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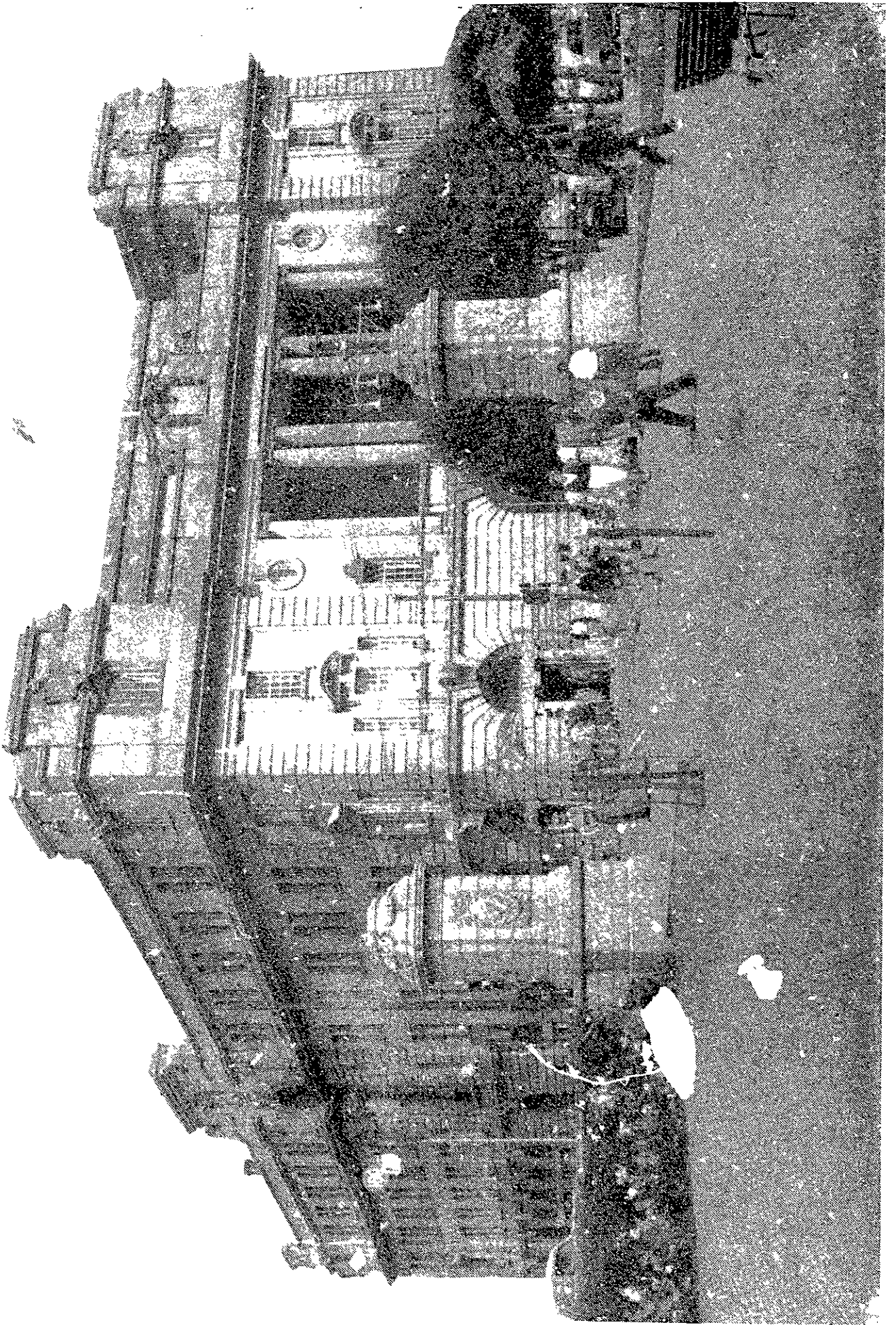
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Foreword

GENERAL.

In presenting the annual report of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs of the Union of South Africa for the 1954-55 financial year, it gives me pleasure to be able to record that, having regard to the manifold problems with which the administration has had to contend, satisfactory progress has again been maintained in all directions, particularly in the field of telecommunications, notwithstanding the progressively increasing demands which have been made on the services of the Post Office.

During the last decade the Union of South Africa has experienced phenomenal development in all spheres of life as a result of which a severe strain has been placed on its public services. In the nature of things the Post Office is one of the departments which has been most seriously affected by the expansion which is continuing unabated.

The process of developing and improving Post Office services continued steadily during the 1954-55 financial year. The department's major problems, that is shortages of personnel and of accommodation, persisted, however, and if anything, increased in extent and complexity.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

The commercial account of the Post Office for the 1954-55 financial year shows a profit of £2,365,378 compared with a profit of £1,857,076 for the previous financial year.

STAFF.

During the year under review an intensified recruiting drive was launched and every possible avenue was explored with a view to bringing the staff complement up to full strength but, unfortunately, the results did not come up to expectations. Wastage of trained personnel, who resigned to take up employment with private concerns, continued but, on the other hand, the department succeeded in regaining the services of many ex-officials. A large number of vacant posts has had to be filled by temporary employees.

The department's inability to recruit sufficient youths for training as electricians, coupled with the high percentage of resignations from the ranks of qualified technicians, gave rise to a critical position in the Engineering Division and special steps were called for to relieve the situation. With this end in view, the commencing salaries of technicians were improved considerably during the year under review.

The shortage of staff in the uniformed grades continued to hamper the department in its efforts to eliminate delays in the delivery of mail and it was again necessary to employ non-Europeans on such duties at a number of centres.

Despite the heavy burdens which they have been called upon to carry, there has been no relaxation of effort on the part of the thousands of Post Office employees of all grades and it gives me pleasure to be able to pay tribute here to the devoted manner in which they have performed their duties.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

There was a notable increase in the number of applicants for whom telephone service was provided and the number of applications on the waiting list was reduced by 16,227. During the year under review the number of telephones in use in the Union increased by 48,163 to a total of 613,525. There was also an increase in the number of trunk line circuits and the total at the end of March, 1955, was 5,003. The radio-telephone service was extended to several countries and good progress was maintained in connection with the new radio receiving and transmitting stations at Derdepoort and Olifantsfontein (both near Pretoria), respectively.

POSTAL.

In various directions steps were taken with a view to improving postal service. During the year a mail transit centre, which is of particular advantage as far as efficient and speedy handling of mail to and from the East Rand is concerned, was established at the Germiston Post Office.

Delivery services by postmen were extended in various parts of the Union, especially in the Durban and South Coast areas.

During the year it became necessary to increase certain postage tariffs and to revise the practice of sending all first class mail by air, without surcharge, within the Union and to countries of the African Postal Union. Reduced conveyance charges resulted in a reduction of air mail rates to several countries.

BUILDINGS.

The difficulty in regard to the provision of new buildings or additional accommodation for post office purposes made it necessary to use prefabricated structures to a greater extent than before. But for this step it would have been impossible to provide many of the services now in operation in various areas.

POST OFFICE TERMINOLOGY.

The work of the Terminology Committee continued to show progress, particularly in regard to terms used by the Engineering Division. The committee also assisted the editor of the Groot Afrikaanse Woordeboek by providing specific definitions in Afrikaans of various Post Office terms. The Provisional List of Post Office Terms, published in 1951, has been revised and enlarged and the new edition contains at least 10,000 terms.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Following on the resignation of Dr. the Honourable D. F. Malan, former Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, the Union Government was reconstituted on 3rd December, 1954, and the Honourable J. J. Serfontein was appointed Minister of Posts and Telegraphs and of Social Welfare in the place of the Honourable J. F. Naudé, who became Minister of Health.



Postmaster. Emerit.

December, 1955.

FINANCES OF THE POST OFFICE

Profit and Loss.

For the financial year 1954-55 the Post Office Commercial Account showed a profit of £2,365,378 compared with a profit of £1,857,076 for 1953-54. The enhanced profit was largely attributable to the increase in telephone and postal revenue which was partly offset by the increase in expenditure.

The main reasons for the increase in expenditure were the following:—

- (1) higher salary costs;
- (2) increased rental and miscellaneous payments in respect of Post Office buildings;
- (3) increased interest liability on capital and enhanced rates of interest; and

- (4) increased contribution to Loan Account in respect of Telegraph and Telephone Renewals and Replacements.

Revenue and Expenditure (Cash Transactions).

Compared with the previous year, Post Office revenue increased by £1,978,353 to £24,555,538, while cash expenditure rose by £1,244,229 to £19,452,396. The volume and continued growth of Post Office business are shown in the following comparative tables of revenue earned and expenditure incurred in the operation and maintenance of the three main services of the department:—

Revenue.

Service.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
	£	£	£
Postal.....	7,448,482	7,881,000	8,938,776
Telegraphs.....	2,552,248	2,668,933	2,828,922
Telephones.....	10,709,676	12,027,252	12,787,840
TOTAL..... £	20,710,406	22,577,185	24,555,538

Expenditure.

Service.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
	£	£	£
Postal.....	7,432,569	7,910,537	8,444,795
Telegraphs.....	2,349,032	2,446,689	2,557,382
Telephones.....	6,647,981	7,438,718	8,006,635
TOTAL..... £	16,429,582	17,795,944	19,008,812

Turnover.

The cash turnover decreased from £217,628,606 during 1953-54 to £210,580,431 during 1954-55, owing to the fact that payments amounting to

£10,534,068 in respect of Cigarette Duty Labels sold by this department were effected direct to the Department of Customs and Excise in accordance with a revised procedure introduced in June, 1954.

STAFF

Staff Employed.

The number of persons of all grades employed by the Post Office on a full- and part-time basis as at the 31st March, 1955, was 39,140—an increase of 1,864 compared with the total for the previous year. This total figure includes some thousands of workers who were paid from Loan Vote funds and who were, therefore, not employed against permanent posts on the departmental staff establishment.

Staff Difficulties.

Once again the Post Office experienced much difficulty in obtaining and retaining the staff necessary to meet the ever increasing demands for its services. On the Witwatersrand and the Orange Free State Goldfields, where Commerce, Industry and Mining compete keenly in the labour market, resignations assumed disquieting proportions. The Department, was, however, able to maintain a reasonably satisfactory standard of service, but in order to do so it had to employ a large number of temporary employees, many of them untrained and inexperienced. In order to ensure the continuation of essential services on the Witwatersrand, an enhanced commencing salary was offered to married women who, at that time, were not eligible for cost-of-living allowance. A number of Post and Telegraph Assistants were transferred from Cape Town to the Witwatersrand and from the Eastern and Western Cape to the Orange Free State and Natal where the general position was also unsatisfactory.

In the Engineering Division, the general position remained unsatisfactory and the large number of resignations, especially of experienced technicians gave rise to concern. In an attempt to improve the position, youths are no longer appointed as apprentices, but as Pupil Technicians with permanent status carrying certain benefits and it is hoped that this altered procedure will attract more recruits.

A change in the method of appointment of women in the Public Service was announced by the Public Service Commission. As from the 1st May, 1954, all women appointed in posts of Women Clerk, grades I and II, and Woman Assistant, are appointed as Woman Assistant (Clerical) and Woman Assistant (General). As the new grades are classified under the General Division (non-prescribed), the appointments—and fixation of commencing salaries—are dealt with by the Department without reference to the Public Service Commission.

During the year under review more officers left the service than in previous years. In the Post and

Telegraph Assistant grade, 750 departed including 405 women employees of whom the majority resigned to get married. Approximately 84 per cent of the total number of Post and Telegraph Assistants who left the service were on salaries ranging from £186 to £306 per annum. On the other hand, there was a marked increase in the number of ex-officers of the Department who rejoined the service; 71 ex-officers were reappointed, compared with 37 during the previous year. Efforts were made to augment the Post and Telegraph Assistant strength by transferring officers from the General Division, but the small number of suitably qualified officers resulted in only 40 being promoted.

Telephone Operators.

During the year under review, here too, the large number of resignations and the relative inexperience of exchange personnel were causes of anxiety to the Department. These conditions obtained fairly generally, especially in Johannesburg where there was a serious shortage of women telephonists with more than three years' service and of telephone supervisors. In order to alleviate the position, a number of experienced telephonists were transferred from other districts to Johannesburg. In addition, three telephone supervisors were seconded on loan from other districts to Johannesburg where they not only assisted with supervisory duties, but also with the training of a large number of candidates who were recruited when the schools closed in December, 1954.

The practice of employing blind and physically handicapped persons as telephonists on small private branch exchanges in government departments was pursued and at the end of the year under review there were 38 blind and three otherwise disabled persons employed in that capacity.

Uniformed Staff.

Although the minimum educational requirements for appointment as postman were reduced from Standard VII to Standard VI and previous service outside the Public Service recognized for salary purposes, it was still difficult to maintain the uniformed staff at full strength. In Johannesburg and Durban temporary postwomen have had to be employed owing to the dearth of male candidates but in the other large centres the position improved slightly. It was impossible to obtain sufficient candidates for appointment as postmen at some country towns in the Orange Free State and the Department was obliged, in certain cases, to employ Natives on such duties.

There was no improvement in so far as the recruitment of European youths for appointment as messengers was concerned and it was necessary to use Coloured and Native temporary employees in order to maintain the telegram delivery services at number of centres.

TRAINING.

Post and Telegraph Assistants on Probation.

On the 1st April, 1954, there were 789 Probationer Post and Telegraph Assistants in training and during the financial year 1954-55 a further 1,116 were recruited, of whom 945 were admitted to training during January, February and March, 1955. A total of 1,905 probationers received training during the year at 17 permanent training schools and 95 country post offices. Of this total, 782 passed the final test, 121 resigned before their appointments could be confirmed and 783 were still in training on the 31st March, 1955. There was a total loss of 340 probationers during the year.

Engineering Officers.

During the year 986 apprentices and pupil technicians were in training in departmental schools and in the field. By the end of the year this number had increased to 1,242 with the recruitment of 256 pupil technicians during January, February and March, 1955. During the year 166 completed their training. In addition to the training of apprentices and pupil technicians,

169 other members of the Engineering Division, ranging in grade from Engineer, Grade IV, to Casual Telephone Workman, were given special intensive courses on various aspects of engineering work. Training was also given to one learner technician from the Northern Rhodesian Post Office and three apprentices from the Department of Transport. Selected courses were given to two officers of the South African Railways and Harbours Administration.

General Division.

Two officers of this division studied in their spare-time. One passed the examination which qualified him for appointment as a Post and Telegraph Assistant.

Messengers' Education.

During 1954 a total of 749 departmental messengers received tuition under the free bursary scheme of the Department of Education, Arts and Science. Of this number, 230 failed to attend the prescribed number of classes or to return a sufficient number of papers for correction and consequently penalties to the value of £235 were collected from them.

Workmen's Compensation.

During 1954-55 medical treatment or compensation, or both, were given to 1,475 officers of the Department who were injured in the course of their duties.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(Telephone, Telegraph and Radio Services)

Engineering Stores.

During the year under review there was an improvement in deliveries, competition was keener and prices, generally, were inclined to be firm, except in the case of copper, the price of which rose considerably.

Orders valued at £1,886,371 were placed with overseas manufacturers and orders totalling £2,701,633 with manufacturers and suppliers in South Africa. Telegraph, telephone and radio equipment valued at £4,589,110 was received from both South African and overseas sources.

Capital Expenditure on Development.

The amount actually spent on the development of the telecommunications system during 1954-55 was £6,677,377 compared with £6,192,839 during the previous financial year. The Standard Stock

Capital Account which, at the 1st April, 1954, stood at £5,850,000 remained unaltered. The value of engineering materials held at the stores depots, as at the 31st March, 1955, was £4,862,596.

TELEPHONES.

Subscribers' Telephone Services.

As at the 31st March, 1955, the total number of telephones, existing and authorized, was 613,525 as compared with 565,362 at the end of the previous financial year—an increase of 48,163.

During the period 1st April, 1954, to 31st March, 1955, the erection of 13,037 miles of new wires was authorized to serve 6,626 new farm line subscribers. The number of farm line services, as at 31st March, 1955, was 63,589, representing a total of 143,944 miles of wire. The total expenditure incurred during the financial year in providing service for

new farm line subscribers and in the construction of new farm lines in various stages of completion on the 31st March, 1955, was £1,194,044 as compared with £1,155,966 during 1953-54 and £1,101,768 during 1952-53.

Semi-automatic switching units were installed at 20 points and the total number of these units existing in the Union as at the 31st March, 1955, was 45. Public telegraph-telephone facilities were extended to 69 new offices which involved the erection of 404 miles of new line at a cost of £47,588. During 1953-54 the additions were 90 new offices and 397 miles of new line at a cost of £41,160.

The number of waiting applicants dropped from 82,190 as at 31st March, 1954, to 65,963 as at the end of March, 1955, a decrease of 16,227. During 1953-54 the decrease was 12,875. The number of waiting applicants for farm line service as at the 31st March, 1955, was 12,112 compared with 14,988 at the end of March, 1954, a decrease of 2,876. The decrease for 1953-54 was 1,873.

During the period under review 753,000,000 local calls were made as against 683,000,000 during 1953-54.

Automatic and Manual Exchanges.

The difficulty experienced in obtaining the necessary buildings continued to be the greatest obstacle in the development of the automatic system, including the conversion of some of the larger manual exchanges to automatic working.

The automatic system at Pretoria was extended by the establishment of a new exchange at Kameeldrif. A new automatic exchange was provided to serve Sasolburg and the capacities of a number of existing automatic exchanges were increased and provision was made for the connection of approximately 14,500 new subscribers. Authority was issued for extensions to other automatic exchanges to provide an additional 17,300 subscribers' lines. Equipment was installed at Cape Town and Port Elizabeth to improve the trunk service.

Facilities were provided to enable call office users on the Witwatersrand to dial direct to subscribers in the Pretoria and Vereeniging areas. Similar facilities for calls in the reverse direction have been available for some time.

The following new manual exchanges were completed during the year:—

Cradock.....	900 lines.
Heidelberg, Transvaal.....	1,200 lines.
Odendaalsrus.....	1,200 lines.
Strand.....	2,000 lines.
Virginia.....	300 lines.
Welkom.....	2,000 lines.

In addition, the switchboard capacity at 140 manual exchanges was increased, either by the installation of additional switchboards or by the provision of additional lines on existing switchboards. Altogether 372 new switchboards were installed to provide 10,500 additional subscribers' lines and to meet trunk operating requirements.

Telephone Trunk Services.

The number of telephone trunk calls increased from 46,996,245 in 1953-54 to 49,732,982 in 1954-55.

An additional 370 trunk circuits were provided during the year (bringing the total to 5,003) including the following major long-distance works:

	<i>Circuits.</i>	
	<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Johannesburg-Durban....	8	29
Johannesburg-Lourenco Marques	3	5
Cape Town-Durban.....	2	5
Pretoria-Durban.....	2	6

Lines and Transmission.

During the past financial year long-distance communication facilities were increased considerably by the erection of 1,900 circuit miles of additional wires on existing and new high grade carrier routes. Trunk wires were added to existing routes linking Johannesburg and Potchefstroom, Caledon and George, Kimberley and Fourteen Streams as well as Pretoria and Warm Baths, Transvaal. The mileage of new carrier routes was considerably curtailed because of uncertainty in regard to the location of the new national road between Wolmaransstad and Christiana. Apart from major trunk works, numerous minor trunk routes were constructed, rebuilt or extended in conjunction with major farm line schemes.

During the year eight 12-channel carrier telephone systems were completed, giving an increase of 12 per cent in the mileage of this type of trunk circuit. The carrier telegraph mileage was increased by 5 per cent.

Tests on the completed Johannesburg-Pretoria experimental microwave radio system revealed some unexpected noise effects which were traced to cross-talk at the repeater stations caused by reflection from nearby objects and the towers themselves. New methods of measuring cross-talk were devised and the results obtained will be useful in future for the designing of aerial towers and the selection of repeater sites.

TELEGRAPHS.

Traffic.

The number of forwarded telegrams dealt with totalled 13,008,466 which is 226,476 more than the previous year's traffic. The total includes 731,669 telegrams to overseas destinations, an increase of 52,495 compared with the figure for 1953-54 and 93,079 radiotelegrams between the Union and ships at sea, an increase of 7,852 on the previous year.

Communication Systems.

In addition to improving inter-city telegraph communication by means of voice-frequency systems, which provide up to 24 circuits per system, the installation of these systems was extended to country areas where the capacity of high-frequency systems (up to eight channels per system) was inadequate. The following voice-frequency systems were installed during the year:—

Durban-East London.
Durban-Port Elizabeth.
Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage.

In addition, the following high-frequency systems were completed:—

Elcemfontein-Ladybrand.
East London-Umtata.
Kimberley-Upington.
Port Elizabeth-Somerset East.

There were 29 voice-frequency and 28 high-frequency systems in use as at 31st March, 1955.

Teleprinters.

At the close of the year under review the number of teleprinters in use departmentally was 542, an increase of 90, while the number of country offices equipped for teleprinter working totalled 109, which is 21 more than at the end of the 1953-54 financial year.

Private Wire Teleprinter and Telex Circuits.

Seventeen additional private wire circuits were provided for industrial and commercial firms during the year and the number of private wire teleprinter circuits as at 31st March, 1955, totalled 140. The total number of subscribers to the popular telex service rose from 566 to 754 during the year, an increase of 188.

Registered Telegraphic Addresses.

The number of telegraphic addresses registered as at 31st March, 1955, was 20,989. This is an increase of 79 compared with the total at the end of the previous financial year.

Telegraph Offices.

During the year 109 telegraph offices were opened and 143 closed, bringing the total at the end of March, 1955, to 3,538.

RADIO.

New Services.

The radio-telephone service was extended during 1954-55 to include the Bahamas, Chile, Greece, Germany (extended to the Russian Zone), Hawaii, Portugal and Uruguay.

The new services to Chile and Uruguay are the first switched services to be routed via the Union-Argentina circuit and the service to Portugal is via Lourenco Marques.

Development.

An error-correcting radio-telegraph system, developed by Cable and Wireless, London, was installed at Cape Town in July, 1954, and a similar system designed by the British Post Office was installed in February, 1955, for trials and testing purposes.

Work was commenced on the buildings, houses and quarters for the new radio receiving station at Derdepoort and the new radio transmitting station at Olifantsfontein. The erection of 150 masts and new aerials at Derdepoort was practically completed at the end of the year under review.

Radio Licences.

The number of radio-communication licences issued as at 31st March, 1955, was:—

	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Increase.</i>
Private.....	609	66
Ships' Stations	287	43
Amateur.....	1,755	213

Radio Certificates.

The following certificates were issued during the period 1st January, 1953—on which date the radio regulations made under Act No. 3 of 1952, became effective—and 31st March, 1955:—

Radio Engineer.....	64
Radio Technician.....	271
Radio Repairer.....	1,055

POSTAL SERVICES

Internal Mails.

Coincident with the completion of extensions to the Germiston Post Office building, this office was designated a mail transit office. The establishment of a mail transit centre at Germiston has made it possible to expedite the treatment of mail matter between places on the East Rand and those in other parts of the Union.

A second daily delivery of mail by postmen in the central business area of Durban was re-introduced on the 15th February, 1955. The extension of postmen's delivery services is a normal process, but there was rather more than usual activity in this respect throughout the Union during the year. In the Greater Durban area a delivery service was introduced at Westville and approval was given for the extension of services to Amanzimtoti, Doonside, Hillcrest, Isipingo Beach, Kloof, Umbogintwini, Warner Beach and Winklespruit. In the environments of Johannesburg and on the Witwatersrand generally, house-to-house deliveries were extended to many new residential suburbs.

With effect from the 1st July, 1954, the postage rate on letter-cards addressed to destinations in the Union was reduced from 2d. to 1½d. and that on post-cards was increased from 1d. to 1½d. Other changes were:

Registration fee: Increased from 4d. to 6d.

Compulsory registration: Increased from 8d. to 1s.

Express delivery: A handling charge of 6d. an article was added to the express delivery fee of 6d. a mile.

Agricultural parcel post: The previous scale of charges according to certain weights was replaced by a flat rate of 3d. a lb.

At the same time certain postage rates to countries in the African Postal Union were adjusted to conform to the inland rates of postage.

A new definitive series of postage stamps depicting certain wild animals of South Africa was introduced on the 14th October, 1954, and it was decided not to re-issue the existing series of postage stamps overprinted "official—offisieel" as the various denominations become exhausted.

Air Mails.

On the 1st July, 1954, the practice of sending all first-class mail, prepaid at the ordinary rates of postage, by air within the Union, to South West Africa and other countries in the African Postal Union ceased and a surcharge air mail service was introduced at the following uniform rates:—

Letters..... 3d. for the first ounce and 2d. for each additional ounce.

Post-cards.... 2d. each.

Letter-cards.. 2d. each.

Reduced conveyance charges made it possible to introduce lower air mail postage rates to Australasia, India, Pakistan, the Far East and South and Central America from the 1st January, 1955.

BUILDINGS

A few major building services were completed during the year, but the number of urgent items which could not be included in the limited programme, accentuates the difficulties with which the Department was confronted in its endeavours to cope with the ever-increasing demand for additional accommodation. Had it not been possible for the Engineering Division of the Post Office to render assistance by erecting prefabricated structures for telephone exchanges and associated engineering requirements, the Department's expansion programme would have been retarded to a greater extent than was the case.

The building programme for the year included 16 new major services at an estimated total cost of £246,500 and for these items an amount of £65,170 was authorized in the Loan Vote Estimates for 1954-55. In addition to these items, 32 major services at an estimated cost of £2,806,900 were

carried forward from previous years. Fourteen major services were completed at a total estimated cost of £284,700. The more important of these services were:—

Cape Town.....	Alterations to Michael's Building which was purchased for the Engineering Branch.
Cradock.....	New Post Office and Telephone Exchange.
Germiston.....	Extension to Post Office.
Newcastle.....	Enlargement of Post Office and Telephone Exchange.
Schweizer-Reneke.	New Post Office and Telephone Exchange.
Sasolburg.....	New Automatic Telephone Exchange.

The number of minor building services (those costing less than £2,500) completed during the year was 37. In addition, the Engineering Division of the Post Office completed 29 services in this category—a combined total, therefore, of 66 items,

costing approximately £130,000. At the end of the year, however, there remained more than 250 ordinary minor works and just over 150 items on the Chief Engineer's programme which still required attention.

INVESTMENT FACILITIES

Post Office Savings Bank.

During the year under review 163,959 new accounts were opened and 175,052 accounts were closed. The closed accounts included 115,271 dormant accounts which had not been operated on during the past 15 years and the balances therein were transferred to Revenue, pending subsequent claim by the depositors concerned. The total number of open accounts as at 31st March, 1955, was 2,317,395, a decrease of 11,093 on the total at the close of the previous year.

The balance standing to the credit of depositors in ordinary accounts at the 31st March, 1955, was £78,224,390—a decrease of £521,366 on the balance at the end of the 1953–54 financial year.

The balance of amounts invested in savings bank certificates was £7,583,800 as at the end of March, 1955, as against £8,461,700 at the end of the previous financial year.

The total balance of investments in ordinary savings bank accounts and in savings certificates was £85,808,190 on the 31st March, 1955, compared with £87,207,456 at the end of the previous financial year. During 1954–55 interest amounting to £2,378,252 was credited to depositors in respect of ordinary accounts and certificate investments.

At the close of the financial year there were 1,484 post offices at which savings bank business could be transacted compared with 1,433 at the end of the previous year.

During August, 1954, a direct teleprinter circuit from the Savings Bank building at Bloemfontein to

the central telegraph office at Pretoria was opened. The Savings Bank is now in direct telegraphic communication with Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban and Pretoria, enabling depositors at these centres to obtain urgent withdrawal payments within a few hours.

Union Loan Certificates.

The amount standing to the credit of investors in Union Loan Certificates decreased during 1954–55 from £17,189,765 to £16,853,984. Investments totalled £2,998,141 while the capital repayments amounted to £3,333,922. The total interest payments for the year amounted to £683,208 comprising £155,020, £491,583, £27,507 and £7,091 on the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth series, respectively.

In view of the fact that a large portion of the certificates of the seventh series reached maturity during the financial year under review, more than half of the capital repayments amounting to £1,820,983, was in respect of certificates of this series. The capital balances owing to investors as at 31st March, 1955, in respect of the sixth and seventh series were £581,236 and £3,449,584 respectively.

The sales of ninth series certificates—which were issued on 1st July, 1952—continued at a satisfactory rate and at 31st March, 1955, amounted to £9,383,565 of which £1,591,141 plus interest amounting to £8,101 had been repaid.

FINANCIAL SERVICES RENDERED ON BEHALF OF OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Revenue Collections.

The revenue collected on behalf of the Department of Inland Revenue increased from £1,122,471 in 1953–54 to £1,314,118. 5s. 7d. in 1954–55, due primarily to increased sales of revenue stamps and entertainment tax labels at post offices. Customs dues collected on behalf of the Department of Customs and Excise amounted to £1,399,967 compared with £1,283,704 in 1953–54.

In accordance with a revised procedure introduced with effect from 1st June, 1954, £10,534,068 of the total amount of £13,016,929 cigarette duty labels sold at post offices, was paid by the manufacturers direct to the Customs and Excise Department, the balance of £2,482,860 having been collected by this department. The total sales reflected an increase of £184,350 over those of the previous year.

Pension Payments.

Pension payments on behalf of the Department of Pensions, the South African Railways and the Provincial Administrations increased in value from £22,923,023 during 1953-54 to £24,597,475 during 1954-55, while the number of vouchers increased from 2,806,727 to 2,839,042.

During 1954-55, 101,414 pension vouchers totalling £1,576,193 and 3,265 pension vouchers totalling £76,061 were paid on behalf of the Railways Administration and the Provincial Administrations, respectively.

Levy Savings Certificates.

Levy Savings Certificates to the value of £33,169 were redeemed on behalf of the Treasury during 1954-55 as compared with £75,570 during 1953-54.

Tax Redemption Certificates.

The sale of Tax Redemption Certificates on behalf of the Treasury during 1954-55 amounted

to £3,829,980 which represents a decrease of £467,454 compared with £4,297,434 for 1953-54. The total sales by the Post Office since the inception of the scheme in July, 1941, amounted to £13,029,565 up to 31st March, 1955.

National Housing Rentals and Loan Redemptions.

An amount of £1,023,489 was collected on behalf of the Department of National Housing during 1954-55, compared with £987,332 during 1953-54. Collections, which commenced in June, 1946, totalled £6,156,933 up to 31st March, 1955.

Ex-Volunteers' Loan Repayments.

During 1954-55 instalments totalling £238 were collected from departmental ex-volunteer employees, on loans made by the State Advances Recoveries Office, compared with £376 during 1953-54. The total amount collected since the inception of the scheme was £30,007 as at the end of March, 1955.

POST OFFICE TERMINOLOGY

During the year under review the Post Office Terminology Committee consisted of the following members:—

Mr. J. F. Dick, Under-Secretary, Posts.
(Chairman).

Mr. M. S. van Zyl (Vaktaalburo), Secretary.

Mr. D. P. J. Retief, Assistant Chief Engineer,
(Vice-Chairman).

Mr. J. S. B. Marais, Assistant Chief Translator.

Mr. J. P. du P. Coetzer }
Mr. T. van Niekerk... } Engineering Division.
Mr. D. J. Malan..... }

Mr. J. P. Coetsee, Translation Bureau.

During 1954-55, 34 meetings were held and the Committee dealt with the "Glossary of Terms used in Telecommunication", issued by the British Standards Institution, which includes terms connected with telegraphy, telephony, radio-

communication, television, radio direction finding and fire alarms. Thereafter a list of terms in connection with radio, radio-navigation, antennae, broadcasting, television and facsimiles, radar and electromagnetic waves was dealt with as well as a list of telegraph terms. In addition, the Committee issued an Interim List of Post Office terms which replaced the Provisional List.

The Committee also co-operated with organizations outside the Post Office and, at the request of Dr. P. C. Schoonees, supplied about 60 definitions for inclusion in the Groot Afrikaanse Woordeboek. On more than one occasion the Committee was asked by the "Vaktaalburo" of the Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns to comment on certain proposed Afrikaans equivalents for specific conceptions in English, for which diverse translations existed. The Committee, in its own sphere, thus also contributed to the standardisation of technical terms in the country.

STATISTICAL TABLES

GENERAL PROFIT AND

To EXPENDITURE:—

	£	£
Cash Payments (Salaries, Wages, Allowances, Maintenance and General).....	18,705,095	
Less amount apportioned to Engineering construction works.....	443,584	
	18,261,511	
Contribution in respect of Replacements and Renewals of Telegraph and Telephone Plant (Depreciation).....	747,301	19,008,812
<i>Value of Services for which no Cash Debit is taken:—</i>		
Interest Liability on Capital:—	£	
Telegraphs.....	3,149,294	91,307
Telephones.....	66,854,017	1,951,778
Standard Stock.....	5,850,000	188,335
Cost of Raising Loans since Union.....	619,539	19,933
		2,251,353
Value of Government Buildings.....	7,800,550	246,738
Pension Funds: Government Liability:—		
Contributions to Funds.....	551,491	
Pensions Paid from Revenue.....	115,406	
Gratuities.....	4,880	
		671,777
Unemployment Insurance Fund: Government Liability.....		16,308
Services Rendered by Other Government Departments:—		
Printing and Stationery.....	423,908	
Minor Works and Furniture, Maintenance and Repairs, Rents, Rates and Taxes.....	534,975	
Law Costs and Damages.....	2,800	
Audit.....	3,253	
Minor Services.....	13,653	
		978,589
TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....		23,173,577
Balance being Profit.....		2,365,378
		£25,538,955

POSTAL PROFIT AND LOSS

To EXPENDITURE:—

	£
Traffic, Operating and Commercial.....	5,300,307
Stores (overhead).....	55,533
Administration and Accounting.....	338,750
Rents, Maintenance of Buildings, Lighting.....	192,591
Interest Liability on Capital Value of Buildings.....	113,500
Pension Liability.....	236,427
Unemployment Insurance Liability.....	5,780
Conveyance of Mails.....	2,462,828
Miscellaneous.....	478,892
TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....	9,184,608
Net Profit.....	734,250
	£9,918,858

LOSS ACCOUNT (Financial Year 1954-55).

BY REVENUE:—

Cash Receipts.....		£	24,555,538
<i>Value of Services for which no Cash Credit is Received:—</i>			
Services Rendered to Government Departments:—			
Postal.....	433,467		
Telegraphs.....	2,486		
Telephones.....	110,446		
Miscellaneous.....	298,100		
			844,499
Services Rendered to Provincial Departments:—			
Cape.....	33,085		
Transvaal.....	27,505		
Natal.....	13,399		
Orange Free State.....	4,927		
			78,916
Meteorological Facilities:—			
Broadcast of Weather Reports, etc.....			60,002

£25,538,955

ACCOUNT (Financial Year 1954-55).

BY REVENUE:—

Cash Collections from Public:—	£	£
Postage.....	7,266,866	
Ocean Mail Service.....	751,153	
Private Box Rentals and Private Bag Fees.....	205,754	
Savings Bank Revenue.....	355,803	
Postal Order Poundage.....	121,107	
Money Order Commission.....	71,410	
Miscellaneous.....	160,883	
		8,932,976
Free Services to Government Departments.....		980,081
Cash Collections from Government Departments: Bag Fees and Box Rentals....		5,801
TOTAL REVENUE.....		<u>£9,918,858</u>

TELEGRAPH PROFIT AND

To EXPENDITURE:—

Traffic, Operating and Commercial.....	1,644,653
Engineering (overhead).....	24,764
Stores (overhead).....	23,297
Administration and Accounting.....	75,839
Maintenance.....	372,783
Rents, Maintenance of Buildings, Lighting.....	80,246
Interest Liability on Capital Value of Buildings.....	37,011
Pension Liability.....	96,059
Unemployment Insurance Liability.....	2,232
Interest on Stores Reserve.....	11,244
Interest on Capital.....	51,307
Contribution for Renewals.....	37,756
Miscellaneous.....	428,436

£2,926,028

TELEPHONE PROFIT AND LOSS

To EXPENDITURE:—

Traffic and Operating.....	2,460,185
Commercial.....	641,112
Engineering (overhead).....	229,066
Administration and Accounting.....	158,583
Stores (overhead).....	128,135
Maintenance.....	3,448,183
Rents, Maintenance of Buildings, Lighting.....	262,138
Interest Liability on Capital Value of Buildings.....	96,228
Pension Liability.....	339,300
Unemployment Insurance Liability.....	8,295
Interest on Stores Reserve.....	177,091
Interest on Capital.....	1,951,778
Contributions for Renewals.....	709,545
Miscellaneous.....	582,962

TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....	11,232,599
Net Profit.....	1,671,792
	<u>12,904,391</u>

LOSS ACCOUNT (Financial Year 1954-55).

BY REVENUE:—

Cash Collections: —	£	£
From Public:—		
Telegrams.....	1,604,353	
Registered Address Fees.....	19,741	
Miscellaneous.....	180,607	
Teleprinter and Telex Services.....	278,698	
External Telecommunications.....	674,423	
		2,757,822
From Government Departments:—		
Telegrams.....	42,229	
Registered Address Fees.....	1,200	
Teleprinter and Telex Services.....	27,671	
		71,100
Free Services to Government Departments:—		
Meteorological Services.....	53,956	
Miscellaneous.....	2,485	
		56,441
TOTAL REVENUE.....		2,885,363
Net Loss.....		40,665
		<u>£2,926,028</u>

ACCOUNT (Financial Year 1954-55.)

BY REVENUE:—

Cash Collections:—	£
From Public.....	12,252,148
From Government Departments.....	535,692
Free Services to Government Departments.....	116,551

£12,904,391

STAFF

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
1. Permanent staff establishment:—				
(a) Authorised posts.....	26,016	27,459	29,067	30,779
(b) Officers employed.....	23,647	24,513	26,944	27,881
2. Total number of persons employed.....	34,330	35,672	37,276	39,140
3. Officers entitled to leave.....	32,238	34,524	36,205	37,827
4. Vacation leave:—				
(a) Number of days granted.....	542,332	588,083	632,704	680,303
(b) Average per officer entitled to leave.....	16.82	17.03	17.48	17.98
5. Special leave:—				
(a) Number of days granted.....	74,284	80,360	88,928	98,114
(b) Average per officer entitled to leave.....	2.3	2.03	2.46	2.59
6. Sick absence:—				
(a) Number of days.....	270,378	285,054	310,487	321,276
(b) Average per officer entitled to leave.....	8.38	8.23	8.58	8.49
7. Suggestions submitted by the staff:—				
(a) Total number.....	22	13	13	8
(b) Number adopted.....	7	5	1	2
(c) Number of awards.....	6	6	2	2
(d) Total awards paid.....	£11 11 0	£14 3 6	£9 7 0	£2 2 0

NOTES.

Item 1 does not include Engineering Officers paid from Capital Vote Funds, temporary and casual employees engaged in addition to the authorised establishment, and postal agents.

Item 2 includes the three classes of employees excluded from Item 1.

Item 3 includes Engineering Officers paid from Capital Vote Funds, but excludes postal agents who are not entitled to leave.

TELEPHONES

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
1. Exchanges.....	1,833	1,840	1,876	1,854*
2. Public call offices.....	10,116	10,004	10,686	11,007
3. Exchange connections:—				
(a) Business.....	126,116	133,144	140,271	147,705
(b) Residence.....	168,687	183,167	200,700	218,337
4. Farm lines:—				
(a) Number of lines.....	5,995	6,661	7,081	7,812
(b) Farmers connected.....	46,983	52,781	56,953	63,589
(c) Length of route, in miles.....	109,854	124,288	130,906	143,943 ¹ / ₅
5. Party lines (other than farm lines):—†				
(a) Number of lines.....	—	—	—	1,097
(b) Parties connected.....	—	—	—	3,986
6. Total telephone stations.....	479,823	520,482	565,362	613,525
7. Telephone calls:—				
(a) Local.....	525,379,782	603,930,548	683,395,506	753,175,034
(b) Trunk.....	42,505,894	44,112,252	46,996,245	49,732,982
(c) Total.....	567,885,676	648,042,800	730,391,751	802,908,016

* Decrease due to closing of agencies which have now been connected to Semi-Automatic Farm Line Units.

† Not shown previously but included under total telephone stations.

TELEPHONE BUSINESS AND REVENUE FIGURES IN THE LARGEST URBAN EXCHANGE SYSTEMS

Exchange System.	Year Ended 31st March.	Number of Telephone Stations.	Number of Accounts Rendered	Number of Insolventcies.	* Total Revenue Collections.	Total Revenue Written Off as Irrecoverable.	Amount (in Pence) Written Off per £100 of Revenue Collected.
Witwatersrand.....	1952	157,453	1,144,071	8	£ 2,836,470	£ 127	2
	1953	166,908	1,338,768	27	3,807,398	800	5.04
	1954	177,688	1,397,280	81	4,179,008	11,192†	64.3
	1955	189,056	1,458,660	171	4,245,732	17,689	99.9
Cape Peninsula.....	1952	66,138	487,517	36	1,187,396	145	2.9
	1953	72,508	538,629	35	1,485,134	133	2.15
	1954	77,513	575,742	59	1,736,784‡	435	6.01
	1955	83,363	607,029	91	1,724,052	297	4.13
Pretoria.....	1952	40,484	316,170	9	674,552	205	7.2
	1953	44,363	352,936	7	802,295	143	4.27
	1954	49,616	393,216	17	942,128	179	5.21
	1955	53,228	421,300	12	1,036,039	460	12.09
Durban.....	1952	47,927§	260,590	4	375,658	236	15.4
	1953	51,598§	301,000	11	436,583	198	10.9
	1954	56,203§	358,750	10	526,431	250	11.4
	1955	61,317§	426,910	2	636,229	353	13.3
Port Elizabeth.....	1952	18,827	156,240	—	335,908	18	1.28
	1953	18,337	157,534	—	421,788	44	2.5
	1954	19,897	161,188	5	468,478	65	3.3
	1955	22,208	173,988	6	520,398	60	2.75
Pietermaritzburg.....	1952	8,215	67,020	—	124,925	7	1.44
	1953	9,587	82,764	1	179,344	11	1.49
	1954	10,516	89,688	1	219,339	19	2.14
	1955	11,262	74,460	2	225,702	37	4.17
Bloemfontein.....	1952	9,831	69,920	2	192,943	7	0.87
	1953	10,692	77,280	3	245,031	33	3.01
	1954	12,347	87,393	10	273,952	60	5.5
	1955	12,876	94,982	5	302,113	95	5.56
East London.....	1952	9,436	71,869	2	174,442	9	1.24
	1953	10,173	79,745	5	214,332	23	2.58
	1954	10,605	82,308	5	232,582	73	7.53
	1955	11,019	86,115	4	239,755	33	3.31
Kimberley.....	1952	3,587	30,822	—	65,663	21	0.03
	1953	4,544	35,741	—	85,413	—	—
	1954	5,028	40,666	2	97,794	9	0.02
	1955	5,449	50,184	—	104,594	—	—

NOTES.

* Includes phonogram receipts and estimated amounts for Government services.

† Increase since 1953 due to more expeditious disposal of work relating to irrecoverable revenue.

‡ Includes payments which fell due during 1952-53 but which were collected during 1953-54.

§ Includes Durban Municipal System.

|| Accounts rendered quarterly instead of monthly as experiment as from January, 1955.

The estimated average amounts written off per £100 of revenue collected, stated in pence, are as follows:—

1951-52: 3.59.

1952-53: 3.55.

1953-54: 11.712.

1954-55: 16.115.

INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICES

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
1. Calls to overseas countries.....	15,259	14,184	14,607	17,039
2. Calls from overseas countries.....	11,992	11,012	11,984	17,290
3. Calls to Rhodesia.....	53,797	60,820	63,240	67,676
4. Calls from Rhodesia.....	78,942	83,585	93,984	103,172
5. Calls to Lourenco Marques.....	20,990	19,945	21,330	23,100
6. Calls from Lourenco Marques.....	20,723	19,964	19,687	22,212
7. Calls to Kenya.....	476	465	349	325
8. Calls from Kenya.....	309	334	413	479
9. Calls to Belgian Congo.....	224	194	198	159
10. Calls from Belgian Congo.....	231	202	182	208

BROADCASTING AND RADIO LICENCES

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
1. Broadcasting:—				
(a) Licensed Stations.....	10	10	11	11
(b) Licensed Listeners.....	597,052	628,525	660,477	711,411
2. Licensed Radio Stations:—				
(a) Ships.....	158	193	244	287
(b) Aircraft.....	100	97	105	116
(c) Private Communication.....	426	513	543	609
(d) Amateur.....	1,441	1,192	1,542	1,755

INSPECTION AT CAPE TOWN AND DURBAN OF SHIPS' RADIO INSTALLATIONS

Radio Installations Licensed by—	NUMBER OF SHIPS INSPECTED.			
	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
Argentina.....	4	3	1	—
Belgium.....	6	1	—	—
Bermuda.....	—	—	1	—
Brazil.....	—	1	—	1
Canada.....	1	2	—	—
Chile.....	9	—	—	—
China.....	1	—	—	1
Costa Rica.....	—	—	1	—
Denmark.....	5	14	14	15
Finland.....	12	3	1	9
France.....	18	18	29	23
Germany.....	—	19	14	13
Great Britain.....	755	684	700	739
Greece.....	24	11	7	5
Holland.....	137	110	135	161
Honduras Republic.....	—	—	1	5
India.....	1	1	2	—
Iceland (Republic of).....	—	2	—	—
Israel.....	—	1	2	1
Italy.....	64	56	53	43
Japan.....	15	17	28	45
Liberia.....	1	9	13	15
Monrovia.....	—	—	—	1
Norway.....	117	101	123	104
Pakistan.....	1	—	—	—
Panama Republic.....	54	39	41	27
Philippines.....	—	—	2	—
Poland.....	4	—	—	—
Portugal.....	12	7	4	8
Sweden.....	69	57	59	17
Switzerland.....	—	—	5	39
Turkey.....	1	1	—	—
Union of South Africa.....	153	137	156	121
United States of America.....	152	77	63	80
Uruguay.....	—	—	—	1
Yugo-Slavia.....	—	—	—	3
TOTAL.....	1,616	1,371	1,455	1,477

TELEGRAPHS

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
1. Telegraph offices.....	3,532	3,519	3,572	3,538
2. Telegraph circuit mileage.....	247,156	258,094	296,448	298,814
3. Inland telegrams:—				
(a) Imperial Government.....	2,931	2,411	5,522	5,097
(b) Union Government.....	739,885	789,841	782,305	783,599
(c) Railway.....	13,647	24,012	33,919	31,167
(d) Public paid.....	9,678,985	9,257,921	9,005,930	9,049,221
(e) Press.....	124,352	141,422	165,427	176,791
(f) Phonograms.....	1,855,012	1,950,833	2,090,460	2,230,922
(g) Total.....	12,414,812	12,166,440	12,083,563	12,276,797
4. Overseas telegrams:—				
(a) Government.....	15,873	18,885	19,253	18,329
(b) Public paid.....	748,065*	684,586*	679,174*	713,340*
(c) Total.....	763,938*	703,471*	698,427*	731,669*
(d) Value of public paid messages.....£	673,572	656,751	692,045	720,010
5. Total number of telegrams handled.....	13,178,750*	12,869,911*	12,781,990*	13,008,466*
6. Radio telegrams to and from ships:—				
(a) Number of messages.....	83,079	83,277	85,227	93,079
(b) Number of words.....	2,553,212	2,588,890	2,813,434	2,586,362
(c) Revenue to Post Office.....£	22,509	20,936	20,184	20,796
7. Business reply services registered.....	7	3	3	—

NOTES.

* Includes item 6 (a).

Item 3 (b): Telegrams paid for from the votes of the departments concerned.

Item 7: Service abolished during 1954.

POSTAL

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
1. Post Offices:—				
(a) Money Order Offices.....	—	—	—	1,469
(b) Postal Agencies.....	—	—	—	2,002
(c) Total Number of Offices.....	3,469	3,497	3,472	3,471
2. Private Post Bags.....	10,791	10,617	9,349	9,920
3. Private Boxes.....	90,088	98,009	99,483	110,597
4. Posting Boxes other than on P. O. Premises.....	2,917	3,125	3,230	3,453
5. Parcel Services:—				
(a) Cash on Delivery:—				
Number of Parcels.....	833,262	1,008,208	1,108,451	1,213,560
Trade Charges Collected.....	£1,498,630	£1,867,215	£2,121,355	£2,428,006
Revenue to P.O.....	£53,252	£63,255	£76,068	£81,610
(b) Insured:—				
Number of Parcels.....	1,483,495	1,718,127	2,007,698	2,328,514
Revenue to P.O.....	£32,191	£37,987	£43,275	£51,780
Compensation Paid.....	£260	£428	£1,129	£1,422
(c) Acknowledgment of Posting:—				
Number of Parcels.....	825,936	760,843	1,028,013	1,055,717
Revenue to P.O.....	£3,441	£3,170	£4,283	£4,399
Compensation Paid.....	£404	£523	£574	£696
6. Total Articles Handled.....	See next page.			
7. Undelivered Articles:—				
(a) Number.....	9,955,244	11,375,624	8,633,534	5,500,690
(b) Value of Contents:—				
Currency.....	£42,283	£35,305	£31,924	£27,316
Other Items.....	£505,482	£529,201	£554,948	£507,633
(c) Revenue from Sales.....	£1,204	£1,116	£1,162	£1,165
8. Postage Franking Machines Licensed.....	1,777	2,208	2,670	3,004
9. Business Reply Service Licences.....	980	1,079	1,211	1,145
10. Overseas Mails:—				
Received through Great Britain for South Africa:—				
Mail Bags.....	210,775	212,285	248,162	262,904
Parcel Bags.....	170,112	168,839	194,162	203,132
Despatched from South Africa through Great Britain:—				
Mail Bags.....	55,895	55,831	56,444	57,418
Parcel Bags.....	118,000	101,750	84,305	34,479
Received for South Africa otherwise than through Great Britain:—				
Mail Bags.....	43,171	42,428	44,676	51,944
Parcel Bags.....	52,876	55,204	60,793	77,721
Despatched from South Africa otherwise than through Great Britain:—				
Mail Bags.....	16,475	14,499	15,727	15,839
Parcel Bags.....	7,690	7,795	8,557	9,181

NOTES.

Item 1: Excludes Bechuanaland Protectorate Offices.

Items 7 (a) and (b) are in respect of articles which, on account of incorrect or inadequate addresses, could not be delivered to addressees, and include articles returned to senders. As from 1952-53 the figures quoted refer to articles handled in the Returned Letter Office, Cape Town, only.

Item 7 (c) is in respect of articles which could not be delivered to addressees or returned to senders.

Item 10: Includes mails in closed bags in transit through the Union to or from South West Africa, Bechuanaland Protectorate, Southern and Northern Rhodesia, Mocambique, Nyasaland and Mauritius.

ARTICLES OF MAIL MATTER HANDLED AT POST OFFICES IN THE UNION*

Class of Mail Matter.	Posted in the Union for delivery in the Union.		Posted in the Union for delivery in other countries.		Received from other countries for delivery in the Union.		Received from other countries in transit through the Union.		Totals of articles handled.	
	1949-50	1952-53	1949-50	1952-53	1949-50	1952-53	1949-50	1952-53	1949-50	1952-53
1. Letters:—										
(a) Prepaid.....	294,811,088	318,887,296	21,057,868	27,522,768	20,035,704	32,737,380	826,696	2,256,800	336,731,356	381,404,244
(b) Taxed.....	1,541,800	1,517,048	290,732	309,036	154,024	196,664	11,180	25,740	1,997,736	2,048,488
2. Post cards (single and reply).....	6,622,564	10,408,684	533,624	821,236	805,480	1,454,076	19,916	137,020	7,981,584	12,821,016
3. Newspapers.....	46,095,764	43,184,076	3,474,068	3,949,244	5,470,244	6,199,232	75,452	290,420	55,115,528	53,622,972
4. Printed and commercial papers; sample packets and literature for the blind.....	166,204,012	177,388,900	4,128,592	9,683,440	8,383,336	9,314,188	141,492	703,196	178,857,432	197,089,724
5. Parcels (including C.O.D. and I.P.):—										
(a) Ordinary.....	8,999,744	11,253,268	1,199,432	1,434,784	1,078,220	848,640	8,216	124,800	11,285,612	13,611,492
(b) Agricultural.....	1,531,712	1,708,304	624	13,520	2,964	172	1,612	3,796	1,536,912	1,730,092
Express articles.....	82,160	207,272	1,144	3,848	3,172	4,628	—	364	86,476	216,112
6. Official Correspondence.	525,888,844	564,554,848	30,686,084	43,737,876	35,933,144	50,759,280	1,084,564	3,542,136	593,592,636	662,594,140
7. Letters:—										
(a) Unregistered.....	30,783,064	35,397,596	264,160	379,184	244,244	423,384	23,036	65,060	31,314,504	36,265,164
(b) Registered.....	3,122,704	3,791,476	24,856	62,244	23,504	52,572	2,028	12,220	3,173,092	3,918,512
8. Other articles:—										
(a) Unregistered.....	16,299,400	14,576,692	68,068	69,420	38,844	99,320	8,580	14,664	16,414,892	14,760,096
(b) Registered.....	35,984	44,200	364	2,756	1,508	3,640	260	936	38,116	51,532
9. TOTALS.....	576,129,996	618,364,812	31,043,532	44,251,480	36,241,244	51,338,196	1,118,468	3,634,956	644,533,240	717,589,444
10. Registered articles already included in items 1-6.....										
11. Specially prepaid air mail articles already included in items 1-8:—	6,349,720	9,870,484	2,408,328	1,116,128	446,004	823,836	117,104	111,540	9,321,156	11,921,988
(a) Letters.....	—	—	7,258,472	7,581,392	8,423,844	9,113,728	215,852	454,064	15,898,168	17,149,184
(b) Post cards.....	—	—	229,996	376,376	293,592	425,204	5,252	27,508	528,840	829,088
(c) Air letters.....	—	—	3,867,708	4,335,188	5,941,884	4,962,412	73,996	197,184	9,883,588	9,494,784

* Statistics taken every three years.

COST OF CONVEYANCE OF MAILS WITHIN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
	£	£	£	£
1. By rail (South African Railways).....	600,000	625,333	736,442	935,595
2. By road (S.A.R. Road Motor Services).....	60,000	58,598	69,459	88,613
3. By road (private services).....	158,616	180,519	218,856	237,762
4. By air.....	160,454	182,846	191,044	167,799
5. Total.....	979,070	1,047,296	1,215,801	1,429,769

NOTE.

Item 3: Includes Government Garage charges and postmen's cycle allowances.

WEIGHT OF AIR MAIL TRAFFIC OUTWARD FROM THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1. South African Airways/Central African Airways (to Rhodesia, etc.).....	276,836	303,926	336,552	223,596
2. Sabena.....	3,350	6,655	5,292	6,394
3. Springbok Service.....	313,724	319,629	302,191	312,646
4. Pan American Airways.....	6,060	5,638	13,207	17,174
5. D.E.T.A.....	5,147	4,526	8,450	8,275
6. South African Airways (to Lourenco Marques).....	6,440	6,543	8,150	6,507
7. EL AL Israel National Airlines.....	1,248	1,037	3,256	7,349
8. K.L.M. Royal Dutch Airlines.....	—	2,138	3,430	2,961
9. Qantas Empire Airways.....	—	1,253	1,855	2,760
10. U.A.T. (French Airlines).....	—	—	—	123
11. Total weight of mails.....	612,805	651,345	682,383	587,785

NOTES.

Item 8: Service commenced 6th June, 1952.

Item 9: Service commenced 6th September, 1952.

Item 10: Service commenced 1st February, 1955.

MOTOR TRANSPORT OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE ENGINEERING BRANCH OF THE POST OFFICE

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
1. Number of motor cars and trucks.....	1,040	956	841	694
2. Vehicle miles run.....	7,615,704	7,219,173	6,339,974	4,997,689
3. Expenditure (including new vehicles and replacements).£	217,180	228,202	221,566	168,351

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
1. Savings bank offices.....	1,368	1,415	1,433	1,484
2. Ordinary accounts:—				
(a) Opened.....	186,348	174,354	171,161	163,959
(b) Closed.....	166,916	128,492	91,973	175,052
(c) Remaining open.....	2,203,438	2,249,300	2,328,488	2,317,395
(d) Deposits:—				
Number.....	2,541,948	2,484,926	2,438,937	2,348,767
Value, including interest.....£	39,116,177	40,250,400	39,103,087	36,556,806
(e) Withdrawals:—				
Ordinary:—				
Number.....	524,250	507,776	475,424	557,552
Amount.....£	28,588,276	31,321,713	30,867,789	30,542,593
On demand:—				
Number.....	2,057,087	2,091,266	1,983,828	1,970,831
Amount.....£	7,213,634	6,965,909	6,906,227	6,535,579
Total:—				
Number.....	2,581,337	2,599,042	2,459,252	2,528,383
Amount.....£	35,801,910	38,287,622	37,774,016	37,078,172
(f) Balance due to depositors:—				
Amount.....£	75,453,907	77,416,685	78,745,756	78,224,390
Average, per depositor.....	£34 4 10	£34 8 4	£33 16 4	£33 15 1
3. Savings Bank Certificates:—				
(i) Investments.....£	1,000,700	1,328,300	905,200	710,100
(ii) Repayments, exclusive of interest.....£	1,829,000	2,009,700	1,653,900	1,588,000
(iii) Balance of investments.....£	9,891,800	9,210,400	8,461,700	7,583,800
4. Accounts transferred:—				
To other Administrations:—				
Number.....	374	298	242	272
Amount.....£	36,733	26,121	17,492	26,922
From other Administrations:—				
Number.....	311	292	309	325
Amount.....£	32,906	28,577	39,772	35,149
5. School Banks:—				
Number of accounts.....	54	30	24	20
Balance due to depositors.....£	2,919	1,140	1,075	701

NOTE.

Item 2 (f) does not include item 3 (iii).

UNION LOAN CERTIFICATES

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
1. Investments.....	£ 2,284,627	£ 3,460,090	£ 3,429,914	£ 2,998,141
2. Repayments, exclusive of interest.....	3,700,237	4,436,012	3,943,395	3,333,922
3. Balance of investments.....	18,679,169	17,703,247	17,189,765	16,853,984

WORK PERFORMED ON BEHALF OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF STATE

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
1. Free postage:—				
Value.....£	551,865	660,887	660,887	663,383
2. Free money orders:—				
Number.....	29,361	31,884	29,332	30,036
Value.....£	478,533	467,079	496,240	447,206
3. Pension warrants cashed:—				
Number.....	2,870,372	2,918,572	2,806,727	2,839,042
Value.....£	18,365,072	20,683,326	22,923,023	24,597,475
4. Revenue collected:—				
(a) Licences.....£	14,845	14,210	12,959	12,572
(b) Revenue stamps.....£	945,517	923,277	929,409	1,106,593
(c) Entertainment tax:—				
Cape.....£	167,399	168,901	180,103	194,953
(d) Customs dues.....£	1,217,255	1,169,761	1,283,704	1,399,967
(e) Fumigation Fees.....£	5	2	1	6
5. Cigarette duty.....£	8,412,103	11,082,332	12,832,579	13,016,929
6. Tax Redemption Certificates.....£	536,475	3,247,374	4,297,434	3,829,980
7. Savings Fund Levy Certificates (redeemed).....£	376,456	120,085	75,570	33,169
8. Ex-volunteers: Loan repayments.....£	2,607	1,007	376	238
9. National Housing rentals and loan redemptions.....£	921,010	966,155	987,332	1,023,489

MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL ORDERS

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
1. Money orders <i>Issued</i> :—				
(a) On offices in the Union:—				
Number.....	1,576,380	1,684,600	1,780,933	1,923,301
Amount.....£	8,304,411	9,126,018	9,820,061	10,689,189
(b) On other countries:—				
Number.....	78,438	85,882	87,415	84,272
Amount.....£	680,845	779,687	819,419	884,140
(c) Total:—				
Number.....	1,654,818	1,770,482	1,868,348	2,007,573
Amount.....£	8,985,256	9,905,705	10,639,480	11,573,329
(d) Commission.....£	59,109	63,341	66,158	71,410
2. Money orders <i>Paid</i> :—				
(a) Issued in the Union:—				
Number.....	1,577,316	1,680,192	1,784,683	1,919,624
Amount.....£	8,269,876	9,101,221	9,806,705	10,662,981
(b) Issued in other countries:—				
Number.....	170,273	182,428	190,100	193,642
Amount.....£	1,206,050	1,335,914	1,364,444	1,394,710
(c) Total:—				
Number.....	1,747,589	1,862,620	1,974,783	2,113,266
Amount.....£	9,475,926	10,437,135	11,171,149	12,057,691
3. Postal orders <i>Issued</i> :—				
(a) Number:—				
Union.....	8,643,038	8,472,560	8,221,435	8,425,642
British.....	950,836	1,124,304	1,331,443	1,531,704
Total.....	9,593,874	9,596,864	9,552,878	9,957,346
(b) Amount:—				
Union.....£	4,957,098	5,174,104	5,666,456	5,964,609
British.....£	756,334	890,147	1,020,977	1,141,173
Total.....£	5,713,432	6,064,251	6,687,433	7,105,782
(c) Poundage:—				
Union.....£	90,906	91,845	94,190	97,773
British.....£	15,389	17,973	20,708	23,334
Total.....£	106,295	109,818	114,898	121,107
4. Postal orders <i>Paid</i> :—				
(a) Number:—				
Union.....	7,485,972	7,279,567	7,015,330	7,316,708
British.....	686,414	609,244	561,158	578,363
Total.....	8,172,386	7,888,811	7,576,488	7,895,071
(b) Amount:—				
Union.....£	4,097,851	4,207,538	4,509,751	4,836,073
British.....£	491,678	468,473	485,939	531,586
Total.....£	4,589,529	4,676,011	4,995,690	5,367,659

EXAMINATIONS ENTERED FOR BY THE STAFF

Examining Body and Examination.	CENTRES.				ENTRIES.				SUCCESSSES.			
	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS:—												
Traine Post and Telegraph Assistants' Final Examination.....	24	53	110	118	723	747	1,113	1,021	647	705	981	902
* Post and Telegraph Assistants' Qualifying Examination for Re- appointment.....	31	40	—	—	54	75	—	—	48	56	—	—
General Division Officers' Examination for Promotion to Clerkships (Final).....	2	4	5	1	4	7	3	1	2	3	3	1
Postmaster-General's Certificate of Proficiency in Radiotelegraphy. Efficiency Test.....	3	9	8	9	6	38	81	83	1	5	22	34
Examination for Appointment as Engineer, Grade IV.....	56	148	302	124	141	274	711	308	114	253	498	228
Assistant Superintendents' (Telegraphs) Examination.....	8	6	8	7	37	19	20	31	10	8	2	13
† UNION DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:—	†	7	†	†	†	27	†	†	†	13	†	†
Mathematics I.....									8	58	1	6
Mathematics II.....									55	78	99	93
Mathematics III.....									36	45	69	46
Mathematics IV.....									17	8	36	19
Mathematics V.....									3	9	6	3
Electrotechnics II.....									—	17	—	5
Telegraphy and Telephony I.....									56	73	113	88
Telegraphy II.....									57	52	78	60
Telegraphy III.....									12	11	7	3
Telephony I.....									59	45	81	55
Telephony II.....									20	17	27	13
Telephony III.....									8	11	14	5
Telephony IV.....									40	32	50	47
Radio-communication I.....									10	10	9	9
Radio-communication II.....									—	1	6	3
Radio-communication III.....									17	9	15	14
Transmission I.....									1	4	4	2
Transmission II.....									55	87	100	85
Lines I.....									4	9	7	2
Lines II.....									25	97	14	13
Technical Electricity I.....									41	55	74	57
Technical Electricity II.....												

NOTES.

* Examinations abolished w.e.f. 26th June, 1953.

† No examinations held.

‡ Statistics in respect of "Centres" and "Entries" not available.

REQUISITIONS DEALT WITH AT THE STORES DEPOTS

Item.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
1. Engineering material:—				
Number of issues.....	147,588	147,591	137,386	161,036
Number of receipts.....	20,983	20,664	20,887	21,821
2. Postal stores:—				
Number of issues.....	74,244	126,952	131,703	139,605
Number of receipts.....	15,316	16,694	16,958	17,539
3. Postage stamps:—				
Number of requisitions.....	43,429	43,189	46,289	44,617
Postage value.....£	5,498,103	5,587,859	5,830,513	5,823,678
4. Postal orders:—				
Number of requisitions.....	16,832	18,397	17,623	18,086
Sale value (Union).....£	5,060,437	5,357,362	5,755,693	6,421,593
Sale value (British).....£	792,862	904,034	1,085,775	1,193,782
5. Union Loan Certificates:—				
Sale value.....£	2,211,765	4,458,315	3,493,543	3,073,690
6. National Savings Stamps:—				
Sale value.....£	287,523	293,088	321,255	322,848
7. Revenue stamps:—				
Sale value.....£	2,969,085	3,126,669	3,305,128	3,934,996
8. Tax Redemption Certificates:—				
Sale value.....£	1,683,940	3,554,993	4,702,070	3,915,222
9. Cigarette duty labels:—				
Sale value.....£	8,602,065	11,752,618	13,124,279	13,150,241
10. Entertainment tax labels:—				
Sale value.....£	173,336	163,773	183,534	197,567
11. Christmas stamps:—				
Sale value.....£	51,303	52,680	54,815	56,730

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

FORWARDED TELEGRAMS.—TELEGRAMME VERSEND.

PERIOD TYDPERK	(1) Imperial Government Messages Imperiale Goewermments- telegramme		(2) Government Messages Goewermments- telegramme	(3) Railway Messages Spoorweg- telegramme	(4) PUBLIC PAID MESSAGES. BETAALDE PUBLIEKE TELEGRAMME					(5) TOTAL NUMBER OF MESSAGES. TOTALE GETAL TELEGRAMME.	
	Number Getal	Value Waarde £	Number. Getal	Number Getal	Number of In- land Messages. Getal Binnelandse Telegramme.	Number of Over- seas Messages. Getal Buitelandse Telegramme.	Number of Phonograms. Getal Fonogramme.	Number of Press Messages. Getal Pers- telegramme.	Total Totaal		
Totals-Totale	1952-53	2,411	721	808,726	24,012	9,257,921	684,586	1,950,833	141,422	12,034,762	12,869,911
"	1953-54	5,522	1,185	801,558	33,919	9,005,930	679,174	2,092,460	165,427	11,942,991	12,783,990
"	1954-55	5,097	1,105	810,928	31,167	9,049,221	713,340	2,230,922	176,791	12,170,274	13,017,466
* Compared with previous financial year * Vergeleke met vorige boekjaar	INCREASE VERMEERDERING	—	—	9,370	—	43,291	34,166	138,462	11,364	227,283	233,476
	DECREASE VERMINDERING	425	80	—	2,752	—	—	—	—	—	—
February-Februarie	1955	462	100	67,105	2,429	686,336	49,711	178,419	27,203	941,669	1,011,665
March-Maart	"	298	56	77,078	2,787	783,956	62,346	200,757	17,822	1,064,881	1,145,044
April	"	313	61	65,036	1,126	753,226	53,663	180,065	13,965	1,000,919	1,067,394
May-Mei	"	437	85	64,269	1,020	701,332	55,836	169,916	13,392	940,476	1,006,202
June-Junie	"	367	77	68,667	1,366	765,211	59,457	185,232	14,095	1,023,995	1,094,395
July-Julie	"	471	88	62,346	691	749,746	52,776	176,822	13,746	993,090	1,056,598
August-Augustus	"	426	80	65,191	603	734,256	61,691	185,477	16,583	998,007	1,064,227
September	"	305	47	65,259	693	750,392	58,332	194,397	19,598	1,022,719	1,038,976
October-Oktober	"	848	156	63,987	384	722,956	56,753	193,477	14,808	987,994	1,053,213
November	"	432	77	67,039	1,058	713,273	58,071	175,857	16,105	963,306	1,031,835
December-Desember	"	727	136	77,508	332	918,359	63,677	209,156	14,725	1,205,917	1,234,484
January-Januarie	1956	237	40	77,733	562	765,690	59,874	182,192	16,145	1,023,901	1,102,423
February-Februarie x	"	563	208	69,505	632	847,010	63,718	170,144	18,314	1,099,186	1,169,886
x Compared with corre- sponding month of previous year. x vergeleke met ooreen- komende maand van vorige jaar	INCREASE VERMEERDERING	101	108	2,400	—	160,674	14,007	—	—	157,517	158,221
	DECREASE VERMINDERING	—	—	—	1,797	—	—	8,275	8,889	—	—

Statistical Section, Main Accounts Branch
General Post Office, Pretoria.

Statistieke-Seksie, Hoofrekeningtak,
Hoofposkantoor Pretoria.

NOTE :—Value of 2, 3 and 4 included in Statement of Postal, Telegraph, and Telephone collections.
NOTA :—Waarde van 2, 3 en 4 is ingesluit in Opgaaf van Pos- Telegraaf-en Telefooninvorderings.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

STATEMENT OF POSTAL, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COLLECTIONS, AND TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS.—OPGAAF VAN POS- TELEGRAAF EN TELEFOONVORDERINGS EN TELEFOONANSLUITINGS.

PERIOD. TIJDPERK.	POSTAL POS			TELEGRAPH TELEGRAAF			TELEPHONE TELEFONE			NUMBER OF TELEPHONE INSTRUMENTS IN USE. GETAL TELEFOONINSTRUMENTE IN GEBRUIK.																																																																																																																																																																														
	Commission on Postal Money Orders Kommissie op Postbrieven	Poundage on Postal Orders Postbrieven op Postbrieven	Total Postal Revenue Totaal Postale Inkomste	Cash Collections Kontantvorderings	Government Co-operation Overeenkomsten	External Communications Buitelandse Telefoon- en Postdiensten	TOTAL TOTAAL	Exchange Revenue Revenuen van de Telefoon- en Postdiensten	Trunk Revenue Revenuen van de Telefoon- en Postdiensten	Trunk Revenue Revenuen van de Telefoon- en Postdiensten	Trunk Revenue Revenuen van de Telefoon- en Postdiensten	Trunk Revenue Revenuen van de Telefoon- en Postdiensten	Trunk Revenue Revenuen van de Telefoon- en Postdiensten	Trunk Revenue Revenuen van de Telefoon- en Postdiensten	Trunk Revenue Revenuen van de Telefoon- en Postdiensten	Trunk Revenue Revenuen van de Telefoon- en Postdiensten	Trunk Revenue Revenuen van de Telefoon- en Postdiensten	Trunk Revenue Revenuen van de Telefoon- en Postdiensten	Trunk Revenue Revenuen van de Telefoon- en Postdiensten	Trunk Revenue 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POSSPARBANK—OPGAAF VAN TRANSAKSIES.—POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.—STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS.

TYDPERK PERIOD	INLAES DEPOSITS		OPVAKINGS WITHDRAWALS		BALANS BALANCE	SPAARBANK CERTIFICATE SAVINGS BANK CERTIFICATES		REKENING ACCOUNTS		UNIELEENINGSCERTIFIKATE UNION LOAN CERTIFICATES					
	GETAL NUMBER	BEDRAG AMOUNT	GETAL NUMBER	BEDRAG AMOUNT		LOOPENDE CURRENT ACCOUNT	UITGEREIK ISSUED	TERUGBETAL REPAYED	BALANS BALANCE	GE-OPEN OPENED	GESLUIT CLOSED	BY OOP REMAINING OPEN	BELLENIGINGS INVESTMENTS	TERUGBETAL- INGESLUIT- ENDE RENTE REPAYMENTS EXCLUSIVE OF INTEREST	BALANS VAN BELLENIGINGS BALANCE OF INVESTMENTS
Totale-Totals	1952-53	2,484,926	39,902,556	2,599,042	38,287,621	75,281,626	1,328,300	2,009,700	9,210,400	169,354	128,492	2,249,300	3,460,087	4,436,011	17,703,245
"	1953-54	2,438,937	38,868,162	2,459,252	37,774,015	76,375,773	905,200	1,653,900	8,461,700	171,161	91,973	2,328,488	3,479,915	3,943,394	17,189,766
"	1954-55	2,348,767	36,838,034	2,528,383	37,078,171	76,135,636	710,100	1,588,000	7,583,800	163,959	175,052	2,317,395	2,998,140	3,353,922	16,853,984
Vergelyke met vorige boekjaar (Compare with previous financial year)	VERMEERDERING INCREASE	—	—	69,131	—	—	—	—	—	—	88,079	—	—	—	—
	VERMINDERING DECREASE	90,170	2,080,128	—	695,844	240,137	185,100	65,900	877,900	7,202	—	11,093	431,775	609,472	335,782
Februarie-February	1955	190,743	2,672,021	176,517	2,890,840	76,523,088	44,600	140,600	7,672,700	15,558	4,853	2,422,775	203,661	266,027	16,892,073
Maart-March	"	217,737	2,982,503	320,151	3,369,965	76,135,636	41,800	130,700	7,568,800	15,240	4,853	2,317,395	269,161	307,250	16,853,984
April	"	188,141	4,797,305	189,104	3,062,926	77,870,015	49,700	114,600	7,518,900	12,651	4,729	2,325,317	214,532	263,770	16,804,746
Mei-May	"	188,395	2,463,707	189,394	2,967,256	77,366,467	29,800	91,600	7,457,100	14,450	4,941	2,334,826	225,577	251,932	16,778,391
Junie-June	"	195,542	2,688,510	198,210	3,405,858	76,649,119	34,200	169,400	7,321,900	14,543	5,548	2,343,821	235,065	280,476	16,732,980
Julie-July	"	199,213	2,846,523	189,525	2,966,524	76,530,118	39,000	119,900	7,241,000	13,504	4,951	2,352,464	186,549	229,807	16,689,722
Augustus-August	"	203,416	2,858,821	195,404	3,023,948	76,364,991	31,000	134,500	7,137,500	14,524	5,417	2,361,571	253,928	250,906	16,692,744
September	"	198,599	2,852,519	183,785	2,856,144	76,361,366	27,100	127,500	7,087,100	13,262	5,114	2,369,704	282,549	273,475	16,651,814
Oktober-October	"	189,103	2,735,365	186,721	2,776,704	76,320,027	27,800	114,900	6,950,000	12,082	5,114	2,376,672	300,404	386,053	16,566,165
November	"	174,043	2,520,316	197,089	3,046,893	75,733,450	36,100	166,500	6,519,600	11,409	5,236	2,382,845	275,004	394,222	16,446,947
Desember-December	"	167,422	2,948,214	233,161	3,287,666	75,453,998	22,400	132,200	6,709,800	11,012	4,680	2,389,177	199,006	314,171	16,331,782
Januarie-January	1956	177,205	2,537,426	218,558	3,281,326	74,710,098	26,500	167,400	6,503,900	15,502	5,076	2,399,603	198,485	343,982	16,186,280
Februarie-February x	"	192,144	2,547,723	184,053	3,615,396	73,611,425	23,900	123,600	6,469,200	16,835	5,127	2,411,311	245,632	383,515	16,048,397
Vergelyke met vorige boekjaar (Compare with previous financial year)	VERMEERDERING INCREASE	1,401	—	7,536	755,556	—	—	—	—	1,277	274	—	41,971	117,488	—
	VERMINDERING DECREASE	—	124,298	—	—	2,911,663	20,700	17,000	1,203,500	—	—	11,464	—	—	843,676

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 { Includes #2,369,982; 11:4 interest on accounts for the year 1953-54.
 { Sluit 33,507 rekeninge in wat aan Inkomste oorgedra is—waan op daar geen transaksie vir die afgelope 15 jaar was nie.
 { Includes 33,507 accounts transferred to Revenue on which there were no transactions during the past 15 years.
 { Sluit 115,271 rekeninge in wat aan Inkomste oorgedra is—waan op daar geen transaksie vir die afgelope 15 jaar was nie.
 { Includes 115,271 accounts transferred to Revenue on which there were no transactions during the past 15 years.

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OPGAAF VAN POSWISSELS, POSORDERS EN K.B.A.-PAKETJEFTRANSAKSIES.—STATEMENT OF MONEY ORDER, POSTAL ORDER, AND C.O.D. PARCEL TRANSACTIONS.

TYDPERK PERIOD	POSWISSELS MONEY ORDERS.				POSORDERS POSTAL ORDERS								K.B.A.-PAKETJEF C. O. D. PARCELS				
	UITGEREIK ISSUED		UITBETAAL PAID		UNIE UNION				BRITSE BRITISH				GEÏL- PAAKJEF NUMBER OF PARCELS		HANDELS- BEDEAR INVOICED TRADE CHARGES		TARIEF- BETAL FEES PAID
	GETAL NUMBER	BEDRAG AMOUNT ƒ	GETAL NUMBER	BEDRAG AMOUNT ƒ	GETAL NUMBER	BEDRAG AMOUNT ƒ	GETAL NUMBER	BEDRAG AMOUNT ƒ	GETAL NUMBER	BEDRAG AMOUNT ƒ	GETAL NUMBER	BEDRAG AMOUNT ƒ	GETAL NUMBER	BEDRAG AMOUNT ƒ	DEAL WITH PARCELS COLLECTED	ƒ	
Totale-Totals	1952-53	1,770,482	9,905,705	1,862,620	10,437,135	8,472,560	5,174,104	7,279,567	4,207,538	1,124,304	890,147	609,244	468,473	1,008,208	1,867,214	63,225	
"	1953-54	1,868,348	10,639,480	1,974,783	11,171,149	8,221,435	5,666,456	7,015,380	4,509,751	1,331,443	1,020,977	567,168	485,939	1,108,451	2,121,355	76,068	
"	1954-55	2,007,573	11,573,829	2,113,266	12,057,691	8,425,642	5,964,609	7,316,708	4,836,073	1,531,704	1,141,173	578,353	531,586	1,213,560	2,428,006	81,608	
VERMEERDERING INCREASE		139,225	933,849	138,483	886,542	204,307	298,153	301,378	326,322	200,261	120,196	17,305	45,647	105,109	306,651	5,541	
VERMINDERING DECREASE		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Januarie-January	1955	147,426	895,980	155,320	906,887	637,213	457,179	525,849	353,693	106,573	73,401	50,814	45,201	77,437	145,318	8,190	
Februarie-February	"	163,400	968,352	171,094	991,794	707,632	517,776	601,296	407,398	162,913	122,454	44,278	41,085	96,140	164,997	7,690	
Maart-March	"	183,258	1,032,976	197,673	1,143,474	783,395	537,432	719,354	476,531	129,159	86,106	54,718	50,783	114,283	227,368	6,222	
April	"	172,099	985,384	177,312	1,019,097	659,071	479,557	608,163	402,133	134,958	95,755	50,164	45,918	110,187	201,001	5,617	
Mei-May	"	176,431	1,003,637	187,195	1,045,820	756,703	557,566	608,623	418,125	152,693	112,866	48,136	45,149	105,786	194,480	7,567	
Junie-June	"	187,484	1,069,900	204,164	1,146,062	697,380	510,362	643,738	440,668	102,858	73,371	50,107	48,215	120,786	277,694	5,604	
Julie-July	"	171,935	1,008,507	179,072	1,045,917	662,652	504,162	573,111	406,001	98,780	72,126	47,967	44,200	105,303	209,124	7,479	
Augustus-August	"	186,699	1,092,370	202,095	1,120,572	829,129	624,207	655,612	449,518	187,188	126,229	49,385	46,259	112,479	230,410	7,090	
September	"	180,347	1,015,632	197,434	1,095,826	666,941	493,793	625,822	432,445	163,715	102,848	47,917	45,640	114,167	227,622	12,374	
Oktober-October	"	184,999	1,057,610	191,368	1,077,898	709,613	531,438	585,112	408,381	156,781	84,565	54,203	50,753	123,565	258,606	5,233	
November	"	198,648	1,100,320	201,746	1,144,782	816,596	620,589	659,796	452,670	235,671	137,774	72,984	71,455	121,740	276,647	5,482	
Desember-December	"	191,736	1,088,976	201,832	1,135,423	650,906	488,784	592,526	417,864	249,802	154,414	72,984	71,455	121,740	276,647	5,482	
Januarie-January x	1956	156,403	967,343	166,114	998,338	631,626	475,970	532,423	371,680	184,928	96,182	54,348	50,471	101,101	195,929	9,922	
VERMEERDERING INCREASE		8,977	71,363	10,794	91,451	—	18,791	6,574	17,507	78,355	22,781	3,534	5,279	23,664	50,611	1,733	
VERMINDERING DECREASE		—	—	—	—	5,587	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

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