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THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Annual Report of the Postmaster for Jamaica for the financial year 1904-05.

By command,

H. CLARENCE BOURNE,
Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office, 17th August, 1905.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit as follows the report upon the transactions of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year ending 31st March last. This report is the 37th of the series and it reviews the affairs of the 45th year of the existence of the Department as a Colonial Institution.

REVENUE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

2. The cash collections for the year are as follows :—

Postal	...	£28,524 11 1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Telegraph	...	4,791 17 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
the estimates calling for		
Postal Revenue	...	27,600 0 0
Telegraph	...	5,400 0 0

there has therefore been an increase on postal revenue of £924, but a decrease in the yield of the Telegraph Service of £608 resulting in a net excess of revenue over estimate of £306.

COMPARATIVE COLLECTIONS.

3. The Revenue Collections for 1904-1905 compared with the similar collections of the two preceding years stands as follows:—

	1904-05.	1903-04.	1902-03.
Postages ...	£26,538	£26,326	£26,234
Commission on money orders	560	637	529
Local com. on British postal orders	37	...	...
Commission on local postal orders	657	690	698
Miscellaneous ...	863	398	112
Telegraphs ...	4,792	5,195	5,522
	£33,447	£33,246	£33,105

the total for the year last past exhibiting an increase of £201 over the yield of 1903-04, and of £342 over 1902-03 a very small per centage of growth on such a large turn over.

4. While the receipts on account of postages maintain a uniform, if small, tendency to increase the reverse is the case with the amounts received on account of commissions on Money Orders and British Postal Orders, the decrease in the receipts from this source of revenue in the past year having been £40 or over 6 per cent. on the figures of the year next preceding. This is in part due to the acceptance by this postal administration of an arrangement under which British Postal Orders are sold and redeemed in the Island. These orders form a much cheaper and more convenient method of remitting amounts under two pounds than is the Money Order system, and as time goes on it is to be expected that with competition from the banks in relation to large remittances, and from the British Postal Orders in regard to the smaller, the revenue from Money Orders will rapidly diminish unless the scale of commission can be reviewed and substantially reduced, and whether this can be done will depend on whether more equitable arrangements can be made for adjusting accounts with the Imperial Post Office.

5. To demonstrate the contention that existing arrangements are not equitable, the following figures will be sufficient. In the year just past, this Post Office issued orders on the United Kingdom to the extent of £20,027 and cashed orders issued by the United Kingdom to the extent of £3,593 and had to place the difference £16,434, which was collected on behalf of the British supplier, in London at its own expense, the cost of remittance being £123. Furthermore under the existing Money Order Convention the commissions collected in the two countries are pooled and equally divided so that this administration does not even enjoy the benefit of the full proceeds of the large share of the mutual business. The late Postmaster took up the latter question with St. Martin's le Grand and urged that the conversion should at least be modified to the extent of allowing each signatory to keep its own commissions as is done in our relations with the United States, but without success. If the conditions subsisting between Great Britain and all her other colonies are similar to those which prevail with regard to Jamaica the pooling and equal division of commissions must give a very handsome annual sum by way of an unearned increment.

6. The falling off of £33 in the collection of commission on Local Postal Orders is indicative of slackness of business and reviewing events in the light of experience it must be confessed that it was not altogether reasonable to expect the business of 1904-05 to attain the proportion it had attained in 1902-03.

7. Miscellaneous revenue received a considerable augmentation by the adjustment of the parcel post receipts on parcels conveyed by the Direct Line of Steamers, the receipts being equally divided between the United Kingdom and this Colony, instead of the whole of the Ocean postage being handed over to the United Kingdom as was the case with the Royal Mail Company. The adjustment involved the crediting to this administration of collections dating back to the inauguration of the Direct Line Service. The only other item under the head of miscellaneous to which attention may be called is the operation of imposing small departmental fines for attempts to prepay postage by used stamps. Eighty-six cases were so dealt with during the year, the resulting revenue being £12 18s.

7a. The continued declension of the Telegraph receipts is disappointing, though in part it results from the Department's own action in its large extension of Postal facilities. In part the decrease results from the failure of competing fruit exporting companies to hold the field against the United Fruit Company, which while enjoying the privilege of private telephone lines under licenses is practically independent of the Telegraph system and contributes little direct revenue to the Department.

RETROSPECT.

8. In his last year's report the then Postmaster took out the figures relating to the Department for each tenth year ending with four and I propose on this occasion to extract similar information for each decennial period with the terminal figure 5. This plan persisted in for ten

years will rescue the whole financial and statistical history of the Post Office from oblivion and emphasise the great progress made by the local institution throughout the period of its existence.

The figures relating to revenue are :—

	Postages.	Commission on Money Orders and Br. Postal Orders.	Commission on Postal Orders.	Telegraph.	Miscellane- ous.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1864-65	10,771	894	.	.	203	14,868
1874-75	14,308	440	.	.	110	14,858
1884-85	16,115	281	.	4,248	320	20,964
1894-95	20,974	400	450	5,909	229	27,962
1904-05	26,539	597	657	4,792	862	33,447

EXPENDITURE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

9. The expenditure of the Department for the year under review was as under :—

	£	s.	d.
Personal emoluments	15,369	1	1
Mail conveyance	11,290	3	5
Other charges	3,934	7	6
Maintenance of telegraph lines by Public Works	1,131	12	2
	<u>£31,725</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

and the approved estimates for these services called for :—

	£	s.	d.
Personal emoluments	15,561	10	1
Mail conveyance	11,765	4	0
Other charges	4,756	17	8
Maintenance of telegraph lines by Public Works	1,030	11	9
	<u>£33,114</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

exhibiting a saving on appropriation of £1,388 distributed between personal emoluments £192, mail conveyance £475, and other charges £822, offset by an excess on the fourth item of £101.

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE.

10. The expenditure in 1904-05, compared with the expenditure in each of the two preceding years was as follows :—

	1904-5 £	1903-4 £	1902-3 £
Personal emoluments	15,369	15,745	15,581
Mail conveyance	11,290	11,436	13,198
Other charges	3,934	7,331	5,580
Maintenance of telegraph lines	1,131	1,705	1,135
	<u>£31,725</u>	<u>£36,217</u>	<u>£35,494</u>

or a substantial decrease of £4,492 on comparison with the figures of 1903-4 and £3,769 on the outlay of 1902-3, in part due to adventitious circumstances, but in part to the operation of administrative reforms instituted by my predecessor.

11. A review of the rent contracts of the department many of which were entered into at a time when rentals were very high, together with the conversion of several small unremunerative Telegraph Offices with subsidiary telephone connection enabled a very substantial reduction to

be made on the Departmental Rent Bill, after allowing for new contracts, the saving effected and arranged for under this head is stated at £208 per annum.

Kingston	...	£44
Montego Bay	...	24
Porus	...	24
Stony Hill	...	24
Castleton	...	24
Pratville	...	24
Ewarton	...	6
Milk River	...	6
Port Morant	...	20
Old Harbour	...	12
		£208

another saving in recurring expenditure resulted from the substitution of telephones for the telegraph where the maintenance of the latter was not justified by the volume of business done. The saving in salaries in respect of these offices in respect of which the conversion has been effected or sanctioned, may be estimated at £100 per annum and if further retrenchment is essential the cases of other branch offices may be considered, but I do not recommend any further conversion except further retrenchment is a vital necessity.

A further avenue of retrenchment was the fusion of the Bowden and Port Morant offices and the closing of Pratville as a telegraph office the saving on salaries being £76 per annum, while these items are important inasmuch as they represent a permanent annual saving, by far the largest individual saving contributing to the total decrease of £4,492 is that effected on the provision for "manufacture of stamps and post cards" in respect of which the expenditure was only £86 against £2,740 in the year preceding. The saving, however is only apparent being due to stocks in hand.

RETROSPECT OF EXPENDITURE.

12. The following figures show the expenditure for decennial periods of forty years :

Date.	Personal Emoluments.	Mail Convey- ance.	Services.	Maintenance of Telegraph Lines.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
1864-5	3,782	6,702	677	.	11,161
1874-5	5,105	9,915	1,048	.	16,068
1884-5	9,738	11,180	1,614	1,704	24,236
1894-5	13,039	13,448	5,787	1,630	33,904
1904-5	15,369	11,290	3,934	1,132	31,725

comparing this statement with the corresponding statement of revenue given in paragraph 8 it will be seen that in the year just passed revenue exceeded expenditure by £1,722, a margin that would have allowed of the year's consumption of stamps and post cards being charged against it without converting it into the usual debit balance that had ever since the early sixties characterized the local Post Office Balance Sheet.

POSTAL MISCELLANEOUS.

13. A careful analysis of the postages collected during each of the last three years apportioning the revenue received under this head between ocean postages as under :—

	Ocean Postages.	Inland Postages.	Total.
1902-3	£4,408	£21,826	£26,234
1903-4	4,892	21,434	26,326
1904-5	5,712	21,390	27,102

The increase on Ocean Postages has therefore been £820, but there has been a decrease on Inland Postage of £44.

14. The Miscellaneous Revenue for the year comprised the following:—

	£	s.	d.
Rent of private letter boxes	86	15	10
Mail coach commissions	4	18	7
Private letter bags	13	16	6
Surplus cash in M. O. chest	1	19	1½
Void money orders	4	18	5
Contents of unclaimed letters and parcels to credit of General Revenue	81	2	8½
Fines	13	0	6
Miscellaneous	14	5	10½
Postage accrued on Parcels Post parcels to and from the United Kingdom	641	4	5½
	£862	2	0

The rent of the private letter boxes has increased by £17, and there is ready demand for those which from time to time fall vacant in Kingston, while a handsome nest fitted in the Montego Bay Office is made little use of. A small nest of 12 was fitted in the Annotto Bay Office during the year and has been readily let.

15. The Post Office at Braes River, Spaldings and Negril were each unavoidable closed during the year the last named not being reopened until the present year. A new office was opened at Race Course in Vere and the separate office at Port Morant was closed while the office serving the Plantain Garden River district was removed from Plantain Garden River to new premises at Golden Grove built for that purpose.

16. Of the total number of offices 84 were served by horse post and were consequently mail coach offices at which parcels could be accepted for transmission and to which they could be directed for delivery.

17. The systematic inspection of district offices was regularly carried through and but in one case, were serious irregularities discovered. The office was closed for a time and the shortage recovered through the Postmaster's Sureties.

CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

18. The estimates which have been taken at the central office in Kingston and at the district post offices during each quarter of the year under review, of the letters and post cards which have passed through the local post office show the results given below. The figures of the similar estimates for the two years preceding are also given:

	Outwards.				Inwards.			
	1901-2	1902-3	1903-4	1904-5	1901-2	1902-3	1903-4	1904-5
Inland Mails—								
Ordinary letters—								
Public	1,260,662	1,267,669	1,269,822	1,464,216	1,379,221	1,384,513	1,385,321	1,592,572
Official	127,946	129,296	129,996	151,736	109,824	110,659	110,872	169,884
Post cards	24,452	24,523	24,947	51,116	25,818	26,537	26,677	35,048
Registered letters—								
Public	23,073	25,104	25,308	27,407	76,292	77,004	77,802	72,632
Official	28,240	33,127	33,604	50,195	17,255	17,787	17,902	18,798
Ocean Mails by vessels under contract—								
United Kingdom—								
Ordinary letters	251,917	254,874	278,374	301,804	273,459	330,801	363,981	388,900
Post cards	...	3,590	4,780	4,960	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Inter-Colonial, B.W.I. &c.								
Ordinary letters	84,549	71,340	76,087	115,279	98,029	102,061	119,282	205,918
Post cards	644	546	642	2,372	596	1,302	1,258	2,095
By vessels not contract—								
United States of America—								
Ordinary letters	124,974	145,950	154,378	169,095	128,123	153,987	152,787	215,545
Post cards	6,386	13,510	22,166	30,693	1,152	2,519	5,064	16,696
Other countries—								
Ordinary letters	73,504	78,285	76,360	85,922	59,747	60,777	63,586	128,879
Post cards	4,925	6,621	8,349	6,870	208	190	550	959
Registered letters, oversea	28,240	28,767	29,004	24,235	19,665	20,076	20,704	26,997
	2,039,512	2,083,202	2,133,817	2,465,900	2,190,794	2,288,912	2,317,186	2,876,323

	AT DISTRICT POST OFFICES.			
	1901-2	1902-3	1903-4	1904-5
Ordinary letters	1,108,453	1,115,252	1,118,119	1,040,312
Post cards	41,899	42,210	44,364	44,486
Registered letters	44,156	50,317	51,228	48,489
	<u>1,194,508</u>	<u>1,207,779</u>	<u>1,213,711</u>	<u>1,133,287</u>

These figures show an increase of 780,796 letters and post cards dealt with or 14 %, and a decrease of 6,799 in registered or 2.6%. This latter decrease accompanying as it does a substantial increase in the total exchange of correspondence means either that there are fewer value letters intrusted to the Post Office or that the tendency to neglect the important safeguard of registration is being neglected to a larger extent than heretofore. The many complaints received in regard to missing letters lead to the belief that the advice from time to time tendered on this point is not being heeded to the extent it deserves and I can only reiterate the advice to "register," "register," "register." If money or value is to be lost in transit from remitter to receiver it is surely worth 2d. to locate the point of divergence from its proper route and to say whether ones own servant, the transmitting or delivering post office, or our correspondent's post boy is culpable.

19. The number of insured letters received was 32 of the declared value of £1,035 12s. and the number despatched 48, the declaration of value calling for £3,713, the like figures for the preceding year were 28 of declared value of £1,305, and 74 of the value of £4,623 despatched.

RETURNED LETTER BRANCH.

20. The mail matter which was desposed of during the year is as follows:—

	Paid	Unpaid
Letters returned to United Kingdom	1,959	255
" " Other Countries	4,941	2,975
" " writers in Island	34,551	8,034
" destroyed being illegible and anonymous	1,650	444
" " writers not having been found	5,162	2,967
Newspapers returned to Publishers	5,903	

The amount of irrecoverable postage on unclaimed, etc., mail matter is £247 15s. 9d.

The number of packets which were found to contain value to the amount of £756 7s. 1d. is 2,292. each packet having been reposted and registered to the writer.

MAIL CONVEYANCE OCEAN.

21.

	Outwards.								Inwards.							
	1901-2		1902-3		1903-4		1904-5		1901-2		1902-3		1903-4			
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.		
Kingston—																
Contract	78	807	78	807	81	790	78	670	104	1,008	104	1,029	112	1,092		
Non-contract	315	768	321	779	257	421	278	423	437	840	363	781	258	665		
Outports—																
Non-contract	30	31	30	3	94	94	74	75	94	357	138	273	109	246		
	423	1,606	429	1,617	432	1,305	430	1,168	690	2,205	605	2,083	479	2,003		

TRANSIT MAILS.

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The number of mails despatched is less by 137 while those received are more by 76 than those of the preceding year. The number of vessels conveying such mails was two less in the case of the despatch and a similar number more in the case of receivals. The exchange of mails

with the United Kingdom, the British and Foreign West Indies and the Republics of Central America have been maintained by the steamers of the Royal Mail Company and Direct Line while the United Fruit Company and the Hamburg American Lines have afforded regular opportunities for the exchange with the United States.

The expenditure for the above Ocean Mail Service is as under :—

	1904-5.	1903-4.
Contributions towards Imperial Contract with R.M.S.P. Co. ...	£2,100	£2,100
Sea and Territorial rates paid to other countries ...	10	150
Ship Letter Gratuities ...	1,073	1,093
	<u>£3,183</u>	<u>£3,343</u>

A saving of £160 is shown on similar payments last year, but this is more apparent than real for this Department did not pay, in consequence of the non-receipt of the account, during the year an amount of say £150 to the United States for sea and territorial transit rates.

22. Negotiations proceeded during the year with the several steamship companies for the reduction of sea postage from 1d. to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. as a preliminary to the reduction of postage to the United States and possibly to the several Central American Republics but were not attended with success. A universal penny postage is now being agitated for in the United Kingdom and this desideratum is I think bound to materialize in the near future and the reduction of the cost of sea transit is merely a matter of time as it is a necessary corollary whether it precedes or follows the reduction of postage. The attitude of the local agents of the steamship companies may delay the consummation of the proposals under this head but it cannot defeat them and already events are shaping themselves.

MAIL CONVEYANCE INLAND.

23. The Inland Mail Service has been carried through for the year at a cost of £8,290 as against £8,292 in 1903-4. The Northside and Southside Services have been efficiently conducted by the Public Works Department and the Contractors respectively and I am glad to say there has been an improvement in the Windward Service.

24. A change was effected in the itinerary of the Royal Mail Company in December last under which the homeward bound steamer left Kingston at 5 p.m. on each alternate Monday instead of at 2 p.m. on Tuesday. The effect of this change was to cut off a great many of the District Offices from the privilege of replying to correspondence by return mail and this brought to the front a proposal for a daily inland mail service which had been previously mooted and set aside with the result that the appropriation for special Packet Expresses was diverted to the purposes of a daily service to every office which has been carried through without further burdening the estimates.

25. From the 13th March, 1905, closed mails were exchanged between the Post Offices at Montego Bay, Montpelier, Ipswich, Balaclava and Mandeville on the Kingston and Montego Bay line and those at Port Antonio, Annotto Bay and Richmond on the Kingston and Port Antonio line.

MONEY ORDERS.

26. Appended is a comparative table giving the results of the interchange of Money Orders during the last three years between this colony and the several administrations with which there exists an exchange. It will be seen from this return that in 1903-4 the orders issued in Jamaica numbered 13,882 of the total value of £35,005 14s. 3d., and in 1904-5, 11,086 of the total value of £29,200 6s. 8d., and that the issues of other countries payable in Jamaica in 1903-4 were 5,270 of the value of £120 6s. 19d. and in 1904-5 4,816 of the value of £12,721 14s. 1d. As a result of the Money Order Exchanges in 1904-5 net commission to the amount of £559 17s. accrued to the colony.

POSTAL ORDERS.

27. The following statement shows the number of each denomination of postal orders issued

POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED.

1902-3.			1903-4.			1904-5.		
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.
23,675	591 17 6	49 6 5½	20,680	517 0 0	43 1 8	19,400	485 0 0	40 8 4
40,250	2,012 10 0	83 17 1	44,847	2,242 7 0	93 8 7½	43,075	2,153 15 0	89 14 9½
43,700	3,277 0 0	91 0 10	45,612	3,420 18 0	95 0 6	44,975	3,373 2 6	93 15 11½
45,775	5,721 17 6	95 7 3½	43,322	5,415 5 0	90 5 1	42,325	5,290 12 6	88 3 6½
38,375	9,593 15 0	159 17 11	38,311	9,577 15 0	159 12 7	35,715	8,928 15 0	148 16 3
26,765	13,382 10 0	223 0 10	26,180	13,090 0 0	218 3 4	22,965	11,482 10 0	191 7 6
218,540	34,580 0 0	702 10 5	218,952	34,263 5 0	699 11 9½	208,455	31,713 15 0	652 4 4½

POSTAL ORDERS SOLD.

The actual sales vary slightly from these figures, the amounts actually paid into the Treasury in each of the periods named being :

	£	s.	d.
1902-3	34,128	4	0
1903-4	33,905	18	6
1904-5	32,096	9	6

This return shows a large decrease in the face values of orders issued and a decrease of £47 os. 0d, in commission.

PARCELS POST.

28. Appendix C gives a tabular statement showing the transactions of the Parcels Post Branch of the Department for the year, in comparison with the like information for the two years preceding. The postages accruing to Jamaica from this service during the year was £567 15s. 9d. against £589 os. 8d. in the year previous, a decrease of £21 4s. 11d. The declared value of Parcels received during 1904-5, exhibited an increase of £1,319 11s. 6d. over the previous year, but a decrease of duty of £183 8s. 2d. The value of parcels despatched during the year showed an increase of £217 15s. 4½d. The number of parcels despatched decreased by 85 and the number of parcels received fell off by 649. From January 1905 arrangements were made whereby persons sending parcels to the United Kingdom could if they so desired prepay the Customs duty and other charges which in ordinary cases are leviable on the addressees. In like manner persons residing in the United Kingdom sending parcels to Jamaica could prepay the Customs duty in Jamaica.

TELEGRAPHS.

29. At the end of the year there were 69 Telegraph Stations, and 5 Telephone Stations connected with the Post Office system, as against 73 Telegraph Stations. The Railway Telegraph service with its 53 offices affords the public additional means of sending and receiving messages.

I annex a return showing the number of telegraph messages sent during the year.

The office at the Titchfield Hotel was closed on the 1st May, 1905, at the close of the Tourist season, but will be reopened when the season commences. From the return annexed it will be seen that the total number of messages handled during the year was 89,495 as against 97,306 in the year previous.

30. The department still continues to work in harmony with the local Superintendents of the ocean cables.

During the year £2,299 9s. 11d. were collected on behalf of the Direct Line and £211 16s 2d on behalf of the West India and Panama Service.

GENERAL.

31. Mr. Miles, my predecessor, having on the 16th January last, been appointed to the office of Collector General I was appointed from that date Postmaster for Jamaica, and I think it is only fitting to say that during that officer's tenure of office, reforms were introduced into the department which will prove of great and lasting benefit.

I regret to have to report that a record which registers the advancement of the Post Office to the dignity of a self-supporting institution, which notes the institution of a daily mail service, the introduction of British Postal Orders and other improvements has been marred by the default of two senior officers, one with a record of thirty-one years and the other with nineteen years good record. The losses have been or are in course of being collected from the officers' sureties but the money consideration is a trifling point in a very painful episode.

I cannot close this report without referring to the utter unsuitability of these premises to the requirements of the department; all branches of the department are conducted in small, hot and unsuitable rooms; and split up as the branches are in different buildings proper control is a difficult matter. I trust I may be permitted to express the hope that the day may not be very far distant when the public will be provided with convenient and suitable Post Office and Telegraph premises.

I have, etc.,

J. B. LUCIE-SMITH, Postmaster for Jamaica.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary,
Kingston.

Return showing the number of telegraph messages sent from, and received at each telegraph station from 1st April, 1904, to 31st March, 1905, as compared with return from 1st April, 1903, to 31st March, 1904.

Station.	1st April, 1903, 31st March 1904.		1904-1905.		Remarks.
	Messages sent.	Messages received.	Messages sent.	Messages received.	
Kingston	24,382	25,857	23,213	24,866	Transmitting station.
Myrtle Bank	1,037	509	1,079	527	
Spanish Town	2,127	2,280	1,985	2,232	
Bog Walk	581	585	606	568	
Linstead	653	812	698	859	Do. do.
Ewarton	455	423	407	449	
Moneague	666	938	783	925	
Claremont	394	407	353	374	
St. Ann's Bay	4,112	3,827	3,102	3,010	Do. do.
Runaway Bay	724	631	364	279	
Dry Harbour	528	545	420	422	Do. do.
Brown's Town	1,624	1,656	1,310	1,463	Do. do.
Cave Valley	318	365	191	272	
Stewart Town	172	177	83	108	Closed 9.4.04. Reopened as Telephone, August 11, 04. Opened 9th April, 04.
Jackson Town	...	...	194	112	
Ulster Spring	240	301	152	225	
Rio Bueno	483	442	285	270	
Duncans	644	586	471	472	
Falmouth	2,568	2,541	2,346	2,361	
Montego Bay	5,906	5,904	5,264	5,153	Transmitting station.
Ramble	561	621	404	478	
Lucea	2,521	2,534	1,892	1,799	
Green Island	471	483	420	465	
Grange Hill	391	445	363	403	
Sav.-la-Mar	3,543	3,069	3,763	3,340	Do. do.
White House	179	211	134	139	
Black River	1,861	1,913	1,942	1,895	
Middle Quarters	465	507	466	521	
Santa Cruz	347	367	297	341	Do. do.
Malvern	635	669	694	691	
Mandeville	2,490	2,708	2,556	2,848	Do. do.
Newport	329	444	285	333	
Shooters Hill	566	681	383	480	Do. do.
Mile Gully	296	328	259	248	
Balaclava	726	606	548	462	
Christiana	447	505	462	522	
Porus	606	588	504	487	
May Pen	975	1,020	962	979	Do. do.
Chapelton	1,125	1,275	1,026	1,112	
Alley	572	539	544	539	Do. do.
Salt River	87	65	103	97	Changed to telephone station 17.1.05
Race Course	...	...	36	28	Opened as " 14.1.05
Milk River	339	367	252	324	
Pratville	177	200	123	117	Closed 5th January, 05.
Old Harbour	718	811	652	770	
Yallahs	211	229	202	226	
Morant Bay	2,334	2,062	1,728	1,606	Transmitting station.
B. M. Valley	126	134	118	142	
Trinity Ville	185	246	297	333	
Port Morant	433	370	180	148	Closed 22.2.05. Changed to telephone station 23.6.05.
Bowden	475	200	441	220	
Bath	468	481	263	277	Transmitting station
P. G. River	345	356	297	321	
Hector's River	24	26	143	115	
Manchioneal	522	475	370	347	
P. M. River	251	273	154	224	
Port Antonio	7,709	6,535	7,365	6,030	Do. do.
Titchfield	683	418	638	439	Opened 30.1.05.
Hope Bay	246	266	192	169	
Buff Bay	549	551	492	473	
Annotto Bay	1,959	1,848	2,101	1,811	Transmitting station.
Highgate	356	522	412	610	
Port Maria	3,719	3,686	3,173	3,269	
Oracabessa	571	680	690	712	Do. do.
Retreat	363	362	352	321	
Gayle	306	380	258	328	
Ocho Rios	946	868	745	677	
Port Royal	1,108	935	1,174	1,025	
Up Park Camp	620	746	552	628	
Halfway Tree	604	969	553	841	
Constant Spring	815	691	1,059	784	
Gordon Town	187	271	200	281	Changed to telephone station 8.2.05
New Castle	148	180	153	197	
Castleton	145	216	117	143	
Stony Hill	110	156	104	168	
Railway	2,753	2,432	2,596	2,265	
Total	97,306	97,306	89,495	89,495	

A.—Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post and

Postage on unpaid correspondence	...	£578	7	11	
Stamps sold by Post Office Department	...	23,201	17	1½	
Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	...	2,757	10	0	
Rent of private letter boxes	...	86	15	10	
Fees for conveyance of private letter bags	...	13	16	6	
Commissions on Money Orders	...	559	17	5	
Commission on British Postal Orders	...	37	3	2	
Fees for detention of country letters per packet for delivery in Kingston	...	1	3	0	
Commission on mail coach collections	...	4	18	7	
Commission on Inland Postal Orders	...	657	4	11½	
Miscellaneous	...	756	11	1	£28,655 5 7
Telegraph stamps sold	...	4,335	7	10½	
Additional charge on books of Telegraph Forms	...	2	2	0	
Fees for keeping Telegraph Offices open out of office hours	...	29	10	6	
Official telegrams	...	424	17	6	4,791 17 10½

 £33,447 3 5½

Telegraph Department during the financial year ending 31st March, 1905.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS—						
Salaries of staff	5,452	13	8			
Allowance for services out of office hours	691	2	1			
Wages of sorters, letter carriers, etc.	971	16	6			
Telegraph messengers head office	160	9	9			
Do. district offices	757	3	4			
Office servants	70	6	0			
Box clearers and indoor men	285	0	4			
Messengers parcels post office	58	6	0			
Clerical assistance	54	16	0			
Letter carriers Spanish Town	62	8	0			
Salaries of district postmasters and Telegraph Clerks	6,185	19	10			
Do auxiliary Telegraph Clerks	200	2	8			
Commission of 1 % on sale of stamps	218	16	11			
Remuneration of officers of Public Works Department in connection with mail services	200	0	0	15,369	1	1
OTHER CHARGES—						
Travelling charges	430	8	8			
Mail bags and wrappers	106	14	6			
Dated stamps, seals, etc.	6	14	3			
Twine and wax	81	13	0			
Conveyance of letter carriers by tram car	100	0	0			
Manufacture of stamps and post cards	86	9	10			
Stores and manufacture of telegraph stamps	171	0	0			
Rent of Post offices	1,575	10	1			
Ship letter gratuities	1,073	2	4			
Uniforms	208	13	10½			
Winding clocks	6	0	0			
Rent of telephone	12	12	0			
Advertising	27	0	2			
Lighting	50	4	10			
Water supply	67	8	5½			
Repairing instruments	44	14	0			
Cleaning latrines	39	9	0			
Padlocks	2	4	2			
Contingencies	573	17	1			
Furniture	47	5	10			
Taxes	52	4	8			
Porterage	244	3	1			
MAIL CONVEYANCE—						
Inland	4,861	1	0			
Services by Railway	2,700	0	0			
Special mail trains for packet expresses	94	13	6			
Conveyance of mails between district post offices and Railway stations	254	7	6			
Conveyance of mails between general post office wharves and Railway	180	0	0			
Transit rates payable to Postal Union Countries other than United Kingdom	9	13	4			
Contribution towards the loss on the West India Royal Mail contract service	2,100	0	0			
Proportion of cost of supply and repairs of parcels post receptacles, United Kingdom and Jamaica	17	5	9	15,224	10	11
				£30,593	12	0

B—MONEY ORDERS.

United Kingdom.						Turks Islands.					
Year.	Jamaica issue.		Payable in Jamaica		Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica.	Year.	Jamaica issue.		Payable in Jamaica		Proportion of Commission accruing to Jamaica.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1902-03	10432	24,400 11 3	1,564	3,567 13 6	485 13 1	1902-03	59	47 14 4	355	1,358 19 4	6 14 2
1903-04	9,787	24,483 11 5	1,844	4,112 8 7	461 8 11	1903-04	17	26 18 0	361	1,261 13 4	7 8 8
1904-05	7,272	20,027 17 2	1,555	3,593 4 7	370 1 7	1904-05	11	55 12 2	221	951 16 3	5 14 6
United States of America						Panama					
1902-03	3,272	6,854 9 9	903	2,336 16 2	154 14 5	1902-03	6	26 16 0	107	245 11 3	1 12 11
1903-04	3,218	8,197 12 0	1,353	3,611 2 9	184 7 11	1903-04	12	30 0 0	206	282 1 10	2 4 7
1904-05	2,993	6,473 12 6	1,345	4,417 6 0	138 8 3	1904-05	4	11 9 0	183	582 8 2	3 4 6
Dominion of Canada						British Honduras					
1902-03	218	822 14 1	124	345 3 6	14 0 5	1902-03	4	23 14 0	63	144 11 0	0 16 11
1903-04	302	1,318 12 7	165	440 10 4	20 8 8	1903-04	9	22 3 4	89	142 5 9	0 19 10
1904-05	269	1,572 16 4	229	610 8 8	15 6 10	1904-05	6	19 13 10	71	289 5 10	1 1 9
British Guiana						Trinidad					
1902-03	113	181 14 6	141	206 19 7	3 11 1	1902-03	47	106 9 3	180	359 19 1	2 19 1
1903-04	92	178 7 9	101	146 4 0	3 5 8	1903-04	82	215 5 11	229	403 5 5	4 10 8
1904-05	105	204 3 7	117	179 9 7	3 2 11	1904-05	79	274 12 8	254	397 19 2	5 11 10
Barbados						Bermuda					
1902-03	269	317 10 6	212	544 5 10	9 2 8	1902-03	8	18 2 2	574	1,152 9 7	3 8 1
1903-04	223	292 10 0	219	348 6 2	7 13 1	1903-04	29	75 14 10	365	712 3 2	4 5 11
1904-05	205	233 6 1	204	481 18 2	7 15 1	1904-05	22	53 1 0	288	543 11 9	3 13 9
Windward and Leeward Islands.						Grand Cayman					
1902-03	149	233 3 9	345	688 16 11	7 11 4	1904-05	2	3 0 0	9	114 13 4	0 12 9
1903-04	109	163 18 5	327	597 8 8	5 17 5	Cayman Brac					
1904-05	117	266 2 1	340	559 7 7	5 2 2	1904-05	1	5 0 0	.	—	0 1 6

C—PARCELS RECEIVED.

From	Consignments.			Parcels.			Import Duty.		
	1902-1903.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1902-1903.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1902-1903.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.
United Kingdom ...	53	53	52	15,388	17,461	12,736	£ s. d. 2,863 16 9	£ s. d. 2,674 10 6	£ s. d. 2,144 18 0
British West Indies	135	147	123	364	421	262	25 7 5	30 6 3	18 4 0
United States of America ...	449	212	427	4,976	2,216	6,489	569 6 9	267 3 11	585 0 2
Dominion of Canada	12	12	11	364	371	285	16 4 7	55 16 9	96 11 11
Turks Island ...	12	12	7	56	22	16	0 12 6	2 1 3	0 5 7
Belize ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bermuda ...	12	13	10	47	27	81	16 17 7	1 1 9	2 12 7
	673	449	630	21,195	20,518	19,869	3,492 5 7	3,031 0 5	2,847 12 3

	Postage Accrued to Jamaica.			Declared value of Parcels.		
	1902-1903.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1902-1903.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.
United Kingdom ...	£ s. d. 312 19 8	£ s. d. 436 16 8	£ s. d. 370 0 8	£ s. d. 19,158 6 3	£ s. d. 18,761 1 4	£ s. d. 18,446 4 6
British West Indies ...	...	...	...	212 17 6	198 2 5	181 3 4
United States of America ...	...	...	...	4,759 6 9	2,714 6 9	4,082 12 7
Dominion of Canada ...	10 10 10	6 3 4	5 6 5½	276 11 9	349 11 2	595 13 5
Turks Island ...	...	...	...	19 7 6	19 14 6	7 8 0
Bermuda ...	...	...	...	96 14 7	8 2 1	57 7 11
	323 10 6	443 0 0	375 7 1½	24,523 4 4	22,050 18 3	23,370 9 9

PARCELS DESPATCHED.

	Consignments.			Parcels.			Accrued to Jamaica.		
	1902-1903.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1902-1903.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1902-1903.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.
United Kingdom	52	52	52	3,385	3,502	3,437	£ s. d. 74 15 0	£ s. d. 67 19 4	£ s. d. 78 12 0
British West Indies	186	174	203	470	655	713	12 10 0	14 13 0	40 13 4
United States of America ...	49	48	30	1,187	1,150	1,367	68 19 6	52 9 6	63 17 0
Dominion of Canada	17	11	10	172	290	144	3 15 7½	4 17 6	3 18 11½
Turks Islands	11	13	9	143	144	25	3 2 0	3 19 0	1 8 0
Bermuda	11	12	10	47	94	73	1 3 8	2 2 4	3 19 4
	326	310	314	5,404	5,835	5,750	164 5 9½	146 0 8	192 8 7½

	Declared value of Parcels.		
	1902-1903.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.
United Kingdom	£ s. d. 2,875 17 11½	£ s. d. 3,390 13 4½	£ s. d. 3,384 8 0
British West Indies	356 6 7	521 7 6	887 9 4
United States of America	317 18 6½	272 7 0½	331 16 4½
Dominion of Canada	91 13 8	110 10 3	98 18 8½
Turks Islands	126 2 0	172 18 0	14 16 6
Bermuda	37 17 9	110 6 11½	78 9 7
	3,805 16 5 3½	4,578 3 1½	4,795 18 6