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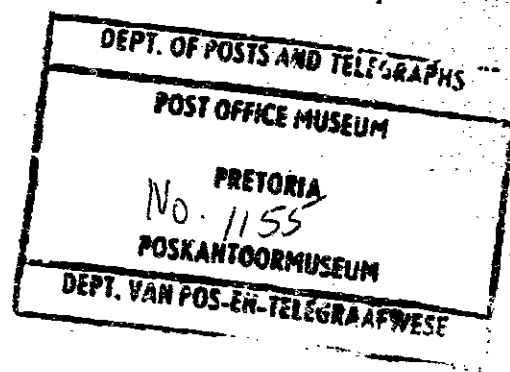
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THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the work of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year ended the 31st of December, 1909.

REVENUE.

The actual Revenue placed to the credit of the Department for the financial year ended the 30th June, 1909, exclusive of certain indirect credits, amounted to £160,166 11s. 8½d., a decrease of £16,770 6s. 11½d. as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year. There has, however, been no falling off in the Revenue collected by the Department. Out of the Revenue collected in 1907 and 1908, £57,000 was transferred to the Deeds Department for stamps, etc., sold for Inland Revenue purposes; it has, however, since been found that a more correct apportionment would give the Deeds Department £79,886 or an increase of £22,886 a year. This increase when set against the decrease of £16,770 6s. 11½d. shows that on the old basis of calculation the Postal Department's revenue would have been increased by £6,116, an increase in business which I am glad to say is being maintained.

EXPENDITURE.

The actual expenditure for the same period was £160,073 14s. 5d., there being thus an actual profit of £92 17s. 3½d. upon the year's work.

The expenditure for the previous year was £163,018 17s. 8d., the excess during that year being mainly due to the loss by robbery from the Durban Post Office Strong Room.

INDIRECT CREDITS AND DEBITS AND FREE SERVICES.

The Indirect Credits and the Free Services rendered by the Department, calculated at ordinary rates, bring the total revenue up to £193,235 19s. 1¼d., while the addition to the actual expenditure of the value of the Indirect charges to be taken up, raise the latter to £181,876 15s. 0¼d. The balance in favour of the Department is thus increased to £11,359 3s. 3d.

Among the services rendered by the Department free of charge to other Government Departments were the following, the value of the work if paid for at ordinary rates being shown against each item :—

	£
Conveyance of Official Letters	1,440
Transmission of Official Telegrams	6,953
Registration of Official Telegraph Addresses	81
Official Telephone Connections	838
Maintenance of Electric Bells	135
Official Calls, Trunk Telephone Lines	285
Postage on Colonial Newspapers (to 31st December, 1908)	3,500
Upkeep of Observatory Telephone Lines	12
Upkeep of Harbour Department's Telephone System	80
Official Private Bag Services	64
Official Private Boxes	168

In addition to these items there should be taken into account the losses, amounting in all to £2,678, suffered by the Department in carrying out the following services, viz. :—

- (1) In subsidizing Post Carriage services along postal routes which could be served equally well and efficiently, and at a much lower cost to the Colony, by mounted or foot messenger (£1,968) ;
- (2) By the construction and maintenance of the Zululand Telephone Lines, which are used almost exclusively by the Government (£573) ;
- (3) By the transmission at half the ordinary rates of telegrams tendered by the Imperial Military authorities (£136 19s. 3d.)

STATISTICS OF POSTAL MATTER.

The estimated number of postal articles delivered within the Colony during the twelve months ended the 31st December, 1909, is 21,273,108—an increase of 1·11 per cent. on the number delivered during the year 1908.

The numbers of each class of postal matter dealt with are given below, together with the increase or decrease per cent. compared with the previous year's figures :—

Letters (excluding Official) ...	13,127,712.	Increase 07 per cent.
Letters, Official ...	1,225,016.	Decrease 9·7 „
Postcards ...	1,051,076.	Increase 23 „
Printed and Commercial Papers and Sample Packets ...	2,488,888	Increase 12·79 „
Newspapers ...	3,140,020.	Decrease 2·35 „
Parcels ...	240,396.	Increase 28·7 „
Total ...	21,273,108.	

The large increase in the number of parcels delivered is due to the growth of local parcel post business since the introduction of the Natal Produce Post. It is a matter for considerable satisfaction that the popularity of this service is in no way diminished. Having regard to the difficulties of transport and the great heat to which the contents of mails conveyed on the backs of Native Carriers are exposed, and the extent to which the service is used for the conveyance of perishable articles, the small number of complaints received in connection with parcels sent at the reduced rate testifies to the adequacy of the arrangements to meet all requirements.

Facilities for cheap transit help, very considerably, to promote trade, and thereby conduce to the prosperity of the community. A cheaper rate for the transmission by post of parcels throughout South Africa would, I am convinced, be of very great benefit to this Colony in particular and to South Africa in general. The Post Office, I need hardly point out, is in a position to convey parcels where neither the Railway nor private enterprise could hope to provide such facilities, at very little additional cost to that already incurred for the conveyance of letters, and I hope that under Union it will be found practicable at an early date to reduce this rate.

The returns of correspondence posted show an increase of 3·2 per cent. over the figures for the previous year, the estimated number for 1909 being 18,869,328, as against 18,274,464 for the year 1908.

UNDELIVERED POSTAL PACKETS.

The total number of articles returned to senders residing within the Colony was 61,545, a decrease of 9,188, equivalent to 03 per cent. The articles returned to other countries number 47,999, while the number destroyed amounted to 60,159. There is a large increase in the number of articles destroyed. This is due in a great measure to the amendment of the Gambling Act, thereby bringing within its operation lotteries, "Clit" Clubs, premium Bond advertisements, etc. In consequence of this Act a large quantity of circulars and other articles relating to the business of such clubs was destroyed.

There was a decrease of 25 per cent. in the number of undeliverable articles returned to other countries, which is attributed to the falling off in the number of letters, etc., received in the Colony from firms advertising European lotteries and from other similar sources, owing to the attention of the countries where such business is conducted having been drawn to the fact that all postal matter relating to lotteries is prohibited from entry into Natal.

INDIAN AND NATIVE CORRESPONDENCE.

Of the total correspondence delivered it is estimated that 1,143,324 articles were delivered to Natives and 888,524 to Indians and others of non-European nationality.

The large number of educated Natives who reside within the borders of the Colony, together with the increased number of Natives who now seek and obtain employment in the Transvaal, is no doubt a factor in the increase in the correspondence dealt with during the year.

An important feature of the year's postal work is the Durban Season. During the three months June, July, and August it is estimated that the population of Durban was increased temporarily by 10,000.

REGISTERED ARTICLES.

During the year 160,750 articles were registered as against 161,796 during the previous year, a decrease of 64 per cent.

CUSTOMS DUES.

The value of Customs Dues collected upon packets, other than those prepaid at the parcel post rate, entering the Colony was £833 9s. 3d., an increase of no less than £160 16s. 5d., or approximately 23 per cent. upon the sum collected during 1908.

NEWSPAPERS.

On the 1st January, 1909, the revised Newspaper Act came into force, with the result that newspapers which were hitherto transmitted through the post, under certain conditions, free of postage, are now charged one half penny.

INLAND MAIL SERVICES.

On the 1st January the final section of the Cape-Natal Railway Line from Creighton to Riverside was opened for traffic, and since that date the whole of the line within Natal has been used for the conveyance of mails. One of the immediate results of this was the discontinuance of the Ixopo-Umzimkulu Post-Cart Service, by which route mails for East Griqualand had been sent. This change rendered unnecessary the running of a post cart between Ixopo and Umzimkulu, and the service was therefore discontinued.

The contractors for the old service, however, still run a Passenger Conveyance as a private undertaking.

Another result of the opening of the line was the discontinuance, in September last, of the Harding-Kokstad Post-Cart Service. Mail matter for Kokstad, and in fact for the whole of East Griqualand, is now sent *via* Riverside, which is on the direct trade route between Natal and East Griqualand. A saving of £406 a year has thus been effected in the expenditure by the Colony upon Post-Cart Services.

In connection with the Post-Cart Services, I may here mention that every effort is made, on the termination of a contract for a horsed vehicle, to obtain motor traction instead, but the condition of the roads of the Colony offer great difficulties to such a service, and therefore no moderate tender for a motor service has ever been received.

Owing to economies in Railway Administration, the services between Maritzburg and Richmond, and between Maritzburg and Greytown, were curtailed at the beginning of the year, but, with the improvement lately manifest in the Colony's trade, the original services have nearly all been restored.

MARITZBURG SUBURBAN DELIVERY.

Other local improvements in the Postal Service were effected by the granting of a second delivery to the suburban district of Maritzburg, and by the extension of the area of the free delivery of telegrams to coincide with the Postal Delivery area.

The latter removes a long-standing grievance of the public, and is a concession I have before advocated.

NATIVE DELIVERY SERVICE.

It has been arranged for a further trial to be given to the delivery, by natives, of letters, etc., along a carrier route. The route selected upon this occasion is that between Phoenix and Inanda.

FOREIGN MAILS.

Owing to the inclusion in the Imperial Penny Postage Scheme of the following places, viz.:

Bahrain,
Guadur,
Muscat,

the rate per half-ounce of letter from Natal for these places has been reduced from 2½d to 1d.

MONEY ORDERS.

The total number of Money Orders issued within the Colony during the year 1909 was 47,708, representing a sum of £248,896 6s.

Compared with the figures for the year 1908, there was a decrease of 6,791 in the number of Orders, and £19,918 11s. 10d. in the amount.

Of the total number of Orders issued, 17,044 were payable in South Africa, including the Province of Mozambique and the Nyasaland Protectorate, their value being £98,503 17s. 9d., and 19,542 were payable in the United Kingdom, the balance being drawn upon offices in other countries. Among the latter India takes the lead with 8,272 Orders, representing an amount of £56,203 19s.

The total number of orders payable in Natal during the year was 36,705. Compared with 38,227—the number paid during 1908—there is a decrease of 3.9 per cent.

The decrease in Money Order work is undoubtedly due to the public making greater use of Postal Orders.

POSTAL ORDERS.

The total number of Postal Orders issued in Natal during the year 1909 was 302,005 as against 266,007 issued during the previous year. The value represented by the Orders issued during 1909 amounts to £175,241 6s. 8d., being an increase of £22,900 10s. 6d. over the value of the Orders issued during 1908. The increase in the number of Orders was equal to 13.5 per cent.

The number of Orders paid totalled 294,863, or an increase of 29,346 over the number paid during 1908. The value of the paid Orders amounts to £172,894 16s., as against £145,873 4s. for the year 1908.

The increase per cent. was thus 11.2 in the number of Orders, and 17.9 in the amount.

POSTAL DRAFTS.

The Postal Draft business continues to fall off. During 1909 the net decrease in the number of Drafts issued was 72, amounting to £67 3s. 2d.

The number of Drafts honoured show a decrease of 18.5 per cent.

TELEGRAPHS.

Revenue—The receipts for Telegraph work during the financial year ended the 30th June, 1909, amounted to £43,057 18s. 8d. Compared with the figures for 1908 there is an increase of £653 1s. 6½d., or approximately 1.5 per cent.

The free Telegraph services rendered by the Department are estimated to represent a sum of £7,755, including the loss sustained on the Zululand Telegraph Line, viz., £573, and on the transmission of telegrams for the Imperial Military Authorities, £136 19s. 3d.

Traffic.—During the year ended the 31st December, 1909, 1,513,712 telegrams were dealt with at offices of the Department. Compared with the number for 1908, namely, 1,518,148, there is a falling off of 4,436 or approximately .29 per cent.

Heliograph Stations were established towards the end of the year by the Natal Police at the following places, viz. :—

✓ Ndumu	✓ Ngotshe
✓ Ensleni	✓ Ngome
✓ Bushman's Nek	✓ Ntingwe
✓ Loteni	

Telegrams for these places are accepted at any Telegraph Office in the Colony and forwarded thence to the Telegraph Office between which and the place of destination Heliograph communication is established.

The number of messages transmitted by these means during the last four months of the year was 86.

A statement is annexed giving details of the telegrams dealt with :—

As the falling off in the number of Government telegrams passing over the Department's lines during 1909 exceeds the net decrease in the number of messages dealt with, it is evident that the ordinary traffic is beginning to show an increase. There is, moreover, every reason to believe that this improvement will be maintained in the future.

On the 31st December, 1909, there were 213 Telegraph Offices throughout the Colony, 120 of which were situated at Railway Stations.

The only additional office opened during the year was Moguntia, on the Harding-Port Shepstone Post Cart route.

TELEPHONS.

Revenue.—The revenue derived from the Telephone business during the financial year totalled £10,843 10s. 9d. Compared with the previous year's figures there is an increase of 13·1 per cent. in the receipts. The steady growth of this class of work is very gratifying, and fully justifies the extension of Trunk line facilities to all important places—which is now being carried out.

In addition, the Department provided free telephone services valued at £1,203. These services were as follows :—

	£
Official Telephone connections	838
Use of the Trunk Lines	285
And upkeep of the Harbour Department's Telephone System	80
Total	£1,203

A substantial reduction in the charges for conversations over the Inter-Colonial Trunk Lines has, I am glad to be able to report, been effected by the Transvaal Administration which will result in benefit to Natal subscribers as well as to the Transvaal.

A complete list of Trunk Call Offices now open in the Colony is given below.

An asterisk appearing before the name of an office indicates that such was open prior to 1909.

Acton Homes	*Newcastle
Albert Falls	New Hanover
Bergville	Nondweni
*Bulwer	Noodsberg
Camperdown	Noodsberg Road
*Charlestown	Normandien
Dalton	Normanhurst
Dannhauser	Nottingham Road
Dargie	Nqutu
Dewdrop	Otto's Bluff
*Dundee	Parapietersburg
*Durban (2)	*Pietermaritzburg (2)
Elandslaagte	Pinetown
*Estecourt	Reit Vlei
Fawn Leas	Schroeders
Glencoe Junction	Seven Oaks
Gobeni	Shafton Grange
*Greytown	Utrecht
Hatting Spruit	Vant's Drift
Hermannsberg	Vernlam
Hilton Road	Vryheid
Howick	Wartburg
Impendhle	Waschbank
Ingagane	Weenen
Krantzkop	Wessels Nek
*Ladysmith	Woodside
Louwsburg	York
*Mooi River	

The following are the more important works carried out by the Staff of the Engineering Branch during the year :—

- (1) The construction of a Telephone Line between Hlobane and Louwsburg; connecting also Gobeni and giving these places communication with the Trunk Telephone system.
- (2) The reconstruction of the Telephone system at the Bisley Rifle Range.
- (3) The erection of a copper wire Telephone circuit between Ladysmith and Newcastle; to replace the iron wire circuit which was the only one available on this route when the Trunk Telephone system was inaugurated. The new circuit provides a satisfactory alternative route between Durban and Trunk stations north of Ladysmith.
- (4) The erection of a Trunk Telephone circuit between Pietermaritzburg and Greytown on the Railway Line, and connecting the principal stations on this line, and also the offices on the Wartburg and Noodsberg Telephone Lines with the Trunk Telephone system.

The special lightning dischargers which were fitted to the Cable Company's overland line in 1908, and to which reference was made in my last year's report, were not a success, and were removed at the request of the Cable Company.

On the 17th August a snowstorm of unusual severity occurred in the Newcastle-Charlestown district which caused considerable damage to the Telegraph and Telephone systems.

The following works, which were commenced towards the end of last year, are now in progress :—

- (1) Additional Trunk Telephone circuit between Durban and Maritzburg, with the establishment of Telephone Call Offices at Bellair, Malvern, Pinetown, Hillcrest and Camperdown.
- (2) Construction of Telephone Line between Nottingham Road and Loteni, connecting also Fort Nottingham and Cleveland, and giving these stations communication with the Trunk Telephone system.

Numerous works of a minor character were undertaken during the year for the Railway Department.

Additional Trunk Telephone facilities were given during the year by the establishment of Telephone Call Offices at the following places :—

Albert Falls	Krantzkop
Acton Homes	Louwsburg
Bergville	New Hanover
Dalton	Noodsberg
Dargle	Noodsberg Road
Dewdrop	Normanhurst
Elandslaagte	Nottingham Road
Fawn Leas	Schroeders
Glencoe Junction	Shafton Grange
Gobeni	Wartburg
Hermansberg	Woodside
Howick	York

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

Period	Telegraph			Telephone		Private Wires		
	Line Miles	Wire Miles	Cost	Line Miles	Wire Miles	Line Miles	Wire Miles	
Year ended 31-12-08	1,975½	6,908½	245,752 11 6	144	2,146½	42½	234½	
Year ended 31-12-09	1,995¾	7,150¾	250,390 4 9	150½	2,192½	36	258	The decrease in the Private wire line mileage is due to the dismantling of the Waschbank and the old Campbell Colliery lines.

25th January, 1910.

CABLE TRAFFIC.

A statement giving particulars of the Cable traffic is appended.

OFFICES.

The number of offices open on the 31st December, 1909, for the transaction of Postal and Telegraph business is 314, made up as follows ; —

Head Office	...	...	...	21
Town Sub-Offices	...	...	...	21
Country Sub-Offices	...	...	...	140
Railway Offices	...	...	...	110
Telegraph Offices at which Postal business is not transacted.	...	...	...	22

In addition there were 90 Postal Agencies, at many of which Postal Orders and Postage Stamps can be obtained.

Three Sub-Offices, which were previously closed, have been re-opened. These are :

- ✓ Beaumont.
- ✓ Merebank.
- ✓ Moguntia (also a Telegraph Office).

Eleven Offices were opened during the year, namely :—

- ✓ Back Beach.
- ✓ Gobeni.
- ✓ Harden Heights.
- ✓ Inanda (formerly Sub-Post Office).
- ✓ Kingsley.
- ✓ M'tolganeni.
- ✓ Mfongosi.
- ✓ Munster.
- ✓ Ntabankulu (now known as Veredale).
- ✓ Umhlungwa.

and three closed, viz.:—

- ✓ Mona.
- ✓ Mooi Klip.
- ✓ Tinley Manor.

INTER-COLONIAL MAIL SERVICES.

Many extensions of the direct Inter-Colonial Mail Service were made during the year; direct exchanges between the following places being authorised :—

Charlestown to Germiston Station.

Newcastle to Germiston Station.

The strike that occurred in April among the Railway employees, resulted in the almost entire dislocation of the train service, and in consequence the postal service was interfered with to a great extent.

For some days the mails for Richmond were conveyed from Maritzburg by motor cycle. A service between Durban and Verulam, including all intermediate stations, was maintained by means of a bicycle service along the road, the postmen leaving Durban and Verulam simultaneously and collecting and delivering mails *en route*. By this means the mails from Verulam, etc., reached Durban by 9 a.m.

Until the Railway authorities were able to arrange for the running of a train all mails for places beyond Verulam were sent forward either by native carrier, platelayer's trolley, or other available means.

Similar arrangements were also made along the South Coast and other Branch Railway lines.

To avoid possible delay to the incoming European mail, arrangements were made for the bags to be conveyed to Durban by steamer.

The service along the Main Line was maintained to a very large extent by means of the Johannesburg mail train which, in the circumstances, kept fairly good time.

The Department was put to some expense in providing additional runners and in providing for road services in place of those along the Railway which had to be abandoned.

I wish here to place on record my appreciation of the way in which officers of the Department of all ranks worked with the view of minimising the disorganised service the inconvenienced occasioned the public by Postmasters, Controlling Officers and others, are deserving of much commendation.

FRAUDS AND THEFTS.

On the night of the 20th May the Railway Station at Van Reenen was broken into and the letter box forced open. Several letters containing postal orders and cheques were stolen. The theft was traced to an Indian employed at the Railway Station, who was duly convicted and sentenced to three years' hard labour.

SAVINGS BANK.

The deposits and withdrawals made during the year ended the 31st December, 1909, are shown in the following table, together with the corresponding figures for the year ended the 31st December, 1908.

Year	Deposits		Withdrawals	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1908 ...	48,308	311,035 7 1	28,159	324,717 1 5
1909 ...	49,741	320,890 15 6	26,455	304,717 6 1

During 1909 the number of depositors increased by 1,433 or 2.97 per cent. and the amount deposited was higher by £9,855 8s. 5d., an increase of 3.168 per cent.

The withdrawals for the same period show a decrease in number of 1,704 or 6.77 per cent., and amount withdrawn was reduced by 6.159 per cent., the actual decrease being £19,999 15s. 4d.

The amount withdrawn was less than the amount deposited by £16,173 9s. 5d. During 1908 the excess of withdrawals over deposits was £13,681 14s. 4d.

The following table shows the variation in the amounts deposited and withdrawn in any one month during the years 1908 and 1909.

Year	Deposits		Withdrawals	
	Highest Amount in any one month	Lowest Amount in any one month	Highest Amount in any one month	Lowest Amount in any one month
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1908 ...	27,974 6 4	21,832 14 4	31,565 19 11	23,456 3 6
1909 ...	29,047 9 7	23,281 13 10	31,995 5 5	21,266 3 3

The average value of each deposit made during the year 1909 was £6 9s. 0d., and of each withdrawal £13 0s. 6d. For 1908 the average amounts were £6 8s. 9d. and £11 10s. 8d. respectively.

The average amount standing to the credit of each Depositor on the 31st December, 1909, was £21 15s. 3d., being a decrease of 5/6d. in the average amount standing to the credit of depositors on the 31st December, 1908.

Balances.—On the 1st of January, 1909, the balance standing to the credit of Depositors was £488,991 14s. 5d., and at the end of the year, £505,165 3s. 10s.

Interest.—The total amount of Interest paid and Interest capitalised during the year 1909 was £15,502 10s. 9d., and for the year 1908 £15,723 17s. 10d., a decrease of £221 7s. 1d.

Average Rate of Interest Paid.—The average rate of Interest for the year 1909 was approximately 3 1-5 per cent.

Number of Depositors.—The number of accounts open on the 31st of December, 1909, was 23,212, an increase of 1,022 on the number open on the 31st December, 1908.

Average Amount to Credit of each Depositor.—The average amount standing at the close of the years 1908 and 1909 to the credit of each depositor, classified according to race, were as follows:—

	1908	1909	£ s. d.	
Europeans ...	22 5 9	22 0 1	5 8	Decrease.
Indians ...	20 8 10	20 1 10	7 0	"
Natives ...	18 12 8	19 18 2	1 5 6	Increase.

Indian Depositors.—On the 31st December, 1909, there were 2,298 Indian Depositors, compared with 2,043 on the 31st December, 1908, being an increase of 255. The total amount standing to the credit of the Indian Depositors on the first mentioned date was £46,168 13s. 11d., and on the 31st December, 1908, £41,760 5s. 5d., being an increase of £4,408 8s. 6d.

Native Depositors.—There were 590 accounts open at the end of 1909 and 504 at the end of 1908, being an increase of 86. The balances were £11,746 8s. 4d. and £9,390 17s. 10d. respectively, being an increase of £2,355 10s. 6d.

Unclaimed Fund.—The amount standing to the credit of the Unclaimed Fund on the 31st December, 1909, was £5,753 15s. 7d., made up as follows:—

Pietermaritzburg...	...	...	£2,111	0	3
Durban	...	...	2,360	12	6
Branches	...	...	1,282	2	10

Investments.—The amount invested on the 1st January, 1909, was £320,334, and on 31st December, 1909, £321,357 0s. 9d., an increase of £1,022 1s. 2d., due to the reinvestment of stocks which matured during 1908.

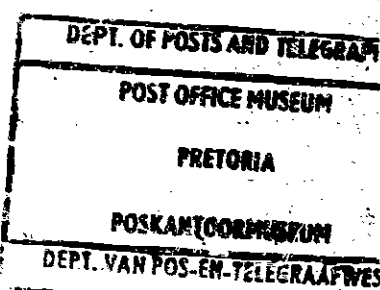
Number of Branches.—The number of Branches open on 1st January, 1909, was 59, and on 31st December, 1909, 61. New Offices were opened at Malvern and Glencoe Junction, and the Mapumulo and Ingwavuma branches were transferred from the Magistrates Offices to the Post Offices.

Management.—The cost of management for the financial year 1908-9 was £4,020 0s. 4d.

General.—The telegraphic withdrawals during the year 1909 numbered 3,064, being a decrease of 733 as compared with the previous year. The number is made up as follows:—

Durban...	...	...	2,032
Bellair ...	...	...	2
Berea Road	...	...	39
Bergville	...	...	2
Bulwer	...	...	1
Campersdown	...	...	2
Charlestown	...	...	7
Creighton	...	...	17
Dannhauser	...	...	7
Dundee	...	...	99
East End	...	...	3
Elandslaagte	...	...	4
Eshowe	...	...	38
Estcourt	...	...	79
Greytown	...	...	30
Harding	...	...	27
Hatting Spruit	...	...	18
Howick	...	...	7
Ixopo	...	...	14
Krantzkop	...	...	5
Ladysmith	...	...	176
Lower Umkomaas	...	...	9
Malvern	...	...	1
Mapumulo	...	...	1
Melmoth	...	...	22
Mooi River	...	...	19
Musgrave Road	...	...	25
Mtunzini	...	...	2
Newcastle	...	...	39
New Hanover	...	...	1
Nkandhla	...	...	11
Nondweni	...	...	1
Nongoma	...	...	3
Nqutu	...	...	6
Paulpietersburg	...	...	2
Pinetown	...	...	13
Point	...	...	95
Port Shepstone	...	...	35
Richmond	...	...	4
Stamford Hill	...	...	4
Stanger	...	...	39
Umbogintwini	...	...	8
Umsinga	...	...	1
Umzinto	...	...	17
Utrecht	...	...	21
Verulam	...	...	28
Vryheid	...	...	43
Weenen	...	...	4
West End	...	...	1

3,064



Revenue amounting to £19 was derived from the sale of duplicate Pass Books during the year.

The number of withdrawals at sight (Head Office only), for which a fee of one shilling is charged, amounted to 2,749, a decrease of 308 as compared with last year.

Particulars of the transfers to and from Natal and other Administrations during the year ended the 31st December, 1909, are given in the following table :—

Other Administrations.	From Natal.			To Natal.		
	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.
		£	s.	d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom ...	79	6,759	3	1	37	2,112 5 5
Transvaal ...	101	4,971	19	0	74	4,129 7 3
Orange River Colony ...	22	729	15	9	14	699 7 8
Southern Rhodesia ...	2	135	10	2	5	319 16 7
Cape Colony ...	12	567	2	6	24	1,836 14 7
	216	13,163	10	6	154	9,097 11 6

The sum transferred from Natal exceeded that transferred to Natal by £4,065 19s.

The amount earned as commission on the transfer of accounts was £27 18s. 11d. being at the rate of 1d. for every £2 or fraction thereof transferred.

GENERAL.

The increased number of Indian Depositors is to some extent due to the Department having experimentally sent an Officer of the Department to certain Sugar Estates at fixed intervals to transact Savings Bank business. The result has, however, not met with the success anticipated.

The balances exceed those for the year 1908 by £16,173 9s. 5d. I attribute this satisfactory increase to the improvement in trade. It may be taken as an accepted fact that the working classes, who are the chief contributors to the Bank, are in a more settled state, and are in more constant employment than during the previous two or three years.

Before closing my Report I would call attention to the value of an experiment which was tried in 1904, to meet the then frequent demand for a Travelling Post Office in Natal. At that time there was much loss of time in circulating letters between places on the main line from Maritzburg to Ladysmith. To remedy this trouble the Post Office at Mooi River was opened for night as well as for day work, and correspondence posted later in the day at offices between Maritzburg and Ladysmith, for delivery within that area was sent forward on to that office the same night, and despatched to its destination in time for delivery on the following morning. The experiment proved that the arrangement was warranted, and the demand for a Travelling Post Office ceased. The system has since been continued, the letters, etc., increasing from 13,000 a week in 1903, to 23,000 in 1909.

C. MAXWELL HIBBERD.

Postmaster-General.

April 8th, 1910.

POST OFFICE BALANCE SHEET, 30TH JUNE, 1909.

ACTUAL EXPENDITURE:—			ACTUAL REVENUE:—		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
<i>Administration—</i>			<i>Postage—</i>		
Salaries ...	105,533	4 4	Stamps ...	92,384	7 8½
Savings Bank ...	2,488	6 7	Other Countries ...	2,219	15 5
Travelling ...	799	10 2			94,604 3 1½
Contingent Expenses ...	1,330	11 8	<i>Commission—</i>		
Uniform, Clothing, etc. ...	882	17 6	Money Order ...	1,065	13 2
Mails ...	35,046	5 7	Do. from other Countries ...	729	17 8
Supply of Stamps ...	2,365	2 6	Postal Order ...	1,774	12 6½
					4,470 3 4½
<i>Maintenance & Construction—</i>			<i>Miscellaneous—</i>		
Salaries ...	11,192	0 11	Commission on Stamps		
Travelling ...	419	6 0	Purchased ...	7	3 2½
Wages ...	908	7 4	Box Fees ...	1,667	1 3
Material ...	2,931	14 4	Bag Fees ...	620	0 6½
Insurance of Stores ...	44	4 3	Special Receipts ...	319	5 11½
Removal to New G.P.O. Buildings ...	115	3 8	Fines ...	18	3 6
		164,056 14 10	Savings Bank ...	41	11 1
<i>Contingencies Fund—</i>			Sale of Govt. Property ...	234	2 8
Losses by Fraud and Theft	41	10 4	Sums Refunded ...		1 6
Contribution to Telegraph Convention	10	1 11			2,907 9 8½
Telegraph Improvements	65	15 9	<i>Stores</i> ...		1,431 1 10
Telephone Extensions	123	10 5	<i>Telephone Receipts—</i>		
	199	8 1	Rentals ...	7,007	19 1
		240 18 5	Trunk Lines ...	3,641	14 8
		164,297 13 3	Other Receipts ...	193	17 0
<i>Deduct Savings Bank Expenditure—</i>			<i>Telegraph Receipts—</i>		
"B." Salaries ...	2,488	6 7	Stamps ...	29,955	17 3
"A." ...	1,045	10 10	Registrations ...	722	8 0
Cost of Printing Revenue Stamps ...	690	1 5	Other Receipts ...	4,400	9 7
		4,223 18 10	Reimbursements ...	7,979	3 10
		160,073 14 5			43,057 18 8
			<i>Total Revenue</i> ...		157,314 7 5½
			<i>Stores—</i>		
			Excess of Issues over Receipts ...		2,343 3 3
					159,657 10 8½
			<i>Deduct Savings Bank—</i>		
			Stamps, etc. ...		185 16 1
					159,471 14 7½
			<i>Sums received and paid over to Consolidated Loans Fund under Schedules 1 and 3 of Act 46 of 1904—</i>		
			(1) Proceeds of Sale of Stores ...	49	18 4
			(2) Unclaimed Postal and Money Orders ...	644	18 9
					694 17 1
<i>Excess of Revenue over Expenditure</i> ...		92 17 3½			160,166 11 8½
		160,166 11 8½			
<i>INDIRECT CHARGES TO BE TAKEN UP:—</i>			<i>INDIRECT CREDITS TO BE ALLOWED:—</i>		
Harbour Works, Electric Current ...	15	0 0	Rent of Savings Bank ...	170	0 0
Railway Passes ...	25	0 0	Rent of Commissioner of Taxes ...	650	0 0
Pensions, etc., paid by Treasury ...	3,044	9 4	Superannuation Deductions	1,773	19 6
Stationery and Printing ...	1,540	16 6	Rent for Quarters paid to P.W.D. ...	410	9 9
Annuity for Loan Works as at 30th June, 1901	12,850	17 11	Work performed for other Govt. Departments	204	6 1
Interest on Capital Expenditure from Revenue ...	193	1 1	Interest due by Durban Corporation on £50,000 at 4 per cent. ...	2,000	0 0
Services met by P.W.D. ...	3,902	6 10			4,708 15 4
Services rendered by Police and Gaols Department	90	17 8½	<i>Excess of Debits over Credits</i>		17,094 6 1½
Services rendered by Transport Department	116	12 1			21,803 1 5½
Clerk to Commissioner of Stamps ...	24	0 0			
		21,803 1 5½			

POST OFFICE BALANCE SHEET, 30TH JUNE, 1909.—*continued.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	<i>In addition the Department rendered the following free Services:—</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure			92	17	3½							
Less Excess of Services Received over Services Rendered			17,094	6	1½	Conveyance of Official Letters ...	14,140	0	0			
Balance against the Dept.	...			17,001	8	10	Transmission of Official Telegrams ...	6,952	16	4			
Value of free Services rendered to other Departments			28,360	12	1	Registration of Official Telegraphic Addresses ...	80	17	0			
Less Balance of Indirect Credits and Debits			17,001	8	10	Official Telephone Connections ...	838	0	0			
							Maintenance of Electric Bells	135	0	0			
							Official Calls, Trunk Telephone Lines ...	285	0	0			
							Postage on Colonial Newspapers to 31st December, 1908 ...	3,500	0	0			
							Half Cost of Military Telegrams ...	136	19	3			
							Upkeep of Observatory Lines	12	0	0			
							Upkeep of Harbour Department Telephone System	80	0	0			
							Private Bag Services for Government Departments ...	63	10	6			
							Private Boxes allotted to Government Depts. ...	168	0	0			
							Difference between Cost of Post Cart and Carrier Services ...	1,968	0	0			
Net gain to Colony			11,359	3	3					28,360	12	1



COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MONEY ORDERS ISSUED.

	1908		1909		Increase		Decrease	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Natal								
Cape Colony	...							
Transvaal	...							
Rhodesia	...							
Mozambique	...							
United Kingdom	...							
Orange River Colony	...							
St. Helena	...							
Mauritius	...							
India	...							
Australia	...							
Ceylon	...							
Nyasaland Protectorate	...							
British East Africa	...							
Norway	...							
	54,499	268,814 17 10	47,708	248,896 6 0	1	168 3 1	6,792	20,086 14 11

Net Decrease ... Amount ... £19,918 11s. 10d.

PRIVATE BOXES AND BAGS IN USE ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1909.

	Boxes			Bags		
	Paid for	Official	Total	Paid for	Official	Total
Pietermaritzburg	262	58	320	77		
Durban	846	12	858	24		
Bulwer	...	...	...	29		
Charlestown	20	5	25	2		
Dundee	70	8	78	20		
Eshowe	8	8	16	10		
Esteguri	10	4	14	29		
Geytown	35	6	41	21		
Harding	...	...	...	11		
Howick	15	3	18	17		
Ixopo	...	...	...	12		
Ladysmith	90	5	95	18		
Lower Umkomaas	12	1	13	...	37	
Malvern	16	...	16	8		
Melmoth	...	...	...	48		
Mooi River	...	...	...	18		
Newcastle	75	...	81	...		
Pinetown	8	3	11	...		
Point	18	6	24	...		
Port Shepstone	13	6	19	19		
Richmond	11	4	15	10		
Stanger	10	4	14	8		
Umzinto	16	4	20	9		
Verulam	10	3	13	4		
Vryheid	54	10	62	10		
Wenenden	...	2	6	2		
Totals	1,631	160	1,791	406	37	443

RETURN OF CABLE TRAFFIC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1909.

Month	Number of Messages			Payments to Eastern Telegraph Company	Particulars of Amounts received from Company.					Value of Government Messages received from the Company for re-transmission for which no payment is made
	Received from Company	Handed to Company	Total		Ordinary Fees (Messages handed to Department for re-transmission)	R.P.'s (Prepaid Reply Messages)	R.T.P.P.'s (Press Messages)	Amounts received on behalf of B.S.A. Company	Total	
...	848	872	1,720	£ s. d. 890 19 2½	£ s. d. 30 4 3	£ s. d. 14 15 0	£ s. d. 16 5½	£ s. d. 6 9 0	£ s. d. 52 4 8½	£ s. d. 3 1 9
...	966	1,015	1,981	1,039 7 10½	30 15 11	21 9 2	2 13 11	7 18 5½	62 17 5½	2 6 1
...	2,400	941	3,341	925 6 0½	99 9 6	4 10 2	1 12 3½	13 5 8½	118 17 8	8 8 8
...	1,585	909	2,494	835 7 6	59 4 4	5 0 5	4 17 0½	9 3 0	78 4 9½	8 1 7
...	1,272	1,007	2,279	948 14 1½	42 15 7	11 19 3	1 18 0½	9 11 0	66 3 10½	4 15 8
...	2,197	1,354	3,551	1,306 11 4	86 14 9	18 7 3	2 14 4½	7 4 4	115 0 8½	6 5 5
...	2,006	916	2,922	905 10 8½	75 0 2	9 3 9	12 3	14 16 3	99 12 5	7 10 5
...	1,127	881	2,008	861 4 6	37 4 2	11 1 11	7 6½	15 9 3½	64 2 11½	6 19 4
...	2,010	876	2,886	810 12 6	77 13 9	13 11 9	10 5½	12 5 6	104 1 5½	6 11 10
...	2,043	955	2,998	946 18 6½	80 19 9	5 17 8	16 7½	16 1 2	103 15 2½	11 0 10
...	1,793	1,058	2,851	1,033 13 3½	71 8 1	7 19 5	17 9	10 0 8½	90 5 11½	8 16 4
...	1,987	1,004	2,991	978 17 10½	76 12 8	5 8 7	9 5½	8 7 2½	90 17 11½	8 14 9
...	20,234	11,788	32,022	11,483 3 6	768 2 11	129 4 4	18 6 2½	130 11 7½	1,046 5 1	82 12 8
...	...	8	8	9 2 3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	20,234	11,796	32,030	11,492 5 9	768 2 11	129 4 4	18 6 2½	130 11 7½	1,046 5 1	82 12 8

Amount paid to Eastern Company by Natal—£4,578 14s. 3d.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MONEY ORDERS PAID.

COMPARATIVE									
Issued in	1908		1909		Increase		Decrease		
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Natal									
Cape Colony									
Transvaal	...	32,162	180,177 6 9	30,395	182,551 2 10	...	2,373 16 1	1,767	...
Rhodesia									
Mozambique									
Orange River Colony	..	1,649	9,130 14 1	1,991	11,804 17 7	342	2,674 3 6	...	...
St. Helena	...	5	20 10 0	3	15 0 0	...	...	2	5 10 0
United Kingdom	...	3,477	5,919 5 6	3,374	16,950 7 6	...	1,031 2 0	103	...
Mauritius	...	79	424 14 8	99	255 10 11	20	...	...	169 3 9
India	...	124	859 0 1	145	740 12 4	21	...	...	118 7 9
Australia	...	614	1,995 0 0	592	2,087 7 1	...	92 7 1	22	...
Ceylon	...	14	24 4 3	8	32 13 5	...	8 9 2	6	...
Nyasaland Protectorate	...	4	25 16 6	1	5 14 0	...	...	3	20 2 6
British East Africa	...	33	194 10 7	29	189 4 3	...	...	4	5 6 4
Norway	...	66	391 17 11	68	358 14 2	2	...	...	33 3 9
		38,227	209,163 0 4	36,705	214,991 4 1	385	6,179 17 10	1,907	351 14 1

Net Decrease, No. 1,522.

Net Increase, Amount £5,828 3s. 9d.

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

Country of Issue	Drafts Issued						Drafts Honoured					
	1908		1909		Increase		1908		1909		Increase	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Total ..	174	£ s. d. 278 19 2	98	£ s. d. 187 17 5	...	£ s. d. ...	76	£ s. d. 91 1 9	21	£ s. d. 30 5 8	...	£ s. d. ...
Cape Colony	70	123 4 5	62	136 10 2	...	13 5 9	8	...	18	39 16 8	4	20 12 2
Orange River Colony	6	16 19 7	18	27 12 5	12	10 12 10	...	...	5	8 15 9	5	8 15 9
	250	419 3 2	178	352 0 0	12	23 18 7	84	91 1 9	44	78 18 1	9	29 7 11

Drafts Issued :—Net Decrease, No. 72; amount, £67 3s. 2d. Drafts Honoured; Net Decrease, No. 10; Net Increase, amount, £13 12s.

STATEMENT SHOWING TRUNK TELEPHONE TRANSACTIONS FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 1909.

	No. of Ordinary Calls	Amount	No. of O.H.M.S. Calls	Amount	No. of Zealand Calls	Amount	No. of Calls Verulam, Ndwedwe		Amount	
	55,074	£ s. d. 4,506 8 3	1,007	£ s. d. 180 5 7½	707	£ s. d. 275 2 6	868		£ s. d. 59 17 0	* O.H.M.S.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE TRAFFIC DEALT WITH AT ALL STATIONS DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED

31ST DECEMBER, 1909.

Government	Forwarded	Received	Transmitted	Total	Press Forwarded	Press Received	Ordinary Value	Government Value	Total
50,354	458,618	549,004	455,736	1,513,712	11,992	32,215	£ s. d. 30,824 9 5½	£ s. d. 6,676 10 2	£ s. d. 37,500 19 7½

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Depositors on 31st December, 1909 :— Pietermaritzburg ...	145,021	12	3				Value of Securities at cost price as per Schedule ...				321,357	0	9
Durban ...	246,169	11	1				Treasurer's Cash in hand ...	183,334	8	11			
Branches ...	108,220	4	11				Add Amount in transit to Treasury ...				2,975	11	10
				499,411	8	3					186,310	0	9
Unclaimed Fund :— Pietermaritzburg ...	2,111		3				Less Drafts outstanding ...				2,501	17	8
Durban ...	2,360	12	6								183,808	3	1
Branches ...	1,281	2	10										
				5,753	15	7					505,165	3	10
				505,165	3	10							

Description of Securities	When Redeemable	Period for which Interest is calculated	Amount	Cost price of Stock	Amount of Interest
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
South Australian Stock ... 3 per cent.	1916	June 14 to Dec. 31	1,060 6 6	900 0 0	17 10 4
Cape of Good Hope Inscribed Stock ... 7 "	1916-1936	Jan. 1 "	9,796 13 4	9,630 7 6	391 17 4
Canada Debenture Stock ... 4 "	1910	" "	700 0 0	722 14 7	28 0 0
" Inscribed Stock ... 3½ "	1909-1934	" "	9,456 4 9	10,000 0 0	330 19 4
* " Inscribed Stock ... 3 "	1938	" "	13,845 10 6	13,335 0 0	415 7 4
New South Wales Inscribed Stock ... 3½ "	1918	" "	900 0 0	902 3 3	368 6 3
" " " " ... 3½ "	1924	" "	9,623 6 3	10,018 4 7	368 6 3
" " " " ... 3 "	1935	" "	10,000 0 0	10,252 4 6	300 0 0
Victoria Inscribed Stock ... 4 "	1923	" "	4,141 7 10	3,299 13 5	144 19 0
" " " " ... 4 "	1911-1926	" "	10,000 0 0	9,581 6 0	400 0 0
" " " " ... 3 "	1929-1949	" "	20,000 0 0	19,024 12 10	600 0 0
Queensland Stock ... 4 "	1913-1915	" "	15,000 0 0	16,312 11 6	600 0 0
South Australian Stock ... 4 "	1916	" "	4,800 0 0	4,965 0 0	192 0 0
" " " " ... 3 "	1916-1926	" "	20,000 0 0	19,725 8 6	600 0 0
" " " " ... 3 "	1916	" "	5,300 0 0	5,231 16 0	165 0 0
West Australian Stock ... 3 "	1915-1935	" "	6,000 0 0	5,707 13 6	180 0 0
" " " " ... 3 "	1916-1936	" "	15,500 0 0	15,020 14 6	465 0 0
New Zealand Inscribed Stock ... 3½ "	1940	" "	3,016 17 7	28,628 13 0	1,050 11 10
" " " " Stock ... 3 "	1945	" "	5,000 0 0	5,056 5 0	150 0 0
Mauritius Inscribed Stock ... 4 "	1937	" "	500 0 0	469 2 7	20 0 0
Ceylon " " ... 3 "	1940	" "	12,010 0 0	11,799 17 6	360 6 0
Queensland Stock ... 3 "	1922-1947	" "	65 0 0	605 4 8	19 10 0
Indian Govt. 3½ % Loan—29,000 Rupees	...	" "	...	2,932 3 7	65 19 5
Natal Government Securities ... 3 "	1929-1949	" "	105,000 0 0	98,527 16 10	3,150 0 0
Cape of Good Hope ... 3 "	1933-1943	" "	1,391 5 0	1,198 5 3	41 14 9
Natal Government ... 3½ "	1934-1944	" "	5,812 18 6	5,416 14 4	203 9 1
" " " " ... 3½ "	1934-1944	" "	1,153 2 7	1,083 7 4	40 7 2
" " " " ... 3½ "	1934-1944	Jan. 15 "	11,503 4 5	11,000 0 0	387 3 5
"Amount of Interest assessed at 4 per cent. on uninvested balances during the year ...	...	...	...	...	4,597 8 6
			329,360 17 3	321,357 0 9	15,285 9 9

A Detailed Statement of the Head Office and Branch Ledger Balances, 31st December, 1909, to support the Controller's Consolidated Account for the period 1st July to 31st December, 1909.

Office	Balances, 30th June, 1909	Deposits, 1st July to 31st Dec., 1909	Withdrawals, 1st July to 31st Dec., 1909	Transferred to Unclaimed Fund	Balances, 31st Dec., 1909
Pietermaritzburg	£ s. d. 139,856 7 0	£ s. d. 45,073 14 3	£ s. d. 39,024 0 8	£ s. d. 884 8 4	£ s. d. 145,021 12 3
Durban	238,385 6 10	81,100 5 3	72,268 10 7	1,047 10 5	246,169 11 1
Babanang	11 9				11 9
Bellair	116 12 8	164 15 6	5 0 0		276 8 2
Berea Road	297 2 5	584 0 3	319 9 1		561 13 7
Bergville	780 18 2	156 5 0	208 19 9		728 3 5
Bulstrodes					
Camperdown	26 0 10	47 19 0			73 19 10
Chapel Street	206 5 11	58 3 0	89 14 11		174 14 0
Charlestown	774 18 6	365 7 5	242 16 2		897 9 9
Clarke Road					
Creighton	184 3 1	116 6 6	89 16 0		210 13 7
Dalton	71 8 6	52 13 0	6 11 3		117 10 3
Dannhauser	450 8 4	563 14 0	175 11 4		838 11 0
Dundee	10,548 3 6	3,623 2 5	1,771 10 5	123 11 11	12,276 3 7
East End	194 2 2	71 10 1	88 1 0		177 11 3
Elandslaagte	671 6 2	321 18 0	278 18 3		714 5 11
Eshowe	3,121 1 0	643 19 10	575 2 10	65 17 4	3,124 0 8
Estcourt	7,018 11 5	1,772 1 9	2,107 1 8	3 10 6	6,680 1 0
Florida Road	158 15 3	61 14 0	16 15 0		203 14 3
Glencoe Junction		47 6 0			47 6 0
Greytown	5,112 19 5	1,130 16 6	1,392 18 8	16 4	4,850 0 11
Greyville	292 17 6	207 5 6	159 17 6		340 5 6
Harding	1,469 7 10	268 1 1	162 7 8	14 17 8	1,560 3 7
Hatting Spruit	409 12 9	545 11 2	327 8 10		627 15 1
Howick	2,425 4 6	562 4 9	537 11 2	20 12 7	2,429 5 6
Ingwavuma		3 1 0	5 6		2 15 6
(Ipolela) Bulwer	722 5 1	220 16 9	242 8 0	11 10	700 2 0
Ixopo	2,077 10 10	574 6 2	289 0 8		2,362 16 4
Kearsney	115 19 3	115 6 6	11 4 10		220 0 11
Krantzkop	421 10 0	217 2 6	155 2 3		483 10 3
Ladysmith	16,000 0 1	4,769 6 3	3,349 10 0	49 11 8	17,370 4 8
Lower Umkomaas	133 18 10	134 3 2	85 0 0		233 2 0
Mapumulo	368 12 5	73 1 0	195 10 0		246 3 5
Malvern		129 2 6	25 0 0		104 2 6
Melmoth	1,337 19 9	437 3 9	452 13 3	8 7	1,322 1 8
Mooi River	1,325 1 11	849 16 6	630 10 2		1,544 8 3
Musgrave Road	36 8 11	280 8 4	70 17 1		246 10 2
Mtunzini	549 10 3	121 13 6	110 12 9		560 11 0
Newcastle	7,353 4 2	2,219 0 1	2,131 7 6	65 3 9	7,375 13 0
New Hanover Rail	467 19 11	264 1 7	218 2 3		513 19 3
Nkandhla	1,735 9 4	138 12 10	203 4 0		1,670 18 2
Nondweni	127 6 5	349 4 3	86 9 10		390 0 10
Nongoma	515 14 2	179 15 7	161 11 10		533 17 11
Nentu	909 18 4	395 6 7	135 15 6		1,079 9 5
Paulpietersburg	151 18 7	125 10 0	6 0 0		271 8 7
Pinetown	782 1 11	701 14 6	315 6 7		1,168 9 10
Point	4,995 13 9	2,771 0 6	2,640 16 7		5,035 17 8
Port Shepstone	4,137 19 3	1,029 14 4	1,154 14 7	4 2	4,012 14 10
Richmond	4,799 8 11	699 0 8	978 17 7	18 6	4,428 13 6
Stamford Hill	28 4 0	197 16 6	52 17 0		169 3 6
Stanger	5,477 9 5	1,861 12 5	1,074 2 1	15 10	6,266 3 11
Umbogintwini	117 13 7	122 2 6	43 9 0		196 7 1
Umsinga	10 0 4	29 17 0	17 15 6		22 1 10
Umzinto	2,110 9 0	899 7 3	337 6 1	2 3 0	2,670 7 2
Underberg	51 16 9	49 15 6	29 17 9		71 14 6
Utrecht	810 15 4	640 4 3	485 11 3		965 8 4
Vesulam	4,798 5 8	1,573 5 6	926 10 10	3 15 4	5,441 5 0
Vryheid	2,185 17 2	767 16 11	975 11 0		1,978 3 1
Weenen	1,017 19 7	444 11 11	270 4 5	3 8	1,192 3 5
West End	169 5 6	372 18 2	82 17 10		459 6 10
Unclaimed Fund	4,122 9 10		654 15 8		5,753 15 7
	482,408 14 9	161,205 11 0	138,449 1 11	2,286 1 5	505,165 3 10

CONTROLLER'S CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT.

1909			Dr.	Cr.
July 1	To Balance	...	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dec. 31	" Deposits from 1st July to date	...	482,408 14 9	
" Amounts transferred to Unclaimed Fund	...	...	161,205 11 0	
By Withdrawals from 1st July to date	...	...	2,286 1 5	
" Amounts transferred to Unclaimed Fund	...	...		138,449 1 11
" Balance	...	...		2,286 1 5
				505,165 3 10
			645,900 7 2	645,900 7 2
			505,165 3 10	

INDIAN DEPOSITORS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1909.

Branch	No. of Depositors	Amount	Increase as compared with 1908		Decrease as compared with 1908	
			No. of Depositors	Amount	No. of Depositors	Amount
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Pietermaritzburg ...	762	10,538 16 9	51	386 1 8	...	...
Durban ...	884	24,344 17 2	61	1,145 15 10	...	...
Babanango ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bellair ...	1	10 0	1	10 0	...	...
Berea Road ...	2	1 0 0	...	...	...	31 3 6
Bergville ...	1	18 16 6	...	...	1	25 4 11
Bulstrodes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Camperdown ...	2	11 2 5	2	11 2 5	...	...
Chapel Street ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Charlestown ...	4	22 15 2	2	12 8 5	...	...
Clarke Road ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Creighton ...	5	70 6 4	2	47 18 8	...	...
Dalton ...	1	3 10 0	1	3 10 0	...	...
Dannhauser ...	4	39 14 0	1	...	...	21 10 6
Dundee ...	83	1,777 13 1	14	448 7 9	...	...
East End ...	2	9 10 5	2	9 10 5	...	...
Elandslaagte ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eshowe ...	1	8 6 6	...	6 0	...	...
Estcourt ...	53	1,038 19 9	...	303 2 9	...	...
Florida Road ...	3	8 15 1	2	8 12 1	...	...
Glencoe Junction ...	1	7 0 0	1	7 0 0	...	...
Greytown ...	13	147 1 5	5	19 0 8	...	...
Greyville ...	3	3 17 1	1	3 1 2	...	...
Harding ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hatting Spruit ...	13	79 16 0	4	23 16 0	...	...
Howick ...	26	277 10 0	...	13 9 6	1	...
Ingwavuma ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ipolela ...	3	20 15 4	...	...	2	13 4 1
Ixopo ...	7	55 11 6	2	21 16 5	...	...
Kearsney ...	6	88 6 2	3	62 1 2	...	...
Krantzkop ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ladysmith ...	69	1,379 13 5	3	126 5 8	8	...
Lower Umkomaas ...	4	93 10 4	2	22 0 0	...	...
Malvern ...	2	100 0 0	...	100 0 0	...	...
Mapumulo ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Melmoth ...	2	34 9 7	5	...	2	11 9 6
Mooi River ...	7	75 3 11	1	27 14 4	...	...
Musgrave Road ...	1	4 0 3	2	4 0 3	...	...
Mtanzini ...	4	17 15 5	1	6 2 5	...	...
Newcastle ...	37	972 5 5	10	127 13 0	...	...
New Hanover Rail ...	16	184 18 0	...	98 11 7	...	...
N'Kandhla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nondweni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nongoma ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nqutu ...	...	...	...	...	1	6 9 0
Paulpietersburg ...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Pinetown ...	3	3 10 4	11	...	...	13 17 2
Point ...	57	1,064 4 0	...	391 10 11	...	...
Port Shepstone ...	9	250 11 3	...	...	5	170 6 4
Richmond ...	24	439 19 7	2	20 5 9	3	...
Stamford Hill ...	2	7 10 0	21	7 10 0	...	...
Stanger ...	58	1,173 3 4	2	574 6 4	...	...
Umbogintwini ...	2	33 0 0	...	33 0 0	...	...
Umsinga ...	...	...	40	...	...	...
Unizinto ...	50	315 3 1	...	182 16 4	...	...
Underberg ...	1	20 0 0	1	13 14 4	...	...
Utrecht ...	2	6 0 3	17	5 0 3	...	...
Verulam ...	62	1,282 8 6	2	387 18 6	...	...
Vryheid ...	4	134 16 7	1	46 7 0	...	...
Weenen ...	2	2 0 0	...	...	...	1 4 1
West End, Durban ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2,298	46,168 13 11	278	4,702 17 7	23	294 9 1

NATIVE DEPOSITORS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1909.

Branch	No. of Depositors	Amount	Increase as compared with 1908		Decrease as compared with 1908	
			No. of Depositors	Amount	No. of Depositors	Amount
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Pietermaritzburg	181	2,594 2 10	18	378 5 7	...	...
Durban	114	1,297 8 1	21	135 4 4	...	...
Babanango	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bellair	...	...	...	...	...	...
Berea Road	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bergville	1	43 11 6	...	1 11 6	...	...
Bulstrodes	...	...	...	...	...	...
Camperdown	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chapel Street	...	...	...	...	...	...
Charlestown	...	...	...	...	1	9
Clarke Road	...	...	...	...	...	...
Creighton	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dalton	2	40 0 0	2	40 0 0	...	...
Dannhauser	2	21 4 0	2	21 4 0	...	...
Dundee	12	143 18 4	...	37 10 7	2	...
East End	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elandslaagte	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eshowe	48	1,568 11 5	10	100 0 7	...	...
Estcourt	11	139 6 9	...	...	2	50 1 5
Florida Road	...	...	...	...	...	...
Greytown	10	193 3 7	...	...	5	33 13 11
Greyville	...	...	...	...	...	...
Harding	3	11 17 11	...	...	2	16 9 9
Hatting Spruit...	1	3 3 0	1	3 3 0	...	...
Hevwick	4	107 2 10	3	106 10 9	...	...
Ingwavuma	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ipoela	1	1 8 10	...	...	1	8 5 9
Ixopo	7	200 4 10	2	16 16 2	...	...
Kearsney	...	...	...	...	...	...
Krantzkop	6	107 13 11	4	101 12 0	...	...
Ladysmith	45	1,043 6 8	3	426 2 1	...	...
Lower Umkomaas	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malvern	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mapumulo	4	72 19 11	...	...	1	5 11 11
Melmoth	8	307 4 5	2	69 2 3	...	...
Mooi River	3	20 2 0	3	29 2 0	...	...
Musgrave Road	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mtunzini	6	279 6 2	2	175 16 2	...	...
Newcastle	16	405 1 7	3	75 14 7	...	...
New Hanover Rail	1	42 4 10	...	11 2 8	...	...
Nkandhla	28	1,389 18 8	4	222 12 2	...	...
Nondweni	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nongoma	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nqutu	16	552 15 9	3	...	...	11 3 4
Paulpietersburg	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pinetown	10	455 11 1	6	212 4 3	...	...
Point	1	15 0 0	1	15 0 0	...	...
Port Shepstone	1	7 4 0	...	...	...	19 4 2
Richmond	12	224 0 3	2	75 9 6	...	...
Stamford Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stanger	12	225 8 10	2	...	...	19 6 0
Umbogintwini	...	...	...	...	...	...
Umsinga	4	20 7 9	2	16 2 9	...	...
Umzinto	6	84 18 11	1	4 5 9	...	...
Underberg	...	...	...	...	...	...
Utrecht	...	...	...	...	1	5 1 3
Verulam	5	60 9 10	...	15 1 4	1	...
Vryheid	7	64 4 10	4	42 12 8	...	...
Weenen	2	8 10 0	1	8 6 4	...	...
West End, Durban	...	...	...	...	...	...
	590	11,745 8 4	102	2,533 8 0	5	177 17 6

SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS OPENED AND CLOSED DURING YEAR 1909.

Branches	Total		Branches	Total	
	Opened	Closed		Opened	Closed
Pietermaritzburg	1,272	1,088	Lower Umkomaas	16	3
Durban	2,291	2,100	Malvern	7	1
Babanango	...	...	Mapumulo	...	1
Bellair	9	1	Melmoth	11	13
Berea Road	52	12	Mooi River	37	18
Bergville	6	6	Musgrave Road	35	8
Bulstrodes	...	...	Mtunzini	7	2
Camperdown	10	3	Newcastle	77	47
Chapel Street	3	1	New Hanover Rail	19	7
Charlestown	20	6	Nkandhla	9	11
Clarke Road	...	...	Nondweni	8	1
Creighton	10	5	Nongoma	2	6
Dalton	8	2	Nqutu	8	5
Dannhauser	25	9	Paulpietersburg	4	1
Dundee	130	110	Pinetown	36	8
East End	14	11	Point	99	65
Elandslaagte	12	8	Port Shepstone	41	41
Eshowe	44	18	Richmond	34	30
Estcourt	57	54	Stamford Hill	11	6
Florida Road	6	...	Stanger	80	54
Glencoe Junction	3	...	Underberg	4	2
Greytown	58	38	Umsinga	3	1
Greyville	47	21	Umzinto	73	22
Harding	25	10	Umbogintwini	13	9
Hatting Spruit	44	16	Utrecht	13	15
Howick	38	25	Verulam	51	39
Ingwavuma	3	1	Vryheid	35	24
(Ipolela) Bulwer	12	12	Weenen	27	14
Ixopo	29	21	West End	22	5
Kearsney	10	5			
Krantzkop	18	7			
Ladysmith	172	139			
				5,210	4,188

A Detailed Statement of Actual Deposits, including Capitalised Interest, and Withdrawals at different Branches for the Year 1909.

Office	Deposits			Withdrawals			Office	Deposits			Withdrawals		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Pietermaritzburg	91,327	10	11	86,951	3	11	Lower Umkomaas	211	2	1	95	11	4
Durban	159,513	9	2	158,695	12	2	Malvern	129	2	6	35	0	0
Babanango	...	...	...	9	0	0	Mapumulo	148	1	2	237	19	3
Bellair	235	0	2	38	15	6	Melmoth	665	3	6	801	5	4
Berea Road	826	5	11	422	10	8	Mooi River	...	...	...	1,323	8	1
Bergville	380	18	7	388	7	11	Musgrave Road	...	...	...	172	17	9
Bulstrodes	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mtunzini	...	...	...	181	9	2
Camperdown	65	9	5	1	10	0	Newcastle	245	9	4	3,969	7	10
Chapel Street	131	3	7	106	14	11	New Hanover Rail	4,348	15	0	264	15	5
Charlestown	705	10	4	437	10	9	Nkandhla	444	5	5	763	4	6
Clarke Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nondweni	625	18	1	140	9	10
Creighton	223	10	11	126	11	0	Nongoma	524	6	8	370	16	2
Dalton	122	9	6	20	8	3	Nqutu	408	16	9	343	18	6
Dannhauser	901	0	7	249	12	6	Paulpietersburg	501	11	7	40	6	3
Dundee	7,009	13	1	5,112	10	4	Pinetown	148	13	1	515	0	2
East End	411	2	3	294	1	0	Point	1,028	12	10	5,251	13	5
Elandslaagte	775	11	7	717	6	2	Port Shepstone	5,551	14	9	2,313	9	4
Eshowe	1,505	15	0	1,010	19	10	Richmond	3,255	15	7	1,877	18	1
Estcourt	4,569	17	9	4,075	12	2	Stamford Hill	1,857	16	8	77	7	2
Florida Road	211	11	3	22	15	0	Stanger	213	9	10	2,327	13	6
Glencoe Junction	47	6	0	...	...	...	Umbogintwini	3,146	11	7	141	4	0
Greytown	2,745	12	7	2,617	15	1	Umsinga	192	1	1	17	15	6
Greyville	450	2	5	262	15	5	Umzinto	34	6	4	1,136	6	5
Harding	574	4	3	524	16	3	Underberg	1,642	6	3	40	17	9
Hatting Spruit	995	12	6	530	5	9	Utrecht	75	8	0	1,469	2	11
Howick	1,383	17	8	1,525	16	11	Verulam	1,082	14	4	2,517	16	3
Ingwavuma	3	1	0	5	6	1	Vryheid	3,128	12	1	1,870	0	4
Ipolela	522	14	7	779	10	1	Weenen	1,706	7	3	555	10	3
Ixopo	1,037	5	11	787	10	1	West End	755	14	6	145	2	10
Kearsney	157	5	9	18	9	10		490	6	9			
Krantzkop	374	11	7	230	10	6							
Ladysmith	9,205	18	4	9,771	1	3							
								320,890	15	6	304,717	6	1

Total paid into Treasury during 1909

Add 1909 Deposits paid in 1908

" " " in transit to Treasury

£ s. d.

317,735 18 0

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