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INTRODUCTORY.

The year 1927/28 has again shewn an all-round increase in Post Office business of every kind. The General Profit & Loss Account (page 4) reflects a much improved position. Normal development of Postal business and the rapid expansion of the telephone system has tended to restore a healthy balance. The Telephone Profit and Loss Account (page 8) shews an increased profit.

An examination of the statistics of articles posted (page 12) does not reveal that any very extraordinary increase of inland traffic has resulted from the reduced postage rates. In regard to the inland postal service, one of the most remarkable items is the rapid development of the Cash-on-Delivery Parcel Post, the use made of this facility having increased by over 20% on the previous year. The introduction of the system now appears to have been fully justified, and the doubts raised, at the outset, as to the existence of a real demand for this particular service have proved groundless. A noteworthy feature is the large increase in oversea mails, both letters and parcels, arriving in South Africa not only by the contract service between England and the Cape, which, of course brings mails from all parts of Europe and America, but also by direct services from other parts of the world.

The General Post Office Annexe at Cape Town, costing £130,000, has been completed and operations were commenced on the new post office at East London. Extensive alterations and additions to the Kimberley office were started; alterations providing for a new parcels office at Pretoria were effected; and 15 new Post Offices have been completed. A new store at Durban, the site for which has been held for some years, is very badly needed.

Local tenders for the supply of telegraph and telephone material and other requirements continue to increase and competition is becoming keener. There is a growing tendency on the part of certain contractors to quote delivery periods not capable of fulfilment. This undesirable practice will not be countenanced in future, and henceforth the conditions of contract will be rigidly imposed.

In October-November, I attended the International Radio-telegraphic Conference at Washington, U.S.A., where 79 countries, members of the International Union, were represented. An up-to-date Convention and set of International Regulations were drawn up and agreed upon for the world-wide control of radio on uniform lines. Great attention was paid to provisions for utilising wireless to the best advantage for promoting the safety of life at sea. Subsequently, I represented the Union Government at the Imperial Wireless and Cables Conference in London.

Civil Aviation has made marked progress in the Union during the year. Considerable public interest in Aviation has been aroused by the activities of the Light Plane Clubs and the Commercial Aviation Companies in providing facilities for flying tuition, and the utility of air travel has been amply demonstrated in the large number of commercial trips undertaken throughout the Union and South West Africa. Interest has been further stimulated by the private flights of Lady Bailey, Lady Heath, Major Miller and Lieutenant Bentley.

1st Octr. 1928.

H. J. LENTON,
Postmaster-General.

VOORWOORD.

Gedurende die jaar 1927/28 het die sake van die Posdepartement in alle opsigte toegeneem. Uit die Algemene Wins- en Verlies-rekening (bladsy 4) is dit duidelik dat die posiesie baie verbeter het. As gevolg van die normale uitbreiding van posaangeleenthede, asook die sneller ontwikkeling van die telefoondienste, is die gesonde ewewig weer herstel geword. Ook die Telefoon Wins- en Verlies-rekening (bladsy 8) toon aan dat daar 'n aansienlike wins was.

Wat die verminderde postariewe betref, blyk dit nie uit die statistiek (bladsy 12) dat veel meer posstukke vir die binneland deur die pos gegaan het nie. Een van die belangrikste ontwikkelinge in verband met die binnelandse pos is die besonder vinnige uitbreiding van die Kontant-by-Aflewering-Pakketediens, in verband waarnie die verkeer 20% hoër as dié van die vorige jaar was. Dit is nou duidelik dat die diens heeltemal geregtig was en dat die twyfel, wat voorheen omtrent die noodsaaklikheid van soiets bestaan het, heeltemal ongegrond was. Merkwaardig is ook die groot vermeerdering van oorsese poste, bestaande uit albei briewe en pakkette wat in Suidafrika ontvang word, nie alleen met die kontrakbote tussen Engeland en die Kaap nie, maar ook deur middel van ander direkte poste van ander dele van die wêreld.

Die Poskantoorbygebou te Kaapstad, wat £130,000 gekos het, is voltooi; ook is 'n aanvang gemaak met die bou van die nuwe Poskantoor te Ooslonden. Belangrike veranderinge en verbeteringe word tans aan die Poskantoor te Kimberley gemaak. 'n Nuwe pakketekantoor is te Pretoria gebou en altesame is 15 nuwe Poskantore gedurende die jaar voltooi. Te Durban is daar groot behoefte aan voorradekamers, waarvoor die nodige terrein reeds jare gelede beskikbaar gestel is.

Meer tenders word van plaaslike persone ontvang vir die lewering van telegraaf- en telefoonmateriaal en ander benodighede, en daar is groter mededinging tussen tenderaars. Ongelukkig is daar 'n toenemende neiging by sommige kontrakteurs om die tye van leveransie van materiaal sodanig te beperk, dat dit eenvoudig onmoontlik vir hulle is om die kontrakte uit te voer. Daar so 'n toestand van sake baie ongewoon is, sal dit nie meer deur die Departement geduld word nie en sal kontrakteurs stiptelik die voorwaardes van hul kontrakte moet nakom.

Gedurende die maie-de Oktober - Noveinber het ek die Internasionale Radiotelegraafkonvensie te Washington bygewoon, by watter geleentheid 79 lande, almal lede van die Internasionale Unie, ook verteenwoordig was. 'n Behoorlike Konvensie asook die Internasionale Reëls, is opgetrek vir die algehele en eenvormige beheer van die radiodienste van die wêreld. Veel aandag is gewy aan die bepalinge betreffende die beste gebruik van draadloos dienste vir die beveiliging van lewens op see. Later kon ek weer optree as verteenwoordiger van die Unie Regering op 'n Imperiale Konferensie in Londen in verband met die Draadloos-en Kabeldienste.

Gedurende die jaar was daar ook vooruitgang in verband met die Siviele Lugvaart in die Unie. Heelwat publieke belang is opgewek in die saak as gevolg van die pogings van die Ligte-Lugvaartuig Klubs en die Kommersiële Lugvaartmaatskappy, om faciliteite vir die bevordering van die vliegkuns te verskaf, en die groot aantal lugreise wat in die Unie van Suidafrika en Suid-wesafrika onderneem is, dien tot voldoende bewys dat die lugvaart 'n nuttige instelling is. Die private lugreise deur Lady Bailey, Lady Heath, Major Miller en Lieut. Bentley onderneem, het veel bygedra om die aandag van die publiek op hierdie nuwe ontwikkeling te bepaal.

H. J. LENTON,
Postmeester-generaal.

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

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1928.

<u>TO EXPENDITURE:</u>	<u>BY REVENUE:</u>	
Cash payments.	£2,982,709	£3,770,300*
Less amount apportioned to Engineering Con- struction Works	£55,707	
Less Expenditure incurred in respect of:—		
Civil Aviation. 986 56,693 £2,926,016		
Value of services for which no Cash Debit is taken:—		
<u>,, INTEREST LIABILITY</u> <u>ON CAPITAL.</u>		
Telegraphs (£1,189,576) 46,022		
Telephones (£6,582,671) 292,983		
Standard Stock (£399,301) 18,344		
Cost of raising Loans since Union 7,584	364,933	
Value of Government Buildings (£1,752,073) 70,156		
<u>,, PENSION FUNDS: GOVERN- MENT LIABILITY.</u>		
Contributions to Funds. 73,909		
Pensions paid from Revenue 127,842		
Commutations of Pensions from Revenue 2,231		
Gratuities 2,015	205,997	
<u>,, SERVICES RENDERED BY</u> <u>OTHER DEPARTMENTS.</u>		
Printing and Stationery. 53,949		
Minor Works and Furniture, Maintenance and Repairs, Rents, Rates and Taxes. 96,384		
Law Costs and Damages. 580		
Minor Services. 1,546	152,459	
<u>,, MISCELLANEOUS.</u>		
Control and Audit Office Services. 3,000		
<u>,, DEPRECIATION.</u>		
One per cent on £1,180,402 value of telegraph and one and a half per cent on £6,148,205 value of telephone assets as at the 31st March, 1927, to meet Deprecia- tion ascertained. 104,027		
<u>,, BALANCE.</u>		
	108,676	
	<u>£3,935,264</u>	<u>£3,935,264</u>

*Approximately £8,000 in respect of 1d. revenue stamps is included in the "Cash Receipts" total of £3,770,300.

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

FINANSIELE JAAR EINDIGENDE 31 MAART 1928.

AAN UITGAWE:

Kontante betalings	£2,982,709
Min bedrag toegewys aan ingenieurs- aanlegwerke	£55,707
Min uitgawe gemaak in verband met :—	
Siviele lugvaart	986
	56,693
	£2,926,016
Waarde van dienste waarvoor geen kontant gedebiteer word nie.	
„ RENTE VERSKULDIG OP KAPITAAL :	
Telegraaf (£1,189,576)	46,022
Telefoon (£6,583,671)	292,983
Standaardvoorraad (£399,301)	18,344
Koste van leninge sedert Unie	7,584
	364,938
Waarde van Goewerments- geboue (£1,752,073)	70,156
„ PENSIOENFONDE :	
GOEWERMENTS-LASTE :	
Kontribusies aan fondse	73,909
Pensioene betaal uit inkomste	127,842
Afkoop van pensioene uit inkomste	2,231
Gratifikasies	2,015
	205,997
„ DIENSTE DEUR ANDER DEPARTEMENT BEWYS :	
Drukwerk en skryfbehoeftte	53,949
Ondergeskikte werke en meubels ; instandhouding en herstel ; huur en belastings ;	96,384
Regskoste en skadevergoeding.	580
Ondergeskikte dienste	1,546
	152,459
„ DIVERSE POSTE :	
Kontroleurs-en Ouditeurskantoor- dienste	3,000
„ WAARDEVERMINDERING :	
Een persent op £1,180,402 waarde van telegraaf en een en 'n half persent op £6,148,205, waarde van telefoonmateriaal soos op 31 Maart 1927, vir waardever- mindering	104,027
„ BALANS :	108,676
	£3,935,264

PER INKOMSTE :

Kontant ontvang £3,770,300 *

Waarde van dienste waarvoor
geen kontante krediet ont-
vang is nie

**„ DIENSTE BEWYS AAN
RYKSREGERING EN
UNIEDEPARTEMENTE :**

Posgeld	£97,409
Telegramme	1,002
Telefoondiens	149
Diverse dienste	49,162

**„ DIENSTE BEWYS AAN
PROWINSIALE
ADMINISTRASIES :**

Kaap	7,724
Transvaal	5,679
Natal	1,557
Orange Vrystaat	2,282

* 'n Bedrag van ongeveer £80,000 vir 1d inkomste-sëls word begryp in die som van die totale inkomste £3,770,300.

CASH REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE 1927/28.

<u>REVENUE.</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
(a) POSTAL:	£	POSTAL, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE:	
Postage	1,506,585	£	
Commission on Money Orders	23,665	Salaries, wages and allowances	2,025,551
Poundage on Postal Orders	27,816	Subsistence and Transport	48,818
Private box and bag rentals	51,373	Uniforms	19,247
Ocean Mail Service Receipts	185,374	Conveyance of Mails :	
Savings Bank Revenue	37,378	Inland	268,250
Miscellaneous	<u>24,294</u>	Oversea	204,214
	1,856,785	Maintenance of Telegraphs and Telephones	354,273
(b) TELEGRAPHS:		Technical furniture and fittings	7,850
Ordinary paid and press messages	457,997	Postage Stamps	2,376
Registered address fees	8,677	Standard Stock Adjustment	1,548
Miscellaneous	<u>31,084</u>	Postal Stores	26,473
	497,758	Incidental Expenses	6,283
(c) TELEPHONES:		Administration of Aviation Act, 1923	986
Exchange Revenue	818,704	Telegraphs and Telephones	13,840
Trunk Revenue	376,602	Payment to S.W.A. Territory	<u>3,000</u>
Rural Rentals	73,430		
Miscellaneous	<u>20,218</u>		
	1,288,954		
(d) OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES:			
Government Telegrams	31,565		
Government registered address fees	669		
Government Telephones	<u>94,569</u>		
	126,803		
TOTAL REVENUE	£3,770,300	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£2,982,709

PREVIOUS YEARS.

<u>REVENUE.</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>
1911/12	£1,471,782	£1,491,204
1925/26	£3,538,154	£2,788,369
1926/27	£3,495,519	£2,907,671
1927/28	£3,770,300	£2,982,709

KONTANTE INKOMSTE EN UITGAWES 1927/28.

<u>INKOMSTE.</u>		<u>UITGAWES.</u>	
<u>(a) POSTERYE :</u>		<u>POS- TELEGRAAF- EN TELEFOONWESE:</u>	
	£	£	
Posgeld	1,506,585	Salarisse, lone en toelaes	2,025,551
Kommissie op Poswissels	28,665	Onderhouds-en transportkoste	48,818
Kommissie op Posorders	27,816	Uniforms	19,247
Private bus- en sakhuur	51,373	Vervoer van poste :	
Seeposdiens-ontvangste	185,374	Binnelandse	268 150
Spaarbank-inkomste	37,678	Oorsese	404,214
Diverse inkomste	<u>24,294</u>	Instandhouding van telegraaf- en telefoondienste	354,273
	1,856,785	Tegniese ristruting en benodighede	7,850
<u>(b) TELEGRAAFWESE :</u>		Posséels	2,376
Gewoon betaalde en pers- telegramme	457,997	Standaard voorrade-afrekening	1,548
Geregistreerde adresse	8,677	Posvoorrade	26,473
Diverse inkomste	<u>31,084</u>	Onvoorsiene uitgawe	6,283
	497,758	Administrasie van Lugvaartwet, 1923	986
<u>(c) TELEFOONWESE :</u>		Telegraaf- en telefoondienste	13,840
Buro-inkomste	818,704	Uitbetalinge aan S.W.A.-gebied	<u>3,000</u>
Hooflyn-inkomste	376,602		
Plattelandse huurpryse	73,430		
Diverse inkomste	<u>20,218</u>		
	1,288,954		
<u>(d) OFFISIELE TELEGRAAF- EN TELEFOONDienSTE :</u>			
Goewermentstelegramme	31,565		
Goewerments geregistreerde adresse	669		
Goewerments-telefone	<u>94,569</u>		
	126,803		
TOTALE INKOMSTE	<u>£3,770,300</u>	TOTALE UITGAWE	<u>£2,982,709</u>

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<u>INKOMSTE.</u>		<u>UITGAWE.</u>
1911/12	£1,471,782	£1,491,204
1925/26	£3,538,154	£2,788,369
1926/27	£3,495,519	£2,907,671
1927/28	<u>£3,770,300</u>	<u>£2,982,709</u>

TELEPHONE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FINANCIAL YEAR—1927/28.

TO EXPENDITURE.	BY REVENUE.
Traffic and operating	£259,461
Commercial	58,382
Engineering (Overhead)	38,810
Stores (Overhead)	21,415
Administration and Accounting	36,880
Maintenance	307,777
Rents, Maintenance of Buildings, Lighting	34,097
Interest Liability on Capital value of Buildings	24,819
Pension Liability	72,876
Interest on Stores Reserve	17,202
Miscellaneous	57,774
Interest on Capital	292,983
Depreciation	92,223
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£1,314,699
*Net profit	68,920
	£1,383,619
	GRAND TOTAL REVENUE £1,383,619

*After including all charges as above, this profit represents a return of 1.0468 per cent., on the capital £6,583,671 invested in telephone plant.

TELEFOON WINS- EN VERLIESREKENING—FINANSIEËLE JAAR 1927/28.

AAN UITGAVE	AAN INKOMSTE.
Verkeer en bewerking	£259,461
Kommersieel.	58,382
Ingenieurswerk (ekstra)	38,810
Magasynsgoedere (ekstra)	21,415
Administrasie en boekhou	36,880
Instandhouding	307,777
Huur, instandhou van geboue en verligting	34,097
Rente verskuldig op kapitaal waarde van geboue	24,819
Pensioenlaste	72,876
Rente op magasynreserwe	17,202
Diverse poste	57,774
Rente op kapitaal	292,983
Waardevermindering	92,223
TOTALE UITGAVE	£1,314,699
*Netto Wins	68,920
	£1,383,619
	ALGEMENE TOTALE INKOMSTE £1,383,619

*Na insluiting van alle koste hierbo opgegee, verteenwoordig hierdie wins 1.0468 persent op die kapitaal van £6,583,671.

NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

- (a) Mutilated and foreign coin found in telephone coin boxes and stamp-vending machines.
- (b) Cash stolen from telephone cabinet coin boxes.
- (c) Thefts of apparatus from telephone cabinets.

YEAR ENDED		
31. 3. 26.	31. 3. 27.	31. 3. 28.
£	£	£
117	136	136
10	19	54
175 (173 cases)	193 (153 cases)	238 (133 cases)

OPMERKING IN VERBAND MET FINANSIELE STATE.

- (a) Vernukte en buitelandse muntstukke in telefoon-munthussies en automatiese posseël-nasjiene gevind.
- (b) Kontant uit telefoon-kabinet-munthussies gesteel.
- (c) Apparaat uit telefoon-kabinette gesteel.

JAAR EINDIGENDE		
31. 3. 26.	31. 3. 27.	31. 3. 28.
£	£	£
117	136	136
10	19	54
175 (173 gevalle)	193 (153 gevalle)	238 (133 gevalle)

POSTAL—POSAFDELING.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

Item.	1910.	1925/26.	1926/27.	1927/28.	Item.
1. Post Offices	2,466	3,016	3,154	3,244	1. Poskantore
2. Main Posts	328	254	236	209	2. Hoofposte
3. Branch Posts	1,084	1,381	1,372	1,411	3. Takposte
4. Posts by Railway Motor	—	—	56	123	4. Poste per Spoorweg-motor
5. Private Post Bags	2,241	3,725	3,869	4,291	5. Private Possakke
6. Private Boxes	—	33,725	34,724	35,811	6. Private Busse
7. Posting Boxes other than on P.O. premises	752	1,140	1,347	1,532	7. Posbusse, ander as in Poskantore opgerig
8. C.O.D. Parcels Trade Charges Collected (£)	—	44,593	123,367	157,211	8. K.B.A. Pakkette Handelsbedrae inge-vorder £
Revenue to P.O. (£)	—	63,229	157,920	204,558	Inkomste van Poskan-toor £
9. Total articles handled	See Sien	page 12 bladsy 12			9. Totale aantal artiekels gehanteer
10. Undelivered articles	1,784,979	2,915,510	3,730,608	3,469,856	10. Onbestelbare artiekels
11. Value of Property (£)	30,000	65,374	67,949	85,183	11. Waarde van eiendom £
12. Including Money (£)		6,971	4,828	2,061	12. Met inbegrip van geld £
13. Revenue from Sales (£)	—	183	289	167	13. Inkomste van verkop-ings £
14. Percentage undelivered of total articles handled	—	0.94	1.09	0.97	14. Onbestelbare persent-asie van totale aantal artiekels gehanteer
OVERSEA MAIIS.					
(1) THROUGH GREAT BRITAIN.					(1) DEUR GROOT BRITTANJE.
(a) To SOUTH AFRICA.					(a) NA SUIDAFRIKA
15. Mail Bags	96,534	133,308	141,342	157,977	15. Possakke
16. Parcel Bags	21,061	75,617	78,754	88,606	16. Pakketsakke
(b) FROM SOUTH AFRICA.					(b) VAN SUIDAFRIKA.
17. Mail Bags	35,802	39,140	42,528	46,465	17. Possakke
18. Parcel Bags	2,701	3,872	4,213	4,613	18. Pakketsakke
(2) OTHER THAN THROUGH GREAT BRITAIN.					(2) ANDERS AS DEUR GROOT BRITTANJE.
(a) To SOUTH AFRICA.					(a) NA SUIDAFRIKA.
19. Mail Bags	—	6,101	6,919	7,992	19. Possakke
20. Parcel Bags	—	20,334	21,908	23,088	20. Pakketsakke
(b) FROM SOUTH AFRICA.					(b) VAN SUIDAFRIKA.
21. Mail Bags	—	5,116	5,338	5,265	21. Possakke
22. Parcel Bags	—	1,634	2,536	2,020	22. Pakketsakke

POSTAL—POSAFDELING.

NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

- Item 2. { Road routes by motor, cart, horse or runner. As the Railway system
 3. } 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.
- 11, 12, 13. Refer to undelivered articles.
- 13 and 14. 1910 figures not available.
- 15 to 22. "South Africa" in these items includes the Union, the Mandated Territory - South West, Bechuanaland Protectorate, 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
 3. } die Spoorweg, word hierdie dienste deur die Spoorwegadministrasie oorgeneem. Intussen word nuwe weg-posroetes nog geopen in distrikte waar daar geen Spoorwegdiens is nie.
6. Syfers vir 1910 nie beskikbaar nie.
8. Diens gedurende Julie, 1925 begin.
- 11, 12, 13. Het betrekking op onbestelbare artiekels.
- 13 en 14. Syfers vir 1910 nie beskikbaar nie.
- 15 tot 22. In hierdie ieteens sluit "Suidafrika" die volgende in: die Unie, die Maandaat-gebied van Suidwesafrika, Betsjoeanala d Protektoraat, Suid- en Noord-Rhodesië, Nyasaland en Mauritius. Die poste word natuurlik in Suidafrika gesorteer, selfs wanneer hulle in geslote sakke verstuur word.
- 19 tot 22. Syfers vir 1910 nie beskikbaar nie.

POSTAL—POSAFDELING.

ARTICLES OF MAIL MATTER HANDLED AT POST OFFICES IN THE UNION.
POSARTIEKELS IN DIE UNIE-POSKANTORE BEHANDEL 1926-1928.

ORIGIN.	Year ending 31st March	Letters	Post Cards	Newspapers	Book & Sample Packets Printed Matter.	PARCELS		Official Articles	TOTALS	Registered articles (Included in other columns.)
						Ordinary	Agricultural			
OORSPRONG.	Jaar eindigen- de 31 Maart	Brieve	Postkaart	Nuisthaie	Boekpakkies monsters en drukwerk	Gewone	Landhou	Eksposé- artikels	Officiële stukke	Geregistreerde stukke (In ander kolonne ingesluit.)
<u>POSTED IN UNION. IN DIE UNIE GEPOS.</u>										
For delivery in Union	1926	130,970	5,838	24,297	79,294	4,576	656	7	16,929	262,567
Vir aflevering in die Unie	1927	148,826	7,199	26,708	83,258	5,100	682	9	19,219	291,001
	1928	159,196	9,012	25,619	85,018	5,162	746	9	18,561	303,723
For Abroad	1926	12,412	635	1,567	2,117	311	—	2	102	17,146
Vir Oorsee	1927	11,085	460	1,888	2,180	287	—	1	89	15,940
	1928	12,989	547	2,237	2,208	230	—	2	112	18,325
RECEIVED FROM ABROAD. ONTVANG VAN OORSEE.	1926	15,586	590	5,936	6,540	781	—	1	241	29,675
	1927	16,962	721	6,216	7,389	732	—	1	386	32,407
	1928	18,092	656	5,414	8,210	701	—	2	195	33,270
TOTAL ARTICLES HANDLED.	1926	158,968	7,063	31,800	87,951	5,668	656	10	17,272	309,388
TOTAL AAN "AL ARTIEKELS	1927	176,873	8,380	34,812	92,827	6,069	682	11	19,694	339,348
GEH. TFEER.	1928	190,277	10,215	33,270	95,436	6,493	746	13	18,868	355,318

EXTENSION OF FACILITIES.

RAILWAY ROAD MOTOR SERVICES.—The extension of the railway road motor services has assisted considerably in providing improved postal facilities in country districts, and use is now made of all services which meet postal requirements. Substitution of motor transport for that by cart or native runner ensures quicker transmission to outlying posts and, with the improved method of conveyance, it is frequently found possible to increase the number of services given on particular routes.

MAIL FOR TRISTAN DA CUNHA.—The S.S. Author sailed from Lourenco Marques to Tristan da Cunha on the 27th February and advantage was taken of this opportunity to despatch mails to the island. Bags containing mixed correspondence from Great Britain were also despatched.

POSTAGE FRANKING MACHINES.—The use of these machines is extending and the present number of licencees in the Union is 53.

UITBREIDING VAN GERIEWE.

SPOORWEG-PADMOTORDIENSTE.—Die uitbreiding van die spoorweg-padmotordienste het aansienlik bygedra om posfaciliteite in die plattelandse distrikte te verskaf, en gebruik word tans gemaak van alle sodanige dienste waar hulle aan die posvereistes voldoen.

Deur die posvervoer per kar of per naturel met die van padmotordienste te vervang, word 'n sneller diens na die afgeleë plekke verseker, en is dit dikwels moontlik om die aantal dienste op sekere roetes te vermeerder.

POSTE VIR TRISTAN DA CUNHA.—Op 27 Februarie het die S.S. Author van Lourenco Marques na Tristan da Cunha vertrek, en gebruik was van die geleentheid gemaak om poste na daardie eiland te verstuur. Ook was sakke met gemengde korrespondensie, wat van Groot Brittanie gekom het, verstuur.

FRANKEERMASJIENE.—Die gebruik van hierdie masjiene word uitgebrei en die teenwoordige getal lisensies in die Unie uitgereik, is 53.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

Item.	1910.	1925/26.	1926/27.	1927/28.	Item.
1. Telegraph Offices	1,282	2,658	2,795	2,870	1. Telegraafkantore
2. Mileage of Telegraph wire	12,516	36,907	37,836	37,107	2. Mylafstand van telegraafdraad
INLAND TELEGRAMS					
3. Imperial Government	309,048	4,353	4,043	4,787	3. Imperiale Regering
4. Union Government		295,966	271,587	273,482	4. Unie Regering
5. Railway	429,865	4,029	4,265	3,072	5. Spoorweg
6. Public Paid	4,354,359	5,501,949	5,622,323	5,807,257	6. Publieke betaalde
7. Total Telegrams	5,093,272	5,900,710	,055,679	6,088,598	7. Totale Telegramme
PRESS TELEGRAMS.					
8. Telegrams	—	228,330	233,326	241,001	8. Telegramme
9. Words	—	29,682,900	30,332,380	31,330,130	9. Woorde
FOREIGN TELEGRAMS DESPATCHED VIA THE POST OFFICE.					
10. Number (via Eastern)	100,092	243,150	263,368	152,176	10. Getal (via "Eastern")
11. Number (via Beam)	—	—	—	176,304	11. Getal (via "Beam")
12. Total Number	—	—	—	328,480	12. Totale Getal
13. Value (via Eastern) £	104,260	208,441	216,964	112,708	13. Waarde(via "Eastern")
14. Value (via Beam) £	—	—	—	101,521	14. Waarde (via "Beam")
15. Total Value £	—	—	—	214,229	15. Totale waarde

TELEGRAPH—TELEGRAAF.

NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

- Item 4. These telegrams are paid for from the Votes of the Departments concerned.
- 6 and 7. Including press telegrams (shown separately in item 8).
- 7. The 1925/26 and the 1926/27 totals include respectively 94,413 and 153,461 National Information Bureau Messages. This service has been discontinued.
- 8 and 9. 1910 figures not available.
- 10 & 11. Foreign Telegrams handed in at Union Post Offices only. The Eastern and South African Telegraph Co. has its own receiving offices at Durban and Cape Town and the Wireless Telegraph Coy. its own receiving office at Cape Town. The Beam wireless service was inaugurated 4th July 1927.

OPMERKINGS IN VERBAND MET DIE STATISTIEK.

- Iitem 4. Die koste vir hierdie telegramme word uit die begrotingsposte van die betrokke Departemente betaal.
- 6 en 7. Met inbegrip van perstelegramme (afsonderlik in ietem 8 aangetoon).
- 7. Die syfers vir 1925/26 en 1926/27 sluit in respektiewelik 94,413 en 153,461 telegramme in verband met die Nasionale Inligtingsburo. Die diens is gestaak.
- 8 en 9. Die syfers vir 1910 is nie beskikbaar nie.
- 10 en 11. Buiteilandse telegramme slegs by Unieposkantore ingehandig. Die "Eastern and South African Telegraph Company" het sy eie ontvangskantore te Durban en Kaapstad en die Draadloos Telegraafmaatskappy sy eie ontvangs kantoor te Kaapstad. Die "Beam" Draadlose Diens is op 4 Julie 1927 geopen.

TELEGRAPH—TELEGRAAF.INTERRUPTIONS OF SERVICE.

On the 28th March 1927 a serious breakdown occurred near Aicedale owing to heavy floods. A number of main lines were interrupted. Repairs were held up on account of swollen rivers and impassable roads.

On the 16th July a breakdown occurred between Touws River and De Doorns owing to the snapping of two stay-rods which were badly corroded below the ground; 4 poles were brought down and the route was pulled over for some distance on both sides of the break. This resulted in a dislocation of the telegraph service as all the main lines from Capetown were affected.

“Earth Currents” caused considerable interference with communication between Johannesburg and Capetown on the 22nd July and again on the 10th and 22nd October. The disposal of traffic was seriously hampered and telegrams were subjected to heavy delay.

A railway accident near Heidelberg (Transvaal) on the 27th July caused a serious breakdown on the telegraph route, the South-Eastern telegraph circuits being thrown out of order.

From the 17th to the 22nd October the weather was inclement over various parts of the country. Many lines including the Capetown-Bulawayo and Johannesburg-Bulawayo circuits were interrupted.

As a result of a heavy storm in Natal on the 16th January 1928, 30 poles were blown down between Pieters and Hartshill and 7 between Pieters and Umbulwana. All lines between Colenso and Ladysmith were interrupted.

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

DIENSONDERBREKINGS.

Op 28 Maart 1927 was daar 'n ernstige onderbreking naby Aicedale as gevolg van groot oorspoelings. Die dienste op 'n aantal booflyne is gestoor geword en reparasiewerk was vertraag weens die vol riviere en onmoontlike paaie.

Op 16 Julie was die telegraaflyn tussen Touws Rivier en De Doorns beskadig as gevolg van die breek van ankerdrade wat onder die grond deurgeroer was. Vier telegraafpale het omgeslaan en aan weerskante van die breuk het die telegraaflyn vir 'n distansie oorgekantel. Daar al die hooflyne van Kaapstad geaffekteer was, was daar 'n onderbreking van die telegraafdienis.

Op 22 Julie en 10 en 22 Oktober was daar ernstige elektriese “aardstrome” tussen Johannesburg en Kaapstad wat heelwat steuring op die telegraaflyne veroorsaak het. Daar was groot vertraging op telegramme en die hele verkeer het daaronder gely.

'n Spoorwegongeluk naby Heidelberg (Transvaal) op 27 Julie, was oorsaak van 'n ernstige onderbreking van die telegraafdienste waardeur die Suid-Oostelike telegraafverbinding belemmer was.

Van 17 tot 22 Oktober was die weer baie onstuimig oor verskillende dele van die land en baie telegraaflyne, insluitende die Kaapstad-Bulawayo en Johannesburg-Bulawayo lyne was buite werking gestel.

'n Hewige storm in Natal op 16 Januarie 1928, het veroorsaak dat 30 pale tussen Pieters en Hartshill en 7 tussen Pieters en Umbulwana omgewaai is. Alle telegraaflyne tussen Colenso en Ladysmith is gestoor gewees.

Wanneer sodanige storinge plaasvind, word stapte 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.

TELEGRAPH—TELEGRAAF.

EXTENSION OF FACILITIES.

SEASONAL TELEGRAMS.

A class of cheap telegram of greeting at Christmas and New Year was instituted two years ago. The conditions are that the messages must be handed in on certain days prior to holidays and be delivered by Postmen on the morning of Christmas day or New Year's day. The messages are strictly confined to greetings, and must not exceed 9 words in length. The service has gained in popularity to the extent that at Christmas and New Year 1927/28, the number of telegrams dealt with was 2,308, valued at £87, an increase over the previous year of approximately 40%.

PNEUMATIC TUBE SYSTEMS.

The completion of the Post Office Annexe at Capetown necessitated the extension of tubes at that centre. A complete scheme of tubes to serve "The Star", "Reuters", certain branch Post Offices and the Railway Headquarters in Johannesburg was authorised at a cost of £5,350.

FOREIGN TELEGRAMS.

The outstanding event of the year was the inauguration of the "Beam" Wireless route to England, and the opening of this second channel for over-seas telegraph communication has resulted in a substantial increase in foreign telegraph traffic.

UITBREIDING VAN FASILITEITE.

TELEGRAMME MET KERS- EN NUWEJAARSGROETE.

'n Klas van goedkoop telegram met Kers- en Nuwejaarsgroete, is twee jaar gelede beskikbaar gestel. Sodanige telegramme moet op sekere dae voor die Kers-vakansie ingehandig word en word deur posbodes op Kers- en Nuwejaarsdagmôre afgelewer. Hierdie berigte word tot Kersgroete beperk en kan hoogstens nege woorde bevat. Die diens het soveel byval gevind dat die Kers- en Nuwejaarstelegramme van 1927/28 'n getal van 2,308 en van 'n waarde van £87 bereik het, wat 'n vermeerdering van 40% oor dié van die vorige jaar is.

PNEUMATIESE DIENSTE.

Na voltooiing van die Poskantoortygebou te Kaapstad is die pneumatiese toestel ook in daardie gebou ingerig.

'n Behoorlike toestel van pneumatiese pype, deur middel waarvan "The Star", "Reuters", sekere takposkantore en die Spoorweg-hoofkantoor in Johannesburg in verbinding gebring sal word, is teen 'n koste van £5,350 goedgekeur.

BUITELANDSE TELEGRAMME.

Die belangrikste ontwikkeling gedurende die jaar was seker die daarstelling van die "Beam" Draadlose roete na Engeland, deur middel waarvan die telegrafiese verkeer met die buiteland aansienlik toegeneem het.

TELEPHONE—TELEFOONWESE.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

Item.	1910.	1925/26.	1926/27.	1927/28.	Item.
1. Exchanges	131	1,098	1,219	1,295	1. Telefoonburo's
2. Call Offices	497	4,630	5,046	5,177	2. Oproepkantore
3. Subscribers' Lines	10,483	55,335	58,183	61,730	3. Intekenaarslyne
4. Private Branch Exchanges	—	563	599	634	4. Private Takburo's
5. Telephone Stations	15,378	74,564	81,997	88,113	5. Telefoonstasies
6. Local Calls		121,347,000	129,974,000	140,689,199	6. Plaaslike oproepe
7. Trunk Calls	24,000,000	7,882,000	8,904,000	10,155,686	7. Hooflyn oproepe
8. Mileage of Farm Lines	—	13,369	18,812	21,871	8. Mylafstand van boerelyne
9. No. of Farmers connected	50	6,866	9,466	10,856	9. Aantal boere aangesluit
10. Total Mileage of wire used for Telephones	—	271,609	320,488	336,331	10. Totale mylafstand van draad vir telefoon-doeleindes gebruik.

NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

- Item 1. The great majority of the additional exchanges established during 1927/28 were provided to meet 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.
6. 1927/28 total comprises:—Subscribers, 127,197,192; Call Offices, 7,291,153; Farm lines, 6,200,854.
- 8 & 9. There is still a very considerable demand for this class of service.
- 8 & 10. Not available for 1910.

OPMERKINGS IN VERBAND MET DIE STATISTIEK.

- Item 1. Die groot meerderheid van die bykomende buro's gedurende 1927/28 daargestel, is verskaf ten einde die uitbreiding van die telefoonnet op die platteland te bevorder.
5. Beteken telefooninstrumente in gebruik of die plekke waar telefoonoproepe op intekenaars- of publieke telefoonlyne, gemaak kan word.
6. Die totaal vir 1927/28 bestaan uit: Intekenaars, 127,197,192; oproepkantore, 7,291,153; boeretelefoonlyne, 6,200,854.
- 8 en 9. Daar is nog 'n aansienlike aanvraag vir hierdie soort diens.
- 8 en 10. Vir 1910 nie beskikbaar nie.

TELEPHONES—TELEFOONWESE.

INTERRUPTIONS OF SERVICE.

On the night of the 24th November, 26 poles on a railway-owned route were broken between Vryheid and Tendega as a result of a heavy rain and wind storm. Eight post office wires were affected by the breakdown.

A phenomenal rainfall visited Pretoria on the night of the 12th January. Approximately 7 inches of rain fell during the night and about 900 subscribers lines were put out of order. The Engineering staff, working continuously at high pressure, restored most of the services by the morning of the 16th.

DIENSONDERBREKINGS.

Gedurende die nag van 24 November, is 26 pale van 'n roete wat aan die Spoorwegdepartement behoort, tussen Vryheid en Tendega verniel, as gevolg van 'n sware reën-en windstorm. Ag drade van die Posdepartement was uit werking gestel.

'n Buitengewoon sware reën het oor Pretoria gedurende die nag van 12 Januarie getrek, ongeveer 7 duim reën het gevallen en 900 intekenaarslyne was uit orde gestel. Die ingenieursstaf het egter onvermoeide aandag aan die lyn gewy en op die mōre van die sestiende was meeste van die dienste weer herstel.

TELEPHONES—TELEFOONWESE.EXTENSION OF FACILITIES.INTRODUCTION OF "PERSONAL" TRUNK SERVICE.

On 10th October 1927, the Department introduced the "Personal" service throughout the Trunk System. This service enables the caller to nominate the particular person to whom he desires to speak. The call does not commence until the caller is placed into communication with that person. The service may also be used for calling non-subscribers to the telephone. There is a gratifying demand for the new service.

UITBREIDING VAN FASILITEITE.VERSKAFFING VAN "PERSOONLIKE" HOOFLYNDIENSTE.

Op 10 Oktober, 1927, het die Departement die "Persoonlike" telefoon diens op die hele telefoon net van toepassing gemaak. Deur middel van die diens word die oproeper in staat gestel om die persoon te benoem met wie hy 'n gesprek wil voer. Die oproep word slegs geboek vanaf die oomblik dat die oproeper met die opgeroep persoon in verbinding gebring is. Die diens kan ook gebruik word om nie-intekenaars na die telefoon te roep. Baie goeie gebruik word van die diens gemaak.

RADIO.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

Item.	1912.	1925/26.	1926/27.	1927/28.	Item.
RADIO TELEGRAMS EXCHANGED WITH SHIPS.					
1. Messages	6,675	13,834	12,857	20,971	1. Telegramme
2. Words	67,914	248,870	279,939	407,837	2. Woorde
3. Revenue to Union (£)	1,980	5,934	5,536	8,659	3. Inkomste van Unie (£)
4. Licensed Broadcasting Stations	—	3	3	3	4. Gelisensieerde uitsaastasies
5. Licensed Listeners to Broadcasting	—	10,861	13,255	15,479	5. Gelisensieerde luisteraars in verband met uitsaaidienste
6. Licensed Radio Experimenters	--	112	153	151	6. Gelisensieerde Radio Proefnemers.

INSPECTION OF WIRELESS ON SHIPS.

The inspection of ships' wireless is carried out at Cape Town and Durban by this Department's Engineering officers.

The British Board of Trade has passed several systems of Auto-Alarms for use on vessels, whereby human watch-keeping is considerably modified.

Regulations have been promulgated by that body in the observance of which it is found possible to permit of a reduction in the number of wireless watchers on certain classes of ships.

It is understood that these regulations are subject to the requirements of the Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, a revision of which is under consideration.

INSPEKSIE VAN DRAADLOSE TOESTELLE OP SKEPE.

Die inspeksie van draadlose toestelle op skepe te Kaapstad en Durban word deur die Ingenieursbeampte van hierdie Departement onderneem.

Deur die Britse Raad van Handel is verskillende outo-alarms vir gebruik op skepe goedgekeur, waardeur die gebruik van die dienste van wagte heelwat verminder geword is.

Regulasies is deur daardie ligmaam opgestel, by die nakoming waarvan dit moontlik geword is om die getal draadloos-operateurs op sekere tiepes van skepe te verminder..

Dit word verstaan dat hierdie regulasies onderhewig is aan die vereistes van die Konvensie vir die Beveiliging van Lewens op See en dat dit tans in hersiening geneem word.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK--POS-SPAARBANK.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

Item.	1910.	1925/26.	1926/27	1927/28.	Item.
1. Savings Bank Offices	656	809	829	851	1. Spaarbankkantore
<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS.</u>					<u>TOTALE AANTAL REKENINGS.</u>
2. Opened during the year	44,677	62,015	54,621	55,960	2. Geopen gedurende die jaar
3. Closed do.	28,159	33,958	36,200	37,561	3. Gesluit do.
4. Remaining open	225,238	332,166	350,587	368,986	4. Lopende rekenings
<u>TOTAL BALANCE DUE TO DEPOSITORS.</u>					<u>TOTALE BEDRAG AAN INLEGGERS VERSKULDIG.</u>
5. In ordinary accounts £	5,066,388	5,516,251	5,658,366	5,788,311	5. In gewone rekenings £
6. In S.B. Certificates	851,300	870,500	852,300	806,000	6. In Spaarbanksertifikate
7. Average per Depositor in Current A/c £	22. 9. 11	16. 12. 1	16. 2. 10	15. 13. 9	7. Gemiddelde bedrag per inlegger in lopende rekening £
<u>SCHOOL BANKS.</u>					<u>SKOOLBANKREKENINGS.</u>
8. Number of Children Depositors	—	16,976	14,637	13,752	8. Aantal inleggers (kinders)
9. Number of Accounts	33	430	406	387	9. Aantal rekenings
10. Total Deposits £	1,069	5,915	6,309	6,526	10. Totale stortings £
<u>NATIVES' ACCOUNTS.</u>					<u>REKENINGS VAN NATURELLE.</u>
11. Number	—	26,022	29,978	32,111	11. Aantal
12. Total Credit £	—	242,704	274,075	313,284	12. Totale krediet-bedrag £
<u>TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR.</u>					<u>TRANSAKSIES GEDURENDE DIE JAAR.</u>
13. Deposits, Ordinary A/cs	433,395	501,579	508,719	531,943	13. Stortings, gewone rekenings
14. Value of Ordinary Deposits including Interest £	3,708,918	3,564,889	3,656,713	3,672,134	14. Waarde van gewone stortings, met insluiting van rente £
15. Withdrawals	182,555	289,742	322,420	348,676	15. Terugtrekkings
16. Total Amount £	2,983,996	3,368,426	3,514,598	3,542,189	16. Totale bedrag £
17. S.B. Certificates issued (£100)	2,304	1,690	1,752	1,401	17. Spaarbanksertifikate uitgereik (£100)
18. Do. repaid (£100)	1,056	2,334	1,934	1,864	18. do. (£100) terugbetaal
19. Circular Warrants Issued	—	293	342	398	19. Sirkuläre Betaalorders uitgereik
20. Amount £	—	5,23	6,179	7,569	20. Bedrag £
21. Payments on demand	—	141,566	168,653	192,791	21. Betalings op aanvraag £
22. Amount £	—	192,177	227,689	259,549	22. Bedrag £
23. Accounts transferred from other Administrations	—	312	331	345	23. Rekenings van ander Administrasies oorgedra
24. Amount £	—	22,496	25,954	29,284	24. Bedrag £
25. Accounts transferred to other Administrations	—	471	589	606	25. Rekenings op ander Administrasies oorgedra
26. Amount £	—	52,694	64,275	72,311	26. Bedrag £
27. Deductions from Civil Servants' salaries for deposit in the Savings Bank.	—	—	—	—	27. Afname van salarisse van Staatsbeamptes vir storting in Spaarbank.
POST OFFICE £	—	2,609	2,970	2,948	POSKANTOOR £
POLICE £	—	1,959	2,643	2,741	POLIESIE £
RAILWAY £	—	1,641	1,773	1,969	SPOORWEG £
INLAND REVENUE £	—	251	389	402	BINNELANDSE INKOMSTE £
<u>UNION LOAN CERTIFICATES.</u>					<u>UNIE-LENINGSENTIFIKADE.</u>
28. Investments £	—	749,852	672,331	653,410	28. Beleggings £
29. Repayments Exclusive of Interest £	—	587,789	512,108	619,565	29. Terugbetelings met uitsluiting van Rente £
30. Balance of Investments £	—	4,278,848	4,438,983	4,472,828	30. Balans van beleggings £

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK—POS-SPAARBANK.

NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

- Item 4. The total number of depositors has increased by 18,399 since 31st March 1927.
5. The total funds held in the ordinary account shows a satisfactory increase, although (item 7) the average per depositor is less than the previous year.
- 11 and 12. Increased business is being done with natives.
19. Increasing use is being made of this facility for the convenience of depositors travelling about the Union.
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.

Following the recommendation by the Select Committee on Public Accounts (House of Assembly) in its Fourth Report, 1927 Session, a Special Departmental Committee was set up by the Minister of Finance to investigate the Savings Bank System. The Committee's Report is in the hands of the Government.

OPMERKINGS IN VERBAND MET DIE STATISTIEK.

- Ieteni 4. Sedert 31 Maart, 1927, het die totale getal inleggers met 18,399 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 dié 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 verkrybaar 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. Toeneemende gebruik word deur staatsbeamptes van hierdie gerief gemaak.

As gevolg van die aanbevelinge van die Gekose Komitee in verband met Openbare Rekeninge (Volksraad) in sy Vierde Verslag, Sessie van 1927, is 'n Spesiale Departementale Komitee deur die Minister van Finansieë in die lewe geroep om 'n ondersoek in verband met die Spaarbanksisteem in te stel. Die Rapport van die Komitee is tans in die hande van die Regering.

**MONEY ORDERS, POSTAL ORDERS AND POSTAL DRAFTS.
POSWISSELS, POSORDERS EN POSAANSKRYWINGS.**

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

Item.	1911.	1925/26.	1926/27.	1927/28.	Item.
<u>MONEY ORDERS.</u>					<u>POSWISSELS.</u>
1. Issued	484,424	487,526	577,844	610,259	1. Uitgegee
2. Amount	£ 2,844,675	£ 2,373,831	£ 2,761,470	£ 2,885,287	2. Bedrag
3. Commission	£ 24,729	£ 21,854	£ 22,729	£ 23,665	3. Kommissieloon
4. Paid	£ 370,255	£ 445,802	£ 539,620	£ 577,483	4. Uitbetaal
5. Amount	£ 2,105,593	£ 2,303,641	£ 2,483,984	£ 2,596,138	5. Bedrag
<u>POSTAL ORDERS.</u>					<u>POSORDERS.</u>
6. Issued	2,919,002	4,021,617	4,461,276	4,386,667	6. Uitgegee
7. Amount	£ 1,862,551	£ 2,145,406	£ 2,439,310	£ 2,378,620	7. Bedrag
8. Poundage	£ 19,664	£ 25,073	£ 28,287	£ 27,816	8. Kommissieloon
9. Paid	£ 2,194,950	£ 3,428,778	£ 3,912,519	£ 3,845,161	9. Uitbetaal
10. Amount	£ 1,345,772	£ 1,787,385	£ 2,085,772	£ 2,023,834	10. Bedrag
<u>POSTAL DRAFTS.</u>					<u>POSAANSKRYWINGS.</u>
11. Issued	10,369	17,140	18,455	19,910	11. Uitgegee
12. Commission	£ 354	£ 521	£ 553	£ 600	12. Kommissieloon

NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

OPMERKINGS IN VERBAND MET DIE STATISTIEK.

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

Items 3, 8 and 12. Inkomste vir die poskantoor.

STAFF—PERSONEEL.

STATISTICS—STATISTIEK.

Item.	1910.	1925/26.	1926/27.	1927/28.	Item.
1. Persons employed	Not available Nie beskikbaar nie	11,901	12,335	12,805	1. Persone in diens.
2. Full time staff	7,545	8,346	8,707	9,044	2. Voltydse personeel.
3. Days of holiday leave granted	89,581	181,909	196,445	205,350	3. Vakansiedae toegestaan.
4. Average per officer entitled to leave	24.3	22.73	18.7	22.5	4. Gemiddelde verlof aan beamptes verskuldig.
5. Days of sick leave	30,058	49,269	67,434	75,075	5. Dae siekverlof
6. Average per officer entitled to leave	9.7	6.15	6.3	8.2	6. Gemiddelde verlof aan beamptes verskuldig.
<u>“SUGGESTIONS” BY THE STAFF</u>					
7. Total number	Suggestion Scheme not in operation.	111	78	56	7. Totaal.
8. Number adopted		9	13	10	8. Aantal aangeneem.
9. Percentage useful	“Voorstelle” skema nie van toepassing nie.	8	16	14	9. Nuttige persentasie.
10. Total awards paid		£27	£27	£12. 10. 0	10. Totale bedrag vir toe-kennings £

“VOORSTELLE” DEUR DIE PERSONEEL GEMAAK.

STAFF—PERSONNEL.

EXAMINATIONS ENTERED FOR BY THE STAFF DURING 1927/28.

Examination and Examining Body.	No. of Centres.	No. of Examination Entries.	No. Successful.
<u>DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.—</u>			
Learners' Progress Examination	84	1,249	1,000
General Division Officers' examination for promotion to Clerkships.	13	60	35
Postmaster-General's Certificate for Radio-telegraphy	2	2	1
Efficiency Test	28	35	29
<u>UNION DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.—</u>			
National Commercial Certificate	3	6	2
Preliminary Commercial Certificate	7	28	12
Preliminary Technical Certificate	5	25	21
National Technical Certificate I	3	12	9
National Technical Certificate II	2	7	2
National Technical Certificate III	2	2	2
Advanced Technical Certificate	1	1	1
<u>CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE.—</u>			
Telephony, Grade I	7	18	6
Telephony, Grade II	1	1	—
Telephony, Final	2	2	2
Telegraphy, Grade I	5	11	1
Telegraphy, Final	3	3	2
Radio Communication, Grade I	3	3	3

EKSAMENS WAARVOOR LEDE VAN DIE PERSONEEL GEDURENDE 1927/28.
GESKRYWE HET.

Eksamens en Eksaminerende Liggaam.	Aantal Sentrums.	Aantal Eksamenskrywings.	Aantal geslaag.
<u>POS- EN TELEGRAFWESE.—</u>			
Leerlinge Vooruitgang-Eksamens	84	1,249	1,000
Algemene Afdeling : Bevordering van beampies van Algemene Afdeling tot Klerklike aanstellings.	13	60	35
Sertifikaat van Posmeestergeneraal—Radio-telegrafie.	2	2	1
Bekwaamheidstoets	28	35	29
<u>UNIE-ONDERWYSDEPARTEMENT.—</u>			
Nasionale Handelssertifikaat	3	6	2
Voorlopige Handelssertifikaat	7	28	12
Vorlopige Tegniese Sertifikaat	5	25	21
Nasionale Tegniese Sertifikaat I	3	12	9
Nasionale Tegniese Sertifikaat II	2	7	2
Nasionale Tegniese Sertifikaat III	2	2	2
Gevorderde Tegniese Sertifikaat	1	1	1
<u>CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE.—</u>			
Telefonie, Graad I	7	18	6
Telefonie, Graad II	1	1	—
Telefonie, Finaal	2	2	2
Telegrafie, Graad I	5	11	1
Telegrafie, Finaal	3	3	2
Radio-Kommunikasie, Graad I	3	3	3

WORK PERFORMED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

WERK VIR ANDER DEPARTEMENTE VERRIG.

Item.	1911.	1925/26	1926/27.	1927/28.	Item.
1. Value of free postage £	119,850	199,020	118,569	114,651	1. Bedrag van kosteloze versendings £
FREE MONEY ORDERS.					OFFISIELLE POS-WISSELS.
2. Number	32,400	31,692	28,374	30,860	2. Getal
3. Value £	250,900	206,357	170,781	177,430	3. Waarde £
PENSION WARRANTS.					PENSIOENBEWYSE UITBETAAL.
CASHED.					
4. Number	—	226,107	258,077	287,656	4. Getal
5. Value £	—	1,647,966	1,886,588	1,851,444	5. Waarde £
REVENUE COLLECTED.					INKOMSTE INGEVORDER.
6. Licences £	14,7443	83,497	71,455	68,756	6. Licensies £
7. Revenue Stamps £	321,960	356,755	378,258	386,789	7. Inkombestesëls £
8. Transvaal Poll Tax £	—	32,874	30,191	35,490	8. Hoofbelasting (Transvaal) £
9. Cape Entertainment Tax £	—	68,416	56,024	24,938	9. Vermaakklikheidsbelastings (Kaap) £
10. O.F.S. do. £	—	243		302	10. O.V.S. do. £
11. Customs Dues £	136,423	440,129	503,803	524,230	11. Invoerregte £
12. Cigarette Duty £	124,972	609,789	692,057	726,831	12. Sigarette-belasting £
13. Fumigation Fees £	1	18	17	14	13. Berokingsfooie £
14. Union Stock Sold by Postmasters. £	—	132,119	93,040	16,964	14. Unie-effekte deur Posmeesters verkoop £
LABOUR EXCHANGES.					ARBEIDSBEURSE.
15. Number of Post Office Exchanges	—	240	255	256	15. Getal Poskantoor arbeidsbeurse
16. Applications for work	—	2,973	7,108	10,229	16. Aansoeke om werk
17. Applicants placed in employment	—	920	2,684	5,166	17. Applikante in werk geplaas.

NOTES ON THE STATISTICS.

- Item 1. Including postage services for Provinces.
 4. Services not in existence in 1911.
 8, 9 & 10. Not in existence in 1911.
 14. Period 15 Nov. to 8 Dec. 1927.
 15, 16 & 17. This organisation which began during 1925/26, has been a 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".

OPMERKINGS IN VERBAND MET DIE STATISTIEK.

- Item 1. Met inbegrip van kosteloze posversendings vir Provinsies.
 4. Diens nie in werking gedurende 1911 nie.
 8, 9 & 10. Diens nie in werking gedurende 1911 nie.
 14. Tydperk 15 Nov. tot 8 Des. 1927.
 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 werksaamhede van die Arbeidsbeurs van die Arbeidsdepartement, en is werk aan 'n groot aantal mense verskaf. Raporte van die werksaamhede van die organisasie verskyn maandeliks in die "Maatskaplike en Nywerheidsblad".