £446 9s. 7d.

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STATEMENT OF THE POST OFFICES AND AGENCIES OPEN ON DECEMBER 31st, 1901, AS COMPARED WITH THE NUMBER ON DECEMBER 31st, 1900.

Class of Office.	1900.	1901.	Increase.	Decrease.
Post Offices	195	226	31	...
Post Office Agencies	61	46	...	15
Agencies at Railway Stations	19	24	5	...
Total	275	296	36	15

NET INCREASE—21.

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STATEMENT OF POST OFFICES AND POST OFFICE AGENCIES OPENED DURING 1901.

Name of Office.	Service Established.
Abercainey	Daily.
Albertina	"
Boscobello	"
Brookes	Three per week.
Broadmoor	"
Drummond	Daily.
Embabane	Two per week.
Fountain Hall	Daily.
Georgedale	Three per week.
Harrison	Daily.
Highfield	"
Himeville	Three per week.
Loteni	"
Melietuin	Daily.
Merebank	"
Modder Spruit	"
North Shepstone	"
Scottsburg	"
Sea View	"
Sunday's River	"
Umkunya	"
Umlaas Road	"
Umzumbi Rail	"
Wakefield	"
Wonderboom	Two per week.

The following Offices and Agencies were closed :—

* Elizabeth, Fairview, Islington, and Scotston.

* Re-opened under another name.

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REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (*continued*).COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DELIVERY
WITHIN THE COLONY; OF CORRESPONDENCE POSTED WITHIN THE
COLONY; AND OF NUMBER OF ARTICLES REGISTERED AT OFFICES
IN THE COLONY.

Correspondence Received.	1900.	1901.	Increase.	Decrease.
Letters, Official	826,624	1,142,479	315,855	...
Letters, Ordinary ...*	8,198,241	13,731,744	5,533,503	...
Postcards.	209,498	321,841	112,343	...
Parcels	107,934	168,844	60,910	...
Books and Sample Packets	1,161,246	2,514,291	1,353,045	...
Papers	2,805,503	3,820,388	1,014,885	...
Total	13,309,046	*21,699,587	8,390,541	...
Correspondence Posted	10,552,883	17,302,727	6,749,844	...
Articles Registered	174,038	227,772	53,734	...

* Of this number it is estimated that 7,928,000 were delivered by Postmen.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ARTICLES DEALT WITH IN THE RETURNED
LETTER BRANCH.

Correspondence.	1900	1901.	Increase.	Decrease.
Returned to Writers within the Colony ...	66,639	80,265	13,626	...
Returned unopened to other Countries ...	72,880	54,304	...	18,576
Destroyed	52,294	48,566	...	5,728
Total	191,813	183,135	13,626	24,304

NET DECREASE:—8,678.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF THE NUMBER OF BAGS, AND CASES OF PARCELS DEALT WITH.

	1900.	1901.	Increase.	Decrease
Exchanged between Offices in the Colony	237,542	355,844	118,302	...
Despatched to adjoining Territories	6,520	19,039	12,519	...
Received from adjoining Territories	7,820	21,081	13,261	...
Bags Despatched to the United Kingdom	3,940	4,501	561	...
Bags Received from the United Kingdom	7,050	8,060	1,010	...
Bags Despatched to Foreign Countries	5,148	2,290	...	2,858
Bags Received from Foreign Countries	9,735	3,168	...	6,567
Bags Received in Transit	15,480	8,986	...	6,494
Boxes of Parcels Despatched to United Kingdom	631	532	...	99
Boxes of Parcels Received from United Kingdom	1,687	3,242	1,555	...
Total	295,553	426,743	147,208	16,018

NET INCREASE, 131,190.

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DEPT. OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS	POST OFFICE MUSEUM	VICTORIA	POSTKANTOOR MUSEUM	DEPT. VAN POSTEN-TELEGRAAF WERK
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FOREIGN AND OVERBERG PARCELS TRAFFIC.

	1900.	1901.	Increase.	Decrease.
Number of Parcels despatched to the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries	26,045	17,339	...	8,706
Number of Parcels received from the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries	39,536	44,623	5,087	...
Total	65,581	61,962	5,087	*8,706
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Value of Articles Exported to the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries ...	21,178 9 7	16,124 0 9	...	5,054 8 10
Value of Articles Imported from the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries	72,265 9 11	126,580 9 1	54,311 19 2	...
Amount of Customs Dues collected on Parcels and Letters from the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries ...	4,749 9 4	7,880 12 8	3,131 3 4	...
Amount of Customs Dues collected on Parcels and Letters from Countries Overberg	437 9 10	383 18 0	246 8 2	...

*NET DECREASE :—3,619.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MILEAGE OF POSTAL ROUTE OPEN.

Service.	1900.	1901.	Increase.	Decrease.
Railway	591 $\frac{3}{4}$	618	26 $\frac{1}{4}$	...
Post Cart	251	378	127	...
Carriers	2,213	2,297	84	...
Total	3,055 $\frac{3}{4}$	3,293	237 $\frac{1}{4}$...

INCREASE :—237 $\frac{1}{4}$.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXTENT OF POSTAL ROUTE TRAVERSED
IN MILEAGE.

Service.	1900.	1901.	Increase.	Decrease.
Railway	789,741	1,006,349	216,608	...
Post Cart	93,184	133,445	40,261	...
Carriers	912,449	972,008	59,559	...
Total	1,795,374	2,111,802	316,428	...

INCREASE :—316,428.

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MISSING LETTER RECORD, 1901.

Duly delivered	20
Misdirected or insufficiently addressed	30
Not posted when stated, and afterwards delivered	7
Awaiting application	1
Doubtful if posted	2
Lost or unclaimed by addressee	3
Delivered after some delay	13
Never posted	7
Returned to senders for various reasons	3
No trace	162

TELEGRAPHS.]

RETURN OF CABLE TRAFFIC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1901.

Month.	Number of Mes- sages received from 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.	Amount received on behalf of B.S.A. Company	Amount 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 Messages received from Eastern Telegraph Company for re-transmission.	Total amount received by Department on Messages received from Eastern Company for re- transmission.
1901.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January ...	3,026	3,127	6,153	4,414 10 3	57 5 0½	71 18 9	249 16 6½	40 5 7	419 5 11
February ...	1,895	2,182	4,077	2,751 13 6½	28 11 7½	40 5 10½	138 7 1½	25 18 9	233 3 4½
March ...	2,139	2,237	4,376	*92 7 4 } 2,636 11 2 }	22 17 1½	28 18 8½	135 13 10	31 1 10	213 11 6
April ...	2,159	2,135	4,294	*1 13 9 } 2,674 9 10 }	27 19 11	40 5 6½	149 19 4½	158 7 11½	376 12 9½
May ...	2,432	2,045	4,477	*4 17 8 } 2,116 2 9½ }	49 19 1½	32 18 2	184 14 5	78 18 8	346 10 4½
June ...	2,340	2,388	4,728	2,757 13 3	57 13 5	35 8 11	166 14 7½	256 7 2½	516 4 2
July ...	2,370	2,189	4,559	*178 14 9½ } 2,386 8 3 }	47 5 4½	29 4 0½	154 14 1½	113 10 3	344 13 9½
August ...	2,379	2,968	5,347	*13 2 6 } 3,583 3 1½ }	43 13 6	16 6 11	167 18 0	88 4 8	316 3 1
September ...	2,386	2,916	5,302	*11 16 4½ } 3,852 6 0 }	33 12 10½	30 4 0	158 8 6½	84 6 7	306 12 0
October ...	2,549	3,269	5,818	4,297 5 0½	37 10 11	12 12 8	180 17 2	93 11 2½	324 11 11
November ...	2,944	3,309	6,253	*3 6 5 } 4,224 11 11½ }	24 18 5½	33 5 2	161 13 7	126 8 9	346 5 11½
December ...	3,484	3,860	7,344	*8 5 3 } 4,457 3 9 }	34 13 0½	19 17 8½	216 11 5	115 7 6	386 9 8
	30,103	32,625	62,728	40,475 3 0½	466 0 5	391 6 5½	2,065 8 9	1,212 8 11	4,135 4 6½

*Western.

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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, 1900	1,422 $\frac{3}{4}$	3,629 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{3}{4}$	175 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$
Year ended 31st December, 1901	1,512	3,754 $\frac{1}{4}$	29 $\frac{3}{4}$	145	23 $\frac{1}{4}$	80 $\frac{1}{2}$

TELEGRAPHS.]

REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL (continued).

RETURN OF REVENUE AND TRAFFIC, YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1901.

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.
1. Acton Homes	445	497	...	942				Opened in September.
2. Acton Homes Camp	155	342	...	497				
3. Albert Falls	1,104	782	...	1,886				
4. Albertina	2,400	1,585	1	3,986				
5. Alexandra Junction	475	329	...	804				
6. Ayoca	377	481	...	858				
7. Balgowan	809	695	...	1,504				
8. Batstones	1,851	1,640	...	3,491				
9. Belfort	74	29	...	103				
10. Bellair	1,685	2,533	...	4,218				Opened in December.
11. Berea Road	324	...	...	324			
12. Besters	1,091	725	...	1,816				
13. Boscobello	36	27	...	63				
14. Boston	302	302	...	604				
15. Both's Hill	342	311	...	653				
16. Brakwal	123	73	...	196				
17. Bulwer	1,808	1,445	1,355	4,608				
18. Camperdown	1,017	1,265	...	2,282				
19. Cato Ridge	408	459	...	867				
20. Charlestown	10,273	7,809	21	18,103				
21. Chieveley	133	167	...	300				
22. Clairmont	261	482	45	788				
23. Cleveland Hill	495	466	...	961				
24. Congella	161	318	...	479				
25. Colenso	2,154	1,267	...	3,421				
26. Dalton	1,477	1,178	...	2,655				
27. Dannhauser	1,848	2,266	...	4,114				
28. Dargle Road	1,013	1,033	...	2,075				

29. Dewarop	...	...	...	...	...
30. Drimmond	...	...	...	...	...
31. Duffs Road	...	...	...	...	...
32. Dundee	52,413	41,358	7,509	101,280	...
33. Durban	220,838	244,978	157,741	623,557	...
34. Durban Rail	1,341	64	4	1,409	...
35. Elandslaagte	1,418	1,382	...	2,800	...
36. Ennersdale	573	539	...	1,112	...
37. Eshowe	8,002	7,337	5,409	20,748	...
38. Eshowe Camp	2,697	2,806	...	5,503	...
39. Espemaza	203	165	...	368	...
40. Estcourt	7,976	7,926	2,562	18,464	...
41. Estcourt Rail	243	140	...	383	...
42. Fountain Hall	13	8	...	21	...
43. Fox Hill	111	149	...	260	...
44. Freer	454	390	...	844	...
45. Gilletts	221	299	...	520	...
46. Glencoe Junction	4,710	2,443	51	7,204	...
47. Glen Isla	144	121	...	265	...
48. Gourtou	163	146	...	309	...
49. Greytown	9,529	9,269	4,660	23,458	...
50. Greyville	663	953	...	1,596	...
51. Harding	2,842	2,175	1,363	6,380	...
52. Harrismith Railway	55	1	...	56	...
53. Harrison	54	33	...	87	...
54. Hatting Spruit	2,274	1,590	...	3,864	...
55. Helpmakaar	1,775	1,558	...	3,133	...
56. Highflats	409	484	...	893	...
57. Highflats Police Station	55	83	...	138	...
58. Highlands	1,018	1,119	...	2,137	...
59. Hillcrest	750	898	...	1,648	...
60. Hilton Road	1,466	1,370	...	2,836	...
61. Hospital Siding	1,856	1,044	...	2,900	...
62. Howick	14,061	10,602	3,498	28,151	...
63. Howick Rail	1,511	1,251	...	2,762	...
64. Ifafa	145	138	...	281	...
65. Illovo	306	361	...	667	...
66. Illovo River	509	327	...	836	...
67. Impendle	487	421	...	908	...
68. Inchanga	1,592	1,619	...	3,211	...
69. Ingagane	1,419	1,469	...	2,888	...
70. Ingogo Rail	3,742	3,517	...	7,259	...
71. Ingwavuma	284	223	...	507	...
72. Isipinga	992	1,132	...	2,124	...
73. Ixopo	3,354	2,520	1,627	7,501	...
74. Kearns	542	668	...	1,210	...
75. Keat's Drift	1,121	389	...	1,510	...
76. Krantzklouf	591	515	...	1,106	...
77. Krantzkop	3,128	3,246	...	5,374	...
78. Ladysmith	38,821	40,265	26,260	105,286	...
79. Ladysmith Rail	2,711	93	8	2,812	...
80. Lidgetton	574	673	...	1,247	...
81. Leskop	147	127	...	274	...
82. Lower Tugela	3,880	3,470	...	7,350	...
83. Lower Umkomaas	2,297	2,041	10	4,348	...
84. Mahlaatini	835	646	33	1,514	...
85. Malvern	1,097	1,510	...	2,607	...
86. Manderston	298	355	...	653	...
87. Mapumulo	429	403	...	832	...
88. Melmoth	6,302	5,678	2,623	14,603	...
89. Merebank	1,297	833	...	2,136	...
90. Mid-Illovo	182	175	...	357	...
91. Modder Spruit	110	89	...	199	...
92. Moguntia	451	470	...	921	...
93. Mooi River	15,737	12,097	63	27,897	...
94. Mount Edgecombe	1,258	1,296	...	2,554	...
95. Mount Prospect	406	325	...	731	...
96. Musgrave Road	4,399	17,119	...	21,518	...
97. Ndwedve	447	404	...	851	...
98. Newcastle	103,622	103,901	39,836	247,350	...
99. Newcastle Rail	950	74	1	1,025	...
100. New Gwelderland	12	8	...	20	...
101. New Hanover	1,211	1,233	...	2,444	...
102. Nondweni	174	94	...	268	...
103. Nongoma	865	817	56	1,748	...
104. Noodsberg Road	866	926	...	1,792	...
105. Northdene	200	318	...	518	...
106. North Shepstone	227	101	...	328	...
107. Nottingham Road	3,263	3,034	...	6,297	...
108. Nqutu	3,037	3,110	...	6,147	...
109. Ottawa	142	211	...	353	...
110. Park Rynie	536	396	...	932	...
111. Pienix	192	205	...	397	...
112. Pietermaritzburg	142,443	190,000	208,382	541,157	...
113. Pietermaritzburg Rail	9,642	67	14	9,723	...
114. Pieters	209	34	...	403	...
115. Pinetown	1,933	2,767	...	4,700	...
116. Pinetown Bridge	3,771	2,512	...	6,283	...
117. Point	32,160	26,811	...	58,971	...
118. Port Shepstone	3,893	3,198	3,875	10,966	...
119. Reunion	224	289	...	523	...
120. Richmond	3,665	5,010	3,730	13,106	...
121. Richmond Rail	2,210	66	...	2,276	...
122. Rosebank	701	82	...	783	...
123. Rosetten	635	782	...	1,417	...
124. Ryan (Glen)	1,876	2,749	...	4,625	...
125. South Coast Junction	1,840	2,272	...	4,112	...
126. Springfield	274	452	...	726	...
127. Springfield Hill	730	1,109	...	1,839	...
128. Stanger	4,510	4,068	29,707	18,285	...
129. Stanger Rail	158	1	...	159	...
130. Talana	1,933	1,183	...	3,116	...
131. Thornville Junction	1,375	1,639	2	3,016	...
132. Tongaat	2,312	2,137	...	4,509	...
133. Ubombo	103	91	...	194	...
134. Umbilo	227	488	...	715	...
135. Umgeni	988	1,576	...	2,564	...
136. Umhlali	452	588	...	1,040	...
137. Umhlali River	468	357	...	825	...
138. Umdaas Road	242	217	...	459	...
139. Umsindusi	162	204	...	366	...
140. Umsinga	1,254	1,235	...	2,439	...
141. Umtamvuna	516	414	...	930	...
142. Umtsheni	578	516	...	1,094	...

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108. Nguta	6,297
109. Ottawa	...	3,037	2,110	6,147
110. Park Rynie	...	142	211	353
111. Phoenix	...	536	396	932
112. Pietermaritzburg	...	192	205	397
113. Pietermaritzburg Rail	...	142,443	190,332	208,382
114. Pieters	...	9,642	67	14
115. Pinetown	...	209	194	403
116. Pinetown Bridge	...	1,933	2,767	4,700
117. Point	...	3,771	2,512	6,283
118. Port Shepstone	...	32,180	26,811	58,971
119. Reunion	...	3,893	3,198	10,966
120. Richmond	...	224	299	523
121. Richmond Rail	...	4,366	5,010	3,730
122. Rosebank	...	1,210	6	1,216
123. Rosetta	...	91	82	173
124. Seven Oaks	...	635	782	1,417
125. South Coast Junction	...	878	749	1,627
126. Springfield	...	840	927	1,767
127. Stamford Hill	...	474	432	906
128. Stanger	...	730	1,109	1,839
129. Stanger Rail	...	4,510	4,068	9,707
130. Talana	...	158	1	159
131. Thornville Junction	...	1,933	1,183	3,116
132. Tongaat	...	1,375	1,639	3,016
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138. Umslans Road	...	468	357	825
139. Umsindosi	...	242	217	459
140. Umsinga	...	162	204	366
141. Umtamvuna	...	1,254	1,235	2,489
142. Umtwalumi	...	516	414	930
143. Union Bridge	...	378	516	1,094
144. Umzinto	...	460	853	1,313
145. Umzinto Rail	...	3,481	3,490	7,367
146. Umzumbi	...	276	11	287
147. Upper Tugela	...	333	251	584
148. Van Reenen's	...	2,738	2,030	4,768
149. Vants Drift	...	1,908	3,649	5,557
150. Verulam	...	1,541	1,632	3,173
151. Victoria Road	...	4,915	4,739	4,857
152. Waschbank	...	86	20	106
153. Weenen	...	1,382	851	388
154. Wessels Nek	...	1,215	1,136	2,351
155. West's	...	998	814	1,812
156. Willow Grange	...	34	75	109
157. Woodcote	...	547	398	945
158. York...	...	114	141	255
159. Zwaartkop	...	155	277	432
Totals	...	830,314	860,580	986,136
				2,677,030

Reported in August.