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INTRODUCTORY.

A feature which impressed itself upon me when I assumed the appointment of Postmaster-General on the 23rd April, 1926, was that the general public had very little opportunity to be acquainted with up-to-date statistics in regard to the work and development of the Post Office. I was approached by the Associated Chambers of Commerce for the publication of more information and I entirely agreed that this was desirable. I took the opportunity at the Annual Congress of the Association at Kimberley in October to make, for the first time in public, a very full statement of the Department's financial position and by doing this I was enabled to shew that the prevalent idea that large concessions could readily be given in regard to telephone and other tariffs was not practicable when the position of the Department as a whole came to be properly understood. There is no doubt at all that the business of the Post Office is of very considerable interest to all sections of the community and it is desirable that statistics of the various activities of the Department should be available each year at a much earlier date than has been the case hitherto. I have, therefore, with the concurrence of the Minister, now arranged to publish particulars of the Department's activities for the year ended 31st March 1927 in a new form, and in doing so I have introduced a comparison of the figures with the two previous years and also with the position at Union, in order to shew the development that has taken place. It will be observed that there has been a steady increase year by year in all the business of the Department, and the prospects for 1927/28 are that this increase will be maintained.

Extension of postal and telegraph facilities into remote districts necessarily goes with the development of the country, and in fact must to a large extent precede the full settlement and exploitation of outlying parts. Much of the work has been on this policy, and in this country of enormous distances there is no doubt that the provision of communication services as an inducement to the opening up of the country is the correct policy. At the same time the Post Office is obliged to keep in view all the while the necessity for a reasonable return upon its outlay. Although many of the extensions do not and cannot be expected to pay at the outset, it is satisfactory to find that the extended services invariably justify themselves within a comparatively short time.

Owing to its very rapid development the Department suffers considerably from the inadequacy of its premises almost all over the country. A great deal has been done in the erection of new buildings from time to time, but much still remains to be done in this direction. Several new buildings were completed during the last 12 months at smaller places and very good progress has been made with the extension at Cape Town and the new office at East London. Alterations and improvements at Kimberley and Pretoria are in progress.

Several other large works will demand attention in early building programmes to provide for telephone extensions in Cape Town and Johannesburg. Unless buildings are provided for these services business will be hampered and revenue will be lost to the Government.

The Post Office purchases large quantities of material of various kinds for postal purposes and for the construction of telegraph and telephone lines, and in accordance with recently adopted policy, tenders for all classes of supplies are now invited in the Union as well as elsewhere. This arrangement is working satisfactorily, but taken in conjunction with the new practice under which all tenders received by the High Commissioner in London are sent out for treatment by the Union Tender Board, the system has caused a very great increase of work in the Headquarters office of the Post Office Stores Department.

No actual scheme of Civil Aviation has yet materialised in the Union, although various projects have from time to time been brought before the Government. There is, however, a possibility of some early development in this direction which may have a bearing on certain mail services. In the meantime the Government have recognised the Aero Club of South Africa as a body competent to promote the interests of, and advise upon private flying within the Union.

INLEIDING.

Met my aanstelling as Posmeester-generaal op 23 April, 1926, het ek onder die indruk gekom dat die algemene publiek baie min geleentheid gehad het om in besit te kom van die jongste statistiek in verband met die werksaamhede en uitbreiding van die Poswese.

Die Verenigde Kamer van Koophandel het my genader vraende om meer informasie en ek het ten volle ingestem dat dit noodsaaklik is.

By die jaarlike Kongres van die Vereniging, te Kimberley gedurende Oktober gehou, het ek die geleentheid geneem om vir die eerste maal 'n publieke verklaring te maak insake die finansiële posiesie van die Departement, wat my ook in staat gestel het om duidelik te maak n.l. dat wanneer die posiesie reg verstaan word, dit besef sal word dat dit onmoontlik vir die Departement is om geredelik groot konsessies in verband met telefoon- en ander tariewe te maak. Daar die publiek ongetwyfeld baie groot belang in die werksaamhede van die Departement stel, is dit noodsaaklik dat statistiek in verband met sodanige werksaamhede baie vroeër jaarliks beskikbaar sal wees as wat totnogtoe die geval was. Gevolglik het ek reëlings getref, met goedkeuring van die Minister, om besonderhede van die werksaamhede van die Departement in 'n nuwe vorm te publiseer ten opsigte van die jaar eindigende 31 Maart, 1927.

Om aan te toon wat die vooruitgang is, is die staat sodanig opgetrek dat 'n vergelyking met die syfers van die vorige twee jaar, asook met dié op die datum van Unie, aangetoon word. Hieruit is dit duidelik dat daar 'n jaarlike toenaming van die sake van die Departement was en dat dit gedurende 1927/28 sal voortduur.

Die uitbreiding van Pos- en Telegraafgeriewe in die verafgeleë distrikte gaan noodsaaklikerwys gepaard met die ontwikkeling van die land en moet feitlik die bewoning en ontginning daarvan voorafgaan. Veel van die werk van die Departement is ooreenkomsdig daardie vereiste onderneem en in hierdie laud van groot afstande is sodanige gedragslyn ongetwyfeld 'n hulp tot die gewenste ontwikkeling. Terselfdertyd moet die Departement altyd die noodsaaklikheid van 'n redelike inkomste vir sy uitgawes in die oog hou. Ofskoon baie van die uitbreidings nie selfbetaleend is, of kan wees nie, is dit bevredigend dat hulle tot dusver sonder uitsondering spoedig hul bestaan geregtig het.

As gevolg van sy snelle ontwikkeling, ly die Departement oral heelwat ongerief weens gebrek aan akkomodasie. Veel is reeds gedoen van tyd tot tyd deur die bou van nuwe persele, maar veel moet nog verrig word. Verskillende nuwe geboue is gedurende die afgelope 12 maande op die kleiner dorpe voltooi, en goede vordering is gemaak met die uitbreiding van the Kaapse kantoor asook met die nuwe kantoor te Ooslonden. Veranderings en verbeterings work tans aan die geboue te Kimberley en Pretoria aangebring.

Verskillende ander groot werke sal eersdaags onderneem moet word in verband met bouprogramme vir telefoonuitbreidings in Kaapstad en Johannesburg. Tensy behoorlike huisvesting verskaf word, sal besigheid gestrem, en die inkomste van die Departement beperk word.

Die Posdepartement maak inkope van hoeveelhede van verskillende soorte materiaal vir posdieleindes en vir die hou van telegraaf- en telefoonlyne, en ooreenkomsdig die jongste gedragslyn van die Departement word tenders vir alle voorrade in die Unie en elders gevra. Die uitwerking hiervan is bevredigend maar dit het 'n groot vermeerdering van werk in die Hoofkantoor van die Voorrade-departement te Pretoria veroorsaak daar alle tenders deur die Hoë Kommissaris in Londen ontvang, deur hom aan die Unie-tenderkommissie oorhandig word.

Geen werklike skema in verband met die Siviele Lugvaart is tot dusver verwesenlik nie, ofskoon verskillende voorstelle van tyd tot tyd aan die Regering gemaak is. Daar bestaan egter 'n moontlikheid van 'n vroeë ontwikkeling in hierdie rigting waardeur sekere posdienste bevorder sal word. Intussen erken die Departement die "Aero Club" van Suidafrika as 'n bevoegde liggaam om die belang van die lugvaart te behartig en om raadgewend op te tree.

H. J. LENTON,

Posmeester-generaal.

GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE DEPARTMENT AS A WHOLE:

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1927.

TO EXPENDITURE :		BY REVENUE : Cash receipts.	£3,495,519
Cash payments.	£2,907,671		
Less amount apportioned to Engineering Con- struction Works.	£58,879	Value of Services for which no Cash Credit is received :—	
Less Expenditure incurred in respect of :—		" SERVICES RENDERED TO IMPERIAL GOVERNMENTS AND UNION DEPARTMENTS.	
(1) Bureau of National information.	1,934	Postage.	£101,685
(2) Civil Aviation.	2,320 63,133 £2,844,538	Telegrams.*	832
Value of services for which no Cash Debit is taken :—		Telephones.	155
" INTEREST LIABILITY ON CAPITAL.		Miscellaneous.	46,379 149,051
Telegraphs (£1,180,462)	46,209	" SERVICES RENDERED TO PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS.	
Telephones (£6,147,574)	273,177	Cape.	8,071
Standard Stock (£390,926)	18,146	Transvaal.	4,508
Cost of raising Loans since Union.	7,226 344,758	Natal.	2,023
Value of Government Buildings (£1,657,592)	65,197	Orange Free State.	2,282 16,884
" PENSION FUNDS : GOVERN- MENT LIABILITY.			
Contributions to Funds.	70,993		
Pensions paid from Revenue	125,880		
Commutations of Pensions from Revenue	9,106		
Gratuities	1,991 207,970		
" SERVICES RENDERED BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS.			
Printing and Stationery.	32,200		
Minor Works and Furniture, Maintenance and Repairs, Rents, Rates and Taxes.	91,865		
Law Costs and Damages.	1,093		
Minor Services.	1,436 126,594		
" MISCELLANEOUS.			
Control and Audit Office Services.	3,000		
" DEPRECIATION.			
One per cent on £6,877,147 value of telegraph and telephone assets as at the 31st March, 1926, to meet Depreciation ascertained.	68,771		
" BALANCE,	626		
	£3,661,454		£3,661,454

NOTE:—Last year the balance of profit was £303,097. The reduction of profit to £626 for 1926-27, as reflected above, is due principally to the sacrifice of revenue caused by the reversion to inland penny letter post.

*Telegrams despatched on behalf of the Bureau of National Information not included.

ALGEMENE WINS- EN VERLIES-REKENING VAN DIE DEPARTEMENT AS 'N GEHEEL.

FINANSIELE JAAR EINDIGENDE 31 MAART, 1927.

AAN UITGawe:	PER INKOMSTE:
Kontante betalings £2,907,671	Kontant ontvang £3,495,519
Min bedrag toegewys aan ingenieurs- aanlegwerke £58,879	Waarde van dienste waarvoor geen kontante krediet ontvang is nie
Min uitgawe gemaak in verband met:—	" <u>DIENSTE BEWYS AAN RYKSREGERING EN UNIE-DEPARTEMENTE:</u>
(1) Staatsinligtingsburo 1,934	Posgeld £101,685
(2) Siviele lugvaart 2,320	Telegramme* 832
	Telefoondiens 155
Waarde van dienste waarvoor geen kontant gedebiter word nie.	Diverse dienste 46,379 149,051
" <u>RENTÉ VERSKULDIG OP KAPITAAL:</u>	" <u>DIENSTE BEWYS AAN PROVINSIALE ADMINISTRASIES:</u>
Telegraaf (£1,180,462) 46,209	Kaap 8,071
Telefoon (£6,147,574) 273,177	Transvaal 4,508
Standaadvoorraad (£390,926) 18,146	Natal 2,023
Koste van leninge sedert Unie 7,226 344,758	Orange Vrystaat 2,282 16,884
Waarde van Goewerrants- geboue (£1,657,592) 65,197	
" <u>PENSIOENFONDS:</u>	
<u>GOEWERMENTS-LASTE:</u>	
Kontribusies aan fondse 70,993	
Pensioene betaal uit inkomste 125,880	
Afkoop van pensioene uit inkomste 9,106	
Gratifikasies 1,991 207,970	
" <u>DIENSTE AAN ANDER DEPARTEMENTE BEWYS:</u>	
Drukwerk en skryfbehoefte 32,200	
Ondergeskikte werke en meubels, onderhoud en herstel, huur en belastinge 91,865	
Regskoste en skadevergoeding 1,093	
Ondergeskikte dienste 1,436 126,594	
" <u>DIVERSE POSTE:</u>	
Kontroleurs-en Ouditeurskantoor- dienste 3,000	
" <u>WAARDEVERMINDERING:</u>	
Een persent op £6,877,147 waarde van telegraaf en telefoonmateriaal soos op 31 Maart 1926 vir waardevermindering 68,771	
" <u>BALANS:</u>	
	£3,661,454
	£3,661,454

NOTA:—Laaste jaar was die profyt-saldo £303,097. Die profyt-vermindering tot 'n bedrag van £626 ten opsigte van die jaar 1926-27, soas hierbo aangetoon, is hoofsaaklik te wyte aan 'n verlies van inkomste as gevolg van die toepassing van die binnelandse pennie-posttarief op briefe.

*Sonder inbegrip van telegramme ten behoeve van die Staatsinligtingsburo verstuur.

CASH REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE 1926/27.

<u>REVENUE.</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
(a) POSTAL:	£	POSTAL, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE:	
Postage	1,392,279	Salaries, wages and allowances	1,957,738
Commission on Money Orders	22,729	Absistence and Transport	46,418
Poundage on Postal Orders	28,287	Uniforms	17,069
Private box and bag rentals	49,558	Conveyance of Mails :	
Ocean Mail Service Receipts	161,884	Inland	273, 959
Savings Bank Revenue	36,041	Oversea	200,820
Miscellaneous	<u>26,810</u>	Maintenance of Telegraphs and Telephones	340,422
	1,717,588	Technical furniture and fittings	9,545
(b) TELEGRAPHS:		Postage Stamps	7,356
Ordinary paid and press messages	440,342	Standard Stock Adjustments	2,316
Registered address fees	8,505	Postal Stores	25,007
Miscellaneous	<u>25,363</u>	Incidental Expenses	8,080
	474,210	Administration of Aviation Act, 1923	2,320
(c) TELEPHONES:		Bureau of National Information	1,934
Exchange Revenue	786,481	Telegraphs and Telephones	<u>14,687</u>
Trunk Revenue	324,808		
Rural Rentals	62,575		
Miscellaneous	<u>9,250</u>		
	1,183,114		
(d) OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES:			
Government Telegrams	30,462		
Government registered address fees	666		
Government Telephones	<u>89,479</u>		
	120,607		
TOTAL REVENUE	£3,495,519	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£2,907,671

PREVIOUS YEARS.

<u>REVENUE.</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>
1911/12 £1,471,782	£1,491,204
1924/25 £3,429,129	£2,665,661
1925/26 £3,538,154	£2,788,369
1926/27 £3,495,519	£2,907,671

KONTANTE INKOMSTE EN UITGAWES 1926/27.

<u>INKOMSTE.</u>	<u>UITGAWES.</u>
(a) POSTERYE :	POS- TELEGRAAF- EN TELEFOONWES
Posgeld 1,392,279	£
Kommissie op Poswissels 22,729	Salarisse, lone en toelaes 1,957,738
Kommissie op Posorders 28,287	Onderhouds-en transportkoste 46,418
Private bus- en sakhuur 49,558	Uniforms 17,069
Seeposdiensontvangste 161,884	Vervoer van poste :
Spaarbankinkomste 36,041	Binnelandse 273,959
Diverse inkomste 26,810	Oorsese 200,820
1,717,588	Onderhoud van telegraaf en telefoon 3 0,422
(b) TELEGRAAFWESE :	Tegniese uitrusting en benodighede 9,545
Gewoon betaalde en pers- telegramme 440,342	Posseels 7,356
Geregistreerde adresse 8,505	Standaard voorradeafrekening 2,316
Diverse inkomste 25,363	Posvoorraad 25,007
474,210	Onvoorsiene uitgawe 8,080
(c) TELEFOONWESE :	Administrasie van Lugvaartwet, 1923 2,320
Buro-inkomste 786,481	Staatsinligtingsburo 1,934
Hooflyn-inkomste 324,808	Telegramme en telefone 14,687
Plattelandse huurpryse 62,575	
Diverse inkomste 9,250	
1,183,114	
(d) OFFISIELE TELEGRAAF- EN TELEFOONDienste :	
Goewermentstelegramme 30,462	
Goewerments geregistreerde adresse 666	
Goewerments-telefone 89,479	120,607
TOTALE INKOMSTE £3,495,519	TOTALE UITGAVE £2,907,671

VORIGE JARE.

<u>INKOMSTE.</u>	<u>UITGAWES.</u>
1911/12 £1,471,782	191,204
1924/25 £3,429,129	£2,665,661
1925/26 £3,538,154	£2,788,369
1926/27 £3,495,519	£2,907,671

TELEPHONE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FINANCIAL YEAR—1926-27.

<u>TO EXPENDITURE.</u>	<u>BY REVENUE.</u>
Traffic and operating	£246,074
Commercial	54,071
Engineering (Overhead)	36,057
Stores (Overhead)	20,549
Administration and Accounting	42,623
Maintenance	293,432
Rents, Maintenance of Buildings, Lighting	32,204
Interest Liability of Capital value on Buildings	22,855
Pension Liability	72,906
Interest on Stores Reserve	16,681
Miscellaneous	53,926
Interest on Capital	273,177
Depreciation	56,817
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£1,221,372
*Net profit	<u>51,454</u>
	£1,272,826
	GRAND TOTAL REVENUE £1,272,826

*After including all charges as above, this profit represents a return of .837 per cent., on the capital £6,147,574 invested in telephone plant.

TELEFOON WINS- EN VERLIESREKENING—FINANSIELE JAAR 1926/27.

<u>AAN UITGAVE.</u>	<u>AAN INKOMSTE.</u>
Verkeer en eksplorasié	£246,074
Handel	54,071
Ingenieurswerk (ekstra)	36,057
Magasynsgoedere (ekstra)	20,549
Administrasie en boekhouding	42,623
Onderhoud	293,432
Huur, onderhoud van geboue en verligting	32,204
Rente verskuldig op kapitaal waarde van geboue	22,855
Pensioenlaste	72,906
Rente op magasynreserwe	16,681
Diverse poste	53,926
Rente op kapitaal	273,177
Waardevermindering	56,817
TOTAAL UITGAVE	£1,221,372
*Netto Wins	<u>51,454</u>
	£1,272,826
	ALGEMENE TOTAAL-INKOMSTE
	£1,272,826

*Na insluiting van alle koste hierboor gegeve verteenwoordig hierdie mitte 837 per cent. op die kapitaal van £6,147,574 bepaal.

NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

	YEAR ENDED		
	31. 3. 25.	31. 3. 26.	31. 3. 27.
	£	£	£
(a) Mutilated and foreign coin found in telephone coin boxes and stamp vending machines.	98	117	136
(b) Cash stolen from telephone cabinet coin boxes.	7	10	19
(c) Thefts of apparatus from telephone cabinets.	181 (195 cases)	175 (173 cases)	193 (153 cases)

The above items are quoted as a matter of interest. The total amounts lost under items (a) and (b) show an increase because each year of course the number of telephone cabinets in use becomes greater. The total loss in respect of bad coins in telephone boxes and stamp machines and cash stolen from telephone coin boxes amounts however to only .014% of the revenue collected by these means so that from the point of view of "business risk" the amount is inconsiderable. Nevertheless, the utmost efforts are made to check and prevent these losses, and prosecutions take place in every case where the person responsible can be traced.

It is satisfactory to note a reduction in the number of cases under item (c) but there are still too many and there is no relaxation of the efforts to put a stop to these thefts.

OPMERKINGS IN VERBAND MET FINANSIEËLE STATE.

	JAAR EINDIGENDE		
	31. 3. 25.	31. 3. 26.	31. 3. 27.
	£	£	£
(a) Verminkte en buitelandse muntstukke in telefoon-muntbussies en automatiese posseël-masjiene gevind.	98	117	136
(b) Kontant uit telefoon-kabinet-muntbussies gesteel.	7	10	19
(c) Apparaat uit telefoon-kabinette gesteel.	181 (195 gevalle)	175 (173 gevalle)	193 (153 gevalle)

Bogenoemde ietems word slegs as iets van belang aangegoe. Die verhoogde bedrae onder ietems (a) en (b) aangetoon is toe te skrywe aan dié feit dat meer telefoonkabinette in gebruik gebring is. Die totale verlies in verband met gebrekkige muntstukke in telefoonbusse en posseëlmasjiene gevind, asook kontant uit telefoonbusse gesteel, bedra egter slegs .014% van die inkomste op hierdie wyse verkry, sodat uit 'n "besigheidsriesiko" oogpunt beskou, die bedrag baie klein is. Neteenstaande word alles moontlik gedoen om hierdie verliese te voorkom en die verantwoordelike persone word sonder uitsondering vervolg waar hulle opgespoor kan word.

Dit is bevredigend dat daar 'n vermindering van gevalle onder ietem (c) was, maar die getal is nog te groot en alle pogings word aangewend om stop daaraan te sit.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

Item.	1910.	1924/25.	1925/26	1926/27	Item
1. Post Offices	2,466	2,947	3,016	3,154	1. Poskantore
2. Main Posts	328	263	254	236	2. Hoofposte
3. Branch Posts	1,084	1,307	1,381	1,372	3. Takposte
4. Posts by Railway Motor	—	—	—	56	4. Poste per Spoorweg-motor.
5. Private Post Bags	2,241	3,660	3,725	3,869	5. Private Possakke
6. Private Boxes	—	32,849	33,725	34,724	6. Private busse
7. Posting Boxes other than on P.O. premises	752	1,128	1,140	1,347	7. Posbusse, ander as in Poskantore opgerig
8. C.O.D. Parcels	—	—	44,593	123,367	8. K.B.A. Pakkete
Trade Charges Collected (£)	—	—	63,229	157,920	Handelsbedrae ingevorder £
Revenue to P.O. (£)	—	—	2,791	7,494	Inkomste van Poskan-toor £
9. Total articles handled		See Sien	next volgende	page bladsy	9. Totale aantal artiekels gehanteer
10. Undelivered articles	1,784,979	2,657,000	2,915,510	3,730,608	10. Onbestelbare artiekels.
11. Value of Property (£)	30,000	65,021	65,374	67,949	11. Waarde van eiendom £
12. Including Money (£)		1,009	6,971	4,828	12. Met inbegrip van geld £
13. Revenue from Sales (£)	—	186	183	289	13. Inkomste van verkopings £
14. Percentage undelivered of total articles handled	—	0.98	0.94	0.93	14. Onbestelbare persentasie van totale aantal artiekels gehanteer
OVERSEA MAIls.					
(1) THROUGH GREAT BRITAIN.					OORSELE POSTE.
(a) To SOUTH AFRICA.					(1) DE U R G R O O T BRITTANJE.
15. Mail Bags	96,534	124,018	133,308	141,342	(a) NA SUIDAFRIKA.
16. Parcel Receptacles	21,061	65,371	75,617	78,754	15. Possakke.
(b) F R O M S O U T H AFRICA.					16. Pakketsakke
17. Mail Bags	35,802	35,997	39,140	42,528	(b) VAN SUIDAFRIKA.
18. Parcel Receptacles	2,701	4,265	3,872	4,213	17. Possakke.
(2) O T H E R T H A N THROUGH GREAT BRITAIN.					(2) ANDERS AS DEUR GROOT BRITTANJE
(a) To SOUTH AFRICA.					(a) NA SUIDAFRIKA.
19. Mail Bags	—	6,688	6,101	6,919	19. Possakke
20. Parcels Receptacles	—	16,224	20,334	21,908	20. Pakketsakke
(b) F R O M S O U T H AFRICA.					(b) VAN SUIDAFRIKA.
21. Mail Bags	—	4,912	5,116	5,338	21. Possakke
22. Parcel Receptacles	—	1,663	1,634	2,536	22. Pakketsakke

NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

- Item 2. { Road routes by motor, cart, horse or runner. As the Rail-way system extends these routes are abandoned in favour of rail transport. At the same time new road postal routes continue to be opened up in districts not served by railway.
6. 1910 figures not available.
8. Service begun June, 1925.
- 13 and 14. 1910 figures not available.
- 15 to 22. "South Africa" in these items includes the Union, the Mandated Territory of South West, Bechuanaland, Southern and Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland and Mauritius. The Mails are, of course, even when in closed bags, handled through the Union Post Office.
- 19 to 22. 1910 figures not available.

OPMERKINGS IN VERBAND MET DIE STATISTIEK.

- Ietem 2. { Weg-roetes per motor, kar, perd of bode. Met die uitbreiding van die Spoorweg word hierdie roetes deur die Spoorwegadministrasie oorgeneem. Intussen word nuwe weg-posroetes nog geopen in distrikte waar daar geen Spoorwegdiens is nie.
6. Syfers vir 1910 nie verkrygbaar nie.
8. Diens gedurende Junie, 1925 begin.
- 13 en 14. Syfers vir 1910 nie verkrygbaar nie.
- 15 tot 22. In hierdie ietems sluit "Suidafrika" die volgende in: die Unie, die Maandaat gebied van Suidwesafrika, Betsjoe-analand, Suid- en Noord-Rhodesie, Nyasaland en Mauritius. Die poste word natuurlik in Suidafrika gesor.eer, selfs wanneer hulle in geslote sakke verstuur word.
- 19 tot 22. Syfers vir 1910 nie verkrygbaar nie.

ARTICLES OF MAIL MATTER HANDLED AT POST OFFICES IN THE UNION.
POSARTIEKELS IN DIE UNIE-POSKANTORE BEHANDEL 1925-1926. 1927.

ORIGIN.	Year ending 31st March	LETTERS		POST CARDS		NEWSPAPERS		BOOK & SAMPLE PACKETS PRINTED MATTER.		PARCELS		OFFICIAL ARTICLES	EXPRESS ARTICLES	TOTALS	REGISTERED ARTICLES (INCLUDED IN OTHER COLUMNS.)
		BRIEWE	PESKAARTE	NUUSBLASIE	NUUSBLASIE	BUCKPLAKKIES MONSTERS EN DRUKWERK	ORDINARY	AGRICULTURAL	PAKKETTE	GEWENE	LANDBOU	OFFISIELLE STUKKE	EKSPESS- ARTIEKELS		
OORSPRONG.	JOOR EINDIGENDE DE 31 MAART														
POSTED IN UNION. IN DIE UNIE GEPOSE.															
1925	122,821	5,702	22,349		70,897	4,008	726	5	15,458			241,966			2,204
1926	130,970	5,838	24,297		79,294	4,576	656	7	16,929			262,568			2,349
1927	148,826	7,199	26,708		131,074	5,100	682	9	19,219			338,818			2,686
1925	11,353	512	1,389		1,696	220	—	1	31			15,202			295
1926	12,412	635	1,567		2,117	311	—	2	102			17,146			311
1927	11,085	460	1,888		2,180	237	—	1	89			15,940			325
1925	13,967	804	4,610		7,093	614	—	1	106			27,195			347
1926	15,586	590	5,936		6,540	781	—	1	241			29,674			365
1927	16,962	721	6,216		7,389	732	—	1	386			32,406			375
RECEIVED FROM ABROAD. ONTVANG VAN OORSEE.															
1925	148,141	7,018	28,348		79,666	4,842	726	7	15,595			284,363			2,846
1926	158,968	7,063	31,800		87,951	5,668	656	10	17,272			309,388			3,025
1927	176,873	8,380	34,812		140,643	6,069	682	11	19,694			387,164			3,386

**TOTAL ARTICLES HANDLED.
TOTAAL AANTAL ARTIEKELS
GEHANTEER.**

EXTENSION OF FACILITIES.

RAILWAY ROAD MOTOR SERVICES. By arrangement with the Railway Administration the Road Motor services have been utilised for the conveyance of mails in many districts, thus improving and expediting the postal service.

NEW PICTORIAL POSTAGE STAMPS. The new series of pictorial postage stamps was completed during the year. The denominations comprise $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1s., 2s. 6d., 5s. and 10s. Several of these stamps are printed in South Africa by the Government Printer.

PICTORIAL POSTCARDS, intended to advertise the attractions of South Africa have been placed on sale. The series consists of 24 different views and the cards bear the necessary postage for Overseas. They have been produced by the Government Printer and should be attractive to tourists.

IMPERIAL REPLY COUPONS, which are exchangeable in any part of the British Empire for postage stamps to prepay a single letter-rate reply, were placed on sale in the Union in March, 1927. The price is $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. each.

POSTING BOXES were fitted to the Railway motors operating in the Rustenburg district, and as the experiment has proved successful steps are being taken to provide similar posting facilities on other Railway motor routes.

MAILS FOR TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Two opportunities offered during the year for the despatch of mails to the island of Tristan da Cunha, namely on the 10th October, 1926 and the 15th March, 1927, by the S.S. Natalia and Suevic respectively. The former mail consisted of one bag, the notice of sailing being too short to permit of the opportunity being widely advertised, while the latter comprised 53 bags of mixed correspondence, printed matter and parcels, 32 originating in Great Britain.

UITBREIDING VAN GERIEWE.

SPOORWEG WEGMOTORDIENSTE. Reëlings is getref met die Spoorwegadministrasie vir die gebruik in baie distrikte van die Wegmotordienste, vir die vervoer van poste, en deur middel waarvan die posdienste baie verbeter en bespoed geword is.

NUWE PRENTPOSSEËLS. Die nuwe uitgawe van prentposseëls is gedurende die jaar beskikbaar gestel. Die volgende denominasies word uitgereik, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1s., 2s. 6d., 5s., en 10s. Verskillende van die seëls word in Suidafrika deur die Goewernmentsdrukker gedruk.

PRENTPOSKAARTE, om die natuurskoon van Suidafrika bekend te stel. Die uitgawe bestaan uit 24 verskillende fotografieë, en die kaarte is van die nodige posseëls vir oorsese versending voorsien. Hulle word deur die Goewernmentsdrukker uitgegee en sal byval vind.

IMPERIALE ANTWOORDKOEPONS, wat oral in die Britse Ryk vir posseëls uitgeruil kan word, vir die vooruitbetaling van posgeld op 'n antwoord teen enkel tarief, is gedurende Maart, 1927 in die Unie verkoopbaar gestel. Die prys is $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. elk.

POSBUSSE is op Spoorwegmotors in die Rustenburgse distrik verskaf. Die eksperiment is 'n sukses gewees en stapte word geneem om dergelike geriewe op ander Spoorwegmotorroetes te voorsien.

POSTE VIR TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Daar was twee geleenthede gedurende die jaar vir die versending van poste na die eiland Tristan Da Cunha n.l. op 10 Oktober, 1926 en 15 Maart, 1927, respektiewelik met die stoombote Natalia en Suevic. Daar die kennisgewing van vertrek van die boot Natalia te kort was om behoorlik geadverteer te word, kon slegs een possak daarvan verstuur word. Die pos per laasgenoemde boot het uit 53 sakke gemengde korrespondensie, drukwerk en pakkette bestaan, waarvan 32 van Groot Brittannie gekom het.

TELEGRAPH—TELEGRAAF.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEKE.

Item.	1910.	1924/25.	1925/26.	1926/27.	Item.
1. Telegraph Offices	1,282	2,422	2,658	2,795	1. Telegraafkantore
<u>INLAND TELEGRAMS</u>					
2. National Information Bureau	—	—	94,413	153,461	2. Staatsinligtingsburo.
3. Imperial Government	309,048	4,385	4,353	4,043	3. Imperiale Regering
4. Union Government		267,947	295,966	271,587	4. Unie Regering
5. Railway	429,865	3,658	4,029	4,267	5. Spoorweg
6. Public Paid	4,354,359	5,161,492	5,501,949	5,622,323	6. Publiek betaalde
7. Total Telegrams	5,093,262	5,437,482	5,900,710	6,055,679	7. Totale telegramme
<u>PRESS TELEGRAMS.</u>					
8. Telegrams	—	214,202	228,330	233,326	8. Telegramme
9. Words	—	27,846,260	29,682,900	30,332,380	9. Woorde
<u>CABLEGRAMS DISPATCHED VIA THE POST OFFICE.</u>					
10. Number	100,092	206,966	243,150	263,368	10. Getal
11. Value (£)	104,260	179,192	208,441	216,964	11. Waarde
12. Mileage of Telegraph Wire	12,516	36,921	36,907	37,836	12. Mylafstand van telegraafdraad.

NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

- Item 2. The Bureau came into existence only during 1925/26 and was discontinued at 31st March, 1927.
4. These telegrams are paid for from the Votes of the Departments concerned.
- 6 and 7. Including press telegrams (shown separately in Item 8).
- 8 and 9. 1910 figures not available.
10. Cablegrams handed in at Union Post Offices only. The Eastern and South African Telegraph Co. has its own receiving offices at Durban and Cape Town.
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OPMERKINGS IN VERBAND MET DIE STATISTIEK.

- Ietem 2. Die Buro het slegs gedurende 1925–26 bestaan en is op 31 Maart 1927, gesluit.
4. Die koste vir hierdie telegramme word uit die begrotingsposte van die betrokke Departemente betaal.
- 6 en 7. Met ingebrip van perstelegramme (afsonderlik in item 8 aangetoon).
- 8 en 9. Die syfers vir 1910 is nie beskikbaar nie.
10. Kabelgramme slegs by Unieposkantore ingehandig. Die “Eastern and South African Telegraph Company” het sy eie ontvangskantore te Durban en Kaapstad.

INTERRUPTIONS OF SERVICE.

On a number of occasions during the year long-distance telegraph communication was interrupted on important routes for reasons beyond the Department's control. On the 11th July a snowstorm visited the high-veldt of the Transvaal and next morning many lines were out of order. The route carrying main lines between Swellendam and Heidelberg (Cape) was twice blown down for a considerable distance during July and August. Early in September communication from all points to Natal was precarious owing to wind and snowstorms. On 15th October communication between Cape Town and Johannesburg was interrupted by a manifestation of "Earth Currents", a phenomenon of rare occurrence. A portion of the main route North of De Aar was demolished on 18th October which, with faults on other routes, practically isolated Cape Town for a time. A number of poles were blown down south of Kroonstad a few days later, the disposal of telegraph traffic being thereby seriously affected. Lightning demolished several poles near Kimberley during November. An important section of route was blown down for a considerable distance near Umtata during January, while a breakdown occurred near Kroonstad on 28th February, as a result of a Railway accident.

When such breakdowns occur immediate steps are invariably taken to divert traffic or to make up new lines on alternative routes but it is inevitable that heavy delays occur while the interrupted lines are being restored.

ONDERBREKINGS VAN DIENSTE.

Gedurende die jaar is die kommunikasie op belangrike lang-afstand lyne telkens onderbreek geword deur oorsake waaroor die Departement geen beheer gehad het nie. Op 11 Julie was daar 'n hewige sneeustorm oor die hoëveld van die Transvaal en die volgende mōre was baie telegraaflyne uit orde. 'n Groot gedeelte van die hooflyn tussen Swellendam en Heidelberg (Kaap) is tweekeer gedurende die maande Julie en Augustus omgewaai. Gedurende begin September was kommunikasie met Natal baie onseker weens wind- en sneeustorms. Op 15 Oktober is kommunikasie tussen Kaapstad en Johannesburg deur "aard elektriese strome" gestoor, iets wat selde gebeur. Op 18 Oktober is 'n gedeelte van die hoofroete noord van De-Aar verniel, en dit, tesame met onderbrekings op ander roetes, was oorsaak dat Kaapstad vir 'n tyd feitlik afgesny was. 'n Paar dae later is 'n aantal pale suid van Kroonstad omgewaai wat 'n ernstige vertraging van werk veroorsaak het. Gedurende November is verskillende pale in die nabijheid van Kimberley deur bliksemstrale verniel geword. 'n Belangrike gedeelte van die telegraafroete naby Umtata is gedurende Januarie omgewaai en daar was 'n onderbreking naby Kroonstad op 28 Februarie as gevolg van 'n spoorwegongeluk.

Wanneer sodanige storings plaasvind, word stappe dadelik geneem om die verkeer oor ander lyne van die hand te sit of om nuwe lyne langs alternatiewe roetes beskikbaar te stel. Groot vertragings is egter onvermydelik tydens sodanige onderbrekings en terwyl die lyne herstel word.

EXTENSIONS OF FACILITIES.

“TELETYPE” TELEGRAPH SYSTEM. This system, the general principle of which is a typewriter pattern keyboard Transmitter, operating a direct printing Receiver, has been extended to work between the following points :—

- Johannesburg and Pietermaritzburg.
- Johannesburg and Union Buildings, Pretoria.
- Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown.
- Port Elizabeth and Queenstown.

The feature of this system is its simplicity of operation and its effect is to improve the telegraph service.

SPEEDING UP TRANSMISSION BY OCEAN CABLE. The Eastern and South African Telegraph Company introduced on their deep sea cable on the western route a new apparatus known as a “regenerator” by means of which transmission time between England and South Africa is considerably reduced.

UITBREIDINGS VAN GERIEWE.

“TELETYPE” TELEGRAAFSISTEEM. Hierdie sisteem, wat hoofsaaklik bestaan uit 'n tikmasjienverseendingsapparaat, wat met 'n ontvangsdruktoestel in direkte verbinding is, is tussen die volgende dorpe opgerig :—

- Johannesburg en Pietermaritzburg.
- Johannesburg en Uniegebou, Pretoria.
- Port Elizabeth en Grahamstad.
- Port Elizabeth en Queenstown.

Die sisteem is baie eenvoudig en die telegraafdiens is daardeur bevorder.

BESPOEDING VAN KABEL-OORSEININGS. Deur die Eastern and South African Telegraph Company is 'n nuwe apparaat, 'n “regenerator” op hul diep-seese kabel aangebring waardeur die versending van kabelgramme tussen Engeland en Suidafrika heelwat bespoed word.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

Item.	1910.	1924/25.	1925/26.	1926/27.	Item.
1. Exchanges	131	897	1,098	1,219	1. Telefoonburo's
2. Call Offices	497	4,097	4,690	5,046	2. Oproepkantore
3. Subscribers' Lines	10,483	43,881	55,335	58,183	3. Intekenaarslyne
4. Private Branch Exchanges	—	523	563	599	4. Private Takburo's
5. Telephone Stations	15,378	65,950	74,564	81,997	5. Telefoonstasies
6. Local Calls	24,000,000	114,398,690	121,347,000	129,974,000	6. Plaaslike oproepe
7. Trunk Calls		7,593,298	7,882,000	8,904,000	7. Hooflynoproewe
8. Mileage of Farm Lines	—	6,770	13,369	18,812	8. Mylafstand van boere-lyne
9. No. of Farmers connected	50	3,669	6,866	9,466	9. Aantal boere aangesluit
10. Total Mileage of wire used for Telephones	—	230,883	271,609	320,488	10. Totale mylafstand van draad vir telefoon-doeleindes gebruik.

NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

- Item 1. The majority of the additional exchanges during 1926/27 were to provide for development in the country areas.
5. Means telephone instruments in use, or the points from which telephone calls may be made on subscribers' or public lines.
8. and 9. A very considerable further demand for this class of service is still in evidence.
8. and 10. Not available for 1910.

OPMERKING IN VERBAND MET DIE STATISTIEK.

- Item 1. Die meerderheid van die addisionele telefoonburo's gedurende 1926/27 verskaf moes dien tot die uitbreiding van die dienste in die landelike streke.
5. Beteken telefooninstrumente in gebruik of die plekke waar telefoonoproewe op intekenaars- of publieke telefoonlyne gemaak kan word.
8. en 9. Daar is nog 'n aansienlike aanvraag vir hierdie soort diens.
8. en 10. Vir 1910 nie beskikbaar nie.

INTERRUPTIONS OF SERVICE.

PORT ELIZABETH. At 6 a.m. on the 22nd October a severe rainstorm assailed Port Elizabeth, more than five inches of rain falling in just over an hour. The basement of the telephone exchange was submerged and the fire brigade had to be requisitioned to pump out the water. Thanks to the strenuous efforts of the Divisional Engineer and his staff, considerable damage was averted. 600 telephones were placed out of action but half of these were restored by 3 p.m. and the remainder later in the day. The District Stores Depot was flooded; its handsome flower garden and a ten-foot brick boundary wall were swept away, but the stock sustained little damage.

VIRGINIA. On the same day a violent storm blew down five telegraph poles at Virginia, between Johannesburg and Bloemfontein.

PRETORIA. On the afternoon of the 23rd March a very severe hailstorm passed over portion of Pretoria and suburbs, and caused serious damage to local subscribers' telephone wires and the trunk routes. Practically all the wires in the path of the storm were cut by the hailstones and 300 subscribers were disconnected. Services were restored by the evening of the 26th. The repairs cost approximately £760.

DIENSONDERBREKINGS.

PORT ELIZABETH. Om 6 uur v.m. op 22 Oktober het 'n hewige reënstorm oor Port Elizabeth getrek, en 5 duim reën het binne iets meer as 'n uur gevallen. Die kelderverdieping van die telefoonburo was onder water en die brandweer moes ontbied word om die water uit te pomp. As gevolg van die energieke optreding van die Afdelingsingenieur en sy staf is 'n aansienlike skade voorkom. 600 telefone was uit werkking gestel, maar om 3 uur n.m. was die helfte daarvan weer in orde en die ander helfte later gedurende die dag. Die Distrik-Voorraadsmagasyn was onder water, die mooi blomtuin en 'n steenmuur van 10vt. was weggespoel, maar die voorrade self was weinig beskadig.

VIRGINIA. Op dieselfde dag het 'n geweldige storm vyf telegraafpale te Virginia, tussen Johannesburg en Bloemfontein omgewaai.

PRETORIA. Op die namiddag van 23 Maart het 'n hewige haelstorm oor 'n gedeelte van Pretoria en voorstede getrek en het groot skade veroorsaak aan die plaaslike private telefoonverbinding asook aan die hooflyn-roetes. Byna al die drade op die roetes, waar die storm gewoed het, is deur die haelstene stukgesny en 300 intekenaars was sonder verbinding. Die diens was op die aand van 26 Maart weer herstel en die onkoste word op sowat £760 geskat.

EXTENSIONS OF FACILITIES.**LONG DISTANCE TRUNK COMMUNICATION.**

On 12th April 1926 Trunk communication was established between Cape Town (and Cape Peninsula Exchanges) on the one hand, and Kimberley, Johannesburg (and Witwatersrand Exchanges) Pretoria and Bloemfontein on the other. The wires used in this connection were for the greater part of the distance thrown spare some time previously by the introduction of Multiplex Telegraph working between Cape Town and Johannesburg. Speech is relayed by means of Telephone Repeaters at Touws River, Beaufort West, De Aar, Kimberley and Klerksdorp. The length of route between Cape Town and Pretoria is approximately 970 miles. The charge for calls between those points is 16/- for three minutes conversation with a reduction to 10/9 after 7 p.m. For extensions beyond the first three minutes the charges are calculated at per minute rates. Since the inception of the service an average of 89 long-distance calls have been originated per week, the average revenue earnings being £62. 2. 0.

During the busiest week 197 calls were originated. 53% of the calls were charged at the night rate. 45% of the calls were from the Cape Town end and 55% were originated at the Northern towns. The quality of speech over the circuits has been uniformly good.

"PARTICULAR PERSON" TRUNK CALLS. As a special attraction on the Transvaal-Cape trunk the "Particular Person" trunk call service was instituted. This service enables the caller to nominate the person to whom he wishes to speak.

"CARRIER CURRENT" TELEPHONY. By means of this system, which is one of the most recent developments of the science of electrical communication, one pair of wires is able to carry several telephone calls simultaneously. The system is being installed between Johannesburg and Durban, and will be in use very shortly.

"FIXED TIME" TRUNK CALLS FROM CALL OFFICES. This service has been extended so that it now applies to calls originated at Call Offices. Callers are able to avoid waiting at the call office for their calls to mature.

3-DENOMINATION COIN BOXES. Coin boxes, fitted with separate slots to take three-penny pieces, six-penny pieces and shillings, have been installed at many call offices from which a considerable number of trunk calls are originated.

UITBREIDING VAN FASILITEITE.

LANG-DISTANSIE HOOFLYNKOMMUNIKASIE.

Op 12 April, 1926 is 'n verbinding opgerig tussen Kaapstad (en buro's op die Kaapse Skiereiland) aan die een kant, en Kimberley, Johannesburg (en die buro's op die Witwatersrand), Pretoria en Bloemfontein aan die ander kant. Die drade, wat hiervoor gebruik is, was kort voorheen grotendeels uit gebruik gestel deur die toepassing van die Multiplex Telegraafssisteem tussen Kaapstad en Johannesburg. Gesprekke word deur middel van telefoonversterkers te Touws Rivier, Beaufort Wes, De Aar, Kimberley en Klerksdorp verder verstuur. Die roete tussen Kaapstad en Pretoria is sowat 970 myl lang. Die tarief vir oproepe tussen hierdie plekke is 16/- vir gesprekke van drie minute, terwyl dit tot 10/9d. verminder is vir oproepe na 7 uur n.m. Vir 'n verlenging van die eerste drie minute word die tarief per minuut bereken. Sedert die aanvang van die diens is gemiddeld 89 lang-distansieoproepe per week gemaak waarvoor die gemiddelde inkomste £62. 2. 0 was.

Gedurende die drukste week is 197 oproepe gemaak waarvan 53% volgens nagtarief bereken is 45% van die oproepe was afkomstig van Kaapstad en 55% van die noordelike stede. Die gesprekke oor die verbindings was oor die algemeen duidelik.

"GENOEMDE PERSOON" HOOFLYNOPROEPE. As 'n spesiale aantreklikheid van die Transvaal-Kaap hooflyn is die "Genoemde Persoon" hooflyndiens ingestel. Hierdeur word die oproeper in staat gestel om die persoon, met wie hy wil spreek, te benoem.

"DRAAGSTROOM" TELEFONIE. Deur middel van hierdie sisteem, wat een van die nuutste ontwikkelings van die wetenskap van elektriese kommunikasie is, kan verskillende telefoongesprekke gelyktydig oor een paar drade gevoer word. Die sisteem word tans tussen Johannesburg en Durban ingevoer en sal binnekort toegepas word.

"VASGESTELDE-TYD" HOOFLYNOPROEPE VAN OPROEKANTORE. Hierdie diens is tans ook van toepassing op oproepe vanuit oproekantore gemaak. Dit is dus onnodig vir oproopers om by die oproekantoor te wag tot dat die oproepe gereed is.

MUNTBUSSE VIR DRIE SOORTE GELDSTUKKE. Muntbusse met aparte afdelings vir respektiewelik 3d., 6d. en 1/-muntstukke is opgerig by baie oproekantore waar 'n groot aantal hooflyn-oproepe gemaak word.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

Item..	1912.	1924/25.	1925/26.	1926/27.	Item..
<u>RADIO TELEGRAMS EXCHANGED WITH SHIPS.</u>					<u>RADIO-TELEGRAMME MET SKEPE GE- WISSEL</u>
1. Messages	6,675	12,060	13,834	12,857	1. Telegramme
2. Words	67,914	210,184	248,870	279,939	2. Woorde
3. Revenue to Union (£)	1,980	4,984	5,934	5,536	3. Inkomste van Unie (£)
4. Licensed Broadcasting Stations	—	3	3	3	4. Gelisensieerde uitsaai- stasies
5. Licensed Listeners to Broadcasting	—	12,123	10,861	13,255	5. Gelisensieerde luister- aars in verband met uitsaaidienste
6. Licensed Radio Experi- menters	—	62	112	153	6. Gelisensieerde Radio Proefnemers.

EXTENSION OF FACILITIES.

COAST RADIO STATIONS. The range of the coast stations at Cape Town and Durban has been greatly increased by the installation of continuous-wave apparatus. These stations have now a normal daylight range of 1,200 miles which is increased to approximately 2,500 miles between the hours of sunset and sunrise. A press telegram is broadcast by Cape Town Radio to ships at sea by means of the new apparatus.

BEAM WIRELESS STATION. The South African Wireless Telegraph Company has not yet been able to open the Beam Wireless Telegraph Service between the Union and Great Britain but it is anticipated that the service will be available in a few months.

UITBREIDING VAN GERIEWE.

KUS RADIO-STASIES. Die omvang van die kusstasies te Kaapstad en Durban is baie uitgebrei deur die aanbring van 'n "voortdurende-golf" apparaat. Hierdie stasies beskik tans oor 'n normale omtrek van 1,200 myl gedurende die dag en van ongeveer 2,500 myl tussen sonsonder-en sonsopgang. Perstelegramme word deur Kaapstad aan skepe op see deur middel van die nuwe apparaat gestuur.

DRAADLOSE "STRAALSTASIE". Tot nog toe is die "South African Wireless Telegraph Company" nie in staat gewees om die Draadlose Straaltelegraafdiens tussen die Unie van Suid-afrika en Groot Brittanje tot stand te bring nie maar dit sal waarskynlik binne enige maande beskikbaar wees.

LEGISLATION.

RADIO AND BROADCASTING. An Act (No. 20 of 1926) providing for the control of radio activities and other matters incidental thereto was passed with effect as from 25th May 1926. This Act, and the Regulations framed thereunder reduced the fees payable by listeners from the former flat rate of £2. 5. 0. per annum to £1. 15. 0. per annum in the case of persons residing within a radius of 50 miles of the nearest broadcasting station, and to £1. 5. 0. and 15/- per annum for distances not exceeding 100 and 250 miles respectively. The fee beyond 250 miles was fixed at 7/6 per annum. The fees collected are paid over to the broadcaster, in the area concerned, less the amount of 2/6 per licence and 5% for collection, retained by the Post Office.

The Act made it an offence for any person to possess, erect or maintain wireless apparatus or to transmit or receive wireless signals without an appropriate licence and, under the provisions, several persons were prosecuted.

The pioneer broadcasting Company—The Associated Scientific and Technical Broadcasting Company—operating in Johannesburg, suffered financial embarrassment for the greater portion of the year and, after receiving a subsidy from the local Municipality for three months, discontinued service on 31st January 1927 and went into voluntary liquidation. Within five days the station was reopened by the Transvaal Radio Society—a body of public spirited amateurs—who volunteered to continue the service, at their own expense, until other arrangements could be made. The Radio Society maintained a successful service until the Johannesburg station was taken over, on 1st April 1927, by a newly formed public company—The African Broadcasting Company—which commenced operations with an underwritten capital of £50,000.

The African Broadcasting Company has a close liaison with African Theatres Ltd. and it was enabled, immediately, to link up all the local theatres with the broadcasting studio, by telephone, and to supplement the original features of broadcasting programmes with items from the theatres. The African Broadcasting Company has also arranged for its programmes to be relayed regularly by means of a telephone circuit to Pretoria, where supplementary small powered broadcasting apparatus enables satisfactory crystal set reception to be obtained in the Capital.

The two other broadcasting stations, operated at Cape Town and Durban by the Cape Peninsula Broadcasting Association Ltd. and the Municipality respectively, continued their satisfactory services during the year.

WETGEWING.

RADIO EN UITSAAI. 'n Wet (No. 20 van 1926) vir die beheer van radio-ondernehemings en ander sake in verband daarmee, is gepasseer, met intreding van 25 Mei, 1926. Kragtens hierdie Wet en die regulasies daaronder opgetrek, is die vorige vasgestelde tarief deur luisteraars betaal, n.l. £2. 5. 0. tot £1. 15. 0. per jaar verminder, in die geval van persone wat binne 'n radius van 50 myl van die naaste uitsaaistasie woonagtig is, en tot £1. 5. 0. en 15/- per jaar vir afstande wat respektiewelik 100 en 250 myl nie te bogaan nie. Die fooi vir afstande bo 250 myl was op 7/6d. per jaar vasgestel. Die ingevorderde fooie word oorhandig aan die uitsaaier in die betrokke area, min 'n bedrag van 2/6d. per lisensie, en 5% vir die invordering en watter laasgenoemde bedrag deur die Posdepartement behou word.

Die Wet maak dit 'n oortreding vir enige persoon om sonder 'n gesikte lisensie in besit te wees van 'n draadlose apparaat, of om dit op te rig of te onderhou, of om draadlose seine te verstuur of te ontvang. As gevolg hiervan is verskillende persone vervolg geword.

Die pionier-uitsaaimaatskappy—die "Associated Scientific and Technical Broadcasting Company"—in Johannesburg gevestig, het gedurende die grootste gedeelte van die jaar finansiële verlies gely, en na 'n subsidie gedurende drie maande van die plaaslike Munisipaliteit ontvang te hê, moes die Maatskappy op 31 Januarie, 1927 in vrywillige likwidasie gaan. Binne vyf dae is die stasie egter heropen geword deur die "Transvaal Radio Society"—'n ywerige liggaam van amateurs, wat onderneem het om die diens op eie koste uit te voer totdat ander reelings getref kon word. Dit het hulle ook met sukses gedoen totdat die Johannesburgse stasie op 1 April deur 'n nuwe Maatskappy,—die "African Broadcasting Company"—oorgeneem is, en wat met 'n gewaarborgde kapitaal van £50,000 sake onderneem het.

Daar die African Broadcasting Company in noue verwantskap met die African Theatres Ltd. staan, was eersgenoemde in staat om dadelik al die plaaslike teaters met die uitsaaiburo per telefoon in verbinding te bring en om die oorspronklike ietems van die uitsaaiprogramme met dié van die teaters te vervang. Die African Broadcasting Company het ook skikkings gemaak vir die versending van sy programme oor telefoonrelais na Pretoria, waar bevredigende ontvangste oor kristal-toestelle deur middel van bykomende uitsaaiapparaat moontlik gemaak word.

Die twee ander uitsaaistasies respektiewelik deur die Cape Peninsula Broadcasting Association Ltd. en die Munisipaliteit te Kaapstad en Durban gebruik, het goeie dienste gedurende die jaar verrig.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS.					TOTALE AANTAL REKENINGS.
2. Opened during the year	44,677	48,183	62,015	54,621	2. Geopen gedurende die jaar
3. Closed do.	28,159	33,657	33,958	36,200	3. Gesluit do.
4. Remaining open	225,238	304,109	332,166	350,587	4. Lope de rekenings
TOTAL BALANCE DUE TO DEPOSITORS.					TOTALE BEDRAG AAN INLEGGERS VERSKULDIG.
5. In ordinary accounts £	5,066,388	5,319,788	5,516,251	5,658,366	5. In gewone rekenings £
6. In S.B. Certificates	851,300	934,900	870,500	852,300	6. In Spaarbanksertifikate
7. Average per Depositor in Current A/c £	23. 1. 6	17. 9. 10	16. 12. 1	16. 2. 10	7. Gemiddelde bedrag per inlegger in lopende rekening £
SCHOOL BANKS.					SKOOLBANKREKENINGS.
8. Number of Children Depositors	—	18,000	16,976	14,637	8. Aantal inleggers (kinders)
9. Number of Accounts	33	482	430	406	9. Aantal rekenings
10. Total Deposits £	1,069	5,390	5,915	6,309	10. Totale stortings £
NATIVES' ACCOUNTS.					REKENINGS VAN NATURELLE.
11. Number	—	20,052	26,022	29,978	11. Aantal
12. Total Credit £	—	189,702	242,704	274,075	12. Totale krediet bedrag £
TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR.					TRANSAKSIESGEDURENDE DIE JAAR.
13. Deposits, Ordinary A/cs	433,395	407,649	501,579	508,719	13. Stortings, gewone rekenings
14. Value of Ordinary Deposits including Interest £	3,708,918	3,363,682	3,564,889	3,656,713	14. Waarde van gewone stortings, met insluiting van rente £
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16. Total Amount £	2,983,996	3,269,818	3,368,426	3,514,598	16. Totale begrag
17. S.B. Certificates issued	2,304	1,835	1,690	1,752	17. Spaarbanksertifikate uitgereik
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19. Circular Warrants Issued	—	—	293	342	19. Sirkulere betaalorders uitgereik
20. Amount £	—	—	5,235	6,179	20. Bedrag £
21. Payments on demand	—	108,847	141,566	168,653	21. Betalings op aanvraag
22. Amount £	—	149,830	192,177	227,689	22. Bedrag £
23. Accounts transferred from other Administrations	—	327	312	331	23. Rekenings van ander Administrasies oorgedra
24. Amount £	—	26,852	22,496	25,954	24. Bedrag £
25. Accounts transferred to other Administrations	—	454	471	539	25. Rekenings op ander Administrasies oorgedra
26. Amount £	—	37,939	52,694	64,275	26. Bedrag £
27. Deductions from Civil Servants' salaries for deposit in the Savings Bank.	—	—	—	—	27. Aftrekking van salarisse van Staatsbeamtes vir storting in Spaarbark.
POST OFFICE £	—	2,435	2,609	2,970	POSKANTOOR £
POLICE £	—	684	1,959	2,643	POLIESIE £
RAILWAY £	—	—	1,641	1,773	SPoorweg £
INLAND REVENUE £	—	—	251	389	BINNELANDSE INKOMSTE £
UNION LOAN CERTIFICATES.					UNIE-LENINGCERTIFIKATE.
28. Investments £	—	556,927	749,852	672,331	28. Beleggings £
29. Repayments Exclusive of Interest £	—	720,798	587,789	512,196	29. Terugbetalings met uitsluiting van Rente £
30. Balance of Investments £	—	4,116,785	4,278,848	4,438,983	30. Balans van beleggings

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 - 5. The total funds held in the ordinary account shows a satisfactory increase, although (item 7) the average per depositor is slightly less than the previous year.
 - 11 and 12. Increased business is being done with natives.
 - 19. This facility for the convenience of depositors travelling about the Union is being made increasing use of.
 - 21. The system of repayments of amounts not exceeding £2 on demand, without prior reference to headquarters, is working satisfactorily and proving a convenience to depositors. It is a question whether the maximum withdrawal permitted in this way should not be raised to something a little higher than £2.
 - 27. This facility to Civil Servants is becoming more popular.

OPMERKINGS IN VERBAND MET DIE STATISTIEK.

- Ietem
- 4. Sedert 31 Maart, 1926, het die totale getal inleggers met 18,421 vermeerder.
 - 5. Die totale fondse in die gewone rekening, het op bevredigende wyse toegeneem, ofskoon die gemiddelde bedrag per inlegger (ietem 7) iets minder as die van die vorige jaar was.
 - 11 en 12. Meer besigheid word met naturelle gedoen.
 - 19. Van hierdie fasiliteit, vir die gerief van inleggers, wat in die Unie rondreis, word steeds meer gebruik gemaak.
 - 21. Die sisteem, deur middel waarvan terugbetalings van bedrae van £2 op sig verkrygbaar is, sonder vorige goedkeuring van die Hoofkantoor, is nog bevredigend en dien tot gerief van inleggers. Die Departement mag in oorweging neem om die maksimum bedrag van toelaatbare terugtrekkings iets hoër as £2 te maak
 - 27. Toenemende gebruik word deur staatsbeamptes van hierdie gerief gemaak.

MONEY ORDERS, POSTAL ORDERS AND POSTAL DRAFTS.
POSWISSLERS, POSORDERS EN POSAANSKRYWINGS.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

Item.	1911.	1924/25.	1925/26	1926/27	Item
<u>MONEY ORDERS.</u>					<u>POSWISSELS.</u>
1. Issued	484,424	423,955	487,526	577,844	1. Uitgegee
2. Amount	£ 2,844,675	£ 2,399,217	£ 2,573,831	£ 2,761,470	2. Bedrag
3. Commission	£ 28,884	£ 20,952	£ 21,854	£ 22,729	3. Kommissie
4. Paid	£ 370,255	£ 377,675	£ 445,802	£ 539,620	4. Uitbetaal
5. Amount	£ 2,105,593	£ 2,118,841	£ 2,303,641	£ 2,483,984	5. Bedrag
<u>POSTAL ORDERS.</u>					<u>POSORDERS.</u>
6. Issued	2,919,002	3,400,905	4,021,617	4,461,276	6. Uitgegee
7. Amount	£ 1,862,551	£ 1,817,817	£ 2,145,406	£ 2,439,310	7. Bedrag
8. Poundage	£ 19,953	£ 21,169	£ 25,073	£ 28,287	8. Kommissie
9. Paid	£ 2,194,950	£ 2,892,577	£ 3,428,778	£ 3,912,519	9. Uitbetaal
10. Amount	£ 1,345,772	£ 1,496,324	£ 1,787,385	£ 2,085,772	10. Bedrag
<u>POSTAL DRAFTS.</u>					<u>POSAANSKRYWINGS.</u>
11. Issued	10,369	17,056	17,140	18,455	11. Uitgegee
12. Commission	£ 354	£ 510	£ 521	£ 553	12. Kommissie

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NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

AANTEKENINGS OP STATISTIEK.

Items 3, 8 and 12. Revenue to the Post Office.

Ietems 3, 8 en 12. Inkomste vir die poskantoor.

EXTENSIONS OF FACILITIES.

Agreements have been entered into for the direct exchange of Money Orders, both ordinary and telegraphic, with Germany and for the exchange of telegraphic orders with Nyasaland.

UITBREIDINGS-FASILITEITE.

'n Ooreenkoms is met Duitsland getref vir 'n direkte Poswisseldiens van gewone en telegrafiese poswissels, en met Nyasaland vir 'n diens van telegrafiese poswissels.

STAFF.—PERSONEEL.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

Item.	1910.	1924/25.	1925/26.	1926/27.	Item.
1. Persons employed	Not available	11,192	11,901	12,335	1. Persone in diens.
2. Full time staff	7,545	7,995	8,346	8,707	2. Volle-tyd personeel.
3. Days of holiday leave granted	89,581	154,737	181,909	196,445	3. Vakansiedae toege-staan
4. Average per officer entitled to leave	24.3	20.36	22.73	18.7	4. Gemiddelde verlof aan beamptes verskuldig.
5. Days of sick leave	30,058	42,168	49,269	67,434	5. Dae siekverlof
6. Average per officer entitled to leave	9.7	5.54	6.15	6.3	6. Gemiddelde verlof aan beamptes verskuldig.
<u>“SUGGESTIONS” BY THE STAFF.</u>					<u>“VOORSTELLE” DEUR DIE PERSONEEL GEMAAK.</u>
7. Total number	Suggestion Scheme not in operation.	160	111	78	7. Totaal.
8. Number adopted		7	9	13	8. Aantal aangeneem.
9. Percentage useful	“Voorstelle” skema nie van toepassing nie.	4	8	16	9. Nuttige persentasie.
10. Total awards paid £		19	27	27	10. Totale bedrag vir toe-kennings £

EXAMINATIONS ENTERED FOR BY THE STAFF DURING 1926/27.

Examination and Examining Body.	No. of centres.	No. of Examination Entries.	No. successful.	Distinctions.
<u>DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.—</u>				
Learners' Progress Examination	75	1,476	1,166	—
General Division Officers' examination for promotion to Clerkships.	10	64	37	—
Postmaster-General's Certificate for Radio-telegraphy Efficiency Test	2	7	6	—
	44	74	58	—
<u>UNION DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:—</u>				
Preliminary Technical Certificate.	5	53	15	—
National Technical Certificate 1.	2	7	4	—
National Technical Certificate 2.	1	5	3	—
National Technical Certificate 3.	2	2	1	—
<u>CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE:—</u>				
Telephony 1.	1	10	8	—
Telephony, Final	1	1	—	—
Telegraphy, Grade 1.	6	21	14	Silver Medal
Telegraphy, Final	2	2	2	—
Radio Communication Grade 1.	1	1	1	—

EKSAMENS WAARVOOR LEDE VAN DIE PERSONEEL GEDURENDE 1926/27
GESKRYWE HET.

Eksamens en Eksaminerende Liggaam.	Aantal Sentrums.	Aantal Eksamenskrywings.	Aantal geslaag.	Met Lef.
<u>POS- EN TELEGRAFWESE.—</u>				
Leerlinge Vooruitgang-Eksamen	75	1,476	1,166	—
Algemene Afdeling Bevordering van beamptes van Algemene Afdeling tot Klerklike aanstellings.	10	64	37	—
Sertifikaat van Posmeestergeneraal—Radio-telegrafie.	2	7	6	—
Bekwaamheidstcts.	44	74	58	—
<u>UNIE-ONDERWYSDEPARTEMENT.—</u>				
Voorlopige Tegniese Sertifikaat	5	53	15	—
Nasionale Tegniese Sertifikaat I	2	7	4	—
do. do. do. II	1	5	3	—
do. do. do. III	2	2	1	—
<u>CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE.—</u>				
Telefonie, Graad I	1	10	8	—
Telefonie, Finaal	1	1	—	—
Telegrafie, Graad I	6	21	14	Silwermedalje
Telegrafie, Finaal	2	2	2	—
Radio Kommunikasie, Graad I	1	1	1	—

WORK PERFORMED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS.
WERK VERRIG VIR ANDER DEPARTEMENTE.

Item.	1911.	1924/25.	1925/26.	1926/27.	Item.
1. Value of free postage £	119,850	195,602	199,020	118,569	1. Bedrag van kosteloze versendings £
FREE MONEY ORDERS.					OFFISIELLE POSWISSELS.
2. Number	32,400	38,756	31,692	28,374	2. Getal
3. Value £	250,900	214,068	206,357	170,781	3. Waarde £
PENSION WARRANTS CASHED.					PENSIOENBEWYSE UITBETAAL.
4. Number	—	194,696	202,503	234,473	4. Getal
5. Value £	—	1,335,493	1,507,278	1,725,632	5. Waarde £
REVENUE COLLECTED.					INKOMSTE INGEVORDER.
6. Licences £	147,443	103,905	83,497	71,455	6. Licensies £
7. Revenue Stamps £	321,960	328,993	356,755	378,258	7. Inkomsteseëls £
8. Transvaal Poll Tax £	—	30,379	32,874	30,191	8. Hoofbelasting (Transvaal) £
9. Cape Entertainment Tax £	—	60,639	68,416	56,024	9. Vermaaklikheidsbelasting (Kaap) £
10. O.F.S. do. £	—	163	243	—	10. O.V.S. do. £
11. Customs Dues £	136,423	366,381	440,129	503,803	11. Invoerregte £
12. Cigarette Duty £	124,972	519,688	609,789	692,057	12. Sigarette-belasting £
13. Fumigation Fees £	1	16	18	17	13. Berokingsfooie £
14. Union Stock Sold by Postmasters £	—	—	—	93,040	14. Unie-effekte deur Posmeesters verkoop £
LABOUR EXCHANGES.					ARBEIDSBEURSE.
15. Number of Post Office Exchanges	—	—	240	255	15. Getal Poskantoor-arbeidsbeurse
16. Applications for work	—	—	2,973	7,108	16. Aansoeke om werk
17. Applicants placed in employment	—	—	920	2,684	17. Applikante in werk geplaas
BUREAU NATIONAL INFORMATION. MARKET PRICES TELEGRAMS.					STAATSINLIGTINGS-BURO. MARKPRYSE-TELEGRAMME.
18. Telegrams	—	—	94,413	153,461	18. Telegramme
19. Value at Press rates £	—	—	35,489	58,470	19. Waarde teen persartief £

NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

- Item 1. Including postage services for Provinces.
- 2 & 3. Continuous efforts on the part of the Post Office have resulted in some reduction of the use made of this facility without payment by other Departments.
4. Service not in existence in 1911.
- 8, 9 & 10. Not in existence in 1911.
- 15, 16 & 17. This organisation which began during 1925/26, has been a very successful extension of the Labour Bureau organisation of the Labour Department and has been the means of placing a very considerable number of people in employment. Monthly reports of the work done by the Post Office appear in the "Social and Industrial Review".
- 18 & 19. This "Free Service" was established only during 1925/26 and has now been discontinued as it was found not to be securing the results that were hoped, while it caused serious congestion on the telegraph lines.

OPMERKINGS IN VERBAND MET DIE STATISTIEK.

- Ietem 1. Met inbegrip van Kosteloze posversendings vir Provincies.
- 2 & 3. As gevolg van spesiale pogings deur die Poswese aangewend, het ander Departemente van hierdie fasiliteite minder gebruik gemaak.
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- 15, 16 & 17. Deur middel van hierdie organisasie, wat gedurende 1925/26 in die lewe geroep is, was daar 'n baie belangrike uitbreiding van die werkzaamhede van die Arbeidsbeurs van die Arbeidsdepartement. Deur middel hiervan is werk aan 'n groot aantal mense verskaf. Rapporte van die werkzaamhede van die organisasie verskyn maandeliks in die "Social and Industrial Review".
- 18 & 19. Hierdie "Kosteloze Diens" is slegs gedurende 1925/26 verskaf. Weens die onbevredigende resultate, asook 'n ernstige kongestie van die telegraaflyne wat daardeur veroorsaak was, moes dit op 'n gespesifieerde tydperk geslaan word.