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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 1905-06.

By command,

T. L. ROXBURGH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office, Jamaica, 23rd July, 1906.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the following report on the transactions of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year ending 31st March, last.

This report is the 38th of the series and reviews of 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	...	£31,435 18 11½
Telegraphs	...	5,982 19 6
the estimates calling for		
Postal Revenue	...	30,042 0 0
Telegraphs	...	5,800 0 0

There has therefore been an increase over the estimates on postal revenue of £1,193 and an increase in the yield of Telegraph Revenue of £182 resulting in a total excess of revenue over the estimates of £1,375.

COMPARATIVE COLLECTIONS.

The revenue collections for 1905-06 compared with the similar collections of the two previous years are :—

	1905-06.	1904-05.	1903-04
Postages	£29,593 10 4	£26,538	£26,326
Commission on money orders	440 18 5	560	637
Local com. on British postal orders	97 12 0½	37	...
Commission on local postal orders	689 11 1	657	690
Miscellaneous	614 7 0¾	863	398
Telegraphs	5,982 19 6	4,792	5,195
	£37,418 18 5¼	£33,447	£33,246

The total collections for the last year showing an increase of no less than £3,971 over the yield of 1904-05, and £4,172 over 1903-04. This very substantial and satisfactory increase in the collections on account of postages and commissions on postal orders, while constituting an indication of an improved condition of trade is in some measure due I consider to the institution of the daily post, and to the emigration to Colon. It will be seen that the commissions on British Postal Orders are £60 in excess of the commissions in 1904-05, showing that the public appreciate the facilities afforded by these orders. Commissions on Local Postal Orders shew an appreciable increase of £32, Miscellaneous Revenue shows a decrease of £249, but this is to be accounted for by the fact that during the previous year 1904-05, Miscellaneous Revenue received a considerable augmentation (about £250) by the adjustment of the Parcels Post receipts on parcels by the Direct Line. It is satisfactory to note that the Telegraph Revenue shows an increase of £1,190 over the receipts of the past year, and £787 over the receipts of 1903-04.

RETROSPECT.

Continuing on the lines referred to in the 8th paragraph of my last annual report I give herewith the figures relating to the revenue of the department for each decennial period ending with the terminal figure 6 :—

	Postages.	Commission on Money Orders and Br. Postal Orders.	Commission on Postal Orders.	Telegraphs.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1865-66	11,260	585	.	.	741	12,586
1875-76	14,856	281	.	.	614	15,751
1885-86	15,681	314	.	4,055	205	20,255
1895-96	22,489	388	520	6,156	173	29,726
1905-06	29,560	538	689	5,983	806	37,577

EXPENDITURE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

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

	£	s.	d.
Personal emoluments	15,252	9	1
Mail conveyance	10,862	8	5½
Services	5,202	0	9
Maintenance of telegraph lines by Director of Public Works	798	14	10
	<u>£32,115</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11½</u>

while the approved estimates of those services called for :—

	£	s.	d.
Personal emoluments	15,274	17	1
Mail conveyance	11,531	15	10
Services	5,011	9	6
Maintenance of telegraph lines by Director of Public Works	950	0	0
	<u>£32,768</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>

exhibiting a saving on appropriation of £652 distributed between personal emoluments £22, mail conveyance £669, and on the fourth item £152, offset by an excess on other charges of £191.

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure in 1905-06 compared with the expenditure in each of the two preceding years was as follows :—

Personal emoluments	£15,252	£15,369	£15,745
Mail conveyance	10,862	11,290	11,436
Other charges	5,202	3,934	7,321
Maintenance of telegraph lines	799	1,131	1,705
	<u>£32,115</u>	<u>£31,724</u>	<u>£36,217</u>

Although an increase of £1,268 is shewn under "other charges" largely due to a payment of £1,130 for the manufacture of stamps; the savings on other items reduce the total increase of expenditure in 1905-06 over 1904-05 to £391.

RETROSPECT OF EXPENDITURE.

The following figures show the expenditure on account of the Postal and Telegraph service for each tenth year from 1865-66 to the present year under the principal heads of charge, viz. :—

Date.	Personal Emoluments.	Mail Conveyance.	Services.	Maintenance of Telegraph Lines.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
1865-66	3,820	6,898	754	...	11,472
1875-76	5,265	10,279	1,187	...	16,730
1885-86	9,617	11,033	2,070	1,703	24,423
1895-96	13,879	13,982	5,670	2,170	35,701
1905-06	15,252	10,862	5,202	799	32,115

POSTAL MISCELLANEOUS.

The following analysis of the postages collected during each of the last three years appor- tions the revenue received between Ocean postages and Inland postages, as under :—

	Ocean Postages.	Inland Postages.	Total.
1903-4	£4,892	£21,434	£26,326
1904-5	5,712	21,390	27,102
1905-6	6,749	23,534	30,283

It will be observed that the above analysis discloses that increases have taken place both in the Inland and Ocean postages. The Inland postages exceeding those of last year by £2,144 and the Ocean postages by 1037.

Miscellaneous Revenue for the year comprised the following :—

Private Letter Boxes	...	£97 8 4
Private Letter Bags	...	23 3 9
Mail Coach Commissions	...	1 14 9
Surplus of cash in money order chest passed to credit of Revenue	...	5 6 9
Void money orders passed to credit of Revenue	...	0 7 6
Contents of unclaimed letters and parcels to credit of Revenue	...	87 19 0
Fines	...	8 11 0
Miscellaneous	...	6 10 0
Postage on Parcels Post parcels	...	383 5 11 ³ / ₄

£614 7 0³/₄

The rent for the private letter boxes has increased by £11 and that for private letter bags by £10.

The Item fines includes penalties imposed for attempts to prepay postage by means of used stamps, and I am sorry to say that this class of fraud does not seem on the decrease. Special attention is paid to unclaimed dead letters containing value. Though these moneys are lodged to the credit of General Revenue they are not finally forfeited, as full particulars are on record and any claimant establishing title will be recognised.

The following is a statement of the changes in the District Offices during the year :—

Castleton—Telegraph Office closed and telephone installed on 12th April, 1905.

Titchfield—P. O. and T. S. opened on 30th January, 1905, was closed on 1st May, 1905.

Adelphi—P. O. closed temporarily on 21st May, 1905, re-opened on 14th July, 1905.

Negril—P. O. closed on 25th January, temporarily, was re-opened on 8th June, 1905.

Bowden—Telephone communication established between Bowden Telegraph Office and Messrs. Marchallick's wharf, Port Morant, available to public, 27.6.1905.

Stony Hill—Telegraph Office closed on 29th June, 1905 and telephone installed.

Moore Town—Post Office closed, temporarily, 23rd August, 1905, re-opened 13th December, 1905.

Point Hill—P. O. closed temporarily, 28th September, 1905, re-opened on 23rd November, 1905.

White House—Telegraph Office closed, P. O., maintained, 31st December, 1905.

Bluefields—Telephone installed 2nd January, 1906.

Toll Gate—P. O. opened 16th January, 1906.

Constant Spring—P. O. and Telegraph Station removed to Lodge at entrance of the Hotel, 19th February, 1906.

A letter box was placed on Messrs. Aston Gardner's Store premises on the 5th May, 1905, which has proved of much convenience.

The postage to Australia including British New Guinea, Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island was reduced to 1d. the half ounce, this arrangement came into force on the 26th August, 1905, the postage, however, from Australia still remains at 2d. the half ounce.

On the 1st November, 1905, the Mail Coaches between Ewarton and Dry Harbour, and Kingston and Port Antonio ceased to carry passengers.

From the 1st December, 1905, with the approval of the Governor, Inland Postal Orders and embossed stamps were sold at the Circulation Branch of the General Post Office in Duke Street. This arrangement has proved a convenience to the public.

On the 2nd January, last, a new arrangement was made whereby the mails for Spring Hill from Kingston were conveyed via Buff Bay instead of New Castle.

The systematic inspection of district offices was regularly carried out. I regret to say that it was found necessary to prosecute one P. M. for shortage in his cash. He was sentenced to two years imprisonment.

CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The estimates which have been taken at the Control 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 for the similar estimates for the three years preceding are also given:—

	Outwards.				Inwards.			
	1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.
Inland Mails—								
Ordinary letters—								
Public	1,267,669	1,269,822	1,464,216	1,671,084	1,384,513	1,385,321	1,592,572	1,725,698
Official	129,296	129,996	151,736	122,304	110,659	110,872	169,884	142,402
Post cards	24,523	24,947	51,116	57,876	26,537	26,677	35,048	53,118
Registered letters—								
Public	25,104	25,308	27,407	42,994	77,004	77,802	72,632	80,239
Official	33,127	33,604	30,195	28,320	17,787	17,902	18,798	34,072
Ocean Mails by vessels under contract—								
United Kingdom—								
Ordinary letters	254,874	278,374	301,804	218,470	330,801	363,981	388,900	398,900
Post cards	3,590	4,780	4,960	5,112	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Inter-Colonial, B.W.I., &c.								
Ordinary letters	71,340	76,087	115,279	116,560	102,060	119,282	205,918	206,800
Post cards	546	642	2,372	2,460	1,302	1,258	2,095	2,180
By vessels not contract—								
United States of America—								
Ordinary letters	145,950	154,378	169,095	197,481	153,987	152,787	215,545	252,708
Post cards	13,510	22,166	30,693	73,862	2,519	5,004	16,696	18,481
Other countries—								
Ordinary letters	78,285	76,360	85,922	243,324	60,077	63,586	128,879	152,135
Post cards	6,621	8,349	6,870	21,726	190	550	959	9,600
Registered letters, oversea	28,767	29,004	24,235	28,735	20,076	20,704	26,997	41,273
	2,083,202	2,133,817	2,465,900	2,830,308	2,288,912	2,347,186	2,876,323	3,119,006

AT DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

	1902-3	1903-4	1904-5	1905-6
Ordinary letters	1,115,252	1,118,119	1,040,312	1,116,570
Post cards	42,210	44,364	44,486	75,218
Registered letters	50,317	51,228	48,489	51,969
	1,207,779	1,213,711	1,133,287	1,243,757

From these figures it will be seen there has been an increase during the year under review over the previous year in the number of letters and post cards dealt with of 717,541 nearly 12% while registered letters have increased by 58,849, an increase of nearly 24%. The number of insured letters received was 29 of the declared value of £1,267 13s. 4d., and the number despatched 63 of the declared value of £5,218.

RETURN LETTER BRANCH.

The mail matter dealt with in the Return Letter Branch is thus analysed.

	Paid	Unpaid
Letters returned to United Kingdom	1,733	186
“ “ other Countries	5,511	3,499
“ “ writers in Island	45,482	10,685
“ destroyed being illegible and anonymous	5,069	1,104
“ “ writers not having been found	10,125	3,718
Newspapers returned to Publishers	7,554	—

The amount of irrecoverable postage on unclaimed, &c., mail matter is £278 17s. 5d.

The number of packets which were found to contain value to the amount of £844 3s. 1d., is 2,659 each packet having been reposted and registered to the writer.

MAIL CONVEYANCE OCEAN.

	Outwards.						Inwards.					
	1903-4.		1904-5.		1905-6.		1903-4.		1904-5.		1905-6.	
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.
<i>Kingston—</i>												
Contract	81	790	78	670	54	421	112	1,092	75	1,026	34	264
Non-contract	257	421	278	423	414	877	258	665	293	785	514	1,925
<i>Outports—</i>												
Non-contract	94	94	74	75	24	31	109	246	113	268	10	180
	432	1,305	430	1,168	492	1,329	479	2,003	481	2,079	558	2,369

The number of transit mails was 265.

The number of mails despatched during the year is in excess of those despatched during the previous year by 161 and the number received is in excess by 290. The number of vessels carrying such mails is 62 more than last year in case of despatch and 77 in case of receivals. The exchange of mails with the United Kingdom, the British and Foreign West India Islands and the Republics of Central America has been well and regularly maintained during the year.

The expenditure for the Ocean Mail service is as under:—

Contributions towards Imperial Contract with Royal Mail Steam Packet Company to 30th June, '06	...	£525
Sea and Territorial rates paid to other countries	...	157 8 8
Ship Letter Gratuities	...	1,657 19 3½

The Contract with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company which had subsisted throughout a period of over forty years expired on the 30th June, 1905, when the subsidy to which this administration contributed in recent years at the rate of £2,100 a year ceased, and the Company thereafter carried mail matter subject to payment of a fixed gratuity. In point of public convenience the ceasing of the contract made little change as the Company continued their sailings until the following October, when a new itinerary was substituted which in many respects possesses advantages over the former one.

The new service connects with the Cunard Trans Atlantic steamers at New York and besides providing an accelerated mail and passenger service between Jamaica and Europe adds another quick and reliable service to the mail opportunities between this country and the United States of America. From the point of view of the cost to the Post Office for mail conveyance, it was clearly out of the question that the rate of gratuity hitherto paid to non-contract vessels, and which absorbed practically the whole of the postage should be continued, and to enable a reduction to be enforced if need arose, power was placed in my hands to apply the provisions of the Imperial Post Office Act on this head, but I am pleased to record that not only the Royal Mail Company but all the other non-contract lines carrying mails fell readily into the proposals of the Government on the question of compensation and no need arose to take action under my deputation from the Postmaster General of the United Kingdom.

MAIL CONVEYANCE INLAND.

The Inland Mail Service was carried through for the year at a cost of £8,722, as against £8,290 in 1904-5. The service has been efficiently conducted by the Public Works Department and the Mail Contractors respectively.

MONEY ORDERS.

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 1904-5 orders issued in Jamaica numbered 11,086 of the total value of £29,200 6s. 8d., and in 1905-6, 8,023 of the total value of £23,913 16s. 8d., and that the issues of other countries payable in Jamaica in 1904-5 were 4,816 of the value of £12,721 14s. 1d. and in 1905-6, 3,873 of the value of £11,165 11s. 5d. As a result of the Money Order Exchanges in 1905-6 net commission to the amount of £440 18s. 5d. accrued to the colony.

POSTAL ORDERS.

The following statement shows the number of each denomination of postal orders issued for sale during each of the last three years:

POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED.

Denomination.	1,03-4.			1904-5.			1905-6.		
	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.
6d.	20,680	517 0 0	43 1 8	19,400	485 0 0	40 8 4	25,201	630 0 6	52 10 0½
1/	44,847	2,242 7 0	93 8 7½	43,075	2,153 15 0	89 14 9½	48,024	2,401 4 0	100 1 0
1/6	45,612	3,420 18 0	95 0 6	44,975	3,373 2 6	93 13 11½	43,526	3,264 9 0	90 13 7
2/6	43,322	5,415 5 0	90 5 1	42,325	5,290 12 6	88 3 6½	52,868	6,608 10 0	110 2 10
5/	38,311	9,577 15 0	859 12 7	35,715	8,928 15 0	148 16 3	31,815	7,953 15 0	132 11 3
10/	26,180	13,090 0 0	218 3 4	22,965	11,482 10 0	191 7 6	24,671	12,335 10 0	205 11 10
	218,952	34,263 5 0	699 11 9½	208,455	31,713 15 0	652 4 4½	226,105	33,193 8 6	691 10 6½

POSTAL ORDERS SOLD.

The actual sales vary somewhat from the above figures, the amounts actually paid into the Treasury in each of the periods named being

1903-4	...	£33,905 18 6
1904-5	...	32,096 9 6
1905-6	...	33,036 12 6

This return shows a large increase over the previous year in the face values of the orders issued and an increase of £940 in the actual sales. The increase in commission has been £32.

PARCELS POST.

In appendix C is given 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 postage accruing to Jamaica from this service during the past year was £808 19s. 5½d., against £567 15s. 9d. in the year previous an increase of £241 3s. 8½d. The declared value on parcels received during 1905-6 exhibited a decrease of £1,013 7s. 5d., but an increase of duty of £661 19s. 1½d. The value of parcels despatched during the year showed a decrease of £154 8s. 3d. The number of parcels despatched increased by 151 and those received by 2,450.

TELEGRAPHS.

At the end of the year there were 64 Telegraph Stations and 6 Telephone Stations connected with the Postal System, as against 69 Telegraph Stations and 5 Telephone Stations last year. The Railway Telegraph service was in addition available to the public and affords 35 additional centres from which messages may be transmitted, or at which they may be received and distributed.

I annex a return showing the number of Telegraph messages sent during the year from which it will be seen that 12,494 messages were sent and received during the year under review. more than in the previous year. The department continues to work in harmony with the local Superintendents of Ocean Cables. During the year £2,820 were collected on behalf of the Direct Cable Company and £212 on behalf of the West India and Panama Telegraph Company.

GENERAL.

The Department continued to be conducted in premises quite unsuited to its requirements. I earnestly hope that before very long steps may be taken to provide suitable quarters for us.

I have to express my appreciation of the way in which the staff have performed their arduous duties during the past.

I have, etc.,

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

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Kingston.

Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post and

Postage on unpaid correspondence	...	£697	11	9½
Stamps sold by P. O. Department	...	25,551	4	2½
Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	...	3,310	19	2
Rent of private letter boxes	...	97	8	4
Fees for conveyance of private letter bags	...	23	3	9
Commissions on Money Orders	...	440	18	5
Do. British Postal Orders	...	97	12	0½
Fees for detention of country letters per packet for delivery in Kingston	...	3	7	0
Commission on Mail Coach collections	...	1	14	9
Do. Inland Postal Orders	...	689	11	1
Miscellaneous	...	687	7	4½
Telegraph Stamps sold	...	5,163	12	3
Collections by Jamaica Government Railway	...	408	19	3
Additional charge on books of Telegraph forms	...	3	0	3
Fees for keeping Telegraph Offices open out of office hours	...	26	7	0
Official Telegrams	...	381	0	9

£37,583 17 4½

Telegraph Department during the financial year ended 31st March, 1906.

PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS—

Salaries of Staff	...	£5,385	3	0		
Allowance for services out of office hours	...	701	17	3		
Wages of sorters, letter carriers, etc.	...	1,053	15	6		
Telegraph messengers head office	...	156	12	4		
Do. District office and office servants	...	864	2	5		
Box clearers and indoor men	...	343	5	11		
Clerical assistance	...	51	0	0		
Salaries of district postmasters and telegraph clerks	...	6,048	10	4		
Salaries of auxiliary telegraph clerks	...	197	5	6		
Commission of 1 % on sale of stamps	...	250	16	10		
Remuneration of officers of Public Works Department in connection with mail services	...	200	0	0	15,252	9 1

OTHER CHARGES—

Travelling charges	...	449	0	0		
Mail bags and wrappers	...	147	8	4		
Dated stamps, seals, etc.	...	19	12	7		
Twine and wax	...	135	17	10		
Conveyance of letter carriers by tram car	...	100	0	0		
Manufacture of stamps and post cards	...	1,130	2	0		
Rent of Post Offices	...	1,450	16	4		
Telegraph stores	...	155	19	2		
Ship letter gratuities	...	1,657	19	3½		
Uniforms	...	252	6	10		
Rent of telephone	...	12	12	0		
Advertising	...	8	13	8		
Lighting	...	65	18	7		
Water supply	...	69	4	9		
Repairing instruments	...	39	5	11		
Cleaning latrines	...	40	5	0		
Contingencies	...	390	13	10		
Furniture	...	24	1	0		
Taxes	...	52	9	1		
Porterage	...	257	13	10		
Subsidy to Jamaica Government Railway	...	400	0	0		
Mail conveyance miscellaneous	...	103	10	4½		
Do. Inland	...	5,391	0	3½		
Services by Railway	...	2,732	8	0		
Conveyance of mails between Post Offices and Railway Stations	...	265	1	10		
Renewal of live stock	...	30	0	0		
Transit rates payable Postal Union Countries other than United Kingdom	...	157	8	8		
Contribution towards the loss on the West India Royal Mail Contract Service	...	525	0	0		
Proportion of cost of supply and repairs of Parcel Post receptacles, United Kingdom and Jamaica	...	...			16,064	9 2½

£31,316 18 3½

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.
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
1905-06	4,751	16,363 7 3	1,177	3,716 18 8	270 5 5	1905-06	15	124 12 8	168	719 1 11	5 5 11
United States of America						Panama					
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 10 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
1905-06	2,764	5,914 1 10	1,360	4,252 7 11	138 12 1	1905-06	14	54 0 5	96	214 8 6	1 5 8
Dominion of Canada						British Honduras					
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
1905-06	199	905 5 5	211	641 0 7	10 8 4	1905-06	5	12 14 1	84	187 11 7	0 13 10
British Guiana						Trinidad					
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
1905-06	63	149 11 5	94	113 5 8	2 2 11	1905-06	40	95 13 9	185	267 9 0	2 7 1
Barbados						Bermuda					
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
1905-06	85	137 5 5	200	414 17 3	4 2 3	1905-06	2	5 19 9	62	140 5 0	0 13 6
Windward and Leeward Islands						Grand Cayman					
1903-04	109	163 18 5	327	597 8 8	5 17 5	1904-05	2	3 0 0	9	114 13 4	0 12 0
						1905-06	...	...	7	32 1 6	0 3 2
1904-05	117	266 2 1	340	559 7 7	5 2 2	1904-05	1	5 0 0	...	...	0 1 6
1905-06	85	151 4 8	225	426 13 0	4 14 4	1905-06	...	...	4	39 10 10	0 3 11

C.—PARCELS RECEIVED.

From	Consignments.			Parcels.			Import Duty.		
	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.
United Kingdom ...	53	52	52	17,461	12,736	13,496	£ s. d. 2,674 10 6	£ s. d. 2,144 18 0	£ s. d. 2,565 6 4½
British West Indies ...	147	123	114	421	262	275	30 6 3	18 4 0	21 6 6
United States of America ...	212	427	531	2,216	6,489	8,080	267 3 11	585 0 2	826 6 7
Dominion of Canada ...	12	11	14	371	285	398	55 16 9	96 11 11	92 9 6
Turks Island ...	12	7	17	22	16	29	2 1 3	0 5 7	2 7 11
Belize ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bermuda ...	13	10	13	27	81	41	1 1 9	2 12 7	1 14 6
	449	630	741	20,518	19,869	22,319	3,031 0 5	2,847 12 3	3,509 11 4½

	Postage Accrued to Jamaica.			Declared value of Parcels.		
	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.
United Kingdom ...	£ s. d. 436 16 8	£ s. d. 370 0 8	£ s. d. 585 19 0	£ s. d. 18,761 1 4	£ s. d. 18,446 4 6	£ s. d. 16,198 2 6½
British West Indies ...	...	...	...	198 2 5	181 3 4	143 10 8
United States of America ...	...	...	...	2,714 6 9	4,082 12 7	5,429 11 6
Dominion of Canada ...	6 3 4	5 6 5½	8 17 8½	349 11 2	595 13 5	538 12 4½
Turks Island ...	...	...	...	19 14 6	7 8 0	14 7 0
Bermuda ...	...	...	...	8 2 1	57 7 11	32 18 3
	443 0 0	375 7 1½	594 16 8½	22,050 18 3	23,370 9 9	22,357 2 4

PARCELS DESPATCHED.

	Consignments.			Parcels.			Accrued to Jamaica.		
	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.
United Kingdom ...	52	52	36	3,502	3,437	3,639	£ s. d. 67 19 4	£ s. d. 78 12 0	£ s. d. 114 14 6
British West Indies ...	174	203	191	655	713	546	14 13 0	40 13 4	16 7 0
United States of America ...	48	30	52	1,150	1,367	1,406	52 9 6	63 17 0	72 4 6
Dominion of Canada ...	11	10	13	290	144	217	4 17 6	3 18 11½	3 18 9
Turks Island ...	13	9	13	144	25	26	3 19 0	1 8 0	1 7 0
Bermuda ...	12	10	13	94	73	67	2 2 4	3 19 4	5 11 0
	310	314	318	5,835	5,750	5,901	146 0 8	192 8 7½	214 2 9

	Declared value of Parcels.		
	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.
United Kingdom ...	£ s. d. 3,390 13 4½	£ s. d. 3,384 8 0	£ s. d. 3,300 9 7½
British West Indies ...	521 7 6	887 9 4	681 13 8½
United States of America ...	272 7 0½	331 16 4½	448 12 11½
Dominion of Canada ...	110 10 3	98 18 8½	91 0 10
Turks Island ...	172 18 0	14 16 6	16 9 9
Bermuda ...	110 6 11½	78 9 7	103 4 1
	4,578 3 1½	4,795 18 6	4,641 10 3

Return showing the number of Telegraph Messages sent from and received at each Telegraph Station from 1st April, 1905, to 31st March, 1906, as compared with return from 1st April, 1904 to 31st March, 1905.

Station.	1st April, 1904 to 31st March, 1905.		1905-6.		Remarks.
	Messages sent.	Messages received.	Messages sent.	Messages received.	
Kingston	23,213	24,866	26,003	27,465	Transmitting station.
Myrtle Bank	1,079	527	1,188	546	
Spanish Town	1,985	2,232	2,068	2,272	
Bog Walk	606	568	723	748	
Linstead	698	859	840	814	Do.
Ewarton	407	449	525	570	
Moneague	783	925	874	1,119	
Claremont	353	374	293	352	
St. Ann's Bay	3,102	3,010	3,625	3,772	Do.
Runaway Bay	364	279	785	698	
Dry Harbour	420	422	422	508	Do.
Brown's Town	1,310	1,463	1,433	1,486	Do.
Cave Valley	191	272	307	379	
Stewart Town	83	108	84	167	Closed 9.4.04. Reopened as telephone, August, 11, '04. Opened 9th April, '04.
Jackson Town	194	112	181	184	
Ulster Spring	152	225	154	222	
Rio Bueno	285	270	524	466	
Duncans	471	472	472	476	
Falmouth	2,346	2,361	2,387	2,296	
Montego Bay	5,264	5,153	6,058	6,009	Transmitting station.
Ramble	404	478	327	437	
Lucea	1,892	1,799	2,319	2,100	
Green Island	420	465	476	618	
Grange Hill	363	403	353	389	
Sav.-la-Mar	3,763	3,340	3,551	3,035	Do.
Bluefields	...	...	26	24	Telephone station opened 1.1.'06, Closed 30.12.'05.
White House	134	139	89	111	
Black River	1,942	1,895	1,852	1,884	
Middle Quarters	466	521	208	272	
Santa Cruz	297	341	301	328	Transmitting station.
Malvern	694	691	645	679	
Mandeville	2,556	2,848	2,823	3,034	Do.
Newport	285	333	311	379	
Shooters Hill	383	480	576	613	Do.
Mile Gully	259	248	251	263	
Balaclava	548	462	610	568	
Christiana	462	522	474	675	
Porus	504	487	373	482	
May Pen	962	979	1,169	1,028	Do.
Chapelton	1,026	1,112	912	1,193	
Alley	544	539	660	613	Do.
Salt River	103	97	84	124	Changed to telephone station 17.1.05.
Race Course	36	28	224	217	Opened as " 14.1.05.
Milk River	252	324	187	262	
Pratville	123	117	...	...	Closed 5th January, '05.
Old Harbour	652	770	638	807	
Yallahs	202	226	236	280	
Morant Bay	1,728	1,606	2,450	2,237	Transmitting station.
B. M. Valley	118	142	190	215	
Trinity Ville	297	333	395	496	
Pt. Morant	180	148	264	265	Closed 22.2.'05. Changed to telephone 23.6.'05.
Bowden	441	220	531	389	
Bath	263	277	382	429	Transmitting Station.
P. G. River	297	321	297	314	
Hectors River	143	115	204	182	
Manchioneal	370	347	466	436	
P. M. River	154	224	202	261	
Port Antonio	7,365	6,030	10,801	9,116	Do.
Titchfield	638	439	1,501	965	Opened 30.1.'05.
Hope Bay	192	169	228	193	
Buff Bay	492	473	528	537	
Annotto Bay	2,101	1,811	2,720	2,340	Transmitting station.
Highgate	412	610	457	861	
Port Maria	3,173	3,269	3,607	3,526	
Oracabessa	690	712	742	864	Do.
Retreat	352	321	351	301	
Gayle	258	328	299	289	
Ocho Rios	745	677	676	691	
Port Royal	1,174	1,025	467	578	
Up-Park Camp	552	628	562	683	
Halfway Tree	553	841	438	776	
Constant Spring	1,059	784	1,165	994	
Gordon Town	200	281	89	193	Changed to telephone station 8.2.'05.
New Castle	153	197	106	127	
Castleton	117	143	97	113	Do. do. 12.4.'05.
Stony Hill	104	168	80	161	Do. do. 29.6.'05.
Railway	2,596	2,265	3,073	2,493	
Total	89,495	89,495	101,989	101,989	