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REPORT

ON THE

POSTMASTER-GENERAL

FOR THE

Year ended 31st December, 1906.

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Report of the Postmaster-General for the Year ended the 31st December, 1906.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

I have the honour to submit my report on the Post Office Department for the year ended the 31st December, 1906.

Revenue.—The actual revenue of the Department (Postal and Telegraph Branches) for the financial year ended the 30th of June, 1906, amounted to £195,619 10s. 7d.

Indirect Credits.—£2,240 2s. 7d. represents the value of the Indirect Credits due to be allowed to the Post Office in respect of the undermentioned services, viz.:—

- (a) Superannuation deductions from salaries.
- (b) Rent paid to Public Works Department for Official Quarters.
- (c) Removal and Installation of Telephones for Government Departments.
- (d) Maintenance of Electric Bell systems in Government Offices.

Free Services.—In addition, the Post Office Department was required to perform various gratuitous services, a list of which is given below. The total estimated value of these services is £40,541 1s. 3d.

- (a) Conveyance of Official Letters, etc.
- (b) Transmission of Official Telegrams.
- (c) Registration of Official Telegraphic Addresses.
- (d) Installation and Maintenance of Official Telephone connections.
- (e) Transmission of Colonial Newspapers.
- (f) Transmission of Military Telegrams—(Half-rates).
- (g) Private Bag and Box Services for Government Departments.
- (h) Savings Bank work.

The gross revenue, including the value of these services for the financial year, amounted to £238,400 14s. 5d.

Expenditure.—The actual expenditure, exclusive of indirect charges, consisting of—

- Pensions,
- Office Expenses,
- Erection of, and repairs to, Post Office Buildings, etc.

amounted to £175,977 17s. 5d., but with the addition of these charges the total was increased to £196,156 2s. 11d.

Balance.—Deducting this amount from the gross revenue, a balance amounting to £42,244 11s. 6d. remains in favour of the Department, and this may be regarded as the profit on the working for the period under review.

Compared with the actual revenue for the preceding year, viz., £201,124 3s. 0½d., the figures for this year show a decrease of £5,504 12s. 5½d.

Against this, however, should be set the fact that during the same period it was possible to reduce the expenditure in connection with the operations of the Department by £12,434 19s. 1d., a sum amounting to more than double the sum by which the revenue fell short of the previous year's earnings.

Collection of Customs Revenue.—During the year the Post Office Department collected, in addition to its own revenue, the sum of £9,064 10s. 7d. on behalf of the Customs Department, an increase of £463 6s. 3d. over the amount collected during 1905.

Savings Bank Work.—Savings Bank work is being performed at the undermentioned Post Offices by members of the Post Office Staff. During the twelve months ended the 31st December, deposits representing in value £211,825 3s. 1½d. were accepted:

Pietermaritzburg,
Durban,
Mooi River,

Pinetown,
Point.
Verulam.

Improvements.—Owing to the urgent need for reduction in the expenditure of the Department, it has not been possible to grant additional facilities to the extent anticipated, but it has been possible, notwithstanding, to effect important improvements in existing services, and to introduce at least two new services, namely:—The Trunk Telephone System and the Express Delivery Service. These services are dealt with, in detail, in a subsequent portion of the report.

Number of Articles Passing through the Post.—The estimated number of articles, inclusive of parcels, dealt with during the year, was 46,209,228, a decrease of 4,863,807 on the figures for the year ended the 31st of December, 1905.

From the detailed statement in the appendix it will be observed that the decrease is almost wholly in the number of letters, parcels, and newspapers; and is due, in all probability, to the prevailing stagnation of trade.

The increase in the number of post cards is largely, if not wholly, due to the extensive use of the Pictorial Post Cards, the popularity of which shows no sign of decline. The number of articles registered decreased from 196,994 to 167,547.

New Post Offices and Postal Agencies.—New Post Offices were opened during the year at the following Railway Stations, viz.:—

- ✓ Amatikulu, on the North Coast Line.
- ✓ Deepdale, on the Natal-Cape Branch Line.
- ✓ Winter's Kloof, on the Main Line.
- ✓ Nel's Rust, on the Richmond Branch Line.

Postal Agencies were also established at the following places, viz.:—

- ✓ Appelsbosch (Noodsberg),
- ✓ Mooi Plaatz (Vryheid),
- ✓ Stendal (Weenen),
- ✓ Stepmore (Bulwer) and
- ✓ Glengavel (Bulwer).

✓ The Agency at Waterval has been re-opened, after being closed for some time.

Extension of Money Order Business.—Money Order business has been extended to Dannhauser, and the West End Sub-Office, Durban.

Express Delivery Service.—The introduction of a service having for its object the express delivery and collection of Letters and Parcels throughout the Colony, was effected in the early part of the year. In the United Kingdom this service is extensively made use of by the business community, and is deservedly popular. It is expected, as soon as its advantages are realised by merchants and others in Natal, that it will be largely resorted to by members of the public in need of an inexpensive and rapid service.

Appointment of Customs Officers.—In order to afford the general public every convenience in obtaining delivery of Postal Packets from abroad, detained for examination on the assumption that they contain dutiable articles, it has been arranged that, in addition to the officers already appointed, the Sub-Postmasters at the under-mentioned places shall perform the duties of Customs Officers, viz.:—

Lower Umkomaas,
Nongoma,

Pinetown and
Weenen.

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British Postal Orders.—Having regard to the increasing use made of the British Postal Order as a means by which small sums of money can be easily, and with small expense, remitted to the other Colonies and to the United Kingdom, arrangements have been made for these Orders to be on sale at the following Railway Stations, viz.:—

Nottingham Road,
Mount Edgecombe,

Hatting Spruit and
Dannhauser.

British Postal Orders can also be obtained at all Money Order Offices in the Colony. As evidence of the popularity of this service, it may be mentioned that during the first four months British Postal Orders were available, the number of Orders issued for payment abroad was 6,666, representing in value the sum of £3,369 11s., while the total number issued during the past year was 27,880, representing a value of £75,131 17s. Within twelve months the average issues per month had risen from 416 to 2,323.

Pictorial Post Cards.—Pictorial Cards, having a communication on the left-hand half of the address side, are now admissible at the Post Card rate of postage.

Free Postage of Colonial Newspapers.—The privilege of free postage accorded to the publishers of Colonial newspapers has been extended to the "Natal Review" and the "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News."

House-to-House Delivery of Correspondence.—The house-to-house system of delivery of letters, etc., by postmen, is gradually being extended to the smaller towns of the Colony where this is practicable without much expense. During the year the service was granted to the residents of Estcourt.

Post Card Services.—Several revisions in the Post Card Services of the Colony have taken place during the year. Chief of these may be noted the alteration in the point of departure of the Bulwer Post Card, consequent upon the extension of the Natal-Cape Railway line.

This service is now run between Donnybrook—a station on the Natal-Cape Branch Line, 79½ miles from Pietermaritzburg—and Bulwer, instead of between Elandskop and Bulwer.

On the 1st October, the service between Ladysmith and Bergville was discontinued and one between Loskop and Bergville substituted. This alteration was practicable owing to the opening of the Estcourt section of the Upper Tugela Branch Railway Line.

Inter-Colonial Mail Service (Natal-Orange River Colony).—By the completion of the Bethlene Kroonstad section of the Orange River Colony Branch Line, communication between Natal and towns in the Cape and the Orange River Colonies has been improved. Formerly correspondence for Bloemfontein, etc., was circulated by way of Johannesburg, and occupied in transit approximately, 35 hours. By the adoption of the Kroonstad route an accelerated service is given. In connection with this service arrangements have been made for the direct exchange of mails between the following offices in Natal, namely: Durban, Maritzburg, Ladysmith and Mooi River, and Bloemfontein, Lindley, Senekal and Kroonstad, in the Orange River Colony.

European Mail Service.—A proposal for the conveyance of the weekly European mail, which now travels via Johannesburg, over the Orange River Colony route, is under consideration, and if carried out will result in an earlier delivery of the incoming mail at Durban and Pietermaritzburg, while, at the same time, effecting either a reduction in the cost of working the Natal Travelling Post Office, or its complete abolition.

At the beginning of the year, an extension of twenty-four hours in the time of posting correspondence for the outgoing mail at Maritzburg and Durban was arranged, with a corresponding extension at the other towns of the Colony.

Parcel Post Convention with British East Africa and Uganda.—Arrangements have been completed for the exchange of direct Parcel mails, by the principal lines of steamers, between this Colony and the East African Protectorate and Uganda. Prior to the convention being entered into, parcels for Mombasa and places served through its agency were forwarded via the United Kingdom, the new arrangement thus gives a more expeditious service.

Parcels for India and the Far East from the Orange River Colony sent via Natal.—In order to accelerate the conveyance of parcels to and from the Orange River Colony and places in India and the Far East, including Mauritius, Ceylon, Straits Settlements and Dutch Indies, this Administration has agreed to act as intermediary for the exchange of parcels between these countries.

Parcel Post with German East Africa.—Parcels for places in German East Africa are now forwarded via Delagoa Bay at a minimum rate of 2s. 2d. for the first pound. Sixpence a pound thereafter is charged up to a maximum weight of 11 lbs.

Of Parcels may be noted the follow-

Belgium, Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, Republic of Costa Rica.—The reduction of the rates of postage on parcels addressed to places within the Republic of Costa Rica, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and Belgium.

Republic of Nicaragua.—The acceptance of parcels for places within the Republic of Nicaragua for transmission via London.

British Solomon Islands Protectorate.—The acceptance for onward transmission from Sydney, New South Wales, of parcels for the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

Money Orders.—A convention for the direct exchange of Money Orders has been entered into between this Colony and Norway.

Rates of Postage to and from Egypt.—The rate of postage on letters to and from Egypt and Natal has been reduced to 1d. for each half-ounce.

Postal Order Agreement.—The postal authorities of British Central Africa notify the abolition of the local system of Postal Orders and the adoption of British Postal Orders. As a result, the Postal Order agreement entered into by Natal and British Central Africa has been terminated. The exchange of small sums is possible through the medium of the British Postal Order.

Returned Letter Branch.—At the conclusion of the report will be found a comparative statement of the total number of articles dealt with in the Returned Letter Branch, in addition to which particulars are given below of all articles received and dealt with in this Branch during the year 1906.

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--------|
| Ordinary letters returned to writers within the Colony | ... | ... | 88,338 |
| Registered letters returned to writers within the Colony | ... | ... | 786 |
| Destroyed owing to illegible addresses and senders being unknown | ... | ... | 38,481 |
| Returned unopened to Foreign Countries | ... | ... | 54,904 |
| Unregistered articles posted at places within the Colony, and bearing the address of the sender on the covers, returned direct by Head Postmasters | ... | ... | 19,548 |
| Undelivered printed papers, etc., returned direct by Head Postmasters | ... | ... | 14,328 |

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 £2,936 17s. 1d.

Lotteries.—Correspondence emanating from Continental Lottery Houses continues to be received in this Colony. Owing to the fact that, for the most part, such correspondence is received under cover of the letter post, i.e., in sealed envelopes, it is not possible, under the present law, to stop the delivery of the packets.

Mails for the Far East.—Direct closed mails containing correspondence from the Straits Settlements for South Africa are now despatched from Singapore and Penang to Durban. Closed mails are, whenever there is a vessel leaving Durban, made up for these places, and also for Chingwangtao, Sabang, Anger Point (Java) and Kimonsaki.

Postcards enclosed in Transparent Covers.—Pictorial Postcards enclosed in transparent covers with the upper right hand corners cut to allow of the postage stamp on the enclosure being defaced are now admitted at the letter rate of postage.

TELEGRAPHS.

Traffic.—The following comparative statement shows the traffic dealt with during the past three years:—

| Year. | Forwarded. | Received. | Transmitted. | Totals. |
|-------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| 1904 | 634,067 | 700,194 | 932,436 | 2,266,697 |
| 1905 | 587,253 | 654,406 | 929,174 | 2,170,833 |
| 1906 | *666,265 | 704,809 | 1,039,586 | 2,410,660 |

* Including 125,554 Official Telegrams.

Revenue.—For the financial year ended the 30th June, 1906, the revenue from all classes of Telegraph and Telephone business amounted to, approximately, £61,685 16s. 6d., an increase of £1,802 6s. 2d. over the previous year's revenue. In addition, the sum of £13,299 16s. 7d. represents the value of services rendered by the Department for other Government Departments, for which no charge was made. This amount includes £156 6s. 5d., the value of the 50 per cent. reduction on telegrams transmitted on behalf of the Military authorities.

The receipts from Telephone business, amounting in all to £6,826 5s. 6½d., are as follows:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| Rents for Telephone connections | 6,505 | 0 | 10 |
| Trunk Lines and other receipts | 321 | 4 | 8½ |

the former item showing an increase of £500.

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 £775.

Bonus to Telegraph Messengers.—Thirty-one Messengers participated in the Bonus awarded by the Government for regular attendance during the year at the Government Night Schools. The value of the payments thus made amounted to £155.

New Offices.—The following offices were opened for the transaction of public Telegraph business:—

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| ✓ Amatikulu. | ✓ Imbezane. |
| ✓ Charlestown Railway Station. | ✓ Normandien. |
| ✓ Nel's Rust. | ✓ Murchison. |
| ✓ Deepdale Railway Station. | |

Inland Telegrams for Transmission by Post from Capetown.—Owing to the earlier departure from Capetown of the mail steamer for Europe it has been found necessary to curtail the time up to which messages for Europe can be telegraphed to Capetown for despatch thence by post. The latest hour at which such telegrams are accepted at Capetown is now 3 p.m.

Cablegrams.—The Eastern and South African Telegraph Company are now prepared to accept stock exchange and market quotations in an abbreviated form in press telegrams, and also to accept multiple press telegrams at an additional nominal fee for copying only.

Extension to the Congo Free State.—Telegraphic communication has now been established with the Congo Free State at the following stations:—

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Boma, | Luki, |
| Coquilhatville, | Lukolela, |
| Kwamouth, | Matadi and |
| Inebu, | Thysville. |
| Leopoldville, | |

The following are the more important works carried out during the calendar year:—

NEW LINES ERECTED.

Donnybrook to Creighton—carrying two wires along the Cape-Natal Railway.
Telephone extension from Newcastle to Normandien.
Telephone extension from Umhlangeni to Imbezane.
Telephone connection at Murchison Police Camp.

The following lines were overhauled and put into thorough repair:—

Stanger—New Guelderland.
Stanger—Mapumulo.
Isipingo—North Shepstone (along Railway).
Harding—Reit Vlei (Umzimkulu).
Pietermaritzburg—Umzimkulu (across country).
Dundee—Nondweni.
Newcastle—Charlestown (across country).

During the year the Telephone Trunk System was inaugurated and intertown communication instituted between Durban and Pietermaritzburg, and Newcastle and Ladysmith and Dundee. Public Call Offices were also opened at Mooi River, Estcourt, Greytown, Utrecht, Normandien and Reit Vlei.

During December arrangements were made between Newcastle and the Transvaal Border for the purpose of establishing Telephonic Communication with Johannesburg experimentally, and, if successful, as a public service.

With the exception of the deviation of the Main Line between Pietermaritzburg and Umsindus the special works carried out for the Railway Department have been of a minor character.

Owing to the continued depression every effort has been made to restrict the expenditure upon General Maintenance work, and only such Maintenance work as was absolutely necessary has been carried out.

The Trunk Telephone.—The popularity of the Trunk Telephone Service has far exceeded my expectations, and, from the reports which reach me, it has proved to be of immense value to the public. At first, while the connection to Durban was to the Post Office Call Office only, the number of calls was small, but as soon as an agreement had been entered into with the Durban Corporation, under which the Corporation subscribers were given direct communication with the Trunk Line system, a very large increase in the work took place.

No doubt a reduction in the number of telegrams sent has resulted from this new service, but it is not appreciable, and the amount of new work to which it has given rise is more than sufficient to compensate for any loss incurred in the Telegraph Branch. A matter of far greater importance, however, is that of the public convenience, and this has certainly been increased by the new service.

In a country like this, where in the summer thunderstorms are of almost daily occurrence, the lines and apparatus are particularly liable to interruptions and damage; but, notwithstanding this, very few complaints have reached me from the public, and for this result I am indebted to the members of the Engineering Staff, who have taken the greatest interest in this work, and spared no pains to make the system as perfect as it can be made by the use of the latest scientific methods known.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Staff.—The number of persons employed by the Department on the 31st December, 1906, was 1,345, classified as follows:—

| | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| Established Officers | ... | ... | ... | 307 |
| Unestablished Officers | ... | ... | ... | 600 |
| Natives | ... | ... | ... | 438 |
| | | | | <hr/> 1,345 |

The Natives were employed as follows:—

| | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Mail Carriers | ... | ... | ... | 320 |
| Messengers | ... | ... | ... | 70 |
| Linemen | ... | ... | ... | 48 |
| | | | | <hr/> 438 |

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

The Universal Postal Congress met in Rome on the 7th April, 1906, at which South Africa was represented by Sir Somerset French, Postmaster-General of the Cape Colony. The existing Convention, which was adopted at the Conference held at Washington in 1897, has been modified to some extent, and the new Convention will come into operation in October next. The principal alterations, as far as the public is concerned, are that the unit of weight for letters will be increased from $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. to 1 oz., and the rate of postage on International letters fixed at 2½d. for the first ounce, and 1½d. for each additional ounce. It is, however, provided in a final "Protocol" that Postal Administrations which, on account of the organisation of their internal service, or for other reasons, cannot adopt the principle of raising the unit of weight, etc., are authorised to postpone the introduction of the proposal until they are in a position to do it, and to act in the meantime according to the rules established on the subject by the Congress of Washington.

An alteration has been made in the post card regulations, under which it will not be obligatory for private cards to bear the heading "Post Card." It has further been decided that the left hand half of a post card may be used for communication.

Illovo River Station Post Office broken into.—On the 4th of February the Railway Station at Illovo River was broken into, and an amount of £5 9s. 11d., belonging to the Department, was stolen.

On the 8th of October the Illovo River Station Post Office was again broken into. The test box was slightly damaged by a charge of dynamite, but no Post Office property was stolen.

New Guelderland Post Office broken into.—On the 6th of March the New Guelderland Post Office was feloniously entered, and cash and postage stamps, belonging to the Department, of the value of £1 17s. 6d. abstracted.

Mid-Illovo Central Post Office broken into.—The Mid-Illovo Central Post Office was entered by burglars on the 23rd of July, and postage stamps and money, belonging to the Department, amounting to £2 1s. 9d., were stolen.

Theft of Mail Bag by Native Post Carrier.—A Native carrier on the Babanango-Nondweni route was charged on the 25th of May with the theft of a Mail bag. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Native Rebellion.—During the Native Rebellion 66 officers of the Department, of various grades, were absent with the forces. Owing to this depletion of the staff, combined with the great increase of Militia traffic and the extension of the hours of duty at a number of Telegraph Offices, the Department was worked under considerable inconvenience and pressure, and the performance of a very large amount of overtime was unavoidable.

Many of our Telegraph lines were completely at the mercy of the Natives during the rebellion, but, with one exception, no damage was done. This exception was the complete breaking down of the cross-country line by Bambata's men in the Impanza district, and as they were for a time in possession of the Impanza it was several days before officers of the Department could proceed to the spot to repair the damage. In the meantime the traffic for Johannesburg and the up-country towns was diverted to the line which follows the Railway, by way of Estcourt and Ladysmith.

In concluding my report, I have to express my keen appreciation of the loyal service rendered to me by all grades of the service.

C. MAXWELL HIBBERD,

Postmaster-General.

19th April, 1907.

[A.]

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MONEY ORDERS ISSUED.

| Payable in— | 1905. | | 1906. | | Increase. | | Decrease. | |
|----------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. |
| Natal ... | 20,515 | £ s. d. 77,861 19 2 | 18,601 | £ s. d. 75,661 5 10 | ... | £ s. d. ... | 1,914 | £ s. d. 2,200 13 4 |
| United Kingdom ... | 57,472 | 177,592 6 2 | 39,157 | 139,224 12 7 | ... | ... | 18,315 | 38,367 13 7 |
| Cape Colony ... | 5,294 | 18,063 1 3 | 4,083 | 15,822 7 10 | ... | ... | 1,211 | 2,240 13 5 |
| Transvaal ... | 5,315 | 23,072 5 6 | 4,424 | 20,951 15 2 | ... | ... | 891 | 2,120 10 4 |
| Orange River Colony ... | 739 | 2,861 14 0 | 584 | 2,851 15 8 | ... | ... | 155 | 9 18 4 |
| Raodesia ... | 95 | 373 5 4 | 66 | 510 5 1 | ... | 136 19 9 | 29 | ... |
| St. Helena ... | 68 | 111 17 0 | 58 | 99 14 6 | ... | ... | 10 | 12 2 6 |
| Mauritius ... | 934 | 3,794 18 1 | 741 | 2,373 0 11 | ... | ... | 193 | 1,421 17 2 |
| India ... | 12,051 | 90,909 7 0 | 11,130 | 87,205 3 11 | ... | ... | 921 | 3,704 3 1 |
| Australia ... | 3,306 | 13,471 16 9 | 2,482 | 9,574 14 6 | ... | ... | 818 | 3,897 2 3 |
| Ceylon ... | 57 | 364 8 1 | 71 | 274 12 7 | 14 | ... | ... | 89 15 6 |
| British Central Africa ... | 5 | 8 16 5 | 3 | 9 5 6 | ... | 9 1 | 2 | ... |
| Mozambique ... | 58 | 244 18 1 | 74 | 370 10 3 | 16 | 125 12 2 | ... | ... |
| British East Africa ... | 12 | 18 6 6 | 35 | 157 17 0 | 23 | 139 10 6 | ... | ... |
| | 105,915 | 408,748 19 4 | 81,509 | 355,087 1 4 | 53 | 402 11 6 | 24,459 | 54,064 9 6 |

NET DECREASE : No., 24,406 ; Amount, £53,661 18s.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MONEY ORDERS PAID.

| Issued in— | 1905. | | 1906. | | Increase. | | Decrease. | |
|----------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|
| | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. |
| Natal ... | 20,480 | £ s. d. 77,677 16 3 | 18,554 | £ s. d. 75,479 8 7 | ... | £ s. d. ... | 1,926 | £ s. d. 2,198 7 8 |
| United Kingdom ... | 5,380 | 20,500 12 3 | 4,298 | 18,926 1 1 | ... | ... | 1,082 | 1,574 11 2 |
| Cape Colony ... | 6,937 | 26,693 17 9 | 6,626 | 28,354 16 10 | ... | 1,660 19 1 | 311 | ... |
| Transvaal ... | 17,522 | 85,055 12 3 | 15,247 | 83,178 16 4 | ... | ... | 2,275 | 1,876 15 11 |
| Orange River Colony ... | 2,938 | 11,187 2 8 | 2,022 | 11,397 11 6 | ... | 210 8 10 | 916 | ... |
| Rhodesia ... | 394 | 1,698 19 7 | 525 | 2,378 19 2 | 131 | 67 19 7 | ... | ... |
| St. Helena ... | 11 | 48 15 3 | 8 | 24 10 3 | ... | ... | 3 | 24 5 0 |
| Mauritius ... | 109 | 1,368 8 11 | 79 | 218 18 3 | ... | ... | 30 | 1,149 10 8 |
| India ... | 134 | 684 12 5 | 130 | 526 11 9 | ... | ... | 4 | 158 0 8 |
| Australia and New Zealand | 406 | 1,524 10 10 | 420 | 1,584 19 4 | 14 | 60 8 6 | ... | ... |
| Ceylon ... | 9 | 14 8 8 | 17 | 50 0 3 | 8 | 41 11 7 | ... | ... |
| British Central Africa ... | 19 | 27 7 9 | 6 | 19 1 2 | ... | ... | 13 | 8 6 7 |
| Mozambique ... | 57 | 137 17 2 | 123 | 331 16 7 | 66 | 193 19 5 | ... | ... |
| British East Africa ... | 12 | 34 3 7 | 47 | 184 11 2 | 35 | 150 7 7 | ... | ... |
| | 54,408 | 226,654 5 4 | 48,102 | 222,662 2 3 | 254 | 2,997 14 7 | 6,560 | 6,989 17 8 |

NET DECREASE, No. 6,306. AMOUNT, £3,992 3s. 1d.

[C.] COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED BY ADJOINING ADMINISTRATIONS
AND PAID IN NATAL.—1906.

| 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/- | 21/- | No. | Amount. | |
| Cape Colony ... | 539 | 350 | ... | 461 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 517 | 107 | 475 | ... | ... | 69 | ... | 583 | ... | 3,101 | £ 1,152 9 0 | |
| Transvaal ... | 917 | 483 | 889 | 1,172 | 981 | 592 | 1,000 | 557 | 2,368 | 614 | 3,203 | 476 | ... | 1,082 | ... | 9,554 | 420 | 24,308 | 14,373 14 0 | |
| Orange River Colony ... | 597 | 283 | 645 | 498 | 554 | 293 | 564 | 317 | 1,040 | 277 | 1,208 | 280 | ... | 537 | ... | 3,153 | ... | 10,246 | 5,166 19 0 | |
| Rhodesia ... | 25 | 19 | ... | 15 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 41 | 4 | 35 | ... | 1 | 7 | 2 | 54 | ... | 203 | 95 8 6 | |
| British Central Africa... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 5 | 2 12 6 | |
| Mozambique ... | 6 | 2 | ... | 6 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 15 | ... | 51 | 22 6 6 | |
| Totals, 1906 ... | 2,084 | 1,137 | 1,534 | 2,153 | 1,535 | 885 | 1,564 | 874 | 3,989 | 1,002 | 4,921 | 756 | 1 | 1,695 | 3 | 13,361 | 420 | 37,914 | 20,813 9 6 | |
| „ 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 | |
| Increase ... | 489 | 255 | 528 | 629 | 525 | 250 | 541 | 309 | 1,048 | 288 | 1,398 | 316 | ... | 664 | 2 | 4,918 | 420 | 12,579 | 7,568 5 0 | |
| Decrease ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |

BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, BRITISH COLONIES AND OTHER PLACES ABROAD,
AND PAID IN NATAL IN 1906.

| Denominations. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|------|----------|------|----------|-------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|------|-----|---------|-----------------|
| 6d. | 1s. | 1s. 6d. | 2s. | 2s. 6d. | 3s. | 3s. 6d. | 4s. | 4s. 6d. | 5s. | 5s. 6d. | 6s. | 6s. 6d. | 7s. | 7s. 6d. | 8s. | 8s. 6d. | 9s. | 9s. 6d. | 10s. | 10s. 6d. | 11s. | 11s. 6d. | 12s. | 12s. 6d. | 13s. | 13s. 6d. | 14s. | 14s. 6d. | 15s. | 15s. 6d. | 16s. | 16s. 6d. | 17s. | 17s. 6d. | 18s. | 18s. 6d. | 19s. | 19s. 6d. | 20s. | 21s. | No. | Amount. | |
| 14 | 122 | 72 | 166 | 203 | 105 | 49 | 85 | 36 | 461 | 17 | 25 | 10 | 26 | 57 | 15 | 10 | 14 | 7 | 539 | 59 | 10 | 7 | 16 | 11 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 117 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 889 | 15 | 4,381 | £2,819 19s. 6d. |

NOTE.—British Postal Orders were introduced into the Colony on the 1st of September, 1905, from which date to the 31st of December, 1905, the total number of Orders paid in Natal was 689, of the value of £427 1s.

[D.] COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED IN NATAL AND PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT IN THE RESPECTIVE COLONIES DURING THE YEAR 1906.

| Where Paid. | Denomination. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total. | |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|------|-------|------|--------|---------|---------------|
| | 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 ... | 4,695 | 2,453 | 4,688 | 6,563 | 5,191 | 2,733 | 5,456 | 2,692 | 16,092 | 3,624 | 17,761 | 1,927 | 861 | 4,764 | 587 | 33,968 | 114,055 | £ 58,528 13 0 |
| Cape Colony ... | 471 | 251 | 402 | 391 | 391 | 193 | 353 | 188 | 842 | 193 | 770 | 149 | 40 | 315 | 30 | 1,299 | 6,278 | 2,669 7 6 |
| Transvaal ... | 451 | 184 | 356 | 463 | 426 | 183 | 335 | 165 | 999 | 219 | 1,144 | 173 | 46 | 316 | 28 | 2,994 | 8,482 | 4,608 16 6 |
| O.R.C. ... | 82 | 53 | 65 | 98 | 71 | 51 | 68 | 43 | 228 | 54 | 239 | 27 | 18 | 76 | 3 | 484 | 1,660 | 835 9 6 |
| Rhodesia ... | 13 | ... | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 9 | 14 | 5 | 6 | 3 | ... | 28 | 110 | 53 19 0 |
| Mozambique ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 18 | 6 11 6 |
| Totals, 1906 | 5,714 | 2,943 | 5,517 | 7,520 | 6,086 | 3,162 | 6,214 | 3,089 | 18,177 | 4,099 | 19,931 | 2,281 | 971 | 5,474 | 649 | 38,776 | 130,603 | 66,702 17 0 |
| " 1905 | 5,441 | 2,764 | 4,567 | 8,053 | 4,713 | 2,670 | 4,697 | 2,393 | 15,875 | 3,596 | 17,087 | 2,021 | 239 | 4,709 | 192 | 30,506 | 109,523 | 53,871 12 0 |
| Increase ... | 273 | 179 | 950 | ... | 1,373 | 492 | 1,517 | 696 | 2,302 | 503 | 2,844 | 260 | 732 | 765 | 457 | 8,270 | 21,080 | 12,831 5 0 |
| Decrease ... | ... | ... | ... | 533 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED IN NATAL AND PAYABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, BRITISH COLONIES AND OTHER PLACES ABROAD DURING 1906.

| | Denomination. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total. | | |
|--|---------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|------|------|-------|--------|---------------|--|
| | 1/- | 1/6 | 2/- | 2/6 | 3/- | 3/6 | 4/- | 4/6 | 5/- | 7/6 | 10/- | 10/6 | 15/- | 20/- | No. | Amount. | |
| | 1,482 | 750 | 1,261 | 1,532 | 1,300 | 753 | 1,026 | 329 | 3,360 | 595 | 4,330 | 455 | 988 | 9,719 | 27,880 | £ 15,131 17 0 | |

NOTE—During the period 1st September to the 31st December, 1905, 6,666 Orders were issued in Natal, of the value £3,369 11s.

[E.]

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

| Country of Issue. | Drafts Issued. | | | | | | | | Drafts Honoured. | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------|-------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------------|----------|-------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| | 1905. | | 1906. | | Increase. | | Decrease. | | 1905. | | 1906. | | 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. | | £ s. d. |
| Natal ... | 90 | 290 14 11 | 141 | 425 17 0 | 51 | 135 2 1 | ... | ... | 13 | 26 0 10 | 26 | 62 8 3 | 13 | 36 7 5 | ... | ... |
| Cape Colony ... | 68 | 201 10 11 | 35 | 59 1 2 | ... | ... | 33 | 142 9 9 | 12 | 32 10 11 | 13 | 20 17 7 | 1 | ... | ... | 11 13 4 |
| Orange River Colony | 3 | 6 12 6 | 7 | 19 1 3 | 4 | 12 8 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 9 6 | 1 | 1 9 6 | ... | ... |
| | 161 | 498 18 4 | 183 | 503 19 5 | 55 | 147 10 10 | 33 | 142 9 9 | 25 | 58 11 9 | 40 | 84 15 4 | 15 | 37 16 11 | ... | 11 13 4 |

Drafts Issued :—Net Increase, No. of Drafts, 22 ; Value, £5 1s. 1d.

Drafts Honoured :—Net Increase, No. of Drafts, 15 ; Value, £26 3s. 7d.

[F.]

STATEMENT OF THE POST OFFICES AND AGENCIES OPEN ON DECEMBER
31ST, 1906, AS COMPARED WITH THE NUMBER OPEN ON DECEMBER
31ST, 1905.

| Class of Office. | 1905. | 1906. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Post Offices ... | 292 | 295 | 3 | ... |
| Post Office Agencies ... | 69 | 61 | ... | 8 |
| | 361 | 356 | ... | ... |

Net Decrease—5.

STATEMENT OF POST OFFICES AND AGENCIES OPENED DURING 1906.

| Name of Office. | Service Established. | Name of Office. | Service Established. |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| ✓ Amatikulu ... | Six days a week | ✓ Deepdale Rly. Station | Six days a week |
| ✓ Appelsbosch ... | Three days a week | ✓ Normandien Tel. Office | — |
| ✓ Charlestown Rail T.O. | — | ✓ Stendal ... | Six days a week |
| ✓ Greyville T.S.O., Durban | — | ✓ Stepmore ... | Three days a week |
| ✓ Mooiplaats ... | Two days a week | Wes. End T.S.O. (Dbn.) | — |
| ✓ Nel's Rust T.O. ... | — | Winter's Kloof ... | Six days a week |

The undermentioned Offices and Agencies were closed :—

- ✓ Alexandra Road T.S.O. (Maritzburg).
- ✓ Goudhoek.
- ✓ Inyoni.
- ✓ Kongolona.
- ✓ Newadi.
- ✓ Normanhurst.

[G.]

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

| Correspondence Received. | 1905. | 1906. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Letters, Ordinary | 15,101,580 | 13,722,072 | ... | 1,379,508 |
| Letters, Official | 1,218,620 | 1,418,716 | 200,096 | ... |
| Postcards | 1,084,096 | 1,166,880 | 82,784 | ... |
| Parcels | 194,705 | 168,584 | ... | 26,121 |
| Books and Sample Packets | 2,553,061 | 2,682,472 | 129,411 | ... |
| Newspapers | 4,200,525 | 3,408,028 | ... | 792,497 |
| Total | 24,352,587 | 22,566,752 | ... | ... |
| Correspondence Posted | 25,720,448 | 23,642,476 | ... | 2,077,972 |
| Articles Registered | 196,994 | 167,547 | ... | 29,447 |

Net Decrease, Articles Delivered, 1,785,835.

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

| Correspondence. | 1905. | 1906. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|--|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Returned to senders within the Colony | 85,714 | 89,124 | 3,410 | ... |
| Returned to other Countries | 64,237 | 54,904 | ... | 9,333 |
| Destroyed | 51,109 | 38,481 | ... | 12,628 |
| Total | 201,060 | 182,509 | ... | ... |

Net Decrease, 18,551.

[H.]

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

| | 1905. | 1906. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|--|------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Exchanged between Offices in the Colony | 417,538 | 417,844 | 306 | ... |
| Despatched to adjoining Territories | 42,870 | 33,571 | ... | 9,299 |
| Received from adjoining Territories | 41,927 | 34,661 | ... | 7,266 |
| Bags despatched to the United Kingdom | 4,694 | 4,671 | ... | 23 |
| Bags received from the United Kingdom | 11,971 | 11,404 | ... | 567 |
| Bags despatched to Foreign Countries | 2,142 | 1,190 | ... | 952 |
| Bags received from Foreign Countries | 5,225 | 3,964 | ... | 1,261 |
| Bags received in Transit | 9,245 | 6,250 | ... | 2,995 |
| Boxes of Parcels despatched to the United Kingdom | 350 | 294 | ... | 56 |
| Boxes of Parcels received from the United Kingdom | 3,800 | 3,252 | ... | 548 |
| Boxes of Parcels despatched to Oversea Colonies | (Not previously shown) | 414 | ... | ... |
| Boxes of Parcels received from Oversea Colonies | (Not previously shown) | 491 | ... | ... |
| Totals | 539,762 | 518,006 | ... | ... |

Net Decrease : 21,756.

[I.]

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FOREIGN PARCELS TRAFFIC.

| | 1995. | 1996. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Number of Parcels despatched to the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries... .. | 10,119 | 9,718 | ... | 401 |
| Number of Parcels received from the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries... .. | 51,154 | 49,884 | ... | 1,270 |
| Total | 61,273 | 59,602 | ... | 1,671 |
| Value of Articles Exported to the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries... .. | £ s. d. 9,015 9 10 | £ s. d. 7,602 7 5 | £ s. d. ... | £ s. d. 1,413 2 5 |
| Value of Articles Imported from the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries... .. | 102,547 11 6 | 95,776 6 8 | ... | 6,771 4 10 |
| Amount of Customs Dues collected on Parcels and Letters from other Countries... .. | 8,601 4 4 | 9,063 7 7 | 462 3 3 | ... |

[J.]

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MILEAGE OF POSTAL ROUTE OPEN.

| Service. | | | | 1905. | 1906. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Railway | ... | ... | ... | 820 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 835 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ... |
| Post Cart | ... | ... | ... | 487 | 468 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ... | 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Carrier | ... | ... | ... | 2,585 | 2,644 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ... |
| Total | ... | ... | ... | 3,892 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3,948 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ... | ... |

Net Increase : 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXTENT OF POSTAL ROUTE TRAVERSED,
IN MILEAGE.

| Service. | | | | 1905. | 1906. | Increase | Decrease. |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Railway | ... | ... | ... | 1,370,239 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1,392,300 | 22,060 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ... |
| Post Cart | ... | ... | ... | 236,606 | 228,446 | ... | 8,160 |
| Carrier | ... | ... | ... | 1,123,304 | 1,146,340 | 23,036 | ... |
| Total | ... | ... | ... | 2,730,149 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2,767,086 | ... | ... |

Net Increase : 36,936 $\frac{1}{2}$.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, 1905 | ... | 1,811 | 6,476 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 134 | 1,984 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 173 |
| Year ended 31st December, 1906 | ... | 1,945 | 6,726 | 141 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 2,128 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 32 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 183 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

[K.]

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH EXPENDITURE

ACTUAL EXPENDITURE :—

| | | | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-----|-----|-----|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| <i>Administrative :</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries | ... | ... | ... | 108,396 | 13 | 8 | | | |
| Travelling | ... | ... | ... | 387 | 10 | 1 | | | |
| Contingent Expenses | ... | ... | ... | 896 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| Uniform, Clothing, etc. | ... | ... | ... | 1,178 | 3 | 1 | | | |
| Mails | ... | ... | ... | 35,406 | 2 | 3 | | | |
| Supply of Stamps | ... | ... | ... | 1,383 | 13 | 8 | | | |
| <i>Maintenance and Construction :</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries | ... | ... | ... | 11,131 | 14 | 11 | | | |
| Wages and Material | ... | ... | ... | 15,895 | 6 | 8 | | | |
| General Stores | ... | ... | ... | 898 | 12 | 8 | | | |
| Losses by Fraud and Theft | ... | ... | ... | 167 | 14 | 2 | | | |
| Thefts at Stanger... | ... | ... | ... | 123 | 18 | 5 | | | |
| Repayment Services | ... | ... | ... | 112 | 7 | 9 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 175,977 | 17 | 5 |
| <i>Excess of Revenue over Expenditure</i> | ... | ... | ... | | | | 19,641 | 13 | 2 |

195,619 10 7

Indirect Charges to be taken up :

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|---|--------|----|----|
| Railway Passes | ... | ... | ... | 872 | 13 | 5 | | | |
| Pensions, etc., paid by Treasury | ... | ... | ... | 1,431 | 7 | 2 | | | |
| Stationery and Printing | ... | ... | ... | 1,602 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Interest on Capital Expenditure from Revenue | ... | ... | ... | 193 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Services met by Public Works Department | ... | ... | ... | 6,063 | 14 | 6 | | | |
| Clothing supplied by Police and Gaols Department | ... | ... | ... | 74 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Clerk to Commissioners of Stamps | ... | ... | ... | 22 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Annuity at 3½ per cent. on Debt Liabilities for Loan Works as at 30th June, 1905 | ... | ... | ... | 9,918 | 18 | 3 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 20,178 | 5 | 6 |
| <i>Excess of Revenue over Expenditure</i> | ... | ... | ... | | | | 19,641 | 13 | 2 |
| <i>Less excess of Services Received over Services Rendered</i> | ... | ... | ... | | | | 17,938 | 2 | 11 |

NET PROFIT

1,703 19 3

AND REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 1905-6.

ACTUAL REVENUE:—

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|---------|----|-----|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Postage:</i> | | | | | | |
| Stamps | 116,460 | 9 | 1½ | | | |
| Other Countries | 3,882 | 17 | 3½ | | | |
| Official Correspondence (N.G.R.) | 3,467 | 0 | 0 | 123,810 | 6 | 5 |
| <i>Commission:</i> | | | | | | |
| Money Order | 3,124 | 17 | 2 | | | |
| " " from other Countries | 788 | 16 | 0 | | | |
| Postal Order | 950 | 6 | 11 | | | |
| British Postal Order | 137 | 11 | 1½ | 5,001 | 11 | 2½ |
| <i>Miscellaneous:</i> | | | | | | |
| Commission on Stamps purchased | 9 | 7 | 4½ | | | |
| Box Fees | 1,909 | 3 | 10 | | | |
| Bag Fees | 586 | 0 | 8 | | | |
| Special Receipts | 1,272 | 2 | 4½ | | | |
| Fines | 24 | 16 | 1 | | | |
| Sale of Government Property | 43 | 15 | 4 | 3,845 | 5 | 8 |
| <i>Telephone Receipts:</i> | | | | | | |
| Rents | 6,505 | 0 | 10 | | | |
| Trunk Lines | 167 | 10 | 10½ | | | |
| Other Receipts | 153 | 13 | 10 | 6,826 | 5 | 6½ |
| <i>Telegraph Receipts:</i> | | | | | | |
| Stamps | 39,432 | 0 | 8 | | | |
| Registrations | 789 | 19 | 0 | | | |
| Other Receipts | 6,634 | 1 | 10 | | | |
| Reimbursements | 8,003 | 9 | 6 | 54,859 | 11 | 0 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | | | | 194,342 | 19 | 10 |
| Sums received and paid over to Consolidated Loans Fund under Sec. 1 and 2, Act 46, 1904: | | | | | | |
| Sec. I. Proceeds of Sale of Stores | 884 | 0 | 3 | | | |
| " II. Unclaimed Postal and Money Orders | 392 | 10 | 6 | 1,276 | 10 | 9 |
| | | | | 195,619 | 10 | 7 |
| <i>Indirect Credits to be allowed:</i> | | | | | | |
| Superannuation Deductions | 1,582 | 18 | 9 | | | |
| Rent for Quarters paid to Public Works Department | 348 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| Additions and Alterations to Harbour Department's Telephone System | 195 | 2 | 9 | | | |
| Upkeep of Electric Bells, Government Departments | 69 | 3 | 8 | | | |
| Removal and Installation of Telephones, ditto | 44 | 11 | 5 | 2,240 | 2 | 7 |
| Excess of Debits over Credits | | | | 17,938 | 2 | 11 |
| | | | | 20,178 | 5 | 6 |

In addition the Department rendered the following Free Services:

| | | | |
|---|---------------|----------|----------|
| Conveyance of Official Letters | 15,715 | 12 | 8 |
| Transmission of Official Telegrams (including Native crisis) | 12,193 | 7 | 6 |
| Registration of Official Telegraphic Addresses | 65 | 2 | 0 |
| Official Telephone Connections | 752 | 15 | 0 |
| " Calls on Trunk Telephone Lines | 40 | 6 | 8 |
| Postage on Colonial Newspapers | 5,250 | 0 | 0 |
| Half Cost of Military Telegrams | 156 | 6 | 5 |
| Upkeep of Observatory Lines | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Upkeep of Harbour Department Telephone System | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| Private Bag Services for Government Departments | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| Private Boxes allotted to | 158 | 11 | 0 |
| Savings Bank work at Durban and other Offices | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| Difference between cost of Post Cart and Carrier Services | 5,454 | 0 | 0 |
| | 40,541 | 1 | 3 |

[L.]

RETURN OF CABLE TRAFFIC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1906.

| 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. 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. |
|-------------------------|--|---|--------|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| January ... | 2,230 | 1,108 | 3,338 | 352 17 2 | 23 15 9 | 24 1 0 | 93 11 2 | 13 0 11 | 154 8 10 |
| February ... | 1,774 | 1,118 | 2,892 | { * 10 6 } 476 17 2½ | 20 10 0 | 15 4 10 | 78 7 3½ | 10 4 0 | 124 6 1½ |
| March ... | 1,714 | 1,155 | 2,869 | { * 49 9 4 } 715 11 2 | 26 4 6 | 6 7 6 | 69 3 2 | 9 3 8 | 110 18 10 |
| April ... | 1,911 | 1,225 | 3,136 | 529 13 11 | 23 15 8½ | 13 16 11½ | 95 15 8½ | 15 10 1 | 148 18 ½ |
| May ... | 1,993 | 1,312 | 3,305 | 507 9 11 | 28 14 6½ | 11 17 6½ | 103 9 5½ | 14 11 11 | 158 13 5½ |
| June ... | 1,855 | 1,157 | 3,012 | { * 1 7 11 } 479 11 0 | 29 3 0½ | 9 17 3 | 93 3 8 | 12 17 11 | 145 1 10½ |
| July ... | 1,948 | 1,173 | 3,121 | 492 16 8 | 31 17 10 | 10 17 5 | 104 16 3 | 16 2 0 | 163 13 6 |
| August ... | 1,532 | 1,108 | 2,640 | 363 12 7 | 26 4 2½ | 20 11 10 | 63 0 10 | 6 10 3 | 116 9 1½ |
| September ... | 1,036 | 961 | 1,997 | { * 99 12 5 } 291 17 6 | 18 2 1½ | 10 6 1 | 41 19 10 | 7 19 3 | 78 7 3½ |
| October ... | 1,100 | 843 | 1,943 | { * 292 6 1 } 66 17 3½ | 13 15 3½ | 5 5 0 | 40 16 8½ | 4 14 2 | 64 11 2 |
| November ... | 1,708 | 1,356 | 3,064 | { * 122 1 7 } 238 14 3 | 21 0 1 | 14 2 2 | 67 16 8 | 7 16 11 | 110 15 10 |
| December ... | 1,536 | 1,128 | 2,664 | { * 2 4 0 } 359 11 3½ | 26 19 3 | 9 16 3 | 59 13 5 | 17 8 8 | 113 17 7 |
| Western Route—Jan.—Dec. | 66 | ... | 66 | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | 20,403 | 13,644 | 34,047 | 5,443 1 9½ | 290 4 4 | 152 3 10 | 911 14 2 | 135 19 9 | 1,490 . 2 . 1 |

* Western Cables.