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## OFFICES.

*Number.*—In the year, seven new Money Order Offices were opened at

Blackhill, Middelburg;  
Germiston Station, Witwatersrand;  
Kendal, Middelburg;  
Market Street West, Johannesburg;  
Meyer Street, Germiston, Witwatersrand;  
Rosettenville, Johannesburg; and  
Van Ryn, Witwatersrand.

Thirty-nine new Agencies or Non-Money Order Sub-Offices were also established at

Bandoier Kop,	Machavie,
Bezuidenhout Valley,	Malips Drift,
Boksburg North,	May,
Brakfontein,	Messina,
Brits,	Mountain View,
Brixton,	Old Town, Klerksdorp,
Burghershoop,	Rhodes Drift,
Bushluck Ridge,	Roodebank,
Bushmanskrantz,	Selous River,
Delmas,	Settlers,
Fortuna,	Silver Kop,
Gloria,	Stoffberg,
Hoogekraal,	Syferpan,
Klipriversoog,	Twenty-four Rivers,
Klipspruit,	Wagenpadspuit,
Larchney,	Weilaagte,
Les Marais,	Weltevreden,
Linden,	Willowdene,
Lyttelton Junction,	Wonderboom.
Mabies Kraal,	

Of these seven are in the District of Pretoria, five in that of Johannesburg, four in the Zoutpansberg, three each in Middelburg and Standerton, two each in Krugersdorp (rural), Rustenburg, Potchefstroom, Waterberg, and Witwatersrand, and one in each of the Carolina, Ermelo, Heidelberg, Lichtenburg, Lydenburg, Wakkerstroom, and Wolmaransstad Districts.

A Money Order Office was closed at the Cantonments, Middelburg, and seventeen Agencies and one Town Sub-Office were closed at

Boschpoort,	Klippoortje,
Driefontein,	La Rochelle,
Dwaalfontein,	Malopo,
Edenvale,	Molsgat,
Enkeldoorn,	Springbokflats,
Groenplaats,	Station Road (Middelburg),
Hoedspruit,	Treurfontein,
Indian Bazaar (Potchefstroom),	Vlaklaagte,
Klein Street (T.S.O.)	Withoek.
(Johannesburg),	

Balmoral, Brugspruit, Hartebeestfontein, and Ottoshoop were reduced from Head Offices to Money Order Sub-Offices (no branch of business being removed), and the Sub-Office at Oshoek was reduced to an Agency; while the Agencies at Barberspan, Breyten, Jacobsdal, Korannafontein, Primrose (Germiston), and Saulsdoort and the Town Sub-Office at Yeoville, were raised to the rank of Money Order Offices.

At the end of the year there were in the Transvaal 393 Post Offices of one class or another, being 12 more Money Order Offices and 15 more offices not transacting Money Order business than on 30th June, 1906, when the total number was 366. The increase in the number of offices since 1898 is 143.

Temporary Post Offices were provided for the Transvaal Bisley Meeting in April last and the Agricultural Society's Show at Johannesburg in May. Three Field Post Offices were also established in connection with the army manœuvres near Bronkhorstspuit in September, 1906.

Arrangements have been made for a Post and Telegraph Office to be open in the Government Buildings, Pretoria, whenever Parliament meets.

*Buildings.*—There are 59 Post Offices in Government Buildings and 22 are in rented premises.

New buildings have been erected at Pietersburg, Bethal, Zeerust, Vereeniging, Witbank, Benoni, East Rand, and Knights.

A new Court House has been built at Rustenburg, and the old Court House now forms part of the Post Office premises.

The new Postal Stores Building at Braamfontein was occupied in April last, a stores building, hired at a monthly rental of £65, being vacated in consequence.

*Posting Receptacles.*—Thirty-six posting receptacles have been added during the year, making the whole number now 515.

*Fire and Burglary.*—The Government Buildings at Middelburg, of which the Post Office occupied a part, were totally destroyed by fire on the 4th March, 1907. Many records and a quantity of postage and revenue stamps and Postal Orders were consumed. The approximate loss entailed was £265. Thanks to the efforts of the Postmaster and his staff, the public were put to no inconvenience, nor were the mails delayed. Small outbreaks of fire occurred at the General Post Office and at Jeppestown Branch Office. In the first case the fire was due to the fusing of electric light wires, and in the second case the cause of the outbreak is unknown. In both cases the damage was very slight. A fire at the Johannesburg Telephone Exchange is specially referred to in the Telephone Section of this Report.

The Post Office at Hillbrow, Johannesburg, was entered in the early hours of the morning of the 29th January, and an unsuccessful attempt was made to blow open the safe. The burglar was traced by means of the finger-print system, and was subsequently sentenced to four years' imprisonment with hard labour.

#### STAFF.

*Number and Distribution.*—There were 1,315 white officers on the 30th June, 1907, a decrease during the year of 10. The distribution on 30th June, 1906, and 30th June, 1907, is shown hereunder:—

	30th June, 1906.	30th June, 1907.
Chief Office .. .. .	138	138
Johannesburg (Circulation Office) .. .. .	272	255
„ Central Telegraph Office & Telephone Exchange	283	271
Pretoria .. .. .	144	142
Other Offices .. .. .	316	313
Engineers' Branch .. .. .	172	196
Totals .. .. .	1,325	1,315

In addition there were in the employment of the Department approximately 350 Sub-Postmasters, Post Agents, white mail cart drivers, etc. The Engineer's Staff will be considerably reduced on the completion of the underground telephone system and the dismantling of the overhead wires in Johannesburg.

On 30th June, 1907, five Indian clerks were engaged on duties at the counters of Indo-Native Offices, and 441 natives were employed, an increase of 22 natives in the year, being due to special telephone engineering work. The average monthly pay of the natives in this Department is £3 3s. 6d.

Of the 1,315 white officers, 1,054, or 80 per cent., were engaged in the Transvaal, being then unattached to any other service, and 63 others were likewise engaged here, but their transfer from overseas services was arranged. In addition, 198 have been appointed while in other services, of whom 40 were in South African services.

*Learners.*—Ninety-six learners were under tuition on the 30th June, 1907, as compared with 116 on 30th June, 1906. The decrease is due to the fact that several learners have been advanced to the rank of junior clerk, and in view of the slackness of business I have not thought it desirable to fill all their positions on the learners' class, from which there is a poor prospect of promotion within reasonable time. 339 boys and girls who have been trained in this Department in sorting, telegraph operating, and clerical duties are now in its service.

*Telephone Operators.*—In August last a trained lady Telephone Exchange Superintendent was appointed to take charge of the Johannesburg Exchange. Her appointment was necessitated by the employment of girl for male operators.

#### LEAVE.

YEAR.	NO. OF STAFF.	NO. OF ABSENCES.	DAYS OF ABSENCE FOR EACH CLASS OF LEAVE.					
			Sick.	Vacation and Annual.	Occasional.	Urgent Private Affairs.	Special, Enforced, etc.	Total No. of Days.
1905-6 ..	1,325	2,200	6,444	29,869	4,886	438	144	41,781
1906-7 ..	1,315	2,659	5,832	30,929	6,792	342	145	44,040
1905-6 ..	Average per Officer	..	4 86	26 23		44		31 53
1906-7 ..	Average per Officer	..	4 43	28 68		37		33 48

*Medical Officer.*—I much regret to report that Dr. D. W. Johnston died on 5th October, 1906. Dr. Johnston had held the appointment of Medical Officer to this Department from 1st February, 1902, and I desire to place on record my appreciation of the attention invariably given by him to the duties of the post.

After Dr. Johnston's death applications for the appointment were invited, opportunity being taken to effect an alteration in the method of remuneration by substituting a fixed sum (£500 per annum) for a payment of £1 per annum for each officer employed who was in receipt of a salary of not more than £440 per annum. The appointment was conferred by the Government on Dr. H. B. Currie, who took up his duties on 1st January, 1907. It should be mentioned that from 1st February, 1902, Dr. Currie was associated with the late Dr. Johnston in the performance of the duties.

Dr. Currie reports favourably on the health of the officers in his care and upon the sanitary conditions under which they work. There have been seven cases of serious illness, and a large number of minor cases in which the immediate attendance of the Medical Officer must have proved of great benefit to the patients and to the Department. The sick leave average is again lower than any previous record.

*Deaths.*—I have to report with regret the deaths of three officers of the Department during the year.

*Resignations and Dismissals.*—Ninety-seven officers resigned during the year; 94 were dismissed, nearly all of these being postmen, messengers, workmen, etc.; 4 were discharged on the ground of medical unfitness for further service; 33 temporary officers were discharged on the completion of the work for which they were engaged.

*Pensions and Gratuities.*—No pensions were awarded, but gratuities were given in four cases of retirement owing to ill-health, the total amount paid being £418 14s. 4d.

An officer who retired on the ground of ill-health on 16th September, 1904, was awarded a further gratuity of £43 16s. on the 27th November, 1906, on account of payment for leave due to him at the time of his retirement.

*Payments to the Staff.*—

	1905-6.	1906-7.
Salaries, Wages, etc. . . . .	£325,370 18 6	£330,738 19 5
<i>Including Overtime, Sunday and Bank Holiday Pay</i>	9,125 3 11	5,645 10 3
Married Allowances . . . . .	9,394 8 6	10,469 13 7
Unhealthy District Allowance . . . . .	296 6 11	208 3 6

*Badges for Postmen.*—On 30th June, 1907, each of fourteen postmen had earned two good conduct stripes, and each of fifteen others had one. Twenty-three stripes were granted during the year. A stripe carries additional remuneration of £12 per annum.

*Insurance, Provident Society, Library, etc.*—The arrangements made for the regular deductions from salaries of Insurance premiums at the request of the officers concerned still work satisfactorily.

The Provident Society established within the Department continues to be well supported. Its membership is now 511. One member died at the close of the financial year in distressing circumstances while proceeding to Holland on vacation leave. His membership of the Society assures a payment of over a hundred pounds to his family, the proceeds of a call upon members.

I have established a Benevolent Fund from which to meet urgent cases of distress among officers owing to illness, etc., and it has already proved a boon. The small sum necessary for its working has been entirely provided from the fines imposed upon officers for various irregularities.

The Free Library and Reading Room, established in 1905-6 in Johannesburg, also from the Fines Fund, continues to be much used, and a similar convenience has been provided for the Pretoria Staff.

The Refreshment Room in the General Post Office is well patronised and successfully managed.

*Inspection.*—All Money Order Offices and many Post Agencies have been visited, the accounts checked, and all details of the work inspected. No irregularities calling for special mention were disclosed.

*Discipline.*—With a few exceptions, the discipline of the service has been good.

Instructions were issued to Postmasters to act as agents in advising movements of locust swarms during the visitation in the early months of 1907.

### MAILS.

BELOW IS A RETURN OF ALL MAIL MATTER HANDLED IN THE DEPARTMENT DURING 1906-7 AND IN THE PRECEDING FINANCIAL YEAR.

1. Articles posted in the Transvaal for Delivery within the Colony.—

	1905-6.	1906-7.
Letters and Postcards . . . . .	15,576,915	15,853,330
Registered Packets . . . . .	264,204	374,373
Newspapers, Samples, etc. . . . .	1,646,268	5,323,359
Parcels . . . . .	108,570	115,766
	20,595,957	21,770,828

2. Articles posted in the Transvaal for Destinations in other Countries.—

	1905-6.	1906-7.
Letters and Postcards . . . . .	10,776,179	8,660,334
Registered Packets . . . . .	209,871	196,557
Newspapers, Samples, etc. . . . .	1,886,593	2,293,785
Parcels . . . . .	66,329	70,055
	12,938,972	11,220,731

## 3. Articles received in the Transvaal from other Countries.—

	1905-6.	1906-7.
Letters and Postcards .. .. .	10,961,245	11,429,413
Registered Packets .. .. .	155,979	153,299
Newspapers, Samples, etc. .. .. .	5,027,696	5,574,956
Parcels .. .. .	234,018	194,980
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	16,378,938	17,352,648
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Total .. .. .	49,913,867	50,344,267

An inconsiderable increase upon last year of less than 1 per cent. is shown in this statement, the decrease of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. in exchanges with other countries being slightly more than balanced by the increase of about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. in correspondence which was both posted and delivered in the Transvaal. The purely Transvaal mail matter is now 43 per cent. of the whole, the proportion having grown from 26 per cent. in 1902-3, 34 per cent. in 1903-4, 37 per cent. in 1904-5, and 41 per cent. last year.

The most notable decreases in the figures for 1905-6 are in the numbers of letters posted in the Transvaal for other countries, and of parcels received here from other countries, the falling off in these items being respectively about 20 per cent. and 17 per cent. On the other hand, it will be observed that the circulation of printed matter, samples, etc., within the Colony has increased by 19 per cent.

On the 18th March, 1907, no fewer than 21,746 registered articles were dealt with at the Johannesburg Office, the bulk of them, having reference to company affairs, being for inclusion in the Oversea Mail.

*Deliveries.*—The monthly delivery in Johannesburg is now about 440,000 articles. In some country towns a slightly increased use is made of the postman, while in others there are fewer articles delivered by hand than formerly. Next to Johannesburg, Pretoria, and Germiston, in the number of articles carried to the addressees, comes Potchefstroom, whose residents receive in this manner about 12,000 articles a month; other towns to which this facility has been given make very little use of it.

*Express Delivery.*—The Express Delivery Service referred to in my report for last year has been very little used, although its advantages as an economical, reliable, and speedy means of transmitting letters and parcels throughout the Colony have been made widely known to the public.

*Railway Post Letters.*—The arrangement with the Central South African Railways under which letters are accepted from the public at Booking Offices for conveyance from station to station appears to be becoming better known. About 300 letters a week are so conveyed.

*Mail Services.*—The mileage of postal routes open on 30th June, 1907, was:

Rail .. .. .	1,486 miles
Cart .. .. .	1,100 „
Runner .. .. .	2,217 „

Lists of the services are in Annexures A and A 1.

*Private Boxes.*—Hereunder is a statement comparing the numbers of private boxes available and in actual use on the 30th June, 1906, and 30th June, 1907:—

	NUMBER OF BOXES.		NUMBER IN USE.	
	June 30, 1906.	June 30, 1907.	June 30, 1906.	June 30, 1907.
Johannesburg .. .. .	7,900	7,090	6,465	5,541
Pretoria .. .. .	1,550	1,550	1,249	1,109
Other Offices .. .. .	7,317	7,547	5,185	5,255
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	15,867	16,097	12,899	11,905

*Private Bags.*—212 bags are now rented; a year ago the number was 188.

*Returned Letter Office.*—782,303 articles were forwarded to the Returned Letter Office in 1906-7, being 15.5 per thousand of all the mail articles handled. 51,354 articles were returned direct to the senders by Postmasters in accordance with requests on covers.

Of the letters received in this office, 29 per cent. remained finally undeliverable and unreturnable to the senders.

Coin and other valuables worth £7,458 2s. 8d. were found in Returned Letter Office packets.

## MONEY ORDERS.

*Transactions.*—The following statement gives the transactions for each month of the year, the totals being compared with those for 1905-6 :—

MONTH.	ISSUED.		PAID.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
1906.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
July .. .. .	21,021	107,825 15 10	8,481	41,171 3 8
August .. .. .	20,688	108,499 14 4	8,463	41,781 17 0
September .. .. .	20,525	105,384 0 0	8,126	39,757 2 2
October .. .. .	20,539	106,601 3 4	8,703	44,041 18 4
November .. .. .	22,321	114,705 0 10	8,082	41,452 4 7
December .. .. .	23,941	117,437 6 1	8,756	42,975 2 8
1907.				
January .. .. .	17,945	96,393 12 7	8,163	40,348 4 1
February .. .. .	18,425	98,839 15 2	7,630	37,708 3 7
March .. .. .	19,943	106,557 4 10	8,337	42,876 19 1
April .. .. .	18,967	102,329 17 10	8,414	44,495 0 1
May .. .. .	18,540	100,743 1 4	8,247	42,860 11 1
June .. .. .	18,759	100,225 19 5	8,236	41,805 4 0
TOTALS, 1906-7 .. ..	241,614	£1,265,542 11 7	99,632	£501,273 10 4
TOTALS, 1905-6 .. ..	280,364	1,370,229 17 0	96,056	461,020 15 11
Decrease .. .. .	—	—	3,576	£40,252 14 5
Decrease .. .. .	38,750	£104,687 5 5	—	—

The above figures comprise both Ordinary and Telegraph Orders.

There was again a steady growth of work as regards Money Orders paid, while the Money Orders issued fell off both in number and amount. This is accounted for to a considerable extent by the increasing use of Postal Orders for the transmission of small sums.

*Comparative Statements of Money Orders* issued in and paid in the Transvaal are hereunder :—

ISSUED IN TRANSVAAL FOR PAYMENT IN	1905-6.		1906-7.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
TRANSVAAL .. .. .	59,162	£ 287,325 2 8	64,176	£ 327,965 0 7
Cape Colony (including St. Helena, German South-West Africa, and Zanzibar) .. .. .	47,337	222,218 12 4	43,613	215,356 13 8
Natal (including British Central Africa, British East Africa, Ceylon, and Mauritius) ..	16,692	87,280 7 4	15,874	88,267 4 11
Orange River Colony .. ..	4,978	25,729 2 7	4,987	27,846 13 5
Rhodesia .. .. .	523	3,471 0 4	501	3,277 10 1
Province of Mozambique ..	653	3,325 2 3	662	3,977 15 7
India .. .. .	8,119	130,614 1 10	6,932	116,267 13 4
Australia .. .. .	8,826	47,724 3 6	6,572	32,207 0 6
New Zealand .. .. .	616	3,222 15 3	554	3,333 9 10
Hong Kong .. .. .	132	843 0 11	133	984 5 7
Canada .. .. .	557	2,832 18 8	453	2,551 5 3
United States of America ..	3,310	9,732 10 9	3,115	8,907 0 10
Germany .. .. .	4,497	19,780 16 1	4,431	17,751 17 5
Austria .. .. .	—	—	785	3,348 11 2
United Kingdom (including other countries not specially mentioned)	124,962	£526,119 4 6	88,826	£413,500 9 5
Decrease .. .. .	280,364	£1,370,229 17 0	241,614	£1,265,542 11 7
Decrease .. .. .	—	—	38,750	104,687 5 5

PAID IN TRANSVAAL AND ISSUED IN ..	1905-6.		1906-7.	
	No.	Amount.	No	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
TRANSVAAL .. .. .	59,109	287,090 8 11	64,011	327,285 11 5
Cape Colony (including St. Helena, German South-West Africa, and Zanzibar) .. .. .	15,853	74,436 16 1	15,982	73,655 11 6
Natal (including British Central Africa, British East Africa, Ceylon, and Mauritius) ..	5,004	22,129 3 8	4,235	20,293 1 6
Orange River Colony .. ..	5,015	26,414 4 6	4,486	24,916 7 3
Rhodesia .. .. .	1,484	6,998 16 5	2,008	9,456 3 2
Province of Mozambique .. ..	239	679 6 ..	305	883 1 3
India .. .. .	126	549 7 6	173	736 6 0
Australia .. .. .	570	2,409 7 6	627	2,636 12 6
New Zealand .. .. .	139	707 2 3	176	763 11 9
Hong Kong .. .. .	8	62 15 7	4	3 2 0
Canada .. .. .	133	670 17 11	148	601 2 8
United States of America ..	490	1,946 15 10	656	3,370 12 7
Germany .. .. .	260	1,888 18 5	299	2,003 1 9
Austria .. .. .	—	—	40	251 2 4
United Kingdom (including other countries not specially mentioned)	7,626	35,036 15 2	6,482	34,418 2 8
	96,056	£461,020 15 11	99,632	£501,275 10 4
Increase .. .. .	—	—	3,576	40,252 14 5

Points worthy of note in the foregoing figures are the large decrease in the number and amount of Orders drawn on the United Kingdom, which is only partially accounted for by the issue of British Postal Orders in lieu of Money Orders; the decreases in the amounts remitted to India and Australia; and the increase of purely Transvaal business, which is also indicated in the Mail Returns.

Orders issued here in time to reach the United Kingdom for Christmas, 1906, numbered 9,760 and were of the value of £41,377; for the previous year the corresponding figures were 11,771 and £45,511.

*Average Amount.*—Each Order issued averaged £5 4s. 9d., and each Order paid £5 0s. 7d. The figures for the previous year were £4 17s. 9d. and £4 16s. respectively.

*Commission.*—The total amount of Money Order commission received from the public during the year was £16,991 13s. 9d., of which there was paid to revenue £12,026 6s. 9d., and to other countries £4,965 7s. A sum of £877 3s. 4d. was received from other countries as Money Order commission and paid to revenue.

*Money Order Offices.*—The number of offices open on the last day of the financial year was 124, an increase of 11 during the year.

*Extension of Service.*—A convention for the direct exchange of Money Orders between Austria and the Transvaal came into operation on the 1st of October, 1906. Formerly such Orders were exchanged through the London Office. The new arrangement gives the public a better and somewhat cheaper service.

The proposed Money Order Convention between France and the Transvaal has not yet been signed, but I trust it will be found practicable to introduce the new arrangement early in the financial year 1907-8. No further information has been received from Holland and Italy in regard to the direct exchanges with the Transvaal which this Department proposed.

The Money Order system was also extended during the year to the British Postal Agencies in Morocco, to Japanese Saghalien, and to certain places in Manchuria.

*Free Money Orders.*—From the 1st of June, 1907, persons remitting taxes and licenses to any Government Officer have been permitted to do so by means of ordinary Money Orders free of charge.

*Advices of Payment.*—On the 1st of April, 1907, an arrangement was introduced under which the remitter of a Money Order may obtain advice of its payment at a charge of 3d. On the 1st of June an advice of payment system by telegraph was introduced. The fee for a telegraphic advice of payment of an order issued in the Transvaal, and payable in the Transvaal itself, the Cape Colony, Natal, the Orange River Colony, or the District of Lourenco Marques is 1s. 6d.; for an Order payable in Southern Rhodesia it is 3s., and for an Order payable in North-Eastern Rhodesia 7s. 6d. Owing to the introduction of the advice of payment system, the arrangement under which the remitters of telegraph Money Orders were advised if the Orders remained unpaid at the expiration of twenty-eight days from the date of issue was abolished.

*Void Money Orders.*—The value of the Money Orders surrendered to the Treasury as void during the year was £552 10s. 2d. The amount was treated as an Appropriation-in-Aid of the Department's Vote. For the previous year the amount was £608 4s.

#### POSTAL ORDERS.

There was again a very large increase of Postal Order business.

*Issues.*—The number of Postal Orders issued was 370,361, and their face value was £220,561 11s. 6d. The figures for 1905-6 were 265,000 and £151,163 5s. 6d. respectively.



*Payments.*—260,432 Postal Orders of a face value of £147,313 12s. 6d. were paid during the year as compared with 197,196 Orders and £110,211 4s. 6d. value in 1905-6. Postage stamps of the value of £153 9s. 1d. were affixed to these Orders to make up broken amounts.

Further information regarding Postal Orders will be found in Annexure B.

*Poundage.*—The total amount paid to revenue was £3,288 18s. 5d., an increase of £1,041 6s. 6d. on the amount received during 1905-6. It has been already pointed out that a considerable sum which was formerly forwarded by means of Money Orders is now forwarded in the form of Postal Orders.

*Extension of Service.*—On the 1st of October, 1906, the Cape Colony Post Office began to issue and pay British Postal Orders, and at the same time it introduced the arrangement under which Postage Stamps may be affixed to a Postal Order to make up a broken amount. As British Postal Orders were cashed at par in Cape Colony, while a second commission was charged on Transvaal Postal Orders payable there, I found it necessary to advise the Transvaal public to use British Orders when remitting small sums to persons in that Colony.

On the 1st of April 1907, the Post Office of Southern Rhodesia began to issue and pay British Postal Orders, and from the same date it ceased to levy a second commission for cashing Transvaal Postal Orders.

*Abolition of Transvaal Postal Orders.*—During the year under review this Department continued to issue both Transvaal and British Postal Orders. The Transvaal Order is not payable outside South Africa; the British Order is payable not only in South Africa, but in the United Kingdom and in practically every British possession except Canada and Australia.

It has been found that Transvaal Postal Orders have frequently been forwarded to overseas countries with consequent inconvenience both to remitters and payees, and so far as this Department itself is concerned the issue of only one kind of Order would result in an appreciable saving of accounting work. With the concurrence of the Government it was arranged that no more Transvaal Postal Orders should be issued after the 30th of June, 1907. At the same time it was decided that the rates of poundage on Postal Orders issued on and after the 1st of July, 1907, should be:—

For Orders up to 2s. 6d. inclusive .. .. .	1d.
„ „ from 3s. to 10s. 6d. .. .. .	2d.
„ „ above 10s. 6d. .. .. .	3d.

These rates are those which were charged for Transvaal Postal Orders, except that the poundage on Orders for 3s., 3s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d., and 5s. has been raised from 1d. to 2d. On the other hand, the rates formerly charged for British Postal Orders have been reduced on most denominations.

It has also been arranged to reduce the charge levied when a Postal Order is presented for payment after the lapse of three months from the last day of the month of issue to the following:—

On orders up to 2s. 6d. inclusive .. .. .	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.
„ „ from 3s. to 15s. inclusive .. .. .	1d.
„ „ above 15s. .. .. .	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.

#### SAVINGS BANK.

*Transactions.*—The continued depression is reflected in the Savings Bank figures for the year.

It will be seen from the following statement that the excess of deposits over withdrawals was only £10,234 13s. 5d., as against £172,070 12s. 11d. during the previous financial year. In May the effect of the Miners' Strike was very noticeable, the excess of withdrawals over deposits during that month being nearly £38,000.

MONTH.	DEPOSITS.		WITHDRAWALS.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
1906.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
July .. .. .	12,745	150,696 16 0	6,118	115,783 11 4
August .. .. .	11,834	134,976 13 0	6,518	116,282 8 7
September .. .. .	10,737	118,099 11 9	6,443	106,783 8 9
October .. .. .	10,816	116,140 17 4	6,299	104,098 14 7
November .. .. .	10,764	119,534 2 3	5,837	110,743 18 11
December .. .. .	8,824	93,022 2 3	7,079	102,385 8 1
1907.				
January .. .. .	10,932	109,159 1 9	5,693	102,956 11 0
February .. .. .	11,157	111,642 3 5	5,165	103,027 19 7
March .. .. .	11,011	104,260 15 1	6,376	122,680 7 3
April .. .. .	10,704	107,817 6 6	5,990	122,655 8 1
May .. .. .	10,284	104,130 12 10	6,378	142,024 11 4
June .. .. .	10,268	96,584 17 9	5,722	106,407 19 0
TOTALS, 1906-7 .. .. .	130,016	£1,366,064 19 11	73,618	£1,355,830 6 6
TOTALS, 1905-6 .. .. .	133,473	£1,426,581 0 5	67,564	£1,254,510 7 6
Increase .. .. .	—	—	6,054	£101,319 19 0
Decrease .. .. .	3,457	£60,516 0 6	—	—

*Number of Accounts, Etc.*—The number of accounts open on the 30th of June, 1907, was 51,022, as compared with 47,092 on the same day in the previous year. During 1906-7, 21,024 accounts were opened and 17,094 closed.

The average amount standing to the credit of each depositor was £26 6s. 8d., a reduction of £1 or the amount at the close of the previous year. The average amounts of deposits and withdrawals were £10 10s. 1d. and £18 8s. 4d. respectively. Both of these amounts are slightly lower than those for 1905-6.

*Number of Offices.*—On the 30th June, 1907, there were 124 Post Offices at which Savings Bank business is transacted, as compared with 113 on the same day in 1906.

*Cross Entry System.*—There were 24,114 deposits and 20,151 withdrawals made at offices other than those at which the accounts were opened. These figures show a fair increase over those for 1905-6, and this I regard as an indication that depositors are becoming alive to the fact that they may deposit or withdraw money at any Post Office Savings Bank in the Colony.

*Progress.*—A return of the transactions of the Bank yearly since its establishment appears as Annexure C. The balance due to depositors is now £1,343,643 14s. 4d.

*Special and Telegraphic Withdrawals.*—The following statement gives particulars of the withdrawals by the special and telegraph systems, in comparison with such withdrawals during 1905-6 :—

YEAR.	SPECIAL WITHDRAWALS.		TELEGRAPH WITHDRAWALS.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1906-7 .. .. .	24,211	388,257 5 2	17,801	293,939 0 5
1905-6 .. .. .	24,469	422,484 13 3	16,910	268,916 1 5
Increase .. .. .	—	—	891	£28,022 19 0
Decrease .. .. .	258	£34,217 8 1	—	—

£1,210 11s., special withdrawal fees, was carried to Savings Bank Revenue, and £1,780 2s. to Telegraph Revenue for telegraph withdrawals.

Among other items of Savings Bank Revenue during the year, £32 15s. was collected for 262 books issued to replace books lost by depositors; £41 9s. in fees for 829 cases of accounts being closed within a month of the date of opening; and £6 16s. from the sale of 272 covers for Deposit Books.

*Deceased Depositors.*—The accounts of 138 deceased depositors with £8,957 16s. 6d. to their credit were closed during the year.

*Society Accounts.*—During the year 27 accounts were opened on behalf of societies, and 15 were closed. There were 94 such accounts open at the close of the year, having to their credit an amount of £15,232 16s.

*Accounts of Chinese Labourers.*—The Bank has considerably extended its operations amongst the Chinese. On the 30th June, 1906, they had 108 accounts, and the total amount to credit was £1,314 14s. 3d. During 1906-7 there were 972 deposits, amounting to £9,909 17s., and 132 withdrawals of £2,502 2s. 5d. in all. At the close of the year the number of accounts open was 560, and the amount due to the depositors (including £110 9s. interest) was £8,832 17s. 10d. The success or non-success of the Savings Bank on any mine is found to depend entirely upon the interest or lack of interest which is taken in the matter by the officers in charge of the Chinese.

*Transfers to and from other Government Savings Banks.*—The system of transfers was extended to the Post Office Savings Bank of the Orange River Colony and the Government Savings Bank of Natal on the 1st of October, 1906, and it is probable that the system will be adopted by the Post Office Savings Banks of Cape Colony and Southern Rhodesia in the near future. The following transfers were made during the year :—

	UNITED KINGDOM.		ORANGE RIVER COLONY.		NATAL.		TOTALS.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
From the Transvaal .. ..	965	86,144 8 9	75	2,431 9 3	37	1,940 17 5	1,077	90,516 15 5
To the Transvaal .. ..	192	10,083 8 5	61	2,766 5 3	48	1,897 12 1	301	14,747 5 9
Balance from the Transvaal	773	£76,061 0 4	4	—	—	£43 5 4	776	£75,769 9 8
Balance to the Transvaal	—	—	—	£334 16 0	11	—	—	—

*Proposed Amending Savings Bank Bill.*—I regret that the Government has not yet found it possible owing to the great pressure in the first Session of Parliament to deal with this Bill, but I trust that it will shortly come before Parliament, as it provides additional facilities which appear to be needed by the public.

*Financial Position.*—The position of the Bank on the 30th June, 1907, is here shown:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance due to depositors on 1st July, 1906 .. .. .	1,287,119	18	9				
„ cash received from depositors from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907 .. .. .	1,366,064	19	11				
„ interest on depositors' accounts, calculated to 30th June, 1907 .. .. .	46,289	2	2				
	£2,699,474	0	10				
					£	s.	d.
By repayments from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907 .. .. .				1,352,036	8	9	
„ warrants issued but not paid on 30th June, 1907 .. .. .				3,793	17	9	
				1,355,830	6	6	
„ balance due to depositors on 30th June, 1907, including interest .. .. .				1,343,643	14	4	
				£2,699,474	0	10	

*Revenue and Expenditure.*—At the close of the year the funds in the possession of the Investment Board amounted to £1,377,855 13s. 11d. This amount, it will be observed, is in excess of that due to depositors, the excess of withdrawals over deposits during May and June having been temporarily advanced from ordinary Post Office funds. The necessary adjustment has since been made. From the following statement it will be seen that the profit on the year's working was £15,051 13s. 10d.

REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Interest on Bonds .. .. .	72,244	3	2	Interest allowed to Depositors .. .. .	46,289	2	2
Miscellaneous Receipts .. .. .	1,293	4	6	Working Expenses .. .. .	12,196	11	8
				Balance—net profit .. .. .	15,051	13	10
	£73,537	7	8		£73,537	7	8

The profit is greater by £1,612 1s. 6d. than it was in the previous year.

The cost of each transaction was a little under 1s. 2½d. This figure is fractionally less than that of the previous year.

#### TELEGRAPHS.

*Offices.*—Telegraph business was extended to 21 Post Offices during the year, and nine offices were closed. The total number of Public Telegraph Offices in the Transvaal, on the 30th June, 1907, was 254, of which 126 were Postal Telegraph Offices (44 being worked by telephone) and 128 Railway Telegraph Offices.

*Number of Messages.*—The subjoined table shows a decrease in the number of messages, which is undoubtedly principally due to the general depression in business, but to a limited extent also to the growing use of the Telephone System.

	1905-6.	1906-7.
Forwarded Inland .. .. .	1,266,751	1,187,070
„ Cablegrams .. .. .	59,015	51,048
Transmitted, all classes .. .. .	979,525	967,440
Received .. .. .	1,289,544	1,236,306
Totals .. .. .	3,594,835	3,441,864

For purposes of comparison transmitted telegrams are each reckoned as one message and a half, and the numbers of messages dealt with in the last three years are thus:—

1904-5 .. .. .	3,858,643
1905-6 .. .. .	4,084,597
1906-7 .. .. .	3,925,584

*Revenue.*—There is a decline in telegraph revenue for the year of £13,094 8s. 9d.

The total value of Government telegrams despatched without payment during 1906-7 was £16,469 0s. 8d., of which the Army share amounted to £1,903 3s. 9d.

Fees for the registration of telegraphic addresses amounted to £2,654 13s., a decrease from last year's total of £184 2s.

A comparative statement of telegraph and telephone earnings for the past three years is hereunder :—

	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7
Telegraph Revenue .. ..	£108,374 19 6	£93,238 18 5	£80,234 9 8
Telephone .. ..	45,836 10 0	54,582 10 0	59,186 9 8
Total Revenue .. ..	£154,211 9 6	£147,821 8 5	£139,420 19 4
Government Telegrams .. ..	£16,019 9 0	£11,127 13 0	£16,469 0 8
„ Telephones .. ..	5,772 2 10	6,724 14 8	7,735 17 4
Total Earnings .. ..	£176,003 1 4	£165,673 16 1	£163,625 17 4

*Cablegrams.*—The value of the cable traffic from the whole of South Africa has again fallen below £300,000, and this Department has accordingly paid to the Cable Company a portion of the subsidy, agreed upon in that contingency, amounting to £4,639 7s. 10d. The maximum amount which this Colony can be called upon to pay towards the subsidy is £5,000. A proportion of this amount may, however, be regarded as a set-off against the favourable arrangement under which Government cablegrams are charged for by the Cable Company at half the ordinary rates.

The land charges upon cablegrams, retained by the Transvaal, brought in a revenue of £2,749 7s. during the year; or 12 18s. less than in 1905-6.

*Traffic.*—During the year temporary offices were opened at the Wanderers' Grounds, eight times; the racecourse, seventeen times; and also at the Johannesburg Agricultural Show Grounds, Transvaal Bisley, and the Military Manoeuvres near Bronkhorstspuit.

During the Parliamentary elections the increase of "Press" work was considerable. From Pretoria, between 18th January and 21st February, 1907, 250,000 words of Press news were despatched. At Johannesburg 50,000 words were dealt with during one night. On Polling Day arrangements were made for every Telegraph Office in the Colony to remain open until the Polling Officers' returns were telegraphed, or until it was known that such returns would not be available.

The general working of the telegraph lines throughout the Colony during the year has been satisfactory. During October, 1906, severe storms caused several interruptions, but owing to the rapidity with which repairs were effected, very little delay occurred. A heavy storm in Pretoria, on the 13th November, caused a serious breakdown to all the town lines.

*Messengers.*—The system of payment for each telegram delivered, instead of fixed wages, continues to promote economy and ensure more speedy delivery.

It has been difficult to induce messengers to take advantage of the special educational facilities which are offered to them, but I am glad to note a considerable improvement in this direction recently.

*Construction.*—The following additions have been made to the Telegraph System during the year :—

Line .. ..	343 yards,
Wire .. ..	30 miles 1,357 „

making the totals to date under this head :—

Line .. ..	2,491 miles 147 yards.
Wire .. ..	9,769 „ 668 „

There is also a length of underground cable 5 miles 148 yards long, containing 139 miles 834 yards of wire.

This Department took over the apparatus on the Klerksdorp-Fourteen Streams Railway line on the 1st November, 1906, and now maintains both the apparatus and the telegraph lines between these points.

#### TELEPHONES.

The growth of the Telephone System from the 30th June, 1906, to the 30th June, 1907, is shown in the following statement :—

DISTRICT.	POLE ROUTE.		CABLE.		WIRE.	
	Miles.	Yards.	Miles.	Yards.	Miles.	Yards.
Johannesburg .. ..	574	1721	61	1073	24,397	250
Pretoria .. ..	98	1101	4	1605	1,791	1515
Elsewhere .. ..	9	1526	—	—	55	325
TOTALS, 1906-7 .. ..	683	828	66	918	26,244	330
TOTALS, 1905-6 .. ..	515	634	37	653	16,892	831
Increase .. ..	168	194	29	265	9,351	1259

There were also on 30th June, 1907, 276 private wires and 19 extensions of such wires, measuring 16 miles 1,208 yards of line and 198 miles 1,672 yards of wire.

327 Exchange connections and 163 extensions were added during the year, the numbers of these being now respectively 2,626 and 958, divided as follows:—

EXCHANGE.	ORDINARY CONNECTIONS.		GOVERNMENT CONNECTIONS.	
	Exchange.	Extensions.	Exchange.	Extensions.
Johannesburg .. ..	1,723	656	112	100
Pretoria .. .. .	297	39	120	111
Germiston .. .. .	84	12	9	1
Boksburg .. .. .	53	12	13	3
Krugersdorp .. ..	36	19	9	1
Roodepoort .. ..	39	1	3	1
Klerksdorp .. ..	39	—	12	—
Pietersburg .. ..	64	5	13	3
	2,335	738	291	220

There are now in the Transvaal 66 Public Call Offices; 41 of these are on the Witwatersrand and 4 in Pretoria. Pietersburg is the centre of a system including Smitsdrift, Klipdam, Dwaars River, Bantolier Kop, Fort Edward, Louis Trichardt, Haenertsburg, New Agatha, Thabana, and Leydsdorp; Klerksdorp is connected with Hartebeestfontein, Korannafontein, Wolmaransstad, and Maquassi; and Johannesburg is the trunk centre for Vereeniging, Nigel, Heidelberg, Standerton, and Volksrust. The line Pretoria to Zeerust, via Rustenburg, is also approaching completion at the end of the year, and the connection of Klerksdorp and Potchefstroom with the Johannesburg system will be achieved within a few months.

The line to Natal will be opened in September, conversation having already been successfully carried on between Johannesburg, Pietermaritzburg, and Durban. Existing telegraph wires have been used for this line, and the cost has therefore been small. Probably the opening of this important line will lead to a demand for telephonic facilities in towns on the route.

It will be seen that some progress has been made in the direction of connecting country districts with their market centres, and much more could be done if money were available. That the service is of considerable benefit to farmers and other residents in the country is proved by the use they have made of it where communication has been established for some time. I trust that it will be found practicable for a small sum of money to be voted every year for extending the system, so that eventually all small towns in the Transvaal may be in telephonic communication with each other, and with Pretoria and Johannesburg and many villages with their nearest market towns.

*Other Construction.*—From Johannesburg there have been provided during the year 3 additional trunk lines to Pretoria, 4 to Germiston, 2 to Krugersdorp, 2 to Roodepoort, and 6 to Boksburg, greatly facilitating communication between these centres.

The reconstruction of the Pretoria-Johannesburg trunk line has been completed, and the additional accommodation and alterations have resulted in a much improved service. Provision has also been made for the accommodation of additional wires on this route when they are needed.

Work on the authorised extensions of the underground system in Johannesburg has been pushed forward, and during the year cables of a length of 29 miles 265 yards have been laid, carrying 7,979 miles 183 yards of wire.

There has been much delay in the receipt of material and plant for the new Telephone Exchange at Johannesburg; but it is expected that the transfer from the old to the new Exchange will be made during October.

Twelve "Police Alarm" circuits were brought into use in Johannesburg during the year.

*Revenue.*—The Telephone Revenue for 1906-7 was £59,186 9s. 8d., an increase upon that for 1905-6 of £4,603 19s. 8d.

*General.*—There are 1,835 Exchange connections at Johannesburg, and the number of calls for the year totalled, approximately, 9,000,000. At Pretoria there are 417 Exchange connections; the number of calls for the year totalled, approximately, 1,500,000.

A fire occurred at the Johannesburg Telephone Exchange on Saturday the 8th February. It was caused by contact between a telephone wire and the electric lighting mains in Percy Street, Yeoville. One of the operators cycled for the Fire Brigade, whilst others were despatched to advise the members of the Engineering Branch. The fire was actually discovered at 2.25 p.m., and was extinguished by the Fire Brigade at 2.45 p.m. During this time, however, damage was done which caused the whole of the system to be interrupted. Arrangements were made to carry on the work of restoration at once and without intermission, and by 8 a.m. on the 10th 500 subscribers were reconnected, by 1 p.m. 724, by 5 p.m. 1,162, by 11 p.m. 1,450, and at 4.30 a.m. on the 11th all connections were restored.

The subsequent renewal of certain badly burnt sections of the cables, etc., caused some inconvenience to subscribers; but this was unavoidable.

So long as the aerial telephone wires in Johannesburg remain there is constant risk of contact with electric light and power lines, and the danger of a repetition of the fire at the Exchange is ever present.

Copper wire has been stolen from the lines on several occasions; the thefts have been reported to the Police, and every effort has been made to bring the offenders to justice. One thief was convicted, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

*Revenue.*—The revenue during 1906-7 amounted to £395,605 8s. 2d., a falling off of £16,535 8s. 4d. from that of the previous financial year. Postal revenue proper showed a decrease of £8,134 19s. 3d., and telegraph revenue the still more substantial decrease of £13,004 8s. 9d. On the other hand, telephone revenue rose by £4,603 19s. 8d. I ascribe the falling off in revenue to the severe financial depression which existed throughout the year now under review. It is to be noted that some transference of revenue from telegraphs to telephones is a probable consequence of the extension of the telephone system throughout the country.

*Expenditure.*—The expenditure amounted to £410,081 14s. 3d., £3,654 11s. less than that for the previous financial year.

The balance against the Department on the year's work on a cash basis was therefore £14,476 6s. 1d. The usual comparative statements of revenue and expenditure will be found in Annexures D and E.

*Salaries.*—80·7 per cent. of the total working expenditure represents salaries, wages, and allowances. This is an increase of 2·1 per cent. on the proportion for 1905-6, but as I pointed out last year there are many officers in the Department drawing salaries on incremental scales.

*Swaziland.*—The revenue received from Post Offices in Swaziland and paid over to the Secretary for that territory amounted to £958 14s. 5d. The expenditure on these offices was £1,661 5s. 4d., which was refunded to this Department by the Secretary for Swaziland, and treated as an appropriation-in-aid of the Post Office Vote.

*Free Services.*—The value of the services rendered free to other Government Departments during 1906-7 was £47,645 0s. 6d., made up thus:—

Postage on Letters, etc.	.. .. .	£20,579	2	0
Telegrams	.. .. .	16,206	1	6
Telephones	.. .. .	7,846	1	4
Private Boxes and Bags	.. .. .	395	13	0
Abbreviated Addresses	.. .. .	1,564	13	11
Commission on free Money Orders	.. .. .	291	16	6
Charge of 1 per cent. on Internal Revenue collected	.. .. .	761	12	3
		£47,645	0	6

The total is £8,248 10s. 4d. greater than that for the previous financial year.

On the other side of the account the principal services rendered free to the Post Office were those of the Government Printer (£7,012 6s. 2d.) and the Public Works Department (£13,337 11s. 6d.).

*Collections for other Departments.*—The amount of the Customs Dues collected during the year on dutiable parcels and packets was £37,586 7s., as compared with £35,260 14s. 2d. during 1905-6.

The collections of Internal Revenue made by the Post Office amounted to £76,164 8s. 6d., made up thus:—

Revenue Stamps sold	.. .. .	£74,988	2	0
" " (Swaziland)	.. .. .	3	5	6
Dog Licences issued	.. .. .	94	7	0
Game Licences issued	.. .. .	985	10	0
Farm Taxes collected	.. .. .	93	4	0
		£76,164	8	6

This amount is £10,348 9s. 6d. less than that for 1905-6. There was a decrease under each head of receipt, except Game Licences. The introduction of the system under which taxes may be remitted by free Money Orders led to the abolition, on the 31st December, 1906, of the direct collection of Farm Taxes at Post Offices.

*Profit and Loss Account.*—After making allowance for the various services rendered free of charge by and to the Post Office, the loss on the working of the Department for the year may be taken as slightly over £19,000. A Profit and Loss Account forms Annexure F, and Annexure F. 1 is a summary of such Accounts from 1900-1.

*Capital Account.*—A Capital Account for Telegraphs and Telephones appears as Annexure G. The capital expenditure for the year was almost entirely in connection with the extension of the telephone system, £64,122 15s. 5d. being spent on such works out of a total of £66,090 10s. 6d. for the year.

Some progress has been made by the Engineers in revaluing the Department's telegraph and telephone systems, and I hope to have the work completed during 1907-8.

J. FRANK CROWN,

Postmaster-General.

## Appendix A.

## MAIL CART CONTRACTS IN FORCE ON THE 30TH JUNE. 1907.

ROUTE.	PERIOD OF CONTRACT.		FREQUENCY OF SERVICE.	COST PER ANNUM.
	From.	To.		
				£ s. d.
Bandolier Kop-Louis Trichardt ..	1st July. 1906 ..	30th June. 1909 ..	Twice a week ..	145 0 0
Bloemhof-Schweizer Reneke ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	180 0 0
Brakpan-Benoni ..	" ..	" ..	Weekdays ..	120 0 0
Belfast-Tonteldoos ..	1st January. 1907 ..	" ..	Twice a week ..	210 0 0
Breyten-Mbabane ..	1st July. 1906 ..	" ..	" ..	720 0 0
Ermelo-Amsterdam ..	1st March. 1907 ..	" ..	Once a week ..	145 0 0
Heidelberg-Nigel ..	1st July. 1906 ..	" ..	Weekdays ..	192 0 0
Krugerdsdorp-Rustenburg ..	1st July. 1905 ..	30th June. 1908 ..	Twice a week ..	400 0 0
Klerksdorp-Lichtenburg ..	1st August. 1906 ..	30th June. 1909 ..	Thrice a week ..	655 0 0
Lichtenburg-Barberspan ..	1st July. 1906 ..	" ..	Twice a week ..	224 0 0
Machadodorp-Pilgrims Rest ..	" ..	" ..	Thrice a week ..	900 0 0
Pietersburg-Leydsdorp ..	" ..	" ..	Twice a week ..	1.650 0 0
Pietersburg-Spelonken ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	775 0 0
Potchefstroom-Ventersdorp ..	1st August. 1906 ..	" ..	Thrice a week ..	300 0 0
Rustenburg-Zeernst ..	1st July. 1907 ..	30th June. 1907 ..	Once a week ..	456 0 0
Spelonken-T'sama River ..	1st January. 1907 ..	Monthly arrangement ..	" ..	298 0 0
Volsrust-Amersfoort ..	1st July. 1906 ..	30th June. 1909 ..	Twice a week ..	324 0 0
Volsrust-Ermelo ..	" ..	" ..	Once a week ..	
Volsrust-Wakkerstroom ..	1st July. 1905 ..	30th June. 1908 ..	Weekdays ..	530 0 0
Volsrust-Piet Retief ..	" ..	" ..	Twice a week ..	
Wonderfontein-Breyten ..	1st July. 1906 ..	30th June. 1907 ..	" ..	240 0 0
Wolmaransstad-Maquassi ..	" ..	30th June. 1909 ..	Weekdays ..	144 0 0
Zeernst-Mafeking ..	1st August. 1906 ..	30th June. 1907 ..	Thrice a week ..	425 9 0
Gernistion Local Service ..	1st July. 1906 ..	30th June. 1909 ..	Daily ..	210 0 0
Heidelberg ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	145 0 0
Johannesburg ..	1st July. 1905 ..	30th June. 1908 ..	" ..	2.500 0 0
Klerksdorp ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	105 0 0
Middelburg ..	1st July. 1906 ..	30th June. 1909 ..	" ..	180 0 0
Pretoria ..	1st July. 1905 ..	30th June. 1908 ..	" ..	960 0 0
Potchefstroom ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	180 0 0
Pietersburg ..	1st July. 1906 ..	30th June. 1909 ..	" ..	119 0 0
Standerton Local Service (including Cantonment)	" ..	" ..	" ..	216 0 0

## Appendix A 1.

## MINOR MAIL SERVICES IN OPERATION ON THE 30TH JUNE, 1907.

ROUTE.	HOW CONVEYED.	FREQUENCY OF SERVICE.	COST PER ANNUM.
			£
Amersfoort-Driefontein ..	By runner ..	Twice a week ..	12
Bank-Kraalkop ..	" ..	" ..	36
Bapsfontein-Kaalfontein ..	" ..	" ..	18
Barberspan-Geysdorp ..	" ..	" ..	36
Barberspan-Harts River ..	" ..	" ..	18
Barberton-Piggs Peak ..	" ..	" ..	60
Barberton-Noordkaap ..	" ..	6 Times a week ..	24
Barberton-Komatie River ..	" ..	Once a week ..	24
Barberton-Moodies ..	" ..	3 Times a week ..	12
Bethal Local Service ..	By cart ..	As required ..	60
Bethanie-Wolhuterskop Siding ..	By runner ..	Twice a week ..	18
Benoni-Benoni Junction ..	" ..	12 Times a week ..	36
Blaauwbank-Zwartlaagte ..	" ..	Twice a week ..	36
Bloemhof Local Service ..	" ..	As required ..	36
Boksburg Local Service ..	" ..	" ..	52
Boksburg-Boksburg North ..	" ..	6 Times a week ..	6
Brereton-Vaalbank ..	" ..	Twice a week ..	18
Bronkhorstspuit-Waukral ..	" ..	Once a week ..	12
Bronkhorstspuit-Rhenosterkop ..	" ..	" ..	12
Buhrmans Drift-Roodegrond ..	" ..	" ..	24
Carolina-Bonifoi ..	" ..	Twice a week ..	8
Christiana Local Service ..	" ..	As required ..	18
Doordrift-Mabaalstad ..	" ..	Twice a week ..	18
Dwars River-Groot Spelonken ..	" ..	" ..	36
Ermelo Local Service ..	By cart ..	As required ..	48
Ermelo-Weltevreden ..	By runner ..	Once a week ..	12
Eureka-Eureka Station ..	" ..	11 Times a week ..	36
Germiston-Elsburg ..	" ..	6 Times a week ..	24
Germiston-Primrose ..	" ..	Week days { Thrice inward Twice outward }	12
Germiston-Alberton ..	" ..	6 Times a week ..	12
Godwan River-Kaapsche Hoop ..	" ..	" ..	72
Greylingstad-Wilgefontein ..	" ..	Twice a week ..	12
Haenertsburg-Duivelskloof ..	" ..	" ..	36

## Appendix A 1.—(Continued.)

## MINOR MAIL SERVICES IN OPERATION ON THE 30TH JUNE, 1907.

ROUTE.	HOW CONVEYED.	FREQUENCY OF SERVICE.	COST PER ANNUM.
			£
Haenertsburg-Houtboschdorp .. .. .	By runner .. .. .	.. .. .	21
Hartebeestfontein-Boschpan .. .. .	By cart .. .. .	.. .. .	72
Haverklip-Devon .. .. .	By runner .. .. .	.. .. .	6
Johannesburg-Van Wyks Rust .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	42
Johannesburg-Eikenhof .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	36
Johannesburg-Craighall .. .. .	By Postman (cycle) .. .. .	6 Times a week .. .. .	10
Johannesburg-Bergvlei .. .. .	By runner .. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	12
Johannesburg-Norwood .. .. .	By Postman (cycle) .. .. .	12 Times a week .. .. .	10
Johannesburg-Bramley .. .. .	By runner .. .. .	Thrice a week .. .. .	12
Klerksdorp-Palmietfontein .. .. .	.. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	36
Krantzpoort-Nooitgedacht .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	12
Krugerdsdorp-Hekpoort .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	60
Krugerdsdorp-Muldersdrift .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	12
Krugerdsdorp Local Service .. .. .	.. .. .	As required .. .. .	84
Kraalkop-Lindequesdrift .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	36
Komatie Poort-Nomahasha .. .. .	.. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	12
Lake Chrissie-Caledonia .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	36
Lawley-Jachtfontein .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	24
Lichtenburg-East End .. .. .	.. .. .	3 Times a week .. .. .	6
Lichtenburg-Linleyville .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	36
Linokana-Gopanie .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	18
Louis Trichardt-Messina .. .. .	.. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	24
Lydenburg-Buffelsvlei .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	12
Lydenburg-Boschfontein .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	36
Lydenburg-Rustplaats .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	12
Lydenburg-Sabie .. .. .	.. .. .	3 Times a week .. .. .	180
Lydenburg-Secocoenie .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	24
Lydenburg-Wemmershoek .. .. .	.. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	12
Mbabane-Breniersdorp .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	66
Mbabane-Forbes Reef .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	6
Middelburg-Bosmanspan .. .. .	.. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	18
Middelburg-Selons River .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	18
Middelburg-Gloria .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	12
Millvale-Steenbokfontein .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	24
Nelspruit-White River .. .. .	.. .. .	3 Times a week .. .. .	42
New Clare Local Service .. .. .	.. .. .	As required .. .. .	18
Nylstroom-Zandriverspoort .. .. .	.. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	30
Nylstroom-Zwagershoek .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	36
Onverwacht-Trichardts .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	12
Pietersburg-Blaauwberg .. .. .	.. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	36
Pietersburg-New Smitsdorp .. .. .	.. .. .	3 Times a week .. .. .	42
Pietersburg-Buffels .. .. .	.. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	24
Pietersburg-Kalkbank .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	36
Pietersburg-Malips Drift .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	36
Pietersburg-Mara .. .. .	.. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	24
Pietersburg-Zandfontein .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	24
Piet Retief-Wittenberg .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	12
Piet Retief-Derby .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	18
Piet Retief-Sulphur Springs .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	60
Piet Retief-Amsterdam .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	72
Potchefstroom-Mooibank .. .. .	.. .. .	6 Times a week .. .. .	12
Potchefstroom-Venterskroon .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	36
Potgietersrust-Mapela .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	12
Pretoria-Roberts Heights .. .. .	By cart .. .. .	14 Times a week .. .. .	36
Pilgrims Rest-Bushbuck Ridge .. .. .	By runner .. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	24
Rhodes Drift-Tuli .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	18
Rietfontein Mines-Rietfontein Station .. .. .	.. .. .	As required .. .. .	18
Rietfontein West-Brits .. .. .	.. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	9
Rustenburg-Kroondal .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	12
Rustenburg-Pella .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	54
Rustenburg-Saulspoort .. .. .	By cart .. .. .	.. .. .	90
Rustenburg Local Service .. .. .	.. .. .	As required .. .. .	21
Rooijantjesfontein-Doornbult .. .. .	By runner .. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	12
Spelonken-Shewass .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	48
Sulphur Springs-Hlatikulu .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	42
Standerton-Ermelo .. .. .	By cart .. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	72
Standerton-Allisonia and New Denmark .. .. .	By runner .. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	36
Sterkstroom-Marikana Siding .. .. .	.. .. .	4 Times a week .. .. .	6
Tonteldoos-Pokwani .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	48
Tonteldoos-Roosenekal .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	24
Tonteldoos-Stoffberg .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	24
Twentyfour Rivers-Zandriverspoort .. .. .	.. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	12
Uitkyk-Vaalkrans .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	36
Welverdiend-Klerkskraal .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	24
Welverdiend-Taiboschspruit .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	18
Wolmaransstad-Bosmansrust .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	12
Wolhuterskop-Wolhuterskop Siding .. .. .	.. .. .	4 Times a week .. .. .	12
Zeerust-Linokana .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	24
Zeerust-Groot Afdeeling .. .. .	.. .. .	Once a week .. .. .	36
Zeerust-Zwartfontein .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	24
Zendelingsfontein-Harrisburg .. .. .	.. .. .	Twice a week .. .. .	24
Zwartlaagte-Vlakhoeck .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	12



## Appendix B.

## POSTAL ORDERS.

	1905-6.		1906-7.		INCREASE (+) OR DECREASE (-).	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
ISSUES :		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Transvaal Orders .. ..	193,547	107,561 12 0	209,752	118,449 14 6	+ 16,205	10,888 2 6
British Orders .. ..	71,453	43,601 13 6	160,609	102,111 17 0	+ 89,156	58,510 3 6
All Orders issued .. ..	265,000	£151,163 5 6	370,361	£220,561 11 6	+ 105,361	£69,398 6 0
PAYMENTS :		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Transvaal Orders paid in Trans- vaal .. ..	119,595	66,616 6 5	147,075	82,447 14 10	+ 27,480	15,831 8 5
Transvaal Orders paid elsewhere in South Africa .. ..	72,302	40,167 11 4	63,707	36,420 7 6	- 8,595	3,747 3 10
Other South African Orders paid in Transvaal .. ..	25,304	13,175 5 10	33,090	18,058 17 2	+ 7,786	4,883 11 4
British Orders .. ..	5,299	3,521 11 1	16,560	10,540 2 1	+ 11,261	7,018 11 0
All Orders paid .. ..	222,500	£123,480 14 8	260,432	£147,467 1 7	+ 37,932	£23,986 6 11



## Appendix D.

## REVENUE.

SOURCE.	1905-6.			1906-7.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
POSTAGE :						
Stamps Sold .. .. .	180,546	14	7			
Unpaid Postage .. .. .	4,266	5	9			
Other Postage .. .. .	12,885	9	3			
				197,698	9	7
MONEY ORDERS :						
Commission from Public .. .. .	14,623	1	11			
Commission from Other Countries .. .. .	843	11	3			
				15,466	13	2
POSTAL ORDERS :						
Commission, Transvaal Orders .. .. .	1,605	9	0			
Commission, British Orders .. .. .	642	2	11			
				2,247	11	11
PRIVATE BOXES AND BAGS :						
Box Rentals .. .. .	20,873	7	6			
Box Keys, etc., Sold .. .. .	313	16	9			
Bag Fees .. .. .	192	10	0			
				21,379	14	3
TELEGRAPHS :						
Stamps on Telegrams .. .. .	88,044	18	3			
Abbreviated Address Fees .. .. .	2,838	15	0			
Other Receipts .. .. .	2,355	5	2			
				93,238	18	5
TELEPHONES :						
Rentals .. .. .	53,271	17	10			
Call Fees .. .. .	1,283	13	6			
Other Receipts .. .. .	26	18	8			
				54,582	10	0
Savings Bank Surplus Interest .. .. .				26,204	15	9
Miscellaneous Receipts .. .. .				1,232	3	5
TOTALS .. .. .	£412,140 16 6			395,605 4 2		
Decrease .. .. .				£16,535 8 4		

## Appendix E.

## EXPENDITURE.

HEAD.	1905-6.				1906-7.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES :									
Salaries .. .. .	315,691	12	2				323,702	3	0
Overtime .. .. .	8,154	17	4				5,468	19	6
Temporary Assistance .. .. .	970	6	7				178	10	9
Commission on Sale of Stamps .. .. .	276	15	11				246	9	2
"    "    Postal Orders .. .. .	20	0	9				17	12	5
"    "    Telegraph Work .. .. .	257	5	9				296	19	0
Boot Allowance to Postmen .. .. .	180	0	0				186	0	0
Bicycle Allowances .. .. .	—						784	1	11
Bonuses to Telegraph Messengers .. .. .	—						46	3	8
				325,550	18	6			330,924 19 5
TRANSPORT AND TRAVELLING :									
Subsistence and Personal Charges .. .. .	3,809	15	8				3,447	0	0
Rail, Coach, etc., Fares .. .. .	1,021	8	8				1,077	0	11
Purchase, Maintenance, and Hire of Cycles .. .. .	516	2	6				—		
				5,347	6	10			4,524 0 11
SUPPLY OF STAMPS AND ORDERS :									
Postage Stamps .. .. .	3,703	9	0				2,775	11	4
Postal Orders .. .. .	45	10	9				61	17	1
				3,748	19	9			2,837 8 5
MAILS :									
Conveyance of Mails—Inland .. .. .	31,915	16	3				30,344	10	8
"    "    Foreign .. .. .	19,755	7	9				19,845	0	6
				51,671	4	0			50,189 11 2
Clothing—Uniforms .. .. .				325	6	3			428 8 7
Incidental Expenses .. .. .				700	7	1			1,216 0 8
Stores .. .. .				2,629	11	1			2,614 13 9
SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS :									
Eastern Telegraph Company .. .. .	515	9	9				4,639	7	10
Medical Officer .. .. .	641	6	9				589	14	6
Renter's Agency .. .. .	300	0	0				300	0	0
International Bureaux .. .. .	66	9	0				109	0	1
				1,523	5	6			5,638 2 5
Private Boxes, Locks, Keys, etc. .. .. .				279	5	7			—
MAINTENANCE AND MATERIAL :									
Telegraph .. .. .	5,146	16	2				8,125	14	7
Telephone .. .. .	20,756	17	1				5,924	19	7
Reserve Material .. .. .	—						12,000	0	0
				25,903	13	3			26,050 14 2
PLANT :									
Telegraph and Telephone .. .. .							957	3	9
Technical Furniture .. .. .							965	5	2
Bicycles and Handcarts .. .. .							241	13	4
									2,164 2 3
Losses by Default, etc. .. .. .									257 15 7
Compensation for loss of registered articles .. .. .									24 6 0
Gross Expenditure .. .. . £417,679 17 10									
Less Appropriations-in-Aid .. .. . 3,943 12 7									
TOTALS .. .. . £413,736 5 3									
£426,870 3 4									
16,788 9 1									
£410,081 14 3									
Decrease .. .. . £3,654 11 0									

## Appendix F.

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1906-7.

To Expenditure (Cash Payments) ..	£410,081	14	3	By Revenue (Cash Receipts) ..	£395,605	8	2
.. Government Printer for Stationery, Printing, etc. ..	7,012	6	2	Free Work performed :			
.. Public Works Department :				Postage on Letters, etc. £20,579	2	0	
Maintenance & Minor Works ..	£4,802	1	5	Telegrams ..	16,206	1	6
Supervision ..	480	4	2	Telephones ..	7,846	1	4
Rent ..	3,003	5	10	Private Boxes and Bags	395	13	0
Rates ..	1,679	17	1	Abbreviated Addresses	1,564	13	11
Lighting ..	3,072	16	6	Commission on Money			
Insurance ..	299	6	6	Orders issued free ..	291	16	6
							40,883 8 3
.. Treasury :				By percentage on Collections for Internal Revenue Department—1 per cent. on £76,161 3s. ..			761 12 3
Proportion of Cost of Custody and Issue of Stamps, etc. ..	250	0	0	.. Balance against the Department ..			19,214 12 10
Value of Unified Stamps used for Revenue purposes (estimated) ..	10,000	0	0				
.. Miscellaneous :							
Law, Pensions, Gratuities, etc. ..	500	0	0				
.. Interest Liability :							
4 per cent. on Government Buildings occupied as Post Offices ..	6,017	19	5				
3½ per cent. on Capital from Guaranteed Loan for Telegraph and Telephone Works ..	9,975	0	0				
4 per cent. on Capital from General Revenue for Telegraph and Telephone Works ..	513	13	4				
3½ per cent. on share of Cost of raising Guaranteed Loan ..	117	8	1				
4 per cent. on Capital from Treasury Balances for Telegraph and Telephone Works ..	4,659	8	9				
TOTAL ..	£462,465	1	6				£462,465 1 6

## Appendix F 1.

## SUMMARY OF POST OFFICE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS FROM THE YEAR 1900-1.

YEAR.	REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.			ON A CASH BASIS.		ON BASIS OF WORK PERFORMED.	
	Cash Receipts.	Value of Free Work Performed.	Total.	Cash Payments.	Debits for which no Payment is made.	Total.	Surplus.	Deficit.	Surplus.	Deficit.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1900-1	57,225	5,012	62,237	28,580	6,051	34,631	28,645	—	27,606	—
1901-2	80,951	8,159	89,110	69,896	13,630	83,526	11,055	—	5,584	—
1902-3	293,055	74,765	367,820	309,860	60,397	370,257	—	16,805	—	2,437
1903-4	358,313	56,047	414,360	379,638	60,659	440,297	—	21,325	—	25,937
1904-5	405,119	39,588	444,707	366,334	54,198	420,532	38,785	—	24,175	—
1905-6	412,141	39,397	451,538	413,736	52,314	466,050	—	1,595	—	14,512
1906-7	395,605	47,645	443,250	410,082	52,383	462,465	—	14,477	—	19,215

## Appendix G.

## TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

## GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT TO 30TH JUNE, 1907.

To Amount allotted from Guaranteed Loan	£285,000	0	0	By Value of Telegraph System ..	£140,042	19	10
.. .. received from Treasury Balances :				.. .. Telephone System ..	230,203	19	3
1904-5 ..	£39,500	0	0	.. .. Stores on hand ..	56,471	7	10
1905-6 ..	76,986	0	0	.. Cash on hand on 30th June, 1907 ..	£13,853	3	6
1906-7 ..	5,000	0	0	Less value of surplus material to be paid to Revenue during 1907-8 ..	385	0	9
			121,486				13,468 2 9
.. .. received from General Revenue, 1906-7 ..			33,700				£440,186 9 3
			£440,186				