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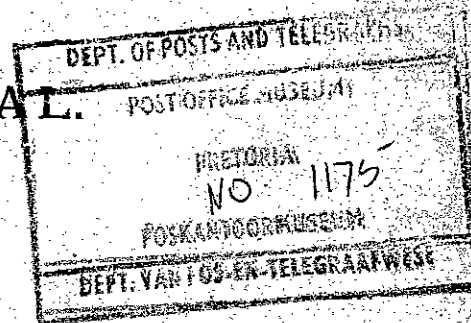
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About 372 Sub-Postmasters, Post Agents, and white mail-cart drivers, five Indian clerks, and 402 natives are also employed by the Department.

The average length of sick leave per officer employed was 4.98 days. Last year it was 4.43 days. The Medical Officer, Johannesburg, reports a decided improvement in the health of the officials under his care. There were few cases of serious illness and no deaths from disease. He has inspected the offices in his district from time to time, and is satisfied with their sanitation.

All other leave averaged 25.61 days, as against 29.05 days in 1906-07.

Of the whole number of white officers, over 80 per cent. were engaged in the Transvaal, and 342 officers are now in the Department who owe to it their entire training.

MAILS.

Hereunder is a Return of all Mail Matter dealt with during 1906-07 and in the year now reviewed.

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

	1906-07.	1907-08.
Letters and Postcards	15,853,830	16,377,128
Registered Packets	274,873	255,398
Newspapers, Samples, etc.	5,526,359	4,922,203
Parcels	115,766	144,985
	<u>21,770,828</u>	<u>21,699,714</u>

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

	1906-07.	1907-08.
Letters and Postcards	8,660,334	9,678,384
Registered Packets	196,557	169,162
Newspapers, Samples, etc.	2,293,785	1,952,321
Parcels	70,055	71,483
	<u>11,220,731</u>	<u>11,871,350</u>

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

	1906-07.	1907-08.
Letters and Postcards	11,429,413	9,865,805
Registered Packets	153,299	129,863
Newspapers, Samples, etc.	5,574,956	4,950,756
Parcels	194,980	183,339
	<u>17,352,648</u>	<u>15,129,963</u>

TOTAL of all Articles dealt with	50,344,207	48,701,027
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Postings of letters and postcards have increased by over 6 per cent., but there has been a falling off of nearly 14 per cent. in the number of such articles received from outside the Transvaal.

Newspapers, samples, etc., posted and received have decreased by about 12 per cent.

The total number of all articles dealt with is less by $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. than a year ago, a slight increase postings being more than balanced by the all-round decrease in the number of articles received.

Deliveries.—More than half a million articles per month are now delivered by postmen in Johannesburg, the extension of this service during the last six years being shown in the figures 195,000, 325,000, 350,000, 400,000, 440,000 and 500,000 per month. Correspondence and many parcels are carried to the doors of addressees at frequent intervals, and it may be presumed that private boxes are now rented only when they afford some special convenience.

Private Boxes.—

	NUMBER OF BOXES.		NUMBER IN USE.	
	30th June, 1907.	30th June, 1908.	30th June, 1907.	30th June, 1908.
Johannesburg	7,000	7,000	5,541	4,726
Pretoria	1,550	1,550	1,109	970
Other Offices	7,547	7,795	5,255	5,026
	<u>16,097</u>	<u>16,345</u>	<u>11,905</u>	<u>10,722</u>

Private Bags.—Rent is paid for 224 of these, an increase of twelve in the year.

Agricultural Parcel Post.—A cheap tariff of postage for parcels of Transvaal produce was introduced on the 1st of January, 1908. Under this tariff anything produced, or, if manufactured, produced and manufactured, in the Transvaal may be sent to an address in the Colony for the very low charges—1½ lb. 3d. : 3 lb., 6d. : 6 lb., 8d. : 9 lb., 10d. : 11 lb. (maximum). 1s. About 700 parcels per month are now sent at these rates.

Reply-paid Coupons.—Coupons for prepaying reply letters from other countries of the International Postal Union were placed on sale at Transvaal Post Offices in October last at 3d. each. To the 30th June, 1908, 1,255 of these coupons had been sold.

Railway Post Letters and Express Delivery.—Steady use continues to be made of these subsidiary services. It will doubtless increase as the arrangements become more generally known to the public.

Postal Routes—Mileage.—

Means of Conveyance.	30th June, 1907.	30th June, 1908.	Increase
	<i>Miles.</i>	<i>Miles.</i>	<i>Miles.</i>
Railway	1,407	1,576	89
Post-carts	1,100	1,239	139
Minor Services (generally performed by Native Runners)	2,217	3,166	949
TOTAL	4,804	5,981	1,177

Over 3,000,000 miles were covered in carrying mails on these routes during the year 1907-08.

Appendix A is a list of Mail-cart Contracts in force on the 30th June, 1908. The services are in the hands of nineteen contractors.

In addition, there are 201 Minor Mail Services, of which 134 are performed by native runners, twenty-nine by carts, and the others by various means.

Returned Letter Office.—715,005 undeliverable articles were sent to this office during the year, or 14·7 per thousand of all mail articles dealt with; as against 15·5 per thousand last year. Of the letters included in this total, 32·6 per cent. remained finally undeliverable and unreturnable to the senders.

Property worth £6,299 11s. 1d. was enclosed 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 1906-07 :—

MONTH.	ISSUED.		PAID.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
1907.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
July	18,354	102,546 0 3	8,698	45,452 19 5
August	17,719	100,571 5 11	8,027	41,490 1 3
September	16,609	91,530 16 5	7,556	39,748 3 0
October	16,269	92,326 3 1	8,003	42,164 10 5
November	20,106	110,704 8 7	7,643	41,430 0 0
December	18,388	97,141 14 10	7,939	39,850 16 3
1908.				
January	15,803	90,794 8 6	7,510	39,562 0 2
February	16,844	93,012 3 4	7,255	37,617 16 9
March	16,738	91,482 15 3	7,555	39,817 7 8
April	15,415	88,860 7 3	7,279	40,284 16 0
May	16,321	89,967 13 0	7,588	41,630 3 9
June	16,697	95,093 0 6	7,457	42,742 16 2
TOTALS, 1907-08	205,263	£1,144,030 16 11	92,510	£491,791 10 10
TOTALS, 1906-07	241,614	1,265,542 11 7	99,632	501,273 10 4
Increase				
Decrease	36,351	£121,511 14 8	7,122	£9,481 19 6

The above figures comprise both Ordinary and Telegraph Money Orders.

The falling-off revealed by these figures is due more to transference of business from the Money Order to the Postal Order channel than to any decrease in the remittance of money through the Department.

Comparative Statement of Money Orders issued in and paid in the Transvaal are given hereunder:—

ISSUED IN TRANSVAAL FOR PAYMENT IN.	1906-07.		1907-08.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Transvaal	64,176	327,965 0 7	61,970	338,318 0 8
Cape Colony (including St. Helena, German East and South-West Africa, and Zanzibar)	43,613	215,356 13 8	38,328	202,755 11 5
Natal (including British East Africa, Nyassaland Protectorate, Ceylon, and Mauritius)	15,874	88,267 4 11	13,613	80,422 16 2
Orange River Colony	4,987	27,846 13 5	4,216	25,372 4 11
Rhodesia	501	3,277 10 1	478	3,598 19 1
Province of Mozambique	662	3,977 15 7	615	3,750 4 7
India	6,932	116,267 13 4	6,218	103,527 5 1
Australia	6,572	32,207 0 6	5,124	24,198 4 5
New Zealand	554	3,333 9 10	485	3,126 12 0
Hong Kong	133	984 5 7	103	809 13 11
Canada	453	2,551 5 3	512	2,692 17 8
United States of America	3,115	8,907 0 10	2,962	8,550 16 0
Germany	4,431	17,751 17 5	4,163	16,732 3 2
Austria	785	3,348 11 2	991	4,413 11 10
United Kingdom (including other countries not specially mentioned)	88,826	413,500 9 5	65,485	325,766 16 0
	241,614	£1,265,542 11 7	205,263	£1,144,030 16 11
Decrease	—	—	36,351	121,511 14 8

PAID IN TRANSVAAL AND ISSUED IN.	1906-07.		1907-08.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Transvaal	64,011	327,285 11 5	60,564	331,827 15 3
Cape Colony (including St. Helena, German East and South-West Africa, and Zanzibar)	15,982	73,655 11 6	13,376	64,388 12 5
Natal (including British East Africa, Nyassaland Protectorate, Ceylon, and Mauritius)	4,235	20,293 1 6	3,674	18,046 2 5
Orange River Colony	4,486	24,916 7 3	3,887	20,573 3 1
Rhodesia	2,008	9,456 3 2	1,755	9,534 9 11
Province of Mozambique	305	883 1 2	422	1,445 8 4
India	173	736 6 0	138	744 10 10
Australia	627	2,636 12 6	783	3,060 10 6
New Zealand	176	763 11 9	178	779 10 4
Hong Kong	4	3 2 0	8	63 10 0
Canada	148	601 2 8	208	705 7 11
United States of America	656	3,370 12 7	1,021	4,868 0 11
Germany	299	2,003 1 9	389	2,634 3 10
Austria	40	251 2 4	29	183 13 7
United Kingdom (including other countries not specially mentioned)	6,482	34,418 2 8	6,078	32,936 8 6
	99,632	£501,273 10 4	92,510	£491,791 10 10
Decrease	—	—	7,122	9,481 19 6

These figures appear to call for little comment. The falling-off is very marked in the transactions between this Colony and the United Kingdom, India, and Australia. It will be observed that the value of local orders (i.e. orders issued in the Transvaal for payment in the Transvaal) shows an increase, while the value of orders drawn on the neighbouring Colonies is appreciably less.

"Through" Orders.—The Transvaal acts as intermediary for the exchange of Money Orders between the Province of Mozambique and several countries outside South Africa. During the year under review 928 orders of a value of £5,175 19s. 11d. were forwarded to various countries from Mozambique, and sixty-three orders of a value of £113 16s. were forwarded from these countries to Mozambique.

Average Amount.—The average amount of each order issued during the year was £5 11s. 6d., and of each order paid £5 6s. 4d. The figures for the previous year were £5 4s. 9d. and £5 0s. 7d.

Commission.—£14,442 18s. 3d. was received from the public as commission during the year, of which £10,376 4s. 5d. was paid to Revenue, 2s. 9d. refunded, and £4,066 11s. 1d. paid to other countries. An amount of £318 8s. 8½d. was received from other countries as commission and paid to Revenue. The amount of commission paid to Revenue was £1,708 17s. less than during the previous financial year.

Money Order Offices.—The number of offices open on the last day of the financial year was 127, as against 124 on the corresponding day of the previous year.

Extensions of and Improvements in Service.—During the year the Money Order system was extended to the Argentine Republic, Brazil, Costa Rica, and certain places in the Dutch West Indies, through the medium of the London Post Office; and to British New Guinea, through the Australian Post Office.

On the 1st of November an arrangement was introduced under which the advices of Money Orders drawn in the Transvaal on the United Kingdom and vice versa are forwarded direct from the office of exchange in the country of issue to the office of payment, instead of, as formerly, to the office of exchange in the country of payment for transmission to the office of payment. The advantage of the new arrangement is that payment may now be made directly the order is received by the payee; or, in the outlying districts of the Transvaal, a day, and sometimes two days, earlier than was possible under the old system.

The arrangements for Money Order accounting between the Transvaal and the other South African countries were also simplified and improved during the year.

It is hoped that the Convention providing for a direct exchange of Money Orders between France and the Transvaal will shortly come into operation. The negotiations in regard to it have been very protracted.

On the 1st of May, 1908, this Department agreed to the extension of the Telegraph Money Order system to all Post Offices in the Province of Mozambique which were both Telegraph Offices and Money Order Offices. Before the date mentioned the system, so far as the Transvaal was concerned, applied only to such offices in the District of Lourenço Marques.

Void Money Orders.—The value of these orders paid to Revenue during the year was £525 15s. 5d., an amount slightly below that for 1906–07.

POSTAL ORDERS.

A further large increase of Postal Order business is to be recorded. As explained in the preceding section, this was in great measure due to a transfer of remittance work from the Money Order to the Postal Order system.

Issues.—525,736 orders, of a face value of £328,178 17s. were issued during the year. The figures for 1906–07 were 370,361, and £220,561 11s. 6d. respectively.

Payments.—The number of orders paid in the Transvaal during the year was 280,330, and their face value was £159,806 18s. 6d. The corresponding figures for 1906–07 were 196,725, and £116,950 3s. 6d. Only 1,097 Transvaal Postal Orders were paid in other parts of South Africa, as against 63,707 during the previous year; the decrease being, of course, due to the cessation of issue of the local series of orders.

Further details of Postal Order business will be found in Appendix B.

Poundage.—The amount paid to Revenue was £3,503 2s. 7d., as against £3,288 18s. 5d. for the previous financial year. The disparity between the increase in business and the increase in Revenue is explained by the fact that the rates of poundage on most of the denominations of British Orders were reduced on the 1st of July, 1907, when the use of the Transvaal Postal Order was abandoned.

Extensions of and Alterations in Service.—During the year the Post Office of North-Eastern Rhodesia arranged to issue and pay British Postal Orders.

From the 1st of January, 1908, the Postal Administrations of the Cape Colony and Natal have issued British Postal Orders only instead of both British Orders and local orders. It is understood that both Administrations have found the new arrangement satisfactory, and that has also been the experience of this Administration.

SAVINGS BANK.

Transactions.—The number of Savings Bank transactions shows a decrease of 2,274 as compared with the number for the previous year. A satisfactory feature in regard to the figures is that the excess of deposits over withdrawals in 1907–08 was £81,418 18s. 5d., as against £10,234 13s. 5d. in 1906–07.

MONTH.	DEPOSITS.		WITHDRAWALS.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
1907.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
July	11,422	129,516 11 1	6,257	98,569 0 7
August	11,590	125,025 9 2	5,882	90,095 5 6
September	10,246	109,027 9 5	5,822	95,308 9 7
October	10,873	110,895 3 8	6,173	99,712 3 2
November	10,513	105,602 5 5	5,945	96,328 3 0
December	8,509	88,706 16 2	7,168	106,702 15 8
1908.				
January	11,078	106,406 6 8	5,380	87,790 12 4
February	12,230	118,550 15 8	5,353	96,643 1 2
March	11,617	105,632 14 1	5,944	111,485 17 1
April	10,436	99,700 9 1	6,163	114,951 3 11
May	10,832	103,134 10 0	5,601	111,798 7 11
June	10,520	97,190 11 2	5,746	108,664 13 4
TOTALS, 1907-08	129,926	£1,299,459 11 8	71,434	£1,318,040 13 3
TOTALS, 1906-07	130,016	1,366,064 19 11	73,618	1,375,830 6 6
Increase	—	—	—	—
Decrease	90	£66,605 8 3	2,184	£137,789 13 3

Number of Accounts, Etc.—The number of accounts open on the 30th of June, 1908, was 55,105, an increase of 4,083 over the number open at the close of 1906-07. During the year under review 19,043 accounts were opened and 14,960 closed.

The average amount standing to the credit of each depositor was £26 15s. 2d., as against £26 6s. 8d. The average amounts of deposits and withdrawals were £10 and £17 1s. respectively, while for the previous year they were £10 10s. 1d. and £18 8s. 4d. It is anticipated that the average amount of each transaction will continue to decrease.

Number of Offices.—There were open at the close of the financial year 127 Post Offices at which Savings Bank business is transacted, as against 124 open on the 30th June, 1907.

Cross Entry System.—23,808 deposits and 19,323 withdrawals were made at offices other than those at which the accounts were opened. These figures are somewhat below those for the previous financial year.

Progress.—The usual statement showing the transactions of the Bank yearly since its establishment will be found in Appendix C. The amount standing to the credit of depositors on the 30th of June, 1908, was £1,474,553 1s. 11d., nearly £131,000 more than on the corresponding day of the previous year.

Special and Telegraphic Withdrawals.—There was a decrease in the number and amount of the transactions under both of these methods of withdrawal. The following comparative statement gives the figures:—

YEAR.	SPECIAL WITHDRAWALS.		TELEGRAPH WITHDRAWALS.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1907-08	21,075	300,606 3 4	16,313	246,856 19 2
1906-07	24,211	388,267 5 2	17,801	296,939 0 5
Decrease	3,136	£87,661 1 10	1,488	£50,082 1 3

The fees for special withdrawals amounted to £1,053 15s., and were carried to Savings Bank Revenue; and Telegraph Revenue benefited to the amount of £1,631 6s. from the withdrawals effected by telegraph.

An amount of £24 10s. was received during the year on account of duplicate books issued; the fees on accounts closed within a month from the date of opening amounted to £36 18s.; and £11 0s. 6d. was realised from the sale of covers for deposit books.

Deceased Depositors.—136 accounts, with a total amount of £8,139 10s. 11d. to credit, were closed during the year.

Society Accounts.—Thirty-two accounts for societies were opened during the year and nineteen were closed. At the close of the year there were 107 society accounts open, with a total amount of £18,692 12s. 8d. to their credit.

Accounts of Chinese Labourers.—As was to be expected the number of accounts in the names of Chinese labourers has decreased greatly during the year. At the close of the year only twenty-eight such accounts remained open, and the total amount to credit had fallen to £269 8s. 3d.

Transfers to and from Savings Banks in other Countries.—The system of transfers was extended to the Post Office Savings Banks of Southern Rhodesia and Cape Colony on the 1st of October, 1907, and the 1st of March, 1908, respectively. The following statement gives the figures relating to transfers for the year :—

COUNTRY.	TRANSFERS FROM THE TRANSVAAL.		TRANSFERS TO THE TRANSVAAL.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
United Kingdom	954	79,499 8 6	179	10,019 4 4
Cape Colony	26	1,810 3 2	77	3,675 2 0
Natal	71	3,565 13 9	60	3,151 6 8
Orange River Colony	82	3,337 12 11	82	3,951 4 7
Rhodesia	24	1,465 10 4	6	161 2 1
	1,157	£89,678 8 8	404	£20,960 19 8

The amount received as commission in special cases of transfer was £13 12s. 6d.

Amending Savings Bank Bill.—It has again been found impracticable to bring this Bill before Parliament. I am of opinion that the additional facilities provided for in the Bill would result in considerable benefit to that large section of the public which uses the Savings Bank, and I therefore trust that it may be found practicable to introduce the Bill during next Parliamentary session.

Deposit Slips Bearing Postage Stamps.—During the year arrangements were made for the introduction on the 1st of July, 1908, of the system under which twelve penny postage stamps affixed to a form provided for the purpose are accepted as a deposit of one shilling. It is hoped by this means to encourage thrift among children and others who are unable to save more than a penny or two at a time.

Financial Position.—The following statement reflects the financial position of the Bank at the close of the year :—

	£	s.	d.
To balance due to depositors on 1st July, 1907	1,343,643	14	4
„ cash received from depositors from 1st July, 1907, to 30th June, 1908	1,299,459	11	8
„ interest on depositors' accounts calculated to 30th June, 1908	49,490	9	2
	£2,692,593	15	2
	£	s.	d.
By repayments from 1st July, 1907, to 30th June, 1908	1,213,035	0	10
„ warrants issued, but not paid on 30th June, 1908	5,005	12	5
	1,218,040	13	3
„ balance due to depositors on 30th June, 1908, including interest	1,474,553	1	11
	£2,692,593	15	2

Revenue and Expenditure.—At the close of the year the amount of Savings Bank funds in possession of the Investment Board was £1,474,846 3s. 1d., a sum slightly in excess of that due to depositors. The necessary adjustment has been effected since the close of the financial year. The following statement shows that on the working of the year there was a loss of £516 6s. 5d. It is fair to state that some of the amounts which go to make up working expenses are necessarily estimated :—

REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Receipts from Investments	59,692	4 5	Interest allowed to Depositors	49,490	9 2
Miscellaneous	1,139	16 0	Working Expenses	11,857	17 8
Balance—Net Loss	516	6 5			
	£61,348	6 10		£61,348	6 10

In previous years there has been a substantial profit. The loss in 1907-08 is understood to be due to the fact that bonded properties bought in by the Investment Board are now handed over to the Land Department at the amounts at which they are bought in, plus costs, and the Investment Board in some cases has to write off a difference between these amounts and the amounts of the bonds. While the Land Department may eventually dispose of these properties at a profit, the result of the new arrangement so far as the Savings Bank is concerned has been to convert a large profit into a small loss. The cost of each Savings Bank transaction was 1s. 2-133d. as against 1s. 2-375d. for 1906-07.

TELEGRAPHS.

Offices.—During the year Telegraph business was extended to four Post Offices, and the same number were closed. Fifteen new offices were opened at railway stations and two were closed. On the 30th June, 1908, the total number of Public Telegraph Offices was 267, of which 125 were Postal Telegraph Offices (forty-seven of them worked by telephone) and 141 were at railway stations.

Number of Messages.—The total number of messages has again decreased, owing partly, as indicated in last year's report, to the extension of Telephonic facilities. The figures for 1906-07 and 1907-08 are as follows:—

	1906-07.	1907-08.
Forwarded Inland	1,187,070	1,028,815
Forwarded Cablegrams	51,048	43,597
Transmitted, all classes	967,440	960,023
Received	1,236,306	1,116,150
TOTALS	3,441,864	3,148,585

In comparing transmitted messages, the calculation of one and a half for each is maintained, and the numbers of messages dealt with during the last three years are thus:—

1905-06	4,084,597
1906-07	3,925,584
1907-08	3,628,597

Revenue.—Telegraph revenue has again declined, an amount of £10,688 5s. 9d. less than in 1906-07 having been received. There is a falling-off of £210 3s. in the fees for registration of telegraphic addresses. Free Government telegrams to the value of £13,260 17s. 11d. were dealt with, including military messages, which were £1,553 17s. 3d. in value.

Telegraph revenue and earnings for the last three years are here compared:—

	1905-06.	1906-07.	1907-08.
Telegraph Revenue	£93,238 18 5	£80,234 9 8	£69,546 3 11
Government Telegrams	11,127 13 0	16,469 0 8	13,260 17 11
TOTAL EARNINGS	£104,366 11 5	£96,703 10 4	£82,807 1 10

Cablegrams.—The cable traffic from South Africa having again fallen below the stipulated value of £300,000, the full amount of the subsidy, £5,000, is payable to the Cable Company. The revenue accruing from the land rates on cablegrams was £2,032 8s. 7d., a decrease from last year's total of £716 18s. 4d.

Traffic.—The line accommodation was adequate, and the traffic was dealt with smoothly and expeditiously with no lengthy or serious interruptions.

Owing to the falling-off in the traffic, it has been possible to group several offices on the same circuit in the Central Telegraph Office, thereby effecting a saving in the number of duties to be provided for. This economical arrangement will be extended, unless there is an important increase of business.

The simultaneous transmission of long messages to several stations at the same time is now provided for by repeaters, both for fast speed and ordinary working, which were installed in August, 1907, and have proved of great service.

Temporary communication was provided on sixteen days at the Turf Club Racecourse; for three days at the Wanderers Grounds on the occasion of the Military Tournament in December last; and for five days at Canada Junction in connection with the Volunteer Manœuvres during April, 1908.

The total number of messages dealt with in the Central Telegraph Office on the 24th December, 1907, amounted to 10,156, as against 11,551 on the same date in 1906.

Messengers.—The system of payment by results continues to give general satisfaction.

As far as possible, influence is brought to bear upon the boys to stimulate in them habits of thrift and a desire for educational improvement. Most of them have opened Savings Bank accounts; and it is gratifying to find that 64 per cent. of the messengers have been induced to earn the monthly bonus of 5s. which is paid to those who are certified as having attended night schools regularly and as making satisfactory progress in their classes. 359 certificates of regular attendance were handed in during the year, and £82 4s. 6d. was paid in recognition of these, besides a sum of £16 15s. which was distributed in bonuses for good conduct. To enable the boys to attend regularly at the schools, the delivery of telegrams is performed by postmen after 7.30 p.m. During the year six messengers were promoted to be junior postmen, and three, who succeeded in passing the competitive examination, were appointed telegraph learners.

Movements of Locust Swarms.—It was agreed with the Agricultural Department that Postmasters and others in charge of Telegraph Offices should supply early information of the movements of swarms of locusts in their neighbourhood. It is understood that this measure has contributed to the lessening of the pest.

Wind and Weather Report.—The daily wind and weather report has been continued with benefit to the farming community.

Telegraph Construction.—The report for 1906-07 gave the length of telegraph line in the Colony on the 30th June, 1907, as 2,491 miles 147 yards, and of wire as 9,769 miles 668 yards; but during the past year all such data regarding the Telegraph System have been checked and revised, and I find that the length of line as at the end of the year was 2,441·286 miles. The figures given for 1906-07 were based upon data, some of which were entered as far back as 1902, when considerable difficulties stood in the way of the Engineers.

The comparison of this year with last is:—

	Length of Line. Miles.	Length of Wire. Miles.
30th June, 1907	2,441·286	10,196·276
30th June, 1908	2,444·560	10,277·841
Construction in 1907-08	3·274	81·565

Telegraph underground cables have been laid from the General Post Office to Fordsburg, taking all wires westward of the General Post Office; to Parktown East Tramway Terminus for the northern wires; and to the Jeppestown Post Office, taking all wires running eastward. With the lines underground to these points, there is no longer danger from contact of the wires with the tramway lines.

Maintenance.—There has been a saving this year in connection with maintenance, principally due to the placing underground of the wires in the Johannesburg area; 1,164·429 miles of route have been overhauled. In connection with the overhaul, several pairs of telegraph wires which were selected to provide telephonic communication between Johannesburg, Pretoria, and the principal towns in the Transvaal, have been crossed every half-mile, with the result that the induction which previously interfered with the efficient working of the lines has been almost entirely neutralised.

Radio-Telegraphic Convention.—The Transvaal agreed that the work of administration should be carried out by the International Telegraph Bureau at Berne, and that a due proportion of the cost should be paid by the Transvaal Government.

International Telegraph Conference.—On the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, London, was arranged for Mr. P. Benton (late of the United Kingdom Post Office) to represent the Transvaal at the Telegraph Conference at Lisbon, which opened on the 4th May and closed on the 11th June, 1908. Mr. Benton also represented the Cape of Good Hope and Natal. I have no important changes to announce as a result of this Conference.

Fire at Roodepoort Post Office.—The fire at Roodepoort Post Office on the night of 14th-15th November, 1907, already alluded to in this Report, resulted in the total destruction of the apparatus. Immediate steps were taken to restore telegraph and telephone communication, and there was practically no interruption of the former, while the usual telephone service was re-established on the 16th November. In this connection my thanks for valuable assistance are due to the Central South African Railways.

TELEPHONES.

In the year 1907-08 there were added to the Telephone System:—

76·606 miles of pole line,
9·023 underground cable, and
2,371·233 wire;

and 6·599 miles of aerial cable were taken down. On the 30th June, 1908, the system comprised:—

760·076 miles of pole line,
33·582 aerial cable,
35·363 underground cable, and
28,615·420 wire.

Exchanges were established at Benoni and Luipaardsvlei. Trunk Telephone communication was given between Pretoria, Rustenburg, Zeerust, Lichtenburg, and intermediate offices; between Johannesburg, Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Hartbeestfontein, and Kovanfontein, and from Johannesburg through Heidelberg, Standerton, and Volksrust to Natal; and many smaller, but still important, extensions and improvements were effected.

The Telephone Exchanges in the Transvaal on the 30th June, 1908, numbered ten; at—

Johannesburg,	Roodepoort,
Pretoria,	Benoni,
Germiston,	Luipaardsvlei,
Boksburg,	Klerksdorp, and
Krugersdorp,	Pietersburg.

The ordinary paying connections at these Exchanges totalled 2,410, of which 1,729 were at Johannesburg and 693 at Pretoria; and there were 830 extensions of these circuits, 715 being at Johannesburg and 43 at Pretoria. Government direct connections numbered 274 (Johannesburg 102, Pretoria 105), with 251 extensions (Johannesburg 105 and Pretoria 136). The whole of the direct connections (2,684) and of the extensions (1,081) show increases of 58 and 123 respectively in the year. The proposals to alter the method of charging for connections, from a common rate for all users to a rate based on the number of conversations, have been widely made known and discussed, and many would-be subscribers have awaited the introduction of the new scale, with its lower minimum charge.

The Colonial Treasurer formally opened a new Exchange in Von Brandis Square, Johannesburg, on the 26th October, 1907. There was a large and representative attendance, and the Treasurer took advantage of the opportunity to outline briefly the proposed changes in the tariff. The original proposals have been modified in several respects as a result of conferences with representatives of public bodies in the districts affected, and a final decision in regard to them was deferred until after the close of the year under review.

The new Exchange provides accommodation for three times the present number of connections, and it has been built to admit of convenient enlargement. Simultaneously with its opening the overhead wires in the centre of the town which had proved a source of anxiety and danger in consequence of over-loaded poles and the proximity of power wires, were put out of use, the wires in underground cables taking their place. For a short time there were difficulties with many circuits, but these were soon removed, and the whole system has since remained in satisfactory working order. I wish to express my appreciation of the valuable services of the Chief Engineer Mr. J. Grant, whose energy and technical ability made it possible to carry out so great a change with so little inconvenience to subscribers.

The use of underground wires has much improved the service and reduced maintenance costs. Forty-five miles of earthenware ducts and twenty-one miles of steel and iron ducts have been laid.

Call Offices.—New Call Offices have been opened during the year as shown in this table:—

	30th June, 1907.	30th June, 1908.
Witwatersrand	41	47
Pretoria	4	4
Elsewhere	21	47
	66	98

Calling Non-Subscribers for Trunk Conversations.—It has been arranged that the Express Delivery Service shall be used to advise a non-subscriber to attend at any Call Office when required for a conversation.

Country Telephones.—Particular attention has in the last two years been directed to Telephone services outside the Witwatersrand and Pretoria; and now that the large and absolutely necessary improvements in Johannesburg have been effected, the engineers and their staff will have greater opportunity than heretofore for country works. A useful programme of such works is drawn up for 1908-09, and I hope that funds will be in due course provided for a steady extension of telephone facilities in country districts.

Telephone Revenue and Earnings.—The following is a statement of revenue and earnings for each of three years:—

	1905-06.	1906-07.	1907-08.
Revenue	£54,582 10 0	£59,186 9 8	£65,604 9 11
Government Telephones	6,725 14 8	7,735 17 4	7,285 14 6
TOTAL EARNINGS	£61,307 4 8	£66,922 7 0	£72,890 4 5

It is perhaps hardly necessary to repeat the explanation often given of late that the total earnings are considered in all comparisons of Telephone Revenue and Expenditure.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Revenue.—The Revenue of the Department amounted to £379,899 3s. 8d., as against £395,605 8s. 2d. for the previous year. Postal Revenue proper fell from £256,184 8s. 10d. to £244,748 9s. 10d., and Telegraph Revenue from £80,234 9s. 8d. to £69,546 3s. 11d., while Telephone Revenue rose from £59,186 9s. 8d. to £65,604 9s. 11d.

Expenditure.—The actual payments of the Department amounted to £422,073 16s. 4d., but of this sum £28,945 14s. 7d. was spent on betterment of the telegraph and telephone systems, and it was exceptional, in 1907-08, to regard this as current expenditure. On its transfer to capital expenditure the current expenditure during 1907-08 falls to £393,128 1s. 9d., or £16,953 12s. 6d. less than during 1906-07. In 1907-08 also the substantial sum of £12,644 was paid in gratuities to officers who voluntarily retired under the scheme of retrenchment alluded to in the Staff Section of this report. It will be seen, therefore, that the falling off in Revenue was much more than counterbalanced by the decrease in ordinary expenditure.

On a cash basis the balance against the Department on the year's working was £42,174 12s. 8d., or if the betterment charges be treated as capital expenditure, £13,228 18s. 1d. Comparative statements of Revenue and Expenditure appear as Appendices D and E.

Swaziland.—The Post Office Revenue and Expenditure for this territory were £1,018 3s. 5d. and £1,673 13s. 6d. respectively. As in former years the revenue was paid over to, and the expenditure was recovered from, the Secretary for Swaziland.

Free Services.—Particulars are given hereunder of the services rendered free to other Government Departments by the Post Office :—

Postage on letters, etc.	£20,827 15 4
Telegrams	11,829 7 11
Telephones	7,285 14 6
Private Boxes and Bags	435 10 0
Abbreviated Addresses	1,431 10 0
Commission on Free Money Orders	406 4 0
Charge of 1 per cent. on Internal Revenue collected	641 17 6
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	£42,857 19 3

The total is £4,787 1s. 3d. less than it was in 1906-07. Nearly the whole of the decrease is in telegrams.

The principal services rendered free to the Post Office by other Government Departments were those of the Government Printer (£5,269 10s. 4d.) and the Public Works Department (£16,535 2s. 8d.)

Collections for other Departments.—Over £64,000 of Internal Revenue was collected by the Department during the year, viz. :—

Revenue Stamps sold	£63,068 12 9
" " " (Swaziland)	1 0 10
Dog Licenses issued	34 15 0
Game Licenses issued	1,084 10 0
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	£64,188 18 7

The amount collected in 1906-07 was £76,146 8s. 6d. There was a decrease under each head of receipt, except Game Licenses. The Post Office ceased to issue Dog Licenses from the 1st of January, 1908, the regulations issued under the Registration and Control of Dogs Act, 1907, providing that Dog Registration Certificates should be issued only by Receivers of Revenue and certain Sub-Native Commissioners.

Customs dues amounting to £30,679 17s. were also collected, being about £7,000 less than in 1906-07.

Capital, and Profit and Loss Accounts.—A Capital Account for Telegraphs and Telephones appears as Appendix G to this report; and Appendices F and E give, in addition to the usual General Profit and Loss Account for the year and the Summary of such Accounts from 1900-01, Profit and Loss Statements for the three main divisions of the work of this Department in 1907-08.

GENERAL.

Ocean Mail Contract.—The present contract for carriage of mails between the United Kingdom and Capetown expires in 1910. Proposals for a fresh contract have been discussed during the past year, and it has been decided to call for tenders on conditions which have been agreed to by the Administrations concerned.

Increase in Unit of Weight for Letters.—It has not yet been deemed expedient by any South African Administration to alter the unit of weight for letter postage from $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. to 1 oz. The change must take effect in the Colonial internal service at the same time as in the services to other countries with which the International Convention of Rome concerned itself, and no South African Administration finds itself able at present to meet the substantial loss of revenue which the change would involve. Important reductions in rates of postage must necessarily be more charily adopted here than in the older and more thickly populated countries which lead the way in making such reductions.

Revision of Staff, Etc.—The staff of clerks and assistants has been reduced and reorganized in 1907-08, and similar action is about to be taken in connection with the upper ranks of the Department.

W. J. WOOLLEY,
Acting Postmaster-General.

Appendix A.

MAIL-CART CONTRACTS, 30TH JUNE, 1908.

SERVICE.	PERIOD OF CONTRACT.		NUMBER OF SERVICES EACH WAY WEEKLY.	COST PER ANNUM.	
	From.	To.		£	s.
Pietersburg-Leydsdorp	1st July, 1906 ..	30th June, 1909 ..	Two	1,650	0
Pietersburg-Haenertsburg	30th June, 1908 ..	"	"	775	0
Pietersburg-Spelonken	1st July, 1906 ..	"	"	298	0
Spelonken-Tsama River	1st January, 1907 ..	Monthly arrangement ..	One	145	0
Bandolier Kop-Louis Trichardt ..	1st July, 1906 ..	30th June, 1909 ..	Two	475	0
Louis Trichardt-Messina	12th November, 1907 ..	"	"	48	0
Potgietersrust-Zaaiplaats	20th January, 1908 ..	Monthly arrangement ..	Three	210	0
Belfast-Tonteldoos	1st January, 1907 ..	30th June, 1909 ..	Two	900	0
Machadodorp-Pilgrims Rest	1st July, 1906 ..	"	Three	750	0
Carolina-Mbabane	11th February, 1908 ..	"	Two	125	0
Standerton-Ermelo	1st November, 1907 ..	"	One	145	0
Ermelo-Amsterdam	1st March, 1907 ..	"	"	360	0
Volkswest-Ermelo	1st July, 1906 ..	"	Two	530	0
Volkswest-Wakkerstroom	1st July, 1905 ..	30th June, 1908 ..	Six	192	0
Wakkerstroom-Piet Retief	"	"	Two	108	0
Standerton-Vrede	"	"	Six	231	12
Heidelberg-Nigel	1st July, 1906 ..	30th June, 1909 ..	"	96	0
Rustenburg-Koster	21st November, 1907 ..	"	One	224	0
Zeerust-Mafeking	1st July, 1907 ..	"	Two	300	0
Lichtenburg-Buhrmans Drift	1st June, 1908 ..	Monthly arrangement ..	"	655	0
Lichtenburg-Barberspan	1st July, 1906 ..	30th June, 1909 ..	"	144	0
Potchefstroom-Ventersdorp	1st August, 1906 ..	30th June, 1909 ..	Three	180	0
Klerksdorp-Lichtenburg	"	"	"		
Wolmaranstad-Maguassi	1st July, 1906 ..	"	Six		
Bloemhof-Schweizer Reneke	"	"	Two		
<i>Local Services :-</i>					
Benoni-Benoni Junction	1st August, 1907 ..	Monthly Arrangement ..	" (Single) ..	24	0
Johannesburg	1st July, 1905 ..	30th June, 1908 ..	As required ..	2,500	0
Pretoria	"	"	"	960	0
Germiston	1st July, 1906 ..	30th June, 1909 ..	"	210	0
Pietersburg	"	"	"	119	0
Middelburg	"	"	"	180	0
Standerton	"	"	"	216	0
Heidelberg	"	"	"	145	0
Potchefstroom	1st July, 1905 ..	30th June, 1908 ..	"	180	0
Klerksdorp	"	"	"	105	0

Appendix B.

POSTAL ORDERS.

	1906-07.		1907-08.		INCREASE (+) OR DECREASE (-).	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
ISSUES	370,361	£220,561 11 6	525,736	£328,178 17 0	+155,375	+£107,617 5 6
PAYMENTS.						
Transvaal Orders paid in Transvaal	147,075	£ 52,447 14 10	2,354	£ 1,070 6 2	-144,721	- 81,377 8 8
Transvaal Orders paid elsewhere in South Africa	63,707	36,420 7 6	1,097	572 1 2	- 62,610	- 35,848 0 4
Other South African Orders paid in Transvaal	33,090	18,058 17 2	30,982	16,517 10 3	- 2,108	- 1,541 6 11
British Orders	16,560	10,540 2 1	246,994	142,422 12 6	+230,434	+131,882 10 5
	260,432	£147,467 1 7*	281,427	£160,582 16 1*	+ 20,995	+£18,115 14 6

* These figures include the value of stamps affixed to orders in extension of value.

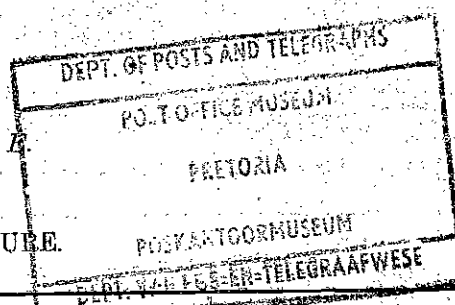
Appendix D.

REVENUE.

SOURCE.					1906-07.			1907-08.		
					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
POSTAGE :										
Stamps Sold	..	..	..	..	181,241	16	6	174,282	19	4
Unpaid Postage	..	..	..	..	4,087	13	7	3,565	18	1
Other Postage	..	..	..	..	9,099	14	2	6,448	15	0
					194,429 4 3			184,297 12 5		
MONEY ORDERS :										
Commission from Public	..	..	..	..	12,026	6	9	10,376	4	5
„ „ other Countries	..	..	..	..	877	3	4	818	8	8
					12,903 10 1			11,194 13 1		
POSTAL ORDERS :										
Commission ..	..	..	..	..	3,288 18 5			3,503 2 7		
PRIVATE BOXES AND BAGS :										
Box Rentals	..	..	..	..	19,169	7	6	16,965	0	0
Box Keys, etc., Sold	..	..	..	..	844	4	6	219	17	3
Bag Fees	..	..	..	..	238	5	0	238	9	0
					20,251 17 0			17,423 6 3		
TELEGRAPHS :										
Stamps on Telegrams	..	..	..	..	76,327	10	11	65,254	11	6
Abbreviated Address Fees	..	..	..	..	2,654	13	0	2,444	10	0
Other Receipts	..	..	..	..	1,252	5	9	1,847	2	5
					80,234 9 8			69,546 3 11		
TELEPHONES :										
Rentals	..	..	..	..	56,895	12	2	60,231	4	6
Call Fees	..	..	..	..	2,246	2	9	3,301	11	11
Other Receipts	..	..	..	..	44	14	9	2,071	13	6
					59,186 9 8			65,604 9 11		
SAVINGS BANK PROFITS	..	..	..	..	24,335 17 0			25,955 1 0		
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	..	..	..	..	975 2 1			2,374 14 6		
TOTALS					£395,605 8 2			£379,899 3 8		
Decrease								£15,706 4 6		

Appendix E.

EXPENDITURE.



HEAD.	1906-07.	1907-08.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES:		
Salaries	324,291 17 6	316,047 15 1
Overtime	5,466 19 6	4,786 7 4
Temporary Assistance	178 10 9	171 0 8
Commission on sale of Stamps	246 9 2	256 9 2
" " Postal Orders	17 12 5	36 6 2
" " Telegraph Work	296 19 0	190 13 2
Boot Allowance to Postmen	186 0 0	187 18 10
Bicycle Allowances	784 1 11	885 3 9
Bonuses to Telegraph Messengers	46 3 8	131 10 0
	331,514 13 11	322,693 4 2
TRANSPORT AND TRAVELLING	4,524 0 11	4,208 16 2
SUPPLY OF STAMPS AND ORDERS:		
Postage Stamps	2,775 11 4	
Postal Orders	61 17 1	
	2,837 8 5	2,762 5 8
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS:		
Inland	30,344 10 8	28,325 19 3
Foreign	19,845 0 6	21,949 7 2
	50,189 11 2	50,275 6 5
PLANT:		
Telegraph and Telephone	957 3 9	877 11 8
Technical Furniture	965 5 2	820 13 5
Bicycles and Hand-carts	241 13 4	138 5 2
	2,164 2 3	1,836 10 3
MAINTENANCE AND MATERIAL:		
Telegraph	8,125 14 7	2,695 13 10
Telephone	5,924 19 7	4,646 4 3
Reserve Material	12,000 0 0	
	26,050 14 2	7,341 18 1
LOSSES BY ACCIDENT, DEFAULT, ETC. ..	282 1 7	788 3 10
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Clothing—Uniforms	428 8 7	476 4 6
Mail Bags, Seals, Twine, Wax, etc.	2,614 13 9	1,560 2 1
Contributions to International Bureaux	109 0 1	104 1 0
Contribution to Reuter's Agency	300 0 0	300 0 0
Subsidy to Cable Company	4,639 7 10	
Incidental Expenses	1,216 0 8	781 19 7
	9,307 10 11	3,222 7 2
BETTERMENT OF TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES:		
Extension of Telegraphs, Underground		2,036 0 10
Apparatus and Minor Works		1,719 9 6
General Telephone Extensions		21,288 0 10
Telephone Exchange Plant		3,902 3 5
		28,945 14 7
Gross Expenditure	£426,870 3 4	£422,073 16 4
Less Appropriations-in-Aid	16,788 9 1	—
TOTALS	£410,081 14 3	£422,073 16 4
Increase		£11,992 2 1

Appendix F.

GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1907-08.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To EXPENDITURE—(Cash Payments) ..	422,073	16	4	By REVENUE—(Cash Receipts) ..	379,899	3	8
„ GOVERNMENT PRINTER FOR STATION- ERY, PRINTING, ETC. ..	5,269	10	4	„ FREE WORK PERFORMED:			
„ PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:				Postage on Letters, etc. ..	£20,827	15	4
Maintenance and				Telegrams ..	11,829	7	11
Minor Works ..	£8,630	0	4	Telephones ..	7,285	14	6
Supervision ..	863	0	0	Private Boxes and Bags ..	435	10	0
Rent ..	1,795	12	6	Abbreviated Addresses	1,431	10	0
Rates ..	1,660	1	10	Commission on Money Orders issued free	406	4	0
Lighting ..	3,321	8	6	Collection for Internal Revenue Depart- ment: 1 per cent. on £64,187 17s. 9d.	641	17	6
Insurance ..	265	0	0				
	16,535	2	8				42,857 19 3
„ TREASURY:				„ BALANCE AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT:			
Proportion of Cost of Custody and Issue of Stamps, etc.	250	0	0	Telegraph Loss (see separate account)	£84,336	10	1
Value of Unified Stamps used for Revenue purposes (estimated) ..	8,000	0	0	Telephone Loss (see separate account)	6,649	12	5
			8,250	0			
„ MISCELLANEOUS:					90,986	2	6
Law, Pensions, etc.	500	0	0	Postal Profit (see separate account)	25,063	8	6
Gratuities under vol- untary retrench- ment scheme ..	12,644	3	4				65,322 14 0
			13,144				
„ INTEREST LIABILITY:							
4 per cent. on value of Government Buildings occupied as Post Offices ..			6,396				
3½ per cent. on Capital from Guaranteed Loan for Telegraphs and Telephones ..			9,920				
3½ per cent. on share of cost of raising Guaranteed Loan ..			117				
4 per cent. on Capital from Treasury balances ..			5,024				
4 per cent. on Capital from General Revenue ..			1,348				
			£488,079				£488,079 16 11
			16				11

Appendix F1.

POSTAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 1907-08.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries and Wages ..	148,866	2	4	By Postage ..	184,297	12	5
„ Travelling, etc. ..	1,893	14	4	„ Commission on Money Orders ..	11,194	13	1
„ Supply of Stamps ..	2,486	1	1	„ „ Postal Orders ..	3,503	2	7
„ Mail Conveyance ..	50,275	6	5	„ Private Boxes and Bags ..	17,423	6	3
„ Plant ..	657	8	6	„ Savings Bank Surplus Interest ..	25,955	1	0
„ Losses by Accident and Default ..	472	18	4	„ Miscellaneous ..	2,374	14	6
„ Miscellaneous ..	2,010	14	8				
CASH PAYMENTS—TOTAL ..	£206,662	5	8	CASH RECEIPTS—TOTAL ..	£244,748	9	10
„ Services performed by other Depart- ments free ..	13,636	13	0	„ Services performed for other Depart- ments free ..	22,311	6	10
„ Estimated value of Unified Stamps used for Internal Revenue pur- poses ..	8,000	0	0				
„ Proportion of Interest Liability on buildings used as Post Offices ..	4,264	6	2				
„ Miscellaneous Liabilities ..	8,833	3	4				
„ Balance—Profit (in General Profit and Loss Account) ..	25,063	8	6				
	£267,059	16	8				£267,059 16 8

Appendix F2.

TELEGRAPH PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 1907-08.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries and Wages	136,657	10	1	By Telegrams	65,254	11	6
.. Travelling, etc.	1,893	14	3	.. other Receipts	4,291	12	5
.. Supply of Stamps	276	4	7				
.. Plant	425	0	2				
.. Maintenance, Material, etc.	3,303	17	2				
.. Losses by Accident and Default	275	17	4				
.. Miscellaneous	1,277	3	1				
.. Betterment of Telegraphs	3,755	10	4				
CASH PAYMENTS—TOTAL	£147,864	17	0	CASH RECEIPTS—TOTAL	£69,546	3	11
.. Services performed by other Departments free	6,818	0	0	.. Services performed for other Departments free	13,260	17	11
.. Proportion of Interest Liability on Works	5,917	14	11				
.. Proportion of Interest Liability on Buildings used as Telegraph Offices	2,132	0	0	.. Balance—Loss (in General Profit and Loss Account)	£82,807	1	10
.. Miscellaneous Liabilities	4,411	0	0		84,336	10	1
	£167,143	11	11		£167,143	11	11
Less Capital Expenditure exceptionally included	3,755	10	4				
	£163,388	1	7	.. Cash Receipts and Free Services	£82,807	1	10
Add to Interest Liability (4 per cent. on £3,755 10s. 4d. from dates expended in 1907-08)	23	12	4	.. Balance—Loss	81,604	12	1
	£164,411	13	11		£164,411	13	11

Appendix F3.

TELEPHONE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 1907-08.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries and Wages	36,981	12	11	By Rentals and Call Fees	65,604	9	11
.. Travelling, etc.	420	17	7				
.. Plant	754	1	7				
.. Maintenance, Material, etc.	4,038	0	11				
.. Losses by Accident and Default	39	8	2				
.. Miscellaneous	122	8	3				
.. Betterment of Telephones	25,190	4	3				
CASH PAYMENTS—TOTAL	£67,546	13	8	CASH RECEIPTS—TOTAL	£65,604	9	11
.. Services performed by other Departments free	1,350	0	0	.. Services performed for other Departments free	7,285	14	6
.. Interest Liability	10,493	3	2	.. Balance—Loss (in General Profit and Loss Account)	6,649	12	5
.. Miscellaneous Liabilities	150	0	0		£79,539	16	10
	£79,539	16	10				
Less Capital Expenditure exceptionally included	25,190	4	3	.. Cash Receipts and Free Services	72,890	4	5
	£54,349	12	7				
Add to Interest Liability (4 per cent. on £25,190 4s. 3d. from dates expended in 1907-08)	415	15	10				
	£54,765	8	5				
Balance—Gain (to meet Depreciation, being at the rate of 5.9 per cent. on capital outlay)	18,124	16	0				
	£72,890	4	5		£72,890	4	5

Appendix F 4.

SUMMARY OF POST OFFICE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS FROM
THE YEAR 1900-01.

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.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1900-01	57,225	5,012	62,237	28,580	6,051	34,631	28,645	—	27,606	—
1901-02	80,951	8,159	89,110	69,896	13,630	83,526	11,055	—	5,584	—
1902-03	293,055	74,765	367,820	309,860	60,397	370,257	—	16,805	—	2,437
1903-04	358,313	56,047	414,360	379,638	60,659	440,297	—	21,325	—	25,937
1904-05	405,119	39,588	444,707	366,334	54,198	420,532	38,785	—	24,175	—
1905-06	412,141	39,397	451,538	413,736	52,314	466,050	—	1,595	—	14,512
1906-07	395,605	47,645	443,250	410,082	52,383	462,465	—	14,477	—	19,215
1907-08	379,899	42,858	422,757	422,074	66,006	488,080	—	42,175*	—	65,323*

* £28,946, Capital Expenditure, is exceptionally included.

Appendix G.

TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT TO 30TH JUNE, 1908.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Amount allotted from Guaranteed Loan	285,000	0	0	By Value of Telegraph System ..	138,408	3	2
" " Received from Treasury Balances:—				" Value of Telephone System ..	245,936	2	5
To 30th June, 1907 .. £121,486	0	0		" Value of Stores on hand, 30th June, 1908	58,982	1	8
During 1907-08 .. 12,000	0	0		" Miscellaneous Expenditure ..	1,503	4	10
	133,486	0	0	" Cash on hand, 30th June, 1908 ..	5,024	10	6
" Received from General Revenue to 30th June, 1908	33,700	9	8				
	£452,186	9	8				
Less Amount realised by sale of lines in Swaziland to Swaziland Government	2,332	7	1				
	£449,854	2	7		£449,854	2	7