



REPORT

OF THE

POSTMASTER - GENERAL

OF THE

ORANGE RIVER COLONY,

For the Year ended 30th June, 1906.

BLOEMFONTEIN :

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Report of the Postmaster-General, Orange River Colony,

FOR THE YEAR 1st JULY, 1905, TO 30th JUNE, 1906.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,

For the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, I have the honour to report as follows on the working of the Post and Telegraph Services of this Colony for the Financial year ended the 30th June, 1906.

SECTION 1.

POSTAL.

Money Order Offices.

1. On the 30th June, 1905, there were 52 Money Order Offices in the Colony, and since then three more have been opened as follows :—

Dealesville on the 24th July, 1905.

Government Buildings Bloemfontein on the 1st August, 1905.

Vierfontein on the 1st February, 1906.

Thus bringing the number up to 55.

The Office at Vierfontein is under the control of the Special Justice of the Peace.

The Offices at Vredefort Road and Wolvehoek were transferred to the control of the Central South African Railway Department on the 1st July, 1905.

Post Office Agencies.

2. There were on the 30th June, 1905, 93 Post Office Agencies, besides the twelve Native Agencies which were opened in the various towns of the Colony where there are large numbers of natives.

The following is a list of the Post Office Agencies—numbering 25—which have been established during the year, together with dates on which they were opened :—

NAME OF AGENCY.	DISTRICT.	DATE WHEN OPENED.
Aasvogelrand	Vredefort	15th November, 1905.
Austens Post	Bloemfontein	15th April, 1906.
Bordeaux	Frankfort	15th November, 1905.
Coal Brook	Heilbron	1st August, 1905.
Gottenburg	Heilbron	1st October, 1905.
Hibernia	Senekal	1st August, 1905.
Inland Sea	Vredefort	1st January, 1906.
Kestell	Bethlehem	1st October, 1905.
Klipplaat	Frankfort	1st January, 1906.
Komspruit	Lindley	1st July, 1905.
Krugersdrift	Bloemfontein	15th November, 1905.
Newmarket	Harrismith	1st January, 1906.
New York	Thaba 'Nchu	15th November, 1905.
Retiefs Nek	Bethlehem	15th October, 1905.
Riet spruit	Winburg	16th January, 1906.
Scotland	Thaba 'Nchu	1st April, 1906.
Senekal's Rust	Senekal	15th November, 1905.
Tierton	Vredefort	15th May, 1906.
Thaba 'Nchu Station	Thaba 'Nchu	1st June, 1906.
Verrekijkerskop	Frankfort	15th September, 1905.
Waterkloof	Philippolis	1st December, 1905.
Wilson's Post	Frankfort	1st August, 1905.
Witlaagte	Winburg	1st September, 1905.
Wolvefontein	Bos'nof	1st August, 1905.
Wonderheuvel	Vredefort	1st June, 1906.

3. The following 18 Post Office Agencies have been closed since the 30th June, 1905 :—

NAME OF AGENCY.	DISTRICT.	DATE WHEN CLOSED.
Brindisi	Ficksburg	31st May, 1906.
De Kuile	Harrismith	31st December, 1905.
Doornkloof	Lindley	21st June, 1906.
Gottenburg	Heilbron	17th May, 1906.
Groenfontein	Kroonstad	30th November, 1905.
Hibernia	Senekal	16th February, 1906.
Kincora	Bloemfontein	30th November, 1905.
Klerkspruit	Harrismith	30th November, 1905.
Komspruit	Lindley	20th June, 1906.
Rietkuil	Vrede	10th June, 1906.
Rietspruit	Winburg	10th June, 1906.
Rustpan	Kroonstad	30th June, 1906.
Tarragona	Frankfort	1st August, 1905.
Tevredenheid	Fauresmith	20th June, 1906.
Vroolijkfontein	Kroonstad	20th June, 1906.
Waschbank	Bloemfontein	30th November, 1905.
Zaailand	Bloemfontein	15th April, 1906.
Zandfontein	Frankfort	15th September, 1905.

The Post Office Agency at Witlaagte, district Winburg, was closed on the 2nd December, 1905, and reopened, on the 15th June, 1906.

4. The Post Office Agency at Zeekoevlei in the district of Vrede was destroyed by fire on the 14th July, 1905. One registered letter, two parcels, some ordinary correspondence, Post Office stationery and stores, and £2 17s. 9d., in postage stamps were burnt.

The cause of the fire, which took place during the night, is unknown. According to a statement made by the Post Office Agent at Zeekoevlei

koevlei, it originated in his kitchen shortly after he had retired to bed.

5. The Post Office Agency at Thaba 'Nchu Station was destroyed by fire at 9.30 p.m. on the 24th February last. The articles belonging to this department which were lost were:—3 mail bags, 1 seal, 1 rubber dater and stamp, Post Office Circulars, Post Office Agency enamelled plate, and a small quantity of stationery.

6. Nine Post Office Agencies have been raised to the rank of Sub-Offices, so that on the 30th June, 1906, there were in the Colony 96 Post Office Agencies and 12 Native Agencies.

Sub-Offices.

7. On the 30th June, 1905, there were 41 Sub-Offices in the Colony including Dealesville and Vierfontein, which, as shown in paragraph 1 have been raised to Money Order Offices. Four Sub-Offices have been opened during the year as shown below:—

NAME.	DISTRICT.	DATE WHEN OPENED.
Karba	Winburg	1st October, 1905.
Lindley Road	Lindley	20th June, 1906.
Lovat	Lindley	20th June, 1906.
Marquard	Winburg	15th September, 1905.

Nine Post Office Agencies—as per the following list—were raised to the rank of Sub-Offices, one of which, namely, Hibernia, in the district of Senekal, was again reduced to a Post Office Agency on the 16th January, 1906, and finally closed on the 16th of the following month as indicated in paragraph 3.

There were therefore on the 30th June, 1906, 51 Sub-Offices in the Colony.

List of Post Office Agencies which were raised to the rank of Sub-Offices as stated above:—

NAME.	DISTRICT.	DATE WHEN RAISED IN RANK.
Aberfeldy	Harrismith	1st October, 1905.
Allandale	Winburg	25th January, 1906.
Helvetia	Smithfield	1st July, 1905.
Hibernia	Senekal	16th September, 1905.
Kestell	Bethlehem	15th January, 1906.
Landplaats	Winburg	1st August, 1905.
Makauwsdrift	Boshof	1st October, 1905.
Philippolis Road	Philippolis	1st March, 1906.
Zuringkrantz	Senekal	1st May, 1906.

8. Applications continue to be received for additional offices, and greater postal facilities; and, though it is not possible to comply with every request owing to the heavy expenditure which compliance in a large number of cases would entail, everything that is reasonable is always done to provide the rural population with the means by which they may forward and receive their ordinary correspondence without having to travel long distances to post or take delivery of the same.

Conveyance of Mails.

9. The bi-weekly mails in both directions between Harrismith and Heilbron via Vrede and Frankfort were abolished on the 30th September, 1905, and a new tri-weekly service arranged as from the 1st October last between Heilbron and Bethlehem via Frankfort and Reitz. To meet

the inhabitants of Vrede, their mail three times a week to and from Standerton was altered to a service in both directions daily, except Sundays; and, in addition a weekly mail service between Vrede and Harrismith was established on the 1st January last. In consequence of these alterations suitable arrangements were made to serve the Postal Agencies in the districts concerned.

10. The extension of the railway from Bethlehem to Kroonstad has enabled certain towns in the Colony to be provided with improved postal services. The tri-weekly cart service between Kroonstad and Bethlehem has now been superseded by the railway service daily except Sundays.

Lindley which was perviously served by the Kroonstad-Bethlehem mail cart, has now a daily service (except Sundays) with Lindley Road.

Reitz and Frankfort which were previously served three times a week by the Heilbron-Bethlehem mail cart, now enjoy a service daily—Sundays excepted—The former to and from Bethlehem; and the latter to and from Heilbron.

Senekal which was previously served three times weekly on the Winburg-Bethlehem route—now abolished—has now a service to and from Lindley Road daily except Sundays, and has, in addition, a bi-weekly service to and from Winburg via Marquard.

11. The extension of the railway to Parys has resulted in a slight saving only, owing to the fact that the former cart service was a particularly cheap one, the contract price was indeed very little more than has to be paid to the Central South African Railway Department.

The extension of the railway line from Jagersfontein to Fauresmith cost this Department more to the extent of the sum which has to be paid to the Central South African Railways for conveying mails between the two places mentioned, as the Contractor for the services Fauresmith-Fauresmith Station and Jagersfontein-Jagersfontein Station, received the same amount as was paid to him for carrying the mails between Jagersfontein Station and Fauresmith via Jagersfontein, since, under the new contract, he was required to keep two carts and the necessary draught animals for the proper carrying out of the work.

12. In consequence of the changes in the Time Tables of the railway between the Cape Colony and the Transvaal, via this Colony, which came into force on the 5th April last, alterations had to be made in connection with all mail cart services.

Owing to the shortness of the time between the receipt of the notification of the changes—after they had been finally decided—and the date of coming into operation, it was not an easy task to arrange for all mail carts to connect with the railway under the new service immediately, in a manner that would best serve the various towns, whose interests did not always point in the same direction; but I am glad to say that, by special efforts all difficulties were overcome, and no inconvenience was caused to the public.

13. The number of main routes in the Colony on the 30th June, 1906, other than railway routes, was 45, six more than the previous year; branch routes 78, or 18 more than at the end of the last financial year. The distance mails are conveyed by cart and horses is approximately 1,350 miles: by rail within the borders of the Orange River Colony 788 miles, as compared with 655 miles on the 30th June, 1905; and, on horse-back (branch posts) 1,688 miles. The number of Contractors for the conveyance of mails over the main routes on the 30th June last, was 32, being three more than when my last annual report was furnished.

14. There have been a good many late arrivals during the period under review, but only in a comparatively few instances have fines been imposed for failure to deliver the mails within the contract time, owing to the Contractors concerned having been able to offer explanations which were regarded as sufficiently satisfactory.

Travelling Post Office.

15. As the alterations in the Railway Time Tables which came into force on the 5th April last, rendered a Travelling Post Office service for the Transvaal unnecessary from the northern border of this Colony, and, as the Administration did not any longer desire to take over mail

at Wolvehoek, for conveyance per Travelling Post Office van, the vans which formerly ran between Naauwpoort in the Cape Colony and Johannesburg have, since the 5th April last, been employed only between the former place and Kroonstad, as this Colony is not in absolute need at present of a Travelling Post Office service beyond Kroonstad the mails for places north of that town are conveyed in the guard's van. There is in addition a special service from De Aar to Bloemfontein on Wednesdays only for the conveyance of the European mail.

Stamp Vendors.

16. On the 30th June, 1905, there were 30 persons not actually employed by this Department (44 less than at the end of the preceding financial year) authorised to sell postage stamps, post cards, etc. at their face value, to whom—in accordance with the Post Office Regulations a discount of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. was allowed on all purchases for cash for sums of not less than five pounds.

The number of Stamp Vendors in the Colony on the 30th June last, in addition to all Sub-Postmasters and Post Office Agents, was 34.

17. The following is a list showing the number of Stamp Vendors in the various towns and district of the Colony :—

TOWN OR DISTRICT OF	NUMBER.	TOWN OR DISTRICT OF	NUMBER.
Bethlehem	3	Reddersburg	1
Bloemfontein	6	Rouxville	1
Fauresmith	1	Smithfield	1
Ficksburg	2	Tempe	1
Harrismith	2	Thaba Nchu	2
Heilbron	2	Trompsburg	1
Jagersfontein	1	Vrede	1
Kroonstad	4	Wepener	1
Ladybrand	1	Winburg	2
Parys	1		
	23	Total	34

It will thus be seen that during the year five new licenses were granted, as the sale of stamps at the places concerned appeared to be necessary to meet the requirements of the public.

Missing Letter Enquiries.

18. During the year enquiries were made in 927 cases where mail matter was stated not to have reached its destination, 185 less than during the preceding financial year. Each case was investigated separately; the results were as follows :—

Only delivered	193
Delivered after delay due to Department	28
Delivered after delay not due to Department	127
Never posted	18
Doubtful if posted	19
Returned to senders	45
Unclaimed	17
Misdirected or insufficiently addressed	36
Posted without address	5
Redirected to other Countries as requested	11
Lost or mislaid by addressee	1
Lost in transmission	6
Contents or portion of contents missing or damaged	5

No trace	316
Still under investigation	67
Duly forwarded to destination in other Countries	4
Sent to Returned Letter Offices in Countries or origin	18
Delivered to another person of same name irre- coverable	1
Not posted at time stated	2
Posted without contents	2
Delivered against forged receipts	2
Posted contrary to regulations	4

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19. On one occasion an important letter said to have been posted not 30 miles from that to which it was addressed, was reported to have been lost. It came to hand subsequently, however, when it was discovered that though dated the 5th of the month, it was not posted until eleven days afterwards.

A letter containing a cheque stated to have been plainly addressed to Johannesburg, was reported not to have been received. When all efforts to trace it proved fruitless, the complainant requested that the matter might be allowed to remain in abeyance for a few weeks, as it was thought that it may have been misdirected. About two months after the letter was said to have been posted to Johannesburg, it was ascertained—as a result of enquiries made of the complainant—that the letter had been erroneously addressed to London, and that the cheque had been returned.

A letter said to have been distinctly addressed to Cape Town containing a postal order—the number of which the complainant could not furnish—was reported not to have reached its destination. All efforts to trace the letter proved unsuccessful until the receipt, in the Returned Letter Office two months later, of the unclaimed correspondence from Bloemfontein, when it was discovered, having been addressed to Bloemfontein instead of to Cape Town as was alleged.

A member of the public complained that certain newspapers from London had not come to hand. As a result of the correspondence which took place between this Department and the Imperial Post Office it was ascertained that the subscription for the publications had only commenced less than a fortnight prior to the date of the complaint.

A parcel said to have been posted at Grahamstown and addressed to Bloemfontein, was reported missing. Enquiries elicited the information from the supposed sender, through the postal authorities of the Cape Colony, that it had been forwarded by rail and not by post.

A complaint was made by the addressee that a parcel posted in Germany and addressed to Bloemfontein, had not come to hand. It was ascertained from the sender, however, as a result of the correspondence which took place between this Department the Imperial Post Office in London, and the German Postal Authorities, that the parcel in question had been forwarded by private carrier, and not by post.

A similar explanation was received as the result of enquiries in connection with a parcel stated to have been posted in Scotland.

A complaint was made that a parcel posted at an office in this Colony and addressed to another office within the same had not been received. Four weeks later—after some difficulty had been experienced in tracing the sender, he stated that the parcel had been sent per rail, and it was probably waiting delivery at the Railway Station.

A letter sent from this Colony to Cape Town, was reported to have been received open, and a 10/- postal order missing. Immediate enquiries were instituted with the result that it was ascertained that the writer of the letter went to the Post Office intending to take out the order, but was too late, and that, by mistake the letter was posted open without the order being enclosed; and that, through an oversight, the addressee had not been advised of the fact.

A letter said to have been clearly addressed to Bloemfontein could not be traced notwithstanding all efforts. A few months later it was

found amongst the unclaimed correspondence returned from Hoopstad, to which place it had been addressed in error by the person who complained of its non-receipt.

A letter stated to have been posted at Bloemfontein, and addressed to Johannesburg, was reported not to have been delivered. Exhaustive enquiries were instituted without any satisfactory result. Some time later the sender wrote to the effect that the letter had been found, but how and where, was not stated.

A complaint was received that a large packet of circulars addressed to Dewetsdorp, had not reached its destination. After a great deal of trouble the packet was traced to Trompsburg, to which place it had been addressed in error; and some time later redirected to the proper address of the person for whom it was intended.

A parcel said to have been posted at Bloemfontein, was reported missing. Subsequently, after a good deal of correspondence, it was ascertained from the sender that it was never posted: it having been lost on the way to the Bloemfontein Post Office.

A complaint was received that a packet posted at Bloemfontein and said to have been addressed to Ficksburg, had not been received. After a considerable time had elapsed, it was found that the packet had been erroneously addressed to Heilbron, and was redirected from there to several offices in turn, ultimately reaching the addressee.

20. The particulars in the few instances quoted above, are furnished with a view to showing how frequently the trouble and inconvenience caused to members of the public are due to a want of care on the part of persons who are not connected with the Post Office.

21. When it is remembered that the Postal Department deals with several millions of articles of mail matter, I think the above schedule of "Missing Letter Enquiries" reveals a very satisfactory state of things, and should secure for the Department a reputation which will compare very favourably with any postal service. This is due to the desire of officers of the Department to perform their several duties in the most efficient manner possible.

22. It is, of course, too much to hope where such large quantities of mail matter have to be dealt with frequently within a limited time that errors will be prevented from occurring at all, but, by diligent application to duty, prompted by the desire to render satisfactory service, which is characteristic of so many of the Department's officers, the number of errors may be even further reduced in future.

Parcels.

23. By the arrangement under which parcels for the East Coast of Africa may circulate via Delagoa Bay instead of the United Kingdom, their course through the post is accelerated, and the rates in the case of the heavier parcels considerably reduced. Efforts are being made to similarly improve the parcel post service to places in the Far East.

An alternative route via Delagoa Bay for parcels to Central Africa has been secured.

24. According to the returns rendered by the various Postmasters the number of parcels despatched was 48,188, an increase of 5,600 compared with the preceding year. The amount paid for postage on parcels was £2,464 6s. 10½d., or £116 0s. 3½d. more than during the previous financial year.

The number of parcels received for delivery during the period under review, viz.:—163,067, was 7,706 more than the number received during the previous year.

The amount of Customs duty collected on 34,570 parcels was £5,908 9s. 5d. compared with £5,527 5s. 7d. on 32,258 parcels during the preceding year. The amount due to this Colony on Oversea parcels received at the rate of 3d. per lb. is £2,098 0s. 3d. as compared with £1,946 13s. for the financial year 1904-05.

Letter Carriers.

25. There are at present attached to the Bloemfontein Post Office ten letter-carriers including one native: no change in the number having been made since my last annual report was submitted.

*Extracted
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Provision has been made in the Estimates for 1906-07 for the employment at increased salaries of men, by whom it is expected the work of delivering correspondence will be more satisfactorily carried out.

The number of letters and other articles of mail matter delivered by letter carriers in Bloemfontein during the period under review was 674,805 compared with 681,586 for the preceding twelve months; showing a very slight decrease of less than one per cent.

Although, as stated in my last annual report, the numbering of the houses in Bloemfontein materially assisted the Post Office in effecting the prompt delivery of correspondence fully and correctly addressed, much inconvenience, owing to a large proportion of letters, etc., being insufficiently addressed, is still experienced.

Postal Statistics.

26. The following figures, 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, BOOK 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
1905-6	26,888,114	12,290,962	191,741

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.

27. It was agreed in accordance with the wishes of the Central South African Railway Department and Natal Government Railways Department to allow their correspondence to be paid for as from the 1st December last on the basis of statistics to be taken at certain periods during the year, instead of requiring such articles sent through the post to be prepaid by means of postage stamps.

The arrangement, in so far as the Natal Government Railway Department is concerned, terminated on the 31st May last, since which date correspondence on the service of that Department posted in this Colony has been prepaid in postage stamps in the ordinary way.

28. The following statement shows the amount of mail matter for Oversea Countries dealt with at Bloemfontein for the Christmas mails 1904 and 1905 respectively:—

	1904.	1905.
Letters	26 Bags.	22 Bags.
Newspapers, Book Packets, etc.	15 Bags.	18 Bags.
Parcels	5 Cases.	6 Cases.

The 1905 Christmas mail comprised about 120,000 letters, 717 registered articles and 260 parcels, compared with 110,000 letters, 974 registered articles and 185 parcels for the preceding year. The outward overseas Christmas mail dealt with by the Travelling Post Office on the 4th December consisted of 263 bags. At Naauwpoort there were handed over to the Cape Colony Travelling Post Office on that date 344 bags of mails; 76 bags containing mails for the Cape Colony.

Reduction of Postage.

29. The postage for letters posted in this Colony and addressed to the Commonwealth of Australia, was, in September, 1905, reduced from 2½d. to 1d. per half ounce and in the opposite direction from 2½d. to 2d.; the Commonwealth Government as yet not being prepared to adopt the Imperial penny postage.

Pillar Boxes.

30. Since the 1st July, 1905, three pillar boxes have been erected at Winburg, two at Frankfort and one in each of the following towns:—Bethlehem, Bloemfontein, and Wepener. On the 30th June, 1906, there were sixteen pillar boxes in Bloemfontein—including the one in the Railway Bureau for the convenience of the staff—four at Winburg; two at each Frankfort and Ladybrand; three at each Harrismith and Kroonstad; and one at each Bethlehem and Wepener.

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

31. In accordance with a regulation approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, dated the 11th August, 1905, under the authority of Ordinance No. 50 of 1903, this Department now undertakes to give compensation—except in cases beyond control—up to 50 francs or two pounds sterling for the loss, while in the custody of the Post Office, of any registered letter or packet, or the whole or any portion of the contents thereof, posted at any Post Office in the Orange River Colony for transmission to or delivery from any Post Office in the United Kingdom or any oversea country, where legislation permits the acceptance of responsibility and *vice versa*, subject to the conditions governing the payment of compensation in respect of inland registered articles.

32. During the period covered by this report, the Department was only once called upon to pay compensation of £5, which is the limit in the case of the loss of an inland letter. The letter in question having been stolen by one of the Departments officers, who was subsequently convicted, and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

33. I regret to say that the question of the insurance of certain mail matter, which, as stated in my last annual report, had formed the subject of correspondence between the various South African Postal Administrations, has not yet been settled.

There are still several important points in regard to which there are differences of opinion, so that I do not think it is likely that the service can be introduced until the matter shall have been discussed at the next South African Postal Union Conference.

Cash on Delivery System.

34. In my last annual report I stated that, owing to the strong opposition to the "Cash on delivery system", the Imperial Postmaster-General had intimated that he had, in deference to public opinion, abandoned the scheme in so far as it was intended to apply to the inland service of Great Britain; but that inquiries would be made as to whether it would be possible to bring it into force between the Mother Country and the Colonies. Nothing further has transpired. The Commercial community in this Colony and throughout South Africa is as strenuously opposed to the scheme as ever.

Money Orders.

35. The direct exchanges of money orders with the Countries mentioned below, which, as stated in my last annual report, were under consideration, were inaugurated on the dates indicated:—

Dominion of Canada...	on the 1st October,	1905.
New Zealand ...	on the 1st November	1905.
Commonwealth of Australia...	on the 1st January,	1906.
United States of America ...	on the 1st January,	1906.

In the case of the three first named, the maximum amount for which a single money order may be issued, was raised from £10 to £40; and, in the case of the United States of America to £20.

36. In addition to securing the earlier payment of money orders to the payees, a direct exchange allows of the actual amount of an order being paid instead of its value less the sum charged for its services by the country acting as intermediary. A direct exchange of money orders with any Country will be recommended if the volume of business at any time should warrant it.

37. The money order transactions for the year compared with the preceding twelve months show a decrease of about 24.87 per cent. in the number of orders and 4.13 per cent. in the value. The increase in the limit of the amount for which a single money order may be issued from £10 to £40, no doubt accounts for the great decrease in the number of money order transactions: the decrease in the total value of money orders is explained by an increase in postal order business. This is typical of the tendency in all countries where the two forms of remittance compete.

Comparative Statements of money orders paid and issued respectively will be found in Annexures 5 and 6.

Postal Orders.

38. As will be seen from Annexures 16, 17, and 18, there has been a large increase in postal order business; and I may mention that the amount of commission earned in respect of money order and postal order transactions combined, shows a balance in favour of the present financial year. There is also a further improvement in the saving which was made possible under the head "Stationery" owing to an increased postal order and a decreased money order business be allowed for.

39. An arrangement similar to that concluded with the Transvaal referred to in Article 43 Section 1 of my last annual report, has been entered into between the Postal Administration of Natal and this Department, whereby postal orders issued in this Colony, and presented for payment in Natal and *vice versa*, are cashed without a second commission being demanded from the payees, subject to the regulations in regard to the period of currency of postal orders. The hope previously expressed that other South African Postal Administrations would soon see their way to agree to similar arrangements, has, I regret to say, not been realised. The change made for cashing postal orders of another Administration, has always been unfavourably regarded by the public.

40. Postal orders were, in accordance with the decision previously arrived at—as stated in my last annual report—placed on sale at Sub-Offices in this Colony as from the 1st July, 1905, for the convenience of the rural population. To meet a further public want it was decided, as from the 1st May last, to issue and pay postal orders during the hours that postage stamps are sold, viz.:—on week days from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m. instead of from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. and also on Sundays and public holidays during such time as the offices are open for telegraph purposes.

Imperial Postal Orders.

41. Imperial postal orders were placed on sale on the 1st July, 1905, at the following rates:—

1/- to 5/-	... ..	2d.
7/6 to 10/6	... ..	3d.
15/- to 20/-	... ..	4d.

42. During the year there were issued Imperial postal orders valued (including commission) £22,268 15s. 3d., which shows that the introduction of the system in this Colony has been fully justified by the results. The large number of Imperial orders issued is also evidence that their introduction has met a public requirement. Sales have been largest at the Bloemfontein and Harrismith Cantonments members of the Army no doubt find them a convenient means of remitting small sums of money to their homes.

Visit of the British Association.

43. On the occasion of the visit to Bloemfontein of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, an office for all classes of business was opened in the Raadzaal from 8.30 a.m. on the 2nd September, 1905, till 10.15 a.m. on the 4th of the same month.

The Travelling Secretary and local Secretaries expressed their complete satisfaction with the arrangements made.

The following is a statement of the work performed in addition to a large quantity of ordinary correspondence dealt with :—

Money Orders issued... ..	£ 23	19	4
Money Order Commission		6	6
Postal Orders issued... ..	6	12	5
Postage stamps sold... ..	34	0	2½
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	£64	18	5½
Stamps affixed to telegrams	4	5	3
Value of Government telegrams	1	2	7
Number of registered articles posted	37		
Number of parcels posted	1		
Number of parcels delivered	2		

Postal Union Conference.

44. The meeting of the sixth Universal Postal Congress, which was originally intended to take place during 1904 met at Rome in April last. I was pleased to have the honour of attending—in accordance with the Government's decision—as the delegate of the Orange River Colony.

45. The questions discussed at the Congress having been fully dealt with in a separate report, which has already been submitted to you, I need in this report only briefly refer to some of them.

I left Bloemfontein on the 2nd March last, sailed from Cape Town on the 5th and arrived in London on the 28th of the same month where I was met by Mr. Robert Scott, the Assistant Accountant of my Department, who acted as my Secretary at the Congress.

A preliminary meeting of the Congress was held on the 6th April—two days after my arrival in Rome, over which the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs of Italy presided, when, in order to expedite the work of the Congress, it was proposed to appoint three committee's (as was done at the Washington Congress) to examine (1) proposals concerning the Principal Convention, (2) The arrangement for the exchange of insured letters and boxes, the Parcel Post Convention, and the arrangement concerning certificates of identity, and (3) the arrangements for the exchange of money orders, postal drafts, etc. These committees to submit their recommendations to the Congress. The South African Colonies not having previously submitted proposals in connection with the Convention, their delegates were not appointed to serve on any of these committees. South African interests were, however, fully safe-guarded by Great Britain being represented on each committee.

46. The Congress was opened on the 7th April by His Excellency M. Alfredo Baccelli, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs of Italy, in the presence of the Diplomatic representatives and notable Government officials; their Majesties the King and Queen of Italy graciously honouring the Assembly with their presence.

47. At a meeting at which representatives of Great Britain, India, Canada, Egypt, the Australian Colonies, New Zealand and the South African Colonies were present, the following questions affecting the Orange River Colony from a financial point of view, were discussed :—Those relating to territorial and oversea transit charges; a universal penny postage, or, as an alternative measure, a reduction in the letter rate and the proposed increase in the weight entitling a letter to pass at the single rate of postage of 2½d. from 15 grammes (½ oz.) to 20 grammes.

The opinions of the South African Colonies on the question of transit charges, were diverse as was expected in view of their different geographical positions. The Cape Colony being a coast colony favoured

low land transit charges, and the retention of the existing sea transit rates; the Transvaal being an inland Colony with this Colony between it and Cape Town favoured a reduction of both the sea and the land transit rates, whilst the Orange River Colony favoured, as most advantageous to it, the retention of the land transit charges, and a reduction of the sea transit rates. The resolution ultimately adopted by the Congress will not it is thought affect the revenue of this Colony to an appreciable extent.

48. The adoption of a universal penny postage was not agreed to; only the delegates of Egypt and New Zealand being in favour of it. It was felt that the introduction of the scheme would result in very serious loss of revenue which in the case of the United Kingdom, calculated on the basis of the present transit charges, would amount to about £400,000 per annum. The reason advanced for an Imperial penny postage—viz.:—that the unity between the Mother Country and her Colonies across the seas would be promoted could not, it was felt by British delegates, be put forward in this connection.

49. The proposal to increase the weight of a letter transmissible at the single rate from 15 grammes to 20 grammes was carried by one vote. Consequent upon this decision Great Britain requested the privilege of adopting one ounce as the equivalent of 20 grammes for letters, and 2 ounces as the equivalent of 50 grammes for other articles. Hungary and Germany were not in favour of the privilege being granted, and pointed out that, by allowing the equivalents asked for, the British and American public would benefit to a greater extent than the people of other Countries. It was urged, moreover, that it would lead to confusion in surcharges and further it would tend to compel the delivery of heavier weight of correspondence from some countries than from others, though the revenue received in either case would be the same. They suggested that the metric system should be adopted by all Union Countries. On a vote being taken Great Britain's request was acceded to.

50. Great Britain's proposal to charge for letters 2½d. for the first 20 grammes and 1½d. for every additional 20 grammes or part thereof, was adopted by the Congress by 30 votes to 26 with 3 abstentions.

This reduction in the rate of postage on International letters had not been anticipated by many of the Countries which supported the increase in the weight; and, when the final protocol was being drawn up, the representatives of the French Colonies submitted a proposal to have the question of the increase in weight reopened, in order, if possible, to get the decision reversed. As this, of course, was impossible, the delegates from Austria France, the French Colonies and Hungary intimated that their respective Governments would not permit them to sign the Convention if they were compelled to adopt both the increase in weight and the reduction in the rates of postage.

Eventually it was decided to insert an article in the Final Protocol modifying the stipulations of Article 5 of the Convention fixing the rates of postage, which for letters is 2½d. for the first 20 grammes, and 1½d. for every additional 20 grammes or part thereof, so as to authorise Union Countries—as a temporary measure, until such time as they are able to introduce the reduced rates—to adopt, for International letters any of the following rates:—2½d. for every half ounce or part thereof (the existing rate) 2½d. for the first half ounce, and 1½d. for every additional half ounce or part thereof.

2½d. for every 20 grammes (1 oz.) or part thereof; or

2½d. for the first 20 grammes (1 oz.) and 1½d. for every additional 20 grammes or part thereof.

The decision will, from a financial point of view, meet the wishes of all Countries, but from a Union standpoint it was most unfortunate; the aim of the Union being towards uniformity in all postal matters. For the provisions of the most important article of the Convention to be optional is not what is desired by those who regard uniformity as one of the first principles.

In the circumstances, and, in view of the fact that the expenditure of this Department is considerably in excess of the revenue, I am not disposed at present to recommend any alteration in the existing rate of postage on international letters, which is 2½d. for every half ounce or

part thereof. It is probable that representations may be made to this Colony to have the minimum weight for international letters and those exchanged within the British Empire increased to one ounce, or for some other concession to be made to the public from the 1st October, 1907, the date of coming into operation of the Rome Convention.

Should such representations be made, I shall submit full details showing to what extent the adoption of any suggested alteration will affect the revenue.

51. I regret to say that, notwithstanding the reasons put forward by the Postmaster-General of the Transvaal and myself as to why, in our opinion, we should each as delegates of our respective Colonies be allowed to have a vote, the Congress decided by 30 votes to 12 (17 abstained from voting) that, as the Orange Free State and the South African Republic were non-existent, the votes granted to those Republics have become forfeited. Although, in view of this decision, I could not exercise a vote, I was at liberty to take part in all the discussions of the Congress.

52. For the apportionment of the expenses in connection with the International Bureau, the Countries of the Union are divided into seven classes according to their importance; each contributing according to its class as represented by a certain number of units. The late Orange Free State and South African Republic were in the sixth class (3 units) whilst the whole of the British Colonies were regarded as a single contributor in the first class (25 units). As the Cape Colony, Natal, Rhodesia, Bechuanaland Protectorate, the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony are now grouped together under the title "British South African Colonies" it was decided that the group should rank as a member of the first class. As the contribution will be borne equally by the six Colonies mentioned, the new classification will entail very little additional payment on the part of this Colony.

53. It was agreed that statistics to ascertain the amount of correspondence dealt with, be taken once every six years during the first twenty-eight days of the month of November and May alternately. Those to be taken in November, 1907, will apply to the years 1908 to 1913 inclusive, and those to be taken in May, 1913, to the years 1914 to 1919 inclusive.

When an important modification takes place in the flow of correspondence—provided such modification affects a period extending at least to twelve months—the countries concerned mutually arrange, if necessary by means of new statistics what the division of transit charges following the alteration in the volume of correspondence, should be.

54. The Congress concluded on the 26th of May last. The Principal Convention, Final Protocol, and Detailed Regulations governing the Principal Convention, were signed by me on behalf of the Orange River Colony under the heading "British South African Colonies."

The Principal Convention, etc. will, of course, be submitted for ratification to the respective Governments.

55. I cannot adequately express my appreciation of the generous hospitality, great kindness and unfailing courtesy of the Italian Government, the Italian officials generally, and the Mayor and Citizens of Rome which was extended to me in common with the other delegates.

56. After spending some days going through the Administrative Circulation Telegraph and Telephone Departments of the Imperial Post Office, the Secretary (Mr. Babington-Smith) kindly arranged for my visit to some of the larger provincial offices.

I proceeded to Glasgow, and Edinburgh, returning via Leeds to London. I inspected the working arrangements of the offices in the three cities named. The inspection I found most interesting, and of a nature likely to prove most useful should altered working arrangements for increased postal facilities here be contemplated at any future time.

57. It is hoped that the South African Postal Union Conference, which was postponed until after the meeting of the Rome Congress, will assemble at Bloemfontein as early as may be possible after the necessary preliminary arrangements are completed.

Post Office Saving Bank.

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

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK,
ORANGE RIVER COLONY,
BLOEMFONTEIN.

Controller's Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1906.

THE HONOURABLE,
THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL,
BLOEMFONTEIN.

SIR

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1906, containing the following information :—

Offices Opened.

During the year the following offices were opened for Savings Bank business :—

Dealesville, on the 25th July, 1905.
Government Offices on the 1st August, 1905.

Offices Closed.

Nil.

There still remains a balance of £55 13s. to the credit of account opened at Trompsburg Station, before that office was closed for Savings Bank business.

Deposits.

For the year ended 30th June, 1905 ...	£201,681	18	10
For the year ended 30th June, 1906 ...	£164,261	19	7
A decrease of	£37,419	19	3

During July, 1905, the deposits totalled £17,561 12s. 3d. as against July, 1904, (the heaviest month for that year) when £21,404 18s. 9d. was paid in, being a decrease of £3,843 6s. 6d. The lightest month for the year ended 30th June, 1906, was December 1905, when £11,151 5s. 11d. was paid in, against £13,713 7s. 7d. paid in during June, 1905, (the lightest month during the preceding year) being a decrease of £2,562 1s. 8d.

Withdrawals.

For the year ended 30th June, 1905 ...	£188,628	17	7...
For the year ended 30th June, 1906 ...	£175,994	16	3
A decrease of... ..	£12,634	1	4

During August, 1905, £16,221 7d. was withdrawn, against £19,542 16s. 11d. withdrawn in March, 1905, (the heaviest months for the years mentioned) showing a decrease of £3,221 16s. 4d. The smallest amount of monthly withdrawals for the year just ended, was in November, 1905, when the sum of £12,317 4s. 2d. was withdrawn, being a decrease of £565 3s. 1d. over that of June, 1905, (the lightest month for that year) when £12,882 7s. 3d. was paid out to depositors.

Balances.

On 1st July, 1905, the balance due to depositors was £170,233 3s. 3d. and at the end of June, 1906, it amounted to £158,500 6s. 9d. being a decrease of £11,732 16s. 8d.

Interest.

Interest paid to depositors for the year just ended, at the rate of 3 per cent., amounted to £1,005 19s. 9d., as against £921 14s. 3d. for the previous year, an increase of £84 5s. 6d. Interest capitalised £3,349 19s. 5d. against £3,457 8s. 1d. for the year ended 30th June, 1905, showing a decrease of £107 8s. 8d.

Number of Depositors.

The number of open accounts on 30th June, 1906, was 6,120, as against 5,645 for the previous year, showing an increase of 475, (3,808 new accounts were opened, and 3,333 accounts were closed).

Average amount standing to the Credit of each Depositor.

The average amount standing to the credit of each depositor on 30th June, 1905, was £30 3s. 1d. and on 30th June, 1906, £25 17s. 11d. a decrease of £4 5s. 2d.

Correspondence at Head Office.

Letters received from Postmasters...	1,643
Letters received from the Public ...	659
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	2,302
Letters received during last year...	2,713
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Showing a decrease of ...	411
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Letters despatched to Postmasters ...	3,894
Letters despatched to the Public...	2,497
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	6,391
Letters despatched last year...	6,379
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Being a decrease of...	12
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Telegraphic Warrants.

2,967 Telegraphic applications for withdrawal were treated during the past year.

Telegraphic revenue was benefitted by these transactions to the extent of £296 14s., an increase of £17 2s. over last year.

Emergency Warrants.

1,833 applications for immediate repayment at Bloemfontein were received. A fee of 1/- was levied for each of these transactions, in order to meet the cost of the clerical labour involved. This produced a revenue of £91 13s. which amount was accounted for in postage stamps, an increase of £2 9s. over last year.

Duplicate Deposit Books.

The sum of £3 7s. 6d. was collected during the past year from depositors who had lost their deposit books, being 27 books at 2s. 6d. each, this amount has been accounted for in postage stamps.

Staff.

The Head Office Staff is composed of a Controller and three Assistants. Assistant Robertson was absent from duty for three months, suffering from Typhoid fever, but has now returned, fully recovered.

To assist generally, in connection with the capitalising of interest closing of ledgers for the financial year, examining depositors' books, and inserting accrued interest, etc. an extra clerk was loaned to this department for some 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 £1,265 for personal emoluments and local allowances, no special remuneration being paid to Postmasters for Saving Bank work.

The funds of the Post Office Savings Bank, which are administered by the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, earned interest amounting to, approximately, £7,000 and deducting the following :—

Salaries and Allowances at Head Office ...	£1,265	0	0
Investment expenses (approximately) ...	1,000	0	0
Interest paid during the year ...	1,006	0	0
Interest capitalised ...	3,350	0	0
	£6,621	0	0

a profit of £379 would be the result. Although the Saving Bank is a Department created for the purpose of affording the public facilities for depositing their savings in a safe a profitable manner, and to promote diligence and thrift; and not as a revenue earning institute it is gratifying to note that the Bank can be administered without any expense to the Government.

Audit.

I am pleased to be able to report that, during the past financial year, the Honourable the Auditor-General, had occasion to raise only four queries, of minor importance, in connection with the administration of this branch.

Transfers to and from the United Kingdom.

An agreement has been come to, by which depositors can transfer from the Post Office Savings Bank of the United Kingdom to this Colony, and *vice versa*. Such deposits are being transferred from the United Kingdom free of charge, but a commission of 6d. for every £4 or part thereof, is levied for transfer from this end. The minimum charge being 2s

This manner of remitting monies seems to have found favour with the public, as a large number of deposits have been transferred to and from the Savings Bank of the United Kingdom.

The revenue is accounted for under the heading of "Commission" I would respectfully suggest that this system for the transfer of Savings Bank deposits to and from the neighbouring Savings Bank Administrations be adopted.

General.

The number of deposits and withdrawals was as follows :—

Deposits 25,279 and withdrawals 9,986, as against 27,505 deposits and 10,523 withdrawals for the previous year, being a decrease of 2,226 deposits and 537 withdrawals.

The Savings Bank balances at the 11 most important offices at the end of the years indicated were as follows :—

	1904-1905.	1905-1906.
Bloemfontein... ..	£91,140 8 11	£75,262 1 1
Bloemfontein East ...	2,732 12 3	3,609 0 8
Harrismith... ..	8,645 3 9	7,802 8 2
Harrismith Army ...	1,619 6 10	4,407 13 6
Jagersfontein... ..	5,494 10 5	6,000 17 4
Kroonstad... ..	10,830 5 9	9,826 10 8
Ladybrand	4,369 0 8	2,868 2 2
Springfontein	2,863 1 10	2,382 18 10
Tempe... ..	8,360 11 9	9,791 9 8
Thaba 'Nchu	2,501 13 6	2,081 15 0
Witburg	2,270 3	1,718 0 11
	£140,826 15 11	£125,750 18 0

a decrease of £15,075 15s. 11d. during the year 1905-1906.

There was a decrease in the deposits of £37,419 19s. 3d., as compared with the previous year, and this I attribute to the continued bad state of business generally. The large amount of withdrawals is partly due to the same reason, besides a great number of mechanics and time expired members of the South African Constabulary have withdrawn their savings and left the Colony.

There was a decrease in the withdrawals for the year ended 30th June, 1906, of £12,634 1s. 4d.

Every Money Order Office in the Colony, with the exception of Vierfontein, is authorised to transact Savings Bank business. The limit of deposits (£500) has not yet been reached by any depositor. I sincerely hope that the new financial year will show an improvement over the last one, and that, at the end of June, 1907, I may be in a position to present you with a more cheerful report.

The Statements, which accompany this review, give full information, and there remains nothing of importance unsaid. In conclusion, Sir, I beg to tender my grateful thanks to yourself and the Secretary, for your courteous consideration at all times, and my continued appreciation of the loyal manner in which I have received support from all officers entrusted with the handling of Savings Bank business.

The following returns are attached :—

- 'A' Controller's Consolidated Account.
- 'B' General Ledger Balances.
- 'C' Statement of Unpaid Warrants.
- 'D' Details of transactions for the year.
- 'E' Statement of transactions from the 15th Oct., 1897.
- 'F' Monthly totals.
- 'G' Interest Account.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) JAMES VAN ZIJL,

Controller.

Post Office Savings Bank
Bloemfontein,
21st July, 1906.

SECTION II.

TELEGRAPHS.

Telegraph Offices.

1. On the 30th June, 1905, there were 50 Telegraph Offices belonging to this Department undertaking all classes of telegraph work, and, on the 1st August last a Telegraph Office was opened in the Government Buildings, Bloemfontein, and on the 1st June, on Naval Hill, thus bringing the number up to 52. The Office on Naval Hill is worked by Military operators.

Temporary Telegraph Offices.

2. A temporary Telegraph Office and a Telephone Call Office were opened at the Show Ground on the 13th, 14th and 15th March last in connection with the Agricultural Show. On the 17th, 19th and 20th of the same month, on the occasion of the match at Bloemfontein, between the players of the Marylebone Cricket Club and the Orange River Colony team, a telegraph office was opened on the Ramblers' Cricket Ground.

The following is a statement of the work performed on these occasions :—

Show Ground.

PAID FORWARDED MESSAGES.			PAID RECEIVED MESSAGES.	
Number of Messages.	Number of Words.	Amount.	Number of Messages	Number of Words.
34	491	£1 19 2	9	208

Cricket Ground.

PAID FORWARDED MESSAGES.			PRESS FORWARDED MESSAGES.	
Number of Messages.	Number of Words.	Amount.	Number of Mes ges.	Number of Words.
73	1,309	£3 13 5	253	17,475

I desire to mention that the General Manager of Reuter's Agency in South Africa addressed a communication through the local representative to the Superintendent, Central Telegraph Office, Bloemfontein, expressing thanks to the officers directly responsible for the transmission of the press work, for their hearty co-operation in the work of despatching the messages all over South Africa. The writer says :—"The promptitude and accuracy with which such a large amount of work—not of a very simple character—was dealt with compelled the gratitude of all press-men concerned. I desire the workers to be assured of my keen appreciation and that of my colleagues." It was further stated in the letter that the General Manager of Reuter's Agency had expressed the opinion that, throughout the M.C.C. tour no match had been so well reported as that which was played at Bloemfontein; and the writer concludes :—"As quite half the credit of good reporting is due to prompt transmission, it will probably be of interest to those of the staff who so greatly assisted in earning this distinction, to know this."

Railway Telegraph Offices.

3. The number of Central South African Railway Telegraph offices and Natal Government Railway Telegraph offices undertaking public paid traffic for this department on the 30th June, 1905, was 43. Since that date seven have been added to the list, viz. :—Dover, Fauresmith Rail, Jagersfontein Rail, Ladybrand Rail, Lindley Rail, Loyat, and Vierfontein; and two—Boschrand and Highbury—have been closed, so that, at the close of the period covered by this report there were 48 Railway Telegraph Offices in the Colony.

4. It was decided, in order to meet a public want, to authorise as from the 1st February last, the acceptance of cablegrams at all Central South African Railway Telegraph Offices undertaking work for this department, other than those situated in towns or at any place where this department has its own office.

New Telegraph Law.

5. I am very glad that the Ordinance to consolidate and amend the laws relating to telegraphs and telephones, which was submitted to me, has been passed by the Legislative Council. Now that a telephone service has been inaugurated for the city of Bloemfontein, and there is the proba-

bility that other towns will be given similar services, it was necessary that legislation should be obtained in connection with the construction, maintenance and working of telephone lines or wires as no such law previously existed. The new Ordinance is in accordance with the practice followed at present, and defines clearly what power may be exercised in connection with the construction of telegraph and telephone lines, and the conditions under which the work shall be carried out, particularly in regard to lines which cross over private property. Law No. 4 of 1899 was defective in this respect.

Faults.

6. During the year the number of faults on the lines causing communication to be interrupted was 585, of which 290 were on the lines running along the railway; the remaining 295 faults occurred on the Cross Country Lines. During the preceding year the faults on the lines along the railway numbered 445, and on the Cross Country Lines 305, total 750. It will thus be seen that 165 less faults have occurred during the year as compared with the preceding twelve months. The average duration of faults on the lines of railway was 14 hours 27 minutes, whilst on the Cross Country Lines it was 9 hours 49 minutes, compared with 17 hours 51 minutes, and 12 hours 6 minutes respectively for the preceding year. The longest duration of a fault on the lines along the railway was 4 days 19 hours and 40 minutes, and, on the Cross Country Lines 6 days and 10 minutes.

Maintenance.

7. 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, are still maintained by the Central South African Railway Telegraph Department at a cost of 11s. 3d. per mile per annum. The lines which do not follow any line of railway (1,728 miles in length) were maintained by the Engineering Branch of this Department.

8. A working party consisting of one European lineman and five natives, with the necessary transport, has been going over all Cross Country Lines, with a view to effecting all repairs, such as removing to a more secure position, any poles, which, owing to the ground having been washed away, were unsafe, removing broken pole bases, etc. Such work for which heavy material is required, cannot be undertaken by a single lineman.

The lines which have so far received special attention are Winburg to Ladybrand, Bloemfontein via Boshof to Kimberley, the lines from Bloemfontein via Sydenham, Reddersburg, Edenburg, Jagersfontein, Fauresmith, Koffyfontein, and Jacobsdal to Kimberley, and the line from Bloemfontein to Brandfort. The working party was controlled from Bloemfontein by the Chief Engineer, who placed himself at intervals in telephonic communication with it by utilising the lines which were undergoing repairs at such times as they were not being used for ordinary telegraph work.

Telephones.

9. The remainder of the material required to complete the telephone system for the city of Bloemfontein, which was ordered during the previous financial year, having arrived—the last consignment having come to hand at the end of November last—the work of construction, including the erection of the main switchboard, laying, jointing and connecting up of cables, planting, arming, and wiring of poles, the installation of instruments, and leading wires in subscribers' premises was proceeded with, and the exchange opened on the 1st February last.

10. The charge per annum for telephone connections submitted to and approved by Government, are as follows:—
For distance not exceeding one mile from the Exchange:—

(a) First connection—

With a private house not used as a place of business...	£6	0	0
With any business, or private house which is also used for business purposes	15	0	0
With any hotel, club or similar institution	20	0	0
For an extension bell	10	0	

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- (b) For a second connection with the same building with extension switch 3 0 0
- (c) For distances beyond the ordinary radius of one mile an additional charge at the rate of £2 per annum for every quarter of a mile or part thereof.

11. On the 30th June last, at the end of five months' working of the system, there were connected 216 instruments capable of communicating with the General Post Office Exchange, 31 of these the property of the Central South African Railways, being directly connected with an Exchange in the Bloemfontein Railway Station building, which Exchange is connected with that of the General Post Office by means of four junction wires. There were also on the 30th June, 1906, four public call offices and nine private telephone lines installed between different points.

12. The financial results for twelve months based on the use made of the telephone service at the close of the period covered by this report are approximately as follows :—

<i>Annual Revenue.</i>		<i>Annual Expenditure.</i>	
166 Exchange connections for which rentals are paid...	£1,834 0 0	Interest on £9,054 at 6 per cent.	£543 4 10
4 Public Call Offices	45 0 0	Depreciation on material at various percentage rates according to the nature of material ...	357 0 0
9 Private Lines...	92 0 0	Operating expenses	510 0 0
	£1,971 0 0	Maintenance wages, including Test Clerk	414 0 0
		Maintenance material approximately ...	60 0 0
Amount of expenditure over revenue	£213 4 10	Supervision and office expenditure, approximately	300 0
	£2,184 4 10		£2,184 4 10

13. The approximate deficiency of £213 is accounted for by the fact that there are 50 Government connections in respect of which no direct payment is made to this Department. The cost of installation, maintenance, etc., of these telephones is as great as in the case of those installed in ordinary business premises, and if they were paid for at the ordinary business rate, the telephone system would, without additional subscribers, show an annual profit of about £536, which is considered to be very satisfactory.

14. It should also be pointed out that the telephone system has been laid down with a view to further extension, and that in consequence a large quantity of the material installed, of which depreciation and interest are charged, is not earning any return at present. This material—which may be regarded as spare—had to be laid down in order to obviate the costly operation of breaking up streets and pavements a second time when there is a demand for an extension of the service. The telephone system has been in operation for such a short time that it is reasonable to expect that there will be increased use made of it at no distant date, which will secure a better financial result.

15. I am pleased to be able to state that the installation generally has worked well, and that the service has given satisfaction to the public. The number of calls dealt with by the Bloemfontein Exchange during the month of June last was 33,390.

16. The following is the number of faults which occurred during the five months ended the 30th June last :—

Reported by Subscribers	42
Discovered by telephone staff and removed without the knowledge of subscribers	289

331

Cross Country Private Telephone Lines

17. The Department undertakes the construction, maintenance, etc., of private telephone lines in various parts of the country. The lines are provided on either a three or a five years' agreement: and the rental charged in each case is so calculated that, if at the expiration of the period, an agreement be terminated, the line can be removed without involving a loss to the Department. As it is unusual for the use of a line to be given up after the advantages of a telephone connection have been experienced, such lines generally prove remunerative undertakings.

18. There are 14 of these lines in different parts of the Colony, and the revenue derived from them amounts to £293 per annum. One line, viz., that which connected Hope Homes with Bethany Station, has been dismantled.

19. Much indebtedness is due to Mr. Short, Chief Engineer, for his zeal and untiring efforts to make the telephone service as perfect as possible.

Telegrams Dealt With.

20. The following is a comparative statement of telegrams dealt with throughout the Colony during the years 1903-4, 1904-5 and 1905-6 :—

	FORWARDED.		RECEIVED.		TRANSMITTED.
	No. of Messages.	No. of Words.	No. of Messages.	No. of Words.	No. of Messages.
1903-4.	509,077	9,082,957	516,424	12,639,934	337,425
1904-5.	480,501	8,303,037	397,416	12,880,853	399,324
1905-6.	419,204	8,084,944	405,895	12,292,761	454,665

Full details of telegraph work performed will be found in Annexure 27 to this report.

SECTION III.

GENERAL.

Revenue and Expenditure.

1. The revenue for the year ended the 30th June, 1906, was £83,416 11s. 9d., being £2,533 8s. 3d. below the estimated amount of £86,000. This shortfall is almost wholly due to the fact that the Cape Colony, after a lengthy correspondence, only agreed to pay this Department transit rates on oversea parcels for the Transvaal passing over this Colony's territory as from the 1st July, 1905, instead of, as expected, from the 1st February of the same year. The other sources of revenue have yielded practically the amounts estimated.

2. The following statement shows the revenue and expenditure respectively for the years 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6, the year 1903-4 being the first complete twelve months of postal and telegraph business under the present Administration.

	REVENUE.	EXPENDITURE	EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER REVENUE
1903-4... ..	£79,367 18 6	£123,052 15 4	£43,684 16 10
1904-5... ..	£76,307 0 10	£119,890 4 0	£43,583 3 2
1905-6... ..	£83,416 11 9	£113,843 9 5	£30,426 17 8

3. The revenue earned during the year just closed establishes a record in the history of this Department, being double the amount reached during any year prior to the War, notwithstanding the fact that, under the present Administration, the letter rate of postage to the United Kingdom and nearly all British Possessions in the World, has been reduced from 2½d. to 1d. per half ounce; that reductions have taken place in the oversea book rate, and in the parcel tariff to all oversea countries; and that the commission charged for money orders issued has been lowered.

4. The total expenditure for the year was £113,843 9s. 5d., being as shown above...£30,426 17s. 8d. in excess of the revenue, and £5,776 10s. 7d. less than was estimated. A statement of the revenue and expenditure for the year will be found in Annexure 32 to this report. The saving in expenditure was due in a great measure to the economies which it was found possible to effect in the staff and other working expenses. Under the head "Personal Emoluments," £4,833 13s. 6d., less than the estimated sum of £77,520 was expended. This saving was due to the reduction of overtime to a minimum, and to the fact that, when vacancies occurred they were either not filled (where such a step entailed no hardship, and did not impair efficiency) or were in the majority of cases filled where possible by the appointment of junior officers with lower salaries.

Under the head "Conveyance of Mails," there was expended £518 14s. 1d. more than the estimated sum of £28,000, owing to improved postal services having been provided to meet the wants of the public residing near the lines of railway which have been constructed during the year.

5. It should be pointed out that the expenditure includes that incidental to the performance of postal and telegraph services rendered free of charge to other Government Departments, and the cost in connection with the Post Office Savings Bank—about £2,600 per annum—which is borne by this Department.

Free Work Performed for other Government Departments.

6. The amount of the expenditure over revenue is, as already stated, £30,426 17s. 8d., but nearly three-fourths of that balance is due to free work performed for other Government Departments. According to statistics taken at regular intervals, the weight of official letters posted in the Orange River Colony during the year was 1,437,690 ounces, which, reckoned at the ordinary inland rate of postage of one penny per half ounce, amounts to £11,980 15s.; book packets, weighing 3,162,601 ounces, reckoned at the ordinary rate of one half-penny for every two ounces, equals £3,294 7s. 6d. To these sums must be added £3,298 8s. 5d., the value of telegrams despatched without charge on the service of the Government of the Orange River Colony; £363 12s. 7d., being 50 per cent. rebate allowed on military telegrams; Private Letter Boxes, £60; Private Letter Bags, £12; Free Registered Telegraphic Addresses, £27 6s. 5d. Telephone Connections reckoned for the first half year at £15 each per annum, £375; and the estimated cost of working the Savings Bank for the year, £2,000. These figures indicate that the total free work performed amounted to approximately £22,641 9s. 6d.

7. If, therefore, this Department be credited with the value of the free work performed, and the cost of the work in connection with the Post Office Savings Bank, the amount of expenditure over revenue would be reduced from £30,426 17s. 8d. to £7,785 8s. 2d.

8. In previous reports I urged the desirability of each Government Department being required to pay for services rendered to it by

another Government Department; and I am, therefore, glad that it was agreed that statements of free work performed for Government Departments by the Post Office and *vice versa* should be included in the Estimates for 1906-7. I shall continue to follow this practice unless otherwise instructed. The amount of free work which this Department will be required to undertake during the year 1906-7 is estimated at £19,044 5s., which is £3,597 4s. 6d. less than the actual value of the free work performed during the year just closed; this difference is expected in view of the desire expressed by the Government that free work should be restricted as far as possible in future.

Inspection of Offices.

9. All offices of the Department have since the 1st July, 1905, been visited by one or other of the two Departmental Inspectors. With few exceptions two visits have been made during the year. From reports made to me, I am pleased to be able to say that the manner in which the postal and telegraph work has been performed at all offices shows a great improvement; and, in a few instances, it has been so satisfactory that an expression of appreciation was communicated to the Postmasters concerned, of the efforts put forward by them.

Overtime.

10. The decision arrived at in 1905, as explained in paragraph 15, Section 111, of my last annual report is still in force, and no overtime is paid except for work performed on Sundays and Public Holidays, and on special occasions when absolutely necessary. By arranging to allow officers to go off duty whenever the work permits, no officer is required to perform more than the regulation number of hours per week.

Buildings.

11. The question of further extension to the General Post Office building—which, as stated in paragraph 16, Section 111, of my last annual report—the Government had under consideration, has not yet been settled.

A new Post Office was completed at Ladybrand, and occupation obtained on the 14th February last.

The repairs to the Post Office at Parys have also been completed.

The electric light was installed in the Post Office, Bethlehem, on the 18th February last.

12. The claims (so strong) of Harrismith and Kroonstad, to be provided with better postal accommodation are, in the case of the former place, being met by the erection of a new building, and, in the case of the latter by extensive additions to the present Post Office building. These works are being pushed on rapidly.

The Post and Telegraph work at Harrismith has, since February last, been carried on in a Government building formerly occupied by the Gaoler, and, at Kroonstad since March last, in premises temporarily rented for the purpose.

Post and Telegraph Guide.

13. The contract for printing the Post and Telegraph Guide, entered into for three years with Messrs. Townshend, Taylor and Snashall, of Cape Town, terminated after the issue of the No. 6 edition on the 1st January last, and fresh quotations were asked for, with the result that Messrs. Townshend, Taylor and Snashall offered to undertake the work for about £49 per issue less than the lowest quotation from the local firms.

A new contract for three years has, therefore, been concluded with the Cape Town firm. The first edition under the new contract is dated July, 1906.

Although the Guide contains very useful information, it does not, I regret to say, meet with a ready sale.

Prosecutions.

14. During the year eight persons were prosecuted for having posted letters bearing stamps which had previously passed through the post—two less than during the preceding year. Of these, three were European males, three females, and two natives. One native woman was sentenced to pay a fine of £10, or, in default, to undergo three months' imprisonment. The accused persons in the other cases were discharged. There were several other instances of letters with stamps which had previously passed through the post, but, as the senders of the letters could not be traced by the authorities, no proceedings could be taken.

15. A letter-carrier, for destroying a number of letters entrusted to him for delivery was, on the 12th September, 1905, sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment without hard labour. As late as January last, some articles of mail matter were found in a dust bin; and, judging from the late stamp impressions, there is reason to believe that the same letter-carrier failed to attempt to deliver them.

16. A Post Office assistant was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour for the theft of a registered letter containing £115 in bank notes. With the exception of a few pounds the amount was recovered. It was in connection with this case that the Department had to pay the £5 compensation already referred to.

17. A Postmaster, who was, I regret to say, found to be £185 deficient in his official cash when his office was inspected, was tried at the Circuit Court, Harrismith, and was acquitted. He admitted that he had intended to make temporary use of the money, which he declared he would have been able to replace in a few days if he had not been removed from his position in the service and placed under arrest. A civil action was brought against him, and judgment obtained, but so far the amount has not been recovered.

Missing Persons.

18. During the year 76 names of missing persons or relatives were published in the Post Office monthly Circular, together with their last known address, and all other information furnished by the enquirers which might lead to the discovery of the persons enquired for, in order that suitable notices requesting information might be exhibited at all offices in the Colony. In this way the Department was able to find four persons whose addresses could be furnished to the enquirers.

Correspondence dealt with at the Head Office.

19. The following is a return showing the number of letters forwarded from and received in the Head Office:—

Secretarial Branch.

Number of letters addressed to and received from the public	10,973
Number of letters addressed to and received from the Government	1,050
Number of letters addressed to and received from other Administrations	15,301
Number of letters addressed to and received from Postmasters and other officers of the Department	79,971
	<hr/> 107,295

Chief Accountant's Branch.

Despatched	11,298
Received	11,663
	<hr/> 22,961

Savings Bank Branch.

Letters received from Postmasters	...	...	1,643
Letters sent to Postmasters	...	...	3,894
Letters received from the public	...	...	659
Letters sent to the public	...	...	2,497
			<hr/> 8,693

Stores Branch.

Number of letters dealt with	...	...	2,929
Total...	...	...	<hr/>141,878

as compared with 154,287 letters during the preceding year.

Staff.

20. On the 30th June, 1905, the persons employed at all offices of the Department numbered 434, including 59 natives. The number of the Staff employed on the 30th June, 1906, was 425, as shown hereunder :—

Administrative Branch	...	...	...	40
Engineering Branch	...	...	...	13
Relieving Officers	...	...	...	9
Central Telegraph Office, Bloemfontein	...	...	...	41
Travelling Post Office Staff	...	...	...	12
Stores Branch	...	...	...	2
Postmasters	...	...	...	52
Postmistress	...	...	...	1
Assistants	...	...	...	124
Caretakers, General Post Office	...	...	...	2
White Linemen	...	...	...	5
Learners	...	...	...	12
Messengers	...	...	...	37
Letter-Carriers	...	...	...	16
Natives	...	...	...	59
Total	...	...	...	<hr/>425

21. Following the practice in England, it was recently decided that women—of whom some were already successfully employed in the Administrative Section—should be more extensively engaged; and with that end in view, it was suggested and agreed to that, at the smaller Post Offices where the revenue earned was totally disproportionate to the expenditure, the substitution of telephone working for that of telegraph should be effected, thereby relieving the Department of the greater expense of engaging the services of skilled male telegraphists, and enabling it to employ women at considerably reduced emoluments. So far the experiment has proved successful, and I have no doubt that, as opportunities offer for the absorption of the skilled male staff at other than the very small offices, the result of the employment of females wherever possible will be a saving to the Colony.

Resignations.

22. There have been 59 resignations since the 30th June, 1905, viz. :—

Postmasters	...	...	...	...	1
Assistants...	...	...	...	...	19
Messengers	...	...	...	...	14
Letter-Carriers...	...	...	...	...	8
Learners	...	...	...	...	2
Assistants and Messengers	...	...	...	...	5
White Linemen	...	...	...	...	2
Natives	...	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	...	<hr/>59

After completing three years' service on the 5th April last, Mr. G. Churchill, an Assistant, who was declared by his medical attendant to be physically unfit for further service, was granted a gratuity by Government. I regret to state that the news of his death was received within a few weeks from the date of his retirement.

Dismissals, Arrests and Desertions.

23. Two Assistants, two messengers, five letter-carriers, and six natives have been dismissed; one postal-clerk-in-charge, one assistant, and one letter-carrier have been arrested; and one Assistant and Messenger deserted.

Death.

24. It is with regret that I have to report the death—which took place at Bloemfontein on the 27th February last—of Mr. E. J. Richardson, who was employed in the Parcel Branch of the General Post Office.

Leave of Absence.

25. In paragraph 35, Section 111, of my last annual report, it was stated that it was thought that, under the new Leave of Absence Regulations approved by Government in the early part of 1905 it would, under ordinary circumstances, be possible, without considerably augmenting the Relieving Staff, to grant to officers of the Department the full vacation leave to which they were entitled; and I am glad to say that, during the year leave of absence was granted to all applicants who were entitled thereto without the appointment of additional Relieving Officers, though in very many cases it was found necessary to send an Assistant from an outside town to perform temporary relieving duty at a busier office than that to which he was attached.

26. Vacation leave of absence was granted to 222 officers during the year to the extent of 7,061 days, or an average of about 31.8 days each.

Sick Leave.

27. The general health of the staff during the year has not, I regret to say, been quite so good. The time lost to the Department through absence from duty on account of sickness was 2,443 days, as compared with 2,266 days for the preceding year. The average sick leave of the whole of the staff (natives excluded) was 6.67 days.

Statements.

28. The undermentioned 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 Custom dues collected and postage due to the Orange River Colony on parcels.
- „ 3. Comparative statement of rents received for hire of private letter 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, 1906.
- „ 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.

- Annexure, 13. Comparative statement of correspondence sent out and delivered by letter-carriers in Bloemfontein.
- „ 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. Statement of British postal orders issued.
 - „ 19. Controller Savings Bank consolidated account for the year ended 30th June, 1906.
 - „ 20. Savings Bank General Ledger Account.
 - „ 21. Savings Bank statement of unpaid warrants.
 - „ 22. Detailed statement of Savings Bank transactions for the year ended 30th June, 1906.
 - „ 23. Statement of Savings Bank transactions from 15th October, 1897, to 30th June, 1906.
 - „ 24. Monthly totals of Savings Bank deposits and withdrawals.
 - „ 25. Savings Bank interest account for the year ended 30th June, 1906.
 - „ 26. Comparative statement of postal drafts issued.
 - „ 27. Comparative statement of work performed by the Telegraph Department.
 - „ 28. Comparative statement of telegraph revenue.
 - „ 29. Comparative statement of charges on cablegrams.
 - „ 30. Comparative statement of revenue received for telegraphic addresses.
 - „ 31. Statement of search fees collected.
 - „ 32. Statement of revenue and expenditure.

Conclusion.

29. Considering all the circumstances, the work of the Department may be said to have been satisfactorily performed.

Notwithstanding the fact that the general commercial depression which has so long prevailed throughout the country still continues, it is gratifying to observe that the business of the Department has not only been maintained, but that there have been increases under certain sub-heads.

30. According to the views from time to time expressed, there appears to be an impression that, because the revenue does not equal the expenditure, the work of the Department is not carried on quite so economically as it might be; but I desire to point out that, for a sparsely populated country like this, where mails have to be conveyed long distances by road to meet the requirements of the rural population, so that, as stated in previous reports, it costs the Department considerably more to deliver a letter or other article than is paid for its transmission, with a penny postage for letters, except those for foreign oversea countries, a halfpenny book and newspaper rate, and a low telegraph tariff, I cannot hold out hopes that any better financial result will be obtained for a long time to come, as I feel quite satisfied that the Department, which is conducted on sound commercial lines, is worked as economically as possible consistent with efficiency. The reduction in the rates of postage—especially the adoption of the “Imperial Penny Postage” scheme—whilst conferring a great benefit on the public, which I should be sorry to see curtailed, involved a loss of revenue, since the reduced rates have not (as some predicted they would) resulted in a corresponding increase in the volume of correspondence.

31. In concluding this report, I desire to gratefully acknowledge the services rendered by Mr. Frank Rhodes whilst acting as Postmaster-General during my absence on service in Europe, and to place on record my appreciation of the efforts of members of the Administrative staff generally and all officers of the Department to maintain the reputation of the postal and telegraph service of this Colony.

To these efforts, and to the desire of all who have laboured to ensure harmonious working, is due any success that has been attained; and to one and all I wish to express my thanks.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) A. FALCK,
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,
Bloemfontein,
Orange River Colony,
24th August, 1906.

ANNEXURES.

**Comparative Statement of Oversea Parcels received and forwarded during
the Years 1898, 1901-02, 1902-3, 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6.**

FINANCIAL YEAR.	NUMBER RECEIVED.	NUMBER FORWARDED.
1905-6	34,570	3,500
1904-5	32,258	3,252
1903-4	34,778	3,339
1902-3	37,406	3,449
1901-2	23,526	588
1898	6,310	738

General Post Office,
Bloemfontein,
Orange River Colony.

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 1898, 1901-2, 1902-3, 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6.**

MONTH.	AMOUNT OF CUSTOMS DUES COLLECTED.	POSTAGE DUE TO THE ORANGE RIVER COLONY RECKONED AT 3D. PER LB.
1905.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July ...	392 15 10	172 4 9
August ...	431 2 7	144 12 3
September ...	500 10 1	204 8 6
October ...	518 3 11	163 10 6
November ...	469 15 10	211 8 6
December ...	644 7 0	234 0 6
1906.		
January ...	384 15 5	122 4 3
February ...	319 11 1	142 13 9
March ...	546 15 7	215 3 0
April ...	534 7 8	160 3 9
May ...	463 16 3	160 14 6
June ...	702 8 2	166 16 0
1905-6 ...	5,908 9 5	2,098 0 3
1904-5 ...	5,527 5 7	1,946 13 0
1903-4 ...	5,768 0 3	2,307 18 2
1902-3 ...	5,526 4 8	2,111 3 9
1901-2 ...	5,598 0 3	2,275 17 11
1898 ...	1,174 0 8	399 5 9

General Post Office,
Bloemfontein,
Orange River Colony.

**Comparative Statement of Rents received for Hire of Private Boxes and
Bags at the undermentioned Offices during the Financial Years
1898, 1901-2, 1902-3, 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6.**

OFFICE.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	125	2	0
Bethulie	29	0	0
Bloemfontein	640	0	0
Boshof	23	0	0
Bothaville	0	0	0
Brandfort	1	0	0
Bultfontein	8	5	0
Dealesville		15	0
Dewetsdorp	10	5	0
Edenburg	15	10	0
Fauresmith	23	5	0
Ficksburg	42	10	0
Fouriesburg	10	0	0
Frankfort	15	15	0
Harrismith	122	5	0
Heilbron	54	10	0
Hoopstad	5	10	0
Jacobsdal	6	7	6
Jagersfontein	85	2	6
Koffyfontein	5	5	0
Kroonstad	177	5	0
Ladybrand	83	0	0
Lindley	24	0	0
Luckhoff	6	0	0
Parys	20	2	6
Petrusburg	3	0	0
Philippolis	1	1	0
Reidetsburg	4	7	6
Retz	28	5	0
Rouxville	24	10	0
Senekal	24	15	0
Smithfield	21	15	0
Springfontein	1	0	0
Thaba Nchu	31	0	0
Ventersburg Road	1	0	0
Villiers	2	0	0
Vrede	37	0	0
Vredefort	9	0	0
Wepener	20	10	0
Winburg	67	10	0
Wolvehoek	3	10	0
Zastron	26	10	0
1905-6	1,841	8	0
1904-5	1,747	11	0
1903-4	1,177	7	6
1902-3	963	7	6
1901-2	559	7	6
1898	595	17	6

General Post Office,
Bloemfontein.

Annexure 4.

Year.	LETTERS RETURNED TO												LETTERS— Senders Unknown —DESTROYED		TOTAL.											
	SENDER.			CAPE COLONY.			TRANSVAAL.			NATAL.			RHODESIA.			ENGLAND.		PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA								
	Ordinary.	Letters and Post Cards.	Registered.	Ordinary.	Letters and Post Cards.	Registered.	Ordinary.	Letters and Post Cards.	Registered.	Ordinary.	Letters and Post Cards.	Registered.	Ordinary.	Letters and Post Cards.	Registered.	Ordinary.	Letters and Post Cards.	Registered.	Ordinary.	Letters and Post Cards.	Registered.					
1906-6	32,777	17,899	486	18,302	14,225	60	8,337	1,498	90	5,515	751	15	131	12	21	4,165	4,173	111	36	7	...	29,746	19,095	95,312	57,663	783
1901-5	27,416	12,824	987	18,339	14,216	391	10,155	2,664	153	7,353	1,573	19	147	6	1	8,530	7,771	181	22	1	...	50,144	12,072	117,706	51,127	1,732
1903-1	2,837	7,791	2,128	23,340	14,140	244	2,864	310	176	3,115	1,386	125	46	4	2	10,853	6,049	447	20	...	2	10,658	715,768	167,442	45,438	3,424
1902-3	7,483	...	287	15,419	...	76	5,732	...	26	5,563	...	86	...	...	...	3,874	...	27	...	...	...	7,547	...	45,608	...	602
1901-2	6,287	...	433	11,253	...	208	1,150	...	25	2,313	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,378	...	28,386	...	682
1898	3,951	...	322	8,169	...	113	5,950	...	48	453	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26,858	...	45,361	...	483

General Post Office,
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.
1905-6	-	-	-	-	-	2,783	14	11½
1904-5	-	-	-	-	-	2,182	10	1
1903-4	-	-	-	-	-	2,918	18	0
1902-3	-	-	-	-	-	1,738	5	4
1901-2	-	-	-	-	-	- 349	13	3
1898	-	-	-	-	-	- 288	12	8

General Post Office,

Bloemfontein,

Orange River Colony.

**Comparative Statement of Money Orders paid during the Financial Years
1898, 1901-2, 1902-3, 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6.**

OFFICE.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.		
		£	s.	d.
Bethlehem ...	709	3,828	3	1
Bethulia ...	559	2,330	9	7
Bloemfontein ...	8,907	33,854	10	5
Bloemfontein East ...	48	208	8	9
Bloemfontein West ...	26	131	14	8
Boshof ...	455	2,344	1	0
Bothaville ...	48	277	3	3
Brandfort ...	578	3,037	17	3
Bultfontein ...	104	780	13	3
Dealesville ...	31	161	13	0
Dewetsdorp ...	201	867	12	7
Edenburg ...	383	1,741	9	5
Fauresmith ...	388	2,053	4	1
Ficksburg ...	480	2,121	7	3
Fouriesburg ...	139	751	4	1
Frankfort ...	217	1,046	10	4
Government Offices ...	6	43	14	0
Harrismith ...	1,095	4,610	10	7
Harrismith Army ...	19	79	2	0
Heilbron ...	775	3,594	7	0
Hoopstad ...	157	860	0	0
Jacobsdal ...	220	1,156	19	4
Jagersfontein ...	537	2,194	1	1
Koffyfontein ...	220	1,024	0	1
Kroonstad ...	1,567	7,515	15	10
Kroonstad Station ...	18	57	9	6
Ladybrand ...	1,050	4,326	11	9
Lindley ...	224	1,299	18	9
Luckhoff ...	80	355	15	8
Parys ...	592	2,657	13	11
Petrusburg ...	92	840	12	2
Philipps ...	265	1,250	12	5
Reddersburg ...	237	978	11	2
Reitz ...	145	958	5	0
Rouxville ...	247	1,104	0	6
Senekal ...	321	1,917	11	9
Smaldeel ...	241	1,306	1	7
Smithfield ...	251	1,462	2	3
Springfontein ...	434	2,000	17	2
Sydenham ...	53	198	19	3
Tempe ...	133	505	5	2
Thaba N'chu ...	562	2,539	10	5
Trompsburg ...	268	1,391	15	2
Ventersburg ...	215	1,264	9	9
Ventersburg Road ...	96	544	0	8
Vierfontein ...	13	61	7	3
Villiers ...	29	272	8	9
Viljoens Drift ...	145	561	9	3
Vrede ...	214	1,138	16	0
Vredefort ...	222	1,094	12	6
Vredefort Road ...	122	861	9	10
Wepener ...	361	1,969	7	9
Winburg ...	909	3,606	12	3
Wolvehoek ...	79	422	4	6
Zastron ...	236	1,112	9	0
1905-6 ...	25,723	114,675	13	5
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

**Comparative Statement of Money Orders issued during the Financial Years
1897, 1898, 1901-2, 1902-3, 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6.**

OFFICE.	NUMER.	AMOUNT.			COMMISSION.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bethlehem ...	2,165	10,696	2	5	146	8	0
Bethulie ...	1,439	4,832	4	3	71	18	3
Bloemfontein ...	11,182	54,953	14	7	788	17	6
Bloemfontein East ...	1,390	6,602	5	4	97	18	0
Bloemfontein West ...	178	752	15	7	11	16	6
Bosbof ...	937	4,100	13	8	56	11	3
Botbaville ...	251	1,569	4	8	16	13	6
Brandfort ...	1,070	3,767	17	8	55	7	3
Bultfontein ...	378	1,796	1	8	21	7	3
Dealesville ...	185	907	14	0	10	12	9
Dewetsdorp ...	740	2,788	1	4	38	13	0
Edenburg ...	1,406	4,841	16	0	69	16	0
Fauresmith ...	500	2,394	7	5	30	5	3
Ficksburg ...	743	3,995	5	2	50	11	3
Fouriesburg ...	458	1,911	10	8	26	7	6
Frankfort ...	789	2,849	13	11	41	2	6
Government Offices ...	385	1,736	10	9	27	4	0
Harrismith ...	1,973	8,701	0	7	133	1	9
Harrismith Army ...	280	1,515	6	4	23	2	0
Heilbron ...	1,977	7,264	8	7	109	5	9
Hoopstad ...	674	2,699	17	4	57	18	6
Jacobsdal ...	633	1,765	4	4	30	3	3
Jagersfontein ...	3,566	14,151	5	7	201	16	6
Koffyfontein ...	1,014	3,183	12	6	49	19	2
Kroonstad ...	2,285	11,874	18	8	153	16	0
Kroonstad Station ...	429	2,120	0	4	28	15	0
Ladybrand ...	1,534	7,015	6	7	97	12	9
Lindley ...	805	3,712	14	3	48	11	6
Luckhoff ...	179	702	12	2	9	16	9
Parys ...	719	3,151	11	3	42	8	0
Petrusburg ...	464	2,019	4	6	24	15	3
Philippolis ...	581	2,572	13	6	31	17	0
Reddersburg ...	590	2,599	13	5	32	18	6
Reitz ...	559	2,970	3	5	33	19	3
Rouxville ...	1,049	3,640	10	5	56	14	6
Senekal ...	1,743	5,323	2	0	85	10	5
Smaldeel ...	813	3,117	17	10	42	3	9
Smithfield ...	796	2,917	15	10	42	0	9
Springfontein ...	1,231	5,082	3	11	69	5	6
Sydenham ...	463	1,952	16	3	30	0	9
Tempe ...	756	4,849	17	0	69	16	9
Thaba Nchu ...	1,367	4,935	19	11	76	13	9
Trompsburg ...	860	3,186	16	3	44	4	6
Ventersburg ...	397	1,797	0	7	23	0	9
Ventersburg Road ...	433	2,241	15	7	26	6	9
Vierfontein ...	161	774	5	0	10	18	6
Villiers ...	188	902	0	2	11	9	9
Viljoensdrift ...	623	3,381	13	10	44	2	9
Vrede ...	858	3,735	14	8	52	4	6
Vredefort ...	327	1,611	17	0	20	6	0
Vredefort Road ...	252	1,358	14	2	16	6	6
Wepener ...	921	3,057	6	5	49	5	4
Winburg ...	1,361	5,415	5	5	76	5	0
Wolvehoek ...	811	3,723	6	11	50	1	9
Zastron ...	652	3,304	0	7	40	18	6
1905-6 ...	55,580	254,828	17	2	3,589	11	6
1904-5 ...	73,217	273,039	10	1	4,417	4	0
1903-4 ...	95,271	310,317	12	5	5,030	15	6
1902-3 ...	70,555	216,127	9	6	3,511	2	9
1901-2 ...	25,042	93,477	7	10	1,791	1	6
1898 ...	49,665	120,644	4	3	2,633	0	3

General Post Office,
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**Comparative Statement of Received and Forwarded Parcels dealt with at
the undermentioned Offices during the Financial Years 1898,
1901-2, 1902-3, 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6.**

OFFICE.	NUMBER RECEIVED.	NUMBER FORWARDED.	AMOUNT.		
			f.	s.	d.
Bethlehem	4,579	1,325	69	4	6
Bethulia	2,553	891	49	7	8
Bloemfontein	53,691	18,314	929	4	5½
Bloemfontein East	1,291	525	37	13	3½
Bloemfontein West	406	167	8	6	9½
Boshof	2,479	659	26	17	11½
Bothaville	322	23	2	7	4½
Brandfort	2,599	761	33	0	1½
Bultfontein	890	154	7	9	8½
Dealesville (9 months)	487	58	1	16	8½
Dewetsdorp	1,762	364	13	3	5½
Edenburg	2,367	723	35	13	9½
Fauresmith	1,907	567	22	17	6½
Ficksburg	3,961	1,079	61	7	1
Fouriesburg	1,592	252	14	9	10
Frankfort	2,031	412	18	1	3½
Government Offices (9 months) ... ..	...	250	11	7	3
Harrismith	5,195	2,578	132	3	9
Harrismith Army	2,198	445	34	7	2
Heilbron	3,639	1,073	50	17	10½
Hoopstad	1,579	379	22	8	2½
Jacobsdal	1,101	328	16	19	11½
Jagersfontein	4,089	1,275	73	13	0½
Koffyfontein	2,354	484	27	10	6½
Kroonstad	6,281	2,273	90	0	6½
Kroonstad Station	365	158	9	8	6
Ladybrand	4,521	1,572	86	8	2
Lindley	2,167	387	18	1	5½
Luckhoff	721	119	11	4	2½
Parys	2,058	498	24	13	0½
Petrushurg	759	116	7	4	3
Philippolis	1,914	521	26	11	0
Reddersburg	1,801	485	23	2	9
Reitz	1,695	338	14	1	3
Rouxville	2,176	572	33	4	2
Senekal	2,765	648	33	13	7
Smaldeel	1,036	183	8	4	1
Smithfield	2,640	316	26	1	5
Springfontein	1,848	402	18	11	6½
Sydenham	537	143	9	5	8
Tempe	4,084	598	55	5	11½
Thaba Nchu	3,160	703	29	6	2
Trompsburg	1,323	405	15	16	4½
Ventersburg	1,396	399	20	19	11½
Ventersburg Road	1,110	151	6	18	10½
Viljoensdrift	747	146	9	13	1½
Vulliers	237	26	12	11	1
Vrede	3,367	456	27	13	1
Vredefort	1,229	481	21	1	1
Vredefort Road	754	288	12	15	3
Wepener	3,174	701	37	1	7½
Winburg	3,909	1,413	64	7	4
Wolvehoek	535	170	5	4	6½
Zastron	1,686	434	18	3	9
1905-6	163,067	48,188	2,464	6	10½
1904-5	155,361	42,588	2,348	6	7
1903-4	158,911	41,434	2,264	9	5½
1902-3	180,304	25,581	1,785	16	7
1901-2	74,836	9,824	771	16	0½
1898	77,839	33,515	1,461	5	9

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Annexure 8.

**Comparative Statement of Fines Collected from Post Contractors for late
arrival of Mails during the Financial Years 1898, 1901-2, 1902-3,
1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6.**

PERIOD.					AMOUNT.		
					£	s.	d.
1905-6	-	-	-	-	7	5	6
1904-5	-	-	-	-	14	8	6
1903-4	-	-	-			17	6
1902-3	-	-	-	-		17	6
1901-2	-	-		-			
1898	-				28	0	0

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Statement of Mail Services, 30th June, 1906.

Annexure B.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR.	ROUTE.	TIME ALLOWED.		MANNER OF CONVEYANCE	NUMBER OF TIMES PER WEEK EACH WAY.	YEARLY PAYMENT.			CONTRACT CEASES.
		HRS.	MIN.			£	s.	d.	
Chief Accountant C.S.A.R., Johannesburg	(For Mails conveyed over the C.S.A.R. lines)	...	...	...	...	13,911	11	3	
Chief Accountant N.G.R., Durban	(For Mails conveyed over the N.G.R. lines)	...	...	...	...	266	5	2	
J. Cohen	Brandfort—Hoopstad	13	0	Per Cart.	Twice	675	0	0	30th June, 1907
W. Zavadier	Ventersburg—Ventersburg Road	1	45	"	Six	72	0	0	" 1909
G. Smith	Kroonstad—Bothaville	10	0	"	Twice	250	0	0	" 1909
H. Thompson	Abrahamskraal—P. trusburg	5	0	"	Twice	120	0	0	" 1907
Wolfsardt Bros.	Bosbof—Kimberley	5	0	"	Five	240	0	0	" 1909
R. J. Morton	Thaba 'Nchu—Wepener	10	0	"	Twice	498	0	0	" 1907
"	Wepener—Aliwal North	14	0	"	Twice	750	0	0	" 1909
A. J. Wilken	Smithfield—Rouxville	4	0	"	Twice	190	0	0	" 1909
P. H. de Villiers	Bethulie—Smithfield	8	0	"	Thrice	390	0	0	" 1907
J. H. Erasmus	Bethulie—Bethulie Station	0	10	"	Sixteen	96	0	0	" 1907
"	Reddersburg—Bethany Station	1	30	"	Daily except Sundays	132	0	0	" 1907
H. C. van der Watt	Philippolis—Philippolis Road	2	0	"	Ditto	112	0	0	" 1907
J. Freund	Fauresmith—Luckhoff	7	0	"	Thrice	400	0	0	" 1907
I. Cadle	Parys Station—Vredefort	2	0	"	Six	170	0	0	" 1909
H. P. Klerck	Winburg—Winburg Station	0	10	"	Eighteen	120	0	0	" 1907
C. Brink	Kroonstad—Kroonstad Station	0	10	"	Twenty-eight	120	0	0	" 1909
M. W. Hesom	Harrismith—Harrismith Station	0	10	"	Fourteen	120	0	0	" 1907
H. P. Bayars	Frankfort—Villiers	3	0	"	Twice	96	0	0	" 1909
A. A. le Roux	Venterburg Road—Odendaalsrust	5	0	"	Twice	180	0	0	" 1909
F. Gould and C. Willett	Heilbron—Heilbron Station	0	10	"	Twelve	144	0	0	" 1907
D. Ramaibi	Picksburg—Leribe	2	9	"	Twice	118	0	0	" 1907
A. A. Whitehorn	Vrede—Sanderton	6	30	"	Six	300	0	0	" 1907
J. Sang	Aberfeldy—Witzieshoek	4	50	"	Twice	150	0	0	" 1907
W. Tom	Wepener—Mafeteng	2	30	"	Twice	110	0	0	" 1907
G. de Reyher	Thaba 'Nchu—Thaba 'Nchu Station	0	0	"	Twelve	200	0	0	" 1907
I. Cadle	Vredefort—Winkeldrift	5	0	"	Once	150	0	0	" 1909
H. Fox	Ladybrand—Ladybrand Station	0	20	"	Six	96	0	0	" 1909
S. J. P. Smit	Bloemfontein—Sydenham	1	0	"	Twice Daily	299	0	0	" 1909
E. W. Hesom	Bloemfontein—Tempe	0	45	"	Ditto	199	0	0	" 1909
C. W. J. McLean	Harrismith—Harrismith Army	0	25	"	Seven	100	0	0	" 1907
"	Vrede—Harrismith	11	0	"	Once	180	0	0	31st Dec., 1906.

Statement of Mail Services, 30th June, 1906.—Continued.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR.	ROUTE.	TIME ALLOWED.		MANNER OF CONVEYANCE	NUMBER OF TIMES PER WEEK EACH WAY.	YEARLY PAYMENT.			CONTRACT DATES.
		HRS.	MINS.			£	s.	d.	
S. J. P. Smit ...	Bloemfontein—East, West and Station ...	0	25	Per Cart.	Twice Daily	383	0	0	30th June, 1909
Wolfaardt Bros. ...	Bloemfontein—Boshof ...	14	0	"	Twice	1,355	0	0	" 1909
" ...	Kruger'sdrift—Abramskraal ...	4	30	"	Twice	600	0	0	" 1909
M. C. Welthagen ...	Winburg—Senekal ...	9	45	"	Twice	650	0	0	" 1909
" ...	Senekal—Lindley Road ...	4	30	"	Six	650	0	0	" 1909
" ...	Heilbron—Frankfort and Bethlehem—Rettz ...	11	0	"	Six	900	0	0	" 1907
J. G. Dixon ...	Ladybrand—Bethlehem ...	20	35	"	Thrice	147	0	0	" 1909
J. B. Wilson ...	Lindley—Lindley Road ...	1	40	"	Six	117	0	0	" 1907
J. Maher ...	Bethlehem—Bethlehem Station ...	0	15	"	Seven				" 1909
Goosen and Wolfaardt ...	Jagersfontein—Jagersfontein Station ...	0	30	"	Daily except Sundays				" 1909
" ...	Fauresmith—Fauresmith Station ...	0	5	"	Daily except Sundays	874	10	0	" 1909
" ...	Fauresmith—Jacobsdal ...	10	30	"	Thrice				" 1909
" ...	Jacobsdal—Modder River Station ...	2	0	"	Daily except Sundays				" 1909

Half the amount paid for the Ficksburg-Leribe, Wepener-Mafeteng Services is borne by the Basutoland Government.

Branch Posts.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR.	ROUTE.	TIME ALLOWED.	MANNER OF CONVEYANCE.	NUMBER OF TIMES PER WEEK EACH WAY.	YEARLY PAYMENT.	CONTRACT CEASES.
		HRS. MINS.			£ s. d.	
Vivian Eckley ...	Edenburg--Edenburg Station ...	0 10	Hand	Sixteen	60 0 0	Monthly Paym'ts
J. Koyang ...	Brandfort--Brandfort Station ...	0 10	Hand Cart	"	54 0 0	"
Piet Mosala ...	Trompsburg--Trompsburg Station ...	0 10	"	"	42 0 0	"
H. de Kok ...	Winburg--Allandale ...	6 0	Horse	Twice	65 0 0	"
J. H. Groenewoud ...	Bethany Station--Bethany Village ...	0 20	"	Six	25 0 0	"
B. Louvis ...	Tbaba 'Nebu--Steynspruit ...	2 0	"	Once	24 0 0	"
F. & H. Tborrold ...	Bethlehem--Elim ...	3 0	"	Twice	50 0 0	"
J. Hirschsehn ...	Bethlehem--Waterval ...	3 0	"	Once	24 0 0	"
McEwen, Walker & Co. ...	Bultfontein--Quaggashoek ...	3 45	"	"	30 0 0	"
A. J. Austin ...	Austinspost--Bethany Station ...	3 0	"	"	12 0 0	"
M. Friedgut ...	Bethany Village--Boschvarkfontein ...	4 0	"	"	22 10 0	"
F. Wande ...	Clocolan--Eintracht ...	1 30	"	"	10 0 0	"
A. D. Northfield ...	Bloemfontein--Northfield Farm ...	5 0	"	"	25 0 0	"
G. D. Bridger ...	Vergezicht--Hoopstad ...	8 0	"	"	20 0 0	"
W. A. J. Swaenepoel ...	Iozicht--Reddersburg ...	3 30	"	"	25 0 0	"
D. M. Robertson ...	Co. netspruit--Zastron ...	3 30	"	"	20 0 0	"
N. Shipiro ...	Leeuwbank--Frankfort ...	2 30	"	"	20 0 0	"
D. Moore ...	Hillside--Ficksburg ...	5 0	"	"	25 0 0	"
F. Anbauser ...	Breispaal--Smithfield ...	4 0	"	"	18 0 0	"
S. M. Kingdon ...	Fridgerule--Lindley ...	3 0	"	"	24 0 0	"
N. Kremer ...	Fontein Riet--Heilbron ...	4 0	"	"	15 0 0	"
S. Gersohn ...	Brandfort--Verkeerdevelei ...	4 0	"	"	15 0 0	"
A. Castignani ...	Kroonstad--Stillewoning ...	3 0	"	"	25 0 0	"
Z. Melato ...	Springfontein--Springfontein Station ...	5 0	Hand Horse	"	42 0 0	"
J. M. Campbell ...	Boshof--Bontebokskraal ...	4 0	"	"	77 0 0	"
L. J. Luyt ...	Vrede--Langhoek ...	4 0	"	"	30 0 0	"
H. Glover ...	Makauwsdrift--Petrusburg ...	4 0	"	"	30 0 0	"
L. F. A. Barlow ...	Wepener--Pak yra ...	3 0	"	"	60 0 0	"
L. Kretschner ...	Smithfield--Helvetia ...	4 30	"	"	45 0 0	"
J. D. Naude ...	Ventersburg--Landplaats ...	2 45	"	"	21 0 0	"
J. Stewart ...	Scotland West--Ventersburg Road ...	4 0	"	"	24 0 0	"
M. van der Merwe ...	Hammonia--Ficksburg ...	2 30	"	"	25 0 0	"
A. B. Wessels ...	Paardekraal--Kroonstad ...	7 0	"	"	30 0 0	"
R. H. Fischer ...	Langvlakte--Zastron ...	2 0	"	"	20 0 0	"

Branch Posts.—Continued.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR.	ROUTE.	TIME ALLOWED.		MANNER OF CONVEYANCE	NUMBER OF TIMES PER WEEK EACH WAY.	YEARLY PAYMENT.			CONTRACT CEASES.
		HRS.	MINS.			£	s.	d.	
M. I. Rosenstein	Lourensrust—Vrede	4	0	Horse	Once	30	0	0	Monthly Paym'ts
S. Abrahams	Commandodrift—Hoopstad	7	0	"	"	50	0	0	"
G. W. Nourse	Zeekevelei—Bathaspaas	2	0	"	Twice	35	0	0	"
J. A. C. Wiedeman	Vlaakfontein—Philippolis	5	0	"	Once	20	0	0	"
J. A. Smith	Klippan—Odendaalsrust	3	5	"	Twice	50	0	0	"
J. H. Coetzee	Vaalspruit—Smithfield	5	0	"	Once	25	0	0	"
G. Border	Winkelpost—Carlsbad	1	0	"	Twice	15	0	0	"
E. Langbridge	Thaba Nchu—Ngwana	2	0	"	"	24	0	0	"
S. A. Theron (Miss)	Theronspos—Lecuwviei	1	0	"	"	18	0	0	"
P. A. Naude	Kleinfontein—Heilbron	1	0	"	Once	24	0	0	"
M. Baum	Stonewall—Bohof	2	0	"	"	12	0	0	"
E. J. Wilken & Co.	Zamenkoinst—Westminster	3	0	"	Twice	15	0	0	"
P. Steyn	Jammerbergdrif—Vepener	0	30	"	"				"
A. Marx	Riviera—Heilbron	5	0	"	Once	24	0	0	"
A. Lombard	Klipfontein—Dewetsdorp	2	0	"	"	12	0	0	"
M. Regensburg	Duplooyrust—Senekal	2	0	"	"	12	0	0	"
C. Knauff	Kassel—Dewetsdorp	4	0	"	"	12	10	0	"
J. W. Odendaal	Cornelia—Tafelkop	2	0	"	"	13	0	0	"
W. H. Treleaven	Novo—Wepener	2	0	"	"	12	0	0	"
E. M. Acton (Mrs.)	Welkom—Winburg	3	0	"	"	24	0	0	"
L. Jacobson	Hulpmakaar—Jagersfontein	6	0	"	"	36	0	0	"
Ochs & Nel	Port Allen—Smaldeel	6	0	"	"	10	0	0	"
E. A. Worringham	Scotland—Thaba Nchu	4	0	"	Twice	24	0	0	"
Land Settlement Agent	Mushroom Valley—Winburg	4	0	"	Once	30	0	0	"
W. Pearce	Woodside—Vrede	3	0	"	"	30	0	0	"
I. P. Rheeder	Robertsrust—Dewetsdorp	3	0	"	"	15	0	0	"
M. C. Selinger	Stonybroke—Thaba Nchu	4	0	"	"				"
C. H. Olivier	Olivierspost—Lindley	4	0	"	"	24	0	0	"
J. Haagen	Lombardsdrift—Brandfort	4	30	"	Twice	20	0	0	"
E. Walker	Walkerspost—Abrahamskraal	1	15	"	Once	18	0	0	"
G. Wilson	Verrekljkerskop—Frankfort	4	0	"	"	20	0	0	"
J. B. van Zijl	Kestell—Revelstoke	1	30	"	Twice	36	0	0	"
C. D. van der Berg	Tafelkop—Vrede	4	30	"	Once	50	0	0	"
A. Wright	Ansvogelrand—Vredefort	2	0	"	"	12	0	0	"

Branch Posts.—Continued.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR.	ROUTE.	TIME ALLOWED.		MANNER OF CONVEYANCE	NUMBER OF TIMES PER WEEK EACH WAY.	YEARLY PAYMENT.			CONTRACT CRASES.
		HRS.	MINS.			£	s.	d.	
F. McEwen ...	New York—Thaba 'Nchu ...	2	0	Horse	Once				Monthly Paym'ts
D. F. Naude ...	Waterkloof—Philippolis ...	0	30	"	Six	12	0	0	
Isaac Serraf ...	Frankfort—Klipplaat ...	3	30	"	Twice	12	0	0	
H. Morris ...	Inland Sea—Vredefort ...	3	0	"	"	23	4	0	
B. Kark ...	Wonderheuvel—Vredefort ...	3	0	"	Once	12	0	0	
R. H. Coppens ...	Kopjes—Tierton ...	0	30	"	Six	18	0	0	
H. C. Wagner ...	Rexford—Bethlehem ...	3	30	"	Twice	24	0	0	
W. Scheilig ...	Kaallaagte—Malanspost ...	2	0	"	"	15	0	0	
D. Bloch ...	Stijldrift—Newmarket ...	2	30	"	Once	12	0	0	
W. de Waal ...	Christina—Harrismith ...	9	30	"	"	120	0	0	
C. Schaumkel ...	Karba—Marquard ...	1	0	"	Twice				
W. Lockshaw ...	Zuringkrantz—Senekal ...	2	30	"	Once	24	0	0	
H. Richter ...	Don Don—Palmyra ...	1	0	"	Twice	18	0	0	
McEwen & Martin ...	Palmyra—Marseilles ...	1	30	"	"	25	0	0	
H. J. Weir ...	Commissiepoort—Marseilles ...	1	30	"	"	36	0	0	

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 Bechu- aland. Cape Colony & Transv'1	For the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries	Reg- istered.	Totals.	Ad.	Id.			
NAME.				No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Bethlehem ...	...	...	...	109,746	113,646	53,313	3,183	279,890	6,604	6,448	35,945	36,023	1,196
Bethulie ...	...	...	...	52,273	74,945	16,887	1,495	145,600	3,198	1,131	2,145	33,787	858
Bloemfontein ...	...	...	...	1,434,095	1,624,246	1,897,311	35,639	4,991,311	170,547	178,360	2,833,571	435,555	16,055
Bloemfontein East ...	...	...	...	27,469	58,903	73,164	1,105	160,641	4,472	8,099	21,060	2,171	507
Bloemfontein West ...	...	...	...	7,488	7,696	7,267	507	22,958	481	871	1,586	897	143
Boshof ...	...	...	...	32,643	46,124	6,344	1,612	86,723	3,718	520	650	5,122	546
Bothaville ...	...	...	...	8,372	3,848	741	780	13,741	78	234	715	2,197	351
Brandfort ...	...	...	...	69,888	53,729	9,425	2,106	135,148	5,213	1,807	1,989	9,776	793
Bultfontein ...	...	...	...	17,667	9,503	1,313	728	29,211	2,041	143	1,274	932	117
Dealesville (9 months) ...	...	...	...	7,358	4,706	1,560	260	13,884	351	208	234	195	78
Dewetsdorp ...	...	...	...	33,020	21,515	4,186	741	59,462	1,521	1,106	3,769	4,823	208
Edenburg ...	...	...	...	59,202	40,898	3,796	1,599	105,495	5,837	1,339	4,407	15,340	702
Fauresmith ...	...	...	...	34,671	27,131	4,719	1,651	68,172	3,640	923	936	3,250	507
Ficksburg ...	...	...	...	78,741	87,061	33,813	1,690	201,305	3,653	1,768	3,926	2,301	1,053
Fouriesburg ...	...	...	...	27,835	19,383	7,072	611	54,899	2,496	1,092	871	7,150	1,196
Frankfort ...	...	...	...	37,609	34,203	6,981	1,027	79,820	2,366	559	1,911	1,339	429
Government Offices ...	...	...	...	8,229	7,527	6,331	6,110	28,197	793	637	1,118	1,586	312
Harrismith ...	...	...	...	141,050	286,455	107,666	5,382	540,553	17,849	14,404	37,570	57,239	2,275
Harrismith Army ...	...	...	...	8,918	28,613	102,726	2,327	142,584	676	15,015	4,992	7,592	377
Heilbron ...	...	...	...	74,906	105,638	23,751	2,249	206,544	8,710	4,264	7,709	33,410	1,040
Hoopstad ...	...	...	...	27,131	26,208	7,488	1,066	61,893	1,482	416	2,431	1,469	338
Jacobsdal ...	...	...	...	10,452	18,096	1,781	728	31,057	1,885	403	325	1,807	377
Jagersfontein ...	...	...	...	78,741	88,179	17,771	2,158	186,849	4,940	3,406	4,758	10,283	1,001
Koffyfontein ...	...	...	...	17,108	26,273	6,221	1,079	50,687	2,067	910	702	1,937	416
Kroonstad ...	...	...	...	169,091	256,230	70,954	5,031	501,306	15,223	13,260	68,535	25,064	1,885
Kroonstad Station ...	...	...	...	21,775	23,712	6,471	975	52,936	1,521	676	1,183	1,287	416
Ladybrand ...	...	...	...	124,787	105,066	28,236	3,926	262,015	9,074	4,771	22,386	13,780	2,106
Lindley ...	...	...	...	50,076	30,225	6,578	1,365	88,244	2,431	520	5,526	8,593	416
Luckhoff ...	...	...	...	11,440	11,050	1,742	442	24,674	273	286	858	442	494
Parys ...	...	...	...	31,707	30,355	4,342	1,469	67,873	3,263	910	6,084	7,761	1,924
Petrusburg ...	...	...	...	12,825	8,762	1,222	416	23,225	169	166	468	884	117
Philippolis ...	...	...	...	29,523	31,096	5,148	1,079	60,846	3,419	286	2,184	2,886	1,495
Reddersburg ...	...	...	...	40,664	24,076	5,083	1,196	71,019	3,835	611	1,118	6,916	533
Reitz ...	...	...	...	29,835	26,546	3,419	1,443	61,243	1,664	494	1,651	3,315	468
Rouxville ...	...	...	...	26,832	33,943	3,900	1,417	66,092	1,807	624	949	5,850	416
Senekal ...	...	...	...	48,373	36,075	7,046	1,508	95,002	5,874	845	2,132	3,770	494
Smaldeel ...	...	...	...	30,186	26,091	5,551	1,430	63,258	715	624	1,151	1,151	273
Smithfield ...	...	...	...	38,610	50,453	8,580	949	98,592	3,302	1,573	2,964	12,095	455
Springfontein ...	...	...	...	56,706	79,313	2,716	1,937	165,672	6,682	4,199	2,938	5,889	507
Sydenham ...	...	...	...	7,956	10,218	10,777	793	29,744	1,729	3,666	2,613	1,183	182
Tempe ...	...	...	...	33,098	39,728	130,273	3,055	206,154	1,209	17,712	6,656	6,201	650
Thaba Nchu ...	...	...	...	246,948	119,756	51,649	2,632	421,005	11,635	4,667	17,771	13,819	1,287
Trompsburg ...	...	...	...	60,372	67,717	7,969	1,846	137,904	2,561	1,209	5,252	6,539	241
Ventersburg ...	...	...	...	23,335	23,101	1,703	754	48,893	1,573	104	520	962	351
Ventersburg Road ...	...	...	...	38,142	41,054	7,566	1,430	88,192	1,573	390	1,287	546	182
Viljoensdrift ...	...	...	...	14,664	25,987	8,801	598	50,050	429	1,183	1,180	559	208
Villiers ...	...	...	...	4,147	5,135	858	338	10,478	150	101	182	143	81
Vrede ...	...	...	...	25,623	53,001	9,347	1,365	89,336	2,093	1,222	1,040	5,499	793
Vredefort ...	...	...	...	21,268	17,914	3,341	442	42,965	1,716	260	1,118	4,628	403
Vredefort Road ...	...	...	...	26,221	26,962	4,355	1,105	58,643	1,027	1,131	832	1,794	156
Wepener ...	...	...	...	61,633	54,236	17,498	1,872	135,239	3,484	1,482	1,612	15,769	1,040
Winburg ...	...	...	...	62,478	67,704	23,413	2,743	156,338	5,733	3,055	10,465	4,043	1,430
Wolvehoek ...	...	...	...	14,898	20,930	2,756	624	39,208	1,482	351	1,591	1,001	182
Zastron ...	...	...	...	22,347	30,784	3,250	780	57,161	1,885	611	1,027	1,495	377
GRAND TOTAL ...	1905-6	...	...	3,790,170	4,191,746	2,871,180	120,835	10,973,931	350,129	311,162	3,147,647	839,487	50,443
	1904-5	...	...	3,551,379	4,074,590	2,694,419	140,517	10,460,905	298,068	325,172	2,793,933	631,865	46,168
	1903-4	...	...				140,907				1,992,806	489,002	
	1902-3	...	...				110,277				784,065	216,314	
	1901	...	...				59,556				158,129	75,218	
	1898	...	...				67,829				1,510,560	763,681	
	1897	...	...				56,739				1,231,164	906,876	
	1896	...	...				44,238				1,305,634	810,297	
	1895	...	...				38,655				964,680	660,045	

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

with at the undermentioned Offices during the Financial Year, 1905-6.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.		FORWARD CORRESPONDENCE.					CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DELIVERY.										OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.	
Letters.	Books.	Letters.	Post Cards.	News-papers.	Books & Samples.	Parcels.	Letters.	POST CARDS.		News-papers.	Books & Samples.	Parcels.	Letters.	Books.	Weight in Ozs.	Weight in Ozs.	Letters.	Books.
Weight in Ozs.	Weight in Ozs.							Id.	Id.									
Ozs.	Ozs.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Ozs.	Ozs.	Ozs.	Ozs.
18,906	2,600	197,457	6,877	37,843	26,715	1,885	338,195	5,824	6,981	111,670	60,749	4,147	48,633	31,707				
6,292	12,519	55,835	2,756	20,371	12,623	949	98,039	4,836	2,873	29,757	38,662	2,497	11,195	45,344				
897,505	2,618,863	1,545,466	253,344	588,380	310,856	29,653	3,689,387	222,846	178,620	1,776,983	522,847	22,958	437,710	904,891				
4,992	99,970	...	...	...	...	...	42,614	4,862	3,783	11,882	3,328	1,209	1,352	676				
3,692	1,313	...	...	...	...	...	29,276	1,352	2,223	4,329	2,249	260	1,521	7,475				
13,689	5,187	37,245	806	9,906	2,379	494	123,305	3,861	2,360	49,075	34,229	2,509	12,987	74,529				
2,080	702	2,417	39	52	145	78	13,572	78	104	8,632	3,497	416	1,742	7,124				
5,746	5,278	102,056	3,094	21,116	20,124	1,417	141,440	5,798	1,508	31,031	36,114	2,496	11,986	22,971				
1,079	572	8,164	169	3,380	1,573	520	36,023	676	358	13,338	5,239	819	2,132	11,297				
650	481	...	...	...	...	...	10,764	351	221	3,328	2,366	481	1,391	1,547				
3,185	624	...	...	...	...	...	62,257	1,820	832	47,255	15,938	1,703	7,280	17,966				
10,322	21,632	5,460	325	702	182	234	123,357	6,864	1,755	24,089	43,095	2,405	20,605	219,297				
13,962	36,777	71,721	1,430	10,686	13,403	1,181	100,529	5,096	884	33,865	49,348	1,833	12,324	83,109				
10,010	2,704	56,185	1,508	19,981	1,235	221	225,758	4,589	3,315	99,125	4,615	3,796	17,654	27,144				
3,510	1,027	...	...	...	...	...	46,761	2,704	1,222	24,869	6,344	1,560	5,070	1,469				
8,359	1,820	24,466	871	6,695	1,560	221	82,199	325	1,196	39,949	9,789	2,561	6,348	6,461				
98,128	112,775	...	...	...	...	...	27,677	13,835	611	5,664	3,159	390	26,936	11,803				
59,202	30,225	450,463	23,153	149,266	72,774	3,744	561,106	910	16,796	201,513	112,437	5,499	62,023	52,715				
21,996	8,034	...	...	...	...	...	116,545	6,162	7,215	33,360	16,159	2,418	31,983	17,693				
16,770	51,077	69,563	5,655	19,474	21,320	1,885	194,610	2,080	2,236	42,809	63,141	3,731	18,915	57,694				
6,817	1,625	...	...	...	...	...	67,336	1,625	1,261	19,929	8,970	1,586	8,047	11,570				
4,277	1,365	1,092	78	793	650	156	32,695	5,932	312	8,697	11,778	4,563	4,303	5,265				
4,212	378	27,534	3,120	8,112	3,718	299	177,970	1,716	3,783	29,718	29,874	3,887	5,577	92,222				
...	1,820	...	...	...	...	...	51,233	17,446	1,040	12,883	16,081	2,249	5,174	46,852				
...	9,750	125,112	9,139	53,615	24,778	1,378	416,377	1,950	7,930	157,559	89,245	5,798	31,278	67,392				
2,171	2,990	10,153	299	2,457	260	117	43,251	10,647	897	12,233	2,249	364	3,861	2,639				
18,771	5,356	61,048	3,653	23,530	18,603	715	285,584	2,288	6,708	64,753	56,290	6,279	23,426	29,822				
5,889	1,066	...	...	...	...	...	91,910	377	858	56,862	46,436	2,080	6,578	30,836				
2,067	806	260	...	130	...	...	3,452	431	416	9,072	3,341	702	4,108	1,170				
7,163	3,224	...	...	...	...	...	68,354	416	936	16,744	19,838	1,599	4,992	35,802				
1,365	650	...	...	...	...	...	25,792	2,704	4,816	8,307	7,826	767	2,054	1,716				
5,967	2,249	5,369	364	728	559	195	66,865	1,941	1,599	20,592	20,566	2,106	8,515	34,161				
8,684	36,478	...	...	...	...	...	74,789	2,168	715	19,422	19,227	1,963	12,417	144,521				
4,745	6,942	1,053	142	130	130	39	53,755	910	988	40,440	38,701	1,846	7,916	29,029				
7,657	3,068	6,162	377	91	169	29	50,869	2,028	923	25,038	34,775	2,041	4,225	13,871				
8,879	1,482	...	...	...	...	...	111,683	3,874	780	35,646	28,171	2,730	32,799	67,628				
2,678	520	3,432	104	650	130	65	59,644	1,092	611	15,780	10,452	1,105	4,147	2,886				
7,670	6,019	234	39	39	104	65	100,113	2,093	1,521	55,432	44,421	3,341	10,101	25,246				
4,771	1,391	88,049	16,042	22,64	17,498	2,340	131,404	4,849	3,679	27,807	21,008	1,898	7,722	8,060				
23,920	11,440	...	...	...	...	...	30,485	2,327	4,342	10,101	2,756	546	18,382	4,523				
16,536	4,745	...	...	...	...	...	193,375	...	13,910	62,738	13,247	2,743	10,868	7,345				
17,680	19,955	83,628	4,030	5,568	5,434	442	415,955	10,218	4,160	74,659	23,933	6,331	19,617	62,907				
3,393	4,628	...	...	...	...	...	96,967	2,613	1,300	14,450	11,609	1,105	3,718	6,292				
1,105	468	2,964	130	1,755	338	104	58,864	1,950	260	21,710	13,897	1,539	2,860	3,736				
3,991	1,846	8,723	429	3,536	572	221	86,970	2,431	520	21,216	3,055	1,713	4,758	7,904				
1,404	2,405	3,406	39	429	52	26	41,041	1,300	1,703	5,278	3,311	806	1,144	3,120				
676	598	299	65	130	26	23	14,300	143	468	6,799	312	208	2,522	5,330				
7,124	1,833	28,808	3,770	15,327	8,788	460	131,729	2,535	1,989	43,030	31,252	3,107	10,699	11,141				
4,316	1,521	12,701	338	6,357	5,057	338	34,576	1,560	884	20,865	17,719	910	6,708	2,600				
2,496	910	4,550	312	2,418	1,924	91	47,372	767	676	12,012	2,405	455	2,301	702				
7,592	3,380	59,917	780	7,631	3,380	312	131,040	2,769	1,183	65,791	39,637	4,485	10,816	42,784				
15,522	4,173	75,972	5,668	32,669	10,465	1,404	214,084	7,605	2,006	74,373	16,120	4,929	18,343	114,764				
754	832	19,877	1,417	8,151	1,365	624	40,898	1,721	559	11,349	8,723	858	1,248	11,791				
1,131	1,508	18,810	312	2,925	676	208	62,504	2,210	312	20,644	12,974	1,768	2,301	3,653				
1,437,690	3,162,601	3,486,690	351,074	1,087,587	589,565	52,249	9,618,130	394,038	298,624	3,692,434	1,743,504	141,298	1,033,300	2,573,180				
1,261,799	3,961,802	2,858,161	307,482	1,132,275	377,190	49,728	8,961,306	377,975	270,673	3,562,143	1,057,161	134,627	959,972	2,634,660				
1,327,282	2,063,136	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,969,885	695,649	...	818,696	1,216,911				
321,055	162,296	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	189,784	409,226	...	457,405	1,017,715				
176,120	117,738	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	327,635	161,957	...	157,292	180,535				
445,893	622,946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,826,986	720,342	...	392,554	792,639				
304,399	1,049,304	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,777,518	770,887	...	381,386	937,431				
326,556	740,698	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,628,404	574,980	...	268,231	886,282				
279,450	648,780	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,214,351	463,195	...	147,926	840,030				

**Comparative Statement of Postage Stamps and Post Cards sold at the
undermentioned Offices during the Years 1898, 1901-2, 1902-3,
1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6.**

OFFICE.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
British Association	34	0	2½
Bethlehem	2,296	8	7
Bethulie	922	4	11
Bloemfontein	11,755	19	2
Bloemfontein C.T.O.	6,378	18	2
Bloemfontein East	531	18	9½
Bloemfontein West	162	10	7
Boshof	7·9	8	1
Bothaville	133	11	2½
Brandfort	1,277	2	1
Bultfontein	310	17	11
Counter G.P.O.	28	1	10½
Dealesville	90	1	6
Dewetsdorp	572	18	4½
Edenburg	816	4	10
Fauresmith	727	7	9
Ficksburg	1,431	2	8
Fouriesburg	398	1	8
Frankfort	397	18	2½
Government Offices	334	10	7
Harrismith	3,841	3	0
Heilbron	1,753	14	2
Hoopstad	398	11	8
Jacobsdal	380	5	2
Jagersfontein	1,967	18	9
Koffyfontein	794	1	1½
Kroonstad	4,587	19	4
Ladybrand	2,534	0	8
Lindley	682	3	0
Luckhoff	195	5	10
Parijs	771	12	4
Petrusburg	186	14	7
Philippolis	575	10	6½
Reddersburg	605	7	10
Reitz	485	14	0
Rouxville	785	13	7
Senekal	928	7	8
Smaldeel	684	6	9
Smithfield	788	1	5½
Springfontein	1,294	19	0
Sydenham	226	1	4½
Tempe	1,214	3	7
Thaba 'Nchu	1,723	2	4
Trompsburg	675	7	11
Ventersburg	424	13	9½
Ventersburg Road	518	5	2
Viljoen's Drift	351	2	11½
Villiers	98	14	8
Vierfontein	22	13	9
Vrede	781	4	9
Vredefort	394	2	4
Vredefort Road	420	18	10
Wepener	1,213	3	2
Winburg	1,838	7	0½
Wolvehoek	336	16	8
Zastron	743	6	6
1905-6	£65,023	4	5½
1904-5	61,597	6	10
1903-4	63,005	13	6½
1902-3	52,377	3	10
1901-2	22,864	1	5
1898	16,789	1	10

General Post Office,

Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony.

**Comparative Statement of Correspondence Posted in Pillar Boxes in
Bloemfontein during the Financial Years 1898, 1901-2, 1902-3,
1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6.**

No.	WHERE POSTED.	TOTAL.
1	St. Michael's Home	16,866
2	Bloemfontein Club	25,241
3	Residency	17,866
4	Monument Road	16,073
5	Douglas Street	16,019
6	Railway Station	20,166
7	Gordon Club... ..	12,806
8	Zastron Street	15,029
9	St. John Street	15,343
10	United Service Club	13,855
11	Mantel Street	3,408
12	Hospital Road	16,147
13	Kellner Street	15,514
14	Grey College	20,437
15	The Willows	10,163
16	Fiebardt Chambers	21,837
17	Railway Bureau	20,025
18	Southern Life Buildings... ..	7,911
	1905-6	284,684
	1904-5	223,269
	1903-4	189,360
	1902-3	361,269
	1901-2	70,356
	1898	67,580

General Post Office,
Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony.

Annexure 18.

**Comparative Statement of Correspondence sent out and delivered by Letter-
Carriers during the Financial Years 1898, 1901-2, 1902-3, 1903-4,
1904-5, 1905-6.**

YEAR.	LETTERS.	PAPERS.	TAXED CORRESPONDENCE	AMOUNT.
				£ s. d.
1905-6	579,617	90,490	4,698	32 16 4½
1904-5	590,413	88,163	3,010	23 19 6½
1903-4	519,471	76,345	2,300	17 6 6
1902-3	594,317	247,814	1,030	8 1 6
1901-2	151,181	20,271	748	5 9 10½
1898	190,781	32,697	4,609	51 17 9

General Post Office,
Bloemfontein,
Orange River Colony.

**Comparative Statement of Unpaid Postage collected at the undermentioned
Offices during the Financial Years 1898, 1901-2, 1902-3, 1903-4,
1904-5, 1905-6.**

OFFICE.							AMOUNT.		
Bethlehem	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	14	0½
Bethulie	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	14	7
Bloemfontein	...	...	...	...	...	...	166	17	9
Bloemfontein East...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	3	1½
Bloemfontein West	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	10	11
Bloemfontein, Government Offices	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	4½
Boshof	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	11	10½
Bothaville...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	12½
Brandfort...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	8	5
Bultfontein	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	15	10½
Dealesville	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	10½
Dewetadorp	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	15	9
Edenburg...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	2	2½
Fauresmith	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	13	9½
Ficksburg...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	9
Fouriesburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	4½
Frankfort...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	3	7½
Harrismith	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	12	2½
Harrismith Army	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	14	3
Heilbron	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	8	11½
Hoopstad	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	0½
Jacobsdal	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	17	6½
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	18	8½
Koffyfontein	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	7	2
Kroonstad	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	13	1½
Kroonstad Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	13	2
Ladybrand	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	12	11½
Lindley	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	3	3
Luckhoff	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	4
Parijs	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	3½
Petrusburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	9	4
Philippolis	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	3
Reddersburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	0
Reitz	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	15	11½
Rouxville	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	10	1
Senekal	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	15	10½
Smaldeal	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	9	1½
Smithfield...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	8	9
Springfontein	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	18	5½
Sydenham...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	18	8½
Tempe	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	4	1½
Thaba Nchu	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	13	10½
Trompsburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	6	2
Ventersburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	6	11
Ventersburg Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	9½
Viljoensdrift	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	18	5
Villiers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	5
Vrede	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	17	0
Vredefort...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	19	6
Vredefort Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	0½
Wepener	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	17	1½
Winburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	17	8
Wolvehoek	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	18	5
Zastron	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	17	9
1905-6	...	...	...	...	...	...	787	1	5½
1904-5	...	...	...	...	...	...	810	18	3½
1903-4	...	...	...	...	...	...	835	16	4
1902-3	...	...	...	...	...	...	526	8	9
1901-2	...	...	...	...	...	...	170	1	8
1898	...	...	...	...	...	...	290	12	4

General Post Office,
Bloemfontein.
Orange River Colony.

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.
1905-6	162	180	18	4
1904-5	270	345	6	1
1903-4	345	440	2	1
1902-3	87	116	4	11
1901-2	194	245	7	2
1898	131	137	15	8

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.
1905-6	76	104	7	4
1904-5	92	114	2	9
1903-4	127	201	2	6
1902-3	64	62	17	8
1901-2	19	59	16	1
1898	26	58	8	11

General Post Office,
Bloemfontein,
Orange River Colony.

**Comparative Statement of Postal Orders paid at the undermentioned Offices
during the Financial Years 1898, 1901-2, 1902-3, 1903-4, 1904-5,
1905-6.**

OFFICE.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.			COMMISSION.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	1,352	671	2	10		7	6
Bethulie	751	405	3	9		7	6
Bloemfontein	21,095	9,423	6	5	8	6	10
Bloemfontein East ...	199	124	7	7		3	9
Bloemfontein West ...	56	28	10	8		2	0
Soshof	384	194	0	9		7	1
Bothaville	58	34	7	5		1	2
Brandfort	925	516	14	1		5	5
Bultfontein	121	64	19	3		1	0
Coenroosburg	429	212	15	7		1	1
Dealesville	80	58	1	10			7
Dewet-dorp	296	170	15	8		4	0
Edenburg	542	313	0	8		5	10
Fauresmith	830	434	0	6		3	2
Ficksburg	860	528	7	10	13	5	
Fouriesburg	249	154	2	6		1	7
Frankfort	268	137	11	7		2	11
Government Offices ...	197	75	17	10		1	5
Harrismith	2,100	1,142	3	6	10	1	
Harrismith Army	490	241	17	9			6
Helibron	1,003	530	8	3		7	0
Hoopstad	245	137	16	0		2	11
Jacobsdal	230	123	19	3		7	8
Jagersfontein	656	312	3	0	10	2	
Koffyfontein	255	134	8	8		5	9
Kroonstad	2,499	1,382	12	3	1	6	7
Kroonstad Station ...	124	68	19	0		3	10
Ladybrand	1,615	909	4	1	1	4	3
Ladley	297	162	13	5		3	6
Luckhoff	103	47	7	5			11
Parys	789	474	9	3		7	7
Petrusburg	112	72	1	8		2	1
Philippolis	375	228	8	2		9	1
Reddersburg	313	159	2	5		5	2
Reitz	183	89	0	5		3	0
Rouxville	360	191	15	8		9	6
Senekal	495	266	16	2		4	9
Smaldeel	631	332	17	10		3	11
Smithfield	224	125	15	8		6	0
Springfontein	635	375	1	5		7	5
Sydenham	216	122	7	4			7
Tempe	650	350	11	10		3	1
Thaba 'Nchu	760	444	11	10		7	4
Trompsburg	430	224	9	8		8	7
Ventersburg	343	203	18	4		2	10
Ventersburg Road ...	239	139	17	0		1	4
Viljoensdrift	169	93	13	10		1	1
Villiers	34	20	0	6			4
Vrede	292	166	12	5		2	8
Vredefort	340	194	3	7		3	2
Vredefort Road	97	59	0	8		3	9
Wepener	404	213	1	6		8	2
Winburg	1,968	978	12	0		7	5
Wolvehoek	136	69	15	9		1	9
Zastron	206	125	9	3		2	11
Vierfontein	5	1	10	6			0
1905-6	48,715	24,460	1	0	23	13	11
1904-5	30,320	14,976	6	9	34	5	2
1903-4	15,871	7,689	7	0	38	11	9
1902-3	6,549	4,308	12	11	16	12	3½
1901-2	1,161	588	0	0	9	0	10
1898	11,119	6,812	18	6	17	5	8

**Comparative Statement of Postal Orders Issued at the undermentioned
Offices during the Financial Years 1898, 1901-2, 1902-3, 1903-4,
1904-5, 1905-6.**

OFFICE.					AMOUNT.			COMMISSION.		
					£	s.	d.			
Bethlehem ...	...	...	...	...	1,613	18	4			
Bethulia ...	...	...	...	...	747	7	4			
Bloemfontein ...	...	...	...	...	5,721	16	6			
Bloemfontein East ...	...	...	...	...	641	0	9			
Bloemfontein West ...	...	...	...	...	132	10	3			
Bosbof ...	...	...	...	...	625	4	3			
Bothaville ...	...	...	...	...	222	10	3			
Brandfort ...	...	...	...	...	1,034	5	6			
Bultfontein ...	...	...	...	...	251	5	8			
Dealesville ...	...	...	...	...	259	14	10			
Dewetsdorp ...	...	...	...	...	726	13	9			
Edenburg ...	...	...	...	...	821	5	5			
Fauresmith ...	...	...	...	...	1,011	10	1			
Ficksburg ...	...	...	...	...	1,878	2	7			
Fouriesburg ...	...	...	...	...	655	0	7			
Frankfort ...	...	...	...	...	272	3	8			
Government Offices ...	...	...	...	...	298	13	11			
Harrismith ...	...	...	...	...	3,017	0	1			
Harrismith Army ...	...	...	...	...	623	10	10			
Heilbron ...	...	...	...	...	1,073	2	9			
Hoopstad ...	...	...	...	...	468	1	0			
Jacobsdal ...	...	...	...	...	295	16	4			
Jagersfontein ...	...	...	...	...	1,498	5	6			
Koffyfontein ...	...	...	...	...	736	17	2			
Kroonstad ...	...	...	...	...	2,729	18	0			
Kroonstad Station ...	...	...	...	...	508	18	2			
Ladybrand ...	...	...	...	...	1,466	15	4			
Lindley ...	...	...	...	...	528	0	7			
Luckhoff ...	...	...	...	...	239	0	5			
Parys ...	...	...	...	...	1,147	3	10			
Petrusburg ...	...	...	...	...	436	14	0			
Philippolis ...	...	...	...	...	840	15	8			
Reddersburg ...	...	...	...	...	669	13	11			
Reitz ...	...	...	...	...	503	18	10			
Rouxville ...	...	...	...	...	492	9	11			
Senekal ...	...	...	...	...	448	6	6			
Smaideel ...	...	...	...	...	619	0	3			
Smithfield ...	...	...	...	...	573	2	10			
Springfontein ...	...	...	...	...	963	11	10			
Sydenham ...	...	...	...	...	362	12	4			
Tempe ...	...	...	...	...	690	6	4			
Thaba Nchu ...	...	...	...	...	926	16	10			
Trompsburg ...	...	...	...	...	525	10	7			
Ventersburg ...	...	...	...	...	955	17	9			
Ventersburg Road ...	...	...	...	...	607	16	10			
Viljoensdrift ...	...	...	...	...	584	5	6			
Villiers ...	...	...	...	...	80	19	6			
Vierfontein ...	...	...	...	...	77	12	9			
Vrede ...	...	...	...	...	931	7	0			
Vredefort ...	...	...	...	...	543	4	9			
Vredefort Road ...	...	...	...	...	257	5	10			
Wepener ...	...	...	...	...	741	2	6			
Wimburg ...	...	...	...	...	1,688	2	9			
Wolvehoek ...	...	...	...	...	330	9	9			
Zastron ...	...	...	...	...	642	14	7			
Counter ...	...	...	...	...	1,480	14	9			
1905-6 ...					48,272	10	9			
1904-5 ...					25,976	15	10			
1903-4 ...					12,078	10	0			
1902-3 ...					35,007	13	6	40	18	3
1901-2 ...										
1898 ...					12,059	7	0	192	7	5

General Post Office,
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**Statement of British Postal Orders Issued during the
Financial Year 1905-6.**

OFFICE.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	395	8	10
Bethulie	36	13	5
Bloemfontein	6,277	17	5
Bloemfontein East	472	9	5
Bloemfontein, Government Offices	551	16	3
Bloemfontein West	219	7	6
Boshof	88	11	11
Bothaville	6	11	2
Brandfort	186	18	5
Bultfontein	25	3	4
Dcalesville	2	12	7
Dewet-dorp	135	0	2
Edenburg	45	14	5
Fauresmith	123	0	11
Ficksburg	587	8	3
Fouriesburg	151	12	4
Frankfort	57	18	3
Harrismith	1,386	4	10
Harrismith Army	2,472	3	9
Heilbron	225	13	8
Hoopstad	54	8	9
Jacobsdal	12	7	7
Jagersfontein	773	7	2
Koffyfontein	209	12	4
Kroonstad	1,471	10	11
Kroonstad Station	217	2	9
Ladybrand	4	3	12
Lindley	146	13	11
Luckhoff	60	16	11
Parys	84	17	9
Petrusburg	50	10	10
Philippolis	51	4	7
Reddersburg	77	19	8
Reitz	86	2	6
Rouxville	99	2	3
Senekal	42	18	8
Smaldeel	90	10	2
Smithfield	153	8	4
Springfontein	291	15	6
Sydenham	291	9	1
Tenpe	2,766	14	11
Thaba Nchu	262	8	7
Trompsburg	97	9	8
Ventersburg	71	10	9
Ventersburg Road	49	3	7
Vierfontein	1	12	3
Viljoensdrift	74	2	0
Villiers	21	10	6
Vrede	221	16	10
Vredefort	141	9	9
Vredefort Road	10	1	6
Wepener	182	4	4
Winburg	307	1	7
Wolvehoek	49	4	3
Zastron	93	14	9
1905-6	22,238	15	3

General Post Office,

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Annexure 19.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Controller's Consolidated Account for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1906.

DEPOSITS.				WITHDRAWALS.			
1905.		£	s. d.	1906.		£	s. d.
JULY 1.—To Balance ...	...	170,233	3 5	JUNE 30.—By Withdrawals (sundry Offices) ...	...	175,994	16 3
1906.							
JUNE 30.—To Deposits (sundry Offices) ...	...	164,261	19 7	„ „ Amount due to Depositors ...	...	158,500	6 9
		<u>£334,495</u>	<u>3 0</u>			<u>£334,495</u>	<u>3 0</u>
				CAPITAL LOCATED			
				£ s. d.			
				At Treasury	154,344	15 11
				In hands of Chief Accountant	4,155	10 10
						<u>£155,500</u>	<u>6 9</u>

General Post Office
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ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

General Ledger Balances at 30th June, 1906.

OFFICE.	DATE OF OPENING.	AMOUNT.		AVERAGE BALANCE EACH ACCOUNT.		OPEN ACCOUNTS
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Bloemfontein ...	15th October, 1897 ...	75,262	1 1	46 8 8	1,621	
Bloemfontein East ...	5th December, 1903 ...	3,609	0 8	24 17 9	145	
Bloemfontein West ...	5th December, 1903 ...	1,014	5 2	24 14 9	41	
Bethlehem ...	15th November, 1897 ...	2,406	7 6	25 6 7	95	
Bethulie ...	15th October, 1897 ...	810	7 9	11 8 4	71	
Boshof ...	15th November, 1897 ...	998	7 3	25 11 11	39	
Bothaville ...	1st February, 1903 ...	81	0 10	10 2 7	8	
Brandfort ...	15th October, 1897 ...	459	12 2	7 18 5	58	
Bultfontein ...	15th December, 1897 ...	21	13 1	2 3 3	10	
Dealesville ...	25th July, 1905 ...	155	19 3	38 19 6	4	
Dewetsdorp ...	15th December, 1897 ...	305	7 11	10 10 7	29	
Edenburg ...	15th October, 1897 ...	1,585	14 0	38 13 6	41	
Fauresmith ...	15th October, 1897 ...	1,020	4 3	23 14 6	43	
Ficksburg ...	15th November, 1897 ...	1,228	12 8	15 15 0	78	
Fouriesburg ...	15th December, 1897 ...	156	19 6	7 9 6	21	
Frankfort ...	15th December, 1897 ...	723	13 10	23 6 6	31	
Government Offices ...	1st August, 1905 ...	329	18 8	27 9 10	12	
Harrismith ...	15th October, 1897 ...	7,802	8 2	30 0 2	260	
Harrismith Army ...	2nd May, 1904 ...	4,407	13 6	8 11 10	513	
Heilbron ...	15th November, 1897 ...	1,488	7 1	18 3 0	82	
Hoopstad ...	15th November, 1897 ...	953	3 2	56 1 4	17	
Jacobsdal ...	15th November, 1897 ...	491	19 7	18 4 5	27	
Jagersfontein ...	15th October, 1897 ...	6,000	17 4	24 13 10	243	
Koffyfontein ...	15th October, 1897 ...	570	15 1	10 15 4	53	
Kroonstad ...	15th October, 1897 ...	9,826	10 8	29 10 2	333	
Kroonstad Station ...	1st November, 1903 ...	1,157	1 6	22 13 9	51	
Ladysburg ...	15th November, 1897 ...	2,868	2 2	23 6 4	123	
Madibya ...	15th December, 1897 ...	651	17 7	15 10 5	42	
Luckhoff ...	15th December, 1897 ...	451	8 8	41 0 9	11	
Parys ...	15th November, 1897 ...	700	4 9	11 13 4	60	
Petrusburg ...	15th December, 1897 ...	160	1 0	6 19 2	23	
Philippolis ...	15th November, 1897 ...	620	0 8	16 15 1	37	
Reddersburg ...	15th December, 1897 ...	843	2 3	15 7 1	53	
Reitz ...	15th December, 1897 ...	243	11 10	13 10 7	18	
Rouxville ...	15th November, 1897 ...	1,062	6 9	17 2 8	62	
Senekal ...	15th November, 1897 ...	680	19 1	25 4 4	27	
Smaldeel ...	4th April, 1898 ...	453	15 0	22 18 9	20	
Smithfield ...	15th November, 1897 ...	1,358	0 2	56 11 8	24	
Springfontein ...	15th February, 1898 ...	2,382	18 10	16 18 0	141	
Sydenham ...	2nd August, 1904 ...	1,811	0 11	11 2 2	163	
Tempe ...	19th March, 1904 ...	9,791	9 8	12 12 4	776	
Thaba Nchu ...	15th November, 1897 ...	2,081	15 0	21 4 10	98	
Trompsburg ...	1st June, 1904 ...	245	6 0	14 8 7	17	
Trompsburg Station ...	4th April, 1898 ...	55	13 0	6 3 8	9	
Ventersburg ...	15th December, 1897 ...	398	0 5	30 12 4	13	
Ventersburg Road ...	2nd January, 1898 ...	94	5 9	6 14 8	14	
Villiers ...	15th December, 1897 ...	417	5 8	46 7 3	9	
Viljoensdriest ...	15th February, 1898 ...	1,880	4 7	15 4 8	124	
Vrede ...	15th November, 1897 ...	732	14 1	14 19 0	49	
Vrededorst ...	15th November, 1897 ...	685	18 7	25 8 1	27	
Vrededorst Road ...	4th January, 1904 ...	105	11 5	9 11 11	11	
Wepener ...	15th November, 1897 ...	1,603	2 2	23 4 8	69	
Witburg ...	15th October, 1897 ...	1,718	0 11	14 11 2	118	
Volwehoek ...	2nd January, 1904 ...	363	10 9	25 19 4	14	
Zastron ...	15th November, 1897 ...	350	10 11	8 6 11	42	
		£157,693	0 3			
	Unpaid Warrants ...	807	6 6			
		£158,500	6 9			6,120

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ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Statement of Unpaid Warrants, 30th June, 1906.

DATE OF WARRANT	OFFICE OF PAYMENT.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.		
1906.			£	s.	d.
June 1	Frankfort	38,454	15	0	0
June 7	Bloemfontein ...	591	50	4	3
June 16	Vrede	852	1	4	3
June 16	Vrede	853	1	4	3
June 19	Vredefort Road ...	933	5	0	0
June 19	Vredefort Road ...	934	8	0	0
June 22	Zastron	39,019	2	10	0
June 26	Rouxville	122	93	4	3
June 27	Harrismith Army ...	173		16	0
June 27	Kroonstad	174	33	7	6
June 28	Winburg	196	7	0	0
June 29	Kroonstad Station...	215	88	9	10
June 29	Bloemfontein ...	217	95	5	0
June 29	Bloemfontein ...	223	4	0	0
June 29	Ficksburg	226	20	4	0
June 29	Kroonstad	232	61	7	9
June 29	Tempe	233	1	6	0
June 29	Bethulie	245	9	0	0
June 29	Bethulie	246	9	0	0
June 29	Bethulie	247	9	0	0
June 30	Bloemfontein ...	265	17	0	0
June 30	Harrismith	276	173	13	5
June 30	Tempe	281	1	10	0
		23	£807	6	6

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ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Detailed Statement of Savings Bank Transactions for the Year ended
30th June, 1906.

OFFICES.	DEPOSITS.			WITHDRAWALS.		
	No.	Amount.	A/cs Opened.	No.	Amount.	A/cs Closed.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
Bloemfontein ...	8,076	76,353 7 5	1,072	4,285	91,944 9 2	1,269
Bloemfontein East ...	601	5,388 12 0	102	265	4,512 3 7	81
Bloemfontein West ...	202	1,393 7 11	23	112	1,981 16 2	54
Bethlehem ...	242	2,722 1 11	55	90	2,192 2 5	31
Bethulie ...	90	651 5 4	18	54	1,225 17 10	17
Boshof ...	87	854 18 3	19	34	417 5 7	13
Rothaville ...	14	64 6 10	3	12	92 19 0	—
Brandfort ...	107	533 2 8	22	60	1,006 2 3	31
Bultfontein ...	19	61 8 3	3	14	167 11 4	2
Dealesville ...	10	228 6 7	5	4	72 7 4	1
Dewetsdorp ...	56	415 16 8	11	15	300 10 0	5
Edenburg ...	134	1,129 7 3	15	52	980 14 3	15
Fauresmith ...	101	815 7 3	16	11	412 7 1	5
Ficksburg ...	257	1,544 7 6	39	52	1,017 0 4	14
Fouriesburg ...	46	233 15 8	9	14	216 4 8	1
Frankfort ...	61	564 15 0	16	17	439 5 2	11
Government Offices ...	47	515 4 8	15	20	185 6 0	3
Harrismith ...	837	7,289 3 1	131	314	8,131 18 3	137
Harrismith Army ...	3,963	6,017 4 11	627	610	3,228 18 3	258
Heilbron ...	203	1,721 7 4	37	105	1,433 9 2	28
Hoopstad ...	86	1,233 11 1	2	43	1,232 18 8	12
Jacobsdal ...	67	475 12 1	17	20	231 2 1	6
Jagersfontein ...	1,236	5,730 10 8	122	208	5,224 3 9	46
Koffyfontein ...	126	1,051 6 10	14	65	1,496 2 4	14
Kroonstad ...	861	8,451 18 8	131	371	9,455 13 9	144
Kroonstad Station ...	154	1,380 6 8	30	74	1,385 10 10	27
Ladybrand ...	391	3,413 11 0	70	183	4,914 9 6	76
Lindley ...	129	950 12 11	28	28	925 12 2	9
Luckhoff ...	49	360 4 10	3	7	163 11 2	3
Parys ...	255	802 16 11	37	60	1,026 11 11	18
Petrusburg ...	42	244 0 11	6	11	274 16 6	6
Philippolis ...	77	711 13 3	19	29	447 18 6	6
Reddersburg ...	107	631 8 9	18	24	300 1 3	12
Reitz ...	73	324 19 2	9	12	276 15 4	1
Rouxville ...	155	1,111 11 3	19	37	879 5 1	8
Senekal ...	94	773 15 8	16	37	716 3 10	12
Smaldael ...	61	554 18 0	10	49	638 6 2	9
Smithfield ...	113	1,344 5 0	19	35	754 10 6	16
Springfontein ...	232	2,279 6 4	40	137	2,759 9 4	40
Sydenham ...	405	3,145 8 8	74	214	2,706 19 0	74
Tempe ...	4,239	9,736 14 8	661	1,705	8,304 16 9	620
Thaba Nchu ...	181	2,598 19 9	36	75	3,018 18 3	31
Trompsburg ...	44	179 16 3	14	10	233 5 7	4
Trompsburg Station ...	7	82 9 1	—	6	272 7 9	3
Ventersburg ...	45	248 1 2	6	15	250 9 9	6
Ventersburg Road ...	24	239 11 4	10	7	303 16 1	3
Villiers ...	44	364 3 4	5	11	351 4 10	5
Viljoensdrift ...	121	1,372 7 4	15	57	1,437 14 8	19
Vrede ...	90	565 1 1	23	40	449 11 6	18
Vredefort ...	58	405 10 1	13	33	443 2 6	11
Vredefort Road ...	10	83 16 3	5	11	101 17 8	5
Wepener ...	154	1,436 18 11	24	54	1,334 6 10	21
Winburg ...	293	2,244 8 2	53	129	2,816 7 6	50
Wolvehoek ...	34	589 9 4	10	22	545 18 0	13
Zastron ...	80	520 7	10	33	346 8 8	3
	25,279	164,261 19 7	3,808	9,986	175,994 16 ?	3,333

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ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Statement of transactions from the 15th October, 1897, to 30th June, 1906.

PERIOD.	No.	DEPOSITS. Amount.	No.	WITHDRAWALS. Amount.	BALANCES 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 Dec., 1898	5,773	34,634 8 4	1,000	14,335 8 5	19,698 19 11	16 0 1	1,632	401	1,231
1st January, 1899, to 31st Dec., 1899	2,797	19,185 9 3	1,422	31,399 6 5	6,885 2 9	7 12 3	464	791	904
1st January, 1900, to 30th Sept., 1900	1	115 5 5	31	400 19 8	6,599 8 6	7 9 3	—	20	£84
1st October, 1900, to 30th June 1901	2,369	27,359 3 2	433	6,499 5 8	27,459 6 0	19 14 8	651	17	1,380
1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902	7,529	32,963 16 9	2,224	43,056 1 7	67,367 1 2	29 13 0	1,334	942	2,272
1st July, 1902, to 30th June, 1903	14,016	153,303 0 8	5,050	108,092 8 1	112,677 13 9	30 5 1	3,613	2,164	3,721
1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1904	22,969	224,234 11 1	8,612	179,632 2 8	157,180 2 2	31 17 6	4,544	3,334	4,931
1st July, 1904, to 30th June, 1905	27,505	201,681 18 10	10,523	188,638 17 7	170,233 3 5	30 3 1	4,502	3,788	5,645
1st July, 1905, to 30th June, 1906	25,279	164,201 19 7	9,986	175,994 16 3	158,500 6 9	25 17 11	3,308	3,333	6,120
S.A.C. Savings Bank Account ...	9,759	39,611 9 8	2,825	89,611 9 8	—	—	1,788	1,788	—
	117,897	997,361 2 9	42,106	838,850 16 0	158,500 6 9	25 17 11	22,786	16,666	6,120

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ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Monthly Statement of Deposits and Withdrawals for the Year ended 30th June, 1906.

DEPOSITS.						WITHDRAWALS.							
MONTH.		NO.	AMOUNT.			ACCOUNTS OPENED.	MONTH.		NO.	AMOUNT.			ACCOUNTS CLOSED.
			£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.	
1905.						1905.							
July		2,664	17,561	12	3	467	July		795	16,226	8	7	275
August		2,373	14,785	16	6	346	August		952	16,321	0	7	333
September		2,001	13,194	13	4	264	September		861	14,826	2	0	266
October		2,204	12,469	19	4	338	October		831	13,658	6	4	272
November		1,884	12,482	6	6	230	November		822	12,317	4	2	241
December		1,526	11,151	5	11	213	December		998	13,082	12	7	264
1906.						1906.							
January		2,049	12,020	2	3	371	January		780	15,494	13	6	310
February		2,074	13,048	9	5	355	February		735	14,802	15	11	247
March		2,487	15,026	12	11	369	March		815	15,251	9	10	308
April		1,999	12,421	8	9	324	April		772	14,603	11	6	278
May		2,034	13,256	15	10	274	May		786	13,549	3	7	244
June		1,984	15,842	16	7	257	June		839	15,861	7	8	295
		25,279	£164,261	19	7	3,808			9,986	£175,994	16	3	3,333

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(Signed) JAMES VAN ZIJL, Controller.

Annexure 25.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Interest Account for the Year ended 30th June, 1906.

1906.	£	s.	d.	1906.	£	s.	d.
JUNE 30.—To Interest over capitalized and since adjusted	11	3	3	JUNE 30.—By Interest paid to Depositors	1,005	19	9
JUNE 30.—To amount transferred to debit of Treasury	4,344	15	11	JUNE 30.—By Interest capitalized	3,349	19	5
	<u>£4,355</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>£4,355</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>

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(Signed) JAMES VAN ZIJL, Controller.

**Comparative Statement of Postal Drafts issued at Offices in the Orange
River Colony for the period 1st September, 1904, to 30th June,
1905, and 1st July, 1905, to 30th June, 1906.**

OFFICE.						No. ISSUED.
Bethlehem	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bethulie	...	...	...	...	...	6
Bloemfontein	...	...	...	...	...	198
Boshof	...	...	...	...	...	1
Brandfort	...	...	...	...	...	13
Bultfontein	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dealesville	...	...	...	...	...	3
Edenburg	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ficksburg	...	...	...	...	...	4
Frankfort	...	...	...	...	...	53
Harrismith	...	...	...	...	...	5
Heilbron	...	...	...	...	...	10
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	...	...	6
Kroonstad	...	...	...	...	...	19
Kroonstad Station	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ladybrand	...	...	...	...	...	14
Lindley	...	...	...	...	...	2
Philippolis	...	...	...	...	...	4
Reddersburg	...	...	...	...	...	1
Reitz	...	...	...	...	...	25
Smaldeel	...	...	...	...	...	3
Springfontein	...	...	...	...	...	1
Thaba 'Nchu	...	...	...	...	...	2
Trompsburg	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ventersburg	...	...	...	...	...	2
Viljoensdrift	...	...	...	...	...	4
Vrede	...	...	...	...	...	1
Vredefort	...	...	...	...	...	15
Wepener	4
Winburg	3
Zastron	1
1905-06						406
1st September, 1904, to 30th June, 1905,						1264

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Comparative Statement of work performed by the Telegraph Department 1904-5,

OFFICE.	COLONIAL GOVERNMENT.			TOTAL.	
	MESSAGE.			FORWARDED.	
	Messages.	Words.	Amount. £ s. d.	Messages.	Words.
Bethlehem ...	804	19,708	82 5 6	16,005	242,237
Bethulie ...	241	6,115	25 11 6	6,815	90,400
Bloemfontein ...	8,007	200,263	1,058 5 3	120,509	2,633,703
Bloemfontein East ...	13	226	17 11	1,772	24,539
Bloemfontein West ...	8	101	10 3	598	8,430
Boshof ...	273	7,118	29 14 10	5,794	87,394
Bothaville ...	42	947	4 0 5	1,531	20,735
Brandfort ...	213	4,601	19 3 6	9,148	125,942
Bultfontein ...	58	1,472	6 1 2	3,079	39,027
Dewetsdorp ...	181	3,940	15 14 1	5,172	70,065
Edenburg ...	238	5,961	24 7 10	6,404	85,960
Fauresmith ...	426	11,411	48 15 5	6 111	95,582
Ficksburg ...	352	9,267	39 9 2	8,336	122,787
Fouriesburg ...	104	2,597	10 19 1	2,967	38,181
Frankfort ...	333	9,902	40 10 0	4,872	71,923
Harrismith ...	1,184	23,688	123 13 3	17,413	267,701
Harrismith Army ...	7	110	9 5	3,689	78,999
Heilbron ...	415	9,451	40 4 5	16,750	233,201
Hoopstad ...	276	7,493	31 13 11	3,290	49,889
Jacobsdal ...	222	5,367	22 12 6	3,813	53,475
Jagersfontein ...	143	3,410	15 1 6	13,023	181,633
Koffyfontein ...	228	5,833	25 15 11	6,463	90,805
Kroonstad ...	1,481	36,787	172 8 11	29,090	469,219
Ladybrand ...	433	11,093	79 15 5	12,101	175,927
Lindley ...	233	6,490	27 7 1	4,575	71,413
Luckhoff ...	46	880	3 13 4	2,252	27,984
Parys ...	395	19,993	41 18 0	6,150	95,655
Petrusburg ...	147	2,949	14 15 2	2,220	28,353
Philippolis ...	195	4,959	20 18 6	4,249	55,928
Reddersburg ...	94	1,865	8 9 1	3,978	51,203
Reitz ...	111	2,947	12 18 1	4,208	56,078
Rouxville ...	265	6,789	29 7 11	8,462	109,812
Senekal ...	311	8,362	35 13 0	6,725	95,147
Smithfield ...	216	5,652	23 13 2	6,605	91,884
Springfontein ...	1,102	15,014	58 13 4	11,873	157,212
Sydenham ...	17	260	1 2 8	2,173	28,110
Tempe ...	52	1,045	4 8 9	4,932	84,607
Thaba 'Nchu ...	757	18,061	76 11 0	8,633	129,586
Trompsburg ...	58	1,323	5 12 9	5,319	69,811
Ventersburg ...	57	1,216	5 1 10	3,428	43,562
Ventersburg Road ...	28	363	2 4 2	2,920	36,540
Villiers ...	50	1,044	4 6 4	1,153	13,945
Vrede ...	434	13,186	55 9 10	5,599	88,438
Vredefort ...	116	2,373	10 8 4	3,071	38,866
Wepener ...	323	6,695	39 11 1	9,095	167,755
Winburg ...	441	10,399	44 18 11	12,131	2,973
Zastron ...	113	2,534	10 13 9	7,214	101,974
Government Offices ...	10,354	312,974	1,375 7 8	10,657	271,374
Naval Hill ...	...	...	...	121	3,195
Total Railway Offices ...	1,134	21,653	97 3 6	4,6666	625,710
1905-6 ...	32,731	858,882	3,928 8 5	489,204	8,084,944
1904-5 ...	34,358	936,386	4,143 12 0	480,501	8,303,037
1903-4 ...	74,148	2,193,226	9,908 1 8	509,077	9,062,957
1902-3 ...	76,802	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

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Annexure 27.

during the years 1898, 16th August, 1902 to 30th June, 1903, 1903-4, 1905-6.

TOTAL. RECEIVED.		TOTAL. TRANSMITTED.	IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT. MESSAGES. (Charged at half rates.)		
Messages.	Words.	Messages.	Messages.	Words.	Amount.
13,618	234,397	15,722	1	11	£ 0 0 6
6,030	84,156	132			
129,678	7,780,680	270,993	1,889	52,164	114 0 8
921	14,000				
149	2,139				
4,761	75,022				
764	11,375				
7,391	100,458	7,412			
2,092	30,287				
3,585	50,450	69			
4,701	66,901	1,013			
5,755	83,800				
6,983	106,117	20			
1,966	28,921				
3,654	56,296	1,200			
14,722	222,672	34,132	180	5,014	11 6 5
3,526	82,941		1,685	52,239	110 14 1
10,374	153,252	31,277			
2,261	34,607	67			
2,941	44,396				
9,382	134,322	2	11	654	18 19 2
4,569	68,391	4,962			
26,023	735,814	8,206	1	21	0 1 9
10,932	170,936	6,450	1	19	0 0 10
4,006	61,195				
1,231	16,743				
5,370	70,684				
1,394	21,870		18	619	2 11 7
3,499	49,221	255	4	146	0 6 1
3,054	43,515				
3,049	43,356				
5,626	79,723	10,235			
5,522	81,864				
5,286	76,961				
5,812	103,443	8,109	117	3,570	7 9 11
1,517	25,146				
5,073	88,440		1,242	29,693	63 15 6
7,471	115,395	1,012			
4,262	57,063				
2,960	39,973				
1,634	22,025				
670	9,704				
4,869	71,253		16	464	1 18 9
2,239	31,591	46			
7,902	127,679	76			
10,653	157,024	5,127			
5,584	81,041				
22	508				
130	3,662		91	2,663	5 11 0
30,285	441,319	48,148	385	11,145	26 16 4
405,895	12,292,761	454,665	5,641	158,422	363 12 7
397,416	12,880,853	399,324	5,964	161,622	374 10 2½
516,424	12,639,934	387,425	10,076	346,971	753 15 3½
374,632	9,787,035	286,991			
182,032	3,186,195	266,513			

**Comparative Statement of Telegraph Revenue for the Financial Years
1898, 16th August, 1902, to 30th June, 1903, 1903-4,
1904-5, 1905-6.**

OFFICE.						REVENUE.		
						£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	...	...	...	...	...	877	0	1
Bethulie	...	...	...	...	...	356	17	9
Bloemfontein	...	...	...	...	...	5,456	12	1
Bloemfontein East	...	...	...	...	...	110	16	9½
Bloemfontein, Government Offices	...	...	...	...	...	194	11	2
Bloemfontein West	...	...	...	...	...	35	7	0
Boshof	...	...	...	...	...	333	1	2
Bothaville	...	...	...	...	...	63	5	8
Brandfort	...	...	...	...	...	482	6	0
Bultfontein	...	...	...	...	...	141	6	11
Dewetsdorp	...	...	...	...	...	264	5	2
Edenburg	...	...	...	...	...	304	7	0
Fauresmith	...	...	...	...	...	344	19	7
Ficksburg	...	...	...	...	...	470	18	0
Fouriesburg	...	...	...	...	...	125	5	3
Frankfort	...	...	...	...	...	261	18	7
Harrismith	...	...	...	...	...	922	9	9½
Harrismith Army	...	...	...	...	...	109	14	6
Heilbron	...	...	...	...	...	731	4	8
Hoopstad	...	...	...	...	...	156	10	9
Jacobsdal	...	...	...	...	...	182	17	5
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	...	...	762	8	0½
Koffyfontein	...	...	...	...	...	356	10	9
Kroonstad	...	...	...	...	...	1,478	14	7
Kroonstad Station	...	...	...	...	...	290	8	11
Ladybrand	...	...	...	...	...	666	6	7
Lindley	...	...	...	...	...	268	11	4
Luckhoff	...	...	...	...	...	80	16	10
Parys...	...	...	...	...	...	351	14	11
Petrusburg	...	...	...	...	...	106	19	2
Philippolis	...	...	...	...	...	190	18	9
Reddersburg	...	...	...	...	...	179	13	7
Reitz ...	...	...	...	...	...	213	2	8
Rouxville	...	...	...	...	...	399	18	8
Senekal	...	...	...	...	...	353	18	7
Smaldeel	...	...	...	...	...	282	13	9
Smithfield	...	...	...	...	...	370	8	1
Springfontein	...	...	...	...	...	524	8	10
Sydenham	...	...	...	...	...	97	3	2
Tempe	...	...	...	...	...	224	4	3
Thaba 'Nchu	...	...	...	...	...	410	4	3
Trompsburg	...	...	...	...	...	258	13	7½
Ventersburg	...	...	...	...	...	157	2	2
Ventersburg Road	...	...	...	...	...	115	4	11
Viljoens Drift	...	...	...	...	...	128	10	4
Villiers	...	...	...	...	...	45	14	9
Vrede...	...	...	...	...	...	305	3	3
Vredefort	...	...	...	...	...	134	6	10
Vredefort Road	...	...	...	...	...	80	16	8
Wepener	...	...	...	...	...	532	19	3
Witburg	...	...	...	...	...	626	17	7
Wolvenhoek	...	...	...	...	...	119	2	11
Zastrou	...	...	...	...	...	422	5	8
Naval Hill	...	...	...	...	...		10	11
Railway Telegraph Offices	...	...	...	...	...	1,869	0	5
1905-6	...	...	...	...	...	24,331	10	4
1904-5	...	...	...	...	...	25,245	13	5
1903-4	...	...	...	...	...	24,255	3	3
1902-3	...	...	...	...	...	18,826	4	8
1898	...	...	...	...	...	11,141	13	3

Annexure 29.

**Comparative Statement of Charges on Cablegrams handed in at the under-
mentioned Offices during the Financial Years 1898, 16th August,
1902 to 30th June, 1903, 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6.**

OFFICE.							AMOUNT.		
Bethlehem	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	17	6
Bethulie	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	8	0
Bloemfontein	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,454	10	5
Bloemfontein East...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	12	7
Bloemfontein, Government Offices	...	...	...	...	...	...	54	4	8
Bloemfontein West	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	15	0
Boshof	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	17	11
Bothaville...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	11	7
Brassfontein...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	15	0
Bultfontein	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	6
Dewetdorp	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	7
Edenburg...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	12	6
Fauresmith	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	12	6
Ficksburg...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	0	7
Fouriesburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	15	10
Frankfort...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	12	7
Harriemuh	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	3	5
Harrismith Army	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	18	11
Heilbron	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	14	3
Hoopsdal	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	12	6
Jacobsdal	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	0	0
Jagerfontein	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	17	5
Koffyfontein	...	...	...	...	...	...	102	2	11
Kroonstad	...	...	...	...	...	...	234	11	0
Kroonstad Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	17	6
Ladybrand	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	17	6
Lindley	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
Luckhoff	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	6
Parijs	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	6
Petrusburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	17	6
Philippolis	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	17	6
Reddersburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	17	6
Reitz	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	9
Rouxville	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	6	3
Senekal	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	3	5
Smalvaal	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	0
Smithfield...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	1	8
Springfontein	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	7	11
Sydenham...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	6	6
Tempe	...	...	...	...	...	...	121	11	10
Thaba 'Nchu	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	9	6
Trompsburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	13	6
Venterburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	10	4
Venterburg Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	8	0
Viljoensdrift	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Vrede	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	10	0
Vredefort	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	5	0
Wepener	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	18	2
Winburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	18	11
Wolvehoek	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
Zastron	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	8	4
1905-6	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,840	12	3
1904-5	3,239	5	4
1903-4	4,516	4	0
1902-3	4,478	15	0½
1898	803	6	4

General Post Office,
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Annexure 30.

**Comparative Statement of Revenue received for Telegraphic Addresses
during the Financial Years 1898, 1902-3, 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6.**

OFFICE.						AMOUNT.		
						£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	...	...	...	...	...	2	17	9
Bethulie	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Bloemfontein	...	...	...	...	...	106	6	3
Boshof	...	...	...	...	...	2	18	6
Brandfort	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Bultfontein	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Dewetsdorp	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Edenburg	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Fauresmith	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Ficksburg	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Fouriesburg	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Frankfort	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Harrismith	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
Harrismith Army	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Heilbron	...	...	...	...	...	4	14	6
Hoopstad	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Jacobsdal	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Koffyfontein	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	0
Kroonstad	...	...	...	...	...	18	18	0
Ladybrand	...	...	...	...	...	7	12	3
Lindley	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Pafjys	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Philippolis	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Reddersburg	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Rouxville	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Reitz	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Senekal	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Smithfield	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Springfontein	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	0
Tempe	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	3
Thaba 'Nebu	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	0
Trompsburg	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Ventersburg	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	6
Vredefort	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Wepener	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
Winburg	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Zastron	1	1	0
Vrede	1	1	0
1905-6						£216	12	0
1904-5						220	4	0
1903-4						225	3	0
1902-3						171	12	10
1898						57	9	9

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Annexure 31.

**Statement of Search Fees received during the Year ended
30th June, 1906.**

YEAR.	MONTH.		NUMBER.	AMOUNT.		
				£	s.	d.
1905	July	...	2 @ 1/-	0	2	0
	August	...	2 @ 1/-	0	2	0
	September	...	...	
	October	...	1 @ 1/-	0	1	0
	November	...	...		..
	December	...	6 @ 1/-	0	6	0
1906	January	...	9 @ 1/-	0	9	0
	February	...	1 @ 1/-	0	1	0
	March	...	4 @ 1/-	0	4	0
	April	...	10 @ 1/-	0	10	0
	May	...	5 @ 1/-	0	5	0
	June	...	17 @ 1/-	0	17	0
Total ...			57 @ 1/-	2	17	0

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