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THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Report on the working of the Postal and Telegraph Department, during the year ended the 31st March, 1901.

By Command,

SYDNEY OLIVIER, Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office, 17th July, 1901.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Thirty-third Annual Report of the Post Office Department, being that for the Financial year ending 31st March, 1901.

Revenue.

2. The total collections amount to £26,927 4s. 0d. viz:—

Postal	...	£22,212 8 9
Telegraphs	...	4,714 15 3
		£26,927 4 0

as against £26,926 10s. 4d. collected during the year 1899-1900: the receipts under the head of Postages exhibiting an increase of £915 15s. 5d. while Telegraphs shew a falling off of £915 1s. 9d., the net increase under the two heads together being 13s. 8d.

3. The Postal collections exceed the estimate for the year by the sum of £1,612 while those from Telegraphs are less by the sum of £586.

4. The credit to the Post Office Department for Official Postages is not less than £2,500 per annum and if this sum be added to the above stated receipts for Postages, i.e., £22,212 8s. 9d., the earnings of the Post Office may be stated at £24,712 8s. 9d. as against £23,796 13s. 4d. last year.

5. I subjoin, as usual, a comparative abstract of the receipts under each head of Revenue.

Period.	Postages.	Commission on Money Orders.	Commission on Postal Orders.	Telegraph.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1898-99 ...	21,438 14 2½	392 9 11	594 2 3	6,101 9 0	125 13 5	28,652 8 9½
1899-1900 ...	20,125 12 4	378 18 10	654 19 6	5,629 17 0	157 2 8	26,926 10 4
1900-1901 ...	21,124 4 3½	384 3 0	616 17 0½	4,714 15 3	87 4 5	26,927 4 0

and an approximate analysis of the collections under the head of Postages.

Year.	Packet Postages.	Inland Postages.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1898-99 ...	4,832 14 2½	16,605 19 11½	21,438 14 2½
1899-1900 ...	3,649 7 4½	16,476 4 11½	20,125 12 4
1900-1901 ...	3,754 14 1½	17,369 10 2	21,124 4 3½

6. There has been an increase over last year's transactions of £998 11s. 11½d. under Postages, £105 6s. 9d. being in respect of Packet Postages and £893 5s. 2½d. in respect of Inland Postages. The collections on this account are still £1,078 below those in 1898-99: a decrease which is entirely due to the reduction from 2½d. per half-ounce to 1d. per half-ounce in the letter rate of postage to the

United Kingdom and to certain British Possessions and Protectorates. The loss which resulted during the year 1899-1900 is £1,183 being £105 less than in the year under review, shewing that there has been an increase, to some extent, in the correspondence to the Mother Country and Possessions. In order to yield the revenue for Packet Postages which was being collected in 1898-99 on correspondence to the Mother Country, &c. the number of letters would have to increase by 150 per cent. and as £100 of postage at 1d. per letter represents numerically 24,000 letters, it would require a very large access of correspondence to compensate for the postage which is being lost in the Imperial Penny Postage scheme.

7. The increase which has taken place in the collections on account of Inland postages is satisfactory. Since the year 1896-97, which has been followed by years of commercial and agricultural depression, this is the first year during which I have been able to record any increase under the head of Inland Postages.

8. In order to illustrate the remarkable progression and resilience of the Postal Receipts during the last decade in the face and in spite of the reductions which have taken place in the Inland rates of postage, I invite attention to the fact that in 1890-91 the total Postal Receipts amount to £17,639 2s. 7½d; as against £22,212 8s. 9d. during the year under review, not including Official Postages estimated, as already stated, at not less than £2,500 per annum - the postage on official mail matter is included in the Revenue for 1890-91 therefore the comparison shows an increase, during the period 1890-91 to 1900, of £7,073 6s. 1¾d., shewing that increased postal and telegraph facilities have been attended with good results and have been and are appreciated by the public.

9. The collections on account of Inland Postages include the sum of £405 9s. 0d. for freight on parcels sent by the Coaches which are subsidized by the Government or Mail Carts provided by the Public Works Department for the Conveyance of Mails as well as Parcels. The amount is £139 11s. 7d. in excess of that collected during the preceding year, an increase showing that the freight on the parcels conveyed by Mail Contractors, and which previously had been paid to the Mail Coach Contractors, is becoming an increasingly profitable source of revenue to the colony. The contracts under the former system have all fallen in, with the result that all the freight on parcels now accrues to the Revenue of the Island.

10. The Commissions on Money Orders amount to £384 3s., being £5 4s. 2d. over last year's collections, and Commissions on Postal Orders amount to £616 17s. 0½d. as against £634 19s. 6d. during the year preceding: the decrease being £18 2s. 5½d.

11. The collections under the head of Miscellaneous amount to £87 4s. 5d. and are made up of the following items:—

Rent of Private Letter Boxes	...	£66	18	0
Do. Do. Bags	...	11	11	0
Mail Coach Commissions	...	5	16	4
Surplus Money Order Cash	...	2	19	1
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		£87	4	5

12. The Post Office Department sold Postage Stamps, Post Cards and Newspaper Wrappers to the face value of £19,356 3s. 11½d., while the Stamps sold by the Stamp Commissioner amount to £1,230; the total face value of the Stamps, &c., sold by both Departments, including £30 15s. discount at 2½ per cent allowed by the Stamp Commissioner to Vendors, may be stated at £20,616 18 11½. The system of adjusting the Postal Receipts to the extent of reimbursing the discount on the stamps sold by the Stamp Commissioner has been considered unnecessary, and has been discontinued accordingly, and the amount is not now, under such circumstances, included in the Estimates of Post Office Expenditure.

13. An economy was last year effected in the matter of the discount on Stamps sold by the Stamp Commissioner not only by reducing the number of Vendors to whom the Stamp Commissioner sold Postage Stamps but also by reducing from 5 per cent. to 2½ per cent. the discount allowed. In the year preceding the reduction the discount amounted to £357 12s. 7d., in the year under report, as already shewn, it is £30 15s. the difference being £206 17s. 7d. If the sum of £36 11s. 9d. being the increased amount of Poundage at 1 o/o paid by the Post Office Department to District Postmasters on account of Stamps sold in Kingston and District Post Offices be deducted from the above stated difference of £206 17s. 7d. the net gain to the Postal Revenue of the Colony is £170 5s. 10d., the similar economy last year being £133 3s. 10d.

14. From the total amount of Stamps sold, the Post Office Department accounted to the Stamp Commissioner for the sum of £1,170 as representing the approximate annual amount of Adhesive Stamps used by the Public in payment of Revenue Stamp Duties.

15. Impressed Revenue Stamps of the value of £415 17s. 4½d. were issued to the several District Post Offices during the year under review: the amount sold to the public and the cash for which has been placed, through the several Collectorates, to the credit of Stamp Duties is £382 15s. 10½d., while Judicial Stamps to the value of £1,531 12s. 0d. were also supplied to such of the District Post Offices as have been allocated for such purpose: the amount of Judicial Stamps sold being £1,480 19s. 9d; the above figures, I submit, bear testimony to the general usefulness of District Post Offices as distributing and collecting agencies for the Government.

16. I am glad to say that the system of selling Adhesive and Judicial Stamps at Post Offices has continued to work very smoothly.

17. The inconvenience resulting from the impracticability and danger of sending to District Post Offices more than a limited supply of Impressed Revenue Stamps, whereby blank slips of a higher de-

been met to a large extent by the Stamp Law recently passed in the last session of the Legislative Council, which has allowed the bills to be impressed within seven days after date.

18. This provision under the new Law, as well as the fact that Adhesive and Judicial Stamps can also be purchased at the Offices of Collectors of Taxes will, it is hoped, meet the convenience of the public in every respect.

Circulation of Correspondence.

19. The following is the usual Financial Comparative Statement of the total number of Letters and Post Cards which are estimated to have passed through the General Post Office, Kingston, and each District Post Office during the year; such estimates, as usual, being based on four weekly counts taken during the quarters of the year.

	Outwards.			Inwards.		
	1898-99	1899-1900	1900-1901	1898-99	1899-1900	1900-1901
<i>Inland Mails—</i>						
Ordinary Letters—						
Public	1,192,269	1,247,974	1,256,136	1,448,746	1,343,331	1,374,229
Official	120,731	125,411	126,746	111,761	111,692	109,133
Post Cards	23,985	26,286	25,865	27,963	23,777	24,678
Registered Letters—						
Public	17,111	18,121	22,239	70,066	73,379	74,100
Official	25,469	26,450	27,846	19,137	16,943	16,879
<i>Ocean Mails—By Vessels under Contract—</i>						
United Kingdom—						
Ordinary Letters	152,478	127,385	150,835	195,737	208,780	226,102
Post Cards	5,245	4,771	4,863	1,400	1,400	1,400
Inter-Colonial, B.W.I., &c.—						
Ordinary Letters	49,256	50,669	71,407	93,381	88,379	95,800
Post Cards	394	316	155	1,032	687	549
<i>By Vessels not Contract—</i>						
United States of America—						
Ordinary Letters	113,215	115,782	119,114	119,875	139,006	124,386
Post Cards	3,878	3,669	3,998	2,572	2,421	787
Other Countries—						
Ordinary Letters	59,006	98,850	102,603	18,064	35,861	58,344
Post Cards	2,697	2,257	3,441	62	133	66
Registered Letters, Packet	13,912	17,605	18,735	11,115	15,679	16,175
	1,779,641	1,865,546	1,933,982	2,120,911	2,061,468	2,122,628

At District Post Offices.

	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.
Ordinary Letters	1,014,718	1,075,152	1,106,651
Post Cards	32,642	36,894	40,612
Registered Letters	32,711	34,290	35,210
	1,080,071	1,146,336	1,182,473

20. 5,239,083 Letters and Post Cards were sent through the General Post Office, Kingston, and the District Post Offices, the number exceeding that of the Letters and Post Cards despatched during the year 1899-1900 by 165,733, while the number sent during 1898-99 is exceeded by 258,460. Of the total number of Letters and Post Cards dealt with, as stated above, 211,184 were registered being an increase of 8,717 as against an increase last year of 12,946. Some of this increase in the number of registered articles occurred under official packets, but most of it is to be found in the number of letters registered by the Public. In regard to the 5,239,083 Letters and Post Cards handled by the Post Office, I have only received 239 complaints of alleged mis-carriages while during the three years under comparison 603,172 over half a million of registered articles have been dealt with without there having being a single mis-carriage or loss of a registered article. These figures and statement I submit bear ample testimony to the accuracy and honesty of the employees of the Post Office in Jamaica, not only in the matter of registered, but of unregistered Mail matter. Many of the complaints of miscarriages have resulted in showing that they did not occur in the Post Office. I would again urge the Public to avail themselves always of the system of registration; since it is very difficult, indeed if not impossible, to trace an article of mail matter which is not registered.

21. The system of insuring letters to and from the United Kingdom and certain other countries, has, I am glad to say, been appreciated by the public, 22 letters containing value to the amount of £1,636 6s. 8d. having been insured and in no single case has any claim arisen for compensation.

OCEAN MAILS.

22. The following is a Comparative Statement for the three years ended 31st March, 1901, shewing the number of contract and non-contract vessels which have conveyed mails to and from Jamaica.

	Outwards.						Inwards.					
	1898-99.		1899-1900.		1900-1901.		1898-99.		1899-1900.		1900-1901.	
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.
<i>Kingston—</i>												
Contract ...	60	928	50	700	56	695	60	783	52	853	77	905
Non-Contract	297	436	310	742	293	592	471	896	496	830	352	795
<i>Outports—</i>												
Non-Contract	48	97	63	63	60	61	139	160	202	280	127	272

23. 3,320 mails were received and despatched as against 3,468 received and despatched during 1899-1900, and 3,300 received and despatched during 1898-99.

24. The number of transit mails which were despatched and received by other countries via Jamaica during the period was 255.

25. The mail services with the mother country have been, as heretofore, maintained principally by the steamers of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company under contract with the Imperial Government.

26. A new direct mail service between the United Kingdom and Jamaica, via Bristol, was established under the contract concluded between the Imperial Government and Messrs. Elder Dempster & Co., of Liverpool, to run a fortnightly steamer between Bristol and Kingston, Jamaica. The effect has been to provide, in conjunction with the Royal Mail steam service, a weekly service to and from England. The first steamer of the Direct Line, the s.s. "Port Morant," left Bristol on the afternoon of Saturday, the 16th February, and arrived in Jamaica on Friday, the 1st March, the due date, and the service has been continued with fortnightly regularity since. Under the approved Time Table the steamers are appointed to leave Bristol on each alternate Saturday and are due at Kingston, Jamaica on Friday morning. The return steamer leaves Kingston on the evening of every alternate Thursday and is timed to arrive in Bristol on the alternate Wednesday, the duration of voyage under the terms of the contract being twelve days.

27. As the steamers of the Direct Line leave Bristol on the Saturday of the week following that in which the steamers of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company leave Southampton on Wednesday, it results that the mails from London by the Direct Line via Bristol should contain an accumulation of ten days mail matter, while the mails via Southampton by the steamers of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company leaving four days after on the following Wednesday should contain accumulation of mail matter for not more than four days.

28. For this reason, the Government has decided that the Packet Express Mail Service which used to be despatched to the interior of the Island as soon as possible after the arrival at the General Post Office, Kingston, of the Mails by the Royal Mail Steamer, shall be discontinued, and instead be made to connect with the arrival of the Steamers of the Direct Line from Bristol. The present resources of the Island do not justify the expenditure for an additional Packet Express to the interior of the Island on the arrival of the Royal Mail Steamers. The department however has done its best to utilise the ordinary Mail Services at its disposal to distribute the mail matter arriving by the Royal Mail Steamers on each alternate Friday.

29. The United Fruit Company's Steamers and those of the Atlas Company have continued to afford ample opportunity for the exchange of Mails between the United States of America and Jamaica, as well as additional opportunities for exchanging Mails with the United Kingdom and places via the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The Atlas Company's Steamers have also continued to be at disposal for the exchange of Mails with Central America.

30. The Mails exchanged with the United States of America and the United Kingdom via United States have been sent via Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia, and occasionally via New York; and in Jamaica via Kingston and Port Antonio, while the exchanges in the case of the Atlas Company's Service have been between Kingston and New York.

31. The Steamers of the Tweedie Trading Company which gave connexion with the United States of America and with Belize, British Honduras, ceased to run to Jamaica during the year; but the service between Jamaica, Halifax, Bermuda and Turks Islands by Messrs. Pickford and Black's Steamers has continued to afford opportunities for the exchange of mail matter.

32. Mail exchanges with the Cayman Islands, i.e., Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac have been effected by means of the Schooners trading between Kingston, Montego Bay and Lucca and those places and similarly with Saint Jago de Cuba.

33. The cost to the Colony of Maintaining the above Mail exchanges during the year is £7,647 10s. 7d. viz:—

Portion of Imperial Contract with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company	£5,140	0	0
Postage paid to Imperial Post Office	1,300	0	0
Sea and Territorial Transit Rates paid to other Countries	161	7	1
Gratuity at the rate of 1d. per letter for conveyance of Mails by non-contract Vessels	1,046	3	6
	£7,647	10	7

34. If the approximate value of the Sea Postages, say £3,754 14s. 1½d., be deducted from this sum it results that the net cost to Jamaica for maintaining frequent Mail Communication with all parts of the world may be stated at about £3,892 16s. 5½d., which will be reduced during the year 1901-1902, as the Imperial Government has agreed to a reduction of the amount to be contributed towards the loss on the West India Royal Mail Contract in proportion to the reduction (to be computed) in the amount of mail matter sent by the Royal Mail line. I also anticipate a further reduction in the amount of gratuity paid for the conveyance of Mails by vessels not under contract since the establishment of the Direct Mail Service to Bristol does away to a very large extent, if not altogether, with the necessity for sending mail matter via the United States of America; at least during the week in which the Direct Line Steamer sails and takes replies to correspondence. When these reductions take place, I estimate that the net cost to the Colony of its Foreign Mail Service will not exceed £2,000 per annum.

35. Jamaica is particularly fortunate in having so many opportunities for communicating with places abroad; for it not only has a weekly service to the Mother Country, but more than a weekly service to the United States of America, and as a result, is able to communicate with all the other parts of the civilized world via London and New York. I may add in this connection that the firm of Elder Dempster and Company contemplate a weekly service between the Mother Country and Jamaica thereby increasing the postal facilities with the Mother Country.

INLAND MAIL CONVEYANCES.

36. The economy in the expenditure on account of the Inland Conveyance of Mails, resulting from the transfer of the service to the Public Works Department, has been continued during the year: the saving effected being £1,282 11s. 10d. and I again bear willing testimony to the satisfactory results, and to the cordial assistance not only of the head of the Public Works Department but of the Superintendents of Public Works in the respective parishes.

37. I am glad to be able again to report that there has not been any interruption of the mail services either by road or by train during the year under report. The Railway authorities have done all they can during the year to co-operate with this Department in making the mail services by train efficient and satisfactory to the public.

38. Soon after the Government took over the railway arrangement was concluded whereby and under which an annual sum of £2,700 is now paid to the Railway Department for the conveyance of mails, the arrangement previously having been the payment to the Company at a rate of 2d. per train mile travelled for mails conveyed by each passenger train.

39. Every advantage is taken of the existing ordinary mail services to forward the packet mail matter into the interior; for instance, the mail coach which previously left Ewarton for the northside at 9.30 a.m. is now detained until 4 p.m. on each alternate Friday, and if the Royal Mail steamer arrives in time, the packet letters, and if possible the second class matter, are despatched to Ewarton by the 2 p.m. train, while the mails for the east and north-eastern post offices between Kingston and Port Antonio, via Annotto Bay and Port Antonio and Bull Bay are sent by the train leaving Kingston for Port Antonio at 2 p.m., and connects with the mail coach which ordinarily leaves Port Antonio at 4 p.m., but is detained on each alternate Friday until after the arrival of the mails by train. Arrangements are also made, when necessary, for conveyance of the packet mail matter from offices on the main lines to branch post offices.

40. At the request of correspondents in Mandeville a Special Packet Express Mail Service was established between Williamsfield in the month of September, 1900, on the understanding that the relative increased expenditure was re-imbursed but with the alteration in the Railway Time Table the necessity for this has ceased to exist.

DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

41. At the end of the year under review, there were in existence 147 District Post Offices, as against 148 at the close of the financial year preceding.

42. The District Post Office at Rock River was closed on the 27th November, 1900—the Postmaster having resigned—up to the present time a suitable Postmaster has not been found—but I hope it will be re-opened shortly.

43. The District Post Office at Old England was also closed on the 8th of May last because of the inefficiency of the Postmaster and it has been decided not to re-open it as it had failed to prove remunerative and it was not regarded as a public necessity.

44. The Post Office and Telegraph Station at Constant Spring Hotel which was opened on the 2nd February was closed on the 16th April last, simultaneously with the closing of the Hotel.

45. A Post Office and Telegraph Station was established at Myrtle Bank Hotel on the 16th January, 1901, the results have justified the opening and the guests of the hotel have expressed their appreciation of the convenience of being able not only to transact postal business on the spot, but of being able to send local and foreign telegrams: a wire having been erected between the Hotel and the Post Office Telegraph Station, Kingston, and therefrom to the Direct Cable Company's Office, equal facilities as to Foreign Telegrams are granted to the West India and Panama Telegraph Company.

46. Advantage is being taken, as opportunity presents itself, of the facilities which have been given by the Railway authorities, with the approval of the Government, for transferring to the Railway Stations District Post Offices—the Station Master or Agent being also the District Postmaster.

47. Arrangements have also been made for placing posting boxes on the Passenger Trains and at the Railway Stations.

MONEY ORDERS.

48. The following is a Comparative Statement of the Money Order transactions during the three years ended 31st March last

Year.	Jamaica Issue.				Payable in Jamaica.				Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica.		
	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.					
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1898-99	...	7,896	27,243	15 1	1,510	4,193	8 4		438	17	8
1899-1900	...	8,013	28,027	17 1	1,497	3,657	0 11		444	11	11
1900-1901	...	7,698	23,052	13 7	1,475	3,771	1 6		381	4	11
United States of America.											
1898-99	...	3,110	10,865	6 6	530	1,097	17 10		176	15	4
1899-1900	...	2,779	7,729	17 1	639	2,112	19 8		161	4	9
1900-1901	...	2,864	6,872	10 9	726	2,051	10 2		144	0	10
Dominion of Canada											
1898-99	...	472	2,960	2 9	96	329	12 7		48	17	6
1899-1900	...	439	2,548	16 0	107	327	3 5		32	4	2
1900-1901	...	335	1,515	1 1	102	374	15 4		24	4	2
British Guiana.											
1898-99	...	104	223	8 0	82	202	2 6		3	18	0
1899-1900	...	109	193	16 7	84	145	17 9		3	5	1
1900-1901	...	126	258	3 2	83	178	7 10		4	8	3
Barbados											
1898-99	...	431	806	16 9	272	601	3 11		12	17	1
1899-1900	...	308	351	16 0	239	512	3 11		9	18	4
1900-1901	...	264	280	4 5	266	713	9 6		9	14	8
Windward and Leeward Islands.											
1898-99	...	144	273	15 0	121	251	14 2		4	11	5
1899-1900	...	123	184	16 7	193	399	11 9		4	14	6
1900-1901	...	99	162	7 7	265	381	4 2		4	6	1
Turks Islands.											
1898-99	...	12	31	19 5	278	982	15 0		4	10	7
1899-1900	...	28	103	18 1	205	676	17 2		3	16	2
1900-1901	...	16	31	18 10	233	861	0 11		4	10	11
Panama.											
1898-99	...	7	20	4 0	107	204	9 7		1	9	0
1899-1900	...	11	33	12 0	100	154	8 6		1	7	9
1900-1901	...	5	18	1 0	120	430	9 2		2	8	9
British Honduras											
1898-99	...	7	11	16 8	106	243	3 9		1	9	0
1899-1900	...	9	44	10 0	90	165	4 10		1	3	0
1900-1901	...	4	4	8 0	84	120	5 7		0	15	11
Trinidad.											
1898-99	...	28	46	0 3	66	228	0 0		1	14	10
1899-1900	...	16	23	7 7	86	256	19 5		1	11	9
1900-1901	...	19	20	8 4	114	417	12 1		2	14	3
Bermuda.											
From 15th February to 31st Mar., 1901	1	0	7	6	30	66	3 9		0	7	1

49. The total issues of Jamaica on other countries are less by the sum of £7,026 2s. 9d. than those of the year preceding, while the total issues of other countries on this island are in excess by the sum of £957 12s. 8d.

Jamaica Issue.	No.	Amount.
1899-1900	11,835	£39,242 7 0
1900-1901	11,431	32,216 4 3
Issues of other countries, payable in Jamaica—		
1899-1900	3,240	8,408 7 4
1900-1901	3,498	9,366 0 0

50. The principal decrease in the issue of Jamaica has occurred in the transactions with the mother country which are less by the sum of £4,975 3s. 6d. than those last year. This decrease is, I believe, due to the increase during the year under report, of the import duty on ad valorem goods from 12½ per cent. to 16½ per cent., which caused wholesale and retail merchants, particularly those in the dry goods and haberdashery lines, to lessen their importations, and the retailers to purchase goods from the stock held by wholesale merchants.

51. The transactions with the United States of America and with the Dominion of Canada also exhibit a falling off; in the case of the former the issues are £857 6s. 4d. less than those of the previous year, while in the case of the Dominion of Canada they are £1,033 14s. 11d.

52. The above details also disclose a falling off, intercolonially, with the exception of British Guiana.

53. The following are the details of the net commissions which accrued to the colony on Money Order transactions. It will be observed that the total amount is £384 3s. 0d., being £5 4s. 2d. more than the preceding year.

			£	s.	d.
United Kingdom	...	...	381	4	11
United States of America	...	...	144	0	10
Canada	...	...	24	4	2
British Guiana	...	...	4	8	3
Barbados	...	...	9	14	8
Windward and Leeward Islands	...	...	4	6	1
Panama	...	...	2	8	9
British Honduras	...	...	0	15	11
Trinidad	...	...	2	14	3
Turks Islands	...	...	4	10	11
Bermuda	...	...	0	7	1
			578	15	10

Less premium on Remittances.

United Kingdom	...	£135	0	0	
United States	...	46	7	6	
Canada	...	13	5	4	194 12 10
					£384 3 0

54. The remittances to the Imperial Post Office were made by means of Commissariat Certificates at the rate of ¾ per cent. while those to the United States of America and to the Dominion of Canada in settlement of balances were made by means of Bills of Exchange on the Crown Agents for the Colonies at 1 per cent.

55. Under an agreement concluded between this Post Office and that of Bermuda, with the approval of this Government, a direct exchange of Money Orders with Bermuda came into force on the 15th of February, 1901.

56. On the 1st June, 1901, a Money Order exchange via the United States of America with Arecibo, Mayaguez, Ponce and San Juan, in Porto Rico, and with Honolulu in Hawaii came into force.

Postal Orders.

57. Postal Orders to the face value of £30,194 4s. 6d. were issued to the General Post Office, Kingston, and the several District Post Offices, as against a similar issue of £31,198 15s. 0d. during the year preceding.

58. The issues of each denomination during the three years ended 31st March last are as under:—

Postal Orders Issued.

Denomination.	1898-99			1899-1900.			1900-1901.		
	No.	Face Value.	Commis-sion.	No.	Face Value	Commis-sion.	No.	Face Value.	Commis-sion.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
s. d.									
6	16,150	403 15 0	23 12 11	19,425	485 12 6	40 9 4½	17,574	439 7 0	36 12 3
1 0	35,100	1,755 0 0	73 2 6	38,250	1,912 10 0	79 13 9	38,498	1,924 18 0	80 4 1
1 6	36,050	2,703 15 0	75 2 1	40,400	3,630 0 0	84 3 4	39,643	2,973 4 6	82 11 9½
2 6	38,075	4,759 7 6	79 6 5	40,375	5,046 17 6	84 2 3½	40,122	5,015 5 0	83 11 9
5 0	29,465	7,366 5 0	122 15 5½	34,715	8,678 15 0	144 12 11	33,308	8,327 0 0	138 15 8
10 0	23,520	11,760 0 0	196 0 0	24,090	12,045 0 0	200 15 0	23,029	11,514 10 0	191 18 2
	178,360	28,748 2 6	579 19 4½	197,265	31,198 15 0	633 16 8	192,174	30,194 4 6	613 13 8½

59. The sales of Postal Orders to the Public amounted to £30,339 11s. 6d., as shewn by the sub-joined comparative statement, being £927 2s. 6d. less than the amount sold in 1899-1900, the average sale for the three years under comparison being £30,360.

POSTAL ORDERS SOLD.

	1898-99.			1899-1900.			1900-1901.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
April	2,570	3	6	2,531	4	0	2,461	17	0
May	2,470	3	0	2,856	0	0	2,620	17	0
June	2,307	13	6	2,613	9	6	2,499	13	6
July	2,285	13	6	2,773	4	0	2,629	11	0
August	2,406	4	6	2,623	13	0	2,487	8	6
September	2,329	1	6	2,640	12	0	2,316	0	6
October	2,448	18	0	2,641	18	6	2,695	19	6
November	2,508	1	0	2,451	16	6	2,554	13	6
December	2,783	6	0	2,788	8	6	2,780	15	6
January	2,339	3	6	2,466	14	0	2,421	1	0
February	2,344	12	0	2,303	2	0	2,349	0	6
March	2,681	10	0	2,576	12	0	2,522	14	0
	29,474	10	0	31,266	14	0	30,339	11	6

The sales during the year being £21 is less than this average but discloses no lack of appreciation on the part of the Public for the Postal Order System, though they have not yet taken the place of a small circulating medium, but are still more largely used as a means of remittance.

60. Postal Orders are now being used in the several Courts for satisfying the Claims of Suitors, and they are also used to some extent by the Army Pay Office at Camp in paying pensioners who live in the country or who cannot apply personally.

61. I am glad again to be able to record that the number of complaints of alleged miscarriage of Postal Orders through the Post continues to decrease, such diminution keeping pace apparently with the increase which is taking place annually in the number of registered articles.

62. The amount of commission which resulted from the sale of Postal Orders is, as shewn in the abstract under the head of Revenue, £616 17s. 0½d., being less by the sum of £18 2s. 5½d. than those of the year preceding.

EXPENDITURE.

63. The Post Office expenditure for the year under review is £28,390 8s. 1½d. as against £28,851 13s. 10½d for the previous year and £31,134 14s. 0½d. during the year ended 31st March, 1899. Comparing these figures it results that there has been a decrease in three years of £2,744 5s. 11d., while the comparison between last year's expenditure and that under review shews a net decrease of £461 5s. 9d.

64. I subjoin the usual Abstract of Expenditure for the year in comparison with that for the years 1898-99 and 1899-1900.

Year.	Salaries.		Mail Conveyance.			Services.	Total.
	Head Offices.	District Offices.	Inland.	Ocean.	Proportion of Royal Mail Contract with Imperial Government.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1898-99	5,388 1 10	3,014 11 5	10,652 4 0	1,938 6 11	5,140 0 0	5,001 9 10½	31,134 14 0½
1899-00	5,484 19 0	2,994 15 9	9,827 3 9½	2,418 12 10	5,140 0 0	2,986 2 6	28,851 13 10½
1900-01	5,915 9 2	2,956 4 9	8,510 17 5	2,507 10 7	5,140 0 0	3,360 6 2½	28,390 8 1½

65. The net decrease of £461 5s. 9d. shown above is accounted for thus, under the several heads of expenditure—

Decrease—Mail Conveyance, Inland	...	£1,316 6 4½
Salaries District Offices	...	38 11 0
		1,354 17 4½
Increase—Salaries Head Office	£430 10 2	
Mail Conveyance, Ocean	88 17 9	
Miscellaneous	374 3 8½	893 11 7½
		£461 5 9

66. The decrease under the head of Salaries of District Post Offices is due to the closing of the Post Offices recorded at paragraph 43 under the head of District Post Offices.

67. The increase in respect of the salaries at the head office is due in part to the usual inclusion of the annual increments of the staff of clerks, sorters and letter carriers, but chiefly to the payment of thirteen months' salary within the twelve months under review, the Government having decided to continue the system of paying the salaries of public officers due at the end of March on the last day of that month, instead of on the 1st day of April as heretofore.

68. The amount expended for Ship Letter Gratuities is £1,046 3s. 6d. as against £957 3s. 4d. during last year, and relates almost entirely to the mail services to and from the United States.

69. The net increase under the head of "Other Charges" took place chiefly in the item of manufacture of stamps and post cards.

70. The total expenditure for ocean mail conveyance includes the sum of £1,300, being for the remittance on account of the proportion of postage payable to the United Kingdom for sea transit rates, as well as a similar payment of £158 18s. 4d. to Postal Union Countries other than the United Kingdom, *i.e.*, United States of America £150 5s. 10d., Dominion of Canada £8 12s. 6d., such payments being to the 31st December last.

Mail Coaches.

71. The earnings of the several Mail Coaches for Passenger Fares and Freight on Parcels are given below in comparison with similar earnings for the two years preceding and ending on 31st March, 1900.

I.—Kingston and Montego Bay.

Year.			Passengers' Fares.	Parcels.	Total.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1898-99	...	...	343 8 3	202 1 9	545 10 0
1899-1900	...	...	386 6 9	221 2 3	607 9 0
1900-1901	...	...	266 10 0	195 3 9	461 13 9

II.—Montego Bay and Lucea.

1898-99	...	...	115 10 0	9 14 6	125 4 6
1899-1900	...	...	112 4 0	11 14 0	123 18 0
1900-1901	...	...	94 12 0	11 3 0	105 15 0

III.—Kingston and Port Antonio

1898-99	...	...	163 0 0	119 13 9	282 13 9
1899-1900	...	...	180 12 6	132 19 9	313 12 3
1900-1901	...	...	123 2 0	112 2 0	235 4 0

IV.—Kingston and Annotto Bay.

1898-99	...	...	11 15 0	23 18 0	35 13 0
1899-1900	...	...	...	22 10 6	22 10 6
1900-1901	...	...	...	13 18 6	13 18 6

V.—Kingston and Chapellon.

1898-99	...	...	...	17 14 9	17 14 9
1899-1900	...	...	...	20 10 3	20 10 3
1900-1901	...	...	...	17 9 0	17 9 0

VI.—St. Ann's Bay and Port Maria.

1898-99	...	...	...	26 15 6	26 15 6
1899-1900	...	...	...	29 12 9	29 12 9
1900-1901	...	...	...	19 14 6	19 14 6

VII.—Dry Harbour and Brown's Town.

1898-99	...	...	...	...	...
1899-1900	...	...	...	50 5 3	50 5 3
1900-1901	...	...	...	46 15 0	46 15 0
			...	35 17 6	35 17 6

VIII.—*Lucea and Green Island.*

Year.	Passengers' Fares.	Parcels.	Total.
1898-99	...	2 17 0	2 17 0
1899-1900	...	5 17 3	5 17 3
1900-1901	...	1 1 9	1 1 9

IX.—*Richmond and Port Maria.*

1898-99	...	42 16 6	42 16 6
1899-1900	...	33 17 9	33 17 9
1900-1901	...	28 4 6	28 4 6

X.—*Montpelier and Sav-la-Mar.*

1898-99	...	77 13 6	77 13 6
1899-1900	...	74 3 9	74 3 9
1900-1901	...	56 9 3	56 9 3

XI.—*Ipswich and Black River.*

1898-99	...	42 11 9	42 11 9
1899-1900	...	40 1 6	40 1 6
1900-1901	...	30 0 6	30 0 6

XII.—*Balaclava and Santa Cruz.*

1898-99	...	37 0 0	41 0 6	78 0 6
1899-1900	...	22 4 0	28 14 9	50 18 9
1900-1901	...	...	23 16 9	23 16 9

XIII.—*Williamsfield and Mandeville.*

1898-99	...	50 9 3	50 9 3
1899-1900	...	47 10 3	47 10 3
1900-1901	...	30 14 9	30 14 9

72. Summarising the above it appears that the total earnings by all the Mail Coaches which are either subsidized by the Department for the conveyance of Mails and Parcels and which are permitted to convey passengers, or by the Mail Carts furnished by the Public Works Department conveying Mails and Parcels only, amount to £1,059 19s. 9d. as under:—

Passenger Fares	...	£484 4 0
Parcels	...	575 15 9

being £217 3s. 3d. less for Passenger Fares, and £142 15s. 6d. less for parcels than the earnings of the year preceding.

73. The decrease in the earnings for Passenger Fares is due to the discontinuance on the 1st September, 1900, of the Mail Coach Passenger Service between Dry Harbour and Montego Bay when the Public Works Department took over the Mail Service between those places and to the discontinuance for a portion of the year of the passenger service between Bath and Port Antonio the service being limited to Kingston and Bath.

74. At the end of the year under review there were only three Passenger Coach Services in existence in connection with Contracts for the Conveyance of Mails, *i.e.*, between Ewarton and Dry Harbour, Montego Bay and Lucea and Kingston and Port Antonio, via Bath, for which the Post Office acts as Agent and to those between Ipswich and Black River, Balaclava and Santa Cruz and Williamsfield and Mandeville in respect of which the Department does not so act. The Passenger Fares in respect of these Services have been paid over to the respective Mail Contractors after deducting 10 per cent. for booking at the General Post Office, Kingston, and at the several District Post Offices.

75. Of the sum of £575 15s. 9d. collected for freight on parcels £156 17s. 0d. was paid to the Contractor between Kingston and Montego Bay and Kingston and Port Antonio, subject to a similar deduction of 10 per cent., while the sum of £418 18s. 9d. accrued to the Department. At the end of the preceding year, as pointed out in the 77th paragraph of my last Annual Report, there were only two Mail Coach Services in existence in connection with which the Mail Contractors could claim under their original agreement the freight on parcels; but, as stated, these Contracts have expired during the year and all the freight on parcels accrues to this Department, the estimated annual receipts being not less than £600 a year.

RETURNED LETTER BRANCH.

76. The Mail Matter which was dealt with in the Returned Letter Branch during the year is as under :—

	Paid.	Unpaid.
Letters returned to the United Kingdom	902	117
“ “ other Countries	3,657	1,122
“ “ writers in the Island	22,971	3,391
“ destroyed being illegible or anonymous	1,720	398
“ “ writers not having been found	3,534	2,381
Newspapers returned to the Publishers	13,035	...
“ destroyed	3,686	...

77. Unpaid postage on unclaimed Mail Matter to the amount of £99 14s. 5½d. has been written off as irrecoverable and 1,876 packets were found to contain value to the amount of £405 5s. 6d., all of which have been registered and reposted to their respective writers.

78. The prompt return of unclaimed Mail Matter to the owners continues, I am glad to be able to record, to be a marked feature of the work in the Returned Letter Branch which is almost entirely performed by the Auxiliary Female Staff, the letters &c., being dealt with within a week of their receipt into the Branch.

Telegraphs.

79. The following is a statement under each head of the Receipts on account of Telegraphs :—

	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Stamps sold	5,982 14 3	5,609 15 6	4,608 18 0
Additional charge on Books containing Message Forms	5 14 9	5 14 6	3 17 6
Fees for opening Stations out of the Office Hours	113 0 0	14 7 0	24 2 0
Official Telegrams	...	...	77 17 9
	6,101 9 0	5,629 17 0	4,714 15 3

80. The decrease under the head of stamps sold results in a measure from the change which has been effected during the year at the instance of the Hon. the Auditor General in the manner of accounting between the Post Office and the Railway for the telegrams sent over the railway lines as well as for the telegrams sent by officials. In both cases the telegrams were prepaid by means of telegraph stamps, now the value of the messages is accounted for and adjusted by means of transfer entries in the books of the Treasury. The decrease is also attributable to a falling off in the number of messages sent as disclosed in the numerical Return annexed to this Report, and to be referred to hereafter.

81. The value of the telegraph work performed by the Railway is estimated at £500 per annum, while the value of the official telegrams is estimated at £200.

82. The number of messages sent and received as shown by the detailed returns annexed to this report is 85,052 as against 96,812 during the year 1899-1900. 1,945 being sent over the Railway lines. The decrease of 11,760 in last year's business is without doubt due to the depression in trade and agriculture already referred to.

83. In addition to the collections on account of Inland Telegrams, this Department collected and accounted to the respective Cable Companies for the sum of £2,112 0s. 6d. for foreign telegrams handed in for transmission at the several District Telegraph Stations, including that at Myrtle Bank Hotel, of which the sum of £1,951 16s. 8d. was on account of and lodged to the credit of the Direct Cable Company, and £160 3s. 10d. on account of and lodged to the credit of the West India and Panama Telegraph Company.

84. The expenditure on the part of the Post Office Department for the working expenses of the Telegraph Service during the year was £7,426 6s. 0d., while the expenditure for the maintenance of the lines by the Public Works Department amounts to £1,165 19s. 7d., making the total expenditure on account of Telegraphs £8,592 5s. 7d., against a Revenue of £4,714 15s. 3d., the net deficit being £3,877 10s. 4d. The average deficit for the three years under comparison being £3,302 6s. 2d., which, I submit, may be accepted as the annual net cost to the public of its inland telegraph.

85. The items of expenditure on account of Telegraphs will also be found in the detailed Statement of Expenditure hereunto annexed, and I give below an abstract in comparative form of the expenditure under each head of Service for the three years ended 31st March, 1901.

Year.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	4,519 1 10	4,489 9 1	4,615 14 2
Wages	889 2 6	877 19 11	888 7 9
Services	2,299 7 0	2,029 6 1½	1,922 4 1
	7,707 11 4	7,396 15 1½	7,426 6 0

86. At the end of the year there were 71 Telegraph Stations in existence, including the Station at Myrtle Bank Hotel, which was established on the 16th January, 1901. Of the salary of £26 paid to the Clerk in charge of this station the Direct Cable Company contributes the sum of £13, while the Hotel provides her with two meals per diem.

87. The training of Candidates for employment in the Post Office and Telegraph Services at District Post Offices and in the Telegraph School at the Head Station has been continued with satisfactory results. In connection with the training of these Candidates I would point out that on the 12th August last I inserted in the Newspapers a Notice that applications would be received to fill 12 vacancies in the Telegraph School, and in return received 147 applications, with the result that in view of the satisfactory qualifying examinations passed by many of the applicants I selected 41, of which 16 were taken into the Head Station School, and 25 allocated to learn at the District Stations.

88. At the end of the year under review there were 71 Clerks forming the Auxiliary Telegraph Staff—of these 28 were holding acting appointments and 38 were awaiting employment while there were 5 learners not yet competent for employment. The training consists in tuition in Post Office and Telegraph work, theoretical and practical, and the Candidates are also lectured weekly by one of the Assistants to the Superintendent of Telegraphs in the technical duty of setting up instruments and installing offices, and also in the rectification of faults. The recent batch of Candidates who have been admitted have made very great progress indeed and have displayed great intelligence and aptitude; and I bear testimony again to their general good conduct while patiently awaiting employment, as well as to the very cheerful assistance rendered by those who are competent in taking up at a moment's notice acting appointments resulting from sickness or otherwise of the members of the Permanent staff. I also again record my appreciation of the good conduct and the efficient services on the whole of the permanent staff of Postmistresses and Telegraph Clerks and Assistants. They have discharged their responsible and arduous duties under the most trying circumstances honestly and faithfully and have maintained their respectability without exception.

PARCELS POST.

89. The following Comparative Statement shows the transactions of the Parcels Post Branch during the three years ended 31st March, 1901.

PARCELS RECEIVED.

From	Consignments.			Parcels.			Import Duty Collected.		
	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
United Kingdom ...	26	26	28	7,928	7,895	9,332	1,837 9 5	1,511 1 7	1,745 13 9
British West Indies	115	98	80	304	251	196	14 5 1	14 18 9	42 3 4
United States of America ...	239	324	154	2,843	3,497	3,366	392 4 4	425 2 11	331 16 8
Dominion of Canada	12	12	12	169	179	228	16 9 8	11 13 2	18 7 9
Turks Island ...	9	10	9	32	30	21	0 4 0	0 2 4	18 8 0
Belize ...	3	2	1	5	4	1	0 14 9	0 8 2	0 1 9
Bermuda ...	...	4	8	...	8	20	...	1 5 7	1 7 5
	404	476	292	11,281	11,864	13,164	2,261 7 3	1,964 12 6	2,157 18 8

	Postage Accrued to Jamaica.			Declared value of Parcels.		
	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
United Kingdom ...	395 9 5	271 2 7	269 14 4	9,526 3 11½	10,050 12 0½	12,558 18 5
British West Indies	...	...	...	75 11 6½	118 1 2	442 6 9½
United States of America ...	...	...	...	2,195 4 1	3,018 5 10	2,696 13 9
Dominion of Canada	3 5 2½	3 7 11	4 2 3½	84 3 5	75 15 6	121 18 8
Turks Islands ...	1 3 11½	...	...	12 14 9	11 16 1	12 0 9
Belize ...	...	...	...	3 5 8	2 9 0	0 10 6
Bermuda ...	...	...	...	...	8 3 6	8 10 8
	399 18 7	274 10 6	273 16 7½	11,897 3 5	13,285 3 11½	13,840 19 6½

PARCELS DESPATCHED.

	Consignments.			Parcels.			Accrued to Jamaica.		
	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
United Kingdom ...	26	26	29	2,292	2,608	2,777	73 13 9½	58 2 9½	56 0 4
British West Indies	161	165	163	430	398	381	14 4 0	17 0 8	14 19 4
United States of America ...	76	54	48	618	789	814	29 7 6	36 8 6	39 18 0
Dominion of Canada	12	14	12	108	143	170	2 14 4½	2 12 8½	3 6 0½
Turks Islands ...	16	13	12	159	163	210	5 15 1½	11 19 0	16 12 0
Belize ...	7	3	2	13	4	2	0 16 8	0 5 6	0 1 0
Bermuda	...	7	9	...	9	26	...	0 10 0	1 9 0
	298	82	265	3,620	4,114	4,380	126 11 5½	126 19 2	132 5 8½

Declared Value of Parcels.

	1898-99.			1899-1900.			1900-1901.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
United Kingdom ...	2,604	3	0½	2,388	14	9½	2,798	7	3
British West Indies ...	233	16	10	268	9	6	436	0	11
United States of America ...	321	5	4	201	3	7½	281	9	0½
Dominion of Canada ...	35	1	5	43	15	7	53	15	5
Turks Islands ...	150	12	4½	156	3	4	245	8	8½
Belize ...	9	7	10	0	5	0	0	14	0
Bermuda ...	...	...	...	15	8	6	15	14	9
	3,354	6	10	3,074	0	4	3,831	10	0½

90. The amount of Postage and Customs Duties which accrued to the Colony as a result of the exchange of parcels between Jamaica and places abroad is £2,564 1s. 0d. :-

Share of postage on parcels received	...	£273 16 7½
Share of postage on parcels despatched	...	132 5 8½
Customs Duties	...	2,157 18 8
		£2,564 1 0

being £197 18s. 10d. in excess of last year's profits.

91. The number of parcels which were received and despatched is 17,544, the receipts number 13,164 and the despatches 4,380, the total number exceeding last year's figures by the sum of 1,566, an increase which has confirmed the anticipation that the adoption of the triple scale of Postage on Parcels on the 1st November, 1899, viz. :-

1s. for a parcel not weighing over	...	3lbs.
2s. " " over 3lbs. but not over	...	7lbs.
3s. " " " 7lbs. " "	...	11lbs.

would result in an increase of Parcel Post business between the Mother Country and the Colonies.

92. I have again much pleasure in stating that not a single parcel of the number received and despatched miscarried, being a continuance of the satisfactory record which has been maintained ever since the inauguration of the system in October, 1885, 186,719 being dealt with to 31st March, last.

93. A Direct Parcels Post Exchange between Bermuda and this Colony came into force on the 1st June, 1900.

MISCELLANEOUS.

94. In concluding this review of the year's transactions, I cannot refrain from expressing the regret again that for the want of sufficient and better accommodation, as well as in consequence of a lack of funds, the public cannot be granted greater postal facilities, it is, and always has been during my 36 years Post Office Service, my earnest wish to do so, and I know I am joined in this desire by the Staff of the Department, to whom I am indebted for faithful and loyal assistance in the administration of the Department, and while mentioning the Staff, I desire to pay special tribute to the faithfulness, honesty and attention to duty of the young women who form the Female Auxiliary Staff, in the control and in the Circulation Branches of the Department.

95. The usual Returns are annexed.

I have, &c.,

GEO. H. PEARCE, Postmaster for Jamaica.

Dr.

Return shewing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office

Post Office—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Postage on Unpaid Correspondence received at District Post Offices		416	0	7½			
Postage on Unpaid Correspondence received at General Post Office		61	18	9			
Postage on Unpaid Correspondence received from the United King dom		54	8	8			
Postage on Unpaid Correspondence received from Other Countries		242	2	11			
Stamps sold by Post Office Department	...	19,356	3	11½			
Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	...	1,230	0	0			
Rent of Private Letter Boxes	...	66	18	0			
Fees for Conveyance of Private Letter Bags	...	11	11	0			
Commissions on Money Orders	...	384	3	0			
Fees for detention of Country Letters per Packet for delivery in Kingston		5	1	0			
Commissions on Mail Coach Collections	...	5	16	4			
Commissions on Postal Orders sold	...	616	17	0½			
Mail Coach Collections	...	405	9	0			
Surplus Cash in Money Order Chest lodged to credit of Revenue		2	19	1	22,859	9	4½

TELEGRAPHS—

Stamps sold	...	4,608	18	0			
Additional Charge on Books	...	3	17	6			
Fees for keeping Telegraph Offices open out of Office hours		24	2	0			
Official Telegrams	...	77	17	9	4,714	15	

£27,574 4 7½

Department during the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1901.

POST OFFICE—PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salary of Postmaster for Jamaica	...	758	6	8			
Salaries of Clerks	...	3,888	15	9			
Clerical Assistance	...	25	18	7			
Wages of Sorters, Letter Carriers, &c.	...	1,004	1	8			
Packet Newspaper Sorters	...	134	13	8			
Salaries of District Postmistresses	...	2,893	16	9			
Messengers conveying Mails between G. P. O. and Railway, &c.	...	103	12	10			
Wages of Letter Carriers at Spanish Town	...	62	8	0	8,871	13	11
COMMISSION ON STAMPS SOLD—							
Poundage on Stamps sold by Department	...				189	1	2
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS—							
Contractors	...	7,681	4	11			
Ship Letter Gratuities	...	1,046	3	6			
Conveyance of Mails between District Post Offices and Railway Stations	...	299	6	6			
Transit Rates payable to Postal Union Countries other than United Kingdom	...	161	7	1			
Proportion of Postage Payable to United Kingdom	...	1,300	0	0			
Initial cost of substituted Mail Services undertaken by Public Works Dept.	...	388	5	0			
Conveyance of Foreign Mails by Train	...	142	1	0	11,018	8	0
OTHER CHARGES—							
Allowance for Services out of Office Hours	...	357	6	9			
Travelling Charges	...	147	15	9			
Mail Bags and Wrappers	...	58	12	9½			
Letter Carriers' Uniforms	...	159	14	6			
Customs Officers' Overtime in Parcels Post Office	...	33	13	6			
Petty Expenses	...	288	1	6			
Furniture	...	19	2	4			
Lighting	...	55	7	8			
Winding Clocks	...	6	0	0			
Rent of Telephone	...	11	11	0			
Cleaning Latrines	...	39	12	0			
Rent of Offices	...	760	13	8			
Date Stamps and Type	...	12	7	9			
Conveyance of Letter Carriers by Tram Car	...	100	0	0			
Twine and Wax	...	132	1	11			
Manufacture of Stamps and Post Cards	...	769	6	1			
Manufacture of Postal Orders	...	183	11	8			
Conveyance of Clerk from Royal Mail Steamer at Port Royal	...	1	16	6			
Advertising	...	31	13	8			
Water Supply, G. P. O.	...	2	16	0	3,171	5	0½
POSTAL UNION CONTRIBUTION—							
Contribution to United Kingdom to meet additional loss consequent on joining Postal Union	...				5,140	0	0
					28,390	8	1½
TELEGRAPH BRANCH—PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS—							
Salary of Superintendent	...	433	6	8			
Salaries of Assistants to Superintendent	...	541	13	4			
Salaries of Operators	...	3,640	14	2			
Wages of Messengers, Head Office	...	155	4	7			
Wages of Messengers, District Offices	...	733	3	2	5,504	1	11
OTHER CHARGES—							
Lighting	...	4	7	10			
Repairing Instruments	...	39	8	6			
Porterage	...	195	12	0			
Rent of Offices	...	882	15	5			
Petty Payments	...	100	17	3			
Water Supply	...	68	16	6			
Travelling Charges	...	134	2	4			
Furniture	...	29	19	1			
Services performed out of Office hours	...	300	4	8			
Messengers' Uniforms	...	16	14	6			
Stores and Manufacture of Stamps	...	149	6	0	1,922	4	1
					7,426	6	0
DRAWBACK ENTRIES—							
Redirected Letters	...	324	12	1½			
Letters sent through Returned Letter Branch	...	325	18	5½			
Stamps supplied to Foreign Countries	...	2	10	0	653	0	7

RETURN shewing the number of Telegraphic Messages sent from and received at each Telegraph Station from 1st April, 1900, to 31st March 1901, as compared with Return from 1st April, 1899, to 31st March, 1900.

Station.	1st April, 1899, to 31st March, 1900.		1900-1901.		Remarks.
	Messages Sent.	Messages Received.	Messages Sent.	Messages Received.	
Kingston	23,732	24,123	21,352	22,514	Transmitting Station Opened January 16th, 1901.
Myrtle Bank	...	...	315	198	
Spanish Town	2,049	2,343	1,724	1,963	Transmitting Station
Bog Walk	682	575	554	586	
Linstead	867	972	576	717	" "
Ewarton	488	505	448	419	
Moneague	768	959	703	821	" "
Claremont	481	523	406	414	
St. Ann's Bay	4,202	4,066	3,431	3,461	" "
Runaway Bay	650	677	460	502	
Dry Harbour	370	417	407	452	" "
Brown's Town	1,810	1,894	1,786	1,891	
Cave Valley	276	365	248	327	" "
Stewart Town	188	255	162	190	
Ulster Spring	233	312	204	281	" "
Rio Bueno	255	274	633	646	
Duncans	620	617	598	627	" "
Falmouth	2,435	2,400	2,291	2,423	
Montego Bay	6,204	6,086	5,179	4,891	" "
Ramble	401	459	320	382	
Lucea	2,624	2,758	2,020	2,162	" "
Green Island	307	367	303	296	
Grange Hill	268	254	269	236	" "
Sav. la-Mar	2,990	2,708	2,761	2,547	
White House	168	146	105	145	" "
Black River	2,213	2,224	1,885	1,882	
Middle Quarters	425	474	363	452	" "
Santa Cruz	368	400	347	327	
Malvern	455	562	458	499	" "
Mandeville	2,166	2,215	2,508	2,362	
New Port	391	532	275	365	" "
Shooter's Hill	621	942	492	627	
Mile Gully	323	389	269	303	" "
Balaclava	661	684	564	622	
Christiana	362	417	332	411	" "
Porus	1,158	1,067	695	581	
May Pen	786	794	849	837	" "
Chapelton	1,043	1,157	980	1,035	
Alley	719	745	786	793	" "
Salt River	151	194	94	93	
Milk River	762	748	645	614	" "
Pratville	55	42	175	209	
Old Harbour	931	1,015	856	899	" "
Yallahs	245	266	187	215	
Morant Bay	1,765	1,824	1,550	1,430	" "
B. M. Valley	151	153	120	159	
Trinity Villa	201	210	187	210	" "
Port Morant	412	492	226	188	
Bowden	429	252	425	277	" "
Bath	313	301	260	290	
P. G. River	418	461	354	320	" "
Manchioneal	653	583	458	441	
Priestman's River	260	310	256	272	" "
Port Antonio	9,138	7,580	7,519	6,242	
St. Margarets Bay	206	247	166	190	" "
Hope Bay	491	458	340	276	
Buff Bay	842	780	539	453	" "
Annotto Bay	2,864	2,143	2,353	1,856	
Highgate	444	438	366	417	" "
Port Maria	3,976	3,817	3,531	3,122	
Oracabessa	565	653	661	619	" "
Retreat	297	267	307	218	
Gayle	371	359	359	333	" "
Ocho Rios	889	979	674	685	
Port Royal	914	880	860	847	Not opened in 1900
Race Course	11	10	...	...
Up-Park Camp	499	622	560	638	Closed on 11th April, 1900.
H. W. Tree	470	747	495	668	
Constant Spring	57	34	7	2	" "
Gordon Town	247	419	190	163	
Cold Spring	244	225	206	301	" "
Stony Hill	163	257	112	177	
Castleton	121	119	81	109	" "
Railway	2,468	2,220	1,945	1,933	
Total	96,812	96,812	85,052	85,052	