



**REPORT**

OF THE

**POSTMASTER-GENERAL**

OF THE

ORANGE RIVER COLONY,

For the Year ended 30th June, 1905.

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## Report of the Postmaster-General,

### ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

For the Year 1st July, 1904, to 30th June, 1905.

THE HONOURABLE  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
BLOEMFONTEIN.

SIR,

Although a full interim report for the period 1st July, 1904, to the 30th April last was furnished in terms of the resolution adopted by the Legislative Council, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Fraser, it is desirable, in order to maintain a continuous record, and submit comparative statements, to deal with the work performed by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs during the whole of the last financial year.

With that object in view, therefore, I have the honour to report as follows for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

#### SECTION 1.

#### POSTAL.

##### *Money Order Offices.*

1. On the 1st July, 1904, there were 53 Money Order Offices in the Colony—including Trompsburg Station, which, owing to its close proximity to the town of Trompsburg was, on the 15th April last, when the telegraph work at the former place was taken over by the Central South African Railway Department, reduced to a Sub-Office.

Owing to the abolition of the Special South African Constabulary Savings Bank Account on the 30th June, 1904, the Money Order Office at Sydenham commenced ordinary Savings Bank Business on the 1st August of the same year.

The number of Money Order Offices in the Colony on the 30th June last was 52.

##### *Post Office Agencies.*

2. There were on the 30th June, 1904, 116 Post Office Agencies in the Colony, besides ten Native Agencies in towns where there are large Native populations.

The following is a list of new Post Office Agencies numbering 35 established during the year, together with dates on which they were opened:—

NAME OF AGENCY.	DISTRICT.	DATE WHEN OPENED.
Cornelia	Vrede	15th October, 1904.
De Kuile	Harrismith	1st May, 1905.
Doorn Kloof	Lindley	15th September, 1904.
Du Plooy's Rust	Senekal	1st October, 1904.
Glen Rock	Thaba 'Nchu	1st December, 1904.
Groenfontein	Kroonstad	1st September, 1904.
Grootfontein	Bloemfontein	15th September, 1904.
Hulpmakaar	Fauresmith	1st December, 1904.
Helfontein	Kroonstad	1st March, 1905.
Jammerberg's Drift	Wepener	15th August, 1904.
Karba	Winburg	1st July, 1904.
Kassel	Bloemfontein	1st October, 1904.
Modderpoort	Ladybrand	15th December, 1904.
Mushroom Valley	Winburg	1st April, 1905.
Novo	Wepener	15th November, 1904.
Olivierspost	Lindley	15th June, 1905.
Oranjepan	Hoopstad	1st October, 1904.
Philippolis Road	Philippolis	20th February, 1905.
Port Allen	Hoopstad	1st December, 1904.
Revelstoke	Harrismith	15th April, 1905.
Riviera	Heilbron	1st September, 1904.
Roberts Rust	Bloemfontein	15th April, 1905.
Sepani Siding	Thaba 'Nchu	1st March, 1905.
Stonybroke	Thaba 'Nchu	1st June, 1905.
Swartkop	Boshof	1st July, 1904.
Sweet Home	Boshof	1st December, 1904.
Tiger River	Bethlehem	15th June, 1905.
Twistdam Farm	Philippolis	1st September, 1904.
Veldtshoek	Winburg	1st July, 1904.
Vierfontein	Kroonstad	1st September, 1904.
Waschbank	Bloemfontein	22nd May, 1905.
Welkom	Winburg	1st December, 1904.
Winkel Post	Kroonstad	1st August, 1904.
Zamenkomst	Ladybrand	15th July, 1904.
Zevenfontein	Boshof	1st December, 1904.

3. The following 23 Post Office Agencies have been closed since the 30th June, 1904 :—

NAME OF AGENCY.	DISTRICT.	DATE WHEN OPENED.
Beverley	Ladybrand	28th February, 1905.
Bezuidenhouts Drift	Bethlehem	15th January, 1905.
Boesmanskop	Hoopstad	30th June, 1905.
Boschdraai	Winburg	30th June, 1905.
Chicago	Lindley	30th June, 1905.
Georgina	Harrismith	2nd October, 1904.
Gottenburg	Heilbron	10th November, 1904.
Hibernia	Senekal	30th November, 1904.
Kalkoens Krantz	Harrismith	30th June, 1904.
Kromellenboogs Drift	Edenburg	30th April, 1905.
Langhoek	Bethlehem	28th February, 1905.
Newmarket	Harrismith	5th February, 1905.
Oranjepan	Hoopstad	28th February, 1905.
Prinsloo's Request	Kroonstad	30th June, 1905.
Smith's Post	Bethlehem	2nd September, 1904.
Strydfontein	Kroonstad	31st January, 1905.
Trommel	Winburg	1st July, 1904.
Tweespruit Camp	Thaba 'Nchu	31st October, 1904.
Twistdam Farm	Philippolis	31st January, 1905.
Uitdraaipad	Bethlehem	28th February, 1905.
Van Dyk's Kraal	Lindley	14th September, 1904.
Veldshoek	Winburg	31st July, 1904.
Zevenfontein	Boshof	30th June, 1905.

4. Two Post Office Agency buildings were destroyed by fire, viz., Smith's Post, in the district of Bethlehem, and Georgina, in the district of Harrismith.

Native Agencies have been established at Brandfort and Koffyfontein, whilst the Native Agency established at Thaba 'Nchu has been closed; the work in connection with Native correspondence is at present undertaken by a native attached to the Thaba 'Nchu Post Office Staff, and who appears to perform the duties in a satisfactory manner.

30 Post Office Agencies have been raised to the rank of Sub-Offices, so that on the 30th June, 1905, there were in the Colony 98 Post Office Agencies and 12 Native Agencies.

#### *Sub-Offices.*

5. On the 30th June, 1904, there were 12 Sub-Offices in the Colony, including Mushroom Valley, in the District of Winburg, which was closed on the 31st December, 1904, and re-opened as a Post Office Agency on the 1st April last. As stated in the last preceding paragraph 30 Agencies as per the following list were raised to the rank of Sub-Offices, bringing the number up to 41 open on the 30th June, 1905.

NAME OF THE SUB-OFFICE.	DISTRICT.	DATE WHEN RAISED IN RANK.
Bethany Station	Edenburg	15th March, 1905.
Dealesville	Boshof	1st August, 1904.
Donkerpoort	Springfontein	15th March, 1905.
Eensgevonden	Winburg	" "
Elstow Siding	Springfontein	" "
Geneva	Kroonstad	" "
Glen	Bloemfontein	" "
Hoffontein	Kroonstad	1st April, 1905.
Honingspruit	Kroonstad	15th March, 1905.
Jordaan	Kroonstad	" "
Kaalspruit	Bloemfontein	" "
Kaffir River	Bloemfontein	" "
Karba	Winburg	15th September, 1904.
Karree	Bloemfontein	15th March, 1905.
Kopjes	Vredefort	" "
Krugers	Edenburg	" "
Langhoek	Vrede	15th September, 1904.
Marseilles	Ladybrand	15th March, 1905.
Priors	Springfontein	" "
Roodewal	Kroonstad	" "
Tafelkop	Vrede	15th September, 1904.
Tweespruit	Thaba 'Nchu	28th February, 1905.
Vet River	Winburg	15th March, 1905.
Vierfontein	Kroonstad	15th December, 1904.
Virginia	Kroonstad	15th March, 1905.
Waterworks	Bloemfontein	" "
Welgelegen	Winburg	" "
Westminster	Thaba 'Nchu	" "
Woodside	Vrede	1st June, 1905.
Zeekoerlei,	Vrede	15th October, 1904.

6. There were therefore 41 Sub-Offices in the Colony on the 30th June, 1905—chiefly situated along the lines of railway. All Sub-Offices are authorised to deal with registered articles and Inland and Inter-Colonial parcels. Although parcels for oversea destinations are also accepted by Sub-Offices for transmission abroad, parcels from oversea countries are not sent to Sub-Offices for delivery, as it would be necessary for the persons undertaking Postal business at such Offices to render accounts in connection with the collection of Customs duty and other charges which may in some cases involve considerable clerical labour.

7. I would point out what I stated in my last Annual Report, namely, that, although so many Sub-Offices and Post Office Agencies have been established, numerous applications continue to be received for additional Offices to be opened on farms in various parts of the Colony. It is not desirable to comply with applications in cases where it is thought that the amount of correspondence which would be dealt with at the proposed Offices—if established—would be too insignificant to warrant the expenditure which the establishment and maintenance of any Post Office would necessarily involve. I would repeat that, although the sums paid for services in connection with Post Office Agencies are always as low as it is possible to make them, the cost of carrying a letter or other article of mail matter to or from some of the Offices already established, is out of all proportion to the amount of the postage paid for its transmission. In some cases it has cost the Post Office as much as fivepence to deliver a single letter.

8. I am of opinion, as stated on previous occasions, that all possible postal facilities should be afforded the rural population; but the expenditure which would result from the opening of any new office and the amount of mail matter which would probably be dealt with at such office are matters which should, I think, be carefully weighed by me when I have any application under consideration.

#### *Instructions to Sub-Postmasters and Post Office Agents.*

9. Full instructions in regard to postal duties at Sub-Offices and Post Office Agencies were issued in pamphlet form for the guidance of Sub-Postmasters and Post Office Agents on the 25th May last, the new instructions to take effect from the 1st July, 1905, so as to allow all officers engaged on postal work sufficient time to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the same.

#### *Conveyance of Mails.*

10. The 40 new Contracts for the Conveyance of Mails, which, as stated in my last Annual Report, had been concluded (19 for a period of five years and the remainder for three years), were commenced on the 1st July, 1904.

The number of main routes in the Colony on the 30th June last, other than Railway routes, was 39; branch routes 60; one more than on the 30th June, 1904. The distance mail are conveyed by cart and horses is approximately 1,354 miles; by rail within the borders of this Colony, 655 miles; and on horseback (branch posts) 1,738½ miles. The number of Contractors for the Conveyance of Mails over the main routes on the 30th June last was 29. There have, perhaps, been more cases of late arrival of mails during the year than there should have been. In a few instances fines have been imposed; but, in the majority of cases Mail Contractors, for failing to deliver the mails within their Contract time, have been leniently dealt with, owing to the fact that all the main roads have not been proclaimed, and there has not been time to put the roads in a proper state of repair, and so remove the risk which must have attended night travelling.

11. As a result of correspondence with the Postmaster-General of the Transvaal, a special train service was inaugurated at the commencement of the financial year for the conveyance of the inward European mail for the Transvaal, Natal, and the Orange River Colony, the cost of which was to have been borne by the Administrations concerned in proportion to the weight of mail matter for each. The Postmaster-General of Natal, however, could not see his way to regard the service as a "special" one. As this Administration receives transit rates on European mail matter to and from the Transvaal and Natal—other than parcels—passing over the territory of this Colony, it is required by the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Convention that this Colony shall provide at its own expense an ordinary service for the conveyance of such mails.

If the special train service could have continued until the 30th June, 1905, this Department's share of the cost would have amounted to about £750, but, as an ordinary service had to be reverted to on the 2nd February last, the cost to this Department for the twelve months will be approximately as follows:—

(a) For special train 1st July, 1904, to 2nd February, 1905	£500
(b) Ordinary service 2nd February to 30th June, 1905	£950
	£1,450

12. In view of the fact, therefore, that this Department has to pay the Central South African Railway Department for the conveyance over the line in this

Colony, of oversea parcels to and from the Transvaal, correspondence is still proceeding for the purpose of establishing this Department's claim to a fair share of the transit rates in respect of such parcels.

13. The opening of the Harrismith-Bethlehem Railway has resulted in a saving under the head "Conveyance of Mails" of about £27 per month, whilst, by the extension of the Railway from Springfontein to Jagersfontein, a saving of approximately £30 per month is effected.

Full particulars in connection with Mail Contracts will be found in Annexure 9 accompanying this Report.

#### *Travelling Post Office Vans.*

14. I am pleased to be able to state that the bad lighting of the Travelling Post Office Vans which run between Naauwpoort, in the Cape Colony, and Johannesburg, of which mention was made in my last annual report, has been remedied by the installation of electric light, which I need hardly say is much appreciated by the officers engaged on Travelling Post Office duties.

#### *Postage Stamps.*

15. As only King's Head postage stamps are now issued, those previously supplied to Postmasters having, in accordance with instructions, been called in, I am glad that upon my recommendation His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, was pleased to approve the regulation submitted by me, which provides that postage stamps of the late Orange Free State marked "V.R.I." and "E.R.I." respectively, and those of the Cape Colony with the words "Orange River Colony" overprinted on them shall not be accepted in prepayment of postage after the 31st December, 1909. It is considered that the time allowed to the public to use up these old stamps, if desired, is ample.

#### *Stamp Vendors.*

16. On the 30th June, 1904, there were 74 persons not actually employed by this Department, authorised to sell postage stamps, post cards, etc., at their face value, to whom, as provided by the Post Office Regulations, a discount of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. was allowed on all purchases of stamps, etc., for cash for sums of not less than £5. As, however, it has come to notice that there were persons having no license, selling stamps by way of business, or in connection therewith, it was desirable—with a view to controlling the business of Stamp Vendors—to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a penal clause, which has been approved, rendering any person who may sell stamps as indicated above without a license, liable on conviction, to a fine of £5, or in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding seven days.

17. The following is a list showing the number of Stamp Vendors in the various towns and districts of the Colony on the 30th June, 1905, in addition to all Sub-Postmasters and Post Office Agents who are *ex officio* authorised to sell postage stamps and to whom also a discount of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. is allowed:—

TOWN OR DISTRICT OF	NUMBER.	TOWN OR DISTRICT OF	NUMBER.
Bethlehem - - -	2	Lindley - - -	1
Bloemfontein - -	5	Parys - - -	1
Fauresmith - - -	1	Reddersburg - -	1
Ficksburg - - -	1	Thaba 'Nchu - -	2
Fouriesburg - - -	1	Trompsburg - - -	1
Harrismith - - -	1	Wepener - - -	1
Heilbron - - -	3	Winburg - - -	1
Kroonstad - - -	5	Vrede - - -	1
Ladybrand - - -	2		
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It will thus be seen that during the year the number of Stamp Vendors has been reduced from 74 to 30, as it was found that many of the licenses which had been granted were not necessary for the convenience of the public.

Stamp Vendor's licenses were formerly granted free, but under the new regulations an annual charge of five shillings is made.

#### *Sub Agreement with the Province of Mozambique.*

18. A Sub Agreement, which was approved by the Government, was entered into between the Postmaster-General of the Province of Mozambique and myself on the 26th July, 1904, and came into force on the 1st October last. Similar agreements have been concluded between the Postmaster-General of the Mozambique Province and the Postmasters-General of the other South African Postal Union countries. As by these Agreements the Province of Mozambique was admitted into the South African Postal Union, the rates of postage on correspondence addressed to that territory were assimilated to those charged to the other countries of the Union.

#### *Missing Letter Enquiries.*

19. No effort has been spared in investigating complaints made to this Department regarding the reported loss of letters, etc. During the period under review enquiries were made in 1,112 cases where mail matter was stated not to have reached its destination (88 more than during the preceding twelve months). A separate investigation was made in each case; the results were as follows:—

Found to have been duly delivered	250
Delivered after delay	109
Not posted at the time stated	12
Doubtful if posted	40
Never posted	24
Returned to senders	54
Not claimed	28
Misdirected or insufficiently addressed	66
Redirected to other Administrations in compliance with requests	43
Lost or delayed by addressees	8
Lost in transmission	4
Contents or portion of contents missing	17
No trace	303
Still under investigation	2
Duly forwarded to destination	16
Sent to the Returned Letter Office of the country of origin	28
Delivered to another person of same name	3
Delivered against forged receipt	1
No definite conclusion possible	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,112</b>

20. The investigation of the complaints, as the above schedule proves, reveals the fact that, in many cases, the trouble and inconvenience caused to the complainants were due, not to the Postal Service, but to the members of the public themselves.

To further illustrate this, I shall only mention a few instances in which the Department was put to considerable trouble through the want of care on the part of persons not connected with the Postal Service.

A letter containing a cheque said to have been posted at a railway station in this Colony and clearly addressed to Bloemfontein was not received. Every endeavour was made to trace the letter, but without success, until the arrival from the Transvaal of the unclaimed letters to be returned to the senders, when it was found that the letter with the cheque was amongst them; it had been addressed to Pretoria instead of to Bloemfontein, as was stated by the sender.

A resident of Bloemfontein reported that he had posted an important registered letter containing valuable documents which had never reached its destination. Prompt enquiries were instituted, and, as the letter was registered, it was easy to trace its course. It was soon ascertained that the letter was quite safe, with this difference, however, that, instead of being addressed

to Pretoria, as stated, it was distinctly addressed "Bloemfontein," at which office it was kept for the prescribed period before being sent to the Returned Letter Office. On production afterwards of the receipt granted to the sender (who was also the complainant) when the letter was posted, it was found that, on that receipt it was clearly indicated that the letter had been addressed to Bloemfontein.

A complaint was made that a letter containing over £50 in Bank Notes was missing. After the necessary enquiry had been commenced and some telegrams exchanged, the Department was informed that the letter had been duly delivered to a clerk—having authority to receive the addressee's correspondence—who placed it in his pocket, where it was unfortunately forgotten until some days afterwards.

Recently a Postal Order was obtained for despatch to the Cape Colony presumably to pay the payee's fare; but it was complained that, consequent upon the non-arrival of the letter, the person for whom the order was intended had to undertake a long journey on foot. Exhaustive enquiries, with a view to tracing the missing letter as well as the lost Postal Order proved fruitless. Some time after the papers on the subject had been filed, the person who was declared to have forwarded the letter, came across it—with the order enclosed—carefully put away in the bottom of a box containing evening apparel.

21. In this country, as, in any other, the Postal Department is in such close touch with the general public, that, unless the work be performed in a really efficient manner by officers whose aim it is to secure for their Department a reputation which will compare favourably with that of any other Postal Service in the world—as is, I believe, the desire of officers of my Department—complaints are sure to be numerous; but, where the work is conscientiously performed, these—in so far as they are justifiable—may be reduced to a minimum. It is, of course, too much to hope that, while human nature is what it is, no mistakes whatever will be made by a Department which is required to deal with millions of articles of mail matter; and it is my opinion that the above schedule of "Missing Letter Enquiries" reveals a very satisfactory state of things.

22. Some of the complaints as well as some of the requests addressed to the Post Office cannot but be regarded as unreasonable.

Recently a letter was received protesting against the action of a Postal Administration which had surcharged newspapers on which the postage had been only partially paid. The reason of the indignation was not on account of the amount involved, viz., 4d., which the complainant stated was trivial, but because the sender, an old lady and a resident in one of the British Colonies across the sea, had no intention to defraud the revenue; it was contended that she was short-sighted, and had in error affixed a stamp less in value by 2d. than was required to fully prepay the postage on the papers.

The postage stamps on the labels used in the case under review were exactly half the size of the stamps of the value of one penny and over. Several similar cases have occurred between the same parties, whereby the revenue would have suffered if it had not been detected that the papers had been under-stamped.

A short time ago a letter was received from England requesting the Post Office to discover the whereabouts of a friend in Bloemfontein, whose address had been forgotten, and whose surname had slipped the applicant's memory: all that the writer gave as a guide to identification were the Christian name and a description of the house in which it was thought the friend was staying. Unfortunately the particulars furnished proved insufficient to enable the applicant's request to be complied with.

23. At one time numerous complaints were received about the irregular way in which numbers of one of our local papers were forwarded: enquiries revealed the fact that the papers were not regularly posted owing to defective machinery, and I was glad to notice that this fact was subsequently admitted in a leading article which appeared in the paper in question on the 31st October last, as it tended to lessen the number of complaints to this Department about the delay to newspapers for which the Postal Service was in no way responsible.

#### *Parcels.*

24. On the 1st March, 1905, the rates for parcels to the United Kingdom was, with the consent of the Government, reduced from 1s. 3d. to 1s. per lb. The rates for all oversea parcels posted in this Colony which circulate *via* the United Kingdom, were reduced by 3d. per lb. from the same date. In consequence of these reductions the Orange River Colony will receive 3d. per lb. on all oversea parcels despatched to or through the United Kingdom instead of 6d. This will, of course,



involve a slight loss of revenue; but, as every other Colony of the South African Postal Union has for a considerable time only retained 3d. per lb. on parcels posted within its territory addressed to overseas destinations, the action of this Colony in claiming 6d. per lb. should not be continued. Moreover, by the reduction the rates for parcels from this Colony to the United Kingdom are assimilated to those charged on parcels in the opposite direction.

25. According to the returns rendered by the various Postmasters, the number of parcels despatched was 42,588 an increase of 1,154 compared with the previous year.

The amount paid for postage on parcels sent through the post during the year ended the 30th June, 1905, was £2,348 6s. 7d. or £88 17s. 1½d. more than during the preceding year. The number of parcels received during the period under review, viz., 155,361 was 3,550 less than the number received during the preceding financial year.

The amount of Customs duty collected during the year on 32,258 parcels was £5,527 5s. 7d., compared with £5,768 0s. 3d. on 34,778 parcels during the preceding year. The amount due to this Colony on overseas parcels received at the rate of 3d. per lb. is £1,946 13s., as compared with £2,307 18s. 2d. for the financial year 1903-4.

#### *Letter Carriers.*

26. On the 30th June, 1904, there were ten Letter Carriers, including one Native, attached to the Post Office, Bloemfontein; and since that date no change has taken place. The number of letters and other articles delivered by Letter Carriers in Bloemfontein during the period under review was 681,586, compared with 598,116 for the preceding twelve months; showing an increase of approximately 14 per cent.

The greater distances to be traversed by the Carriers in consequence of the continued extension of the city entails additional work. The numbering of the houses in Bloemfontein materially assists the Post Office in effecting prompt delivery of correspondence fully addressed. It is regretted, however, that great difficulty is still experienced owing to much of the correspondence sent through the post being either erroneously or insufficiently addressed.

#### *Postal Statistics.*

27. The following figure, based upon statistics taken at regular intervals, show the quantity of mail matter despatched from and received for delivery in the Orange River Colony during the periods mentioned:—

PERIOD.	LETTERS AND POST CARDS.	NEWSPAPERS, BOOKS, PACKETS, ETC.	PARCELS.
17th March, 1900, to 30th June, 1901	6,352,967	384,988	106,492
1901—2	10,268,418	722,579	119,357
1902—3	13,276,733	21,467,640	137,078
1903—4	23,175,726	9,430,421	162,774
1904—5	22,915,870	11,343,233	180,795

A return showing the amount of correspondence posted for despatch and received for delivery respectively at each office as well as the quantity of mail matter dealt with in transit, forms an Annexure (No. 10) to this Report.

#### *Pillar Boxes.*

28. During the period under review an additional pillar box was erected in Bloemfontein, namely, at Fichardt's Chambers, Maitland Street; and one at Ladybrand. There are now fourteen pillar boxes in Bloemfontein—three at each Harri-smith and Kroonstad; two at Ladybrand and one at Winburg.

*Compensation for Loss of or Damage to Registered Articles and Insurance of certain Mail Matter.*

29. As the Post Office regulations (referred to in my last annual report under the above heading), framed under the authority of Ordinance No. 50 of 1903, were published in July, 1904, this Department accepts liability up to £5 in case of loss of or damage to registered articles whilst in transit through the post.

At present the scheme only extends to registered articles posted at an office in this Colony for delivery from any Post Office within the same, or exchanged between offices of this Colony and those of the Cape Colony or the Transvaal. In the case of the last named Colony the limit of compensation for the present is £2.

The regulations in regard to the payment of compensation in force in Natal, apply only to letters posted in that Colony for delivery within the same. So far this Department has not been called upon to pay compensation in a single instance. Correspondence is now proceeding with the Post Office authorities in London with a view to extending the provisions of the system to registered letters exchanged between the Orange River Colony and the United Kingdom. It is contemplated that the limit of compensation which shall be paid in case of the loss of such letters, shall be fifty francs or £2, as fixed by the Universal Postal Union Convention.

30. As stated in my last annual report, communications were addressed to the Postmasters-General of the Cape Colony and Natal, enquiring whether—until the Postmaster-General of the Transvaal can obtain Legislative authority—the insurance scheme could be made applicable to registered articles exchanged between our respective Colonies; but I regret to say that, as several important points in regard to such an important matter have still to be settled by the removal of certain differences of opinion, it is felt that, although such a service must be introduced into South Africa, its provisions must still be discussed by means of correspondence, or its adoption delayed until it can be considered more fully at the next South African Postal Union Conference.

*Postal Union Conference.*

31. The Postal Congress, which, as stated in my last Annual Report, was to have been held in Rome on the 21st April, 1904, but which—at the request of the Italian Government—had been postponed for a year, was again further postponed; and, although I have had no official intimation as to the date when the Congress will assemble, I learn from a cablegram from the General Post Office, London, that it will probably be during the first week in April, 1906.

32. It is thought that the South African Postal Union Conference, originally intended to be held in Bloemfontein in August, 1903, and which—as stated in my last Annual Report—it was subsequently suggested should take place in September, 1904, might with advantage be postponed until after the meeting of the Rome Congress, as the delegates to the first-named Conference will then—having taken part in the deliberations at Rome, and being in possession of the resolutions of that Congress—be better able to deal with the questions affecting the South African Service.

*Cash on Delivery System.*

33. A proposal emanating from the \* British Post Office was put forward to the effect that the Post Office should undertake to collect on delivery the value of goods sent by merchants to their customers through the post; but the opposition of the scheme was so strong, that the Imperial Postmaster-General had intimated that he has, in deference to public opinion, abandoned it in so far as it was intended to apply to the inland service of Great Britain; and that enquiries would be made as to whether it would be practicable to bring it into force between the Mother Country and the Colonies.

34. In the Cape Colony the Postmaster-General anticipates that there will be very strong opposition from the commercial community; and in this Colony representations have been made to me by the various Chambers of Commerce very strongly objecting to the introduction of the scheme. The general opinion of commercial men appears to be that it would detrimentally affect local dealers.

*Money Orders.*

35. A direct Money Order exchange with the Province of Mozambique was inaugurated on the 1st October, 1904, and with North Western Rhodesia on the 15th January last.

It was also arranged as from the 15th November last to exchange Money Orders through the London Office with Russia, the United States of Mexico, and the British Protectorate of Northern Nigeria. The question of direct exchanges of Money Orders with the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada and the Australian Colonies has been under consideration for some time; and, as arrangements are now almost completed, it is expected that these direct exchanges will be commenced at an early date.

36. Since October, 1904, for the convenience of the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Westminster Station, an officer has proceeded thither from Ladybrand regularly once a month for the purpose of undertaking Money Order, Postal Order and Postal Draft business.

37. The Money Order transactions for the financial year compared with the preceding year show a decrease of about 20 per cent. in the number of orders, and of approximately 9 per cent. in the value.

During the period covered by this report there were issued 73,217 Money Orders of a total value of £273,039 10s. 1d., on which the commission charged amounted to £4,417 4s. During the previous financial year, the number of Money Orders issued was 95,271, representing a total value of £310,317 12s. 5d., on which commission amounting to £5,030 15s. 6d. was paid; 29,000 Money Orders of a total value of £112,392 10s. 9d. were paid during the period under review, compared with 32,669 orders amounting to £111,264 15s. 5d. paid between the 1st July, 1903, and the 30th June, 1904.

38. It will be noticed that there has been a considerable decrease of Money Order business, but this is to some extent accounted for by the increase under the head 'Postal Orders,' which are no doubt considered by the public to be more convenient for small remittances.

39. Authority having been obtained from the Government to increase the maximum amount for which a single Money Order may be issued in this Colony, from £10 to £40, orders for sums not exceeding the latter amount have, since the 1st November, 1904, been drawn in this Colony on Money Order Offices within the same, and also the Transvaal and the United Kingdom, which countries had already adopted the higher limit. Arrangements were also completed whereby Money Orders not exceeding £40 have, since the 1st June, 1905, been drawn on Offices in the Cape Colony and the Colony of Natal; and, as from the 15th of the same month, on Offices in the Province of Mozambique.

At present Southern Rhodesia is the only South African Administration which does not see its way to agree to pay Money Orders of a higher value than £10.

#### *Postal Orders.*

40. A Postal Order exchange with the Province of Mozambique was inaugurated on the 10th December last, and with North Western Rhodesia on the 1st January of the present year.

41. The amount of Postal Order transactions has more than doubled as compared with the financial year 1903-4.

During the period covered by this report there were issued 55,275 Postal Orders of a total value of £25,976 15s. 10d. compared with 26,960 orders amounting to £12,613 10s. for the preceding financial year. Postal Orders paid during the two last financial years were:—

1904-5—30,320 orders amounting to £14,976 6s. 9d.

1903-4—15,871 orders amounting to £7,689 7s.

The amount of commission charged in respect of Postal Orders between the 1st July, 1904, and the 30th June, 1905, was £446 15s. 6d., compared with £234 0s. 3d. for the last preceding year.

42. It is regretted that the Postmaster-General of the Cape Colony has not yet seen his way to allow postage stamps up to fivepence to be affixed to Postal Orders issued in the Cape Colony to supplement their face value as is done by the other Colonies of South Africa as well as by the United Kingdom.

43. Reciprocal arrangements have been come to between the Postal Administrations of the Transvaal and this Department, whereby Postal Orders issued in this Colony and presented for payment in the Transvaal and *vice versa* are cashed without a second commission being demanded from the payee, subject to the regulations in regard to the period of currency of Postal Orders. It is hoped that the other South African Postal Administrations will soon be able to agree to similar arrangements.

The charge made by one Administration for cashing Postal Orders of another Administration is not regarded with favour by the public, besides the revenue which accrues therefrom is very small.

44. It has been arranged that Postal Order business shall, for the convenience of the public, be undertaken at Sub Office in the Colony as from the 1st July, 1905, as sufficient time has been allowed for Sub-Postmasters to make themselves acquainted with the instructions referred to in paragraph 9 of this section of the report.

#### *Imperial Postal Orders.*

45. As a result of the correspondence which took place between the various South African Postal Administrations and the Imperial Post Office on the subject of the proposal put forward by the latter for the extension of the Imperial Postal Order system to the Colonies with a view to affording greater facilities for the remittance of small sums of money throughout the Empire, Imperial Postal Orders have, with the consent of the Government, been cashed on presentation at offices in this Colony without charge, subject to the regulations governing the period of currency.

Arrangements were also completed for the issue in this Colony of Imperial Postal Orders as from 1st July, 1905. The commission to be charged for the issue of one of these orders is one penny in excess of that chargeable on an Orange River Colony Postal Order of the same denomination; and, in addition this Department is to receive from the Imperial Post Office £1 per thousand transactions.

#### *Post Office Savings Bank.*

46. The following is a supplementary report submitted to me by the Controller of the Post Office Savings Bank for the financial year:—

#### POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK,

#### ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

#### *Controller's Report for the year ended 30th June, 1905.*

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL,  
BLOEMFONTEIN.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit my report on the working of the Post Office Savings Bank for the year ended 30th June, 1905, containing the following information:—

#### *Office Opened.*

During the year the following office was opened for Savings Bank business:—

Sydenham, on 2nd August, 1904.

#### *Office Closed.*

Trompsburg Station Savings Bank Office is now closed, the business having been transferred to Trompsburg Village.

#### *Change of Designation.*

Bloemfontein Army is now known as Tempe.

#### *Deposits.*

For the year ended 30th June, 1904	...	£224,234 11 1
For the year ended 30th June, 1905	...	£201,681 18 10
A decrease of	...	£22,552 12 8

During July, 1904, the deposits totalled £21,404 18s. 9d., as against October, 1903 (the heaviest month for that year), when £21,444 3s. 9d. was paid in, being a decrease of £40 5s.

The lightest month for the year ended 30th June, 1905, was April, 1905, when £13,713 7s. 7d. was paid in, against £15,968 17s. 11d. paid in during December, 1903, being a decrease of £2,255 10s. 4d.

#### *Withdrawals.*

For the year ended 30th June, 1904	...	£179,632	2	8
For the year ended 30th June, 1905	...	£188,628	17	7
An increase of	...	£8,996	14	11

During March, 1905, £19,542 16s. 11d. was withdrawn, against £22,261 0s. 7d. withdrawn in March, 1904 (the heaviest month for the year ended 30th June, 1904), showing a decrease of £2,718 3s. 8d.

The smallest amount of monthly withdrawals for the year just ended was in June, 1905, when the sum of £12,882 7s. 3d. was withdrawn, being an increase of £3,424 12s. 5d. over that of July, 1903 (the lightest month for the year ended 30th June, 1904), when £9,457 14s. 10d. was paid out to depositors.

#### *Balances.*

On 1st July, 1904, the balance due to depositors was £157,180 2s. 2d., and at the end of June, 1905, it amounted to £170,233 3s. 5d., being an increase of £13,053 1s. 3d.

#### *South African Constabulary Savings Bank Account.*

In order to close off this account entirely, the sum of £103 12s. 8d. standing to the credit of three depositors, has been transferred to the ordinary Savings Bank account.

#### *Interest.*

*Ordinary.*—Interest paid to depositors for the year just ended, at the rate of 3 per cent. amounted to £921 14s. 3d. as against £797 10s. 9d. for the previous year, an increase of £124 3s. 6d. owing to the higher rate of interest now paid to depositors, and the increase in deposits.

Interest capitalised, £3,457 8s. 1d. against £2,308 11s. 8d. for the year ended 30th June, 1904, showing an increase of £1,148 16s. 5d.

*South African Constabulary.*—Interest paid to South African Constabulary depositors at the rate of 3 per cent. amounted to £32 4s. 6d., against £160 6s. 2d. for the previous year, a decrease of £128 1s. 6d.

Interest capitalised, nil against £169 17s. 10d. for the preceding year.

#### *Number of Depositors.*

*Ordinary.*—The number of open accounts on 30th June, 1905, was 5,645, as against 4,931 for the previous year, showing an increase of 714 (4,502 new accounts were opened, and 3,788 accounts were closed).

*South African Constabulary.*—Open accounts in the South African Constabulary Savings Bank account, nil against 122 for the previous year.

#### *Average amount to Credit of each Depositor.*

The average amount standing to the credit of each depositor on 30th June, 1904, was £31 17s. 6d., and on 30th June, 1905, £30 3s. 1d., a decrease of £1 14s. 5d.

#### *Correspondence at Head Office.*

Letters received, 2,715; letters despatched, 6,379. Telegrams received, 2,609; despatched, 2,657.

*Telegraphic Warrants.*

2,796 Telegraphic applications for withdrawals were treated during the past year.

The Telegraphic Warrant system is appreciated and largely used by depositors, and Telegraphic revenue was benefited by these transactions to the extent of £279 12s.

*Emergency Warrants.*

1,784 applications for immediate repayment at Bloemfontein were received. A fee of 1s. was levied for each of these transactions, in order to meet the cost of the clerical labour involved. This brought in a revenue of £89 4s., which amount was accounted for in postage stamps.

*Deposits and Withdrawals at any Office.*

The arrangements by which depositors are enabled to withdraw or deposit at any Savings Bank Office, other than that at which the account was originally opened, is being taken full advantage of, and is of great convenience to the public, although it created an enormous amount of extra labour at the Head Office.

*Duplicate Deposit Books.*

The sum of £4 5s. was collected during the past year from depositors who had lost their deposit books, being 34 books at 2s. 6d. each.

This amount has been accounted for in postage stamps.

*Staff.*

The Head Office staff is still composed of a Controller, three Assistants, and a Native Messenger, but in view of the gradual increase in the Bank's business, the want of extra clerical assistance is becoming very necessary.

To assist generally in connection with the capitalising of interest, closing of ledgers for the financial year, examining depositor's books and inserting accrued interest, etc., an extra clerk was loaned to this office for six weeks, and my thanks are due for the services rendered.

*Management.*

The cost of management at the Head Office for the year just ended was £1,390 for personal emoluments and local allowances, no special remuneration being paid to Postmasters for Savings Bank work.

The funds of the Post Office Savings Bank being administered, together with other Government funds as a whole, by the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, it cannot be stated exactly what amount of interest was earned, but presuming that all Savings Bank monies were invested at the rate of 6 per cent., the interest would amount to £9,680, and deducting the following:—

Salaries and allowances at Head Office	...	£1,390	0	0
Interest paid during the year	...	953	15	4
Interest capitalised	...	3,457	8	1
		£5,801	3	5

a profit of £3,878 16s. 7d. would be the result. It must be borne in mind, however, that no charge is made against the Savings Bank funds for any share of Postmaster's salaries, office expenditure, stationery, etc. If this were done the profit would be reduced by about £1,200.

*General.*

The number of deposits and withdrawals for the year just ended was as follows:—Deposits 27,503 and withdrawals 10,323, as against 22,869 deposits and 6,612 withdrawals for the previous year, being an increase of 4,636 deposits and 1,911 withdrawals.

The Savings Bank balances at the ten most important offices on the 30th June, 1904, were as follows :—

Bloemfontein	...	...	...	£94,060	14	10
Bloemfontein East	...	...	...	1,198	0	10
Harrismith	...	...	...	10,426	6	8
Kroonstad	...	...	...	12,103	2	3
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	3,582	11	8
Ladybrand	...	...	...	2,967	19	9
Springfontein	...	...	...	2,801	11	1
Tempe	...	...	...	2,416	3	10
Wepener	...	...	...	1,111	8	11
Winburg	...	...	...	2,532	0	5
				£133,200	0	3

For the year ended 30th June, 1905, the balances were :—

Bloemfontein	...	...	...	£91,140	8	11
Bloemfontein East	...	...	...	2,732	12	3
Harrismith	...	...	...	8,645	3	9
Kroonstad	...	...	...	10,830	5	9
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	5,494	10	5
Ladybrand	...	...	...	4,369	0	3
Springfontein	...	...	...	2,863	1	10
Tempe	...	...	...	8,360	11	9
Wepener	...	...	...	1,500	10	1
Winburg	...	...	...	2,270	0	3
				£138,206	5	6

an increase of £5,006 5s. 5d.

There was a decrease in the deposits of £22,552 12s. 3d., as compared with the previous year, and this is attributed to the bad state of business generally, and the difficulty in obtaining employment by the class of people who largely support the Savings Bank.

There was an increase in the withdrawals over the year ended 30th June, 1904, of £8,996 14s. 11d., but as so many of the repayments were for such large amounts, I am inclined to think that the money was withdrawn for the purpose of re-investment at a higher rate of interest, or for the purpose of speculating in ground, a form of investment fairly extensively indulged in in Bloemfontein.

Every Money Order Office in the Colony is now authorised to deal with Savings Bank business.

Although the law now makes provision for increasing the limit of deposits to £500 this concession has not yet been taken advantage of by any depositor.

The Head Office duties are now being performed in the new offices, and I am pleased to state that the staff is much more comfortably housed, and therefore better able to perform their labours with greater ease and cheerfulness.

The statements furnished give full information, and I do not think there remains much unreported.

In conclusion, Sir, I beg to tender my grateful thanks to yourself and the Secretary for the courteous manner in which my appeals for assistance and advice have at all times been met, and my continued appreciation of the loyal way in which I have received support from each individual member of my staff, as well as from all Postmasters and other officers dealing with Savings Bank business.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. VAN ZIJL,

Controller.

General Post Office,

Bloemfontein,

17th July, 1905.

*Postal Drafts.*

47. The Postal Draft system whereby the Post Office undertakes on behalf of the public the collection of small sums of money was introduced into the Colony on the 1st September last, and has to a considerable extent been taken advantage of by the commercial community.

Of the total number of drafts drawn on offices in this Colony, the Department was successful in collecting about 25 per cent. The commission derived from the issue and collection of Postal Drafts was about £65, but, in addition, the Postal draft business assists that of Money Orders, as any amount which may be collected has to be remitted to the drawee of the draft either by Money Order or Postal Order, for which the usual commission is deducted from the sum collected, in addition to the fee for collection of 2½ per cent.

Postal drafts may at present only be exchanged between this Colony, the Cape Colony and Natal, but it is hoped it may soon extend to the Transvaal.

## SECTION II.

## TELEGRAPHS.

*Telegraph Offices.*

1. On the 30th June, 1904, there were 53 Telegraph Offices belonging to this Department; but from the 10th April last, the telegraph work at Kroonstad Station, Trompsburg Station, and Viljoen's Drift was undertaken by the Central South African Railway Department on conditions which will, it is thought, result in a saving to the Post Office and the Railway Department alike, as, by the new arrangement, there is only one Telegraph office at each of the stations mentioned instead of two, one of which dealt with railway work only, whilst the other accepted public paid telegrams. This Department had, therefore, on the 30th June, 1905, only 50 offices authorised to deal with all classes of telegraph work.

*Railway Telegraph Offices.*

2. The number of Central South African Railway Telegraph offices undertaking telegraph work for this Department on the 30th June, 1904, was 36. Four additional offices have been opened during the period under review, and three, as stated in the last preceding paragraph have been taken over from this Department, bringing the number of offices up to 43 under the Central South African Railway Department authorised to accept public paid Inter-Colonial traffic.

3. For the convenience of the public residing in the neighbourhood of railway stations which are situated some distance from a town, it has been arranged that, at such Stations, cablegrams may be accepted for transmission.

4. Offices authorised to accept public paid traffic have also been opened at Bethlehem Station and Tiger River on the Bethlehem-Harrismith line and are worked by the Natal Government Railway Department.

*Temporary Office during Army Manoeuvres.*

5. A temporary office was fitted up and worked by an officer of this Department at Bishop's Glen in the district of Bloemfontein from the 26th to the 29th September last during the Army manoeuvres.

*Maintenance.*

6. The Telegraph lines belonging to this Department along the lines of railway erected on poles which carry also the Railway Telegraph lines, covering a distance of 2,046 miles, have, during the period covered by this report, been maintained by the Central South African Railway Department. The sum paid for the maintenance of those lines during the year, reckoned at 11s. 3d. per mile, was £1,150 17s. 6d. The lines which do not follow any line of railway (1,728 miles in length), have been maintained by the Engineering Branch of this Department.

7. The main line between the Orange and the Vaal Rivers has been entirely reconstructed; iron wires have been substituted for the copper wires erected on that section during the war and subsequently taken over from the military authorities.



and the route altered to follow the railway permanent way. It was also deemed expedient to erect a new wire on this line at the same time as the work of reconstruction was carried out. The whole of the work was completed during the present year by the Central South African Railway Department, which claims from this Department as payment the sum of £7,728 16s. 1d., but included in this amount is a sum of £963 10s. 9d. which has been queried by this Department, and still forms the subject of correspondence. The line between Winburg and Ladybrand has been entirely reconstructed by this Department's Engineering Branch during the year.

8. It is proposed, as far as possible, to concentrate telegraph wires on poles along the lines of railway.

9. All repairs to instruments and telegraph apparatus which were necessary were effected by the Engineering Branch of this Department.

10. As little material as possible for telegraph purposes was purchased during the year as it was desired to keep the expenditure at the lowest possible figure. It was, however, necessary to order material amounting to £641 15s. 9d., plus freight from England in March last.

#### *Faults.*

11. During the year 1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1904, the number of faults which occurred on the lines causing communication to be interrupted was 209, of which 162 were on the lines running along the railway, and 47 on the cross country lines. During the period under review the faults on the lines along the railway numbered 445, and on the cross country wires 305, total 750, being an increase compared with the preceding year of 236 on the lines maintained by the Central South African Railway Department; and 258 on the cross country lines, which, as already stated, are maintained by this Department's Engineering Branch. The average duration of faults on the lines along the railway was 17 hours 51 minutes, whilst on the cross country lines it was 12 hours 6 minutes, compared with 1 day 7 hours and 54 minutes and 1 day 12 hours 31 minutes respectively for the preceding twelve months. The longest duration of a fault on any line along the railway, as well as on any cross country line, was three days.

It will be observed that the manner of faults on the lines along the railway continue to far exceed those experienced on cross country lines; but many of the faults on the former lines during the year were due to working parties engaged upon reconstruction.

#### *Cable Interruptions.*

12. During the year under review the interruptions to the submarine cables were as follows:—

*Eastern Cable.*—From 2nd December, 1904, to 4th February, 1905—64 days (one interruption compared with 8 for the preceding year).

*Western Cable via Mosmedes.*—From 21st to 22nd July, 1904—1 day. From 30th July to 30th August, 1904—31 days. (Two interruptions compared with five for the preceding year.)

#### *Cablegrams.*

13. It is satisfactory to note that, since the reduction of the tariff to 2s. 6d. per word for cablegrams exchanged between South Africa and Europe—notwithstanding the shrinkage of trade—the standard revenue of £300,000 per annum has been more than maintained; in fact the average receipts have amounted to £397,945.

#### *Telephone Service.*

14. The proposed telephone system for the City of Bloemfontein has been designed, and all the material required to complete the work has been ordered from England amounting to £6,657, plus freight and other charges; some of this material came to hand during the month of June last.

The work of laying the cables was commenced as soon as possible, and it is hoped that the service will be established and the exchange opened to subscribers by the end of November next.

15. During the year private telephone lines to the number of fifteen were erected for private persons in different parts of the Colony on payment of an annual rental.

16. Steps were taken to ascertain whether sufficient local support would be forthcoming to justify the capital expenditure which the establishment of telephone services in the towns of Harrismith and Kroonstad respectively would entail; but I regret to say that, as a result of enquiries, it is thought that the local support which would be received, does not at present warrant the expenditure. As the lack of support, however, is no doubt due to the general commercial depression, it is hoped that during the present financial year, if trade improves and better support is promised—should funds be available—to provide the towns mentioned with a telephone service.

*Telegrams dealt with.*

17. The following is a comparative statement of telegrams dealt with throughout the Colony during the years 1903-4 and 1904-5 :—

	1903-4.		1904-5.	
	NUMBER OF		NUMBER OF	
	MESSAGES.	WORDS.	MESSAGES.	WORDS.
Forwarded ...	509,077	9,062,957	480,501	8,303,037
Received ...	516,424	12,639,934	397,416	12,880,853
Transmitted ...	387,425	4,654,360	399,324	4,791,888

Full details of the work performed at each office in the Colony will be found on Annexure 31 accompanying this report.

*New Telegraph Convention.*

18. At the projected Conference of South African Postal Administrations to be held at Bloemfontein at a later date, it is intended to submit for consideration a new South African Telegraph Convention which will provide for a division of the revenue received by the various countries of the Union for the transmission of inter-territorial telegrams. Under the provisions of the existing Convention, all monies collected to cover the cost of transmission of such telegrams, are retained by the collecting country, and nothing whatever is paid to a transit country in cases where it is necessary to make use of the intermediate service of such country. This is a matter which, according to the general opinion, requires to be settled on a more equitable basis.

### SECTION III.

#### GENERAL.

*Revenue.*

1. The revenue originally estimated for the year 1904-5 was £90,000, but in the interim report submitted by me at the end of May last, it was stated that the amount would probably be £76,300. The actual amount received during the year was £76,307 0s. 10d., as against £79,367 18s. 6d. for the year 1903-4, or £13,692 19s. 2d. below the original estimate. The shortfall has taken place chiefly under subheads: Commission, Postage Stamps, etc., sold, Transit rate and Telephone rents.

2. In the early part of 1904, there was reason to think that there would be a steady increase in exchange transactions, but the expectation was not realised. The revenue under the Sub-Head *Commission* fell short by £1,167 15s. 4d. of the estimated amount, due, no doubt, to the general commercial depression; whilst that which accrued from the sale of *Postage Stamps, etc.*, failed by £9,567 9s. 1d. to reach the sum estimated. To some extent, no doubt, the departure of large numbers of railway employees from the Colony, and the reduction of the Garrison contributed to this result, whilst the depressed state of trade throughout the country

was probably the main cause. In addition it should be mentioned that, when the estimates were prepared, it was thought that correspondence and telegrams on the service of the South African Constabulary during the period covered by this report, would be paid for by means of postage stamps in the ordinary way; but it was subsequently arranged that payment to this Department should be made monthly on a statistical basis in the case of mail matter, and for the amount of the account rendered for telegrams. The sums received from the Constabulary in respect of mail matter being placed to the credit of "Unpaid Postage," and those received for telegrams to the "Telegraph Adjustment Account."

The revenue under Sub-Head "Unpaid Postage," therefore, realised £1,335 3s. 10d. more than the sum originally estimated.

3. *Transit Rates* show a shortfall of £3,386 1s. 1d. Sums of £1 425 9s. 9d. and £32 16s. 11d. paid by Natal and Portugal respectively as transit charges for the period 1st January, 1900, to 31st March, 1902—during which time the required service in this Colony owing to the war was not provided—were, with the authority of the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, refunded out of the receipts for the year. Further the provisional monthly payment to the Federal Mail Service, which is met out of the sum received under this Sub-Head, was, from the 1st January last, increased from £100 to £150, as the former sum was not considered to be a proportionate provisional payment of this Department's annual liability. A decrease in the number of oversea parcels exchanged also helped to bring about a shortage under this Sub-Head.

4. *Telephone Rents* show a shortfall of £589 9s. 9d., which is explained by the fact that, when the estimates were prepared, it was thought that the proposed Telephone Exchange for the City of Bloemfontein would be established in the early part of the present year.

#### *Expenditure.*

5. The expenditure estimated for the year was £125,650, whereas the amount actually expended was £119,890 4s., being less by £5,759 16s. than the original estimate. The following statement shows the expenditure under each Sub-Head:—

SUB-HEAD.	ORIGINAL ESTIMATE.	AMOUNT EXPENDED.	SAVING.	EXCESS.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
A. Personal Emoluments	84,200	77,478 8 1	6,721 11 11	
B. Travelling Expenses	3,000	2,855 0 2	144 19 10	
C. Office Expenditure	3,250	2,491 0 7	758 19 5	
D. Stores and Stationery	7,000	5,969 17 1	1,030 2 11	
E. Conveyance of Mails	23,750	28,989 5 6	—	5,239 5 6
F. Telegraph and Telephone Maintenance	4,250	2,079 19 7	2,170 0 5	
G. Incidental Expenses	200	26 13 0	173 7 0	
Total	£125,650	£119,890 4 0	£10,999 1 6	£5,239 5 6

The net saving was £5,759 16s. The saving effected under Sub-Heads A, B, C, D, E, and G was due to the fact that strict economy was observed consistent with the requirements of the service.

The excess payment under the Sub-Head E (Conveyance of Mails) was due to the fact that, when the 1904-5 estimates were prepared, an offer to pay three-eighths of the cost of this Colony of Conveyance of Mails on the main line of railway, had been made by the Transvaal. The amount involved was three-eighths of £8,700, or approximately £3,260. This offer was subsequently withdrawn on the ground that, under the provisions of the South African Postal Union Convention, this Colony agreed to carry inland mail matter free, and, further, that the offer was made as an act of grace when the Transvaal revenue warranted it, which, unfortunately, was no longer the case.

6. Under the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Convention, this Department receives transit rates for the conveyance of European mails. Up to the 2nd February last, however, the inward European mails, as previously stated, were conveyed by special train, the cost of which was borne by the countries using the special service according to the weight of the mails conveyed; but from that date the service ceased, as explained in Paragraph 11, Section I. of this report, and the cost of conveying the inward European mails through the Orange River Colony has been borne by this Department, which receives transit rates on oversea mail matter, and must therefore provide the service.

The cost of conveying mails on the branch lines was also £1,000 more than was originally expected, owing to the fact that, on the basis of former statistics, the payment to the Central South African Railways amounted to £433 2s. 6d. per annum, whereas based on the statistics taken during the period under review, the annual payment amounts to £1,500.

The net loss on the working for the year was £43,583 3s. 2d. (Postal £28,301 14s. 2d. and Telegraphs £15,281 9s.), against £43,684 16s. 10d. for the previous twelve months.

7. As will be seen by the statement of Revenue and Expenditure (Annexure 31) one of the heaviest items of expenditure was "Conveyance of Mails," due to the fact that, according to the South African Postal Union Convention, this Colony is required to convey all inland mail matter through its territory free of charge. It is the intention of this Colony, however, at the projected Conference of South African Postal Administrations, to raise the question of free transit of all inland mail matter through its territory, and to press either for a contribution towards the cost of conveyance of mails for such Colonies as make use of its intermediate service to an extraordinary extent, or, for the payment of transit rates on the basis laid down in the Washington Convention of the Universal Postal Union. If payment on that basis be made, it is estimated that this Administration would receive a considerable sum annually. This Colony pays relatively more for the conveyance of mails than any other country of the South African Postal Union; and it is felt that, under existing arrangements, its geographical position—viewed from a Postal standpoint—handicaps it financially instead of the contrary being the case.

It is also intended to raise the question of the division of postage on inland parcels, as the present arrangement under which the country of posting retains the whole of the postage on such parcels operates disadvantageously to this Administration.

8. It may also be mentioned that the cost in connection with the Post Office Savings Bank, borne by this Department amounts to approximately £3,000. If this sum—as I understand is the practice in the Imperial Service—could be provided for out of the interest accruing from monies handed to the Funds Department of the Treasury for investment, it would reduce the vote under the head "Personal Emoluments."

#### *Free Work performed for other Government Departments.*

9. The amount of expenditure over revenue was, as already stated, £43,583 3s. 2d. Nearly half this debit balance was due to free work performed for other Government Departments. According to statistics taken, the weight of free official letters posted in the Orange River Colony was 1,261,799 ounces, which reckoned at the ordinary inland rate of postage of one penny per half-ounce, amounts to £10,514 19s. 10d. Book packets weighing 3,961,802 ounces, reckoned at the ordinary rate of one halfpenny for every two ounces equals £4,126 17s. 6½d. To these must be added £4,143 12s., being the value of telegrams despatched without charge on the service of the Government of the Colony, and £374 10s. 2½d.,

being 50 per cent. rebate allowed on Military telegrams. The figures indicate that the value of free work performed amounted to a total of £19,159 19s. 7d. If, therefore, the free work be introduced into the transactions for the period under review, the amount of expenditure over revenue would be reduced from £43,583 3s. 2d. to £24,423 3s. 7d.

10. I would again submit the desirability of each Government Department being called upon to pay for services rendered to it by another Government Department. I am aware that the objection to the suggestion being given effect to is, that it is thought that the revenue and expenditure would be thereby unduly inflated; but my proposal would be that such payments made by one Government Department to another should be regarded as "appropriation in aid," that is, the estimated expenditure of the Department receiving payment would be reduced by the amounts so received, which would not be treated as revenue. The total revenue of the country would not be affected, but the incidence of expenditure would be altered, and the annual vote of each Department would be a true reflex of the cost of working it.

11. It will be noticed that to earn a revenue of £76,307 0s. 10d. it cost the Department for salaries (including the Savings Bank Branch), office requisites, conveyance of mails, maintenance of telegraph lines, etc., £119,890 4s. but, as the value of the free work performed, viz., £19,159 19s. 7d., as indicated in Paragraph 9, was more than one-fifth, or 2-11 of the whole of the work done, I submit that a sum of, approximately, £25,296 of the expenditure was due to free work which had to be undertaken.

#### *Inspection of Offices.*

12. In my last annual report it was stated that it had been found that one Departmental Inspector could not successfully undertake the work of inspecting all the offices of this Department, even if it be decided that, except in exceptional cases, no office need be inspected more than once a year, as it was necessary for him to examine all office records from the date of the previous inspection. I therefore—as intimated would be done when the whole of the General Post Office staff was again concentrated in the enlarged General Post Office building—deputed the officer who, in the temporary Post Office building, held the appointment of Counter Supervisor, to act as Assistant Departmental Inspector, which appointment has since been confirmed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

13. All the offices of the Department have been inspected since the 1st July, 1904. Some offices have been visited twice since that date. From reports made to me by the Inspecting Officers the manner in which the Postal and Telegraph work at all offices is performed must be regarded as satisfactory. I am also pleased to be able to say that better supervision appears to be given by officers in charge, and that there is great improvement in connection with the detail work of the offices.

14. In my last annual report I recommended the appointment of two more Inspectors, in order that every office might be inspected at least twice annually; but, owing to a decrease of revenue, arrangements will be made for all necessary work to be carried out by the two officers appointed for the purpose, one of whom, as stated above, was drawn from the Post Office after my last annual report was furnished.

#### *Reduction of Overtime.*

15. Owing to a considerable decrease of telegraph work, and, with a view to effecting economy as far as possible, it has been decided, for the present, to pay no overtime except for work performed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Under the present arrangement, although officers may some days—when there is a press of work—perform extra duty, they are—owing to concessions allowed at other times—not required to perform more than the regulation number of hours per week.

#### *Buildings.*

16. I am pleased to state that the Department obtained full possession of the new portion of the General Post Office building on the 24th September, 1904: the Post Office being removed from the temporary building next to the Railway Bureau to the quarters assigned to it in the permanent building on the 28th of the same month. Although the space at my disposal for the General Post Office staff

is more than when my last report was furnished, I regret to say it is found to be inadequate, and the Government has therefore under consideration the question of further additions to the building.

17. New offices have been completed at the following places and were taken possession of on the dates mentioned.

Name.	Date of Occupation.
Dewetsdorp ... ..	14th January, 1905.
Fauresmith ... ..	26th April, 1905.
Frankfort ... ..	24th September, 1904.
Lindley ... ..	19th April, 1905.
Villiers ... ..	14th December, 1904.
Vredefort ... ..	14th October, 1904.

The Post Office at Sydenham was transferred to a better building in September, 1904.

18. New offices are required at the following places, viz.:—Brandfort, Harri-smith, Ladybrand, Parys, Senekal and Trompsburg, whilst extensions are neces-sary to the present Post Office buildings at Buitfontein, Ficksburg, Jacobsdal and Kroonstad. Alterations or repairs are also required at the following places:—Bethlehem, Bethulie, Boshof, Petrusburg, Philippolis, Reddersburg, Reitz and Ventersburg. Particulars in regard to these matters are in possession of the Public Works Department.

#### *Post Office Guide.*

19. I regret to say that, although every endeavour is made to furnish in the Post Office Guide, which is published on the 1st January and 1st July of each year, the most complete information in regard to the Postal and Telegraph service includ-ing also the Customs Union tariff, the Guide does not meet with as ready a sale as was expected. The work is, however, indispensable to officers of this Depart-ment.

#### *Prosecutions.*

20. During the year ended the 30th June, 1905, there were ten persons pro-secuted for having posted letters bearing defaced postage stamps: 15 less than dur-ing the previous year. Of these, two were European males, three females and five Natives. One European male was discharged: in all the other cases convictions were obtained and fines imposed, ranging from 5s. to 50s., or, in default to terms of imprisonment ranging from three days to one month.

21. A Mail Cart driver was sentenced to pay a fine of £5. or in default to go to prison for one month for being intoxicated whilst in charge of mails.

22. At the Circuit Court, Kroonstad, in October, 1904, a member of the South African Constabulary was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour for having forged the name of a depositor to a Post Office Savings Bank warrant, and withdrawing money which he appropriated to his own use.

23. For forging a Telegraphic Money Order and obtaining the money, a Native was, on the 28th April, 1905, sentenced by the Resident Magistrate of Kroonstad to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour.

#### *Robberies.*

24. On the evening of the 24th January last, it was discovered by one of the Post Office Officials that the office at Bethulie shortly after closing to the public, had been entered by some person or persons unknown, and a sum of £11 10s. 10½d. abstracted from the counter drawers, one of which was saturated with paraffin, which suggests that it was intended to burn down the office after committing the theft. The circumstances were immediately reported to the police, who, however, failed to discover the perpetrator or perpetrators. The officers who had, contrary to definite instructions, allowed money and other articles of value to remain in the drawers, were required to make good the amount stolen.

25. The Post Office at Sydenham was broken into on the 24th July, 1904, by a member of the South African Constabulary, but, as all cash, stamps, etc., were locked away in the office safe as required by the regulations, nothing whatever was stolen.

*Missing Persons.*

26. Between the 1st July, 1904, and the 30th June, 1905, 65 names of missing friends or relatives were published in the Post Office Monthly Circular (4 more than during the previous twelve months), together with their last known address, and all other information furnished by the enquirers which could lead to the discovery of the persons enquired for, in order that suitable notices might be exhibited at all offices in the Colony requesting information to be furnished. In this way the Department was able in four instances to advise the enquirers of the whereabouts of the persons in regard to whom enquiries were made; and in one case it was ascertained that the person had died as the result of an accident; in one case the whereabouts of a person had been discovered, but as his consent was not obtained, his address could not be furnished to the enquirer.

*Correspondence dealt with at the Head Office.*

27.

*Secretarial Branch.*

Letters addressed to and received from the public	...	10,819
Letters addressed to and received from Government	...	944
Letters addressed to and received from other Postal Administrations and other Public Departments	...	15,246
Letters addressed to and received from Postmasters and other officers of the Department	...	83,161
		<hr/> 110,170

*Chief Accountant's Branch.*

Letters despatched	...	14,880
Letters received	...	17,620
		<hr/> 32,500

*Savings Bank Branch.*

Letters addressed to the public	...	541
Letters addressed to officers of the Department	...	2,172
Letters received from the public	...	496
Letters received from officers of the Department	...	5,883
		<hr/> 9,092

*Stores Branch.*

Number of letters dealt with	...	2,525
TOTAL	...	<hr/> 154,287

As compared with 131,309 letters for the previous year.

*Staff.*

28. On the 30th June, 1904, the persons employed at all offices of the Department numbered 428, including 60 natives. The number of the Staff employed on the 30th June, 1905, was 434, as shown hereunder:—

Administrative Branch	...	41
Engineering Branch	...	8
Relieving Officers	...	6
Central Telegraph Office, Bloemfontein	...	39
Travelling Post Office Staff	...	13
Postmasters	...	52
Assistants	...	105
Assistants and Messengers	...	27
Stores Branch	...	5
Caretakers General Post Office	...	2
White Linemen	...	5
Learners	...	9
Messengers	...	40
Letter Carriers	...	19
Natives	...	59
TOTAL	...	<hr/> 434

*Resignations.*

29. There have been 72 resignations since the 1st July, 1904, as follows :

Postmasters	...	...	...	...	1
Assistants	...	...	...	...	19
Assistants and Messengers	...	...	...	...	13
Messengers	...	...	...	...	15
White Linemen	...	...	...	...	1
Letter Carriers	...	...	...	...	3
Letter Carriers and Messengers	...	...	...	...	2
Natives	...	...	...	...	18
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	72

*Dismissals.*

30. One Postmaster, one Assistant, one Assistant and Messenger, six Messengers, two Letter Carriers, and four Natives (total 15) were dismissed.

*Desertions.*

31. Two Assistants, one Messenger and three Natives deserted from the Service.

*Deaths.*

32. I regret to state that there have been two deaths, viz., an Assistant at Bethlehem and an Assistant and Messenger at Luckhoff.

33. Two Assistants and two natives having been arrested, their names were erased from the official list.

*Learners.*

34. I am pleased to be able to report that ten youths joined the Service as learners at various offices of the Department, have made such satisfactory progress in Postal and Telegraph work that they have, during the period under review, been given appointments on the established staff, in which appointments I feel sure—judging by their past services—their duties will be performed in an efficient manner.

*Leave of Absence.*

35. In my last annual report, I stated that it appeared that eight Relieving Officers (the number then employed since reduced to six) were insufficient to enable the full leave of absence allowed by the Civil Service Leave of Absence Regulations to be granted to all officers of the Department; but, before making any recommendations, I desired to have the benefit of another year's experience. It was often found to be difficult in the past, and occasionally impossible to grant, in cases where the applicant was entitled to the greatest consideration, vacation leave for the period applied for; but it is thought that, under the leave of absence regulations recently approved by the Government, it will—under ordinary circumstances—without considerably augmenting the Relieving Staff, be possible to grant to officers of the Department the full vacation leave to which they are now entitled.

*Sick Leave.*

36. The general health of the staff during the year has, on the whole, been satisfactory. The time lost to the Department through absence from duty on account of sickness was 2,266 days, as compared with 2,248 days for the preceding twelve months. The average sick leave of the whole of the staff (Natives excluded) was 4.04 days, compared with 6.1 days the previous year.

37. Vacation leave of absence was granted to 149 officers during the year to the extent of 4,652 days, or an average of 31.28 days each.



*Use of Bicycles.*

38. The practice which has been followed since the 1st July, 1904, of granting a monthly allowance of from 7s. 6d. to 10s. to each Messenger using his own bicycle regularly for official purposes, has proved, as was anticipated, to be more satisfactory than the former arrangement under which bicycles purchased by the Department were supplied.

*Outbreak of Scarlet Fever.*

39. In November last, Scarlet Fever broke out in a house in Bloemfontein where some officers employed in the Central Telegraph Office and the General Post Office respectively were lodging. In order to enable these employees to continue in the performance of their duties other lodgings were sought, but without success, as no one seemed disposed to take them in. To assist the men, therefore, and to prevent the loss of their services, the Department provided them with tents until such time as it was considered safe for them to return to the house in question, or until they could procure other lodgings. In this way it is possible that the risk of infection was removed.

*Insurance of Post Office Employees.*

40. I am glad to state that, upon representations made by me, the Government was pleased to approve the adoption of an arrangement whereby this Department should undertake, on behalf of the staff, to make deductions of premiums on Life Policies from the monthly salaries of any officers who may desire to take advantage of the arrangement, and pay the amounts so deducted direct to the companies in which the officers concerned are insured. It is hoped that the easier method of payment thus provided will induce officers of the Department to take out life policies, and thus make some provision—in case of death—for those who are dependent upon them. I am pleased that, as a further inducement, the Government has decided that the 2½ per cent. allowed by the Insurance Companies to this Department for collection shall accrue to the policy holder. The conditions of collection which have been accepted by the Insurance Companies are as follows:—

1. Not later than the 20th of each month each Insurance Company or Association shall send to the Chief Accountant, General Post Office, Bloemfontein, a list of all new policies effected, and furnish the following particulars:—

- (a) Policy number.
- (b) Name in full.
- (c) Rank of Employee.
- (d) Where employed.
- (e) Date on which payment is due.
- (f) Premium.
- (g) The amount of rebate at 2½ per cent.
- (h) Amount to be collected in respect of stamps.

2. A similar monthly list shall be supplied to the Chief Accountant giving particulars of all alterations in premiums to be collected.

3. The Department shall be furnished with an order signed by each employee insuring, authorising a monthly deduction to be made from his salary.

4. Receipts shall be forwarded by the Insurance Companies at the end of each quarter direct to the employees concerned.

5. The minimum amount of a policy will be £100, higher amounts in sums of £50 will be accepted.

6. The Association shall pay the medical examination fee.

7. The premiums shall be payable monthly in advance; the policy dating from the 1st of the month.

8. The premium shall be based on the ordinary quarterly rate charged to the general public; the monthly instalment being one-third of that rate. The Post Office Department merely acts as Agent for the Companies for the collection of the monthly premiums, and undertakes no responsibility whatever, either as far as the Companies are concerned, or as regards the employees. If any insured officer should at any time decline to pay his monthly premium the Department will merely notify the fact to the Insurance Company, and leave the Company to deal with the officer.

concerned. Similarly, it will be for the person insured to make all necessary arrangements should he be granted leave of absence or go on extended sick leave; but under ordinary circumstances the Department will cause all due diligence to be observed in the collection of the monthly premiums.

*Civil Service Commission.*

41. The Civil Service Commission appointed by the Government to enquire into and report on the working of the various Government Departments, visited the General Post Office on the 18th March last. Such recommendations of the Commission as were communicated to me verbally on the completion of its investigations at the head office of this Department, which could be given effect to, have received attention. As it was agreed that stock-taking should take place annually instead of quarterly as heretofore, it is possible to do with one officer less in the Stores Branch; and, as the Commission also agreed that a test check of telegraph messages would be sufficient instead of carefully examining every message form as has been the practice, the staff in the Telegraph Message Branch can be reduced by three.

*Statements.*

42. The following Schedules and Statements which accompany this report show in detail the work performed by the Department.

- Annexure 1. Comparative statement of Oversea parcels received and forwarded.  
 „ 2. Comparative statement of the amount of Customs dues collected and postage due to the Orange River Colony on parcels.  
 „ 3. Comparative statements of Rents received for hire of private boxes and bags.  
 „ 4. Comparative statement of undeliverable letters dealt with.  
 „ 5. Comparative statement of Money Orders paid.  
 „ 6. Comparative statement of Money Orders issued.  
 „ 7. Comparative statement of received and forwarded parcels.  
 „ 8. Comparative statement of fines collected from Post Contractors for late arrivals.  
 „ 9. Statement of Mail Contracts in force on 30th June, 1905.  
 „ 10. Comparative statement of received and forwarded correspondence.  
 „ 11. Comparative statement of postage stamps and post cards sold.  
 „ 12. Comparative statement of correspondence posted in Pillar Boxes at Bloemfontein.  
 „ 13. Comparative statement of correspondence sent out and delivered by Letter Carriers.  
 „ 14. Comparative statement of unpaid postage collected.  
 „ 15. Comparative statement of Money Orders which have become void.  
 „ 16. Comparative statement of Postal Orders paid.  
 „ 17. Comparative statement of Postal Orders issued.  
 „ 18. Controller Savings Bank Consolidated Account for the year ended 30th June, 1905.  
 „ 19. Savings Bank General Ledger Account.  
 „ 20. Savings Bank Statement of Unpaid Warrants.  
 „ 21. Detailed statement of Savings Bank transactions for the year ended 30th June, 1905.  
 „ 22. Statement of Savings Bank transactions from 15th October, 1897, to 30th June, 1905.  
 „ 23. Monthly totals of Savings Bank deposits and withdrawals.  
 „ 24. Savings Bank Interest Account for the year ended 30th June, 1905.  
 „ 25. Statement of Postal Drafts issued for the periods 1st September, 1904, to 30th June, 1905.  
 „ 26. Comparative statement of work performed by the Telegraph Department.  
 „ 27. Comparative statement of Telegraph Revenue.  
 „ 28. Comparative statement of charges on Cablegrams.  
 „ 29. Comparative statement of revenue received for Telegraphic Addresses.  
 „ 30. Statement of Search fees collected.  
 „ 31. Statement of Revenue and Expenditure.

*Conclusion.*

43. Taking all the circumstances into account, the work of the Department may be regarded as having been performed in a very satisfactory manner, and when it is found—considering that a general commercial depression has for some time prevailed throughout South Africa—that the business of the Department has been fairly well maintained, it is reasonable to anticipate that improvement will be noticeable when—as it is hoped—prosperous times again return in the near future.

Some revenue will be derived from the letting of the additional Private Letter Boxes which have been supplied to several offices in the Colony, and as the Telephone System for the City of Bloemfontein will be completed in the course of a few months, the revenue under the head "Telephone Rents" should, during the present financial year, show a considerable increase.

44. I cannot conclude this report without making brief reference to the fact that some dissatisfaction has existed in the case of a few officers of the Department, because all the privileges claimed by them could not be granted owing to the exigencies of the Service, and other circumstances which had to be considered. There has also in a few instances been some disappointment in the case of officers who, being in receipt of the maximum salaries allowed to be paid in their respective classes, were not granted further increases, because the revenue of the Department does not warrant the commencing salary of the next higher class being given to them. They will, of course, be drafted into the higher classes when vacancies occur, if they possess the necessary qualifications.

45. I may state that, considering the advantages enjoyed in the Service of this Colony compare in all respects very favourably with those which accrue to officers in the service of other South African Postal Administrations, there is, I submit, no cause whatever for discontent.

46. The proportion of officers who think that they have not been as liberally treated as they should have been is, I am glad to say, very small. Those who have communicated to me any grievances—if not satisfied with my ruling—have been given the opportunity—where desired—of appealing to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who finally decided the matter in regard to which the appeal was made.

To the members of the Administrative Branch and all officers of the Department who have given me cordial support, for their efforts to maintain the reputation of the Postal Service of this Colony, I desire to express my warm appreciation and very best thanks.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. FALCK,

Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,

Bloemfontein,

Orange River Colony.

26th August, 1905.

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## ANNEXURES.

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Annexure 1.**Comparative Statement of Oversea Parcels received and forwarded during the Years 1897, 1898, 1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1904-05.**

FINANCIAL YEAR.	NUMBER RECEIVED.	NUMBER FORWARDED.
1904-05.	32,258.	3,252.
1903-04.	34,778.	3,339.
1902-03.	37,406.	3,449.
1901-02.	23,526.	588.
1898.	6,310.	738.
1897.	4,781.	542.

Annexure 2.**Comparative Statement of Amount of Custom Dues Collected and Postage Due to the Orange River Colony on Received Parcels for the Financial Years 1897, 1898, 1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04 and 1904-05.**

MONTH.	AMOUNT OF CUSTOM DUES COLLECTED.	POSTAGE DUE TO THE ORANGE RIVER COLONY RECKONED AT 3d. PER LB.
1904.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July - -	435 5 3	160 13 9
August - -	391 5 7	142 6 0
September - -	551 17 11	153 9 0
October - -	499 8 11	210 10 3
November - -	538 5 9	215 5 9
December - -	697 2 5	222 15 3
1905.		
January - -	366 7 7	100 4 3
February - -	267 15 10	117 2 9
March - -	399 15 0	149 9 6
April - -	461 7 5	178 4 3
May - -	456 10 6	164 12 0
June - -	462 3 5	132 9 3
1904-05 - -	5,527 5 7	1,946 13 0
1903-04 - -	5,768 0 3	2,307 18 2
1902-03 - -	5,526 4 8	2,111 3 0
1901-02 - -	5,598 0 3	2,275 17 11
1898 - -	1,174 0 8	399 5 9
1897 - -	1,129 15 4	304 16 3

General Post Office,  
Bloemfontein,  
Orange River Colony.

**Annexure 3.**

**Comparative Statement of Rents received for Hire of Private  
Boxes and Bags at the undermentioned Offices during  
the Financial Years 1897, 1898, 1901-02, 1902-03,  
1903-04, 1904-05.**

OFFICE.						AMOUNT.		
						£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	...	...	...	...	...	96	15	0
Bethulie	...	...	...	...	...	18	10	0
Bloemfontein	...	...	...	...	...	686	0	0
Boshof	...	...	...	...	...	23	10	0
Brandfort	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Dewetsdorp	...	...	...	...	...	9	10	0
Edenburg	...	...	...	...	...	9	10	0
Fauresmith	...	...	...	...	...	16	15	0
Ficksburg	...	...	...	...	...	40	15	0
Fouriesburg	...	...	...	...	...	9	0	0
Frankfort	...	...	...	...	...	25	6	0
Harrismith	...	...	...	...	...	123	5	0
Heilbron	...	...	...	...	...	57	5	0
Hoopstad	...	...	...	...	...	9	0	0
Jacobsdal	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	...	...	70	0	0
Koffyfontein	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
Kroonstad	...	...	...	...	...	146	15	0
Ladybrand	...	...	...	...	...	77	5	0
Lindley	...	...	...	...	...	20	5	0
Luckhoff	...	...	...	...	...	8	0	0
Parys	...	...	...	...	...	20	10	0
Rouxville	...	...	...	...	...	27	10	0
Senekal	...	...	...	...	...	22	10	0
Smithfield	...	...	...	...	...	18	10	0
Springfontein	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	8
Thaba 'Nehu	...	...	...	...	...	31	5	0
Trompsburg Station	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	
Ventersburg	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Ventersburg Road	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	0
Villiers	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	0
Vrede	...	...	...	...	...	23	0	0
Vredefort	...	...	...	...	...	11	15	0
Wepener	...	...	...	...	...	19	10	0
Winburg	...	...	...	...	...	53	17	6
Wolvehoek	...	...	...	...	...	6	10	0
Zastron	...	...	...	...	...	21	15	0
Reitz	...	...	...	...	...	22	17	6
1904-05						1,747	11	0
1903-04						1,177	7	6
1902-03						963	7	6
1901-02						559	7	6
1898						595	17	6
1897						592	-8	0

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Bloemfontein,

Orange River Colony.



Annexure 4 (continued).

**Banks Notes, Cheques, Money Orders, Postal Notes, Postage  
Stamps and Cash found in Unclaimed Letters and  
returned to the Senders.**

YEAR.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
1904-05 - - - - -	2,182	10	1
1903-04 - - - - -	2,918	18	0
1902-03 - - - - -	1,738	5	4
1901-02 - - - - -	349	13	3
1898 - - - - -	288	12	8
1897 - - - - -	1,452	7	8

General Post Office,

Bloemfontein,

Orange River Colony.



Annexure 5.

**Comparative Statement of Money Orders paid during the  
Financial Years 1897, 1898, 1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1904-05.**

OFFICE.	NUMBER.	AMOUNTS.		
		£	s.	d.
Bethlehem ...	727	3,194	12	11
Bethulie ...	665	2,235	12	0
Bloemfontein ...	10,433	33,231	18	11
Bloemfontein East ...	29	72	14	6
Bloemfontein West ...	15	32	0	6
Boshof ...	451	1,574	18	11
Bothaville ...	38	230	3	9
Brandfort ...	610	2,478	18	9
Bultfontein ...	115	725	13	4
Dewetsdorp ...	262	1,124	1	3
Edenburg ...	464	1,926	3	10
Fauresmith ...	460	1,745	17	5
Ficksburg ...	486	1,715	11	0
Fouriesburg ...	130	619	0	0
Frankfort ...	255	1,258	5	4
Harrismith ...	1,434	5,725	19	10
Harrismith Army ...	16	80	12	6
Heilbron ...	757	3,175	9	6
Hoopstad ...	255	1,093	17	10
Jacobsdal ...	216	353	19	10
Jagersfontein ...	463	1,634	13	5
Koffyfontein ...	277	1,187	6	3
Kroonstad ...	1,687	7,339	7	1
Kroonstad Station ...	23	79	16	8
Ladybrand ...	1,092	4,118	9	1
Lindley ...	204	885	19	6
Luckhoff ...	114	441	17	4
Parys ...	590	2,848	1	8
Petrusburg ...	123	586	6	7
Philippolis ...	366	1,322	15	5
Reddersburg ...	239	983	17	6
Beitz ...	199	1,15	16	6
Rouxville ...	325	1,216	19	3
Senekal ...	404	2,023	14	11
Smaldeel ...	373	1,853	6	3
Smithfield ...	261	1,131	7	10
Springfontein ...	429	1,865	14	1
Sydenham ...	70	231	7	5
Tempe ...	32	266	3	2
Thaba Nchu ...	630	3,059	3	2
Trompsburg ...	210	979	11	1
Trompsburg Station ...	99	276	4	3
Ventersburg ...	261	1,181	5	1
Ventersburg Road ...	136	704	8	4
Viljoensdrift ...	97	532	9	2
Villiers ...	94	417	12	8
Vrede ...	212	1,187	16	9
Vredefort ...	191	850	2	11
Vredefort Road ...	115	582	11	10
Wepener ...	288	1,372	17	0
Winburg ...	1,047	4,104	19	6
Wolvahoek ...	180	1,508	19	10
Zastron ...	286	1,364	7	10
1904-5 .	29,000	112,392	10	9
1903-4 ...	32,869	111,264	15	5
1902-3 ...	23,045	75,684	10	0
1901-2 ...	6,908	17,668	14	2
1898 ...	22,095	75,055	6	9
1897 ...	23,668	73,252	17	10

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Annexure 6.

**Comparative Statement of Money Orders issued during the  
Financial Years 1896, 1897, 1898, 1901-02, 1902-03,  
1903-04, 1904-05.**

OFFICE.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.			COMMISSION.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	2,426	7,955	17	1	126	10	9
Bethulie	1,980	5,528	10	9	83	9	9
Bloemfontein	19,015	69,272	11	9	1,165	11	0
Bloemfontein East	1,719	6,733	13	0	108	5	9
Bloemfontein West	841	3,402	0	5	58	3	3
Boshof	988	2,908	9	9	45	4	0
Bothaville	147	699	5	2	8	3	6
Brandfort	1,260	3,579	7	11	55	13	6
Bultfontein	431	1,572	12	2	21	9	6
Dewetsdorp	937	2,982	2	10	46	8	6
Edenburg	1,655	4,748	16	1	72	3	9
Fauresmith	903	2,510	19	1	38	12	3
Ficksburg	1,553	4,637	14	4	76	6	6
Fouriesburg	533	1,576	10	10	23	9	0
Frankfort	809	2,210	1	1	36	13	0
Harrismith	3,944	12,979	19	4	223	5	3
Harrismith Army	1,521	4,082	1	10	90	18	3
Heilbron	2,347	6,947	2	10	112	6	3
Hoopsdal	767	2,260	14	2	36	3	0
Jacobsdal	690	1,754	15	7	28	19	0
Jagersfontein	3,464	12,329	14	0	179	13	3
Koffylontein	1,531	4,168	3	7	68	17	0
Kroonstad	3,458	11,994	1	5	190	2	0
Kroonstad Station	790	2,733	7	9	45	5	9
Ladybrand	2,039	7,263	11	1	117	0	5
Lindley	1,080	2,588	2	3	44	14	0
Luckhoff	287	836	9	11	12	18	6
Parys	1,006	2,569	4	9	51	13	9
Petrusburg	531	1,683	10	10	24	3	0
Philippolis	715	2,474	12	5	34	7	9
Reddersburg	632	2,149	8	3	30	0	0
Reitz	717	2,333	8	3	33	6	3
Rouxville	1,339	3,718	4	2	59	16	0
Senekal	1,850	4,470	5	8	75	5	9
Smaaldeel	928	2,834	12	4	41	6	6
Smithfield	886	2,397	5	8	40	4	9
Springfontein	1,733	5,949	6	11	65	3	9
Sydenham	558	1,928	10	0	35	2	9
Tempe	2,532	7,223	4	8	156	10	3
Thaba Nchu	2,058	6,189	14	6	100	5	6
Trompsburg	766	2,629	15	9	35	11	3
Trompsburg Station	278	880	6	0	12	2	6
Ventersburg	637	2,557	9	11	34	3	6
Ventersburg Road	547	1,962	1	6	26	10	3
Villiers	268	1,084	19	8	14	19	9
Viljoensdrift	798	3,080	9	5	44	16	0
Vrede	1,208	3,606	10	10	59	10	6
Vredefort	536	1,867	17	6	27	9	0
Vredefort Road	262	932	0	8	13	10	3
Wepener	1,247	3,039	9	6	53	4	3
Winburg	2,138	6,328	6	1	98	16	0
Wolverhoek	1,096	4,995	6	0	69	8	9
Zastron	836	2,756	12	10	40	1	0
1901-5	73,217	273,039	10	1	4,417	4	0
1903-04	95,271	310,317	12	5	5,030	15	6
1902-03	70,555	216,127	9	6	2,511	2	9
1901-02	50,412	93,477	7	10	1,791	1	6
1898	49,663	120,644	1	3	2,633	0	3
1897	55,246	124,237	5	9	2,823	6	0

Annexure 7.

**Comparative Statement of Received and Forwarded Parcels  
dealt with at the undermentioned Offices during the  
Financial Years 1897, 1898, 1899-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1904-05.**

OFFICE.	NUMBER RECEIVED.	NUMBER FORWARDED.	AMOUNT OF POSTAGE.
Bethlehem ... ..	3,907	853	£ s. d. 47 9 0
Bothalia ... ..	3,533	907	53 6 0
Bloemfontein ... ..	5,583	16,286	931 1 9
Bloemfontein East ... ..	276	441	36 9 11
Bloemfontein West ... ..	62	319	21 9 7½
Boshof ... ..	1,630	451	23 1 2
Bothaville ... ..	222	37	3 10 0½
Brandfort ... ..	2,544	637	29 3 4½
Bultfontein ... ..	652	121	7 6 4½
Dewetsdorp ... ..	1,506	386	17 8 10½
Edenburg ... ..	2,462	708	33 10 6½
Fauresmith ... ..	2,125	530	22 1 9½
Ficksburg ... ..	3,483	1,161	52 12 0
Fouriesburg ... ..	1,084	198	11 0 3
Frankfort ... ..	1,221	322	12 9 9
Harrismith ... ..	6,790	2,248	136 1 11½
Harrismith Army ... ..	1,330	274	26 3 3
Heilbron ... ..	3,116	890	43 15 10
Hoopstad ... ..	1,218	316	17 3 11
Jacobsdal ... ..	919	273	11 10 5
Jagersfontein ... ..	3,701	1,011	53 12 10½
Koffyfontein ... ..	1,973	308	19 13 3
Kroonsburg ... ..	6,079	1,989	135 17 10½
Kroonstad Station ... ..	355	169	11 3 3½
Ladybrand ... ..	4,917	1,481	77 1 8
Lindley ... ..	1,636	390	21 9 8
Luckhoff ... ..	595	84	4 15 4
Parys ... ..	2,041	514	23 18 7½
Petrusburg ... ..	548	80	4 12 7½
Philippolis ... ..	1,712	382	18 4 2
Reddersburg ... ..	1,578	420	20 2 8
Reitz ... ..	1,220	296	12 13 10½
Rouxville ... ..	1,700	526	26 16 0½
Senekal ... ..	3,314	540	26 11 1½
Smaldeel ... ..	768	190	10 13 6
Smithfield ... ..	2,183	488	23 11 3
Springfontein ... ..	1,761	345	15 6 5
Sydenham ... ..	603	114	7 16 5
Tempe ... ..	2,870	626	58 13 5½
Thaba N'cha ... ..	4,223	519	34 3 11½
Trompsburg ... ..	1,321	280	11 8 11½
Ventersburg ... ..	1,194	354	18 15 8½
Ventersburg Road ... ..	742	138	4 17 3
Viljoensdrift ... ..	645	181	8 14 6½
Villiers ... ..	210	20	0 17 3
Vrede ... ..	2,538	404	25 12 1
Vredefort ... ..	1,038	354	17 1 4½
Vredefort Road ... ..	638	65	3 9 9
Wepener ... ..	2,819	938	37 5 5
Wimburg ... ..	3,523	1,370	53 7 11
Wolvehoek ... ..	570	106	5 14 9
Zastron ... ..	1,538	412	19 1 2½
1904-05 ... ..	155,361	42,588	2,348 6 7
1903-04 ... ..	158,910	41,434	2,264 9 5½
1902-03 ... ..	150,304	25,581	1,785 16 7
1901-02 ... ..	74,836	9,824	771 16 0½
1898... ..	77,639	33,515	1,461 5 9
1897... ..	70,760	32,880	1,457 18 5

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Annexure 8.

**Comparative Statement of Fines Collected from Post  
Contractors for late arrival of Mails during the  
Financial Years 1897, 1898, 1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04,  
1904-05.**

PERIOD.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
1904-05	14	8	6
1903-04	0	17	6
1902-03	0	17	6
1901-02	0	0	0
1898	28	0	0
1897	14	17	6

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Annexure 9.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR.	ROUTE.	TIME ALLOWED.	MANNER OF CONVEYANCE.	NUMBER OF TIMES PER WEEK EACH WAY.	YEARLY PAYMENT.	CONTRACT CEASES.
	BETWEEN				£ s. d.	
Chief Accountant C.S.A.R., Johannesburg			Per Rail		13,277 6 8	
Zakia Moshodi	Snaaldeal—Snaaldeal Station	5 mins.	Per Cart	Daily as required	36 0 0	Monthly Payment
Layt, L. J.	Vrede—Langhoek	4 hours	On Horseback	Once	30 0 0	"
Sleyn, P.	Jammerberg Drift—Wepener	2 "	"	Twice	30 0 0	"
Farce, W.	Woodside—Vrede	4 "	"	Once	30 0 0	"
Zeederburg, C. H.	Boshof—Kimberley	3 "	Per Cart	Thrice	240 0 0	30th June, 1909
Marsh, C.	Bloemfontein—Kimberley	20 "	"	Twice	1,355 0 0	"
Maher, J.	Ladybrand—Masera	2 "	"	"	100 0 0	30th June, 1907
Hirschsohn, J.	Bethlehem—Bethlehem Station	15 mins.	"	Daily as required	117 0 0	"
Thorold, F. and R.	Waterfall—Bethlehem	3 hours	On Horseback	Once	24 0 0	Monthly Payment
Wiken, A. J.	Ellin—Bethlehem	4 "	"	Twice	50 0 0	"
D. Villiers, R. A.	Bethulie—Smithfield	8 "	Per Cart	Thrice	390 0 0	30th June, 1907
Smit, S. J. P.	Bethulie—Bethulie Station	10 mins.	"	Daily as required	96 0 0	"
"	Bloemfontein—Bloemfontein Station, East and West	30 "	"	"	383 0 0	30th June, 1909
"	Bloemfontein—Sydenham	1 hour	"	(Twice daily except Sunday)	209 0 0	"
Northfield, A. D.	Bloemfontein—Teupe	45 mins.	"	Six times	199 0 0	"
Twomey, W. H.	Bloemfontein—Northfield Farm	5 hours	On Horseback	Once	25 0 0	Monthly Payment
Uplin, J. B.	Bloemfontein—Tweedegedynk	3 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
Theron, C. G.	Zaailand—Bethany Station	3 "	"	"	30 0 0	"
Baum, M.	Vaalbank—Leeuwvlei	1 "	"	Twice	24 0 0	"
Campbell, J. M.	Zwartkop—Boshof	2 "	"	Once	12 0 0	"
Cohen Bros	Bontehokstraat—Boshof	5 "	"	"	77 0 0	"
Jones, F. S.	Bontehokstraat—Rietvlei via Sweethome	4 1/2 "	"	"	43 0 0	"
Schutte, B. J.	Zevenfontein—Boshof	2 1/2 "	"	"	12 0 0	"
"	Bethlehem—Kroonstad	14 "	Per Cart	Twice	400 0 0	30th June, 1909
"	Kroonstad—Bothaville	10 "	"	"	250 0 0	"
"	Bethlehem—Reitz	6 "	"	"	260 0 0	"
"	Harrismith—Heilbron	2 1/2 "	"	"	1,100 0 0	"
"	Ventersburg Road—Odendaalsrust	4 "	"	"	180 0 0	"
"	Wimburg—Bethlehem	4 "	"	"	500 0 0	"
Cohen, Joseph	Brandfort—Hoopstad	13 "	"	Thrice	675 0 0	30th June, 1907
Fuchs, W.	Cyferfontein—Brandfort	3 "	On Horseback	Twice	24 0 0	Monthly Payments
Gersohn, S.	Verkeerdevelei—Brandfort	4 "	"	Once	15 0 0	"
Koyang, J.	Brandfort—Brandfort Station	10 mins.	Per Cart	Daily as required	48 0 0	"
Bosman, M.	Wasschbank—Brandfort	5 hours	On Horseback	Once	20 0 0	"
McEwen, Walker and Co.	Quaggaschoek—Balfontein	3 1/2 "	"	"	30 0 0	"
Venter, H. R.	Thaba Nchu—Wepener	10 "	Per Cart	Twice	498 0 0	30th June, 1907

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NAME OF CONTRACTOR.	ROUTE.	TIME ALLOWED.	MANNER OF CONVEYANCE.	NUMBER OF TIMES PER WEEK EACH WAY.	YEARLY PAYMENT.	CONTRACT CRASES.
	BETWEEN					
Lombard, A. ...	Dewetsdorp—Grootfontein ...	2 hours	On Horseback	Once	£ s. d. 12 0 0	Monthly Payments
Knauf, C. ...	Kassal—Dewetsdorp ...	4 "	"	"	12 10 0	"
Roberts, C. ...	Roberts Rust—Dewetsdorp ...	3 "	"	"	15 0 0	"
Groenevoud, J. H. ...	Bethany Station—Bethany Village ...	20 mins.	Per Cart	Seven times	25 0 0	"
Wilken, F. ...	Edenburg—Edenburg Station ...	10 "	"	Daily as required	48 0 0	"
Friedgut, M. ...	Boschvarkfontein—Bethany Village ...	4 hours	On Horseback	Once	22 10 0	"
Goosen, F. J., and Wolfaardt, G. S. ...	Jagersfontein Station—Modder River Station ...	15 "	Per Cart	( Part Six times / Part Thrice )	874 10 0	30th June, 1909
Ramaibi, D. ...	Ficksburg—Leribe ...	2 "	"	Twice	198 0 0	30th June, 1907
Merwe, M. v. d. ...	Hammonia—Ficksburg ...	2 1/2 "	On Horseback	Once	25 0 0	Monthly Payments
Moore, D. ...	Rodekrantz—Ficksburg ...	5 "	"	"	25 0 0	"
Dixon, J. G. ...	Ladybrand—Bethlehem ...	20 "	Per Cart	Thrice	906 0 0	30th June, 1907
Shapiro, M. ...	Leeuwhaak—Frankfort ...	2 1/2 "	On Horseback	Once	20 0 0	Monthly Payments
Wilson, G. W. ...	Turrigom—Frankfort ...	3 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
Benodo and v. Dulleman ...	Zandfontein—Frankfort ...	4 "	"	"	20 0 0	"
Hesom, E. W. ...	Harrismith—Harrismith Station ...	10 mins.	Per Cart	Daily as required	120 0 0	30th June, 1907
Sang, Julius ...	Blancs River Bridge—Witzieshoek ...	4 1/2 hours	"	Twice	150 0 0	"
Hesom, E. W. ...	Harrismith—Harrismith Army ...	25 mins.	"	Six times	100 0 0	"
Mason, F. C. ...	Brakkrantz—Harrismith ...	9 1/2 hours	On Horseback	Once	72 0 0	Monthly Payments
Cole, J. G. ...	Kalliesdorp—De Kalle ...	2 "	"	"	12 0 0	"
Ramage, J. M. ...	Klerkspruit—Niekiespruit ...	1 1/2 "	"	"	12 0 0	"
Atkins, A. E. ...	Kalkoenkrantz—Blancs River ...	3 "	"	"	12 0 0	"
Gould, F., and Willett, C. ...	Heilbron—Heilbron Station ...	10 mins.	Per Cart	Daily as required	144 0 0	30th June, 1907
Theron, J. ...	Driefontein—Rustfontein ...	1 hour	On Horseback	Once	24 0 0	Monthly Payments
Jacobs, J. F. ...	Ponten Riet—Heilbron ...	4 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
Lochner, F. C. ...	Rustfontein—Heilbron ...	5 1/2 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
Mars, A. ...	Heilbron—Riviera ...	5 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
Bridger, G. D. ...	Brakfontein—Hoopstad ...	8 "	"	"	20 0 0	"
Vorster, A. P. ...	Boesmanskop—Hoopstad ...	3 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
Abrahams, S. ...	Commansdrift—Hoopstad ...	7 "	"	"	50 0 0	"
Jacobson, L. ...	Hulpanknaaf—Jagersfontein ...	6 "	"	"	36 0 0	"
Mosala, P. ...	Trompsburg—Trompsburg Station ...	10 mins.	Per Cart	Daily as required	42 0 0	"
Brink, C. ...	Kroonstad—Kroonstad Station ...	10 "	"	"	120 0 0	30th June, 1909
Evans, J. K. ...	Klerksdorp—Groenfontein ...	3 1/2 hours	On Horseback	Twice	48 0 0	Monthly Payment
Geldenhuys, J. A. ...	Rustpan—Beestekraal ...	2 "	"	"	15 0 0	"
Prosch, P., & Co. ...	Geduldfontein—Vrolijkfontein ...	2 "	"	Once	10 0 0	"
Wessels, A. B. ...	Pandekraal—Kroonstad ...	7 "	"	"	30 0 0	"

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NAME OF CONTRACTOR.	ROUTE.	TIME ALLOWED.	MANNER OF CONVEYANCE.	NUMBER OF TIMES PER WEEK EACH WAY.	YEARLY PAYMENT.	CONTRACT CEASES.
	BETWEEN					
Castignani, E. ....	Stillewoning—Kroonstad	2 hours	On Horseback	Twice	£ s. d. 25 0 0	Monthly Payment
Borier, G. ....	Roestekraal—Winkelpost	1 "	"	"	15 0 0	"
Blerk, P. A. G. v. & P. J. Martens	Modderpoort Station—Ladybrand	14 "	Per Cart	Six times	1 0 0	30th June, 1907
Weir & Donald	Commissiepoort—Marseilles	14 "	On Horseback	Once	36 0 0	Monthly Payment
Richter, H. ....	Don Don—Palmyra	1 "	"	"	18 0 0	"
Diedericks, J. J. ....	Palmyra—Commissiepoort	2 "	"	"	35 0 0	"
Wande, F. ....	Kintrecht—Clocolan	1 "	"	"	10 0 0	"
Kingdom, L. M. ....	Bridgeville—Lindley	3 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
Purchase, G. ....	Chicongo—Lindley	3 "	"	"	12 0 0	"
Milvidsky, B. ....	Twefontein—Lindley	3 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
Olivier, G. H. ....	Olivierspost—Lindley	3 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
Freund, J. ....	Faarsmith—Lackhoff	4 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
Freund, J. ....	Tevredenheid—Lackhoff	7 "	Per Cart	Twice	400 0 0	30th June, 1907
Pheron, P. G. ....	Abrahamskraal—Pietersburg	3 "	On Horseback	Once	20 0 0	Monthly Payment
Glover, H. ....	Makansdrift—Pietersburg	6 "	Per Cart	Twice	120 0 0	30th June, 1907
Gerber, H. C. ....	Philippolis—Philippolis Road	4 "	On Horseback	Once	30 0 0	Monthly Payment
du Preez, G. J. J. ....	Philippolis—Mimosa	2 "	Per Cart	Six times	412 0 0	30th June, 1907
Erasmus, J. H. ....	Bethany Station—Reddersburg	5 "	On Horseback	Once	25 0 0	Monthly Payment
Bloem, J. J. ....	Inzicht—Reddersburg	11 "	Per Cart	Six times	132 0 0	30th June, 1907
Morton, R. J. ....	Wepener—Alwal North	33 "	On Horseback	Once	25 0 0	Monthly Payment
Morton, R. J. ....	Smithfield—Rouxville	14 "	Per Cart	Twice	750 0 0	30th June, 1909
Eggenburg, M. ....	Senekal—Du Plooy's Rust	4 "	"	"	190 0 0	"
Olise & Nel	Port Allen—Smaldeel	2 "	On Horseback	Once	12 0 0	Monthly Payment
Harries, W. ....	Breipaal—Smithfield	5 "	"	"	10 0 0	"
Nietseher, I. ....	Helvetia—Smithfield	4 "	"	"	20 0 0	"
Coetzee, J. H. ....	Vaalspruit—Smithfield	4 1/2 "	"	"	45 0 0	"
Letato, Z. ....	Springfontein—Springfontein Station	5 mins.	Per Cart	"	25 0 0	"
de Reyler, G. ....	Thaba 'Nchu—Thaba 'Nchu Station	20 "	"	Daily as required, except Sundays	42 0 0	"
Vilken & Co., R. J. ....	Zamekumst—Westminster	20 "	"	"	200 0 0	30th June, 1907
Langbridge, R. ....	Essex—Thaba 'Nchu	2 hours	On Horseback	Twice	15 0 0	Monthly Payment
Lourens, B. ....	Steynspruit—Thaba 'Nchu	2 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
unn, G. B. ....	Glen Rock—Thaba 'Nchu	2 "	"	Once	24 0 0	"
olmer, M. C. ....	Stonybroke—Thaba 'Nchu	5 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
Wolf & Zavadler	Ventersburg Road—Ventersburg	3 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
amer, A. H. M. ....	Boschdrui—Ventersburg	1 1/2 "	Per Cart	Six times	72 0 0	30th June, 1909
ende, J. D. ....	Landplants—Ventersburg	2 1/2 "	On Horseback	Once	25 0 0	Monthly Payment
mith, J. H. ....	Oudeaals Rust—Klippan	2 1/2 "	"	"	21 0 0	"
		1 1/2 "	"	"	25 0 0	"

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NAME OF CONTRACTOR.	ROUTE.	TIME ALLOWED.	MANNER OF CONVEYANCE.	NUMBER OF TIMES PER WEEK EACH WAY.	YEARLY PAYMENT.	CONTRACT CEASES.
BETWEEN						
Stewart, J. ....	Scotland West—Ventersburg Road ...	4½ hours	On Horseback	Once	£ 24 0 0	Monthly Payment
Boyers, H. P. ....	Frankfort—Villiers ...	3 "	Per Cart	Twice	96 0 0	30th June, 1909
Brown, B. ....	Muirton—Villiers ...	2 "	On Horseback	Once	7 10 0	Monthly Payment
Whitehorn, A. A. ....	Vrede—Standerton ...	6 "	Per Cart	Thrice	180 0 0	30th June, 1909
Rosenstein, M. J. ....	Vrede—Lourensrust ...	4 "	On Horseback	Once	30 0 0	Monthly Payment
Nourse, G. W. ....	Langhoek—Bothaspass ...	7 "	"	{ Part Twice } { Part Once }	35 0 0	"
Odendaal, J. W. ....	Cornelia—Tafelkop ...	2 "	"	Once	13 0 0	"
Cadle, Isaac ....	Vredefort—Winkel drift ...	5 "	Per Cart	"	150 0 0	30th June, 1909
Cadle, Isaac ....	Vredefort—Vredefort Road ...	5 "	"	Six times	200 0 0	"
Tom, William ....	Wepener—Mafeking ...	2½ "	"	Twice	*109 0 0	30th June, 1907
Barlow, L. F. A. ....	Wepener—Palmyra ...	4 "	On Horseback	Once	60 0 0	Monthly Payment
Troledven, W. H. ....	Nova—Wepener ...	2 "	"	"	12 0 0	"
Klork, H. P. ....	Winburg—Winburg Station ...	10 mins.	Per Cart	Daily as required	120 0 0	30th June, 1907
Do Kok, H. ....	Allandale—Winburg ...	5 hours	On Horseback	Once	35 0 0	Monthly Payment
Van Rooyen, C. J. ....	Winburg—Korba ...	8 "	"	"	96 0 0	"
Acton, E. M., Mrs. ....	Winburg—Winburg ...	3 "	"	"	24 0 0	"
Land Settlement Agent	Winburg—Mushroom Valley ...	4 "	"	"	20 0 0	"
Robertson, D. M. ....	Cornetsspruit—Zastron ...	3½ "	"	"	20 0 0	"
Fischer, R. H. ....	Blandskloof—Zastron ...	2 "	"	"	20 0 0	"
TOTAL					£28,087 6 8	

\* Half the amounts paid for the Ladybrand—Maseru, Ficksburg—Leribe, and Wepener—Mafeking Services is borne by the Basutoland Government.



## DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS,

## Comparative Statement of Received and Forwarded Correspondence dealt

NAME OF OFFICE.	CORRESPONDENCE POSTED.									
	LETTERS.					POST CARDS.		News- papers.	Books and Samples.	Parcels.
	For the O.R.C.	For Natal, Bechuana- land, Cape Colony and Transvaal.	For the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries.	Reg- istered.	Totals.	Id.	Id.			
NAME.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Id.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Bethlehem ...	73,437	90,662	80,587	2,860	247,546	5,213	5,408	8,619	33,566	988
Bethulie ...	49,192	61,061	9,563	1,846	121,662	5,029	2,601	35,693	8,346	793
Bloemfontein ...	1,430,351	1,765,933	1,757,275	49,296	5,002,855	170,027	224,026	2,541,071	334,555	16,863
Bloemfontein East ...	27,521	75,517	83,122	2,782	188,942	3,250	5,427	23,660	3,848	650
Bloemfontein West ...	13,819	19,721	14,716	1,235	49,491	871	2,197	2,553	1,534	403
Boshof ...	35,982	45,378	6,643	1,690	87,893	2,145	689	676	3,419	390
Botshaville ...	8,123	5,343	1,157	312	14,937	65	195	416	598	156
Brandfort ...	62,244	48,620	9,282	1,885	122,031	3,601	1,599	2,275	3,861	624
Bultfontein ...	15,847	9,435	1,638	585	27,508	221	143	650	637	195
Dewetsdorp ...	27,651	28,938	3,744	1,118	61,451	2,302	897	975	1,183	377
Edenburg ...	46,631	34,164	4,862	1,573	87,230	3,341	429	2,613	2,105	611
Fauresmith ...	70,356	27,313	6,942	1,793	106,314	2,288	1,956	1,235	4,277	481
Ficksburg ...	74,854	81,848	27,014	1,560	185,276	2,691	807	3,098	1,554	1,092
Fouriesburg ...	23,582	16,718	6,058	715	47,053	2,249	741	533	3,250	286
Frankfort ...	37,921	35,633	8,021	1,287	82,862	1,599	932	5,237	2,106	312
Harrismith ...	149,136	225,030	89,947	6,461	470,574	11,957	8,411	37,401	62,075	2,288
Harrismith Army (9 months) ...	7,670	21,749	46,605	3,003	79,027	1,053	1,439	2,509	2,095	195
Heilbron ...	72,189	96,590	30,498	2,197	201,474	9,750	3,076	5,876	7,358	988
Hoopstad ...	21,138	17,771	5,174	1,105	45,188	1,248	555	1,976	3,198	416
Jacobsdal ...	8,476	14,365	2,483	637	25,961	1,651	327	2,392	1,963	286
Jagersfontein ...	44,454	70,980	13,182	2,184	130,780	3,523	3,029	1,976	9,828	936
Koffyfontein ...	18,005	26,963	6,851	800	52,325	1,131	547	429	1,105	845
Kroonstad ...	188,656	149,708	68,655	6,604	413,621	9,477	9,490	37,544	19,136	2,184
Kroonstad Station ...	17,134	17,927	8,892	1,222	45,175	973	803	2,444	884	182
Ladybrand ...	114,959	102,436	47,632	5,434	270,491	8,164	3,484	11,869	42,198	1,755
Lindley ...	34,957	22,685	5,161	1,560	64,363	1,378	793	1,835	5,538	442
Luckhoff ...	6,487	9,635	793	468	17,381	169	143	650	546	208
Parys ...	29,718	34,944	5,109	1,911	71,682	2,392	657	884	3,055	468
Petrusburg ...	11,440	9,399	1,248	259	22,646	221	221	247	780	234
Philippolis ...	28,470	19,994	4,524	1,001	58,989	4,173	637	1,729	2,574	390
Reedersburg ...	27,729	19,760	3,562	767	51,818	1,664	197	1,521	5,148	403
Reitz ...	36,699	26,118	4,563	1,092	68,432	1,937	1,248	1,274	3,744	429
Rouxville ...	24,635	34,333	5,720	1,690	66,378	1,768	832	442	4,242	429
Sonekal ...	46,384	37,245	7,449	1,690	92,768	2,067	1,049	2,300	3,887	572
Smaldeel ...	32,513	27,703	5,772	1,261	67,249	533	1,405	1,157	312	1,040
Smithfield ...	40,846	46,683	10,049	1,105	98,683	3,341	754	2,769	7,501	377
Springfontein ...	45,838	58,695	21,983	2,314	128,830	4,426	4,797	2,561	3,458	546
Sydenham ...	8,814	4,119	16,848	858	31,239	553	3,575	2,964	1,573	182
Tempe ...	16,510	28,834	109,870	3,913	159,138	546	13,052	8,112	6,357	611
Thaba Nchu ...	189,254	226,720	67,028	2,314	485,316	6,201	4,745	17,433	4,745	910
Trompsburg ...	33,878	28,301	3,926	1,287	67,392	1,820	611	1,911	3,783	246
Ventersburg ...	21,580	19,422	2,314	1,040	44,336	364	117	803	832	468
Ventersburg Road ...	50,131	26,897	6,552	1,287	64,877	884	598	962	663	247
Viljoens Drift ...	10,478	20,917	7,280	910	39,585	169	1,079	507	463	156
Villiers ...	6,351	10,032	4,093	507	20,995	231	169	299	273	65
Vrede ...	25,504	55,692	8,502	3,952	93,470	1,963	1,248	1,365	5,382	429
Vredefort ...	18,409	16,270	2,535	767	38,987	988	221	247	1,781	312
Vredefort Road ...	21,814	17,732	4,199	676	44,421	741	494	728	1,638	195
Wepener ...	60,008	55,640	18,222	1,807	135,681	3,146	1,612	4,930	4,290	1,031
Winburg ...	59,956	65,286	16,653	3,068	144,963	3,900	2,613	4,758	3,276	1,742
Wolvehoek ...	18,941	26,455	7,501	1,040	53,937	364	637	2,171	871	312
Zastron ...	25,922	34,749	2,405	1,573	64,649	1,157	260	780	390	838
GRAND TOTAL ...	3,551,370	4,074,590	2,694,419	140,517	10,460,905	298,068	325,172	2,793,933	631,865	46,168
1905—1904 ...	3,241,969	4,120,456	2,425,037	140,907	9,928,351	236,117	262,668	1,992,800	489,002	41,574
1902—1903 ...				110,277				784,065	210,314	
1901 ...				59,556				158,129	75,218	
1898 ...				67,829				1,510,560	763,681	
1897 ...				56,739				1,231,164	906,870	
1896 ...				44,238				1,305,634	810,297	
1895 ...				38,655				96,4680	660,045	
1894 ...				29,530				1,022,988	364,029	

## ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

with at the undermentioned Offices during the Financial Year, 1904-1905.

FORWARD CORRESPONDENCE.							CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DELIVERY.									
OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.		Letters.	Post Cards.	News-papers.	Books and Samples.	Parcels.	Post Cards.					News-papers.	Books and Samples.	Parcels.	OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.	
Letters.	Books.						4d.	1d.	News-papers.	Books and Samples.	Parcels.				Letters.	Books.
Weight in Ozs.	Weight in Ozs.														Weight in Ozs.	Weight in Ozs.
Ozs.	Ozs.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Ozs.	Ozs.	
10,712	8,710	256,607	12,402	59,488	16,013	1,950	316,264	8,814	6,682	111,657	32,071	4,264	20,800	28,567		
11,336	13,975	41,093	2,639	11,245	7,189	1,079	126,802	3,523	1,612	43,589	25,012	1,326	12,103	14,612		
926,566	3,500,920	1,349,959	246,311	790,986	182,650	20,800	5,578,978	203,736	168,220	1,674,140	178,815	27,456	513,552	1,136,226		
13,260	195,650	—	—	—	—	—	6,370	260	390	2,080	637	260	65	—		
1,443	520	—	—	—	—	—	9,326	1,248	1,001	3,003	1,117	494	1,066	653		
11,895	3,419	34,476	321	11,349	1,768	455	109,902	2,431	2,236	58,773	26,611	2,132	15,223	40,586		
1,079	208	3,445	100	104	195	20	14,118	182	195	7,267	1,742	182	1,755	351		
5,343	641	59,150	1,586	10,725	12,961	1,105	129,987	3,653	1,027	26,091	19,292	2,288	7,566	45,045		
1,820	520	9,763	104	5,343	1,404	208	29,328	377	325	19,604	5,720	676	2,808	26,611		
3,064	312	1,755	221	795	229	260	64,246	2,860	1,274	46,358	8,268	1,859	5,577	136,240		
4,654	6,366	1,027	65	208	13	65	90,155	2,847	195	19,812	16,575	2,210	5,486	8,476		
13,390	14,911	51,197	1,144	13,442	12,376	1,196	87,477	3,887	858	32,045	39,065	2,405	11,063	44,902		
15,470	2,470	48,929	1,494	22,464	689	117	215,813	4,641	2,301	107,744	4,797	3,367	18,304	68,536		
2,808	1,066	—	—	—	—	—	42,458	2,067	1,001	24,375	3,822	1,131	4,628	1,170		
6,565	1,781	21,294	922	11,388	1,313	247	86,879	2,457	8,203	33,488	9,386	1,456	6,994	13,455		
35,646	18,824	377,858	9,295	121,017	55,744	3,094	482,924	10,548	10,244	196,833	99,593	6,097	46,137	49,218		
12,259	3,198	—	—	—	—	—	89,206	819	1,927	29,653	6,552	910	15,899	8,333		
12,376	27,450	65,547	3,289	21,736	14,430	754	198,497	4,159	1,677	47,242	48,204	3,016	13,897	75,231		
5,343	16,133	—	—	—	—	—	42,211	2,327	1,183	18,785	4,667	1,521	5,421	15,665		
5,564	1,638	2,015	52	1,417	1,131	559	29,861	1,014	650	13,358	14,443	1,118	3,744	520		
3,757	320	1,963	455	637	572	520	166,569	3,302	1,794	31,824	29,705	3,406	5,564	7,683		
3,328	416	—	—	—	—	—	57,070	1,092	403	18,421	18,096	2,314	3,133	4,095		
29,601	3,692	106,912	4,355	40,261	17,953	1,209	445,991	11,804	6,409	129,896	67,938	6,331	35,672	260,806		
6,188	598	—	—	—	—	—	37,402	1,183	702	6,864	921	299	3,367	8,775		
19,045	2,730	71,994	3,367	22,724	13,871	429	245,867	7,651	3,874	81,149	48,201	6,123	19,461	9,382		
3,484	3,380	—	—	—	—	—	54,786	1,482	897	41,242	51,233	2,093	4,304	22,698		
2,015	520	—	—	—	—	—	20,956	325	195	5,951	5,096	663	819	6,646		
8,489	4,706	—	—	—	—	—	67,652	1,025	845	28,002	17,277	1,976	6,539	6,084		
1,976	312	—	—	—	—	—	22,087	358	182	11,245	5,746	689	3,003	6,643		
5,902	3,276	1,244	193	715	143	195	58,291	2,639	754	22,269	15,817	1,651	4,940	32,604		
3,991	9,373	864	208	377	507	208	46,936	1,755	624	22,656	21,205	1,547	3,360	28,418		
5,629	11,739	7,332	416	520	208	221	62,296	1,261	780	21,112	28,691	1,521	5,902	86,424		
9,334	23,660	6,890	208	196	208	182	63,954	2,223	11,466	20,878	12,363	4,745	8,450	29,495		
10,075	949	3,406	897	1,508	819	754	196,907	1,703	585	39,715	15,431	2,665	9,945	26,071		
3,887	1,118	975	325	585	260	325	63,310	611	1,586	18,616	3,146	624	5,408	12,434		
6,708	6,851	780	520	520	416	520	97,682	3,276	1,976	49,452	2,3429	2,599	11,050	26,923		
4,446	910	78,221	5,096	7,241	4,082	1,105	128,687	3,536	1,729	22,113	9,152	2,405	8,463	10,907		
46,692	18,655	—	—	—	—	—	36,907	593	2,210	16,016	3,328	767	23,491	14,781		
10,478	2,028	—	—	—	—	—	153,374	598	6,682	68,751	4,974	2,548	10,439	8,411		
13,091	10,712	46,501	3,536	5,486	2,119	338	382,498	6,929	5,083	81,783	22,126	5,356	16,510	17,303		
2,041	1,196	5,759	325	1,105	1,235	390	57,265	1,183	494	15,756	8,333	975	3,796	1,924		
1,833	390	2,717	182	1,703	403	91	54,405	806	273	21,866	7,501	1,027	2,405	1,014		
2,249	1,664	8,906	308	5,523	650	403	66,957	1,248	273	22,360	6,292	1,339	3,081	2,184		
1,565	520	—	—	—	—	—	64,584	1,482	1,053	4,680	2,288	598	988	1,807		
1,430	7,683	2,609	364	442	156	250	17,823	689	351	5,174	1,144	247	1,508	2,639		
6,175	2,197	23,166	559	11,375	4,524	390	104,468	1,261	2,470	38,574	12,623	3,068	7,748	13,221		
4,667	520	10,662	273	2,485	2,002	351	50,959	4,862	273	20,419	17,576	936	6,708	12,857		
2,782	2,795	10,946	542	3,510	1,976	325	39,507	3,978	507	10,491	3,562	624	3,107	520		
6,188	2,912	36,728	832	5,499	2,938	221	120,211	16,484	832	65,169	24,531	4,147	3,835	17,927		
10,478	15,145	53,534	4,680	20,904	9,335	1,625	174,239	15,912	1,586	59,410	12,818	4,680	17,124	14,259		
3,593	1,248	26,247	520	6,422	1,898	325	36,114	2,522	403	7,891	4,186	542	3,926	5,993		
1,989	923	20,189	143	2,834	910	1,430	81,679	11,687	2,171	33,085	6,032	1,690	3,718	3,872		
1,201,799	3,961,802	2,858,161	307,482	1,132,275	377,190	49,728	8,961,300	377,975	270,673	3,562,143	1,057,161	134,627	959,972	2,634,660		
1,327,282	2,063,136	2,517,041	266,893	843,988	254,188	51,912	8,076,581	209,723	170,230	2,969,885	698,649	121,200	818,696	1,216,943		
321,055	162,206	—	—	—	—	—	18,877,844	409,226	—	327,635	161,957	—	457,405	1,017,715		
176,120	117,738	—	—	—	—	—	1,826,986	720,342	—	1,777,518	770,887	—	392,584	792,630		
445,893	622,946	—	—	—	—	—	1,628,404	574,980	—	1,214,351	463,195	—	381,386	937,431		
304,399	1,049,304	—	—	—	—	—	1,330,829	450,308	—	—	—	—	268,231	886,282		
326,556	740,698	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	147,926	840,030		
279,450	648,780	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	158,023	705,429		
108,370	263,114	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		

Annexure 11.

**Comparative Statement of Postage Stamps and Post Cards  
sold at the undermentioned Offices during the Years  
1897, 1898, 1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1904-05.**

OFFICES.	POST CARDS AND POSTAGE STAMPS.		
	£	s.	d.
Bethlehem ...	1,776	4	2
Bethulie ...	921	19	11
Bloemfontein ...	12,292	19	0
Bloemfontein C.T.O. ...	6,906	12	8
Bloemfontein East ...	512	16	7
Bloemfontein West ...	275	13	1½
Boshof ...	627	4	3
Bothaville ...	114	17	3½
Brandfort ...	1,119	1	1½
Pultfontein ...	220	14	9½
Commer ...	185	7	11
Dewetsdorp ...	578	13	6
Edenburg ...	881	16	11
Fauresmith ...	650	0	5½
Ficksburg ...	1,380	18	4
Fouriesburg ...	159	15	3
Frankfort ...	601	17	11½
Harrismith ...	3,697	13	8
Harrismith Army ...	255	16	3
Heilbron ...	1,550	2	6
Hoopstad ...	349	12	11
Jacobsdal ...	364	14	0
Jagersfontein ...	1,767	0	10½
Koffyfontein ...	652	19	4
Kroonstad ...	3,907	2	0
Kroonstad Station ...	257	4	6
Ladybrand ...	2,299	10	10
Lindley ...	601	12	5
Luckhoff ...	116	2	4
Parys ...	687	16	4
Petrusburg ...	211	7	7
Philippolis ...	486	16	6½
Reddersburg ...	537	3	3½
Reitz ...	297	12	8½
Rouxville ...	680	7	0
Senekal ...	807	4	3
Smaldeel ...	647	12	5
Smithfield ...	746	0	2½
Springfontein ...	1,184	16	1
Sydenham ...	232	0	2
Tempe ...	1,113	17	8
Thaba Nchu ...	1,605	6	10½
Trompsburg ...	449	1	9
Trompsburg Station ...	261	9	4
Ventersburg ...	385	18	4½
Ventersburg Road ...	441	3	3
Viljoensdrift ...	331	18	4
Villiers ...	27	13	4
Vrede ...	751	5	3
Vredefort ...	364	4	4
Vredefort Road ...	344	15	1
Wepener ...	1,055	16	6
Winburg ...	1,836	5	11½
Wolvehoek ...	372	11	11
Zastron ...	650	17	5
1904-05 ...	61,597	6	10
1903-04 ...	63,005	13	6½
1902-03 ...	53,377	3	10
1901-02 ...	22,864	1	5
1898 ...	16,789	1	10
1897 ...	17,822	19	6½

Annexure 12.

**Comparative Statement of Correspondence posted in Pillar  
Boxes in Bloemfontein during the years 1897, 1898,  
1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1904-05.**

No.	WHERE POSTED.						TOTAL.
1	St. Michael's Home	...	...	...	...	...	16,621
2	Bloemfontein Club	...	...	...	...	...	24,105
3	Residency	...	...	...	...	...	13,929
4	Monument Road	...	...	...	...	...	16,936
5	Douglas Street	...	...	...	...	...	9,516
6	Railway Station	...	...	...	...	...	19,812
7	Gordon Club	...	...	...	...	...	9,197
8	Zastron Street	...	...	...	...	...	14,628
9	St. John's Street	...	...	...	...	...	13,482
10	United Service Club	...	...	...	...	...	11,608
11	Mantel Street	...	...	...	...	...	9,971
12	Hospital Street	...	...	...	...	...	11,465
13	... Street	...	...	...	...	...	13,302
14	Grey College	...	...	...	...	...	19,422
15	The Willows	...	...	...	...	...	9,090
16	Fichardt Chambers	...	...	...	...	...	5,748
17	Railway Bureau	...	...	...	...	...	4,518
	1904-05	...	...	...	...	...	223,269
	1903-04	...	...	...	...	...	189,360
	1902-03	...	...	...	...	...	361,269
	1901-02	...	...	...	...	...	70,356
	1898	...	...	...	...	...	67,580
	1897	...	...	...	...	...	57,580

General Post Office,  
Bloemfontein,  
Orange River Colony.

Annexure 13.

**Comparative Statement of Correspondence sent out and  
delivered by Letter Carriers during the Years 1897,  
1898, 1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1904-05.**

YEAR.	LETTERS.	PAPERS.	TAXED CORRESPONDENCE.	AMOUNT.		
				£	s.	d.
1904-05	590,413	88,163	3,010	23	19	6½
1903-04	519,471	76,345	2,300	17	6	6
1902-03	594,317	247,814	1,030	8	1	6
1901-02	151,181	20,271	748	5	9	10½
1898	190,781	32,697	4,609	51	17	9
1897	118,883	28,707	5,278	63	13	0

General Post Office,  
Bloemfontein,  
Orange River Colony.

Annexure 14.

**Comparative Statement of Unpaid postage collected at the  
undermentioned Offices during the Financial Years  
1897-98, 1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1904-05.**

OFFICE.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
Bethlehem ... ..	18	4	9
Bethulia ... ..	10	11	0
Bloemfontein ... ..	226	13	3
Bloemfontein East ... ..	1	18	5
Bloemfontein West ... ..	0	12	7
Boshof ... ..	13	19	11
Bothaville ... ..	2	2	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Brandfort ... ..	9	16	0
Bultfontein ... ..	3	12	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Dewetsdorp ... ..	6	18	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Edenburg ... ..	9	16	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Fauresmith ... ..	8	6	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Ficksburg ... ..	13	8	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Fonriesburg ... ..	3	7	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Frankfort ... ..	7	12	10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Harrismith ... ..	39	19	11
Harrismith Army ... ..	31	7	0
Heilbron ... ..	17	7	8
Hoopstad ... ..	5	3	0
Jacobsdal ... ..	4	13	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Jagersfontein ... ..	22	1	3
Koffyfontein ... ..	7	19	8
Kroonstad ... ..	31	14	9
Kroonstad Station ... ..	3	15	10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Ladybrand ... ..	30	11	10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Lindley ... ..	7	4	11
Luckhoff ... ..	2	18	3
Parys ... ..	9	16	11
Petrusburg ... ..	3	4	6
Philippolis ... ..	7	4	5
Reddersburg ... ..	6	17	6
Reitz ... ..	5	2	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Rouxville ... ..	10	0	7
Senekal ... ..	12	7	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Smaldeel ... ..	5	19	8
Smithfield ... ..	8	18	8
Springfontein ... ..	12	8	6
Sydenham ... ..	11	5	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Tempe ... ..	62	17	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Thaba 'Nchu ... ..	22	10	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Trompsburg ... ..	5	18	10
Trompsburg Station ... ..	2	12	7
Ventersburg ... ..	5	3	11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Ventersburg Road ... ..	5	9	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Viljoensdrift ... ..	4	15	2
Villiers ... ..	1	13	7
Vrede ... ..	9	3	1
Vredefort ... ..	6	2	7
Vredefort Road ... ..	5	18	11
Wepener ... ..	13	8	4
Winburg ... ..	17	3	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Wolvehoek ... ..	6	7	3
Zastron ... ..	6	9	1
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1904-05 ... ..	810	18	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
1903-04 ... ..	835	16	4
1902-03 ... ..	526	8	9
1901-02 ... ..	170	1	8
1898 ... ..	290	12	4
1897 ... ..	218	10	4

Annexure 15.

**Comparative Statement of Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in the Orange River Colony, which, not having been presented for payment within twelve months, have become void.**

YEAR.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.		
		£	s.	d.
1904-05	270	345	6	1
1903-04	345	440	2	1
1902-03	87	116	4	11
1901-02	194	245	7	2
1898	131	137	15	8
1897	164	179	17	9

**Comparative Statement of Number and Amount of Money Orders drawn in other Countries on the Orange River Colony, which, not having been presented within twelve months, have become void.**

YEAR.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.		
		£	s.	d.
1904-05	92	114	2	9
1903-04	127	201	2	6
1902-03	64	62	17	8
1901-02	19	59	16	1
1898	26	58	8	11
1897	46	69	11	11

General Post Office,  
Bloemfontein,  
Orange River Colony.

Annexure 16.

**Comparative Statement of Postal Orders paid at the under-  
mentioned Offices during the Financial Years 1898,  
1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1904-05.**

OFFICE.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.			COMMISSION.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bethlehem ... ..	788	374	15	1	1	4	4
Bethulie ... ..	529	258	7	4		12	1
Bloemfontein ... ..	13,150	5,970	18	11	9	1	8
Bloemfontein East ... ..	131	75	17	6		7	7
Bloemfontein West ... ..	80	40	0	0		3	8
Boshof ... ..	177	100	10	9		5	6
Bothaville ... ..	38	28	5	0		1	9
Brandfort ... ..	476	254	1	4	13	3	
Bultfontein ... ..	68	33	18	5	2	3	
Counter ... ..	55	20	17	10			4
Dewetsdorp ... ..	204	115	14	4		4	0
Edenburg ... ..	432	245	18	8		8	0
Fauresmith ... ..	582	304	18	4		8	2
Ficksburg ... ..	452	243	0	2	11	9	
Fouriesburg ... ..	71	34	18	0			6
Frankfort ... ..	178	99	6	6		5	1
Harrismith ... ..	1,487	668	16	10	3	19	5
Harrismith Army ... ..	146	67	13	0		7	10
Heilbron ... ..	703	364	2	9		9	0
Hoopstad ... ..	203	96	9	4		1	8
Jacobstad ... ..	247	134	6	4		9	6
Jagersfontein ... ..	436	216	17	3	15	4	
Koffyfontein ... ..	179	94	4	9		6	8
Kroonstad ... ..	1,708	861	12	5	2	3	4
Kroonstad Station ... ..	53	23	1	0			8
Ladybrand ... ..	1,000	544	19	10	1	5	2
Lindley ... ..	183	106	10	7		6	5
Luckhoff ... ..	62	31	12	0		3	0
Parys ... ..	490	296	16	6		7	3
Petrusburg ... ..	72	38	13	6		2	10
Philippolis ... ..	227	141	16	10		6	4
Reddersburg ... ..	167	92	16	2		5	8
Reitz ... ..	140	63	1	1		3	7
Rouxville ... ..	215	107	16	11		10	0
Senekal ... ..	290	166	18	1		10	0
Smaldeel ... ..	498	259	3	10		15	4
Smithfield ... ..	198	115	8	7		8	0
Springfontein ... ..	389	199	10	4		8	2
Sydenham ... ..	130	69	12	9		3	2
Tempe ... ..	329	156	7	9		14	6
Thaba 'Nchu ... ..	482	274	1	11		17	4
Trompsburg ... ..	191	108	16	8		6	9
Trompsburg Station ... ..	69	34	4	5			10
Ventersburg ... ..	261	167	1	2		6	8
Ventersburg Road ... ..	101	59	6	5		5	7
Viljoen's Drift ... ..	106	65	12	7		2	1
Villiers ... ..	46	27	17	0			11
Vrede ... ..	192	96	10	5		12	6
Vredefort ... ..	191	113	16	8		3	4
Vredefort Road ... ..	105	56	12	1			10
Wepener ... ..	313	198	7	8		10	1
Winburg ... ..	1,084	500	8	9		16	9
Wolverhoek ... ..	84	42	7	11			9
Zastron ... ..	122	89	6	6		7	9
1904-5 ... ..	30,320	14,976	6	9	34	5	2
1903-04 ... ..	15,871	7,689	7	0	38	11	9
1902-03 ... ..	6,549	4,308	12	11	16	12	3½
1901-02 ... ..	1,161	588	0	0	9	0	10
1898 ... ..	11,119	6,812	18	6	17	5	8



Annexure 17.

**Comparative Statement of Postal Orders issued at the un-  
dermentioned Offices during the Financial Years 1898,  
1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1904-05.**

OFFICE.					AMOUNT.	COMMISSION.
					£ s. d.	
Bethlehem ...	...	...	...	...	782 6 5	
Bethlehem ...	...	...	...	...	506 0 7	
Bloemfontein ...	...	...	...	...	3,947 5 2	
Bloemfontein East ...	...	...	...	...	234 6 0	
Bloemfontein West ...	...	...	...	...	141 18 3	
Boshof ...	...	...	...	...	294 14 1	
Bothaville ...	...	...	...	...	189 18 7	
Brandfort ...	...	...	...	...	423 18 6	
Bultfontein ...	...	...	...	...	161 0 8	
Dewetsdorp ...	...	...	...	...	447 13 3	
Edenburg ...	...	...	...	...	472 1 7	
Fauresmith ...	...	...	...	...	675 11 4	
Ficksburg ...	...	...	...	...	824 16 7	
Fouriesburg ...	...	...	...	...	358 10 11	
Frankfort ...	...	...	...	...	123 0 9	
Harrismith ...	...	...	...	...	1,365 17 0	
Harrismith Army ...	...	...	...	...	527 13 1	
Heilbron ...	...	...	...	...	544 9 4	
Hoopstad ...	...	...	...	...	294 7 6	
Jacobsdal ...	...	...	...	...	131 9 9	
Jagersfontein ...	...	...	...	...	570 15 7	
Koffyfontein ...	...	...	...	...	395 12 4	
Kroonstad ...	...	...	...	...	1,486 15 9	
Kroonstad Station ...	...	...	...	...	212 8 7	
Ladybrand ...	...	...	...	...	832 17 7	
Lindley ...	...	...	...	...	79 2 8	
Luckhoff ...	...	...	...	...	152 4 9	
Parys ...	...	...	...	...	598 13 7	
Petrusburg ...	...	...	...	...	320 14 11	
Philippolis ...	...	...	...	...	473 10 10	
Reddersburg ...	...	...	...	...	453 10 1	
Reitz ...	...	...	...	...	330 10 8	
Rouxville ...	...	...	...	...	197 7 6	
Senekal ...	...	...	...	...	130 6 10	
Smaldeel ...	...	...	...	...	346 15 8	
Smithfield ...	...	...	...	...	246 8 1	
Springfontein ...	...	...	...	...	735 7 1	
Sydenham ...	...	...	...	...	252 18 3	
Tempe ...	...	...	...	...	398 4 6	
Thaba Nchu ...	...	...	...	...	537 7 9	
Trompsburg ...	...	...	...	...	273 4 0	
Trompsburg Station ...	...	...	...	...	85 7 4	
Ventersburg ...	...	...	...	...	521 9 9	
Ventersburg Road ...	...	...	...	...	282 9 0	
Viljoensdorp ...	...	...	...	...	687 9 2	
Villiers ...	...	...	...	...	36 7 4	
Vrede ...	...	...	...	...	533 7 2	
Vredefort ...	...	...	...	...	403 10 2	
Vredefort Road ...	...	...	...	...	330 7 10	
Wepener ...	...	...	...	...	296 19 6	
Winburg ...	...	...	...	...	525 12 1	
Wolvehoek ...	...	...	...	...	348 2 2	
Zastron ...	...	...	...	...	313 18 0	
1904-05 ...					25,976 15 10	
1903-04 ...					12,078 10 0	
1902-03 ...					35,007 13 6	£40 18 3
1901-02 ...					0 0 0	0 0 0
1898 ...					12,059 7 0	192 7 5

General Post Office,  
Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony.

Annexure 18.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.**

**Controller's Consolidated Account for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1905.**

		DEPOSITS.			
1904.		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
July 1st.—To Balance (Ordinary) ...	...	157,180	2	2	
" " (S.A.C.) ...	...	5,822	14	10	
" Amount due to holders of Cheques issued under old Administration ...	...		7	4	
1905.					163,016 4 4
June 30th.—" Deposits (Sundry Offices) ...	...				201,681 18 10
S.A.C. SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.					
" Deposits (Sundry Offices) ...	...				169 4 11
					<u>£364,867 8 1</u>

		WITHDRAWALS.			
1905.		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
June 30th.—By Withdrawal (Sundry Offices) ...	...	188,638	17	7	
S.A.C. SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.					
" Withdrawals (Sundry Offices) ...	...	6,001	19	9	
" Old Cheques Reversed ...	...		3	7	4
" Amount due to Depositors ...	...	170,230	3	5	
					<u>£364,867 8 1</u>

CAPITAL LOCATED AT :		£	s.	d.
Treasury ..	...	164,411	3	5
In hands of the Chief Accountant ..	...	5,822	0	0
		<u>£170,233</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

General Post Office,  
Bloemfontein,  
Orange River Colony.

(Signed) A. FAIRCK,  
Postmaster-General.  
(Signed) JAMES VAN ZIJT  
Controller.

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## Annexure 19.

# ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.

General Ledger Balances at 30th June, 1905.

OFFICE. ORDINARY.	DATE OF OPENING.	AMOUNT.	AVERAGE BALANCE EACH DEPOSITOR.	OPEN ACCOUNTS.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Bloemfontein ...	15th October, 1897...	91,140 8 11	48 5 6	1,888
Bloemfontein East ...	5th December, 1903 ...	2,732 12 3	22 0 9	124
Bloemfontein West ...	5th December, 1903 ...	1,605 13 5	22 6 0	72
Bethlehem ...	15th November, 1897 ...	1,826 8 0	25 14 6	71
Bethulie ...	15th October, 1897 ...	1,385 0 3	19 4 9	72
Boshof ...	15th November, 1897 ...	560 14 7	16 19 10	33
Bothaville ...	1st February, 1903 ...	109 13 0	21 18 7	5
Brandfort ...	15th October, 1897 ...	927 11 9	13 16 11	67
Bultfontein ...	15th December, 1897 ...	127 16 2	14 4 0	9
Dewetsdorp ...	15th December, 1897 ...	190 1 3	8 5 3	23
Edenburg ...	15th October, 1897 ...	1,437 1 0	35 1 0	41
Fauresmith ...	15th October, 1897 ...	617 4 1	19 5 9	32
Ficksburg ...	15th November, 1897 ...	701 5 6	13 4 8	53
Fouriesburg ...	15th December, 1897 ...	139 8 6	10 14 6	13
Frankfort ...	15th December, 1897 ...	598 4 0	23 0 2	26
Harrismith ...	15th October, 1897 ...	8,645 5 9	32 10 0	266
Harrismith Army ...	2nd May, 1904 ...	1,619 6 10	11 4 11	144
Heilbron ...	15th November, 1897 ...	1,200 8 11	16 3 11	73
Hoopstad ...	15th November, 1897 ...	952 10 9	35 5 7	27
Jacobsdal ...	15th November, 1897 ...	247 9 7	15 9 4	16
Jagersfontein ...	15th October, 1897 ...	5,494 19 5	32 18 0	167
Koffyfontein ...	15th October, 1897 ...	1,015 10 7	19 3 2	53
Kroonstad ...	15th October, 1897 ...	10,830 5 9	31 6 0	346
Kroonstad Station...	1st November, 1903 ...	1,162 5 8	24 4 3	48
Ladybrand ...	15th November, 1897 ...	4,369 0 8	33 17 5	129
Lindley ...	15th December, 1897 ...	629 16 10	27 7 8	23
Lauckhoff ...	15th December, 1897 ...	254 15 0	23 3 2	11
Parys ...	15th November, 1897 ...	523 19 9	22 10 9	41
Petrusburg ...	15th December, 1897 ...	190 16 7	8 5 11	23
Philippolis ...	15th November, 1897 ...	356 5 11	14 16 11	24
Reddersburg ...	15th December, 1897 ...	461 14 9	9 16 6	47
Reitz ...	15th December, 1897 ...	196 8 0	19 12 9	10
Rouxville ...	15th November, 1897 ...	830 0 7	18 5 6	51
Senekal ...	15th November, 1897 ...	623 7 3	27 2 0	23
Smaldeel ...	4th April, 1898 ...	542 3 2	23 11 5	23
Smithfield ...	15th November, 1897 ...	768 5 8	36 11 8	21
Springfontein ...	15th February, 1898 ...	2,863 1 10	20 6 1	141
Sydenham ...	2nd August, 1904 ...	1,371 11 3	15 8 3	89
Tempe ...	19th March, 1904 ...	8,360 11 9	11 7 6	735
Thaba Nchu ...	15th November, 1897 ...	2,501 13 6	26 18 0	93
Trompsburg ...	1st June, 1904 ...	298 15 4	42 1 7	7
Trompsburg Station ...	4th April, 1898 ...	245 11 8	20 9 4	12
Ventersburg ...	15th December, 1897 ...	409 9 0	30 16 1	13
Ventersburg Road...	2nd January, 1904 ...	158 10 6	22 12 11	7
Villiers ...	15th December, 1897 ...	404 7 2	44 18 7	9
Viljoensdrift ...	15th February, 1898 ...	1,084 11 11	15 5 5	128
Vrede ...	15th November, 1897 ...	613 4 6	13 18 9	44
Vrededorst ...	15th November, 1897 ...	720 11 0	29 1 3	25
Vrededorst Road ...	4th January, 1904 ...	123 12 10	11 4 10	11
Wepener ...	15th November, 1897 ...	1,500 19 1	22 14 8	66
Wimburg ...	15th October, 1897 ...	2,270 0 3	19 14 9	115
Wolvehoek ...	2nd January, 1904 ...	319 19 5	18 16 5	17
Zastron ...	15th November, 1897 ...	186 11 11	4 18 2	38
		169,713 3 0		
	Unpaid Warrants ...	520 0 5		
	Total ...	£170,233 3 5		5,645

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# **ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.**

## **Statement of Unpaid Warrants, 30th June, 1905.**

DATE OF WARRANT.	OFFICE OF PAYMENT.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.		
			£	s.	d.
1905.					
May 31	Bloemfontein ... ..	28,495	41	3	1
June 9	Dewetsdorp ... ..	28,731	3	0	0
June 19	Harrismith ... ..	28,987	6	0	0
June 19	Kroonstad ... ..	28,990	10	0	0
June 20	Bloemfontein ... ..	29,019	24	0	0
June 22	Harrismith ... ..	29,071	22	0	0
June 23	Bloemfontein ... ..	29,094	108	17	4
June 24	Bloemfontein ... ..	29,137	3	2	10
June 26	Bloemfontein ... ..	29,167	11	0	0
June 26	Senekal ... ..	29,170	19	0	0
June 26	Bloemfontein ... ..	29,176	2	0	6
June 27	Bloemfontein ... ..	29,213	8	0	0
June 27	Bethlehem ... ..	29,215	40	16	10
June 27	Boshof ... ..	29,216	5	0	0
June 27	Harrismith ... ..	29,218	5	13	6
June 28	Brandfort ... ..	29,244	10	0	0
June 28	Bloemfontein ... ..	29,250	10	0	0
June 28	Bloemfontein ... ..	29,258	6	0	0
June 28	Bloemfontein ... ..	29,259	6	0	3
June 30	Bloemfontein ... ..	29,284	40	10	3
June 30	Vredefort Road ... ..	29,285	24	0	0
June 30	Harrismith ... ..	29,286	8	10	0
June 30	Bloemfontein ... ..	29,287	34	5	8
June 30	Jagersfontein ... ..	29,292	25	0	0
June 30	Bloemfontein ... ..	29,293	44	0	0
		25	£520	9	5

General Post Office,  
Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony.

(Signed) A. FALOK,  
Postmaster-General.  
(Signed) JAMES VAN ZIJL,  
Controller.

## Annexure 21.

# ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.

## Detailed Statement of Savings Bank Transactions for Year ended 30th June, 1905.

OFFICES.	No.	DEPOSITS. Amount.	ACCOUNTS OPENED.	No.	WITHDRAWALS. Amount.	ACCOUNTS CLOSED.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
Bloemfontein ...	10,541	105,946 19 11	1,421	5,137	109,101 18 4	1,565
Bloemfontein East ...	503	4,538 4 3	115	204	3,093 12 10	47
Bloemfontein West ...	449	2,694 1 2	81	193	2,150 1 7	60
Bethlehem ...	226	2,251 1 3	51	60	1,039 17 6	19
Bethulia ...	143	1,057 1 2	28	67	1,205 16 6	26
Boshof ...	81	599 15 6	14	30	681 10 8	12
Bothaville ...	19	104 3 7	3	5	169 11 3	2
Brandfort ...	144	982 7 1	28	53	826 9 4	17
Bultfontein ...	35	182 8 7	4	18	90 5 6	2
Dewetsdorp ...	83	264 11 7	12	24	280 4 2	8
Edenburg ...	111	1,157 2 5	18	55	920 4 5	15
Fauresmith ...	53	493 7 10	12	25	343 1 11	7
Ficksburg ...	119	734 15 6	19	35	679 18 2	16
Fouriesburg ...	25	117 18 4	3	7	58 7 2	3
Frankfort ...	54	666 6 10	11	15	408 9 8	8
Harrismith ...	1,097	19,737 15 2	157	477	12,518 18 1	227
Harrismith Army ...	2,656	5,638 2 6	519	487	4,103 15 8	379
Heilbron ...	178	1,162 17 5	26	128	1,312 11 6	28
Hoopstad ...	112	1,027 16 8	9	34	971 17 3	11
Jacobsdal ...	46	240 6 3	7	8	260 11 10	4
Jagersfontein ...	1,044	4,730 2 3	82	112	2,818 3 6	41
Koffyfontein ...	157	1,827 10 2	25	50	1,173 12 3	20
Kroonstad ...	1,024	10,482 10 8	134	448	11,755 7 2	155
Kroonstad Station ...	156	1,344 15 9	37	69	1,124 7 11	22
Ladybrand ...	454	4,652 13 0	81	194	3,251 12 1	53
Lindley ...	55	612 0 4	10	21	570 16 4	7
Luckhoff ...	51	437 12 4	4	19	660 13 7	7
Parys ...	170	1,140 0 9	30	61	1,062 0 10	20
Petrusburg ...	33	271 14 9	6	26	286 10 5	10
Philippolis ...	53	281 0 6	5	22	346 18 11	12
Reddersburg ...	61	286 18 6	16	10	135 5 3	6
Rouxville ...	173	1,025 14 0	27	36	629 7 0	15
Reitz ...	50	336 14 11	11	18	246 12 6	5
Senekal ...	91	832 0 6	13	49	846 9 5	15
Senekal ...	71	807 6 0	11	37	675 5 9	7
Spring ...	74	778 15 8	11	28	650 17 6	11
Spring ...	348	3,212 4 1	54	139	3,150 13 4	44
Sydenham ...	304	2,176 15 2	112	128	805 3 11	23
Tempe ...	13,036	3 11	1,066	1,431	7,091 16 0	676
Thaba Nchu ...	3,093	0 0	30	113	3,165 13 5	42
Trompsburg ...	510	6 2	13	7	241 10 10	7
Trompsburg Station ...	38	101 19 6	4	34	602 0 1	13
Ventersburg ...	56	50 2	8	11	98 14 0	1
Ventersburg Road ...	22	177 10 2	4	9	105 6 11	2
Villiers ...	38	371 5 2	7	7	132 12 10	4
Viljoensdrift ...	229	1,629 15 10	30	72	1,797 19 3	28
Vrede ...	94	665 12 9	16	30	322 15 4	8
Vredefort ...	70	588 9 9	8	26	403 2 6	10
Vredefort Road ...	34	201 9 7	10	14	149 2 2	5
Wepener ...	149	1,203 3 1	20	68	814 1 11	9
Winburg ...	261	2,545 5 5	42	139	2,807 5 7	40
Wolvehoek ...	46	661 8 2	22	19	371 16 9	19
Zastron ...	75	306 2 10	15	14	207 12 0	4
	27,565	201,681 18 10	4,502	10,523	188,628 17 7	3,788

### S.A.C. SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.

Bloemfontein ...	15	156 4 11	4	125	5,342 10 11	104
Bethulia ...	1	5 0 0	—	4	110 18 8	4
Harrismith ...	—	— — —	—	16	432 3 10	14
Kroonstad ...	—	— — —	—	1	12 0 0	1
Winburg ...	1	8 0 0	—	3	104 6 4	3
	14	169 4 11	4	149	6,001 19 9	126

General Post Office,  
Bloemfontein,  
Orange River Colony.

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(Signed) JAMES VAN ZIJL,  
Controller.

## Annexure 22.

## ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.

Statement of transactions from 15th October, 1897, to 30th June, 1905.

PERIOD.	No.	DEPOSITS. Amount.	No.	WITHDRAWALS. Am. rml.	BALANCE DUE TO DEPOSITORS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT.	AVERAGE AMOUNT STANDING TO THE CREDIT OF EACH DEPOSITOR.	ACCOUNTS OPENED.	ACCOUNTS CLOSED.	ACCOUNTS REMAINING OPEN.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
15th October, 1897, to 31st December, 1898	5,775	34,624 8 4	1,000	14,935 8 5	19,698 19 11	16 0 1	1,632	401	1,231
1st January, 1899, to 31st December, 1899	2,797	19,185 9 3	1,422	31,969 6 5	6,825 2 9	7 12 3	464	791	901
1st January, 1900, to 30th September, 1900	1	115 5 5	31	400 19 8	6,590 8 6	7 9 3	—	20	884
1st October, 1900, to 30th June, 1901	2,300	27,250 3 2	433	5,499 5 8	27,450 6 0	19 14 8	651	155	1,380
1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902	7,529	82,963 16 9	2,224	43,056 1 7	67,307 1 2	20 13 0	1,834	912	2,272
1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903	14,616	153,303 0 8	5,650	108,052 8 1	112,577 13 9	30 5 1	3,013	2,164	3,721
1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1904	22,809	224,234 11 1	8,612	179,632 2 8	167,180 2 2	31 17 0	4,514	3,334	4,931
1st July, 1904, to 30th June, 1905	27,505	201,681 18 10	10,523	188,628 17 7	170,233 3 5	30 3 1	4,602	3,788	5,946
	82,859	713,477 13 6	20,205	573,244 10 1	170,233 3 5	30 3 1	17,240	11,505	16,456

## S.A.C. SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.

1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902	6,730	60,380 11 11	304	9,117 1s 10	57,262 15 1	45 4 7	1,405	226	1,266
1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903	2,450	18,775 4 9	1,334	60,915 5 9	15,121 14 1	53 12 5	183	1,167	282
1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1904	665	4,288 8 1	448	3,575 7 4	5,822 14 10	47 16 2	60	216	122
1st July, 1904, to 30th June, 1905	14	169 4 11	149	6,001 12 0	— — —	— — —	4	126	—
	9,759	83,612 9 8	2,835	80,611 0 8	— — —	— — —	1,738	1,738	—

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**Annexure 23.**

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE  
SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.**

**Monthly Statement of Deposits and Withdrawals for the Year  
ended 30th June, 1905.**

**ORDINARY.**

MONTH.	No.	DEPOSITS. Amount.	ACCOUNTS OPENED.	MONTH.	No.	WITHDRAWALS. Amount.	ACCOUNTS CLOSED.
1904.		£ s. d.		1904.		£ s. d.	
July ...	2,515	21,404 18 9	401	July ...	925	17,291 17 11	335
August ...	2,279	17,141 9 0	467	August ...	774	14,546 16 6	273
September ...	2,577	19,936 18 8	462	September ...	766	13,593 17 10	260
October ...	2,613	18,940 16 7	410	October ...	918	10,121 0 1	331
November ...	2,103	15,842 11 4	334	November ...	931	16,264 8 3	315
December ...	2,140	15,466 12 4	321	December ...	908	75,864 3 0	296
1905.				1905.			
January ...	2,471	15,286 2 10	436	January ...	877	16,193 11 8	240
February ...	2,304	15,777 14 11	392	February ...	842	15,038 9 0	246
March ...	2,384	15,256 9 9	377	March ...	1,062	19,542 16 11	472
April ...	2,057	13,713 7 7	302	April ...	889	15,009 4 5	298
May ...	1,991	14,847 5 0	292	May ...	904	16,280 4 9	327
June ...	2,071	18,037 12 1	308	June ...	785	12,882 7 3	295
	27,505	£201,681 18 10	4,502		10,522	£188,023 17 7	3,788

**SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTABULARY.**

1904.				1904.			
July ...	13	87 0 9	4	July ...	22	544 13 4	1
August ...	...	5 2 4	...	August ...	43	1,595 3 7	41
September ...	...	6 18 8	...	September ...	34	1,568 2 7	34
October ...	1	67 8 8	...	October ...	43	1,503 12 8	43
November ...	...	...	...	November ...	2	627 12 10	2
December ...	...	0 14 7	...	December ...	1	58 13 1	1
1905.				1905.			
January ...	...	...	...	January ...	1	0 9 0	1
February ...	...	...	...	February ...	...	...	...
March ...	...	1 19 11	...	March ...	3	103 12 8	3
	14	£160 4 11	4		149	£6,001 19 9	126

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Annexure 24.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.**

**Interest Account for the Year ended June 30th, 1905.**

1905.				1905.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
June 30.—To Interest overpaid and refunded		3	5	June 30th.—By interest paid to Depositors (Ordinary) ...	921	14	3
" " " Balance ...	4,411	3	5	" " " interest Capitalized (Ordinary) ...	3,457	8	1
			4,411 6 10	" " " interest paid to Depositors (S.A.C.) ...	32	4	6
			<u>4,411 6 10</u>		<u>4,411</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>

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Annexure 25.

**Statement of Postal Drafts Issued at Offices in the Orange  
River Colony for the period 1st September, 1904, to  
30th June, 1905.**

OFFICE.						No. ISSUED.
Bloemfontein	...	...	...	...	...	801
Bethlehem	...	...	...	...	...	8
Bethalie	...	...	...	...	...	22
Bloemfontein East	...	...	...	...	...	4
Boshof	...	...	...	...	...	46
Brandfort	...	...	...	...	...	1
Edenburg	...	...	...	...	...	8
Fauresmith	...	...	...	...	...	3
Frankfort	...	...	...	...	...	86
Harrismith	...	...	...	...	...	11
Heilbron	...	...	...	...	...	6
Heopstad	...	...	...	...	...	1
Jacobsdal	...	...	...	...	...	3
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	...	...	6
Jagersfontein Road	...	...	...	...	...	19
Kroonstad	...	...	...	...	...	45
Kroonstad Station	...	...	...	...	...	9
Ladybrand	...	...	...	...	...	37
Lindley	...	...	...	...	...	33
Luckhoff	...	...	...	...	...	1
Parys	...	...	...	...	...	1
Petrusburg	...	...	...	...	...	4
Philippolis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Reddersburg	...	...	...	...	...	2
Reitz	...	...	...	...	...	39
Rouxville	...	...	...	...	...	6
Senekal	...	...	...	...	...	1
Smaldeel	...	...	...	...	...	7
Smithfield	...	...	...	...	...	7
Springfontein	...	...	...	...	...	3
Thaba Nchu	...	...	...	...	...	14
Trompsburg	...	...	...	...	...	13
Ventersburg	...	...	...	...	...	8
Villiers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Viljoensdrift	...	...	...	...	...	1
Vrede	...	...	...	...	...	6
Vredefort	...	...	...	...	...	1
Vredefort Road	...	...	...	...	...	2
Wepener	...	...	...	...	...	3
Winburg	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wolvehoek	...	...	...	...	...	1
Zastron	...	...	...	...	...	1
						<u>1,264</u>

General Post Office,  
Bloemfontein,  
Orange River Colony.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of work performed by the  
1901-2, 1902-3,**

OFFICE.	COLONIAL GOVERNMENT.			TOTAL	
	MESSAGES.			FORWARDED.	
	Messages.	Words.	Value. £ s. d.	Mesenges.	Words.
Bethlehem ...	804	21,080	88 3 0	15,483	196,982
Bethulie ...	442	11,922	50 3 11	7,492	108,866
Bloemfontein ...	15,805	445,843	2,066 9 1	140,774	2,971,970
Bloemfontein East ...	17	410	1 14 1	1,606	21,980
Bloemfontein West ...	126	4,987	20 15 9	978	17,126
Boshof ...	352	9,001	38 7 9	4,582	68,206
Bothaville ...	104	2,793	11 15 1	1,484	20,762
Brandfort ...	244	6,618	27 17 8	8,330	184,461
Bultfontein ...	113	3,169	12 5 11	2,308	29,103
Dewetsdorp ...	173	3,655	15 9 0	5,256	69,492
Edenburg ...	394	10,505	43 16 0	7,290	104,195
Fauresmith ...	587	17,961	74 12 10	5,603	90,679
Ficksburg ...	534	14,925	62 7 1	7,919	124,827
Fouriesburg ...	124	3,131	12 10 10	2,486	31,717
Frankfort ...	417	12,930	53 1 1	4,823	77,744
Harrismith ...	1,060	28,161	121 4 7	21,680	351,211
Harrismith Army ...	20	292	1 5 7	2,824	57,682
Heilbron ...	586	13,778	62 6 0	15,086	215,752
Hoopstad ...	315	8,782	36 17 6	2,965	46,986
Jacobsdal ...	236	6,720	28 3 6	3,580	54,430
Jagersfontein ...	195	5,353	23 3 0	11,355	163,115
Koffyfontein ...	261	7,077	30 7 6	5,559	80,848
Kroonstad ...	1,380	37,147	157 14 1½	31,398	642,580
Kroonstad Station ...	72	1,724	7 4 7	3,492	50,134
Ladybrand ...	897	25,473	112 15 3	12,682	214,050
Lindley ...	373	9,461	39 11 3	3,872	59,667
Luckhoff ...	99	2,215	9 6 9	2,323	28,412
Parys ...	794	22,811	96 16 9	5,531	87,822
Petrusburg ...	172	4,505	18 18 6	2,322	30,833
Philippolis ...	306	7,724	38 0 11	4,247	59,795
Reddersburg ...	101	2,314	9 18 5	3,938	56,054
Reitz ...	166	4,509	19 13 7	3,689	50,508
Rouxville ...	345	9,436	39 6 6	8,243	107,777
Senekal ...	316	9,401	39 10 4	5,185	77,246
Snaldeel ...	158	3,262	13 19 2	5,092	65,704
Smithfield ...	315	8,111	33 19 5	1,241	90,218
Springfontein ...	1,077	17,309	65 7 10	11,032	148,430
Sydenham ...	72	1,937	8 0 6	2,233	31,927
Tempe ...	54	1,221	4 12 6	4,628	84,422
Thaba 'Nchu ...	1,162	26,231	109 12 0	8,636	148,870
Trompsburg ...	94	2,281	9 13 8½	4,321	58,054
Trompsburg Station ...	251	2,744	14 14 4	3,685	41,924
Ventersburg ...	76	1,721	7 2 7	3,145	59,230
Ventersburg Road ...	62	1,266	5 9 10	2,490	32,450
Viljoensdrift ...	275	5,973	21 11 10	2,333	29,510
Villiers ...	66	1,750	7 15 3	1,309	17,193
Vrede ...	432	12,870	55 0 0	5,503	85,833
Vredefort ...	159	3,838	16 1 10	2,020	39,090
Vredefort Road ...	132	3,429	14 7 6	2,539	31,754
Wepener ...	366	10,697	44 15 2	7,691	123,949
Winburg ...	750	20,906	88 3 3	13,681	214,262
Wolvehoek ...	80	1,715	7 7 5	3,107	42,266
Zastron ...	165	4,479	18 15 1	6,234	85,531
	33,676	906,703	4,018 2 11	456,205	7,963,707
TOTAL RAILWAY OFFICES ...	1,182	29,683	125 9 1	24,296	339,330
1904-05	34,858	936,386	4,143 12 0	480,501	8,303,037
1903-04	74,148	2,193,226	9,908 1 8	500,077	9,062,957
16 Aug., '02--30 June, '03	73,802	2,527,400	11,120 16 6	439,641	9,185,247
1898	20,887	612,766	3,059 2 3	175,258	2,650,372
1897	23,450	742,536	3,806 8 6	182,293	3,067,001

Annexure 26.**TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT during the years 1897, 1898,  
1903-4, 1904-5.**

TOTAL RECEIVED.		TOTAL TRANSMITTED.		IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT. MESSAGES. (Charged at half rates.)		
Messages.	Words.	Messages.	Words.	Messages.	Words.	Value. £ s. d.
9,140	144,224	13,507	162,084	1	57	2 4½
6,550	100,334	372	4,461	—	—	—
135,348	8,768,300	242,064	2,904,768	2,322	55,938	151 7 9
1,849	26,351	—	—	—	—	—
153	2,329	—	—	1	18	9
3,950	63,693	—	—	—	—	—
811	13,512	—	—	—	—	—
6,560	91,607	6,404	76,848	—	—	—
1,466	29,776	6	72	—	—	—
3,977	57,715	108	1,296	—	—	—
5,956	88,240	1,445	17,340	—	—	—
5,482	84,372	7	84	—	—	—
6,738	104,453	161	1,932	5	106	10 5½
1,680	25,738	—	—	—	—	—
3,802	57,446	1,258	15,096	—	—	—
17,435	284,527	28,155	337,860	412	11,506	25 5 11
2,926	64,800	—	—	1,221	36,875	78 2 6
9,155	138,711	22,554	270,648	—	—	—
2,154	35,197	—	—	—	—	—
2,982	44,505	—	—	—	—	—
8,557	122,845	3	36	—	—	—
3,938	59,622	5,393	64,716	—	—	—
25,062	441,072	20,673	248,076	196	5,977	13 3 3½
785	11,834	—	—	37	1,089	2 5 5
11,762	191,545	2,889	34,668	266	7,959	16 16 5
3,449	57,110	—	—	—	—	—
1,372	19,972	—	—	—	—	—
4,097	76,888	—	—	—	—	—
1,438	23,776	—	—	—	—	—
3,629	45,308	102	1,224	—	—	—
2,957	42,348	—	—	—	—	—
2,625	38,647	—	—	—	—	—
5,586	83,390	8,700	104,400	—	—	—
4,631	67,683	1,786	21,432	—	—	—
2,391	33,892	2,555	30,660	4	80	3 5
4,762	72,475	10	120	—	—	—
5,781	87,096	5,688	68,256	4	105	4 4½
1,518	28,852	—	—	—	—	—
5,042	137,592	—	—	1,317	36,706	75 6 7
8,075	126,240	3,905	46,860	2	86	3 8
3,191	44,460	2	24	—	—	—
2,001	26,783	176	2,112	1	28	1 2
2,437	33,307	—	—	—	—	—
1,551	21,220	—	—	3	87	3 7½
1,564	23,397	7	84	—	—	—
832	12,973	—	—	—	—	—
4,122	67,812	—	—	2	128	5 2
2,179	34,317	—	—	—	—	—
1,937	29,522	1,730	20,760	—	—	—
6,324	110,539	162	1,944	—	—	—
12,109	177,707	7,791	93,492	—	—	—
2,048	31,469	—	—	—	—	—
4,917	74,119	—	—	—	—	—
381,713	12,642,644	377,613	4,531,356	5,794	156,745	364 2 10½
15,703	238,209	21,711	260,532	170	4,877	10 7 4
397,416	12,880,853	399,324	4,791,888	5,964	161,622	374 10 2½
516,424	12,659,934	387,425	4,654,360	10,076	346,971	753 15 3½
374,632	9,787,035	286,991	5,939,566	—	—	—
182,032	3,186,195	266,513	3,855,692	—	—	—
190,720	3,384,735	268,063	4,166,160	—	—	—

Annexure 27.

**Comparative Statement of Telegraph Revenue for the  
Financial Years 1897, 1898, 16th August, 1902, to  
30th June, 1903, 1903-04, 1904-05.**

NAME OF OFFICE.						REVENUE.		
						£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	...	...	...	...	...	595	18	3
Bethulie	...	...	...	...	...	400	19	9
Bloemfontein	...	...	...	...	...	8,243	18	3
Bloemfontein East	...	...	...	...	...	65	8	7
Bloemfontein West	...	...	...	...	...	36	16	11
Boshof	...	...	...	...	...	225	12	0
Bothaville	...	...	...	...	...	54	5	7
Brandfort	...	...	...	...	...	430	9	1
Bultfontein	...	...	...	...	...	89	17	1
Dewetsdorp	...	...	...	...	...	274	16	9
Edenburg	...	...	...	...	...	372	15	10
Fauresmith	...	...	...	...	...	334	12	1
Ficksburg	...	...	...	...	...	460	2	11
Fouriesburg	...	...	...	...	...	99	1	11
Frankfort	...	...	...	...	...	245	0	8
Harrismith	...	...	...	...	...	1,166	6	7
Harrismith Army	...	...	...	...	...	82	17	3
Heilbron	...	...	...	...	...	647	14	9
Hoopstad	...	...	...	...	...	148	5	9
Jacobsdal	...	...	...	...	...	195	11	8
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	...	...	684	5	0
Koffyfontein	...	...	...	...	...	300	4	9
Kroonstad	...	...	...	...	...	1,479	2	5
Kroonstad Station	...	...	...	...	...	231	6	11
Ladybrand	...	...	...	...	...	768	6	11
Lindley	...	...	...	...	...	224	14	9
Luckhoff	...	...	...	...	...	89	2	11
Parys	...	...	...	...	...	286	10	0
Petrusburg	...	...	...	...	...	94	16	2
Philippolis	...	...	...	...	...	175	14	4
Reddersburg	...	...	...	...	...	189	2	4
Reitz	...	...	...	...	...	188	1	4
Rouxville	...	...	...	...	...	387	4	0
Senekal	...	...	...	...	...	300	10	10
Smaldeel	...	...	...	...	...	257	13	9
Smithfield	...	...	...	...	...	335	9	7
Springfontein	...	...	...	...	...	556	7	9
Sydenham	...	...	...	...	...	106	13	6
Tempe	...	...	...	...	...	264	9	9
Thaba Nchu	...	...	...	...	...	479	0	0
Trompsburg	...	...	...	...	...	204	19	6
Ventersburg	...	...	...	...	...	138	9	5
Ventersburg Road	...	...	...	...	...	113	7	4
Viljoensdrift	...	...	...	...	...	108	0	0
Villiers	...	...	...	...	...	52	6	0
Vrede	...	...	...	...	...	299	19	6
Vredefort	...	...	...	...	...	123	12	6
Vredefort Road	...	...	...	...	...	102	13	10
Wepener	...	...	...	...	...	494	8	1
Winburg	...	...	...	...	...	683	12	2
Wolvehoek	...	...	...	...	...	144	7	9
Zastron	...	...	...	...	...	360	19	6
Railway Telegraph Offices	...	...	...	...	...	833	9	5
1904-05						25,245	13	5
1903-04						24,255	3	3
16th August, 1902 - 30th June, 1903						18,826	4	8
1898						11,141	13	2
1897						11,808	14	8

Annexure 28.

**Comparative Statement of Charges on Cablegrams handed in  
at the undermentioned Offices during the Financial  
Years 1897, 1898, 16th August, 1902, to 30th June 1903, 1903-04,  
1904-05.**

OFFICE.						AMOUNT.		
						£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	...	...	...	...	...	39	1	11
Bethulie	...	...	...	...	...	8	10	1
Bloemfontein	...	...	...	...	...	1,911	0	3
Bloemfontein East	...	...	...	...	...	11	4	8
Bloemfontein West	...	...	...	...	...	18	13	4
Boshof	...	...	...	...	...	20	10	0
Brandfort	...	...	...	...	...	15	8	6
Dewetsdorp	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	9
Edenburg	...	...	...	...	...	11	19	2
Fauresmith	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	6
Ficksburg	...	...	...	...	...	49	2	10
Fouriesburg	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	10
Frankfort	...	...	...	...	...	15	17	11
Harrismith	...	...	...	...	...	110	14	2
Harrismith Army	...	...	...	...	...	61	14	11
Heilbron	...	...	...	...	...	40	14	3
Honingspruit	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	6
Jacobsdal	...	...	...	...	...	5	17	7
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	...	...	79	10	1
Koffyfontein	...	...	...	...	...	56	5	0
Kroonstad	...	...	...	...	...	214	14	11
Kroonstad Station	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	8
Ladybrand	...	...	...	...	...	71	11	6
Lindley	...	...	...	...	...	26	11	4
Marseilles	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	8
Parys	...	...	...	...	...	4	15	0
Philippolis	...	...	...	...	...	8	10	0
Reddersburg	...	...	...	...	...	4	15	0
Reitz	...	...	...	...	...	10	13	7
Roodewal	...	...	...	...	...	3	10	5
Rouxville	...	...	...	...	...	4	15	0
Senekal	...	...	...	...	...	24	8	6
Smaldeel	...	...	...	...	...	32	5	0
Springfontein	...	...	...	...	...	15	9	0
Sydenham	...	...	...	...	...	17	12	7
Tempe	...	...	...	...	...	86	13	9
Thaba 'Nehu	...	...	...	...	...	44	12	11
Trompsburg	...	...	...	...	...	5	7	6
Trompsburg Station	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	6
Ventersburg	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	6
Ventersburg Road	...	...	...	...	...	23	8	9
Viljoensdrift	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	0
Villiers	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	6
Vrede	...	...	...	...	...	18	7	6
Vredefort	...	...	...	...	...	14	5	11
Vredefort Road	...	...	...	...	...	0	7	6
Wepener	...	...	...	...	...	39	14	10
Winburg	...	...	...	...	...	54	7	3
Wolvehoek	...	...	...	...	...	7	15	0
Zastron	...	...	...	...	...	18	17	6
1904-05						3,230	5	4
1903-04						4,516	4	0
16th August, 1902-30th June, 1903						4,478	15	0½
1898						803	6	4
1897						842	10	1

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Annexure 29.

**Comparative Statement of Revenue received for Telegraphic  
Addresses during the Financial Years 1897, 1898, 16th  
August, 1902, to 30th June, 1903, 1903-04, 1904-05.**

OFFICE.						AMOUNT.		
						£	s.	d.
Bethlehem ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Bethulie ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	6
Bloemfontein ...	...	...	...	...	...	114	3	9
Boshof ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	17	0
Brandfort ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Dewetsdorp ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6
Edenburg ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Fauresmith ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Ficksburg ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Fouriesburg ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Frankfort ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Harrismith ...	...	...	...	...	...	13	13	0
Harrismith Army ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Heilbron ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	10	3
Hoopstad ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Jacobsdal ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	6
Jagersfontein ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Koffyfontein ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	13	6
Kroonstad ...	...	...	...	...	...	15	9	9
Ladybrand ...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	0
Lindley ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	3
Parys ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6
Philippolis ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Reddersburg ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6
Reitz ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Rouxville ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	6
Senekal ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Smithfield ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Springfontein ...	...	...	...	...	...	4	19	9
Thaba 'Nehu ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	0
Trompsburg ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	16	9
Trompsburg Station ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	6
Vrede ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Wepener ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
Winburg ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Tempe ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Vredefort ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Zastron ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
1904-05 ...						220	4	0
1903-04 ...						225	3	0
16th August, 1902—30th June, 1903 ...						171	12	10
1901 ...						—	—	—
1898 ...						57	9	9
1897 ...						52	15	3

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Annexure 30.

**Statement of Search Fees received during the Financial  
Year 1904-05.**

YEAR.	MONTHS.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.		
			£	s.	d.
1904	July ... ..	4 @ 1/-	0	4	0
	August ... ..	...	0	0	0
	September ... ..	...	0	0	0
	October ... ..	4 @ 1/-	0	4	0
	November... ..	...	0	0	0
	December ... ..	...	0	0	0
1905	January ... ..	2 @ 1/-	0	2	0
	February ... ..	1 @ 1/-	0	1	0
	March ... ..	1 @ 1/-	0	1	0
	April ... ..	2 @ 1/-	0	2	0
	May ... ..	3 @ 1/-	0	3	0
	June ... ..	8 @ 1/-	0	8	0
		TOTAL ...	£1	5	0

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**Annexure 31.**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR, 1904-1905.**

REVENUE.						EXPENDITURE.							
JULY 1ST, 1904, TO JUNE 30TH, 1905.						JULY 1ST, 1904, TO JUNE 30TH, 1905.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Private Box and Bags Rents ...				1,757	11	0	By Personal Emoluments ...	77,478	8	1			
" Commission ...				3,832	4	8	" Travelling Expenses ...	2,855	0	2			
" Unpaid Postage ...				3,585	3	10	" Office Expenditure ...	2,491	0	7			
" Postage Stamps Sold :—							" Stores and Stationery ...	5,969	17	1			
Postal ...	33,389	3	3				" Conveyance of Mails ...	28,989	5	6			
Telegraph ...	22,043	7	8				" Telegraph and Telephone Maintenance ...	2,079	19	7			
				61,432	10	11	" Incidental Expenses ...	26	13	0			
" Registered Telegraphic Addresses ...				239	17	9					119,890	4	0
" Telephone Rents ...				410	10	3							
" Oversea and Land Transits ...				3,613	18	11							
" Appropriations in Aid :—													
Void Money Orders ...	302	11	3										
Miscellaneous Receipts ...	1,132	12	3										
				1,435	3	6							
						76,307	0	10					
" Balance of Expenditure over Revenue ...						43,583	3	2					
						<u>£119,890</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>£119,890</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

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Bloemfontein, O.R.C.,  
15th July, 1905.

The foregoing Statement is in agreement with the Books of this Department.

(Signed) A. FAIRCLOUGH,  
Postmaster-General.

(Signed) ROBERT SCOTT,  
Acting Chief Accountant.