



COLONY OF NATAL

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REPORT

OF THE

**POSTMASTER-GENERAL**

FOR THE

**Year ended 31st December, 1905.**

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# Report of the Postmaster-General for the Year ended the 31st December, 1905.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

I have the honour to submit my report on the Post Office Department for the year ended 31st December, 1905.

*Revenue and Expenditure.*—The total revenue of the Department (Postal and Telegraph Branches) for the financial year ended the 30th June, 1905, amounted to £201,124 3s. 0½d., as compared with £205,976 15s.—the previous year's revenue—and the expenditure to £188,412 16s. 6d., as compared with £167,960 7s. 3d. for the preceding year.

The revenue thus exceeded the expenditure by £12,711.6s. 6½d.

The increase in expenditure, with a falling revenue, was entirely due to exceptional payments which had to be made during the year, and which were not in any way affected by this Department's ordinary business. These exceptional payments were as follows:—

|   | £       | s. | d. |
|---|---------|----|----|
| Arrears in the payment made for the transit of correspondence through other Colonies, owing to delay in rendering accounts ...  | 7,810   | 0  | 0  |
| Increase in the cost of extension of Telephone System due to a large number of additional subscribers requiring connection (over and above that of the previous year) ... | 3,674   | 0  | 0  |
| Repairs of part of the damage to the Telegraph System caused by the storm ...   | 3,324   | 0  | 0  |
| Purchase of Telegraph Stores from Railway Department ...  | 3,400   | 0  | 0  |
| Total ...   | £18,708 | 0  | 0  |

In addition to these items, the ordinary annual increments of the Staff increased the expenditure by £5,095. These exceptional payments make a total excess over last year's expenditure of £23,803. Savings in other directions, however, effected by the practice of rigid economy, reduce the actual excess to £22,867.

The estimated value of work performed for other Government Departments, for which no payment was received, is £35,639 9s. 8d.; exclusive of the postage value of newspapers conveyed free of cost, estimated at £6,000.

*Indirect Credits and Debits.*—In addition, indirect credits, amounting to £3,031 8s. 5d., are proper to be allowed to my Department in respect of:—

- (a) Superannuation deductions from salaries.
- (b) Rent paid to Public Works Department for official quarters.
- (c) Additions, etc., to Telephone system.
- (d) Upkeep of electric bells in Government Offices.

By adding these items to the actual surplus the value of the Post Office surplus is increased to £57,382 4s. 7½d.

There are, however, charges paid out of other Department's votes, such as interest on loans, office expenses, erection of, and repairs to, Post Office Buildings, amounting approximately to £23,299 2s., which are correctly chargeable to my Department. Deducting these sums from the total surplus, viz., £57,382 4s. 7½d., a balance remains in favour of the Post Office Department amounting to £34,083 2s. 7½d., which may be taken as profit on the working for the financial year.

Credit should also be allowed to my Department for the sum paid out in the form of Subsidies paid to Contractors for Post-cart Services, which are unwarranted from a Post Office point of view. During the year under revision this sum amounted approximately to £3,327.

*Collection of Customs Revenue.*—In addition to its own revenue, the Post Office Department collected on behalf of the Customs Department during the financial year the sum of £8,601 4s. 4d.

#### POSTAL.

*Exchange of Money Orders with North Western Rhodesia, British East Africa, and Uganda.*—Arrangements for the exchange of Money Orders with the undermentioned Postal Administrations have been concluded and the additional facilities are now in operation:—North Western Rhodesia, British East Africa, and the Uganda Protectorate.

*Convention with Commonwealth of Australia.*—A Convention for the exchange of Money Orders has been entered into with the Commonwealth of Australia, to take the place of the separate Money Order Conventions hitherto in force between this Colony and the several Australian Colonies.

*Increased Maximum for Single Money Orders.*—The undermentioned Postal Administrations have signified their acceptance of the increased maximum of £40 for a single Money Order, whether issued or paid:—

British Central Africa.  
Commonwealth of Australia.  
Zanzibar.

Portuguese Africa.  
Cape Colony.

The £40 maximum now applies to all countries with which Money Orders are exchanged direct.

The British East Africa Post Office has agreed to act as intermediary in the case of Money Orders drawn in Natal for payment in Zanzibar.

*Money Orders Telegraphed to Capetown for Despatch thence by Ordinary Post.*—Arrangements have also been made for the extension to £40 of the value of Money Orders telegraphed to Capetown for payment in overseas countries. The existing rate of commission are chargeable in proportion to the amount for which the Order is drawn, but the fee for the telegraphic advice remains at 1s. The charge for Postage on these Orders from Capetown to England has been reduced from 6d. to 3d.

*Issue and Payment of British Postal Orders at Offices in Natal.*—The negotiations which have been carried on for some time past relative to the issue in Natal of British Postal Orders for payment in the United Kingdom, or in the several Colonial Administrations adopting the British Postal Order system, and vice versa, have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

The popularity of these facilities is shown by the extent to which they have been taken advantage of by all classes of the public.

*Abolition of Poundage Levied upon Postal Orders issued by other Administrations for Payment in Natal.*—I am able to report that the charge formerly levied in this Colony upon a Postal Order issued by other South African Postal Administrations, and presented for payment at an Office in Natal, has been abolished in cases where the Order is presented for payment within a period of three Calendar months from the last day of the month of issue.

*Exchange of Postal Orders between North Western Rhodesia and Natal.*—Postal Orders can now be exchanged between Offices in this Colony and Offices in North Western Rhodesia.

*Parcel Post with British Central Africa.*—The rate of postage on parcels accepted for transmission to British Central Africa has been reduced from 1s. 4d. to 1s. 3d. for each pound or fraction of a pound.

*Postal Customs Offices.*—All head Postmasters now act as Customs Officers. Under this arrangement the inconvenience caused to the public by having to attend, or appoint an agent to be present, at some distant town where postal packets are opened for Customs inspection, is minimised.

*Direct Exchange of Mails between Durban and China.*—Owing to the increase in the amount of correspondence for China and the Far East, it has been found necessary to establish direct closed mails between Durban and China.

*House to house Delivery of Correspondence.*—A house to house delivery of parcels was undertaken on the 1st July within the Borough of Durban.

A collection from the principal letter boxes in Pietermaritzburg is now made at about 6 a.m., in order that correspondence may connect with the first town delivery and some of the earlier despatches to country towns and districts.

*Post-cart Service.*—A post-cart service (three days a week) has been established between Greytown and Krantzkop, via Hermansberg.

*Prepayment in Cash of Postage on Letters and Circulars.*—At the General Post Office, Pietermaritzburg, and at the Head Office in Durban, the postage on letters, post-cards, book packets, and parcels for delivery within the Colony may be prepaid in cash, provided that the total amount be not less than £1.

*Private Letter Bags.*—An extra half fee is now charged in cases where the renter of a private letter bag desires a delivery more than once a day.

*Extension of Train Letter System.*—Arrangements for the extension of the train letter system to towns in the Transvaal, and the District of Lourenco Marques, have now been concluded. Under the regulations in force, letters, bearing a penny stamp in addition to the regular postage, are accepted at any Railway Station within the Colony, and conveyed thence by the next passenger train, for delivery from any Post Office in either the Transvaal or the District of Lourenco Marques under similar conditions to those obtaining in the case of letters addressed to places within the Colony of Natal.

*Postage on Letters to Australia.*—The rate of postage upon letters for Australia has been reduced to 1d. for each half ounce or fraction thereof. This concession applies also to correspondence for British New Guinea, Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island. The postage upon letters from Australia is unchanged.

*Rural Delivery by Native Carrier.*—A delivery and collection of correspondence by native carriers similar to that instituted as an experiment at Ixopo in 1904 was established in August on the Richmond-Bryne carrier route.

*Offices.*—The control of the undermentioned offices has been transferred:—

| Name of Office. | From.       | To.         |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Mount Moriah.   | Mooi River. | Estcourt.   |
| Highlands.      | Estcourt.   | Mooi River. |

Money Order business is now transacted at Bergville, Dalton and Nongoma.

During the year ended the 31st December, 1905, thirteen post offices and agencies were opened and eleven closed, making the total number 361, as compared with 359 in 1904.

*Letter Boxes.*—The number of pillar, wall, and lamp post letter boxes in use in the Colony on the 31st December was 68.

On the 1st November the Natal-Cape Branch Railway Line was opened for traffic to Donnybrook. The post-cart to and from Bulwer, which for some time ran from Elandskop, the former terminus of the railway line, now runs from Deepdale Railway Station, a distance of, approximately, 18½ miles.

*Dead and Returned Correspondence.*—I give below particulars of articles received and dealt with in the Returned Letter Branch:—

Ordinary letters returned to the writers in the Colony, 84,911.

Registered letters returned to the writers in the Colony, 803.

Returned unopened to Foreign Countries, 64,237.

Destroyed owing to illegible addresses and senders being unknown, 51,109.

Approximate number of undeliverable printed papers, etc., destroyed by Head Post Offices, 17,444.

Articles of value in the form of cheques, money orders, postal orders, drafts, and postage stamps found in ordinary letters returned within the Colony amounted to £3,437 5s. 9d.

A large number of articles (chiefly newspapers) still continues to be received in the Colony by the European mail every week without wrappers, owing to insecure fastening.

Large numbers of Christmas and New Year cards posted for transmission to places abroad at the reduced rate of postage applicable to printed papers (4d. per 2 ounces), but closed against inspection, thus contravening the Postal Union Regulations respecting printed matter, were destroyed.

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## TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

*Traffic.*—The following comparative statement shows the traffic dealt with during the last two years:—

| Year. | Forwarded. | Received. | Transmitted. | Total.    |
|-------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| 1904  | 634,067    | 700,194   | 932,436      | 2,266,697 |
| 1905  | 587,253    | 654,406   | 929,174      | 2,170,833 |

*Revenue and Indirect Credits.*—For the financial year ended the 30th June, 1905, the total receipts from all classes of telegraph and telephone business amounted, approximately, to £71,325 13s. 5½d.; of this amount the sum of £11,442 3s. 1d. represents the work performed for other Government Departments for which no payment was received, and includes £339 16s. 9d., the value of the 50 per cent. reduction on telegrams transmitted on behalf of the Military authorities. The increase over the previous year's revenue amounted to £1,851 9s. 3½d.

The value of the telephone subscriptions collected during the year ended the 30th June, 1905, was £6,004 16s. 11d., as against £4,589 6d. for the previous year, other receipts bringing the total up to £6,077 4s. 9d. The value of official connections for which no charge was made amounted to £754 18s. 9d.

The amount received for the transmission of Military telegrams during the financial year shows a decrease of £525 16s. 4d. in comparison with the amount received for the corresponding period ended the 30th June, 1904. This decrease is due to the withdrawal of the Imperial troops from Pietermaritzburg and other towns in Natal.

*Cable Messages.*—The charges collected during the year by the Eastern and South African Telegraph Company on cable messages sent to and from South Africa exceeded £300,000, and in terms of the agreement with the Company the annual subsidy was reduced to £85 1s. 1d.

*Bonus to Telegraph Messengers.*—The special inducement offered to telegraph messengers for regular attendance at the Government Night Schools and general advancement in educational work for which the messengers at Pietermaritzburg and in Durban are awarded a bonus of £5 each has resulted this year in an expenditure of £120.

*Offices.*—The following Telegraph Offices were opened for the transaction of public business during the calendar year, viz.:—

- ✓ Deepdale Railway Station.
- ✓ Donnybrook Railway Station.
- ✓ Good Hope Police Camp.
- ✓ Red Hill Railway Station.

The following Offices were closed during the year, viz.:—

- ✓ Beacon's Hill.
- ✓ Kwambonambi.
- ✓ Umhlatuze.

*Press Paid Telegrams for Portuguese East Africa.*—Press paid telegrams are now accepted at Offices in Natal for transmission to Offices in Portuguese East Africa.

*Private Wires.*—Arrangements were made for the use during the session of a telegraph line between the Legislative Assembly, Pietermaritzburg, and Durban, by the proprietors of the *Mercury* newspaper in order to facilitate the transmission of Parliamentary reports.

*Acceptance of Telegrams over the Telephone for local Delivery.*—Subscribers to a Telephone Exchange may now send over their Exchange wires messages for delivery within one mile of the telegraph Office at a reduced rate. For delivery beyond one mile an additional charge for postage is made.

*Telephone Call Office.*—A public Telephone Call Office has been opened at the Telegraph Office in Church Street, Pietermaritzburg.

*New Lines Erected.*—The following are the more important telegraph works carried out during the last calendar year:—

Reconstruction of the main line, Mooi River, to Ladysmith (being the completion of the Durban-Ladysmith new line carrying ten wires along the railway main line).

Erection of a new line, Elandskop to Donnybrook (carrying two wires along the Cape-Natal Railway).

*New Lines Erected on existing Lines of Poles.*—Two additional wires erected between Dundee and Newcastle via Glencoe Junction during the repairing of the damage caused by the storm.

Two additional wires for the Telephone Trunk Circuit were erected between Pietermaritzburg and Durban on the cross-country route.

*Storm Repairs.*—The extensive damage done to the Telegraph and Telephone System of the Colony by the storm of the 31st of May was unprecedented in the history of the Department. In consequence, the work of reconstruction was of considerable magnitude.

The following lines were affected to a greater or less degree:—

The North and South Coast lines.  
Durban to Pietermaritzburg, along Railway.  
Durban to Pietermaritzburg, across country.  
Balgowan to Brynbella, along Railway.  
Pietermaritzburg to Bulwer.  
Greytown to Riet Vlei.  
Ladysmith to Newcastle, across country.  
Newcastle to Greytown, across country.  
Ingagane to Glencoe Junction, along Railway.  
Glencoe Junction to Vryheid.  
Dundee to Nondweni.

The Dundee Telephone Exchange System was totally wrecked.

In most cases the lines in the damaged sections had to be entirely reconstructed.

The completion of the repairs was practically effected by the end of the year, and the opportunity was taken during the re-erection of the various lines to revolve some of the existing wires to meet the requirements of the Intertown Telephone Trunk System, shortly to be inaugurated. Under this system telephonic communication will be established between Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Ladysmith, Dundee, and Newcastle. It is hoped at some future time to extend the system to Johannesburg, but as this would involve the erection of larger wires, the cost would not be warranted at present.

The lines dealt with in this manner are those between:—

Newcastle and Dundee, across country.

Dundee and Greytown, across country.

Pietermaritzburg and Durban, across country, and between

Dundee and Glencoe Junction (to meet probable requirements).

Among the works undertaken for the Railway Department the following may be noted:—

Additional wire between Charlestown and Transvaal Border for the C.S.A.R. Administration.

Electric alarms at Mayor's Walk and Zwaartkop Road Crossing (Greytown Branch Line).

Installation of Single Needle Instruments to replace Morse working on the Harrismith-Bethlehem Section, Orange River Colony.

The erection of a Telegraph Line in connection with the Cape-Natal Railway Extension to Dronk Vlei is being steadily pushed forward, and is expected to be completed early in February.

I am glad to add that the work of maintenance and construction of Telegraph and Signalling lines and apparatus for the Railway Department by my Staff is still working smoothly, and, while thus giving every satisfaction, is a very economical one for the Colony.

Various works have been undertaken for the Harbour Department in connection with its Telephone System at the Point and at the Bluff, notably a connection between the Point Exchange and the Water Police Boat House, and between the Bluff Exchange and the Concrete Blockyard. Electric bells have also been installed at the Harbour Department Head Offices.

Electric Bell Installation and overhauls have been carried out at the various Government Offices in the Colony.

*Telephone Exchanges.*—During the year a large number of additional Telephone connections have been made in the various centres as follows:—

|                  |         |     |              |   |
|------------------|---------|-----|--------------|---|
| Pietermaritzburg | .. .. . | 105 | connections. |   |
| Durban           | .. .. . | 38  | "            | — Railway Exchange, 23. Harbour Department, 15. |
| Ladysmith        | .. .. . | 13  | "            |   |
| Dundee           | .. .. . | 16  | "            |   |
| Newcastle        | .. .. . | 11  | "            |   |

*Private Telephone Lines.*—Four private lines have been built, and are being maintained by the Department.

In view of the warning contained in the Treasurer's Circulars issued during the past year, regarding the exercise of strict economy in expenditure, only such maintenance works as were absolutely necessary have been undertaken, and every effort has been made to reduce the expenditure to the lowest point consistent with efficient working.

For the storage, etc., of telegraph material a piece of land on the Commercial Road, Maritzburg, near the Greytown Railway Line Crossing, has been acquired from the Railway Department, and it is hoped at no distant date to bring together here the material which is now scattered over the various store depôts in the town.

The new store ground being near the railway will be a great convenience and will cause much unnecessary haulage to be done away with.

Owing to the partial breakdown of the Telegraph System by the storm of the 31st May, the strain on my Staff was extremely great, and I am pleased to report that during the pressure every member worked with energy to get the System back to its normal working capacity as early as possible, and accorded me loyal support during a trying and unparalleled period; I especially desire to record my keen appreciation of the able and willing manner with which Mr. Williams, the acting Telegraph Engineer in the absence of the Engineer in England, met the work of reconstruction. He did most excellent work and gave complete satisfaction in every way.

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

*Staff.*—The number of persons employed by the Department on the 31st December, 1905, was 1,585, classified as follows:—

|                                      | Postal and Telegraph. | Engineering Branch. |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Established . . . . .                | 291                   | 29                  |
| Unestablished . . . . .              | 575                   | 46                  |
| Natives . . . . .                    | 393                   | 251                 |
| <hr/>                                |                       |                     |
| Total number Established . . . . .   | 320                   |                     |
| Total number Unestablished . . . . . | 621                   |                     |
| Total number Natives . . . . .       | 644                   |                     |
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| Total . . . . .                      | 1,585                 |                     |

Compared with the number of Officers employed in the same classes in 1904, there is a decrease of 13 in the number of the Established Officers, an increase of 14 in the number of Unestablished Officers engaged monthly for effecting Storm repairs, and an increase of 68 in the number of Natives. The difference in the numbers of Unestablished Officers is accounted for by the opening of additional Sub-Offices in town and country districts.

The increase in the number of Natives employed by the Department is owing to the extension of the Postal Carrier Service, and to the employment of a greater number of Natives on Telephone and Telegraph Construction work.

Owing to the necessity for retrenchment, Unestablished Officers have, when vacancies have occurred, replaced those holding permanent appointments.

I fear, however, there will be some difficulty in the future in obtaining the services of suitable youths as learners owing to the decision of the Government not at once to place new entrants on the Permanent Establishment. This is to be regretted, as it is only by training lads at an early age that they can become well qualified to perform the higher and more responsible duties of the Service.

Taking it on the whole, the health of the Staff has been good.

Owing to the depression in trade and the consequent falling Revenue, certain reforms in both branches of the Service, which I contemplated being able to introduce during the year under review, have had to be deferred for the present.

The Conference of the delegates to the South African Postal Union has again been postponed.

The following instances serve to show the risk of delay, or loss, incurred by entrusting the posting of correspondence to inexperienced Native servants.

In January, fourteen letters, variously addressed, were discovered in some ventilators in front of the Dundee Post Office. The "aperture" through which they had been dropped was some seven feet from the ground, and about half an inch in width.

During the following month seven letters were found by an official in the employ of the Durban Corporation in an electric transformer pillar on the Berea, Durban. It is supposed they were forced through an opening between the door and the case, within an inch of the ground.

On the 22nd of April the Railway Station at Umbilo was broken into and postal cash to the value of £1 8s. 3d. stolen. Two Natives were convicted and sentenced to two years' hard labour and 20 lashes each. The stolen money was not recovered.

On the 30th of September the Inyoni Railway Station was entered and a registered letter containing cash to the value of £9 10s. stolen. A European and a Native boy were convicted, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour and 10 strokes with the birch.

A letter containing Postal Orders amounting in value to £1 2s. 6d., entrusted to a Native to be posted at Estcourt, was stolen by the messenger. He was punished with two months' hard labour and fifteen lashes.

A second case of burglary at Inyoni Railway Station occurred on the 4th of December. Postal cash to the value of 10s. 6d. was stolen and stamps amounting in value to 19s. were damaged by exposure to the weather.

C. MAXWELL HIBBERD,

Postmaster-General.

April 23rd, 1906.



# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MONEY ORDERS ISSUED.

| Payable in—                | 1904.   |               | 1905.   |               | Increase. |            | Decrease. |              |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|
|                            | No.     | Amount.       | No.     | Amount.       | No.       | Amount.    | No.       | Amount.      |
| Natal ...                  | 21,692  | £ 80,095 17 6 | 20,515  | £ 77,861 19 2 | ...       | ...        | 1,177     | £ 2,233 18 4 |
| United Kingdom ...         | 70,859  | 215,898 13 10 | 57,472  | 177,592 6 2   | ...       | ...        | 13,387    | 36,306 7 8   |
| Cape Colony ...            | 5,362   | 17,804 5 1    | 5,294   | 18,063 1 3    | ...       | 258 16 2   | 68        | ...          |
| Transvaal ...              | 5,757   | 23,028 13 6   | 5,515   | 23,072 5 6    | ...       | 43 12 0    | 442       | ...          |
| Orange River Colony ..     | 825     | 3,395 6 9     | 739     | 2,861 14 0    | ...       | ...        | 86        | 533 12 9     |
| Rhodesia ...               | 71      | 260 14 11     | 95      | 373 5 4       | 24        | 112 10 5   | ...       | ...          |
| St. Helena ...             | 64      | 88 10 0       | 68      | 111 17 0      | 4         | 23 7 0     | ...       | ...          |
| Mauritius ...              | 951     | 2,571 6 5     | 934     | 3,794 18 1    | ...       | 1,223 11 8 | 17        | ...          |
| India ...                  | 14,256  | 91,169 15 4   | 12,051  | 90,909 7 0    | ...       | ...        | 2,205     | 260 8 4      |
| Australia ...              | 5,365   | 22,983 15 9   | 3,300   | 13,471 16 9   | ...       | ...        | 2,065     | 9,511 19 0   |
| Ceylon ...                 | 54      | 142 8 8       | 57      | 364 8 1       | 3         | 221 19 5   | ...       | ...          |
| British Central Africa ... | ...     | ...           | 5       | 8 16 5        | 5         | 8 16 5     | ...       | ...          |
| Mozambique ...             | 21      | 104 3 6       | 58      | 244 18 1      | 37        | 140 14 7   | ...       | ...          |
| British East Africa ...    | ...     | ...           | 12      | 18 6 6        | 12        | 18 6 6     | ...       | ...          |
|                            | 125,277 | 455,543 11 3  | 105,915 | 408,748 19 4  | 85        | 2,051 14 2 | 19,447    | 48,846 6 1   |

NET DECREASE : No. 19,362 ; Amount, £46,794 11s. 11d.

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MONEY ORDERS PAID.

| Issued in—                 | 1904.  |                        | 1905.  |                        | Increase. |                | Decrease. |                      |
|----------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|
|                            | No.    | Amount.                | No.    | Amount.                | No.       | Amount.        | No.       | Amount.              |
| Natal ...                  | 21,689 | £ s. d.<br>80,134 16 3 | 20,480 | £ s. d.<br>77,677 16 3 | ...       | £ s. d.<br>... | 1,209     | £ s. d.<br>2,457 0 0 |
| United Kingdom ...         | 6,149  | 21,635 8 10            | 5,380  | 20,500 12 3            | ...       | ...            | 769       | 1,134 16 7           |
| Cape Colony ...            | 7,232  | 24,416 15 1            | 6,937  | 26,693 17 9            | ...       | 2,277 2 8      | 295       | ...                  |
| Transvaal ...              | 18,937 | 79,019 11 7            | 17,522 | 85,055 12 3            | ...       | 6,036 0 8      | 1,415     | ...                  |
| Orange River Colony ...    | 3,687  | 12,183 18 10           | 2,938  | 11,187 2 8             | ..        | ...            | 749       | 996 16 2             |
| Rhodesia ...               | 405    | 1,554 12 8             | 394    | 1,698 19 7             | ...       | 144 6 11       | 11        | ...                  |
| St. Helena ...             | 6      | 43 6 8                 | 11     | 48 15 3                | 5         | 5 8 7          | ...       | ...                  |
| Mauritius ...              | 141    | 770 5 8                | 109    | 1,368 8 11             | ...       | 598 3 3        | 32        | ...                  |
| India ...                  | 110    | 403 7 11               | 134    | 684 12 5               | 24        | 281 4 6        | ...       | ...                  |
| Australia ...              | 452    | 1,602 8 10             | 406    | 1,524 10 10            | ...       | ...            | 46        | 77 18 0              |
| Ceylon ...                 | 10     | 33 5 4                 | 9      | 14 8 8                 | ...       | ...            | 1         | 18 16 8              |
| British Central Africa ... | 36     | 99 8 11                | 19     | 27 7 9                 | ...       | ...            | 17        | 72 1 2               |
| Mozambique ...             | 4      | 8 0 4                  | 57     | 137 17 2               | 53        | 129 7 10       | ...       | ...                  |
| British East Africa ...    | ...    | ...                    | 12     | 34 3 7                 | 12        | 34 3 7         | ...       | ...                  |
|                            | 58,858 | 221,905 15 11          | 54,408 | 226,654 5 4            | 94        | 9,505 18 0     | 4,544     | 4,757 8 7            |

DECREASE: No., 4,450. INCREASE: Amount, £4,748 9s. 5d.

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

| issued in           |        | Denomination. |     |       |       |       |     |       |     |       |     |       |      |      |       |      |       | Totals. |                     |
|---------------------|--------|---------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|------|------|-------|------|-------|---------|---------------------|
|                     |        | 1/-           | 1/6 | 2/-   | 2/6   | 3/-   | 3/6 | 4/-   | 4/6 | 5/-   | 7/6 | 10/-  | 10/6 | 12/6 | 15/-  | 17/6 | 20/-  | No.     | Amount.             |
| Cape Colony         | ...    | 440           | 309 | ...   | 413   | ...   | ... | ...   | ... | 408   | 72  | 317   | ...  | ...  | 47    | ...  | 525   | 2,531   | £ s. d.<br>944 11 0 |
| Transvaal           | ...    | 787           | 365 | 689   | 803   | 684   | 411 | 705   | 372 | 1,871 | 436 | 2,479 | 282  | ...  | 733   | ...  | 6,640 | 17,257  | 9,843 15 6          |
| Orange River Colony |        | 350           | 200 | 317   | 292   | 326   | 224 | 318   | 193 | 644   | 201 | 712   | 158  | ...  | 250   | ...  | 1,245 | 5,430   | 2,403 13 0          |
| Rhodesia            | ...    | 17            | 8   | ...   | 11    | ...   | ... | ...   | ... | 15    | 5   | 14    | ...  | 2    | 1     | 1    | 22    | 96      | 40 6 6              |
| B.C.A.              | ...    | ...           | ... | ...   | 4     | ...   | ... | ...   | ... | 3     | ... | 1     | ...  | ...  | ...   | ...  | 11    | 19      | 12 15 0             |
| Mozambique          | ...    | 1             | ... | ...   | 1     | ...   | ... | ...   | ... | ...   | ... | ...   | ...  | ...  | ...   | ...  | ...   | 2       | 0 3 6               |
|                     |        |               |     |       |       |       |     |       |     |       |     |       |      |      |       |      |       |         |                     |
| Totals, 1905        | ...    | 1,595         | 882 | 1,006 | 1,524 | 1,010 | 635 | 1,023 | 565 | 2,941 | 714 | 3,523 | 440  | 2    | 1,031 | 1    | 8,443 | 25,335  | 13,245 4 6          |
| „ 1904              | ...    | 1,255         | 709 | 753   | 1,374 | 700   | 407 | 697   | 330 | 2,158 | 488 | 2,479 | 302  | 2    | 630   | 3    | 5,413 | 17,700  | 8,762 15 6          |
|                     |        |               |     |       |       |       |     |       |     |       |     |       |      |      |       |      |       |         |                     |
| Increase            | ... .. | 340           | 173 | 253   | 150   | 310   | 228 | 326   | 235 | 783   | 226 | 1,044 | 138  | ...  | 401   | ...  | 3,030 | 7,635   | 4,482 9 0           |
| Decrease            | ... .. | ...           | ... | ...   | ...   | ...   | ... | ...   | ... | ...   | ... | ...   | ...  | ...  | ...   | 2    | ...   | ...     | ...                 |

**BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, BRITISH COLONIES, AND OTHER PLACES ABROAD,  
AND PAID IN NATAL DURING 1905.**

| Denomination. |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | Total. |      |      |     |          |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|------|------|-----|----------|
| 6d.           | 1/- | 1/6 | 2/- | 2/6 | 3/- | 3/6 | 4/- | 4/6 | 5/- | 5/6 | 6/- | 6/6 | 7/- | 7/6 | 8/- | 8/6 | 9/- | 9/6 | 10/- | 10/6 | 11/- | 11/6 | 12/- | 12/6 | 13/- | 13/6 | 14/- | 15/- | 15/6 | 16/- | 17/- | 18/-   | 20/- | 21/- | No. | Amount.  |
| 6             | 25  | 12  | 25  | 26  | 18  | 9   | 15  | 4   | 78  | 1   | 9   | 3   | 3   | 15  | 2   | 1   | 1   | ... | 96   | 6    | 1    | ...  | 4    | 3    | 2    | 1    | 1    | 12   | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1      | 253  | 52   | 689 | £427 ls. |

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

| Where Paid.      | Denomination. |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |        |       |      |       |      |        | Totals. |               |
|------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|------|-------|------|--------|---------|---------------|
|                  | 1/-           | 1/6   | 2/-   | 2/6   | 3/-   | 3/6   | 4/-   | 4/6   | 5/-    | 7/6   | 10/-   | 10/6  | 12/6 | 15/-  | 17/6 | 20/-   | No.     | Amount.       |
| Natal ...        | 4,746         | 2,421 | 2,972 | 6,772 | 4,106 | 2,318 | 4,236 | 2,117 | 14,337 | 3,311 | 15,514 | 1,797 | 219  | 4,283 | 178  | 27,517 | 97,844  | £ 48,555 16 6 |
| Cape Colony ...  | 305           | 164   | 320   | 375   | 311   | 173   | 198   | 127   | 679    | 111   | 621    | 85    | 7    | 210   | 4    | 938    | 4,626   | 1,920 19 0    |
| Transvaal ...    | 346           | 148   | 231   | 688   | 260   | 147   | 219   | 13    | 717    | 146   | 789    | 127   | 12   | 184   | 10   | 1,744  | 5,898   | 2,868 14 0    |
| O.R.C. ...       | 41            | 31    | 41    | 210   | 33    | 31    | 42    | 1     | 134    | 25    | 153    | 12    | 1    | 32    | ...  | 293    | 1,095   | 500 8 0       |
| Rhodesia ...     | 2             | ...   | 3     | 6     | 2     | ...   | 2     | ...   | 4      | 3     | 9      | ...   | ...  | ...   | ...  | 4      | 40      | 13 12 0       |
| British C.A. ... | ...           | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | 1      | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...  | ...   | ...  | ...    | 1       | 0 5 0         |
| Mozambique ...   | 1             | ...   | ...   | 2     | 1     | 1     | ...   | ...   | 3      | ...   | 1      | ...   | ...  | ...   | ...  | 10     | 19      | 11 17 6       |
| Totals, 1905     | 5,441         | 2,764 | 4,567 | 8,053 | 4,713 | 2,670 | 4,697 | 2,117 | 15,975 | 3,596 | 17,087 | 2,021 | 239  | 4,709 | 192  | 30,506 | 109,523 | 53,871 12 0   |
| „ 1904           | 4,835         | 2,439 | 3,242 | 7,420 | 3,079 | 1,684 | 3,161 | 1,200 | 12,875 | 2,957 | 13,862 | 1,314 | 640  | 3,493 | 574  | 25,041 | 88,236  | 43,941 2 0    |
| Increase ...     | 606           | 325   | 1,325 | 633   | 1,634 | 986   | 1,536 | 917   | 3,000  | 639   | 3,225  | 707   | ...  | 1,216 | ...  | 5,465  | 21,287  | 9,930 10 0    |
| Decrease ...     | ...           | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...    | ...   | ...    | ...   | 401  | ...   | 382  | ...    | ...     | ...           |

**BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED IN NATAL AND PAYABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, BRITISH COLONIES AND OTHER PLACES  
ABROAD DURING 1905.**

|  | Denomination. |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |      |      |      |      |       | Totals. |              |
|--|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|---------|--------------|
|  | 1/-           | 1/6 | 2/- | 2/6 | 3/- | 3/6 | 4/- | 4/6 | 5/- | 7/6 | 10/-  | 10/6 | 12/6 | 15/- | 17/6 | 20/-  | No.     | Amount.      |
|  | 401           | 195 | 347 | 444 | 333 | 205 | 234 | ... | 867 | 171 | 1,053 | 117  | ...  | 223  | ...  | 2,076 | 6,666   | £ 3,369 11 0 |

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

| Country of Issue.   | Drafts Issued. |         |       |           |           |         |           |         | Drafts Honoured. |           |       |          |           |         |           |         |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------------|-----------|-------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
|                     | 1904.          |         | 1905. |           | Increase. |         | Decrease. |         | 1904.            |           | 1905. |          | Increase. |         | Decrease. |         |
|                     | No.            | Amount. | No.   | Amount.   | No.       | Amount. | No.       | Amount. | No.              | Amount.   | No.   | Amount.  | No.       | Amount. | No.       | Amount. |
|                     |                |         |       | £ s. d.   |           | £ s. d. |           | £ s. d. |                  | £ s. d.   |       | £ s. d.  |           | £ s. d. |           | £ s. d. |
| Natal ...           | 116            | 382 0 3 | 90    | 290 14 11 | ...       | ...     | 26        | 91 5 4  | 34               | 117 14 6  | 13    | 26 0 10  | ...       | ...     | 21        | 91 13 8 |
| Cape Colony ...     | 62             | 160 7 5 | 68    | 201 10 11 | 6         | 41 3 6  | ...       | ...     | 16               | 22 18 4   | 12    | 32 10 11 | ...       | 9 12 7  | 4         | ...     |
| Orange River Colony | 3              | 10 17 4 | 3     | 6 12 6    | ...       | ...     | ...       | 4 4 10  | ...              | ...       | ...   | ...      | ...       | ...     | ...       | ...     |
|                     | 181            | 553 5 0 | 161   | 498 18 4  | 6         | 41 3 6  | 26        | 95 10 2 | 50               | 140 12 10 | 25    | 58 11 9  | ...       | 9 12 7  | 25        | 91 13 8 |

Drafts Issued :—Net Decrease, No. of Drafts, 20; Value, £54 6s. 8d.

Drafts Honoured :—Net Decrease, No. of Drafts, 25; Value, £82 1s. 1d.

STATEMENT OF THE POST OFFICES AND AGENCIES OPEN ON DECEMBER 31ST, 1905, AS COMPARED WITH THE NUMBER OPEN ON DECEMBER 31ST, 1904.

| Class of Office.        | 1904. | 1905. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Post Offices ... ..     | 294   | 292   | ...       | 2         |
| Post Office Agencies... | 65    | 69    | 4         | ...       |
|                         | 359   | 361   | 4         | 2         |

Net Increase—2.

STATEMENT OF POST OFFICES AND AGENCIES OPENED DURING 1905.

| Name of Office.         | Service Established. | Name of Office.      | Service Established. |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| ✓ Babanango ... ..      | Three days a week    | ✓ Islington ... ..   | Six days a week      |
| ✓ Bowkers ... ..        | Six days a week      | ✓ Louwsburg ... ..   | Three days a week    |
| ✓ Broadacre ... ..      | Three days a week    | ✓ Newadi ... ..      | Six days a week      |
| ✓ Creighton ... ..      | Six days a week      | ✓ Sutherlands ... .. | do                   |
| ✓ Donnybrook ... ..     | do.                  | ✓ Talavera ... ..    | Three days a week    |
| ✓ Impolweni M.S. ... .. | do.                  | ✓ Umbumbulu ... ..   | do.                  |
| ✓ Isipofu ... ..        | do.                  |                      |                      |

The undermentioned Offices and Agencies were closed :—

- ✓ Bingham's Nek
- ✓ Inkonza
- ✓ Isilungu
- ✓ Kwambonambi
- ✓ Makowie
- ✓ Mhlumayo
- ✓ Mona River
- ✓ Ngotshe
- ✓ Umlatuze Rail
- ✓ Waterval
- ✓ West End, Durban.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DELIVERY  
WITHIN THE COLONY; OF CORRESPONDENCE POSTED WITHIN THE  
COLONY; AND OF NUMBER OF ARTICLES REGISTERED AT OFFICES  
WITHIN THE COLONY.

| Correspondence Received.     | 1904.      | 1905.      | Increase. | Decrease. |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Letters, Ordinary ...        | 17,484,506 | 15,101,580 | ...       | 2,382,926 |
| Letters, Official ...        | 1,503,788  | 1,218,620  | ...       | 285,168   |
| Postcards ...                | 736,554    | 1,084,096  | 347,542   | ...       |
| Parcels ...                  | 204,724    | 194,705    | ...       | 10,019    |
| Books and Sample Packets ... | 2,762,968  | 2,553,061  | ...       | 209,907   |
| Papers... ...                | 4,770,792  | 4,200,525  | ...       | 570,267   |
| Total ...                    | 27,463,332 | 24,352,587 | 347,542   | 3,458,287 |
| Correspondence Posted ...    | 25,624,938 | 25,720,448 | 95,480    | ...       |
| Articles Registered ...      | 236,808    | 196,994    | ...       | 39,814    |

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

| Correspondence.                           | 1904.   | 1905.   | Increase. | Decrease. |
|---|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Returned to senders within the Colony ... | 99,987  | 85,714  | ...       | 14,273    |
| Returned to other Countries ...           | 75,783  | 64,237  | ...       | 11,546    |
| Destroyed ...                             | 55,300  | 51,109  | ...       | 4,191     |
| Total ...                                 | 231,070 | 201,060 | ...       | 30,010    |
|   |         |         |           |           |

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

|  | 1904.   | 1905.   | Increase. | Decrease. |
|--|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Exchanged between Offices in the Colony ... ..           | 413,452 | 417,538 | 4,086     | ...       |
| Despatched to adjoining Territories ... ..               | 42,259  | 42,870  | 611       | ...       |
| Received from adjoining Territories... ..                | 46,574  | 41,927  | ...       | 4,647     |
| Bags despatched to the United Kingdom ... ..             | 4,422   | 4,694   | 272       | ...       |
| Bags received from the United Kingdom ... ..             | 11,115  | 11,971  | 856       | ...       |
| Bags despatched to Foreign Countries ... ..              | 1,443   | 2,142   | 699       | ...       |
| Bags received from Foreign Countries ... ..              | 3,441   | 5,225   | 1,784     | ...       |
| Bags received in Transit ... ..                          | 10,842  | 9,245   | ...       | 1,597     |
| Boxes of Parcels despatched to the United Kingdom ... .. | 389     | 350     | ...       | 39        |
| Boxes of Parcels received from the United Kingdom ... .. | 4,688   | 3,800   | ...       | 888       |
| Totals ... ..  | 538,625 | 539,762 | 8,308     | 7,171     |

Net Increase: 1,137.



# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FOREIGN AND OVERBERG PARCELS TRAFFIC.

|   | 1904.                 | 1905.                 | Increase. | Decrease.             |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Number of Parcels despatched to the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries ... ..     | 14,114                | 10,119                | ...       | 3,995                 |
| Number of Parcels received from the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries ... ..     | 58,608                | 51,154                | ...       | 7,454                 |
| Total ... ..  | 72,722                | 61,273                | ...       | 11,449                |
| Value of Articles Exported to the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries ... ..       | £ s. d.<br>10,385 6 0 | £ s. d.<br>9,015 9 10 | ...       | £ s. d.<br>1,369 16 2 |
| Value of Articles Imported from the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries ... ..     | 111,616 6 10          | 102,547 11 6          | ...       | 9,069 15 4            |
| Amount of Customs Dues collected on Parcels and Letters from other Countries ... .. | 9,418 6 1½            | 8,601 4 4             | ...       | 817 1 9½              |

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MILEAGE OF POSTAL ROUTE OPEN.

| Service.  |     |     |     | 1904.               | 1905.               | Increase.        | Decrease. |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Railway   | ... | ... | ... | 797                 | 820 $\frac{5}{8}$   | 23 $\frac{5}{8}$ | ...       |
| Post Cart | ... | ... | ... | 476 $\frac{1}{2}$   | 487                 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ...       |
| Carrier   | ... | ... | ... | 2,571 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2,585               | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ...       |
| Total     | ... | ... | ... | 3,845               | 3,892 $\frac{5}{8}$ | 47 $\frac{5}{8}$ | ...       |

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXTENT OF POSTAL ROUTE TRAVERSED, IN MILEAGE.

| Service.  |     |     |     | 1904.     | 1905.                   | Increase.            | Decrease. |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Railway   | ... | ... | ... | 1,333,181 | 1,370,239 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 37,058 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ...       |
| Post Cart | ... | ... | ... | 230,984   | 236,606                 | 5,622                | ...       |
| Carrier   | ... | ... | ... | 1,099,540 | 1,123,304               | 23,764               | ...       |
| Total     | ... | ... | ... | 2,663,705 | 2,730,149 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 66,444 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ...       |

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

|                                |     | Telegraph.   |                     | Telephone.        |                     | Private Wires.   |                   |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                |     | Line, Miles. | Wire, Miles.        | Line, Miles.      | Wire, Miles.        | Line, Miles.     | Wire, Miles.      |
| Year ended 31st December, 1904 | ... | 1,793        | 5,599 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 110 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1,774 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 166 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Year ended 31st December, 1905 | ... | 1,811        | 6,154 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 134               | 2,306 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 31 $\frac{1}{6}$ | 173               |

## POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH EXPENDITURE

## ACTUAL EXPENDITURE :—

|  | £       | s. | d. | £       | s. | d. |
|--|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| Salaries ... ..                                  | 123,880 | 1  | 10 |         |    |    |
| Mails ... ..                                     | 22,602  | 19 | 5  |         |    |    |
| Contingent and other Expenses ... ..             | 2,920   | 10 | 3  |         |    |    |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                             | 39,009  | 5  | 0  |         |    |    |
|  | <hr/>   |    |    | 188,412 | 16 | 6  |
| <i>Excess of Revenue over Expenditure</i> ... .. |         |    |    | 12,711  | 6  | 6½ |

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201,124 3 0½

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*Indirect Charges to be taken up:*

|   |       |    |   |        |    |    |
|---|-------|----|---|--------|----|----|
| Railway Passes Supplied Free ... ..   | 2,265 | 15 | 1 |        |    |    |
| Pensions, etc., paid through Treasury ... ..  | 1,560 | 3  | 4 |        |    |    |
| Stationery and Printing paid through Colonial Office ... ..                               | 2,744 | 2  | 3 |        |    |    |
| Interest on Telegraph Loan Works ... ..   | 5,084 | 15 | 9 |        |    |    |
| Interest on Postal Buildings from Loans ... ..  | 4,609 | 10 | 5 |        |    |    |
| Services met by Public Works Department ... ..  | 6,744 | 9  | 7 |        |    |    |
| Clothing Supplied by Police and Gaols Department ... ..                                   | 97    | 4  | 6 |        |    |    |
| Interest on Capital Expenditure defrayed from Revenue,<br>1896-97, at 3½ per cent. ... .. | 193   | 1  | 1 |        |    |    |
|   | <hr/> |    |   | 23,299 | 2  | 0  |
| <i>Excess of Services Received over Services Rendered</i> ... ..                          |       |    |   | 20,267 | 13 | 7  |
| <i>Less Excess of Revenue over Expenditure</i> ... ..                                     |       |    |   | 12,711 | 6  | 6½ |

Balance against the Department ...

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\*7,556 7 0½

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\*Against this Balance has to be set Value of Free Services rendered to other Departments, amounting to £41,639 9s. 8d.

## AND REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 1904-05.

## ACTUAL REVENUE :—

## Postage :

|                             | £       | s. | d.  | £       | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------|---------|----|-----|---------|----|----|
| Stamps ... ..               | 120,328 | 19 | 8   |         |    |    |
| From other Countries ... .. | 4,441   | 12 | 10½ |         |    |    |
|                             |         |    |     | 124,770 | 12 | 6½ |

## Commission :

|                                      |       |    |    |       |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----|----|-------|---|---|
| Money Order Commission ... ..        | 5,582 | 5  | 0  |       |   |   |
| Received from other Countries ... .. | 718   | 4  | 7  |       |   |   |
| Postal Order Poundage ... ..         | 746   | 16 | 11 |       |   |   |
|                                      |       |    |    | 7,047 | 6 | 6 |

## Miscellaneous :

|                                       |       |    |    |       |    |    |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
| Commission on Stamps purchased ... .. | 6     | 10 | 6  |       |    |    |
| Box Fees ... ..                       | 1,989 | 6  | 3  |       |    |    |
| Bag Fees ... ..                       | 587   | 15 | 8  |       |    |    |
| Special Receipts ... ..               | 6,724 | 15 | 9½ |       |    |    |
| Fines ... ..                          | 23    | 13 | 2  |       |    |    |
| Sale of Government Property ... ..    | 90    | 10 | 3  |       |    |    |
|                                       |       |    |    | 9,422 | 11 | 7½ |

## Telephone Receipts :

|                       |       |    |    |       |   |   |
|-----------------------|-------|----|----|-------|---|---|
| Rents ... ..          | 6,004 | 16 | 11 |       |   |   |
| Other Receipts ... .. | 72    | 7  | 10 |       |   |   |
|                       |       |    |    | 6,077 | 4 | 9 |

## Telegraph Receipts :

|                        |        |    |    |        |   |    |
|------------------------|--------|----|----|--------|---|----|
| Stamps ... ..          | 44,566 | 18 | 8  |        |   |    |
| Registrations ... ..   | 815    | 17 | 0  |        |   |    |
| Other Receipts ... ..  | 4,124  | 10 | 8½ |        |   |    |
| Re-imbursements ... .. | 4,299  | 1  | 3  |        |   |    |
|                        |        |    |    | 53,806 | 7 | 7½ |

|                      |  |  |  |         |   |    |
|----------------------|--|--|--|---------|---|----|
| Total Revenue ... .. |  |  |  | 201,124 | 3 | 0½ |
|----------------------|--|--|--|---------|---|----|

## Indirect Credits to be allowed :

|   |       |    |    |  |  |  |
|---|-------|----|----|--|--|--|
| Superannuation Deductions ... ..                        | 1,734 | 15 | 3  |  |  |  |
| Rent for Quarters, paid to P.W.D. ... ..                | 330   | 13 | 3  |  |  |  |
| Additions and Alterations to Telephone System ... ..    | 924   | 19 | 10 |  |  |  |
| Upkeep of Electric Bells, Government Departments ... .. | 41    | 0  | 1  |  |  |  |

|                                      |  |  |  |       |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------|---|---|
| Excess of Debits over Credits ... .. |  |  |  | 3,031 | 8 | 5 |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------|---|---|

|  |  |  |  |        |    |   |
|--|--|--|--|--------|----|---|
|  |  |  |  | 20,267 | 13 | 7 |
|--|--|--|--|--------|----|---|

|  |  |  |  |        |   |   |
|--|--|--|--|--------|---|---|
|  |  |  |  | 23,299 | 2 | 0 |
|--|--|--|--|--------|---|---|

## In addition the Department rendered the following Services Free :

|   |        |    |   |        |   |   |
|---|--------|----|---|--------|---|---|
| Conveyance of Official Letters, Inland ... ..           | 24,780 | 2  | 0 |        |   |   |
| Transmission of Official Telegrams ... ..               | 9,223  | 4  | 8 |        |   |   |
| Registration of Official Telegraphic Addresses ... ..   | 66     | 3  | 0 |        |   |   |
| Official Telephone Connections ... ..                   | 754    | 18 | 9 |        |   |   |
| Postage on Colonial Newspapers ... ..                   | 6,000  | 0  | 0 |        |   |   |
| 50 per cent. on Military Telegrams ... ..               | 339    | 16 | 9 |        |   |   |
| Upkeep of Observatory Line ... ..                       | 12     | 0  | 0 |        |   |   |
| Upkeep of Harbour Department's Telephone System ... ..  | 80     | 0  | 0 |        |   |   |
| Private Bag Services for Government Departments ... ..  | 23     | 12 | 6 |        |   |   |
| Private Boxes allotted to Government Departments ... .. | 159    | 12 | 0 |        |   |   |
| Savings Bank work at Durban and other Offices ... ..    | 200    | 0  | 0 |        |   |   |
|   |        |    |   | 41,639 | 9 | 8 |

## TELEGRAPHS.]

## RETURN OF CABLE TRAFFIC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1905.

| MONTH.                | Number of Messages received from Eastern and Western Companies for transmission to South African Stations. | Number of Messages collected in South Africa and handed to Eastern Company for transmission abroad. | Total. | Payments to Eastern and Western Telegraph Companies. | Amount received on behalf of B.S.A. Co. | 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. |
|-----------------------|--|---|--------|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| January ...           | 1,291  | 1,112   | 2,403  | £ s. d.<br>*44 0 5<br>437 12 11                      | £ s. d.<br>28 19 6                      | £ s. d.<br>9 13 11   | £ s. d.<br>47 17 4  | £ s. d.<br>7 14 9   | £ s. d.<br>94 5 6  |
| February ...          | 755  | 586   | 1,341  | *258 8 0<br>97 1 4                                   | 18 3 3                                  | 5 15 9   | 27 16 9   | 3 13 9  | 55 9 6   |
| March ...             | 1,241  | 1,135   | 2,376  | *3 15 8<br>431 4 7                                   | 34 15 11½                               | 5 2 9  | 45 11 3   | 5 4 8   | 90 14 7½   |
| April ...             | 2,245  | 1,007   | 3,252  | *13 8 0<br>423 4 6                                   | 30 0 7                                  | 14 11 11   | 98 15 4½  | 10 10 7   | 153 18 5½  |
| May ...               | 2,086  | 998   | 3,084  | *62 7 10<br>342 16 4                                 | 31 13 10½                               | 7 19 11  | 85 14 4½  | 6 4 5   | 131 12 7   |
| June ...              | 1,129  | 957   | 2,086  | *1 2 8<br>358 17 9½                                  | 30 3 3                                  | 3 18 4   | 39 5 8  | 4 14 8  | 78 1 11  |
| July ...              | 2,962  | 1,126   | 4,088  | 436 14 10½   | 34 16 3½                                | 12 17 6  | 120 18 9½   | 12 0 0  | 180 12 7   |
| August ...            | 2,668  | 1,208   | 3,876  | *1 10 0<br>402 10 1                                  | 30 0 11                                 | 9 10 6   | 120 15 8  | 11 9 11   | 171 17 0   |
| September ...         | 1,655  | 1,213   | 2,868  | 329 9 3  | 32 5 3                                  | 10 7 4   | 62 19 2   | 6 13 5  | 112 5 2  |
| October ...           | 2,029  | 1,083   | 3,112  | *2 6 11<br>371 17 3½                                 | 29 14 5                                 | 4 6 7  | 88 18 6   | 11 16 1   | 134 15 7   |
| November ...          | 2,072  | 1,101   | 3,173  | *7 17 7<br>347 8 1                                   | 26 5 5                                  | 15 0 4   | 85 5 2  | 15 11 5   | 142 2 4  |
| December ...          | 2,021  | 1,114   | 3,135  | *1 0 6<br>406 11 5                                   | 23 17 4½                                | 10 18 9  | 82 7 6½   | 11 7 9  | 128 11 5   |
| Western Route—Jan-Dec | 145  | ...   | 145    | ...  | ...                                     | ...  | ...   | ...   | ...  |
|                       | 22,299   | 12,640  | 34,939 | 4,781 6 0½   | 350 16 1                                | 110 3 7  | 906 5 7   | 107 1 5   | 1,474 6 8  |

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