



REPORT

With

OF THE

PSTMASTER - GENERAL

OF THE

ORANGE RIVER COLONY,

For the year ended 30th June, 1909.



Report of the Postmaster-General,

Orange River Colony.

FOR THE YEAR 1st JULY, 1908, TO THE 30th JUNE, 1909.

The Honourable,

THE COLONIAL TREASURER,

Bloemfontein.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit my Report on the working of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the financial year ended the 30th June, 1909, as follows :

SECTION I.

POSTAL.

Money Order Offices.

1. On the 30th June, 1908, there were 58 Money Order Offices in the Colony. The Sub-Office at Kestell was raised to a Money Order Office on the 1st January last ; and the Money Order Office at the Government Offices, Bloemfontein, was closed on the 28th October, 1908, in consequence of the unfortunate fire which destroyed the Government Buildings in the city. It will thus be seen that the number of Money Order Offices open at the close of the period covered by this Report was the same as that open at the commencement of the last financial year.

Sub-Offices.

2. There were open in the Colony on the 30th June, 1908, 62 Sub-Offices including Kestell, which, as stated in paragraph 1, has been raised to a Money Order Office. A Sub-Office was opened at Kildare, district Thabanchu, on the 15th August, 1908. Three Post Office Agencies have been raised to Sub-Offices, viz.:— Austin's Post, district Bloemfontein, on the 1st December, 1908 ; Helvetia, district Smithfield, on the 1st August, 1908 ; and Port Allan, district Hoopstad, on the 1st January, 1909. Three Sub-Offices have been reduced to Post Office Agencies, viz.:— Kestell Road, district Harrismith, on the 1st November, 1908 ; Quaggashoek, district Boshof, on the 1st April, 1909 ; and Zamenkomst, district Ladybrand, on the 1st October, 1908. It will thus be seen that on the 30th June last there was no change in the number of Sub-Offices open compared with the number open at the close of the preceding financial year.

3. The store of the Sub-Postmaster at Kestell, in which postal business was carried on, was broken into during the night of the 7th August, 1908, and post office moneys stolen amounting to £38 12s. Two nights later the store was accidentally burnt down. Stamps amounting to 16½ and all post office furniture, etc., were destroyed. The total amount of the cash stolen, which had been left on a shelf in the store, and the value of the stamps burnt were made good to the Department by the Sub-Postmaster, who, at the time of the occurrence, arranged for the postal business at Kestell to be carried on as usual.

4. A fire also occurred on the 8th August, 1908, which destroyed the store of the Sub-Postmaster at Zamenkomst, district Ladybrand, in which postal business was conducted. All correspondence, post office stores, stationery, etc., the credit stock of postage stamps for £3, and postal orders amounting to £10 were destroyed. There were no registered articles or parcels on hand at the time. Zamenkomst was subsequently reduced to a Post Office Agency as indicated in paragraph 2.

Post Office Agencies.

5. There were on the 30th June, 1908, 109 Post Office Agencies in the Colony, besides 40 native agencies. The following is a list of Post Office Agencies numbering 14 which have been established during the year, together with the dates on which they were opened.

NAME.	DISTRICT.	DATE WHEN OPENED.
Glenlennie.	Harrismith.	15th October, 1908.
Glenrock.	Thabanchu.	15th August, 1908.
Grandstable	Hoopstad.	1st September, 1908.
Homernie.	Bloemfontein.	15th March, 1909.
Immigrant Siding.	"	1st August, 1908.
Jakhalskraal.	Winburg.	1st January, 1909.
Klipdrift.	Bloemfontein.	15th June, 1909.
Monument Road Extension, Bloemfontein.	"	15th June, 1909.
Novo.	Wepener	15th June, 1909.
Oudebergfontein.	Fauresmith.	1st October, 1908.
Senekalsrust.	Senekal.	15th June, 1909.
Stonewall.	Boshof.	1st October, 1908.
Thabapatchoa.	Thabanchu	15th August, 1908.
Waaifontein.	Hoopstad.	15th May, 1909.

6. The following ten Post Office Agencies have been closed since the 30th June, 1908 :—

NAME.	DISTRICT.	DATE WHEN CLOSED.
Daggafontein.	Thabanchu.	31st August, 1908.
Elim.	Bethlehem.	31st July, 1908.
Klipnek.	Fauresmith.	31st January, 1909.
New York.	Thabanchu.	14th August, 1908.
Novo.	Wepener.	31st Mar, 1909. (re-op. 15th June, '09).
Oosthuizen's Siding.	Kroonstad.	31st July, 1908.
Senekalsrust.	Senekal.	12th Nov., '08. (re-op. 15th June, '09).
Stonewall.	Boshof.	11th July, '08 (re-op. 1st Oct., '08).
Thabanchu Rail.	Thabanchu.	6th October, 1908.
Van der Merves Fontein.	Heilbron.	30th September, 1908.

7. It will thus be seen that 14 Post Office Agencies have been opened during the year, ten have been closed, three have been raised to Sub-Offices, and three Sub-Offices have been reduced to Post Office Agencies; so that on the 30th June, 1909, there were in the various parts of the Colony 113 Post Office Agencies, or four more than at the close of the preceding year.

8. One Native Agency has been established; so that in 41 towns of the Colony, letters etc., for the native inhabitants are delivered to them by native postal agents appointed for the purpose. This arrangement continues to be appreciated alike by Europeans and natives.

9. The store of the Postal Agent at Waaifontein, district Hoopstad, in which postal business was conducted, was accidentally destroyed by fire on the 22nd June last. The letters, etc., on hand at the time were burnt. The Postal Agent arranged to carry on the business of the Agency as usual.

10. Comparatively few applications have been received during the year for the establishment of additional Post Office Agencies or for greater postal facilities in connection with those already open. This can, I think, be taken as an indication that the postal facilities at the present enjoyed by the rural population are ample for present requirements.

Conveyance of Mails.

11. This branch of the service has undergone little change during the year, and the absence of complaints from the public seems to indicate that the present arrangements are satisfactory.

12. In paragraph 24, page 7, of my last Annual Report, it was stated that negotiations were proceeding with a view to securing a further reduction in the post cart contract price, consequent on the opening of the Bloemfontein-Kimberley railway line. These negotiations terminated on the 19th July, 1908, from which date the payments were reduced from £1,691 to £1,197 5s., a saving of £493 15s. per annum, without the efficiency of the service being materially affected. It was found necessary, however, to increase the amount paid to the contractor for the conveyance of mails between Petrusburg and Petrusburg Station from £36 to £45 per annum, in order to connect with the trains according to the altered Railway time table.

13. Provision having been made in the estimates for the year 1908-9 for the re-establishment of the Vrede-Harrismith route mentioned in paragraph 16, page 6, of my last Annual Report, a contract was entered into for the conveyance of the mails once weekly each way from the 1st September, 1908, between these towns for the sum of £228 per annum.

14. The abnormally heavy rains during January and February of this year caused a number of late arrivals; but in view of the difficulties with which contractors had to contend no fines were imposed. In no case was the service materially interfered with, although I regret to say that on two occasions the attempts of the post drivers to cross swollen rivers were attended with fatal results, as explained in the following two paragraphs.

15. A native while conveying the mail bag on horseback from the Post Office Agency at Welkom to Winburg on the 16th January last was drowned in the Groot Vet River. So far as could be ascertained the native crossed this river safely, but on reaching the Klein Vet River further on he probably found it impassable, whereupon he must have decided to return to Welkom, and met his death in attempting to recross the Groot Vet River. The mail bag, which contained about forty ordinary letters, was found three days later, but without contents. The body of the native was recovered. The contents of the mail bag have not been found.

16. The post cart from Heilbron to Frankfort on the 26th February last was overturned while attempting to cross the Komagrit. The cart was carried down the stream and was much damaged, and the native driver and mules were drowned. Another native in the contractor's service, who was on the cart, managed with difficulty to escape. The mail bags were recovered six days later, and the correspondence, after drying, was delivered. The newspapers, however, had to be destroyed. Claims amounting to £12 17s. 6d. were paid by the contractor to various persons in respect of damage to a private post bag, two parcels, and some packets of photos.

17. All contracts for the conveyance of mails throughout the Colony terminated on the 30th June, 1909, and new contracts have been concluded which, it is anticipated, will result in a saving under this head of £2,600 17s. 3d. per annum.

18. The Postal and Telegraph Committee, which has been appointed by the Government in accordance with the suggestion of the Civil Service Commission on page 41 of its Report, meets as a rule on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month to deal with applications for increased postal and telegraph facilities. At present the Committee consists of the Assistant Colonial Treasurer, the Collector of Customs, and myself.

Several changes in connection with the conveyance of mails have been agreed to by the Committee with the object of effecting a saving.

19. The number of main routes in the Colony—other than railway routes—on the 30th June, 1909, was 52, three more than when my last Annual Report was furnished; branch posts 104 or eleven more than at the close of the preceding financial year. The distance mails were conveyed by cart and horses on the 30th June, 1909, was approximately 1138 miles; by rail within the borders of the Colony 996 miles; and on horseback (branch posts) 2086 miles. The number of contractors on the 30th June, 1909, for the conveyance of mails over the main routes was 37, being one more than the number at the close of the preceding year.

Travelling Post Office.

20. The Travelling Post Office is now regarded as a branch of the Bloemfontein Post Office, having been under the control of the Postmaster, Bloemfontein, since the 1st January last. The arrangement has enabled a saving to be effected equal to the amount of salary formerly paid to the Supervisor of the Travelling Post Offices.

21. The Postal and Telegraph Committee by a majority recommended to the Government the abolition of the Travelling Post Offices attached to the ordinary daily "Up" and "Down" passenger trains, and the Government decided to abolish the service north of Bloemfontein as from the 1st July, 1909. I did not feel justified in endorsing the recommendation as I feared its adoption must necessarily impair the efficiency of the whole mail service, since correspondence addressed to or posted in many towns cannot be so promptly dealt with. As the Travelling Post Offices in this Colony as in other countries are the chief distributing centres for correspondence, their abolition cannot but cause mail matter to be delayed. The Government may, however, rest assured that every effort will be made by the Department to minimise the anticipated delay.

22. The Civil Service Commission which went carefully into the question of the Travelling Post Offices, and with whose finding in this connection I expressed myself in agreement, states on page 39 of its Report that the Travelling Post Office is undoubtedly expensive but its abolition would seriously affect the business people of the outside towns. The Commission states further that it would be more satisfactory to retain the service.

Missing Letter Enquiries.

23. During the year separate enquiries were made in 996 cases in which articles of mail matter were said not to have reached their destination. In many instances of articles reported to have been lost and which could not be traced it is doubtful whether the articles had ever been posted; and in a large number of cases the trouble and inconvenience caused to the complainants were due not to the postal service but to the members of the public. To illustrate this I shall only mention a few cases in which the Department was put to considerable trouble through the want of ordinary care on the part of persons not connected with the postal service.

24. It was reported that a registered book-packet said to be posted in London and addressed to Thabanchu had not been received. After some correspondence it was ascertained from the London Office that the packet enquired for had not been posted.

25. A complaint was received that, on arrival of a registered letter at its destination, it was found that four Postal Orders of £1 each had been abstracted. As the sender had kept a record of the numbers of the Orders the Department was able to submit the Orders, for inspection, to the complainant, who stated that the signature on them appeared to be that of the addressee of the registered letter.

26. A report was made to the Department that a letter posted at Bethlehem and addressed to Bloemfontein, containing Postal Orders, had never reached the addressee. As the numbers could not be furnished some difficulty was experienced in tracing the Orders. Ultimately it was discovered that the letter had been duly delivered and that the payee had cashed the Orders.

27. A complaint was made that three post cards posted in Bloemfontein three days previously for local delivery had not reached the addressee. The investigations which followed revealed the fact that as the cards were of a kind which were not admissible under the regulations they were promptly returned to the sender.

28. A letter posted at Thabanchu and addressed to Bloemfontein, when being delivered by the letter carrier, was noticed to be open. In reply to the letter carrier's enquiry the addressee stated that the letter should have contained a cheque for 10s. A thorough search was made in the Bloemfontein office as it was thought the cheque might have slipped out of the envelope which had not been closed. As it could not be traced the writer of the letter was, after some difficulty, communicated with, when it was ascertained that the Postal Order for 10s. which he intended to enclose had been cashed.

29. It was reported that a parcel posted in Bloemfontein and said to have been addressed to Koffyfontein had not reached its destination. After a fruitless search it was some time later discovered that the parcel had been addressed to Jagersfontein, from which office it was redirected to the proper address.

30. A complaint was made that two British Postal Orders, amounting to £2, posted at Boksburg on the 21st March, 1908, and addressed to Harrismith, had not been received by the addressee; and all efforts to trace the orders failed. On the 19th December, 1908, however (after the expiration of the period for which the Orders were current) the addressee wrote that the letter, which had been mislaid, had just been found, and requesting that special authority be given for the Orders to be cashed. The Orders were accordingly sent to the General Post Office, London, for the necessary sanction, when it was ascertained that their loss had been reported and that at the request of the remitter duplicates—payable to himself—had been issued on the 3rd October, 1908. The original Orders, the payment of which had been applied for by the payee, were therefore retained in the London Office as valueless.

31. A letter which was posted in King Williamstown on the 8th January, 1908, and which reached Bloemfontein on the 10th of the same month was, in March 1908, found in a drawer of a cupboard which an officer of the Post Office had purchased at an auction sale held at the house at which the letter had been delivered in accordance with the address fourteen months previously. From an endorsement made on the cover it appeared that it was obviously the intention of the person to whom the letter had been delivered to return it to the Post Office, but he had forgotten to do so. As the address of the addressee was known at the time the letter was found, as stated above, it was delivered to him with an explanation which he recognised entirely exonerated the Post Office from blame.

32. A resident of Bloemfontein complained that a letter due to arrive from overseas had not been received, and added that during twelve years the correspondent had only missed one mail and on that occasion explained the failure by a cable message to the effect that the letter had erroneously been sent to an address in Spain. A diligent search was made but the letter could not be found. Subsequently the complainant informed the Department that on opening a newspaper from the same correspondent the letter, bearing no postmarks and with the postage stamps unobliterated, was found under the newspaper wrapper. Doubtless, it had accidentally got placed there before the paper was posted.

Letter Carriers and Messengers.

33. On the 30th June, 1908, there were eleven letter carriers employed in Bloemfontein. The Central Telegraph Office and the Central Post Office in Bloemfontein, which between them employ twenty-one carriers and messengers, were amalgamated on the 1st January last and placed under one head; thus letter carriers and telegraph messengers have, since the date mentioned, been treated as one combined staff. This arrangement enables the Postmaster to provide temporary additional assistance in either of the branches where there may be a temporary press of work. As a rule eight carriers are kept constantly busy while on duty delivering mail matter in all parts of the city, and three are engaged in the work of stamping correspondence and on other suitable duties in the Post Office. Ten messengers are required to undertake the delivery of telegrams. Those who are employed on the letter carrier and telegraph messenger staff are fully occupied.

34. The following table shows the number of articles delivered by letter carriers in Bloemfontein:—

Year.	Letters.	Registered Correspondence.	Books, Papers, etc.	Faxed Correspondence.	Amount Collected.
1898	190,781	—	32,697	4,609	£51 17 9
1901-2	151,181	—	20,271	748	5 9 10½
1902-3	594,317	—	247,814	1,030	8 1 6
1903-4	519,471	—	76,345	2,300	17 6 6
1904-5	590,413	—	88,163	3,010	23 19 6½
1905-6	579,617	—	90,490	4,698	32 16 4½
1906-7	570,027	172	66,616	3,037	30 8 0½
1907-8	808,895	1903	100,536	3,730	33 11 6½
1908-9	391,243	2652	79,560	5,875	42 19 0

Postage Stamps which will not be valid after the 31st December, 1909.

35. In terms of Post Office Regulation No. 202 dated the 12th October, 1904, and published in the "Government Gazette", No. 314, dated the 14th of the same month, postage stamps of the late Orange Free State marked "V.R.I." and "E.R.I." respectively, and those of the Cape Colony with the words "Orange River Colony" overprinted on them will not be valid for the prepayment of postage after the 31st December next. It is thought that there are still large quantities of these stamps in the hands of dealers.

Postal Statistics.

36. The following figures based on statistics show the quantity of mail matter despatched from and received for delivery at Offices throughout the Colony during the periods mentioned:—

Period.	Letters and Post Cards.	Newspapers, Book packets, etc.	Parcels.
17th March, '00, to 30th June '01	6,352,967	354,988	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	101,741
1906-7	25,465,986	9,270,284	216,659
1907-8	22,191,594	9,250,708	194,105
1908-9	20,214,931	8,767,814	214,859

37. A return showing the amount of correspondence posted for despatch from and that received for delivery at each Head Post Office and offices subordinate to it, as well as the quantity of mail matter dealt with in transit, forms an annexure (No. 10) to this Report.

38. The Civil Service Commission in its Report states that the time of one officer is largely occupied with the preparation of elaborate table published in the Annual Report of this Department; and the opinion is expressed that many of the statements are of very little interest and some of the figures unreliable. But I submit that if it be desired that a comprehensive report on the working of the Department should be furnished proper statistical returns are indispensable. Moreover, so far as statistics are concerned in connection with mail matter dealt with (and these entail the most labour), returns of a far more elaborate nature are required to be prepared annually for transmission to the International Office at Berne; and, while such returns have to be furnished, it is a comparatively easy matter to compile those which accompany my Reports.

With reference to the view that some of the figures are not reliable, I can only say that the returns are prepared with the greatest care from information furnished by every Postmaster in the Colony. The Commission does not indicate in what respect the figures are unreliable.

39. The following statement shows the quantity of mail matter for overseas countries dealt with at Bloemfontein in connection with Christmas mails—1905 to 1908.

	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.
Letters	22 bags.	18 bags.	15 bags.	14 bags.
Newspapers, Books, etc.	18 "	20 "	17 "	17 "
Parcels.	6 cases.	5 cases.	5 cases.	5 cases.

The 1908 Christmas mail comprised about 100,000 letters, 375 registered articles, and 203 parcels.

Pillar Boxes.

40. For the convenience of passengers a pillar box was erected on the 13th May last on the Railway platform at Modderpoort Station, and another at Brandfort Station on the 23rd June last. The pillar box which had been placed at the Wepener Hotel in the town of Wepener was removed on the 24th April last.

41. The following table shows the number of articles posted in the 21 pillar boxes in Bloemfontein :—

Period.	Total No.	Period.	Total No.
1898	67,540	1905-6	284,684
1901-2	70,556	1906-7	240,875
1902-3	361,269	1907-8	420,920
1903-4	189,360	1908-9	507,519
1904-5	223,269		

Conventions.

42. A Convention has been concluded between the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, the Orange River Colony, and the Bechuanaland Protectorate, which secures a uniform system of compensation for the loss of registered articles passing through the post in the aforementioned Colonies and Protectorate. The limit of compensation for the loss of any registered article while in the custody of the Post Office is £5. The limit in the other Colonies of South Africa is that fixed by the Universal Postal Union Convention of Rome, viz., 50 francs or £2.

43. A Convention has also been concluded between the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, the Transvaal, Natal, and the Orange River Colony, for the promotion of greater facilities for the transaction of postal business. The Convention takes the place of Articles 7, 19, and 41 of the South African Postal Union Convention. It further provides for unclaimed articles of mail matter (if the names and addresses of the senders be given on the covers) to be returned direct to the senders instead of through one or more Dead Letter Offices.

Savings Bank and Accounting Branch.

44. The following report has been submitted to me by the Controller of the Savings Bank and Accountant :—

General Post Office,
Bloemfontein, 30th July, 1909.

CONTROLLER AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1909.

The Postmaster-General,
Bloemfontein.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my Report for the year ended 30th June, 1909.

SAVINGS BANK BRANCH.

Offices Opened.

1. During the year one office was opened for Savings Bank business, viz. Kestell, on the 2nd January, 1909.

Office Closed.

2. Owing to the destruction by fire the office at Government Buildings was closed on 28th October, 1908.

Balances at closed Offices.

3. The following closed offices still have credit balances as shown against the names :—

Bloemfontein West	...	...	£180 16 11
Government Offices	...	...	313 12 5
Sydenham	...	...	712 4 7
Trompsburg Station	...	...	34 9 3
Vredefort Road	...	...	30 11 1

Deposits.

4.	For the year ended 30th June, 1908	...	£142,974 9 9
	For the year ended 30th June, 1909	...	128,339 17 1

A decrease of £14,634 12 8

During June, 1909, the deposits totalled £14,832 4s. 8d. as against £14,579 15s. 5d. for June, 1908, the heaviest month for that year, being an increase of £252 9s. 3d.

The lightest month for the year ended 30th June, 1909, was December, 1908, when £8,809 14s. was paid in, against £9,828 0s. 11d. paid in during December, 1907, the lightest month during the preceding year, being a decrease of £1,018 6s. 11d.

Withdrawals.

5.	For the year ended 30th June, 1908	...	...	£135,067	12	9
	For the year ended 30th June, 1909	...	...	139,412	16	1
	An increase of	...	...	£4,345	3	4

During July, 1909, £14,934 3s. 4d. was withdrawn, against £12,591 14s. 4d. withdrawn in December, 1907, the heaviest months for the years mentioned, showing an increase of £2,342 9s.

The smallest amount of monthly withdrawals for the year just ended was in February, 1909, when the sum of £8,060 4s. 2d. was withdrawn, being a decrease of £880 16s. 4d. compared with £8,941 0s. 6d. paid out during September, 1907, the lightest month for that year.

Balances.

6. On 1st July, 1908, the balance due to depositors was £165,967 19s. 3d., and at the end of June, 1909, it amounted to £154,895 0s. 3d., being a decrease of £11,072 19s. At the end of June, 1908, there was an increase of £7,906 17s. as compared with the balance due at the end of June, 1907.

Interest.

7. Interest paid to depositors for the year just ended at the rate of 3 per cent amounted to £698 11s. 3d., as against £706 2s. 7d. for the previous year, a decrease of £7 11s. 4d.

Interest capitalised £3,455 7s. 11d., as against £3,668 15s. 1d. for the year ended 30th June, 1908, showing a decrease of £213 7s. 2d.

Number of Depositors.

8. The number of open accounts on 30th June 1909, was 6,831, as against 6,826 for the previous year, showing an increase of 5. 3,143 new accounts were opened, and 3,138 accounts were closed.

Average amount standing to the credit of each Depositor.

9. The average amount standing to the credit of each depositor on 30th June, 1908, was £24 6s. 3d., and on 30th June, 1909, £22 13s. 6d. a decrease of £1 12s. 9d.

Telegraphic Warrants.

10. 1916 telegraphic applications for withdrawal were treated during the past year, and the telegraph revenue was benefitted to the extent of £191 12s.

Emergency Warrants.

11. 1337 applications for immediate repayment at Bloemfontein were received. A fee of 1s. was levied for each of these transactions in order to meet the cost of the clerical labour involved. This produced a revenue of £66 17s. which amount has been accounted for in postage stamps.

Duplicate Deposit Books.

12. The sum of £6 12s. 6d. was collected from depositors who had applied for duplicate books, being 53 books at 2s. 6d. each.

Number of Branches.

13. There are at present 58 Post Offices authorised to transact Savings Bank business. On 1st July, 1908, the number was 58; one has been opened and one closed, leaving the number unaltered.

Transfers.

14. As it is proposed to extend the system of Savings Bank Transfers to India, this Department is in correspondence with the Director-General of Posts in Calcutta on the subject. For the present the privilege will be extended to soldiers only.

Since 1st July, 1908, the sum of £1,085 3s. 4d. was received from the United Kingdom; £458 19s. 10d. from Natal; £4,001 2s. 2d. from the Transvaal; and £1,910 19s. 6d. from the Cape Colony, amounting in all to £7,456 4s. 10d. From this Colony £8,770 14s. 4d. was transferred to the United Kingdom; £656 0s. 6d. to Natal; £5,615 10s. 7d. to the Transvaal; £1,699 7s. 4d. to the Cape Colony, and £181 6s. 4d. to Rhodesia.

A total of £16,922 19s. 1d. has thus been transferred and on this the sum of £114 16s. 11d. has been collected as commission, the charge being at the rate of 6d. for every £4 or part thereof, with a minimum of 2s.

ACCOUNTING BRANCH.

Stamp Vendors.

15. On 30th June, 1908, there were 32 persons throughout the Colony authorised to sell Postage Stamps, Post Cards, etc., at face value. During the year 2 licenses were cancelled, and 8 new licenses issued, bringing the total up to 38.

Oversea Parcels.

16. The amount of Customs Duty collected on 23,959 parcels from oversea countries during the past year was £6,053 2s. 4d. and Clearance Fees £598 19s. 6d., as compared with £6,922 10s. 10d. Customs Duty and £674 13s. Clearance Fees collected on 26,986 parcels during the previous year.

Between 1st July, 1907, and 30th June, 1908, 3,178 parcels were sent to oversea countries, and during the period under review 3,107 parcels were despatched.

Money Orders.

17. A direct Money Order Exchange with Germany was inaugurated on 1st October, 1908, and an exchange with the French Colonies, through the intermediary of the United Kingdom, on the 1st November last.

18. A proposal received from the Imperial Post Office to introduce a Cablegram Money Order Service between the United Kingdom and the South African Colonies is now under consideration.

19. During the period covered by this Report there were issued 39,136 Money Orders of a total value of £197,240 17s. 3d., on which the commission charged amounted to £2,424 0s. 2½d. During the previous year the number of Orders issued was 38,874 representing a total value of £191,435 14s. 3d. on which commission amounting to £2,434 12s. 2d. was collected.

20,522 Money Orders amounting to £116,709 10s. 5d. were paid, compared with 21,084 Orders totalling £111,198 9s. 11d. were paid during last year.

Postal Orders.

20. The following is a statement of Postal Orders issued and paid:

	Orders Issued.			Orders Paid.	
	No.	Amount.	Com.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
From 1st July, 1907, to 30th June, '08		126,216 19 9		93,415	49,977 15 11
From 1st July, 1908, to 30th June, '09	256,315	136,148 10 8	1,884 13 1	110,383	60,114 13 7

There has been a substantial increase in this form of business.

I would recommend that the sale of Orange River Colony Orders be discontinued and that only British Orders be issued. This course has been adopted in all other South African Colonies, and the arrangement is working most satisfactorily. Moreover, it saves an enormous amount of clerical labour.

Telegrams.

21. The number of Telegrams dealt with throughout the Colony was :

	Forwarded.	Transmitted.	Received.
1st July, 1907, to 30th June, 1908. ...	420,704	432,813	372,389
1st July, 1908, to 30th June, 1909. ...	403,404	402,074	345,696

It will be observed that there has been a falling off in telegraphic work.

Correspondence.

22. The following is a return showing the number of letters received at and despatched from this Office :—

	From P'stmstrs.	From Public.	To P'stmstrs.	To Public.	Total.
Accounting Branch... ..	6,900	1,776	6,990	1,130	16,796
Savings Bank Branch	1,183	691	3,814	1,969	7,657
Stores Branch	2,713	104	4,215	133	7,165
Postal Order Branch	984	338	1,098	328	2,760
Customs Branch	750	298	1,370	474	2,892
Telegraph Message Branch	600	160	691	158	1,609
Money Order Branch	1,774	321	1,168	356	3,619
	14,904	3,708	19,346	4,548	42,506

Search Fees.

23. The amount collected for Search Fees in connection with telegrams was £7, as compared with £2 11s. for the preceding year.

Registered Telegraphic Addresses.

24. For the year ended 30th June, 1908, Registered Telegraphic Addresses produced a revenue of £215 10s. 3d., as compared with £164 6s. 6d. for the period under review.

Postal Drafts.

25. The following statement shows the number of Postal Drafts issued throughout the Colony :—

Year.	No. issued.
1905-6	406
1906-7	655
1907-8	738
1908-9	574

Private Boxes and Bags.

26. The sum collected for the hire of Private Boxes and Bags during the Financial Year 1908-9 amounted to £1,691 17s. 6d., as compared with £1,795 0s. 10d. for the previous year.

Free Work Performed.

27. The following is a statement of free work performed for other Government Departments :

Telegrams on O.R.C Government Service	£2,217 3 10
Telegrams on Military Service—50 per cent allowance	380 13 8
Free Private Letter Boxes and Bags	75 0 0
Free Registered Telegraphic Addresses	38 17 0
Free Telephone connections to other Departments	654 0 0
Free Work for Customs Dept. in connection with oversea parcels	1,200 0 0
Unpaid Postage	11,556 19 2
Estimated cost of working the Savings Bank	2,025 0 0

£18,147 13 8

Revenue and Expenditure.

28. The following statement shows the revenue and expenditure respectively for the years 1903-4 to 1908-9 :—

	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Excess Expend.
1903-4 ...	£79,367 18 6	£123,052 15 4	£43,684 16 10
1904-5 ...	76,307 0 10	119,899 4 0	43,583 3 2
1905-6 ...	83,416 11 9	113,843 9 5	30,426 17 8
1906-7 ...	80,909 2 9	115,098 16 5	34,099 13 8
1907-8 ...	80,341 0 8	112,118 6 6	31,777 5 10
1908-9 ...	90,452 14 11	107,521 4 8	17,068 9 9

Details of Revenue.

29.—The amount received during the year was £6,452 in excess of the £84,000 estimated, as shown in the following statement :—

	Estimated Receipts.	Actual Receipts.	Shortfall.	Excess.
Private Box and Bag Rents...	£1,800	£1,691 17 6	£108 2 6	
Commission ...	4,000	4,219 2 11	—	£219 2 11
Unpaid Postage ...	1,500	1,511 0 6	—	44 0 6
Postage Stamps ...	61,850	61,174 8 10	675 13 2	—
Telephone Rents ...	4,000	4,265 2 4	—	265 2 4
Telegraphic Addresses ...	200	164 6 6	33 13 6	—
Transit Rates ...	9,900	16,103 13 10	—	6,203 13 10
Miscellaneous ...	750	1,290 4 6	—	540 4 6
	£84,000	£90,452 14 11	£819 9 2	£7,272 4 1

30. The excess receipts are principally due to an increase in Oversea and Land Transits, £6,200 more than was anticipated being obtained owing to the payments for the transit of mails being based on statistics taken in November, 1907, which acted advantageously to this Department.

31. Miscellaneous revenue also shows an increase of £540, due greatly to the decision that uniform material for other Government Departments when purchased should be charged against the Stores and Stationery Vote, and that the value when recovered should be placed to a revenue head.

32. Slight shortfalls were experienced in Private Box and Bag Rents, Postage Stamps, etc., sold, and in Telegraphic Address Fees.

33. Commission and Telephone Rents show satisfactory increases as compared with the estimates.

Details of Expenditure.

34. The amount of expenditure over revenue was £17,068 9s. 9d. instead of £35,038 as was anticipated.

The following details will be of interest :—

	Amount Voted (Revised).	Actual Expenditure.	Saving.
Salaries ...	£74,398	£67,640 10 3	£6,757 9 9
Travelling Expenses ...	2,400	2,287 5 2	112 14 10
Office Expenditure ...	2,200	1,445 7 1	754 12 11
Stores and Stationery ...	4,550	4,283 8 11	266 11 1
Conveyance of Mails ...	29,300	28,154 8 6	1,145 11 6
Telegraph & Telephone Construction	3,000	2,167 1 9	832 18 3
" " Maintenance	2,800	1,202 8 5	1,597 11 7
Incidental Expenses ...	390	349 14 7	49 5 5
	£119,038	£107,521 4 8	£11,516 15 4

35. The saving on salaries was due to retrenchment.

Further savings were effected under the following sub-heads :

<i>Travelling Expenses</i>	£112 14 10—not utilised.
<i>Office Expenditure</i>	754 12 11—due to economy.
<i>Stores and Stationery</i>	266 11 1—not utilised.
<i>Conveyance of Mails</i>	1,145 11 6—,,
<i>Telegraph and Telephone Construction</i> ...	832 18 3—
Due to saving on the construction of the Marquard Line, and on the Bloemfontein Telephone Construction which has not been so great as was anticipated.	
<i>Telegraph and Telephone Maintenance</i> ...	1,597 11 7—
Due to material used on Construction being credited to the Maintenance Vote.	
<i>Incidental Expenses</i>	49 5 5—not utilised.

General.

36. The number of Savings Bank deposits and withdrawals was as follows :

Deposits 21,481 and Withdrawals 9,276, as against 22,950 Deposits and 9,174 Withdrawals for the previous year, being a decrease of 1,466 Deposits and an increase of 102 Withdrawals.

37. The Savings Bank Balances at the 14 most important offices at the end of the years indicated were as follows :—

	1907-8	1908-9
Bloemfontein	£74,299 15 10	£66,624 4 1
Bloemfontein East	6,916 16 8	5,678 9 9
Bethlehem	2,726 2 7	3,036 7 8
Edenburg	2,139 0 0	2,001 19 7
Harrismith	6,312 10 0	4,683 3 3
Jagersfontein	7,475 11 4	8,963 11 5
King's Hill	4,430 12 4	2,677 0 2
Koffyfontein	2,086 10 5	2,205 0 4
Kroonstad	9,035 14 10	8,639 16 10
Ladybrand	2,935 7 4	2,769 1 2
Springfontein	2,052 17 6	1,578 15 8
Tempe	8,914 2 2	7,994 5 6
Viljoensdrift	2,812 0 10	2,438 8 6
Winburg	2,447 17 3	2,150 7 7
	£134,584 19 1	£121,490 11 6

This is a decrease of £13,094 7s. 7d.

38. There was a decrease of £14,634 12s. 8d. in the deposits compared with those for the preceding year, and an increase of £1,345 3s. 4d. in the withdrawals.

39. The decrease in the Savings Bank balance I attribute largely to the retrenchment of a number of the members of the South African Constabulary, about £7,000 having been withdrawn by them.

40. The falling off in the balances at King's Hill and Tempe is due to the departure of troops, most of the money having been transferred to the United Kingdom.

41. There have again been large decreases in the balances of all the South African Post Office Savings Banks, owing, no doubt, to the continued depressed state of business generally.

42. It is very gratifying to me to be able to report that for the first time for many years the Department is in the position of practically paying its way, for although the expenditure exceeded the revenue by £17,068 9s. 9d. free work to the extent of £18,147 13s. 8d. was performed for other Government Departments. Thus, if the Department be credited with the value of this free work, the result of the year's working would show a profit of £1,079 5s. 11d.

43. I desire to avail myself of this opportunity to give expression to my keen appreciation of the confidence that has been reposed in me by my appointment to the dual position of Controller of the Post Office Savings Bank and Accountant to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, in consequence of the amalgamation of

the Savings Bank, the Accounting, and the Stores Branches, which was effected on the 1st January last, although I actually took over from the late Chief Accountant on the 15th December.

44. The work in these branches since that date—notwithstanding the fact that the staff has been reduced—has, I am pleased to say, been satisfactorily performed. I beg leave, however, to state that the staff at present under my immediate control is just able to cope with the work required to be performed, and that difficulty is experienced when officers go on leave or are absent through illness.

45. The returns which accompany this Report contain the fullest possible information.

Conclusion.

46. In conclusion, Sir, I beg to tender my best thanks to you and the Secretary for your continued courteous consideration and assistance, and to record my appreciation and thanks for the willing and cheerful manner in which I have been supported in the discharge of my difficult duties by Mr. Scott and all the members of my staff, and by every officer in the Department.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES V. ZIJL.

Controller Savings Bank and Accountant.

45. With reference to the latter portion of paragraph 20 of the foregoing Report I desire to say that I cannot at present concur in the recommendation of the Controller and Accountant to discontinue the sale of Orange River Colony Postal Orders to the public, for the reason that when an enquiry is made in regard to a British Postal Order reported to have been lost, or in the case of suspected payment to a person not entitled to receive the money, there is considerable delay in carrying out the necessary investigations, owing to correspondence having to take place with the London Office where all British Postal Orders are sent after they have been paid.

SECTION II.

TELEGRAPHS.*Telegraph Offices.*

1. There were on the 30th June, 1908, 55 Telegraph Offices of this Department. Since that date Telegraph Offices have been opened at the following places: Kroonstad Station on the 3rd Sept., 1908; Marquard on the 17th October, 1908; and Kestell on the 1st January, 1909. The Department also established its own Telegraph Office at Viljoensdrift on the 1st July of last year, where, prior to that date, the telegraph work was performed by the Central South African Railway Department. The Telegraph Office at the Government Offices, Bloemfontein, was abolished on the 28th October, 1908, in consequence of the fire which destroyed the Government Buildings. Thus on the 30th June, 1909, there were 58 Telegraph Offices under the direct control of this Department.

2. A temporary Telegraph and Telephone Call Office (worked by operators sent from Bloemfontein Office) was opened on the Show Ground, Bloemfontein, on the 16th, 17th, and 18th March last in connection with the Agricultural Show which was held on the dates mentioned. In addition to the usual charge for each conversation, this Department was paid £5 by the Agricultural Society for the telephone connection.

Railway Telegraph Offices.

3. The number of Central South African Railway Telegraph Offices and Natal Government Railway Telegraph Offices undertaking public paid traffic on the 30th June, 1908, was 47. No new offices have since been permanently opened, and as this Department, as stated in paragraph 1, has its own office at Viljoensdrift, the number of Railway Telegraph Offices open on the 30th June, 1909, was 46. For the convenience of farmers during the winter months, a temporary Railway Telegraph Office, worked by phonophore, was opened for a period of three months at Kaallaagte, on the Kroonstad-Bethlehem line, on the 15th June last.

Hours of Attendance.

4. From the 1st January last, when the reduction in the telegraph staff took place, the hours during which telegrams are accepted from the public in Bloemfontein were fixed as follows:

Week days from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sundays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Public Holidays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Urgent telegrams are also accepted for transmission at the Instrument Room between 7.30 a.m. and 8 a.m. and between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on week-days. Prior to the 1st January last the telegraph counter at Bloemfontein was kept open on week-days from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The hours of attendance at the majority of the smaller offices in the Colony are now from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on week-days except Wednesdays when they close for the day at 1 p.m. There is no attendance on Sundays or Public Holidays at these offices.

Faults.

5. During the year under review the number of faults on the lines causing communication to be interrupted was 502, of which 248 were on the lines running along the railway, the remaining 254 being on the cross-country lines. During the preceding year the faults along the railway lines numbered 423, and on the cross-country lines 333, total 756.

The average duration of the faults on the lines of railway was 18 hours 27 minutes, while on the cross-country lines it was 18 hours 15 minutes, compared with 19 hours 35 minutes, and 15 hours 41 minutes respectively for the preceding year. The longest duration of a fault on the lines along the railway was 5 days 17 hours, and on the cross-country lines 8 days 3 hours and 10 minutes.

Maintenance.

6. A working party consisting of one European Lineman and seven natives, with the necessary transport, has continued to effect heavier repairs on certain cross-country lines. The following lines have received special attention :—Bethlehem-Aberfeldy; Bethlehem-Lindley; Bethlehem-Reitz; Bethlehem-Fouriesburg; Kroonstad-Ventersburg; Ventersburg-Winburg; and Kroonstad-Bothaville.

Construction.

7. A telegraph line was constructed from a point on the Winburg-Ladybrand line to Marquard, a distance of 15 miles, which placed the last-named town in direct telegraphic communication with the two places mentioned. Part of the material used for this line was obtained by the dismantling of an old disused section of a line between Heilbron and Viljoensdrift which was not recovered when the Orange River Colony Telegraphs were handed over to the Civil Administration by the Military Authorities. A telegraph line was also constructed from a point on the existing Harrismith-Bethlehem line to the town of Kestell, a distance of 3½ miles. The construction of these two lines was carried out by the working party referred to in the last preceding paragraph. For this purpose the number of men employed was temporarily increased.

Telephones.

8. Since the 1st July, 1908, 84 additional subscribers have been connected to the Bloemfontein Telephone Exchange, and 36 have withdrawn. Seven extension instruments have been fitted and two have been withdrawn. One private telephone line has been dismantled.

9. On the 30th June 1909, there were connected 533 instruments capable of communicating with the Bloemfontein Central Exchange, exclusive of subscribers at Kimberley who have also been connected since the establishment of telephonic communication between Kimberley and Bloemfontein. Of the 533 instruments, 34 are the property of the Central South African Railway Department, and 8 belong to the Military Authorities, the last-mentioned being directly connected with an Exchange at Tempe, which Exchange is connected with the General Post Office Exchange by means of a junction wire. On the 30th June, 1908, the number of instruments connected was 470, including 32 belonging to the Central South African Railway Department.

10. During the year no alterations were made in the rentals charged to subscribers to the Bloemfontein Telephone Exchange, but the privilege formerly enjoyed by these subscribers of conversing, free of any additional charge, with any town in telephonic communication with Bloemfontein was withdrawn in February last, and subscribers are now charged the usual rate of sixpence for every three minutes conversation with any such town within the Colony; 2/3 for a conversation of three minutes with a subscriber in Kimberley; and 2/6 for a conversation of similar duration with a non-subscriber. In the case of a conversation with any person in Barkly West or Sydney (Cape Colony) the charge to persons in Bloemfontein is 2/3 for three minutes or part thereof. Any subscriber who may desire to make use of the trunk lines to other towns at any time may be enabled to do so by depositing as a credit with the Department the sum of ten shillings, against which each conversation, as it takes place, is debited.

11. A Telephone Call Office was established at Fichardt's Chambers, Maitland Street, Bloemfontein, on the 27th February last. The charge to the public for a conversation is the same as at other Call Offices throughout the Colony.

12. It is satisfactory to find that a Silence Cabinet for use at Public Telephone Call Offices has been designed by the Inspecting Engineer of this Department, which, besides answering the purpose for which it is intended and being quite as serviceable as those purchased in the United States of America, is more than 50 per cent cheaper. The price of a Silence Cabinet made in Bloemfontein according to the Inspecting Engineer's design is £7 as compared with £15 15s. and £18 19s. 8d. respectively, the cost of the imported articles delivered in Bloemfontein.

13. Extensive use continues to be made of the telephone by subscribers in Bloemfontein. The average number of calls attended to monthly in the Exchange was 88,651, compared with 82,827 during the preceding year.

14. The following table shows the number of faults that occurred during the year :

Reported by subscribers	...	...	...	186
Discovered by telephone staff, and in the majority of cases removed without the knowledge of subscribers	...	...	...	1,410
Total	...	...	...	1,596

15. In consequence of the fire which destroyed the Government Buildings in Bloemfontein, this Department suffered a loss in telephone instruments of £96 6s. 3d., and in telegraph apparatus of £24 10s. The various offices temporarily occupied by Government Officials in Bloemfontein have been refitted with telephones at a cost of £121 6s. 5d.

16. I am pleased that the necessary funds have been voted to enable Harri-smith and Kroonstad each to be provided with a telephone service, which, besides proving a great convenience to the inhabitants, will, I feel sure, yield sufficient revenue to justify the expenditure on construction and maintenance.

Cross-Country Telephones.

17. Since the 30th June, 1908, the Department has completed the under-mentioned telephone circuits, which may be classed as follows :—

- (A). Those which were opened by making use of spare telegraph lines ;
- (B). Those specially constructed at the expense of the Government ;
- (C). Those constructed at the expense of the applicants who pay annually a small sum as royalty, and to cover the cost of maintenance.

(A). From the Bloemfontein Exchange to Boshof, completed on the 2nd July, 1908, extended to Kimberley on the 22nd February, 1909, and to Barkly West and Sydney on the 27th May last.

From Theunissen to Winburg on the 29th July, 1908.

(B). From Parys Post Office to Parys Railway Station on the 16th December, 1908.

From Clocolan to Clocolan Railway Station on the 2nd March, 1909.

From Ladybrand to Ladybrand Railway Station on the 21st April, 1909.

From Springfontein to Springfontein Railway Station on the 16th June, 1909.

(C). 1. From Lindley Post Office to the offices in Lindley of Messrs. C. H. Hirschmann, J. Oates, and J. B. Wilson.

2. From Lindley Road Station to the offices there of Messrs. C. H. Hirschmann and W. J. Milne. The subscribers at Lindley and those at Lindley Road are able to converse over the existing telegraph line which connects the town of Lindley with Lindley Road.

3. From Winburg Post Office Exchange to the premises of the following persons, etc. : Messrs. Mitchell and Co. ; T. C. L. Bergstedt & Co. ; Mr. D. J. de Villiers ; Mr. D. G. Roux ; Mr. J. van Rensburg ; and the Winburg Club. The subscribers in Winburg are able to converse with subscribers in Bloemfontein and vice versa through the Exchanges in the towns mentioned.

4. From the Bethlehem Post Office to Mr. W. A. Doherty's store in that town.

5. From the Fouriesburg Post Office to the store in that town of Mr. W. A. Doherty. (This store and that referred to in the last preceding sub-paragraph are in direct telephonic communication with each other over the Bethlehem-Fouriesburg telegraph line which is used for telegraph and telephone purposes as circumstances may require).

6. From the Post Office, Boshof, to the residence of the Honourable C. G. Marais, who is thus able to communicate with subscribers in Bloemfontein.

An amount is provided in the 1909-10 Estimates with the object (subject to the approval of Parliament) of repurchasing the telephone lines erected at the expense of private individuals as indicated in sub-paragraph "C", in order that they may be brought into line with the other telephone systems in the Colony as regards rentals, etc.

18. The telephones which were fitted on to the Rouxville-Zastron telegraph line for the convenience of the Resident Magistrate of Rouxville and the Assistant Resident Magistrate of Zastron may now be used by the public on payment of the usual fee of sixpence for a conversation of three minutes.

19. The use of the telephone line from Kroonstad to the Police Station at the Lace Mine (now the Crown Mine) was discontinued in January last, owing to the Police Station having been closed. The line was again opened as from the 1st April for the use of the public and of the police.

20. The telephone line connecting the office of the late Mr. N. J. Boer with his residence in Senekal was, at the request of the executors in the deceased gentleman's estate, dismantled in March last.

SECTION III.

GENERAL.*Inspection of Offices.*

1. From the 1st July, 1908, to the end of December of that year the work of inspection was performed by the Departmental Inspector, whose position was, however, abolished as from the 1st January last. Since that date the inspection of offices has been carried out by the two senior officers of the relieving staff.

2. All Money Order Offices have been twice visited by inspecting officers. The reports submitted to me show that the work throughout the Colony is performed in an efficient and satisfactory manner. It is regretted, however, that at one office a considerable deficiency was discovered in the official cash of the Postmaster. The case is still "sub judice".

3. In August last I visited the following places : Theunissen, Winburg, Marquard, Senekal, Lindley, Lindley Road, Reitz, Bethlehem, and Kestell. At none of these places were there any complaints, nor were there any requests for additional postal or telegraph facilities ; and this fact, I think, may be taken as an indication that the present arrangements are regarded as satisfactory.

Buildings.

4. With a view to reducing to the fullest extent the number of the postal and telegraph staff employed on Counter duties at Bloemfontein, certain structural alterations were effected at the General Post Office in December last. As a result of these alterations, the office in Maitland Street for the acceptance of telegrams, and the parcel office in East Burger Street were closed on the 31st of December. The whole of the Counter Staff has, since the 1st January last, been concentrated in one large room where all the postal and telegraph business with the public is now transacted, and to which the public obtain access at the main entrance to the building.

5. As the building at Clocolan which the Department rented at £1 5s. per month was declared unfit for human habitation, the Post and Telegraph Office there was on the 1st February last removed to more suitable premises, for which rent at the rate of £36 per annum is paid.

6. I desire to avail myself of this opportunity to again recommend, for the favourable consideration of the Government, the desirability of providing dwelling houses for Postmasters in as many towns of the Colony as possible. Under the retrenchment scheme some officers of the Department had to accept from the 1st January last lower salaries than were paid to them prior to that date, and, although they did so cheerfully, the reduction in their personal emoluments must be a strain upon them. I submit that the claim of officers to be relieved of the necessity of paying house rent out of all proportion to their incomes is one which merits consideration. In some cases officers have had great difficulty in securing houses for themselves and their families except at rents which they could not afford to pay. Moreover, the hours during which some Postmasters are required to be on duty in order to receive and despatch mails are often so irregular that I am of opinion that everything possible should be done to provide dwelling houses for them in close proximity to the Post Offices.

Prosecutions.

7. During the year one European male, three European females, and two natives, respectively, were prosecuted for having made use, in the prepayment of postage, of postage stamps which had previously passed through the post. The European male was sentenced at Winburg on the 24th August, 1908, to pay a fine of £7 10s. One European female was sentenced at Kroonstad on the 14th May last to pay a fine of £2 10s or undergo 14 days' imprisonment. One native was sentenced at Fauresmith on the 30th November, 1908 to pay a fine of twenty shillings or, in default, to undergo imprisonment with hard labour for seven days. Two European females and the other native in the remaining three cases were acquitted. There have been several other instances of letters bearing defaced stamps having been posted, but no proceeding could be taken as the police were unable to trace the writers.

8. For obtaining the delivery of and destroying a letter intended for another person a European female was sentenced at Zastron on the 22nd September to pay a fine of £10, or, in default, to undergo two months' imprisonment.

9. A European youth was sentenced at Bethlehem on the 4th January last to pay a fine of £10, or, in default, to undergo two months' imprisonment, for breaking into the Post Office at Kestell— which was at that time a Sub-Office—and stealing 9/9 in postage stamps. He obtained an entrance by breaking a window pane and unfastening the catch. The fine was paid.

10. An Assistant in the Frankfort Post Office was found guilty at the Circuit Court at Heilbron, on the 27th April last, of having stolen—while employed at Frankfort—several letters about the months of June and July, 1908, and was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour. So far as has been ascertained about £15 was stolen.

Burglary.

11. The Post Office at Tempe was broken into between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the 19th August, 1908—a Wednesday—when the office was closed. The burglar or burglars, in order to gain access to three bedrooms, broke a pane of glass in the window of each of the three rooms and pushed back the catches. Once they got inside the building, an entrance to the office was obtained by smashing in one of the panels of the door leading from the passage. As all cash, stamps, etc., were locked away in the office safe, nothing belonging to the Department was stolen. A parcel from oversea, which was waiting to be called for, was opened and some cigarettes taken out. A portmanteau belonging to one of the assistants (which was in his bedroom) was cut open and two suits of cloths stolen. Other articles belonging to members of the Tempe staff were also carried off. As this was the third burglary at the Post Office, Tempe, within a short time, the Military Authorities there, as a result of representations made to them, have arranged to have a guard placed over the Post Office building every night and on Wednesday afternoons, Sundays and Public Holidays.

Missing Relatives and Friends.

12. Between the 1st July, 1908. and 30th June, 1909, the Department conducted 101 enquiries relating to the whereabouts of missing relatives or friends. Only four persons enquired for were traced, one of whom did not wish his whereabouts to be communicated to the enquirer.

Correspondence dealt with at the Head Office.

13.—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	...	9,562
Number of letters addressed to and received from the Government	...	812
Number of letters addressed to and received from Postal Administrations and other Public Departments	...	12,736
Number of letters addressed to and received from Postmasters and other officers of the Department	...	64,109
		<hr/> 87,219

SAVINGS BANK AND ACCOUNTING BRANCH.

Forwarded	...	23,894
Received	...	18,612
		<hr/> 42,506
		129,725

compared with 156,280 for the preceding year.

Staff.

14. On the 30th June, 1908, the persons employed at all offices of the Department numbered 419, including 56 natives. The number of the Staff employed on the 30th June, 1909, was 375 as shown hereunder :—

Postmaster-General	...	1
Secretary	...	1

Assistants, Secretarial Branch—including Returned Letter Office	13
Relieving Officers and Inspectors	9
Savings Bank and Accounting Branch—including Stores	20
Caretakers, General Post Office	2
Engineering Branch—including European Linemen	11
Assistants in the Post Office, Bloemfontein, and Central Telegraph Office, including Travelling Post Office Staff, and Telephone Operators	67
Postmasters	55
Postmistresses	2
Assistants at Provincial Offices	43
Unpaid Learners	7
Learners and Messengers	4
Letter Carriers and Messengers	18
Assistants and Messengers	51
Natives	...

Resignations.

15.—There have been 24 resignations since the 1st July, 1908, as follows :—

Postmasters	1
Assistants	6
Assistants and Messengers	9
Letter Carriers and Messengers	3
Native Linemen and Messengers	5
	<hr/> 24

Dismissals.

16. One Postmaster, and one Native Lineman and Messenger have been dismissed.

Desertions.

17. One letter carrier and messenger, and one native messenger deserted.

Deaths.

18. It is with regret that I have to record the death, which took place at Senekal on the 9th June last, of Mr. John Fairbairn, late assistant at Harrismith, who, owing to failing health, was allowed to retire on pension at the end of September, 1908.

Retrenchment.

19. The undermentioned officers, in anticipation of the retrenchment scheme were, in response to their applications, allowed to retire from the service of this Department and were granted gratuities to which their period of service entitled them in terms of the Pensions' Ordinance :—

Mr. R. Y. R. Barnes, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. J. v. d. Berg, Assistant, Heilbron.
 Mr. C. R. Boreham, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. A. J. Bosman, Postmaster, Bothaville.
 Mr. B. J. Britz, Assistant, Jagersfontein.
 Mr. C. H. Collet, Accounting Branch, General Post Office.
 Miss B. Conlon, Accounting Branch, General Post Office.
 Mr. E. J. Fielden, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. K. Fraser, Assistant, Kroonstad.
 Mr. J. W. Gibson, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. W. H. Goodinson, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. R. G. Harker, Relieving Officer.
 Mr. A. J. Hodges, Accounting Branch, General Post Office.
 Mr. P. B. v. d. Hoven, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. J. J. M. Janse, Assistant, Parys.
 Mr. C. T. Kenny, Assistant, Edenburg.
 Mr. J. A. Lennon, Postmaster, Vredefort (pensioned).
 Mr. W. McDonald, Assistant, Kroonstad.
 Mr. D. McLean, Assistant, Engineering Branch.
 Mr. J. W. Schiehage, Assistant, Travelling Post Office.
 — Mr. C. W. Tennant, Superintendent, Travelling Post Office.
 Mr. C. J. Theron, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. F. A. Wessels, Assistant, Bethulie.

20. The following officers left the service on the 31st December last, and after the expiration, from that date, of the Vacation Leave of Absence to which they were entitled, were placed on Pension :—

Mr. H. Atkins, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 — Mr. H. Braggs, Controller, Circulation Branch, Bloemfontein.

Mr. W. E. Braybon, Supervisor, Central Telegraph Office, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. W. F. Elliott, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 — Mr. R. B. Homersham, Controller of Stores.
 Mr. W. F. van der Linde, Postmaster, Hoopstad.
 Mr. D. F. Marais, Postmaster, Bloemfontein.
 — Mr. J. Sankey, Chief Accountant.

21. The following is the list of compulsorily retrenched officers, who were granted gratinities :—

Mr. F. J. Breen, Assistant, Harrismith.
 Mr. J. J. Brummer, Assistant, Fauresmith.
 Mr. G. Britton, Assistant, King's Hill.
 Mr. C. W. Cooper, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. T. Cooper, Assistant, Hoopstad.
 Mr. J. Fitzpatrick, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. J. Fraser, Postmaster, King's Hill.
 Mr. G. D. Hamilton, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. T. Howse, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. J. F. D. Hugo, Assistant, Heilbron.
 Mr. M. B. Hull, Assistant, Winburg.
 Mr. G. L. Humphries, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. H. S. Johnson, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. S. J. King, Assistant, Harrismith.
 Mr. C. D. McMaster, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. D. Mason, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. J. McKenna, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. J. Moore, Assistant, Bloemfontein.
 Mr. W. N. Philipson, Assistant, Harrismith.
 Mr. J. J. Proudfoot, Postmaster, Bultfontein.
 — Mr. E. A. Short, Chief Engineer.
 M. P. S. Smith, Assistant, Winburg.
 Mr. A. Skea, Assistant, Springfontein.
 Mr. H. C. Theron, Relieving Officer.
 Mr. W. R. Webster, Assistant, Jacobdal.
 Mr. R. J. Williams, Storekeeper.
 Mr. G. H. Woodall, Postmaster, Luckhoff.
 Mr. F. E. Young, Assistant, Heilbron.

22. The retirement of the Chief Accountant and the Controller of Stores enabled the Accounting, the Savings Bank, and the Stores Branches to be amalgamated and placed under the direct control of one officer. This officer, before the change was made, held the position of Controller of the Savings Bank.

23. The retirement of the late Postmaster of Bloemfontein, and the Superintendent of the Travelling Post Office, afforded the opportunity to amalgamate the Central Telegraph Office, the Post Office, and the Travelling Post Office under one head. The former Assistant Secretary, on the abolition of his office, was appointed to take charge of the combined Staffs.

24. I desire to avail myself of this opportunity of recording my appreciation of the services so loyally rendered by Mr. D. F. Marais, late Postmaster of Bloemfontein, during the many years he was connected with the Department. His punctuality was proverbial, and his constant devotion to duty—often under difficult circumstances—was an example worthy to be followed. It is recognised that by his retirement the Department has lost a faithful officer; and I hope he may be spared to enjoy his well earned pension for many years.

Civil Service Commission

25. The Civil Service Commission express the opinion that persons who enter the service of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs do not require the same high educational qualifications as those seeking employment in other Government Departments; but in this view I cannot concur. Officers of the Post Office come in contact with the general public more than those of any other Government Institution, except perhaps the Education Department, and, possibly, the Department of Agriculture; and, if the work of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs is to be carried on efficiently, intelligently, and in such a manner as always to inspire public confidence, it is essential that its officers who are appointed to responsible positions—especially positions on the Administrative Staff—should possess educational qualifications as high as those required for other positions in the public service.

26. It is observed with regret that the Commission recommends that the maximum salary of women clerks and typists in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs should be fixed at £165 per annum, whereas it recommends that that of women in other branches of the Service should be fixed at £180 per annum. I submit that the women clerks and typists employed by this Department should be as competent as those performing similar duties in other Departments.

27. With reference to the appointment of learners, the Commission says that it will not be advisable to introduce "Learners" into the Service until the establishment becomes normal, and the amount of wastage has been ascertained with some degree of accuracy; but I submit that, as the "learner" class is the only source from which the Department can obtain recruits when junior officers with at least a slight knowledge of the work—and more especially telegraph work—are required to fill positions of assistants and messengers, a certain number of learners should always be under instruction, otherwise it will be necessary when junior positions become vacant to fill them by the employment of youths, who, because they have had no previous training, will be of very little service in connection with postal and telegraph work for some considerable time after their appointment, as it is not advisable to allow officers with no experience whatever to deal with mail matter and telegrams from the members of the public except under careful supervision.

28. With reference to the statements that representations had been made to the Commission that the telegraph messengers had made application for facilities to learn telegraphy, which facilities, it would appear from the Commission's Report, are not provided, it is regretted that—as stated by the Commission in its Report—the matter was not carefully enquired into, because it would have been ascertained that some of the officers at present holding positions in the Post Office and in the Telegraph Office, Bloemfontein, have been recruited from the letter carrier and telegraph messenger classes respectively. Every possible facility is given for a knowledge of postal and telegraph work to be gained, in order that the lads may enter the established service; and, on every occasion where a vacancy has had to be filled, preference has been given to a letter carrier or telegraph messenger. Unfortunately it was found on more than one occasion—as a result of an examination—that, although some of the youths selected for promotion were able to work the telegraph instrument in a fairly satisfactory manner, they did not possess the necessary education to justify their appointment to the vacant positions, which, in the absence of suitable learners, had to be filled by the appointment of outside applicants who had attained to a higher standard of education.

Overtime.

29. Every endeavour is being made to carry out the instructions received from the Government to reduce overtime at Bloemfontein, and, if possible, to abolish it altogether except in respect of work performed on Sundays and Public Holidays. I desire, however, to point out that in recommending reductions in the staff the adviser to Civil Service Commission (according to his report which the Commissioner appointed to carry out the changes recommended was good enough to forward to me for perusal) appears to have fixed forty-four hours per week for each officer who is constantly employed while on duty, on the assumption that officers might sometimes have to work longer hours, and, if so, they should be paid overtime. In fact, he expresses the opinion—doubtless with a view to economy—that it is preferable to employ a smaller permanent staff and pay more overtime. In this view I cannot concur, because I think that if men are required frequently to work a greater number of hours than that which experience has shown is wise to regard as the limit of time per day beyond which officers should not be kept on duty if avoidable, their health will in all probability suffer, and in course of time, although continuing at their posts, they will not be able to render to the Department service as satisfactory as could reasonably be expected from them under less exacting conditions.

Leave of Absence.

30. Although it was not possible to comply with all applications, vacation leave of absence was granted to 163 officers during the year, to the extent of 3,266 days or an average of 20 days each, compared with 5,071 days granted to 174 officers during the preceding year, an average of 29 days each.

Sick Leave.

31. The general health of the staff has, I am glad to say, been very good. The time lost to the Department through absence from duty on account of sickness

during the year was 878 days, as compared with 1,308 days for the year 1907-8. The average sick leave of the whole of the staff—natives excluded—was 2·6 days, as compared with 3·6 days for the preceding financial year.

32. The Civil Service Commission in its Report states that the staffs allowed for the various offices are not so large that any of the officers can be spared for any length of time, and, if leave is to be granted, it will be necessary to have a number of relieving clerks who can be sent out as required. In this connection I should perhaps point out that, with the staff reduced to a minimum, very few, if any, officers can be granted ordinary vacation leave of absence unless there are relieving officers available to act for the officers going on leave. Provision must, of course, be made for the performance of the duties of officers who may be absent through illness, and I therefore feel that, with the present number of relieving officers, it will be extremely difficult, and in many cases impossible, to grant to officers of the Department occasional or vacation leave, which—under the Regulations—it is expected should be granted to them.

Statements

33. 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.—Statement of amount of Customs Dues collected and postage due to the Orange River Colony on received parcels.
"	3.—Statement of rents received for hire of private letter boxes and bags.
"	4.—Comparative Statement of undelivered articles dealt with.
"	5.—Statement of Money Orders paid.
"	6.—Statement of Money Orders Issued.
"	7.—Comparative statement of fines collected from Post Contractors for late arrivals.
"	8.—Statement of Mail Contracts in force on 30th June, 1909.
"	9.—Statement of Mail Services (branch posts).
"	10.—Statement of received and forwarded correspondence.
"	11.—Statement of postage stamps and post cards sold.
"	12.—Statement of unpaid postage collected.
"	13.—Comparative Statement of Money Orders issued in the Orange River Colony which have become void.
"	14.—Comparative Statement of Money Orders issued in other countries which have become void.
"	15.—Statement of Postal Orders paid.
"	16.—Statement of Orange River Colony Postal Orders issued.
"	17.—Statement of British Postal Orders issued.
"	18.—Controller Savings Bank's Consolidated Account for the year ended 30th June, 1909.
"	19.—Savings Bank General Ledger Balances.
"	20.—Savings Bank Statement of unpaid warrants.
"	21.—Detailed Statement of Savings Bank transactions for the year ended 30th June, 1909.
"	22.—Statement of Savings Bank transactions from 15th October, 1897, to 30th June, 1909.
"	23.—Monthly totals of Savings Bank deposits and withdrawals.
"	24.—Savings Bank Interest Account for the year ended the 30th June, 1909.
"	25.—Statement of Postal Drafts issued.
"	26.—Statement of Telegraph Work performed.
"	27.—Statement of Telegraph Revenue.
"	28.—Statement of charges on cablegrams.
"	29.—Statement of Revenue received for telegraphic addresses.
"	30.—Statement of Search Fees collected.
"	31.—Statement of revenue and expenditure.

Conclusion.

34. When I look back at the work of the year, I feel it my duty to say that I gratefully recognise the services of all officers, who, by their energies and faithful discharge of their duties, have contributed to the continued satisfactory working of the Department, and to them my best thanks are due.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. FALCK,

Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,
Bloemfontein, August, 1909.



ANNEXURES.



Annexure 1.**Comparative Statement of Oversea Parcels Received and Forwarded.**

FINANCIAL YEAR.	NUMBER RECEIVED.	NUMBER FORWARDED.
1908-9	23,959	3,107
1907-8	26,986	3,178
1906-7	32,544	3,406
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

Annexure 2.**Statement of Customs Dues collected and Postage due to the Orange River Colony on Received Parcels.**

MONTH.	CUSTOMS DUES.	POSTAGE DUE TO O.R.C.
1903	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July ...	459 1 8	87 17 3
August ...	464 11 7	120 2 3
September ...	477 18 6	118 0 9
October ...	654 8 6	142 9 3
November ...	517 17 8	163 6 0
December ...	706 8 4	127 2 3
1909		
January ...	441 4 10½	91 14 6
February ...	341 11 7	97 12 3
March ...	471 9 1	126 5 3
April ...	571 3 11½	114 16 0
May ...	537 12 8	143 0 0
June ...	444 14 11	100 3 0
1908-9 ...	£6,088 3 4	1,432 8 9
1907-8 ...	6,922 10 10½	1,617 8 0
1906-7 ...	7,609 4 9	1,813 0 9
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 2	2,307 18 2
1902-3 ...	5,526 4	2,111 3 9
1901-2 ...	5,598 0 3	2,275 17 11
1898 ...	1,174 0 8	399 5 9

Annexure 3.

Statement of Rents received for hire of Private Boxes and Bags at the under-mentioned offices during the financial year 1908-9.

OFFICE.			AMOUNT.		
			£	s.	d.
Head Office	...	...	5	7	6
Bethlehem	...	...	92	10	0
Bethulie	...	...	22	15	0
Bloemfontein	...	...	497	17	6
East	...	...	
Boshof	...	...	20	5	0
Bothaville	...	...	
Brandfort	...	...	30	10	0
Bultfontein	...	...	8	0	0
Clocolan	...	...	4	17	6
Dealesville	...	...	2	0	0
Dewetsdorp	...	...	12	0	0
Edenburg	...	...	12	10	0
Fauresmith	...	...	47	0	0
Ficksburg	...	...	35	15	0
Fouriesburg	...	...	11	15	0
Frankfort	...	...	17	16	0
Harrismith	...	...	128	0	0
Heilbron	...	...	63	7	6
Hoopstad	...	...	3	10	0
Jacobsdal	...	...	4	10	0
Jagersfontein	...	...	87	10	0
Kestell	...	...	0	19	0
King's Hill	...	...	
Koffyfontein	...	...	9	10	0
Kroonstad	...	...	150	2	6
Station	...	...	
Ladybrand	...	...	59	0	0
Lindley	...	...	15	10	0
Luckhoff	...	...	4	5	0
Marquard	...	...	2	10	0
Parys	...	...	15	15	0
Petrusburg	...	...	3	0	0
Philippolis	...	...	4	0	0
Reddersburg	...	...	1	0	0
Reitz	...	...	12	10	0
Rouxville	...	...	21	0	0
Schuttendraai	...	...	3	0	0
Senekal	...	...	23	0	0
Smithfield	...	...	21	5	0
Springfontein	...	...	8	10	0
Tempe	...	...	
Thabanchu	...	...	36	5	0
Theunissen	...	...	25	10	0
Tronpsburg	...	...	
Ventersburg	...	...	5	10	0
Road	...	...	
Victor	...	...	2	0	0
Vierfontein	...	...	
Villiers	...	...	1	0	0
Viljoensdrift	...	...	2	0	0
Voorspoed	...	...	
Vrede	...	...	41	0	0
Vredefort	...	...	11	0	0
Wepener	...	...	30	15	0
Westminster	...	...	1	10	0
Winburg	...	...	43	10	0
Wolvehoek	...	...	3	10	0
Zastron	...	...	26	10	0
1908-9	...	...	£1,691	17	6
1907-8	...	...	1,795	0	10
1906-7	...	...	1,765	18	9
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

Statement of Undelivered Articles dealt with in the Returned Letter Office, Bloemfontein.

Annexure 4.

YEAR.	ARTICLES RETURNED TO											
	SENDER.			CAPE COLONY.			TRANSVAAL.			NATAL.		
	Ordinary.			Ordinary.			Ordinary.			Ordinary.		
	Letters & Post Cards.	Other Articles.	Registered.	Letters & Post Cards.	Other Articles.	Registered.	Letters & Post Cards.	Other Articles.	Registered.	Letters & Post Cards.	Other Articles.	Registered.
1908-9	20,822	3,458	342	9,542	1,192	46	7,184	870	70	2,014	300	27
1907-8	21,269	4,284	438	12,728	1,311	30	8,111	256	90	2,052	312	20
1906-7	21,269	4,284	438	12,728	1,311	30	8,111	256	90	2,052	312	20
1905-6	22,177	7,076	487	13,537	2,377	71	9,029	311	104	1,698	98	13
1904-5	27,416	17,820	430	18,302	14,225	69	8,387	1,498	90	1,516	764	15
1903-4	21,837	19,524	987	18,939	14,216	394	10,155	2,094	153	2,553	1,578	10
1902-3	21,837	7,791	2,428	23,340	14,140	294	12,984	510	176	3,116	1,386	125
1901-2	7,483	—	287	15,419	—	170	6,722	—	20	5,653	—	86
1900-1	0,287	—	433	11,258	—	298	1,150	—	25	2,313	—	10
1898	3,951	—	322	8,160	—	113	5,660	—	48	413	—	—
ARTICLES DESTROYED.												
YEAR.	Ordinary.			Ordinary.			Ordinary.			Ordinary.		
	Letters & Post Cards.	Other Articles.	Registered.	Letters & Post Cards.	Other Articles.	Registered.	Letters & Post Cards.	Other Articles.	Registered.	Letters & Post Cards.	Other Articles.	Registered.
	87,484	13,742	80,966	27,411	82,487	35,809	41,181	28,084	39,746	19,002	17,709	107,432
	27,411	82,487	35,809	41,181	28,084	39,746	19,002	17,709	107,432	46,498	—	—
1908-9	87,484	13,742	80,966	27,411	82,487	35,809	41,181	28,084	39,746	19,002	17,709	107,432
1907-8	87,484	13,742	80,966	27,411	82,487	35,809	41,181	28,084	39,746	19,002	17,709	107,432
1906-7	87,484	13,742	80,966	27,411	82,487	35,809	41,181	28,084	39,746	19,002	17,709	107,432
1905-6	87,484	13,742	80,966	27,411	82,487	35,809	41,181	28,084	39,746	19,002	17,709	107,432
1904-5	87,484	13,742	80,966	27,411	82,487	35,809	41,181	28,084	39,746	19,002	17,709	107,432
1903-4	87,484	13,742	80,966	27,411	82,487	35,809	41,181	28,084	39,746	19,002	17,709	107,432
1902-3	87,484	13,742	80,966	27,411	82,487	35,809	41,181	28,084	39,746	19,002	17,709	107,432
1901-2	87,484	13,742	80,966	27,411	82,487	35,809	41,181	28,084	39,746	19,002	17,709	107,432
1900-1	87,484	13,742	80,966	27,411	82,487	35,809	41,181	28,084	39,746	19,002	17,709	107,432
1898	87,484	13,742	80,966	27,411	82,487	35,809	41,181	28,084	39,746	19,002	17,709	107,432
TOTAL.												
ARTICLES DESTROYED.												483

Amount of Bank Notes, Cheques, Money Orders, Postal Orders
Postage Stamps and Cash, found in unclaimed letters, and
returned to the senders :

1908-9	£731 9 8
1907-8	770 1 3
1906-7	1,288 15 7
1905-6	2,783 14 114
1904-5	1,344 6
1903-4	2,182 10 1
1902-3	2,918 18 0
1901-2	1,728 6 4
1900-1	340 15 3
1898	288 12 8

Annexure 5.

Statement of Money Orders paid at the undermentioned Offices.

OFFICE.			No.	AMOUNT.
Bethlehem	...	...	715	£4,458 17 3
Bethulie	...	...	295	1,446 15 11
Bloemfontein	...	...	6,309	32,835 5 7
" East	...	...	33	182 4 9
Clocolan	...	...	120	597 17 2
Boshof	...	...	557	2,931 0 11
Bothaville	...	...	28	165 3 3
Brandfort	...	...	475	2,755 12 3
Bultfontein	...	...	121	855 6 1
Dealesville	...	...	77	511 2 6
Dewetsdorp	...	...	153	1,034 12 4
Edenburg	...	...	276	1,277 2 2
Fauresmith	...	...	375	1,839 16 9
Ficksburg	...	...	574	3,138 0 7
Fouriesburg	...	...	112	735 1 0
Frankfort	...	...	237	1,360 12 11
Government Offices	...	...
Kestell	...	...	27	182 9 8
Harrismith	...	...	913	5,123 5 2
King's Hill	...	...	33	235 0 3
Heilbron	...	...	558	3,133 8 11
Hoopstad	...	...	148	988 16 9
Jacobsdal	...	...	190	859 1 8
Jagersfontein	...	...	371	1,941 12 4
Koffyfontein	...	...	144	892 6 1
Kroonstad	...	...	1,473	8,867 0 1
" Station	...	...	32	114 6 10
Ladybrand	...	...	732	3,707 1 11
Lindley	...	...	252	2,130 11 2
Luckhoff	...	...	91	639 12 0
Parys	...	...	407	1,952 12 7
Petrusburg	...	...	355	2,163 5 3
Philippolis	...	...	174	905 13 9
Reddersburg	...	...	145	660 1 4
Reitz	...	...	170	1,107 0 2
Rouxville	...	...	183	932 16 5
Serekal	...	...	266	1,586 19 5
Theunissen	...	...	168	1,003 5 2
Smithfield	...	...	202	1,360 2 10
Springfontein	...	...	237	1,064 4 4
Marquard	...	...	121	687 7 0
Tempe	...	...	113	602 7 2
Thabanchu	...	...	489	2,671 7 11
Trompsburg	...	...	188	1,105 10 10
Ventersburg	...	...	151	1,032 6 0
" Road	...	...	92	576 2 9
Victor	...	...	32	331 19 4
Vierfontein	...	...	67	396 7 10
Villiers	...	...	34	298 4 2
Viljoensdrift	...	...	111	548 15 5
Voorspoed	...	...	70	1,007 5 9
Vrede	...	...	227	1,790 5 10
Vredefort	...	...	231	1,256 7 7
Schuttesdraai	...	...	50	260 7 7
Wepener	...	...	205	1,190 1 11
Westminster	...	...	59	352 5 1
Winburg	...	...	649	3,068 1 8
Wolvehoek	...	...	65	456 7 6
Zastron	...	...	240	1,383 13 7
1908-9	...	...	20,922	£116,709 10 5
1907-8	...	...	21,084	111,198 9 11
1906-7	...	...	23,911	115,720 0 1
1905-6	...	...	25,723	114,675 13 5
1904-5	...	...	29,000	112,392 13 2
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

Annexure 6.

Statement of Money Orders issued at the undermentioned offices during the financial year 1908-9.

OFFICE.	No.	AMOUNT.	COMMISSION
Bethlehem ...	1,496	£8,144 5 2	£94 17 6
Bethulie ...	614	2,613 17 1	34 17 6
Bloemfontein ...	6,255	33,249 17 5	445 3 8
" East ...	588	3,076 3 5	43 11 0
Clocolan ...	291	1,208 1 3	14 8 9
Boshof ...	466	2,521 14 9	29 13 3
Bothaville ...	208	1,495 3 4	13 6 0
Brandfort ...	444	2,379 18 6	26 9 6
Bultfontein ...	252	1,322 3 3	14 1 3
Dealesville ...	353	2,537 3 4	24 1 3
Dewetsdorp ...	356	1,797 19 10	20 9 0
Edenburg ...	488	2,404 6 0	27 3 3
Fauresmith ...	361	1,782 11 8	20 6 6
Ficksburg ...	554	2,651 8 5	32 7 3
Fouriesburg ...	358	1,676 13 0	20 3 9
Frankfort ...	574	2,472 3 6	32 3 8
Government Offices ...	98	393 9 7	6 2 6
Kestell ...	148	999 5 8	9 14 0
Harrismith ...	692	3,796 5 11	48 18 6
King's Hill ...	151	1,084 2 9	15 3 6
Heilbron ...	787	4,243 10 6	56 5 0
Hoopstad ...	349	1,665 9 1	20 7 9
Jacobsdal ...	317	1,329 15 4	17 17 0
Jagersfontein ...	3,364	13,623 4 4	182 6 0
Koffyfontein ...	1,357	5,306 13 8	69 17 9
Kroonstad ...	1,249	6,370 10 1	77 3 9
" Station ...	164	1,057 11 4	14 11 0
Ladybrand ...	609	3,076 10 6	37 0 9
Lindley ...	573	3,135 2 3	34 10 0
Luckhoff ...	173	792 6 4	9 16 9
Parys ...	675	3,172 6 2	40 4 6
Petrusburg ...	553	3,169 16 0	32 4 9
Philippolis ...	303	1,459 4 6	17 15 0
Reddersburg ...	386	1,711 4 6	19 16 9
Reitz ...	508	3,066 1 9	32 12 6
Rouxville ...	491	2,302 16 3	28 11 6
Senekal ...	682	3,012 0 4	35 8 9
Theunissen ...	488	2,409 0 7	27 6 9
Smithfield ...	424	2,291 7 1	27 18 3
Springfontein ...	316	1,648 4 6	18 19 6
Marquard ...	351	1,749 1 9	19 2 9
Tempe ...	462	2,852 14 11	40 13 1½
Thabanchu ...	720	3,426 14 0	45 0 6
Trompsburg ...	640	2,285 1 10	33 10 6
Ventersburg ...	217	1,191 0 5	13 7 3
" Road ...	390	1,590 1 0	18 13 0
Victor ...	1,304	8,138 0 7	89 7 9
Vierfontein ...	247	1,384 10 11	15 6 6
Villiers ...	189	1,119 9 5	11 13 6
Viljoensdrift ...	497	2,469 8 3	29 9 0
Voorspoed ...	1,733	9,347 10 6	110 11 6
Vredere ...	957	4,671 0 3	58 8 3
Vredefort ...	372	1,806 16 0	20 17 0
Schuttesdraai ...	103	781 0 6	9 15 0
Wepener ...	570	2,078 16 9	28 14 6
Westminster ...	237	1,315 2 0	14 12 0
Winburg ...	743	3,200 16 4	42 13 9
Wolvehoek ...	465	2,893 5 3	31 1 3
Zastron ...	421	1,891 7 8	23 15 0
1908-9 ...	39,139	197,240 17 3	2,424 0 2½
1907-8 ...	38,874	191,435 14 3	2,431 12 2
1906-7 ...	44,439	208,543 17 1	2,732 18 2
1905-6 ...	58,880	254,828 17 2	3,589 11 6
1904-5 ...	73,217	273,039 10 1	4,417 4 0
1903-4 ...	93,271	310,317 12 5	5,030 15 6
1902-3 ...	70,555	216,127 9 6	3,511 2 9
1901-2 ...	55,042	283,477 7 10	1,791 1 6
1898 ...	49,663	120,644 4 3	2,633 0 3

Annexure 7.**Comparative Statement of Fines Collected from Post Contractors for late arrival of Mails.**

PERIOD.						AMOUNT.
1908-9	...	...	...	...	...	£1 7 6
1907-8	...	...	...	...	...	—
1906-7	...	...	...	...	...	6 19 6
1905-6	...	...	...	...	...	7 5 6
1904-5	...	...	...	...	...	14 18 6
1903-4	...	...	...	...	...	0 17 6
1902-3	...	...	...	...	...	0 17 6
1901-2	...	...	...	...	...	—
1898	...	...	...	...	...	28 0 0

Annexure 8.

Statement of Mail Services, 30th June, 1909.

(The relative contract in each case terminates on the date mentioned above).

ROUTE.	TIME ALLOWED	NUMBER OF TIMES PER WEEK EACH WAY.	YEARLY PAYMENTS.
	H. M.		
(For Mails conveyed over the C.S.A.R. lines) ...	...	...	£12,174 17 7
(For Mails conveyed over the N.G.R. lines) ...	...	...	1,324 13 0
Brandfort—Hoopstad ...	13 0	Twice.	510 0 0
Ventersburg—Ventersburg Road ...	1 45	Six.	72 0 0
Kroonstad—Bothaville ...	10 0	Twice.	250 0 0
Wepener—Aliwal North... ..	14 0	Twice.	750 0 0
Smithfield—Rouxville ...	4 0	Twice.	190 0 0
Bethulie—Smithfield ...	8 0	Thrice.	290 0 0
Bethulie—Bethulie Station ...	0 10	Daily ex. Sundays.	72 0 0
Philippolis—Philippolis Road ...	2 0	Six.	130 0 0
Fauresmith—Luckhoff ...	7 0	Thrice.	245 0 0
Parys Station—Vredefort ...	2 0	Six.	100 0 0
Winburg—Winburg Station ...	0 10	Daily ex. Sundays.	108 0 0
Kroonstad—Kroonstad Station ...	0 10	do.	132 0 0
Harrismith—Harrismith Station ...	0 10	do.	60 0 0
Frankfort—Villiers ...	3 0	Twice.	96 0 0
Ventersburg Road—Odendaalsrust ...	5 0	Twice.	180 0 0
Heilbron—Heilbron Station ...	0 10	Daily ex. Sundays.	78 0 0
*Ficksburg—Leribe ...	2 0	do.	108 0 0
Vrede—Standerton ...	6 30	Six.	300 0 0
Abertlidy—Witzieshoek... ..	4 50	Twice.	150 0 0
Wepener—Mafeteng ...	2 30	Twice.	84 0 0
Thabanchu—Thabanchu Station ...	0 30	Daily ex. Sundays.	120 0 0
Vredefort—Winkeldrift... ..	5 0	Once.	80 0 0
Ladybrand—Ladybrand Station ...	0 20	Daily ex. Sundays.	126 0 0
Bloemfontein—Tempe ...	0 45	do.	199 0 0
Harrismith—King's Hill... ..	0 25	Seven.	84 0 0
Bloemfontein—Bloemfontein Station ...	0 25	Daily.	335 0 0
Bloemfontein—Dealesville ...	8 0	Twice.	1,197 5 0
Victor—Kimberley ...	9 30	Thrice.	
Winburg—Clocolan ...	9 45	Twice.	600 0 0
Senekal—Lindley Road ...	4 30	Six.	
Heilbron—Frankfort—Tiger River—Reitz ...	11 0	Six.	650 0 0
Lindley—Lindley Road ...	1 40	Six.	147 0 0
Bethlehem—Bethlehem Station ...	0 15	Daily ex. Sundays.	70 0 0
Jagersfontein—Jagersfontein Station ...	0 30	do.	874 19 0
Fauresmith—Fauresmith Station ...	0 5	do.	
Fauresmith—Koffyfontein ...	6 30	Thrice.	
Koffyfontein—Jacobsdal ...	5 0	Thrice.	
Jacobsdal—Modder River Station ...	2 0	Daily ex. Sundays.	699 0 0
Clocolan—Clocolan Station ...	0 15	do.	
Ficksburg—Ficksburg Station ...	0 15	do.	
Fouriesburg—Fouriesburg Station ...	1 0	do.	
Reddersburg—Lethany Station ...	1 30	do.	100 0 0
Thabanchu—Wepener ...	10 0	Thrice.	
Aberfeldy—Outlook ...	9 0	Once.	105 0 0
Schuttesdraai—Gumtree... ..	1 0	Bi-Daily.	102 0 0
Kroonstad—Voorspoed ...	4 0	Twice.	115 0 0
Kroonstad—Voorspoed ...	4 0	Four.	45 0 0
Petrusburg—Petrus Station ...	0 15	Six.	225 0 0
Vrede—Harrismith ...	15 0	Once.	

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

* Horse Post.

Annexure 9.

Statement of Mail Services 30th June, 1909.

BRANCH POSTS.

ROUTE.	TIME ALLOWED.	MANNER OF CONVEYANCE.	NUMBER OF JOURNEYS EACH WAY.	YEARLY PAYMENTS.
	H. M.			£ s. d.
Ramsbottomspost—Bethlehem	3 0	Horse	Twice	50 0 0
Kaffirskop—Slabbert's Crossing	0 10	"	Daily ex. Sundays.	12 0 0
Malanspost—Kaallaagte	2 0	"	Twice	15 0 0
Rexford—Bethlehem	3 30	"	"	36 0 0
Kestell—Kestell Road	1 30	Cart	Thrice	42 0 0
Emms—Bethulie	3 30	Horse	Once	24 0 0
Theronspost—De Brug	1 30	"	"	12 0 0
Northfield—De Brug	1 30	"	Twice	25 0 0
Wolvenspruit—Abrahamskraal	1 45	"	Once	18 0 0
Leeuwvley—Bloemfontein	3 0	"	"	40 0 0
Abrahamskraal—Immigrant	3 30	"	Twice	18 0 0
Klipdrift—Bloemfontein	3 0	"	Once	24 0 0
Zoutpansdrift—Christiana	0 45	"	Four	12 0 0
Stonewall—Boshof	3 0	"	"	24 0 0
Cyferfontein—Brandfort	3 45	"	Once	24 0 0
Verkeerdelei—Brandfort	4 30	"	"	24 0 0
Sattpan—Brandfort, via Lombard's Drift	6 0	"	Twice	72 0 0
Brandfort—Brandfort Rail	0 10	hand cart	Daily as required	54 0 0
Quaggashoek—Bultfontein	3 45	Horse	Twice	30 0 0
Klipfontein—Dewetsdorp	2 0	"	Once	9 0 0
Kassel—Dewetsdorp	4 0	"	"	12 10 0
Robertsrust—Dewetsdorp	3 0	"	"	15 0 0
Oorlogspoort—Dewetsdorp	2 0	"	"	15 0 0
Boschvarkfontein—Bethany Village	4 0	"	"	18 0 0
Bethany Village—Bethany Rail	0 20	"	Daily ex. Sundays	24 0 0
Edenburg—Edenburg Rail	0 10	hand cart	"	60 0 0
Hammonia—Ficksburg	2 0	Horse	Once	25 0 0
Hillside—Ficksburg	5 0	"	"	25 0 0
Eintracht—Gumtree	1 0	"	Thrice	15 0 0
Leeuwbank—Frankfort	2 30	"	Once	20 0 0
Wilsonspost—Frankfort	5 30	"	Twice	48 0 0
Zandfontein—Frankfort	4 0	"	Once	20 0 0
Christina—Harrismith via Groothoek	9 30	Cart	"	84 0 0
Styltdrift—Outlook	2 30	Horse	"	12 0 0
Verrekykerskop—Wesselsbosk	2 0	"	"	30 0 0
Mooifontein—Kestell Road	2 30	"	"	15 0 0
Kleinfontein—Gertruida	1 0	"	"	24 0 0
Gertruida—Heilbron	4 0	"	"	30 0 0
Riviera—Heilbron	4 0	"	"	18 0 0
Molendraai—Gertruida	3 30	"	"	18 0 0
Fontein Riet—Heilbron	4 0	"	"	18 5 0
Twistnietmeer—Heilbron	3 0	"	"	15 0 0
Vergezicht—Hoopstad	8 0	"	"	30 0 0
Bloemhof—Hoopstad	5 30	"	"	42 0 0
Grandstable—Hoopstad	9 0	"	"	42 0 0
Waaifontein—Hoopstad	4 0	"	"	25 0 0
Helpmakaar—Jagersfontein	6 0	"	"	36 0 0
Oudebergfontein—Koffyfontein	2 30	"	"	24 0 0
Paardekraal—Kroonstad	7 0	"	"	30 0 0
Winkelpost—Carlsbad	1 0	"	"	15 0 0
Paradys—Kroonstad	4 0	"	Twice	18 0 0
Commissiepoort—Marseilles	2 0	"	Once	60 0 0
Palmyra—Commissiepoort	1 0	"	Twice	35 0 0
Don Don—Palmyra	1 15	"	"	18 0 0
Constantiadrift—Palmyra	1 0	"	"	24 0 0
Bridgevale—Lindley	3 0	"	Once	24 0 0
Olivierspost—Lindley	4 0	"	"	24 0 0
Levensbron—Lindley	2 30	"	"	18 0 0
Eksteen—Lobat	2 0	"	"	15 0 0
Salderyspost—Petrusburg	4 0	"	"	24 0 0
Koedoesrand—Paardeberg	1 30	"	"	25 0 0
Cheddar—Petrusburg	3 0	"	"	24 0 0
Homerule—Petrusburg	3 0	"	"	18 0 0
Vlakfontein—Philippolis	4 0	"	"	20 0 0
Waterkloof—Philippolis	0 30	"	"	12 0 0
Inzicht—Reddersburg	3 30	"	Daily ex. Sundays	25 0 0
Austinspost—Bethany Rail	3 0	"	Once	12 0 0
De Molen—Reitz	1 30	"	"	12 0 0
Stootkraal—Rouxville	3 30	"	"	24 0 0
De Plooyrust—Senekal	2 0	"	"	12 0 0
Zuring Krantz—Senekal	2 30	"	"	24 0 0
Hibernia—Senekal	3 30	"	"	20 0 0
Ongegund—Senekal	4 0	"	"	20 0 0
Senekalsrust—Senekal	3 0	"	"	20 0 0

BRANCH POSTS.—Continued.

ROUTE.	TIME ALLOW- ED.	MANNER OF CONVEY- ANCE.	NUMBER OF JOURNEYS PER WEEK EACH WAY.	YEARLY PAYMENTS.
Helvetia—Smithfield ..	4 30	Horse	Once	36 0 0
Breipaal—Smithfield ...	4 0	"	"	18 0 0
Vaalspruit—Smithfield ...	5 0	"	"	25 0 0
Springfontein—Springfontein Rail	0 5	hand cart	Daily as required	36 0 0
Gruisfontein—Donkerpoort ...	1 30	Horse	Twice	12 0 0
Zamenkomst—Westminster ...	3 0	"	"	24 0 0
Ngoana—Thabanchu ...	2 0	"	"	24 0 0
Steynspruit—Thabanchu ...	2 30	"	Once	24 0 0
Ngoana—Tweespruit ...	6 0	Cart	Twice	50 0 0
Kildare—Thabanchu ...	5 0	Horse	Once	24 0 0
Port Allan—Theunissen ...	6 0	"	"	24 0 0
Tweespruit—Tweespruit Rail	0 15	"	Daily ex. Sundays	75 0 0
Trompsburg—Trompsburg Rail	0 10	hand cart	Daily ex. Sundays	48 0 0
Grootnof—Trompsburg ...	4 0	Horse	Once	24 0 0
Landplasts—Ventersburg ...	2 45	"	"	24 0 0
Scotland West—Ventersburg Road	4 30	"	"	24 0 0
Klippan—Odendaalsrus ...	3 5	Cart	Twice	60 0 0
Tierton—Kopjes ...	0 30	Horse	Daily ex. Sundays	24 0 0
Cornelia—Tafelkop ...	2 0	"	Once	18 0 0
Lourensrust—Vrede ...	4 0	"	"	18 0 0
Langhoek—Vrede ...	4 0	"	"	36 0 0
Outlook—Vrede, via Kaalkop	5 0	Cart	"	48 0 0
Tafelkop—Vrede, via Woodside	5 30	"	Twice	96 0 0
Memel—Bothaspas ...	2 30	Horse	"	40 0 0
Memel—Vrede ...	7 0	"	Once	24 0 0
Aasvogelrand—Vredefort ...	2 0	"	Once	20 0 0
Inland Zee—Vredefort ...	3 0	"	Twice	12 0 0
Mahemskuil—Winkeldrift ...	2 0	"	Once	12 0 0
Stillewoning—Voorspoed ...	1 30	"	"	24 0 0
Novo—Wepene ...	2 0	"	"	12 0 0
Allandale—Winburg ...	5 0	Cart	Twice	50 0 0
Mushroom Valley—Winburg...	4 0	Horse	Once	20 0 0
Rietspruit—Winburg ...	3 30	"	"	24 0 0
Welkom—Winburg ...	3 0	"	"	24 0 0
Cornetspruit—Zastron ...	3 0	"	"	20 0 0
Langvlakte—Zastron ...	3 30	"	"	12 0 0
Karreespruit—Victor ...	5 0	"	"	48 0 0
Karreespruit—Talsen ...	5 0	"	"	48 0 0

Annexure 10.

Statement of Received and Forwarded Correspondence dealt with

NAME OF OFFICE	CORRESPONDENCE POSTED.											
	LETTERS					POST CARDS.					OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.	
	For the O.R.C.	For Natal, Bechuana-land, Cape Colony, & Transvaal.	For the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries.	Registered.	Totals.	Jd	Id.	News-papers.	Books and Samples.	Parcels.	Letters.	Books.
											Weight in ozs.	Weight in ozs.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Ozs.	Ozs.
Bethlehem ...	172,016	92,560	21,476	4,160	290,212	17,524	2,931	18,096	85,332	2,236	18,278	1,560
Bethulie ...	40,248	38,688	2,756	1,300	82,992	3,952	572	1,404	24,336	1,092	9,880	832
Bloemfontein ...	850,460	663,728	321,984	40,092	1,876,264	77,896	54,132	858,676	1,393,652	22,204	414,492	121,472
Boshof ...	28,600	37,544	3,052	1,192	71,292	3,432	624	260	6,656	676	14,092	6,448
Bothaville ...	9,100	6,938	468	468	17,004	312	312	1,560	2,184	104	2,964	6,500
Brandfort ...	121,316	44,304	13,468	2,132	181,220	7,488	1,456	1,508	20,124	780	8,944	...
Bultfontein ...	24,284	10,140	1,144	520	36,088	1,508	208	208	3,328	208	364	1,404
Clocolan ...	42,848	26,416	5,356	728	75,348	1,924	364	936	4,628	416	2,444	...
Dealesville ...	15,860	9,932	3,016	364	29,172	676	728	728	1,092	104	1,898	390
Dewetsdorp ...	39,728	21,996	2,860	572	65,156	4,472	260	2,132	3,536	208	3,536	1,560
Edenburg ...	43,732	29,484	3,328	1,144	77,688	5,468	572	1,768	5,720	936	6,292	624
Fauresmith ...	53,144	49,036	10,556	1,768	114,504	8,476	3,380	4,524	11,336	1,300	12,480	4,888
Ficksburg ...	88,712	60,320	9,412	1,404	159,848	4,056	936	24,440	23,608	1,820	8,866	5,252
Fouriesburg ...	41,080	21,996	5,408	1,352	69,836	2,600	832	1,404	7,956	520	5,642	2,080
Frankfort ...	60,164	28,496	9,412	1,664	99,736	3,900	208	2,756	5,356	468	8,424	520
Govt. Offices (4 mos.)	3,103	1,577	1,872	2,548	9,100	208	52	468	3,276	416	37,960	23,105
Harrismith ...	168,168	139,724	39,000	5,200	352,092	13,312	6,604	17,056	134,316	1,820	32,708	5,148
Heilbron ...	98,228	105,560	24,648	1,924	230,360	10,452	4,576	12,480	31,044	1,040	14,768	15,964
Hoopstad ...	27,144	15,444	2,860	416	45,864	2,132	208	104	1,560	260	8,528	...
Jacobsdal ...	15,704	24,648	3,900	1,092	45,344	2,288	572	1,508	1,664	312	3,952	5,356
Jagersfontein ...	64,896	88,972	12,220	1,612	167,700	7,956	4,524	8,060	11,960	1,352	6,890	52
Kestell (6 months)...	12,272	5,226	516	236	18,330	780	130	78	4,524	...	1,287	...
King's Hill ...	3,328	15,548	44,408	1,040	64,324	832	4,472	3,328	2,340	208	15,860	3,588
Koffyfontein...	29,484	40,872	4,264	1,352	75,972	3,952	156	676	6,136	364	5,512	832
Kroonstad ...	233,896	291,200	49,244	4,576	578,916	18,772	16,796	53,924	45,240	3,172	24,154	23,244
Kroonstad Station ...	6,552	6,448	2,548	832	16,380	208	416	936	624	104	832	...
Ladybrand ...	109,148	77,116	15,236	2,548	204,048	10,712	2,288	26,416	40,040	1,508	16,744	14,664
Lindley ...	73,112	52,988	9,672	1,144	136,916	6,552	572	1,976	7,904	728	9,932	572
Luekhoff ...	9,360	10,452	936	354	21,112	1,040	104	364	624	104	2,236	26
Marquard ...	30,524	23,920	2,496	572	57,512	2,964	52	416	18,044	108	5,980	...
Parys ...	45,396	43,628	4,576	1,092	94,692	5,252	416	3,068	1,940	936	6,708	17,680
Petrusburg ...	57,772	24,180	2,868	1,248	86,008	1,092	208	832	14,820	416	3,744	...
Philippolis ...	26,416	31,772	1,144	1,352	60,684	3,536	572	1,144	1,716	624	4,212	104
Reddersburg ...	43,836	22,932	2,288	832	69,888	3,536	884	572	15,236	520	3,564	364
Reitz ...	30,784	18,304	1,456	1,040	51,584	2,340	416	1,612	5,980	468	5,772	7,540
Rouxville ...	59,020	70,876	3,796	1,092	134,784	2,964	1,330	780	8,736	780	10,552	...
Schuttsdraai ...	26,520	21,684	2,756	624	51,534	1,508	988	936	4,056	364	4,394	...
Senekal ...	53,092	30,420	3,744	1,768	89,024	3,952	780	1,560	4,888	624	7,410	2,414
Smithfield ...	47,840	45,188	8,112	1,300	102,440	5,616	1,924	1,352	5,068	728	8,528	6,760
Springfontein ...	53,144	62,088	23,972	1,092	140,296	4,316	2,028	1,716	4,784	676	5,876	468
Tempe ...	75,036	80,028	101,400	2,548	259,012	4,264	23,712	7,176	28,704	728	45,968	4,524
Thabanchu ...	155,584	64,948	13,676	1,196	235,404	8,164	1,196	7,644	9,516	1,404	11,258	14,508
Theunissen ...	50,440	35,308	3,900	676	90,324	2,184	988	364	11,336	260	2,574	624
Trompsburg ...	48,360	45,032	2,964	832	97,188	2,912	520	520	14,144	520	7,332	4,784
Ventersburg ...	23,764	22,828	6,084	312	52,988	5,044	884	1,768	3,640	624	4,316	988
Ventersburg Road ...	40,092	23,504	2,600	1,664	67,860	2,080	104	468	2,860	208	4,836	1,456
Victor ...	11,804	19,292	1,716	312	33,124	208	260	52	104	312	1,482	...
Vierfontein ...	12,792	20,436	1,092	624	34,944	520	260	104	2,800	156	8,892	...
Viljoensdrift ...	78,520	61,048	7,436	3,588	150,592	3,068	676	1,976	3,744	572	9,698	8,606
Villiers ...	9,568	8,112	1,300	364	19,344	416	104	364	416	104	2,184	...
Voorspoed ...	19,032	40,404	4,524	728	34,688	468	312	572	884	156	1,326	...
Vrede ...	62,088	61,724	8,788	1,924	134,524	5,044	1,768	1,404	14,040	332	20,228	5,876
Vredefort ...	27,040	17,472	1,456	780	46,748	1,144	208	52	1,768	364	7,826	520
Wepener ...	52,780	45,396	8,372	1,924	108,472	3,016	884	52	9,256	936	3,952	...
Westminster ...	18,356	6,500	6,240	676	31,772	2,340	104	676	1,040	208	936	520
Winburg ...	105,664	79,716	20,280	2,808	208,468	9,672	1,768	6,188	15,132	1,404	17,186	5,200
Wolvehoek ...	19,968	23,764	4,108	364	48,204	3,276	260	2,496	2,028	26	956	...
Zastron ...	28,496	40,196	5,772	1,040	75,504	2,756	1,404	780	1,196	312	4,408	1,820
Grand Total ...	3,799,415	3,108,083	884,806	118,170	7,910,474	316,524	153,998	1,094,418	2,114,580	59,830	921,713	330,867
1907-8...	3,883,412	3,469,700	1,328,652	106,769	8,788,533	364,403	179,357	1,063,512	1,010,175	54,771	877,001	2,891,341
1906-7...	3,953,144	4,082,211	2,142,426	116,207	10,293,998	416,907	281,277	1,515,300	1,265,902	71,137	1,314,221	1,462,623
1905-6...	3,793,170	4,191,746	2,871,180	120,835	10,978,931	350,129	311,162	3,147,647	839,487	50,443	1,437,690	3,162,601
1904-5...	3,551,379	4,074,590	2,694,419	140,517	10,460,905	293,068	325,172	2,793,933	631,865	46,168	1,261,799	3,961,802
1903-4...	...	...	...	140,907	...	...	...	1,992,806	489,002	...	1,327,282	2,063,136
1902-3...	...	...	...	110,277	...	...	...	784,065	216,314	...	321,055	162,296
1901-2...	...	...	...	59,556	...	...	...	158,129	75,218	...	176,120	117,738
1898 ...	...	...	...	67,829	...	...	...	1,510,560	763,681	...	445,893	622,946

at the undermentioned offices during the financial year 1908-9.

FORWARD CORRESPONDENCE.					CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DELIVERY.							NAME OF OFFICE.	
Letters.	Post Cards.	News-papers.	Books & Samples.	Parcels.	Letters.	POST CARDS.		News-papers.	Books and Samples.	Parcels.	OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.		
						4d.	1d.				Letters Weight in ozs.	Books Weight in ozs.	
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Ozs.	Ozs.	
222,768	7,592	30,992	119,288	1,872	390,624	15,652	7,852	221,000	181,948	5,356	15,002	18,200	Bethlehem
99,572	1,612	4,524	11,388	832	99,372	4,680	988	22,256	47,112	3,068	8,216	5,512	Bethulie
800,148	72,384	73,424	81,172	32,604	2,052,024	58,240	93,784	737,828	260,988	21,684	266,786	14,976	Blomfontein
6,240	208	3,796	2,600	104	62,400	2,340	1,092	29,692	30,160	3,068	10,868	17,992	Boshof
2,496	208	728	104	...	14,716	468	1,040	3,432	5,564	676	2,496	5,044	Bothaville
69,420	572	1,820	2,600	104	164,736	32,864	1,196	40,144	57,148	2,496	7,764	8,576	Brandfort
...	...	...	...	...	42,224	1,352	364	12,898	13,364	1,352	676	2,600	Bultfontein
...	...	...	...	...	60,372	1,612	416	17,888	39,260	2,184	5,252	1,144	Clocolan
...	...	...	...	...	25,896	364	572	7,332	5,460	416	2,678	2,626	Dealesville
17,212	260	2,960	4,940	...	78,104	1,040	572	31,408	22,828	1,664	6,266	3,300	Dewetsdorp
4,108	208	780	364	...	88,972	5,252	520	20,852	18,408	2,964	4,836	2,132	Edenburg
17,064	6,188	10,088	5,876	780	96,980	5,148	3,692	39,416	45,552	2,444	13,780	21,518	Fauresmith
138,164	2,756	18,408	47,268	1,352	157,560	8,424	1,924	16,852	72,436	4,160	9,750	4,654	Ficksburg
6,760	520	988	1,040	...	58,136	3,252	1,444	17,108	22,464	2,704	4,654	2,408	Fouriesburg
23,452	1,144	12,636	12,220	572	78,700	2,756	1,092	26,520	69,264	2,340	6,084	10,036	Frankfort
...	...	...	...	...	6,517	69	69	676	2,426	...	4,420	3,030	Govt. Offices (4 mos.)
261,456	12,220	45,604	52,988	1,560	327,340	15,132	7,176	63,180	199,992	6,292	24,466	640,614	Harrismith
95,368	5,143	21,892	23,764	988	217,620	9,823	3,640	97,968	67,496	4,004	10,816	31,980	Heilbron
1,300	10	...	...	...	53,976	624	624	13,884	4,940	1,664	8,294	14,144	Hoopstad
1,404	156	312	104	...	31,096	1,872	364	7,176	13,312	1,404	3,588	8,268	Jacobsdal
6,448	104	884	4,576	...	156,936	3,952	2,236	26,520	47,892	4,940	6,214	1,456	Jagersfontein
...	...	...	...	...	16,510	520	156	4,446	6,786	234	880	312	Kestell (6 months)
...	...	...	...	...	77,168	2,753	1,716	28,808	22,563	1,248	18,516	2,184	King's Hill
260	26	...	...	...	74,828	2,756	728	15,652	43,628	2,652	2,678	49,556	Koffyfontein
418,236	19,136	70,876	41,340	5,200	458,068	17,264	11,336	105,716	76,648	6,552	25,480	42,328	Kroonstad
...	...	...	...	...	14,092	728	1,040	4,264	1,092	156	1,092	30,212	Kroonstad Station
78,624	5,928	14,040	16,224	468	231,192	10,088	4,108	50,856	66,508	5,720	12,246	12,142	Ladybrand
3,952	104	1,456	2,860	...	130,780	5,356	1,300	52,884	33,176	2,756	11,284	936	Lindley
...	...	...	...	...	23,244	728	364	7,436	15,704	1,612	3,744	312	Luckhoff
...	...	...	...	...	62,400	3,172	780	19,240	25,428	1,404	9,152	6,760	Marquard
31,356	1,540	3,276	5,668	728	77,844	4,160	884	14,144	38,376	2,184	8,112	12,480	Parys
...	...	...	...	...	73,788	2,548	1,352	22,776	23,088	1,872	3,432	8,528	Petrusburg
9,828	156	1,196	3,484	...	63,752	3,120	624	17,004	20,540	3,952	3,952	16,340	Philippolis
25,480	468	15,340	936	52	67,548	2,340	884	14,144	29,900	1,768	5,798	1,716	Reddersburg
...	...	...	...	...	55,484	2,548	676	32,708	37,076	1,248	3,068	4,914	Reitz
9,516	468	676	1,196	104	104,260	3,068	1,768	42,016	26,416	2,912	4,264	988	Rouxville
4,524	208	1,144	2,652	260	43,784	312	1,092	11,544	11,648	1,404	2,652	3,510	Schuttesdraai
43,316	1,976	13,520	14,352	468	86,996	5,200	832	31,616	38,844	2,860	9,724	29,380	Senekal
468	...	...	156	...	97,812	4,264	3,068	42,952	50,492	2,808	11,336	12,740	Smithfield
195,759	18,252	20,136	20,124	3,640	116,688	3,068	3,536	17,212	10,868	2,808	3,692	6,838	Springfontein
...	...	...	...	...	237,640	4,212	17,368	69,524	75,764	1,352	24,388	5,096	Tempe
40,768	1,872	12,844	11,336	676	290,108	7,956	4,004	59,072	69,888	3,692	17,264	27,508	Thabanchu
5,304	26	...	...	...	99,112	4,524	1,144	19,812	29,952	1,352	3,146	3,068	Theunissen
...	...	...	...	...	71,968	2,808	364	10,784	22,048	1,716	5,720	3,172	Trompsburg
3,484	208	1,456	1,196	260	58,856	4,108	832	16,796	20,592	2,600	32,292	26,416	Ventersburg
71,084	3,068	10,608	19,136	1,144	83,512	3,328	884	17,992	15,236	2,080	6,344	2,704	Ventersburg Road
14,716	624	4,368	4,264	...	29,744	156	884	10,608	9,516	988	4,108	2,600	Victor
...	...	...	...	...	30,212	624	260	4,836	13,104	520	1,794	3,354	Vierfontein
147,094	3,796	5,044	6,500	468	148,616	4,940	728	24,180	12,554	3,016	8,554	19,890	Viljoensdrift
...	...	...	...	...	12,740	1,248	468	5,096	1,612	156	4,212	520	Villiers
4,212	468	520	1,092	...	40,040	988	572	10,452	13,988	416	1,118	676	Voorspoed
56,888	3,224	14,924	17,576	1,248	147,888	11,960	1,768	63,596	63,648	4,784	26,884	16,146	Vrede
17,108	208	7,956	2,444	164	50,336	1,560	572	20,436	17,628	1,664	15,054	3,328	Vrededorp
31,044	416	3,016	676	260	152,256	4,888	1,716	60,840	9,828	3,900	4,810	13,728	Wepener
6,812	364	3,640	468	52	31,564	1,664	1,144	16,900	4,212	988	1,898	208	Westminster
57,928	3,120	18,928	25,188	1,352	179,192	9,464	1,612	97,760	35,308	4,264	12,896	4,472	Winburg
...	...	...	...	...	47,164	572	312	6,188	6,500	416	676	...	Woivehoek
19,104	364	2,808	884	52	68,536	4,056	624	13,572	15,288	1,196	9,256	6,448	Zastron
3,041,116	176,810	457,508	570,024	57,304	7,917,823	319,973	203,857	2,547,872	2,243,302	55,130	774,422	1,204,240	Grand Total.
3,129,217	234,585	655,629	894,205	65,143	8,932,105	364,039	243,403	2,423,485	2,569,983	139,334	782,866	1,475,766	1907-8
3,550,115	417,801	904,041	968,115	83,915	9,371,073	454,702	261,716	3,050,614	2,026,245	145,522	820,803	1,361,818	1906-7
3,486,690	351,674	1,087,587	589,565	52,249	9,618,130	394,058	298,624	3,692,434	1,743,504	141,298	1,033,360	2,573,180	1905-6
2,858,161	297,482	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	1904-5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,969,885	695,649	...	818,696	1,216,942	1903-4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18,877,844	409,226	...	457,405	1,017,715	1902-3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	327,635	161,957	...	157,292	180,535	1901-2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,826,976	720,342	...	392,554	792,639	1898

Annexure II.

Statement of Postage Stamps and Post Cards sold during the financial year 1908-9.

Office.			Amount.		
Bethlehem	22,264	13 8
Bethulie	720	11 2
Bloemfontein	16,639	12 4
" East	418	9 11
Boshof	714	2 5½
Bothaville	124	8 2
Brandfort	1,075	0 8
Bultfontein	342	2 10½
C.T.O.	2,709	1 3
Clocolan	506	7 8
Dealesville	110	18 4
Dewetsdorp	488	18 6½
Edenburg	619	11 0
Fauresmith	718	0 7
Ficksburg	1,361	12 2
Fouriesburg	463	14 0
Frankfort	745	11 0
Government Offices	202	11 11
Harrismith	3,350	3 4
Heilbron	1,613	11 10
Hoopstad	339	3 4
Jacobsdal	365	13 11
Jagersfontein	1,736	0 2
Kestell	144	8 0
King's Hill	431	1 0½
Koffyfontein	936	9 3
Kroonstad	3,896	2 6
" Station	311	15 6
Ladybrand	1,845	5 6
Lindley	978	8 3
Luckhoff	276	2 5
Marquard	330	1 6
Petrusburg	389	14 6
Parys	733	12 7
Philippolis	532	0 11
Reddersburg	558	17 9
Reitz	508	3 10½
Rouxville	663	11 8
Schuttesdraai	637	18 3½
Senekal	863	10 9½
Smithfield	700	0 7
Springfontein	854	13 4
Tempe	1,189	7 5
Theo. van der	1,363	5 7
Theurissen	724	8 4
Trompsburg	545	13 2
Ventersburg	375	8 9
" Road	618	7 11
Victor	364	3 0
Vierfontein	255	17 11½
Viljoensdrift	361	6 5
Villiers	150	1 4
Voorspoed	553	15 1
Vrede	965	4 11
Vredetort	397	5 7½
Wepener	1,040	12 1
Westminster	363	6 7
Winburg	1,412	13 1
Wolrehoek	292	9 10
Zastron	701	7 4
1908-9	264,896	12 11½
1907-8	65,864	2 0½
1906-7	64,714	12 9
1905-6	65,023	4 5½
1904-5	61,597	6 10
1903-4	63,005	13 6½
1902-3	53,377	3 10
1901-2	22,864	1 5
1898	16,787	1 10

Annexure 12.

Statement of Unpaid Postage Collected at the undermentioned offices
during the financial year 1908-9.

OFFICE.				AMOUNT.		
				£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	...	...	...	22	1	9½
Bethulie	...	...	...	7	9	1½
Bloemfontein	...	...	...	121	11	6
" East	...	...	...	0	1	6½
Boshof	...	...	...	6	11	0
Bothaville	...	...	...	1	1	0½
Bradfort	...	...	...	11	1	0
Bultfontein	...	...	...	3	18	11½
Clocolan	...	...	...	5	15	0
Dealesville	...	...	...	2	6	8
Dewetsdorp	...	...	...	5	6	6½
Edenburg	...	...	...	6	12	5½
Fauresmith	...	...	...	7	4	4½
Ficksburg	...	...	...	11	13	7½
Fouriesburg	...	...	...	5	10	6
Frankfort	...	...	...	7	15	3½
Government Offices	...	...	...	0	12	3½
Harrismith	...	...	...	30	4	5½
Heilbron	...	...	...	15	2	10
Hoopstad	...	...	...	3	6	5
Jacobsdal	...	...	...	2	16	2½
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	15	6	3
Kestell	...	...	...	1	8	3
King's Hill	...	...	...	9	3	9
Koffyfontein	...	...	...	11	17	2
Kroonstad	...	...	...	26	5	0½
" Station	...	...	...	2	2	1½
Ladybrand	...	...	...	18	12	6½
Lindley	...	...	...	8	17	10½
Luckhoff	...	...	...	2	10	8
Marquard	...	...	...	3	9	6
Parys	...	...	...	8	9	9
Petrusburg	...	...	...	3	13	1½
Philippolis	...	...	...	6	16	10½
Reddersburg	...	...	...	5	14	6
Reitz	...	...	...	3	14	0
Rouxville	...	...	...	2	18	10½
Schuttendraai	...	...	...	3	8	2
Senekal	...	...	...	7	6	0
Smithfield	...	...	...	5	14	11
Springfontein	...	...	...	8	0	10
Tempe	...	...	...	26	3	8
Tlabanchu	...	...	...	11	17	9
Theunissen	...	...	...	7	19	5½
Tronpsburg	...	...	...	5	0	3½
Ventersburg	...	...	...	5	4	6
" Road	...	...	...	7	6	7½
Victor	...	...	...	6	0	11½
Vierfontein	...	...	...	0	2	9
Viljoensdrift	...	...	...	11	16	4½
Villiers	...	...	...	1	8	9½
Voorspoed	...	...	...	7	16	7½
Vrede	...	...	...	11	17	6
Vredefort	...	...	...	4	19	8½
Wepener	...	...	...	9	9	0½
Westminster	...	...	...	3	5	2
Winburg	...	...	...	9	14	9
Wolvehoek	...	...	...	4	2	1½
Zastron	...	...	...	6	6	6½
1908-9	...	...	...	2576	6	4½
1907-8	...	...	...	612	2	5
1906-7	...	...	...	750	11	4½
1905-6	...	...	...	787	1	5½
1904-5	...	...	...	910	18	3½
1903-4	...	...	...	835	16	4
1902-3	...	...	...	526	8	9
1901-2	...	...	...	170	1	8
1898	...	...	...	290	12	4

Annexure 13.

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.
1908-9	46	£90 11 10
1907-8	80	166 11 10
1906-7	114	187 19 1
1905-6	162	180 18 4
1904-5	270	345 6 1
1903-4	345	440 2 2
1902-3	87	116 4 11
1901-2	194	245 7 2
1898	131	137 15 6

Annexure 14.

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 been returned as void.

YEAR.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.
1908-9	28	£57 7 5
1907-8	44	4 9
1906-7	61	62 13 2
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

Annexure 15.

Statement of Postal Orders paid at the undermentioned offices during the financial year 1908-9.

OFFICE.		AMOUNT.		
		£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	...	2,001	8	8
Bethulie	...	880	5	3
Bloemfontein	...	21,719	0	3
" East	...	439	4	11
Boshof	...	836	10	9
Bothaville	...	100	16	9
Brandfort	...	1,260	4	3
Bultfontein	...	196	17	4
Clocolan	...	364	13	2
Counter	...	14	1	6
Dealesville	...	149	11	1
Dewetsdorp	...	309	1	6
Edenburg	...	514	5	3
Fauresmith	...	654	16	4
Ficksburg	...	1,394	16	4
Fouriesburg	...	304	5	6
Frankfort	...	344	4	1
Government Offices	...	98	0	11
Harrismith	...	3,529	18	7
Heilbron	...	1,390	17	10
Hoopstad	...	296	2	7
Jacobsdal	...	295	6	11
Jagersfontein	...	883	9	10
Kestell	...	51	7	6
King's Hill	...	177	6	7
Koffyfontein	...	239	10	6
Kroonstad	...	5,088	14	4
" Station	...	160	8	7
Ladybrand	...	2,077	19	10
Lindley	...	619	1	10
Luckhoff	...	138	11	10
Marquard	...	212	18	4
Parys	...	1,221	10	
Petrusburg	...	306	8	
Philippolis	...	512	17	10
Reddersburg	...	416	15	2
Reitz	...	351	12	4
Rouxville	...	373	14	7
Schuttesdraai	...	131	7	8
Senekal	...	540	9	10
Smithfield	...	389	7	8
Springfontein	...	722	8	3
Tempe	...	599	11	9
Thabanchu	...	1,137	10	6
Theunissen	...	14	5	11
Trompsburg	...	458	18	4
Ventersburg	...	402	14	0
" Road	...	455	0	1
Victor	...	99	12	6
Vierfontein	...	219	1	11
Villiers	...	37	10	2
Viljoensdrift	...	251	16	2
Voorspoed	...	106	18	6
Vrede	...	457	19	9
Vredefort	...	498	8	5
Wepener	...	581	1	2
Westminster	...	122	2	7
Winburg	...	1,622	19	1
Wolvehoek	...	191	19	3
Zastron	...	426	13	3

YEAR.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.	COMMISSION.
1908-9	110,383	£60,114 13 7	*
1907-8	93,415	49,977 15 11	*
1906-7	71,439	36,791 2 3	*
1905-6	48,715	24,460 1 0	£23 13 11
1904-5	30,320	14,967 6 9	34 5 2
1903-4	15,871	7,689 7 0	38 11 9
1902-3	6,543	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

* Commission now accounted for in stamps affixed to the back of Postal Orders.

Annexure 16.

Statement of Orange River Colony Postal Orders issued at the undermentioned offices during the financial year 1908-9.

OFFICE.		AMOUNT.		
		£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	...	3,123	19	10
Bethulie	...	739	12	0
Bloemfontein	...	6,546	1	4
" East	...	457	19	11
Boshof	...	722	8	1
Bothaville	...	272	0	2
Brandfort	...	2,078	17	1
Bultfontein	...	286	14	9
Clocolan	...	532	6	10
Dealeville	...	263	3	9
Dewetsdorp	...	545	11	10
Edenburg	...	1,517	8	0
Fauresmith	...	604	17	5
Ficksburg	...	1,460	18	4
Fouriesburg	...	887	13	5
Frankfort	...	936	15	8
Harrismith	...	6,274	19	7
Heilbron	...	1,606	12	6
Hoopstad	...	746	12	9
Jacobsdal	...	181	8	8
Jagersfontein	...	1,499	2	11
Kestell	...	235	9	5
King's Hill	...	412	8	11
Koffyfontein	...	631	15	4
Kroonstad	...	3,108	2	12
" Station	...	529	13	6
Ladybrand	...	1,885	10	7
Lindley	...	1,368	10	10
Luckhoff	...	128	9	10
Marquard	...	297	7	5
Parus	...	1,494	10	3
Petrusburg	...	935	9	2
Philippolis	...	775	18	8
Reddersburg	...	936	18	7
Reitz	...	682	17	3
Rouxville	...	317	4	8
Sebuttesdraai	...	732	2	1
Senekal	...	796	5	2
Smithfield	...	1,243	9	5
Springfontein	...	1,435	17	8
Tempe	...	422	12	0
Thabanchu	...	1,278	18	11
Theunissen	...	1,409	4	5
Trompsburg	...	579	2	10
Ventersburg	...	651	8	2
" Road	...	1,122	1	8
Victor	...	587	8	11
Vierfontein	...	471	9	4
Viljoensdrift	...	966	11	8
Villiers	...	144	1	7
Voorspoed	...	665	18	4
Vrede	...	1,817	1	1
Vredefort	...	527	6	9
Wepener	...	1,447	18	8
Westminster	...	353	13	8
Winburg	...	1,537	6	0
Wolvehoek	...	684	13	5
Zastron	...	928	7	2
1908-9	...	£64,891	11	1
1907-8	...	72,835	15	8
1906-7	...	68,683	3	10
1905-6	...	48,272	10	0
1904-5	...	25,976	15	10
1903-4	...	12,078	10	0
1902-3	...	25,007	13	6
1898	...	12,059	7	0

Annexure 17.

**Statement of British Postal Orders issued at the undermentioned offices
during the financial year 1908-9.**

OFFICE.			AMOUNT.		
			£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	...	...	1,957	5	7
Bethulie	...	...	991	13	4
Bloemfontein	...	...	15,836	1	6
" East	...	...	1,557	7	7
Boshof	...	...	919	18	1
Bothaville	...	...	89	3	3
Brandfort	...	...	1,039	17	11
Bultfontein	...	...	361	6	10
Clocolan	...	...	591	4	0
Dealesville	...	...	134	8	8
Dewetsdorp	...	...	884	17	2
Edenburg	...	...	273	16	6
Fauresmith	...	...	1,025	2	10
Ficksburg	...	...	1,391	4	2
Fouriesburg	...	...	642	4	3
Frankfort	...	...	484	4	7
Harrismith	...	...	3,411	13	3
Heilbron	...	...	1,655	16	4
Hoopstad	...	...	427	17	7
Jacobsdal	...	...	473	7	0
Jagersfontein	...	...	3,313	14	9
Kestell	...	...	35	10	3
King's Hill	...	...	1,466	6	7
Koffyfontein	...	...	1,826	1	7
Kroonstad	...	...	4,889	0	6
" Station	...	...	570	10	10
Ladybrand	...	...	2,095	8	7
Lindley	...	...	979	15	4
Luckhoff	...	...	380	16	2
Marquard	...	...	447	10	7
Parys	...	...	456	4	11
Petrusburg	...	...	410	12	1
Philippolis	...	...	854	6	5
Reddersburg	...	...	329	2	7
Reitz	...	...	455	18	6
Rouxville	...	...	868	18	10
Schuttesdraai	...	...	304	6	6
Serekal	...	...	1,013	10	7
Smithfield	...	...	330	13	4
Springfontein	...	...	1,525	6	5
Tempe	...	...	3,490	14	0
Thabanchu	...	...	1,767	2	4
Theunissen	...	...	559	5	3
Trompsburg	...	...	594	7	3
Ventersburg	...	...	774	6	5
" Road	...	...	671	0	6
Victor	...	...	820	7	7
Vierfontein	...	...	394	17	9
Viljoensdrift	...	...	574	7	11
Villiers	...	...	239	12	0
Voerspoed	...	...	1,256	0	9
Vrede	...	...	224	11	10
Vredefort	...	...	442	11	5
Wepener	...	...	284	12	3
Westminster	...	...	389	8	10
Winburg	...	...	1,299	16	8
Wolvehoek	...	...	353	7	0
Zastron	405	4	1
1908-9	£71,256	19	7
1907-8	53,381	4	1
1906-7	33,305	1	8
1905-6	22,268	15	3

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Annexure 19.

Orange River Colony Post Office Savings Bank.

General Ledger Balances at 30th June, 1909.

OFFICE.	DATE OF OPENING.	AMOUNT.	OPEN ACCOUNTS.
Bloemfontein	15th Oct., 1897	£66,624 4 1	1695
" East	5th Dec., 1903	5,678 9 9	202
" West	5th Dec., 1903	180 16 11	27
Bethlehem	15th Nov., 1897	3,036 7 8	151
Bethulie	15th Oct., 1897	1,362 16 3	106
Boshof	15th Nov., 1897	504 9 3	38
Bothaville	1st Feb., 1903	68 10 1	10
Brandfort	15th Oct., 1897	1,214 3 11	80
Bultfontein	15th Dec., 1897	186 18 3	15
Glocolan	2nd Feb., 1903	80 5 8	16
Dealesville	25th July, 1905	37 17 2	14
Dewetsdorp	15th Dec., 1897	426 8 10	25
Edenburg	15th Oct., 1897	2,001 19 7	45
Fauresmith	15th Oct., 1897	834 7 3	50
Ficksburg	15th Nov., 1897	2,076 19 10	111
Fouriesburg	15th Dec., 1897	527 18 1	46
Frankfort	15th Dec., 1897	1,222 10 1	47
Government Offices	1st Aug., 1905	313 12 5	25
Harrismith	15th Oct., 1897	4,683 3 3	248
Heilbron	15th Nov., 1897	1,801 17 8	112
Hoopstad	15th Nov., 1897	520 17 1	19
Jacobsdal	15th Nov., 1897	317 18 3	31
Jagersfontein	15th Oct., 1897	8,963 11 5	320
Kestell	1st Jan., 1909	20 10 2	7
King's Hill	2nd May, 1904	2,677 0 2	280
Koffyfontein	15th Oct., 1897	2,205 0 4	107
Kroonstad	15th Oct., 1897	8,630 16 10	341
" Station	1st Nov., 1903	1,730 19 7	91
Ladybrand	15th Nov., 1897	2,769 1 2	147
Lindley	15th Dec., 1897	800 1 1	42
Luckhoff	15th Dec., 1897	252 7 10	16
Marquard	1st Aug., 1906	31 18 2	28
Parys	15th Nov., 1897	1,142 11 2	96
Petrusburg	15th Dec., 1897	694 19 5	32
Philippolis	15th Nov., 1897	643 11 6	63
Reddersburg	15th Dec., 1897	556 13 6	75
Reitz	15th Dec., 1897	564 7 3	32
Rouxville	15th Nov., 1897	1,151 1 7	64
Schutjesdraai	29th July, 1907	94 2 0	10
Senekal	15th Nov., 1897	1,242 17 11	49
Smithfield	15th Nov., 1897	750 11 3	38
Springfontein	15th Feb., 1898	1,578 15 8	138
Sydenham	2nd Aug., 1904	712 4 7	116
Tempe	19th Mar., 1904	7,994 5 6	823
Thabanchu	15th Nov., 1897	1,613 3 8	103
Theunissen	4th April, 1898	625 5 9	28
Trompsburg	1st June, 1904	468 10 11	32
" Station	4th April, 1898	34 9 3	7
Ventersburg	15th Dec., 1897	502 17 11	19
" Road	2nd Jan., 1898	378 6 10	20
Victor	29th May, 1907	1,092 2 3	31
Vierfontein	15th Oct., 1906	449 12 6	15
Viljoensdrift	15th Feb., 1898	2,488 8 6	138
Villiers	15th Dec., 1897	608 14 6	12
Voorspoed	20th Jan., 1908	1,248 4 2	40
Vrede	15th Nov., 1897	636 3 1	46
Vredefort	15th Nov., 1897	551 5 0	28
" Road	4th Jan., 1904	30 11 1	8
Westminster	23rd Aug., 1907	116 4 10	10
Wepener	15th Nov., 1897	1,069 2 6	77
Winburg	15th Oct., 1897	2,150 7 7	131
Wolvekock	2nd Jan., 1904	238 2 0	13
Zastron	15th Nov., 1897	592 6 9	45
Unclaimed Funds ...		£153,615 1 6	6831
Unpaid Warrants ...		161 7 7	
		1,118 11 2	
		£154,895 0 3	

Annexure 20.

Orange River Colony Post Office Savings Bank.

Statement of Unpaid Warrants at 30th June, 1909.

DATE OF WARRANT.	OFFICE OF PAYMENT.	No.	AMOUNT.
June 2	Senekal ...	66,907	£1 6 0
" 9	Jagersfontein ...	67,083	0 10 0
" 12	Bloemfontein ...	67,168	0 5 0
" 14	Ficksburg ...	67,184	6 4 3
" 14	Reitz ...	67,199	7 10 0
" 16	Springfontein ...	67,272	20 0 0
" 17	Victor ...	67,295	20 5 0
" 17	Edenburg ...	67,299	6 0 0
" 21	Bethlehem ...	67,380	3 0 0
" 22	Bloemfontein ...	67,411	2 0 0
" 22	" ...	67,422	15 1 0
" 22	Tempe ...	67,432	1 0 0
" 23	Ventersburg Road ...	67,470	25 8 9
" 24	Viljoensdrift ...	67,490	101 6 0
" 24	Frankfort ...	67,491	7 12 0
" 26	Ficksburg ...	67,550	1 10 0
" 28	Harrismith ...	67,572	8 0 0
" 29	Tempe ...	67,599	10 0 0
" 29	" ...	67,606	5 0 0
" 29	Bloemfontein ...	67,608	91 0 0
" 29	Tempe ...	67,609	3 0 0
" 29	Brandfort ...	67,610	5 0 0
" 29	Ficksburg ...	67,611	20 0 0
" 29	" ...	67,612	10 7 6
" 29	Kroonstad ...	67,613	10 0 0
" 29	Harrismith ...	67,614	20 0 0
" 29	Villiers ...	67,616	40 0 0
" 29	Vredefort ...	67,617	43 18 10
" 29	Wepener ...	67,618	2 0 0
" 29	Bloemfontein ...	67,632	28 13 5
" 29	King's Hill ...	67,626	20 0 0
" 30	Bloemfontein ...	67,634	118 3 9
" 30	" ...	67,635	2 10 0
" 30	" ...	67,636	50 0 0
" 30	" ...	67,638	152 0 4
" 30	Kroonstad ...	67,639	1 10 0
" 30	Petrnsburg ...	67,640	6 17 11
" 30	Philippolis ...	67,641	9 9 0
" 30	Tempe ...	67,642	0 5 0
" 30	" ...	67,643	1 10 0
" 30	Jagersfontein ...	67,645	156 18 10
" 30	Harrismith ...	67,646	51 15 0
" 30	Heilbron ...	67,647	2 13 1
" 30	Springfontein ...	67,648	14 0 0
" 30	" ...	67,649	15 0 0
			1,118 11 2

Annexure 21.

Orange River Colony Post Office Savings Bank.

Detailed Statement of Savings Bank transactions for the year ended 30th June, 1909.

OFFICE.	DEPOSITS.			WITHDRAWALS.		
	No.	AMOUNT.	A/Cs OPENED	No.	AMOUNT.	A/Cs CLOSED.
Bloufontein ...	6,632	£55,988 13 6	874	3,464	£62,919 0 6	975
" East ...	555	5,252 8 9	71	271	4,490 10 8	74
" West ...	45	209 2 10	0	29	836 8 11	9
Bethlehem ...	359	2,822 10 10	66	145	2,511 15 0	52
Bethulie ...	139	1,092 11 2	19	59	763 15 11	16
Boshof ...	59	349 8 7	11	28	423 2 7	12
Bothaville ...	20	74 2 5	2	5	103 5 8	1
Brandfort ...	174	859 14 4	26	70	555 14 1	15
Bultfontein ...	48	256 6 2	6	17	161 14 7	6
Cleoclan ...	51	216 15 9	16	14	153 13 5	5
Dealesville ...	52	31 12 10	4	7	197 14 6	4
Dewetsdorp ...	71	474 4 5	6	26	532 7 6	12
Edenburg ...	149	998 3 6	23	49	1,044 12 0	20
Fauresmith ...	121	794 11 1	16	37	1,525 10 9	19
Ficksburg ...	301	1,797 2 8	38	104	1,239 13 11	29
Fouriesburg ...	105	460 4 6	19	41	261 1 1	14
Frankfort ...	150	1,080 18 10	17	55	816 18 8	17
Government Offices ...	87	425 17 1	7	66	569 2 6	14
Harrismith ...	614	3,520 1 11	88	289	5,143 18 2	117
Heilbron ...	258	1,574 4 0	47	106	1,348 11 2	36
Hoopstad ...	56	446 7 10	4	23	493 5 0	6
Jacobsdal ...	52	255 4 3	7	18	103 11 4	8
Jagersfontein ...	1,109	5,861 10 11	123	232	4,335 14 6	76
Kestell ...	13	20 10 2	7	—	—	—
King's Hill ...	1,125	2,982 14 0	190	489	4,736 6 2	258
Koffyfontein ...	290	1,841 2 0	42	83	1,719 3 10	20
Kroonstad ...	815	6,303 4 5	95	310	6,692 11 0	101
" Station ...	261	1,692 10 4	44	103	1,656 19 2	28
Ladybrand ...	289	1,631 3 1	51	138	1,797 9 3	32
Lindley ...	89	519 18 8	5	27	642 14 8	7
Luckhoff ...	46	174 15 3	4	10	109 0 0	0
Marquard ...	2	118 11 2	3	5	108 17 11	2
Parys ...	214	1,074 3 9	2	59	886 14 3	15
Petrusburg ...	59	518 11 7	1	42	335 0 0	14
Philippolis ...	119	600 15 9	19	44	489 16 0	13
Reddersburg ...	75	254 11 2	14	53	613 3 11	10
Reitz ...	116	586 4 4	23	19	289 1 9	6
Rouxville ...	103	728 5 7	16	26	577 3 5	8
Schuttesdraai ...	52	199 19 8	7	13	172 16 9	4
Senekal ...	119	922 10 5	12	36	549 15 2	7
Smithfield ...	97	625 1 9	15	48	95 2 10	16
Springfontein ...	186	1,070 11 10	28	97	1,533 17 10	27
Sydenham ...	71	889 0 10	0	88	2,066 6 10	30
Tempe ...	4,378	9,302 3 11	741	1,749	10,222 0 7	751
Thabanchu ...	161	1,085 0 2	21	82	1,291 15 10	24
Theunissen ...	45	515 0 5	15	27	245 5 10	6
Trompsburg ...	86	511 12 4	11	37	394 16 9	11
" Station ...	1	0 18 6	0	—	—	—
Ventersburg ...	57	272 8 2	6	19	229 6 0	7
" Road ...	65	490 3 2	12	31	325 14 1	7
Victor ...	162	1,858 15 1	37	54	1,259 12 5	25
Vierfontein ...	48	391 4 11	9	9	111 2 1	2
Viljoensdrift ...	157	1,492 9 2	23	60	1,799 17 6	21
Villiers ...	37	487 13 4	6	12	696 14 9	4
Voorspoed ...	141	1,642 1 1	49	47	836 15 5	25
Vrede ...	79	658 11 8	6	38	652 5 7	19
Vrededorp ...	53	555 14 6	12	30	899 12 4	8
" Road ...	4	28 15 4	0	2	55 19 6	0
Westminster ...	37	154 15 10	9	9	51 12 2	4
Wepener ...	147	787 4 0	26	52	916 6 11	20
Winburg ...	246	1,729 1 2	34	97	2,023 10 8	37
Wolkehoek ...	28	322 18 8	3	18	608 5 11	9
Zastron ...	125	747 6 9	23	67	558 4 1	24
	21,484	£128,339 17 1	3,143	9,276	£139,412 16 1	3,138

Annexure 22.

Orange River Colony Post Office Savings Bank.

Statement of Transactions from 15th October, 1897 to 30th June, 1909.

	DEPOSITS.		WITHDRAWALS.		BALANCE DUE TO DEPOSITORS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT.	AVERAGE AMOUNT STANDING TO THE CREDIT OF EACH DEPOSITOR.	ACCOUNTS OPENED.	ACCOUNTS CLOSED.	ACCOUNTS REMAINING OPEN.
	No.	AMOUNT.	No.	AMOUNT.					
15th Oct., 1897 to 31st Dec., 1898	5,773	£3,4624 8 4	1,000	£14,935 8 5	£19,698 19 11	£16 0 1	1,632	401	1,231
1st Jan., 1899 to 31st Dec., 1899	2,797	19,185 0 3	1,422	31,999 6 5	6,885 2 9	7 12 3	464	791	904
1st Jan., 1900 to 30th Sept., 1900	1	115 5 5	31	400 19 8	6,509 8 6	7 9 3	0	20	884
1st Oct., 1900 to 30th June, 1901	9,369	27,359 2 2	433	6,499 5 8	27,459 6 0	19 17 11	651	155	1,389
1st July, 1901 to 30th June, 1902	7,529	82,963 16 9	2,224	43,056 1 7	67,367 1 2	29 13 0	1,834	912	2,272
1st July, 1902 to 30th June, 1903	14,016	153,303 0 8	5,050	108,092 8 1	112,577 13 9	30 5 1	3,613	2,164	3,721
1st July, 1903 to 30th June, 1904	22,869	224,254 11 1	6,512	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	301,681 18 0	10,523	188,628 17 7	170,233 3 5	30 3 1	4,502	3,788	5,645
1st July, 1905 to 30th June, 1906	25,279	164,261 15 7	9,986	178,994 10 3	158,500 6 9	25 17 11	3,808	3,333	6,120
1st July, 1906 to 30th June, 1907	24,113	147,359 17 10	9,929	147,779 2 4	158,061 2 3	24 11 4	3,675	3,562	6,433
1st July, 1907 to 30th June, 1908	22,950	142,974 9 9	9,174	135,067 12 9	167,967 19 3	24 6 3	3,235	2,852	6,826
1st July, 1908 to 30th June, 1909	21,484	128,339 17 1	9,276	139,412 16 1	164,895 0 3	22 13 6	3,143	3,138	6,831
S.A.C. Savings Bank Accounts	9,759	89,611 9 8	2,825	89,611 9 8	---	---	1,738	1,738	---
	186,444	£1,416,005 7 5	70,470	£1,261,110 7 2	£164,893 0 3	£22 13 6	32,809	25,978	6,831

Annexure 23.**Orange River Colony Post Office Saving 30th June, 1909.**

Monthly total of deposits and withdrawals for the year ended 30th June, 1909.

DEPOSITS.				WITHDRAWALS.			
MONTH.	No.	AMOUNT.	A/CS OPENED.	MONTH.	No.	AMOUNT.	A/CS. CLOSED.
1908.		£ s. d.		1908.		£ s. d.	
July ...	1,722	10,998 4 5	245	July ...	796	14,944 3 4	314
August ...	1,849	12,463 8 1	214	August ...	827	14,459 5 10	273
September ...	1,837	10,648 18 4	230	September ...	819	12,098 17 4	273
October ...	1,774	11,279 18 4	253	October ...	919	13,587 15 5	319
November ...	1,499	9,381 7 10	213	November ...	879	13,796 14 5	372
December ...	1,306	8,809 14 0	231	December ...	881	9,254 12 4	246
1909.				1909.			
January ...	1,640	9,456 10 5	286	January ...	661	9,698 19 4	213
February ...	1,716	8,924 18 9	286	February ...	559	8,060 4 2	178
March ...	2,299	11,032 19 1	376	March ...	783	13,310 14 8	311
April ...	1,914	10,439 5 8	271	April ...	711	9,736 1 11	210
May ...	1,912	10,052 7 6	279	May ...	637	10,522 4 5	201
June ...	2,016	14,832 4 8	259	June ...	804	9,953 2 11	237
	21,484	£128,339 17 1	3,143		9,276	139,412 16 1	3,138

Annexure 24.**Orange River Colony Post Office Savings Bank.**

Interest Account for the year ended 30th June, 1909.

1909.	1909.
June 30th.—To amount transferred to the debit of Treasury ...	June 30th.—By Interest paid to Depositors ...
£4,153 19 2	£698 11 3
	June 30th.—By Interest Capitalized ...
	3,455 7 11
<u>£4,153 19 2</u>	<u>£4,153 19 2</u>

Annexure 25.

**Number of Postal Drafts issued at offices in the Orange River Colony
during the financial year 1908-9.**

OFFICE.				NUMBER.
Bethlehem	...	...	...	8
Bethunje	...	...	...	5
Bloemfontein	...	...	...	193
" East	...	...	...	12
Boshof	...	...	...	4
Bothaville	...	...	...	1
Brandfort	...	...	...	30
Bultfontein	...	...	...	2
Clocolan	...	...	...	0
Dealesville	...	...	...	1
Dewetsdorp	...	...	...	0
Edenburg	...	...	...	1
Pauresmith	...	...	...	1
Ficksburg	...	...	...	0
Fouriesburg	...	...	...	0
Frankfort	...	...	...	16
Harrismith	...	...	...	37
Heilbron	...	...	...	20
Hoopstad	...	...	...	0
Jacobsdal	...	...	...	8
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	11
Kestell	...	...	...	3
King's Hill	...	...	...	0
Koffyfontein	...	...	...	19
Kroonstad	...	...	...	80
" Station	...	...	...	0
Ladybrand	...	...	...	7
Lindley	...	...	...	2
Luckhoff	...	...	...	1
Marquard	...	...	...	5
Parys	...	...	...	5
Petrusburg	...	...	...	19
Philippolis	...	...	...	0
Reddersburg	...	...	...	2
Reitz	...	...	...	12
Rouxville	...	...	...	3
Schuttesdraai	...	...	...	0
Serekal	...	...	...	8
Smithfield	...	...	...	1
Springfontein	...	...	...	0
Tempe	...	...	...	0
Thabancha	...	...	...	2
Theunissen	...	...	...	6
Trompsburg	...	...	...	...
Ventersburg	...	...	...	0
" Road	...	...	...	4
Vactor	...	...	...	6
Vierfontein	...	...	...	0
Viljoensdrift	...	...	...	0
Villiers	...	...	...	2
Voorspoed	...	...	...	3
Vrede	...	...	...	1
Vredefort	...	...	...	7
Wepener	...	...	...	0
Westminster	...	...	...	0
Winburg	...	...	...	13
Wolvehoek	...	...	...	0
Zastrou	...	...	...	1
1908-9	...	...	...	574
1907-8	...	...	...	738
1906-7	...	...	...	655
1905-6	...	...	...	406
1st September, 1904 to 30th June, 1905.	...	...	...	1,264

Annexure 26.

Statement of Telegraph Work performed at the under

OFFICE.	COLONIAL GOVERNMENT MESSAGES.			TOTAL FORWARDED.	
	Messages.	Words.	Value.	Messages.	Words.
Bethlehem ...	616	15,474	£66 4 0	14,366	202,566
Bethulie ...	356	7,772	34 2 2	4,818	67,674
Bloemfontein ...	9,688	290,384	1,553 4 8	100,838	2,220,682
East ...	20	358	1 9 10	1,264	16,928
Boshof ...	388	7,164	31 10 6	5,218	75,670
Bothaville ...	136	3,406	14 6 8	1,368	18,242
Brandfort ...	104	2,286	9 14 8	5,236	70,248
Bultfontein ...	86	2,444	19 3 10	1,698	23,226
Clocolan ...	114	2,876	11 19 8	3,222	46,460
Dealesville ...	124	2,336	10 19 6	2,024	21,920
Dewetsdorp ...	80	2,666	9 4 8	2,652	38,530
Edenburg ...	212	5,034	21 4 10	4,054	49,786
Fauresmith ...	600	16,108	67 6 2	5,284	79,460
Ficksburg ...	304	7,370	31 1 10	6,844	93,686
Fouriesburg ...	266	7,620	31 15 8	2,878	38,936
Frankfort ...	536	17,542	71 10 4	4,234	68,728
Harrismith ...	786	18,004	77 14 2	15,056	246,062
Heilbron ...	820	21,996	94 17 0	11,132	159,888
Hoopstad ...	176	4,088	17 2 4	2,030	28,474
Jacobsdal ...	234	5,542	23 8 10	3,620	46,598
Jagersfontein ...	284	8,628	36 12 6	9,770	137,466
Kestell ...	—	—	—	2,053	24,636
Kings Hill ...	18	388	1 6 0	3,082	70,278
Koffyfontein ...	290	5,236	26 10 2	6,618	88,166
Kroonstad ...	1,102	26,924	116 14 2	36,318	344,132
Station ...	24	318	1 7 0	4,890	65,310
Ladybrand ...	576	13,146	53 5 8	8,256	109,682
Lindley ...	294	7,958	33 9 8	2,046	44,565
Luckhoff ...	78	1,934	8 6 4	2,344	32,892
Marquard ...	102	1,914	8 0 0	3,390	42,756
Naval Hill ...	—	—	—	2,776	76,488
Parys ...	354	8,550	36 1 6	4,104	57,016
Petrusburg ...	170	4,686	19 7 4	2,750	40,446
Phillipolis ...	302	8,788	36 17 8	3,408	47,768
Reddersburg ...	38	408	3 7 10	2,774	35,526
Reitz ...	154	4,408	18 10 8	3,560	47,058
Rouxville ...	282	5,306	24 7 6	5,594	73,996
Schuttesdraai ...	24	600	2 9 4	3,932	60,462
Senekal ...	374	10,270	39 19 4	5,964	81,594
Smithfield ...	184	4,506	21 0 10	4,804	61,742
Springfontein ...	1,180	16,472	62 18 8	5,040	64,820
Tempe ...	6	98	0 4 10	5,526	104,478
Thabanchu ...	252	8,292	35 0 2	5,238	72,074
Theunissen ...	102	2,138	8 14 10	3,244	45,114
Trompsburg ...	82	1,304	5 12 6	4,132	51,332
Tweespruit ...	—	—	—	668	9,910
Venterburg ...	104	2,258	9 9 0	2,270	29,976
Road ...	46	724	3 2 8	2,562	33,304
Victor ...	28	380	1 16 8	4,544	80,532
Villiers ...	110	2,258	9 13 0	1,360	18,404
Viljensdrift ...	310	7,872	33 5 0	2,452	33,730
Voorspoed ...	24	472	2 0 4	2,884	36,800
Vrede ...	340	9,274	39 1 0	4,945	71,688
Vredefort ...	222	5,156	22 0 4	2,444	29,438
Wepener ...	188	4,776	19 7 4	6,980	91,652
Westminster ...	22	694	2 18 0	1,426	18,298
Winburg ...	572	13,878	56 7 10	8,668	119,970
Zastron ...	176	4,532	19 1 6	6,454	88,798
C.S.A.P. Offices ...	1,442	27,552	129 1 2	33,986	442,238
1908-9 ...	25,459	662,562	£3,116 11 8	424,373	6,800,348
1907-8 ...	23,874	622,530	2,906 7 9	410,704	6,929,767
1906-7 ...	30,833	760,967	3,475 14 4½	451,438	7,022,905
1905-6 ...	32,731	858,882	3,928 8 5	489,204	8,084,044
1904-5 ...	34,358	836,386	4,143 12 0	480,501	8,335,037
1903-4 ...	74,148	2,193,226	9,908 1 8	509,077	9,062,907
1902-3 ...	76,602	2,527,400	11,120 16 6	439,641	9,185,247
1899 ...	20,887	612,706	3,059 2 3	175,258	2,650,372

Annexure 26.

mentioned offices during the financial year 1908-9.

TOTAL RECEIVED.		TOTAL MESSAGES	IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT MESSAGES.			
Messages.	Words.		TRANSMITTED.	Messages.	Words.	Value.
7,590	16,646	18,666	...	...	...	...
4,448	63,118	32	...	...	...	...
196,678	4,234,960	207,502	576	10,290	28 6 4	
126	2,048	...	...	...	...	...
5,214	78,240	...	...	...	...	...
756	11,674	...	...	...	...	...
5,368	75,866	5,954	...	...	...	...
1,768	25,448	...	...	...	...	...
2,772	27,322	...	1	21	0 0 11	
1,258	14,616	...	...	...	...	...
2,300	31,420	...	...	...	...	...
3,286	52,326	36	...	...	...	...
5,142	74,522	...	...	...	...	...
8,018	114,796	60	19	202	0 15 4	
2,186	32,146	...	...	...	...	...
3,516	54,310	1,548	...	...	...	...
13,644	208,536	45,562	280	9,304	21 3 0	
9,768	141,360	19,506	...	...	...	...
1,948	27,924	96	...	...	...	...
2,500	36,198	...	...	...	...	...
6,952	95,712	4,690	...	...	...	...
3,628	83,666	...	1,720	50,728	165 19 8	
4,378	61,356	8,194	...	...	...	...
24,108	345,218	24,032	32	884	1 18 2	
970	14,268	1,332	...	...	...	...
9,628	142,634	8,210	...	...	...	...
2,990	44,764	88	...	...	...	...
2,010	29,828	...	...	...	...	...
2,034	28,890	...	...	...	...	...
3,294	89,548	...	2,574	73,328	153 17 6	
4,040	59,038	...	...	...	...	...
2,322	32,372	...	...	...	...	...
2,526	35,584	...	...	...	...	...
2,520	34,060	...	...	...	...	...
2,592	36,812	...	...	...	...	...
4,464	65,064	9,654	...	...	...	...
5,204	47,956	...	...	...	...	...
4,684	69,840	3,260	2	50	...	2 2
2,566	49,940	...	...	...	...	...
3,466	49,948	180	2	34	0 4 1	
5,190	105,622	...	2,036	56,808	120 2 2	
5,528	73,428	2,834	...	...	...	...
2,668	36,636	142	8	170	0 7 2	
2,854	39,676	...	...	...	...	...
910	12,714	...	...	...	...	...
2,422	32,764	...	...	...	...	...
1,802	24,946	...	...	...	...	...
2,042	36,902	...	...	...	...	...
920	14,682	...	...	...	...	...
1,882	25,988	6	10	526	0 14 0	
1,494	22,254	...	...	...	...	...
4,116	62,006	...	...	...	...	...
1,932	28,846	94	...	...	...	...
5,840	86,472	...	...	...	...	...
1,266	19,504	890	...	...	...	...
7,542	105,996	4,606	...	...	...	...
5,026	72,024	...	...	...	...	...
23,072	295,172	27,622	344	7,896	16 9 0	
1,076,986	7,994,310	394,996	7,594	209,521	470 14 0	
372,239	9,624,003	432,813	9,596	268,461	628 7 7	
387,035	10,970,388	448,479	8,094	228,525	489 13 2½	
405,595	12,292,761	454,665	5,641	158,422	363 12 0	
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	236,991	...	...	...	...
182,032	3,186,195	266,513	...	...	...	...

Annexure 27.

Statement of Telegraph Revenue for the financial year 1908-9.

OFFICE.	AMOUNT.		
	£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	676	18	8
Bethulie	226	7	4
Bloemfontein C.T.O.	5,485	1	3
" East	74	2	0
Boshof	279	15	11
Bothaville	52	8	2
Brandfort	277	18	1
Bultfontein	97	10	10
Clocolan	177	7	7
Dealesville	80	8	6
Dewetsdorp	165	2	11
Edenburg	180	0	2
Pauresmitia	271	13	2
Picksburg	394	10	2
Fouriesburg	125	14	4
Frankfort	237	19	2
Harrismith	837	15	2
Heilbron	570	9	8
Hoopstad	118	15	9
Jacobsdal	142	10	6
Jagersfontein	637	1	5
Kestell	47	11	11
King's Hill	80	6	9
Koffyfontein	367	18	7
Kroonstad	1,142	13	3
" Station	144	17	5
Ladybrand	382	0	3½
Lindley	165	12	10½
Luckhoff	121	1	11
Marquard	90	12	5
N. val Hill	11	8	0
Parys	220	6	0
Petrusburg	142	19	10
Philippolis	150	16	5
Reddersburg	160	10	1½
Reitz	176	4	5
Rouxville	292	1	3
Schuttesdraai	286	2	9
Senekal	294	14	6
Smithfield	243	13	11
Springfontein	207	2	4½
Tempe	199	17	0
Thabanchu	273	9	9
Theunissen	204	11	9
Tronpsburg	178	16	9
Tweespruit	55	1	2
Ventersburg	101	4	4
" Road	119	17	10
Victor	332	17	11
Viljoensdrift	88	7	9
Villiers	63	13	0
Voorspoed	188	2	6
Vrede	293	4	5
Vredefort	103	17	3
Wepener	367	14	10
Westminster	87	1	7
Winburg	448	4	2
Zastron	337	2	6
C.S.A.R. Offices	1,834	3	8
1908-9	221,804	7	9½
1907-8	21,612	16	2
1906-7	22,538	15	7
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 28.

Statement of charges on cables handed in at the undermentioned offices during the financial year 1908-9.

OFFICE.				AMOUNT.		
				£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	...	...	...	44	3	4
Bethulie	...	...	...	5	14	2
Bloemfontein and Government	...	...	...	1,475	14	6
" East	...	...	...	3	12	11
Boshof	...	...	...	13	5	10
Bothaville	...	...	...	0	0	0
Brandfort	...	...	...	16	5	0
Bukfontein	...	...	...	2	13	2
Clocolan	...	...	...	13	13	10
Desalesville	...	...	...	5	18	5
Dewet-dorp	...	...	...	5	8	8
Edenburg	...	...	...	2	1	1
Hauresmith	...	...	...	20	1	5
Pieksburg	...	...	...	44	15	3
Fouriesburg	...	...	...	1	9	0
Frankfort	...	...	...	11	9	2
Harrismith	...	...	...	72	2	10
Heilbron	...	...	...	32	16	2
Hoopstad	...	...	...	6	18	9
Jacobsdal	...	...	...	10	17	8
Jagersfontein	...	...	...	84	12	11
Kestell	...	...	...	0	14	6
King's Hill	...	...	...	67	7	1
Kofffontein	...	...	...	79	5	6
Kroonstad	...	...	...	127	11	1
" Station	...	...	...	4	4	7
Ladybrand	...	...	...	28	1	3
Lindley	...	...	...	21	0	9
Luckhoff	...	...	...	2	1	1
Marquard	...	...	...	1	18	8
Naval Hill	...	...	...	0	0	0
Parys	...	...	...	4	8	10
Petrusburg	...	...	...	8	6	9
Philippolis	...	...	...	6	8	5
Reddersburg	...	...	...	6	6	2
Reitz	...	...	...	0	12	1
Rouxville	...	...	...	6	6	4
Schuttesdraai	...	...	...	65	7	10
Senekal	...	...	...	15	6	11
Smitfield	...	...	...	21	11	3
Springfontein	...	...	...	16	11	1
Tempe	...	...	...	104	18	10
Thabanehu	...	...	...	19	18	2
Theunissen	...	...	...	10	5	11
Trompsburg	...	...	...	7	8	0
Tweespruit	...	...	...	4	11	10
Venterburg	...	...	...	1	12	10
" Road	...	...	...	10	1	2
Victor	...	...	...	6	5	7
Viljoensdrift	...	...	...	2	13	2
Viltiers	...	...	...	0	0	0
Voorspoed	...	...	...	8	14	0
Vrede	...	...	...	11	13	6
Vredefort	...	...	...	0	0	0
Wepener	...	...	...	44	19	3
Westminster	...	...	...	48	5	4
Winburg	...	...	...	24	10	7
Zastron	...	...	...	9	15	2
C.S.A.K. Offices	...	...	...	36	5	5
1908-9	...	...	...	52,634	2	10
1907-8	...	...	...	2,603	10	8
1906-7	...	...	...	3,036	19	5
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

Annexure 29.

Statement of Revenue in respect of Registered Telegraphic Addresses
during the financial year 1908-9.

OFFICE.				AMOUNT.		
				£	s.	d.
Bethlehem	...	...	...	3	3	0
Beikalie	...	...	...	0	0	0
Bloemfontein	...	...	...	93	3	9
" East	...	...	...	0	0	0
Boshof	...	...	...	0	0	0
Bothaville	...	...	...	0	0	0
Brandfort	...	...	...	1	1	0
Bultfontein	...	...	...	1	1	0
Clocolan	...	...	...	0	0	0
Dealesville	...	...	...	0	0	0
Dewetsdorp	...	...	...	0	0	0
Edenburg	...	...	...	0	0	0
Fauresmith	...	...	...	1	1	0
Ficksburg	...	...	...	2	2	0
Fouriesburg	...	...	...	1	1	0
Frankfort	...	...	...	0	0	0
Harrismith	...	...	...	9	3	9
Head Office	...	...	...	11	16	3
Helbron	...	...	...	1	1	0
Hoopstad	...	...	...	0	0	0
Jacobdal	...	...	...	1	1	0
Jagerfontein	...	...	...	1	1	0
King's Hill	...	...	...	1	1	0
Koffyfontein	...	...	...	1	1	0
Kroonstad	...	...	...	9	14	3
" Station	...	...	...	0	0	0
Ladybrand	...	...	...	2	17	9
Lindley	...	...	...	0	0	0
Luckhoff	...	...	...	0	0	0
Marquard	...	...	...	1	6	3
Parys	...	...	...	1	11	6
Petrusburg	...	...	...	0	0	0
Philippolis	...	...	...	0	0	0
Redderburg	...	...	...	0	0	0
Reitz	...	...	...	0	0	0
Rouxville	...	...	...	1	1	0
Schuttesdraai	...	...	...	0	0	0
Senekal	...	...	...	1	1	0
Smithfield	...	...	...	2	12	6
Springfontein	...	...	...	1	1	0
Tenape	...	...	...	1	1	0
Thabanchu	...	...	...	2	2	0
Thunissen	...	...	...	1	1	0
Trompsburg	...	...	...	1	1	0
Ventersburg	...	...	...	0	0	0
" Road	...	...	...	0	0	0
Victor	...	...	...	1	1	0
Vierfontein	...	...	...	0	0	0
Viljoensdrift	...	...	...	0	0	0
Villiers	...	...	...	0	0	0
Voorpoort	...	...	...	1	1	1
Vrede	...	...	...	0	0	0
Vredefort	...	...	...	0	0	0
Wepener	...	...	...	5	15	6
Westminster	...	...	...	0	0	0
Winburg	...	...	...	1	1	0
Wolvehoek	...	...	...	0	0	0
Zastron	...	...	...	0	0	0
1908-9	...	...	...	2164	6	6
1907-8	...	...	...	215	10	3
1906-7	...	...	...	195	16	6
1905-6	...	...	...	216	12	0
1904-5	...	...	...	220	4	0
1898	...	...	...	57	9	9

Annexure 30.

Statement of Search Fees received.

YEAR.	MONTH.	AMOUNT.
1908.	July	£0 0 0
"	August	0 0 0
"	September	0 0 0
"	October	0 3 0
"	November	0 4 0
"	December	0 2 0
1908.	January	0 0 0
"	February	0 7 0
"	March	0 0 0
"	April	0 3 0
"	May	0 1 0
"	June	£6 0 0
		<u>£7 0 0</u>

Annexure 31.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the financial year 1908=9

REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.			
To Private Box and Bag Rents	...	...	21,691 17 6	By Salaries	...	...	£87,640 16 7
Commission	...	...	4,219 2 11	Travelling Expenses	...	...	2,237 5 2
Unpaid Postage	...	...	1,544 0 6	Office Expenditure	...	...	1,445 7 1
Postage Stamps, etc. sold :-	...	...		Stores and Stationery	...	...	4,283 8 11
Postal Revenue	...	£40,194 2 5		Conveyance of Mails	...	...	25,904 8 6
Telegraph	...	20,989 4 4		Ocean Mail Subsidy	...	...	2,250 0 0
			61,174 6 10	Telegraph and Telephone Construction	...	...	167 1 9
Registered Telegraphic Addresses	...	...	164 6 6	Telegraph and Telephone Maintenance	...	...	1,772 8 5
Telephone Rents	...	...	4,265 2 4	Incidental Expenses	...	...	340 14 7
Oversea and Land Transits	...	...	16,103 13 10				
Void Money Orders	...	...	33 12 5				
Void Postal Orders	...	...	45 19 0				
Refunds	...	...	190 17 11				
Stores and Stationery Revenue	...	...	457 5 7				
Telegraph Plant Sales	...	...	371 14 3				
Miscellaneous Receipts	...	...	181 15 4				
			£90,452 14 11				
Balance of Expenditure over Revenue	...	...	17,068 9 9				
			£107,521 4 8				
							£107,521 4 8