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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 1906-07.

By command,

H. CLARENCE BOURNE,

Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office, Jamaica, 29th July, 1907.

SIR,

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

This report is the 39th of the series and reviews the affairs of the 47th year of the existence of the Department as a Colonial Institution.

REVENUE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

The collections for the year were as follows :—

Postal	£33,359 19 11
Telegraphs	6,614 5 3
the estimates calling for	
Postal Revenue	32,000 0 0
Telegraph Revenue	6,500 0 0

The above statements show an increase over the estimate on postal revenue of £1,359 and an increase in the yield of Telegraph Revenue of £114.

COMPARATIVE COLLECTIONS.

The revenue collections for 1906-07 compared with the similar collections of the two previous years are as follows :—

	1906-07.	1905-06.	1904-05.
Postages ...	£31,384 0 11½	£29,593 10 4	£26,538
Commission on money orders	530 18 4	440 18 5	560
Local com. on British postal orders	124 12 4½	97 12 0½	37
Commission on local postal orders	681 10 5	689 11 1	657
Miscellaneous ...	638 17 10	614 7 0½	863
Telegraphs ...	6,614 5 3	5,982 19 6	4,792
	£39,974 5 2	£37,418 18 5½	£33,447

It will thus be seen that the total collections for the year under review are no less than £2,555 6s. 8½d., in excess of the previous year and £6,527 over the year 1904-05. This is I submit a very satisfactory increase in the revenue of the Post Office.

I am pleased to be able also to draw attention to the increase in the receipts of Telegraph Revenue of £631 5s. 9d. over the previous year and of £1,822 over 1904-05.

Commission on Money Orders shows an increase over last year of £90 which is I consider very satisfactory looking to the fact that the sales of British Postal Orders have so largely increased.

RETROSPECT.

Following out the intention expressed in the 8th paragraph of my annual report for the year ended 1904-05, I give herewith the figures showing the revenue of the Department for each decennial period ending with 7.

	Postages.	Commission on Money Orders and Br. Postal Orders.	Commission on Postal Orders.	Telegraphs.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1866-67	11,026	827	.	.	100	11,953
1876-77	14,537	269	.	.	92	14,898
1886-87	16,133	375	.	4,058	184	20,750
1896-97	23,331	414	534	5,480	146	29,805
1906-07	31,298	655	682	6,614	642	39,891

EXPENDITURE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

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

	£	s.	d.
Personal emoluments ...	15,490	8	0½
Mail conveyance ...	10,738	7	7½
Services ...	5,163	16	0
Maintenance of telegraph lines by Director of Public Works ...	801	15	7
	£32,194	7	3

while the approved Estimates for these services called for —

	£	s.	d.
Personal emoluments ...	15,341	0	3
Mail conveyance ...	11,096	19	10
Services ...	5,163	8	0
Maintenance of telegraph lines by the Director of Public Works ...	950	0	0
	£32,551	8	1

exhibiting a total saving on appropriation of £357, distributed, between maintenance of telegraph lines by Director of Public Works £148, mail conveyance £358, offset by an excess of £149 under the head of personal emoluments due principally to payments of overtime which accrued in consequence of the arrivals of steamers out of hours.

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure in 1906-07 compared with the expenditure in each of the two preceding years was as follows:—

	1906-07.	1905-06.	1904-05
Personal emoluments	£15,400	£15,252	£15,369
Mail conveyance	10,738	10,862	11,290
Other charges	5,165	5,202	3,934
Maintenance of telegraph lines	801	799	1,131
	£32,194	£32,115	£31,724

exhibiting a total increase of £89 over 1905-06 due principally to payments for overtime services referred to above.

RETROSPECT OF EXPENDITURE.

The following figures show the expenditure on account of the Postal and Telegraph service for each tenth year from 1866-67 to the present year under the principal heads of charge, viz:—

Date.	Personal Emoluments.	Mail Conveyance.	Services.	Maintenance of Telegraph Lines.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
1866-67	3,876	6,455	1,156	...	11,487
1876-77	5,572	9,308	964	...	15,844
1886-87	9,068	14,329	2,709	1,564	27,670
1896-97	12,275	15,130	8,474	1,974	37,853
1906-07	15,490	10,738	5,164	802	32,194

POSTAL MISCELLANEOUS.

The following analysis of the postages collected during each of the last three years apportion the revenue between Ocean postages and Inland postages as under:—

	Ocean Postages.	Inland Postages.	Total.
1904-05	£5,712	£21,390	£27,102
1905-06	6,749	23,534	30,283
1906-07	7,659	24,400	32,059

The above analysis shows that substantial increases have taken place both in Inland and Ocean postages. The Inland postages exceeding those of last year by £866, and the Ocean postages by £910.

The Miscellaneous Revenue of the year comprised the following:—

Rent of Private Letter Boxes	...	£105 12 0
Fees for Private Letter Bags	...	17 12 3
Surplus of cash in money order chest passed to credit of Revenue	...	5 4 1
Contents of unclaimed letters and parcels paid into credit of Revenue	...	5 11 5
Fines	...	9 9 3
Miscellaneous	...	3 4 2
Postage on Parcels Post parcels	...	492 4 8
		£638 17 10

The rent for the Private Letter Boxes has increased by £8. There is always a demand for these boxes the applications being much in excess of the number which can be allowed.

The item fines includes penalties imposed for attempts to prepay postage by means of used stamps, this class of fraud does not seem to be on the decrease, I regret to say.

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

Titchfield—P. O. and Telegraph Station which was opened on 18th December, '05 was closed on 24th April, 1906 and was again opened on the 22nd December, 1906, for the convenience of tourists.

Hope—P. O. established at Matilda's Corner, St. Andrew, on 8th May, 1906.

Bushy Park—Established at the Railway Station on 17th May, 1906.

Middle Quarters—Telegraph Station closed on 31st May, 1906. The District Post Office is still maintained.

Lacovia—Telegraph Station established on 30th June, 1906, in connection with the District Post Office.

The systematic inspection of district offices was regularly carried out.

CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

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 offices, show the results given below. The figures of the similar estimates for the three years preceding are also given.

	Outwards.				Inwards.			
	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.
Inland Mails—								
Ordinary Letters—								
Public	1,269,822	1,464,216	1,671,084	1,927,016	1,385,321	1,592,572	1,725,698	2,130,492
Official	129,995	151,736	122,364	166,114	110,872	169,384	142,402	105,014
Post Cards	24,947	51,116	57,876	40,534	26,677	35,048	53,118	40,118
Registered letters—								
Public	25,308	27,407	42,094	43,182	77,302	72,632	80,239	81,413
Official	33,604	39,195	28,320	29,841	17,902	18,798	34,072	35,010
Ocean Mails by vessels under contract								
United Kingdom—								
Ordinary letters	278,374	301,804	218,470	121,816	363,981	388,900	398,900	183,927
Post cards	4,780	4,960	5,112	2,951	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,981
Inter-Colonial, B.W.I., &c.—								
Ordinary letters	76,087	115,279	116,560	...	119,282	205,918	200,800	...
Post cards	642	2,372	2,469	...	1,258	2,095	2,180	...
By vessels not contract—								
United States of America—								
Ordinary letters	154,378	169,095	197,481	247,531	152,787	215,545	252,708	261,977
Post cards	22,166	30,693	73,862	62,268	3,064	16,696	18,481	23,894
Other countries—								
Ordinary letters	76,360	85,022	243,324	418,129	61,586	128,679	152,135	352,045
Post cards	8,349	6,870	21,720	39,328	550	959	9,600	1,008
Registered letters, overseas	29,004	24,235	28,735	29,841	20,704	26,997	41,273	45,111
	2,111,817	2,465,930	2,830,308	3,123,551	2,347,183	2,876,323	3,119,006	3,263,010

AT DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

	1903-04.	1904-05.	1905-06.	1906-07.
Ordinary letters	1,118,119	1,040,312	1,116,570	1,182,311
Post Cards	44,364	44,486	75,218	70,109
Registered letters	51,228	44,489	51,969	55,908
	1,213,711	1,133,287	1,243,757	1,308,328

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 361,275, nearly 6 per cent., while registered letters have increased by 5,964 an increase of nearly 8 per cent. The number of insured letters received was 30 of the declared value of £723, and the number despatched 49 of the declared value of £3,733 18s. 4d.

RETURN LETTER BRANCH.

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

	Paid	Unpaid
Letters returned to United Kingdom	2,275	284
" " other Countries	5,852	2,947
" " writers in the Island	34,265	7,357
" destroyed being illegible or anonymous	5,252	1,300
" " writers not having been found	7,185	3,449
Newspapers returned to Publishers	3,780	—

The number of packets which were found to contain value was 2,721 and the value £619 11s. 11½d. Each packet was reposted under registered cover to the writer.

MAIL CONVEYANCE—OCEAN.

	Outwards.						Inwards.					
	1906-7.		1905-6.		1904-5.		1906-7.		1905-6.		1904-6.	
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.
<i>Kingston—</i>												
Contract	26	78	54	421	78	670	26	94	34	264	75	1,026
Non-contract	456	1,288	414	877	278	423	472	2,033	514	1,925	293	785
<i>Outports—</i>												
Non-contract	34	50	24	31	74	75	72	211	10	180	113	268
	516	1,416	492	1,329	430	1,168	570	2,338	558	2,369	481	2,079

The number of transit mails was 126.

It will be observed from the above return that 87 more mails were despatched abroad and 31 less received during the year than in 1905-6—24 and 12 more vessels respectively conveyed these mails on a similar comparison.

Soon after the expiration of the Contract of the Royal Mail Company a new time table was introduced by the Company. Leaving Southampton, the route is via Cherbourg, Vigo, Barbados, Trinidad, La Guayra, Savanilla, Cartagena, Colon to Jamaica occupying 23 days, as a result no mails are exchanged between this Colony and the United Kingdom, by that route this explains the decrease in the mails received above.

The utility of the Company's steamers for the only regular fortnightly exchange of mails with the sister Colonies is highly appreciated and the regular services to and from the United States and Central American Ports have been a welcome addition to our exchange with those countries, besides giving additional opportunities of despatching letters to the United Kingdom and Continental Countries.

The United Fruit Company, Hamburg American, and other Steamship Companies also contributed to the exchange which are detailed in the Return. The vessels of the United Fruit Company, of the Admiral Class, are under contract with the United States Government for the carriage of the mails between Boston and Jamaica, and they arrived with great regularity each Monday morning at Port Antonio—leaving Kingston for the return voyage each Tuesday.

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

Sea and Territorial rates paid to other countries	£158 19 8
Ship Letter Gratuities	1,908 7 0

a decrease of £273 when compared with last year's similar expenditure, it must however be borne in mind that last year's payments included a sum of £525 for one quarter's subsidy to the Royal Mail Company at the rate of £2,100 per annum, being this Colony's contribution at that date.

MAIL CONVEYANCE—INLAND.

The Inland Mail Service was carried through for the year at a cost of £9,030, as against £8,722 in 1905-6. The service has been efficiently conducted by the Public Works Department and with one exception the Mail Contractors.

MONEY ORDERS.

Appended is a comparative table giving 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 1905-6 orders issued in Jamaica numbered 8,023 of the total value of £23,913 16s. 8d., and in 1906-7 8,301 of the total value of £32,208 9s. 7d., and that the issues of other countries payable in Jamaica in 1905-6 were 3,873 of the value of £11,165 11s. 5d., and in 1906-7, 7,546 of the value of £25,106 8s. 10d.

It is satisfactory to note that in spite of the fact that the Commission on British Postal Orders issued shows an increase on last year's transactions and ordinarily would argue a reduction on the Money Orders issued, on comparison with last year, show an increase of 278 Orders to the value of £8,294 12s. 11d. The Money Order business with the United States and Barbados has grown considerably, and is, in the main responsible for the augmentation. It is hardly likely however as far as Barbados is concerned that this state of affairs will continue as the Military Authorities, who adopted the Money Order System to pay to the discharged soldiers their deferred pay have very nearly finished so doing. With regard to the Money Orders payable, the large increase on the previous year of 3,673 Orders to the value of £13,940 17s. 5d. is almost entirely due to the opening of the Money Order system between here and the Canal Zone which came into effect in June 1906.

As a result of the Money Order Exchanges in 1906-7, net commission to the amount of £551 13s. 2d, as against £440 18s. 5d. of the previous year or £110 14s. 9d. more has accrued to the Colony.

A new Direct Money Order Exchange System came into force with Canada on 1st January 1907.

Commission on British Postal Orders of the value of 2/6d. has been reduced from 1d. to ½d.

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.	1906-7.			1905-6.			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.
6d.	19,350	483 15 0	40 6 3	25,201	630 0 6	52 10 0½	19,400	485 0 0	40 8 4
1/	47,950	2,397 10 0	99 17 11	48,024	2,401 4 0	100 1 0	43,075	2,153 15 0	89 14 9½
1/6	48,400	3,630 0 0	100 16 8	43,526	3,264 9 0	90 13 7	44,975	3,373 2 6	93 13 11½
2/6	46,075	5,759 7 6	95 19 9½	52,868	6,608 10 0	110 2 10	42,325	5,290 12 6	88 3 6½
5/	38,375	9,593 15 0	159 17 11	31,815	7,953 15 0	132 11 3	35,715	8,928 15 0	148 16 3
10/	24,255	12,127 10 0	202 2 6	24,671	12,335 10 0	205 11 10	22,965	11,482 10 0	191 7 6
	224,405	33,991 17 6	699 1 0½	226,105	33,193 8 6	691 10 6½	208,455	31,713 15 0	652 4 4½

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:—

1904-5	...	£32,096 9 6
1905-6	...	33,036 12 6
1906-7	...	33,150 2 6

The return shows a large increase over the previous year in the face values of the orders issued and an increase of £114 in the actual sales.

PARCELS POST.

The transactions of the Parcels Post Branch of the Department compared with the two years preceding are shown in Appendix C. £921 is the amount of postage that accrued to Jamaica during the year, an excess of £112 7s. 3d. over 1905-6. £580 9s. 11½d. more Customs duty has been collected during the year under review than in the year previous.

The total amount of Import duty collected through the Parcels Post was £4,090 and is the largest amount yet collected and serves to illustrate, with the increase growth of the parcels imported during the past three years, from 19 to 25 thousand, how much appreciated the system is by the public.

In September 1906, a Parcels Post Exchange between this colony and Porto Rico came into operation on the same conditions that exist between the United States and Jamaica.

The great bulk of the business done through the Parcels Post is carried on with the United Kingdom as the following calculations of proportion based on declared values will show.

	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7
Parcels received—			
United Kingdom	79 %	72 %	73 %
United States	17	24	22
Other Countries	4	4	5
Parcels despatched—			
United Kingdom	71	71	71
United States	7	19	11
Other Countries	22	10	18

The statement also goes to show the increase of the business done with the United States.

TELEGRAPHS.

At the end of the year there were in operation connected with the Postal system 64 Telegraph Stations and 7 Telephone Stations. In addition to these the Railway Telegraph Service was available to the general public and affords additional centres from which messages may be transmitted or at which they may be received and distributed.

The Telegraph Office at Myrtle Bank Hotel was destroyed by the disastrous earthquake of 14th January 1907 and has not since been rebuilt.

The annexed return will show the number of Telegraph messages sent during the year from which it will be seen that 7,870 more messages were sent and received during the year under review than in the past.

I am glad to say that all the Telegraph Offices were during the year overhauled and all defective leading-in wires replaced. This necessary work had not been undertaken for a great many years—and many offices were greatly in need of such overhauling.

The Department continues to work in harmony with the local Superintendents of ocean cables. During the year £2,398 were collected on behalf of the Direct Cable Company and £1,042 on behalf of the West India and Panama Telegraph Company.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the 14th January 1907, the premises in which the Circulation Branch is conducted was considerably damaged by the earthquake rendering it unfit for the immediate resumption of business. The Blundell Hall premises in which the Control, Money Order and Telegraph Offices were situate were also partially destroyed and made unsafe for occupation, the only available building then was the wood annexe in the Blundell Hall yard where the Accounting Branch and Parcels Post business were carried on.

In this annexe and in the open yard space the entire business of the Department was resumed from the morning of the 15th January. The continuity of the Mail Service was not broken and it is very greatly to the credit of the Clerks that this was so, and it is pleasing to me to be able to record that I received many letters of appreciation of their work at this time from members of the public. The Telegraph lines were re-erected with marked promptitude and communication restored to the interior in a short time.

Stamps and Cash to the value of £21 12s. 8½d. were lost in the debris in the Circulation and Telegraph Branches and must have been looted, for careful search as soon as was possible after, failed to find all value that had been scattered by the earthquake.

The western wall of the Supreme Court building and the eastern wall of the Town Hall (upstairs of the Circulation Branch) fell into the narrow drive between the two buildings and claimed, I very much regret to record, several victims, among them being Mr. W. D. Maxwell, a second class Clerk and Miss Marie Gordon, a female auxiliary, both capable and efficient clerks, as well as three letter-carriers.

I bear cheerful testimony to the willing and loyal manner in which the Clerks returned to their various duties and by so acting set the example which was very essential at that time, to the subordinate staff of messengers. In an united manner they all worked hard and well under the most trying and indeed dangerous conditions.

The business of the Department was conducted in its entirety under the conditions described until the 4th February when the Circulation Branch was re-occupied and the other Branches occupied the Treasury building.

I am pleased that as I write this report it is decided that public buildings will be put up at an early date and as a result the Post Office will be more comfortably and adequately housed in the near future.

I have, &c.,

J. B. LUCIE-SMITH,

Postmaster for Jamaica.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Kingston.

Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post and

Postage on unpaid correspondence	...	£706 18 4½
Stamps sold by P.O. Department	...	27,307 13 1
Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	...	3,283 9 4
Rent of private letter boxes	...	105 12 0
Fees for conveyance of private letter bags	...	17 12 3
Commissions on Money Orders	...	530 18 4
Do. British Postal Orders	...	124 12 4½
Fees for detention of country letters per packet for delivery in Kingston	...	2 16 0
Commission on Mail Coach collections	...	
Do. Inland Postal Orders	...	681 10 5
Miscellaneous	...	515 13 7
Telegraph Stamps sold	...	5,666 3 3
Collections by Jamaica Government Railway	...	526 4 0
Additional charge on books of Telegraph forms	...	3 8 6
Fees for keeping Telegraph Offices open out of office hours	...	28 2 6
Official Telegrams	...	390 7 0

 £39,891 1 0

Telegraph Department during the financial year ended 31st March, 1907.

PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS—

Salaries of Staff	...	£5,451	13	8	
Allowance for services out of office hours	...	831	14	5	
Wages of sorters, letter carriers, etc.	...	1,123	15	4	
Telegraph messengers head office	...	155	8	0	
Do. District office and office servants	...	843	6	11	
Box clearers and indoor men	...	341	10	2	
Clerical assistance	...	52	16	8	
Salaries of district postmasters and telegraph clerks	...	6,065	2	11½	
Salaries of auxiliary telegraph clerks	...	239	5	8	
Commission of 1 % on sale of stamps	...	185	14	3	
Remuneration of officers of Public Works Department in connection with mail services	...	200	0	0	£15,490 8 0½

OTHER CHARGES—

Travelling charges	...	464	19	9	
Mail bags and wrappers	...	96	13	6	
Dated stamps, seals, etc.	...	19	9	4	
Twine and wax	...	164	11	0	
Conveyance of letter carriers by tram car	...	143	2	11	
Manufacture of stamps and post cards	...	583	8	9	
Rent of Post Offices	...	1,383	7	4	
Telegraph stores	...	252	16	10	
Ship letter gratuities	...	1,908	7	0	
Uniforms	...	285	19	11	
Rent of telephone	...	12	12	0	
Advertising	...	19	3	1	
Lighting	...	67	3	11	
Water supply	...	70	15	11	
Repairing instruments	...	65	1	0	
Cleaning latrines	...	46	3	6	
Contingencies	...	423	19	1	
Purchase of bicycles	...	25	0	0	
Furniture	...	37	18	6	
Taxes	...	30	18	0	
Porterage	...	319	16	3	
Subsidy to Jamaica Government Railway	...	400	0	0	
Mail conveyance miscellaneous	...	118	8	3½	
Do. Inland	...	5,685	9	4	
Services by Railway	...	2,746	10	0	
Conveyance of mails between Post Offices and Railway Stations	...	279	13	0	
Renewal of live stock	...				
Transit rates payable Postal Union Countries other than United Kingdom	...	158	19	8	
Contribution towards the loss on the West India Royal Mail Contract Service	...				
Proportion of cost of supply and repairs of Parcel Post receptacles, United Kingdom and Jamaica	...	21	7	0	
Expenses in consequence of Earthquake of 14th January, 1907	...	70	8	9	15,902 3 7½
					£31,392 11 8

B.—MONEY ORDERS.

<i>United Kingdom.</i>						<i>Turks Island.</i>					
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.
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
1906-07	4,333	19,805 2 4	1,134	3,875 8 6	286 9 3	1906-07	4	40 7 4	141	620 5 4	3 2 6
<i>United States of America</i>						<i>Panama</i>					
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 0
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
1906-07	3,239	9,553 18 1	5,387	18,253 1 10	220 15 0	1906-07	8	33 10 10	20	163 9 0	1 5 9
<i> Dominion of Canada</i>						<i>British Honduras</i>					
1904-05	259	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
1906-07	177	881 15 1	234	528 13 2	14 8 8	1906-07	6	28 7 4	75	128 14 10	0 11 6
<i>British Guiana</i>						<i>Trinidad</i>					
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
1906-07	64	130 13 4	71	144 13 8	2 10 6	1906-07	110	264 14 3	112	213 15 1	3 17 10
<i>Barbados</i>						<i>Bermuda</i>					
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	203	414 17	4 2 3	1905-06	2	5 19 9	62	140 5 0	0 13 6
1906-07	274	1,068 19 8	175	498 11	12 1 11	1906-07	3	18 0 0	23	89 5 7	0 11 7
<i>Windward and Leeward Islands</i>						<i>Grand Cayman</i>					
1904-05	117	266 2 1	340	559 7 7	5 2 2	1904-05	2	3 0 0	9	114 13 4	0 12 0
						1905-06	...	...	7	32 1 6	0 3 2
						1906-07	...	...	24	1 17 6	0 16 2
						1904-05	1	3 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
1906-07	83	333 1 4	150	428 13 1	5 2 6	1906-07	...	...	...	...	...

C.—PARCELS RECEIVED.

From.	Consignments.			Parcels.			Import Duty.		
	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.
United Kingdom ...	52	52	27	12,736	13,496	15,351	£ s. d. 2,144 18 0	£ s. d. 2,565 6 4½	£ s. d. 3,002 2 0
British West Indies ...	123	114	108	262	275	257	18 4 0	21 6 0	26 7 8
United States of America ...	427	531	590	6,489	8,080	9,201	585 0 2	826 6 7	874 16 1
Dominion of Canada ...	11	14	13	285	398	444	96 11 11	92 9 6	185 14 0
Turks Island ...	7	17	7	16	29	8	0 5 7	2 7 11	0 2 9
Belize ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bermuda ...	10	13	5	81	41	9	2 12 7	1 14 6	0 18 4
	630	741	750	19,869	22,319	25,170	2,847 12 3	3,509 11 4½	4,090 1 4

—	Postage Accrued to Jamaica.			Declared value of Parcels.		
	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.
United Kingdom ...	£ s. d. 370 0 8	£ s. d. 585 19 0	£ s. d. 682 16 0	£ s. d. 18,446 4 6	£ s. d. 16,198 2 6½	£ s. d. 20,110 4 1
British West Indies ...	...	...	...	181 3 4	143 10 8	177 6 11½
United States of America ...	...	...	...	4,082 12 7	5,429 11 6	5,931 18 10½
Dominion of Canada ...	5 6 5½	8 17 8½	8 15 7½	595 13 5	538 12 4½	1,156 0 0½
Turks Island ...	...	...	...	7 8 0	14 7 0	1 4 3
Bermuda ...	...	...	...	57 7 11	32 18 3	13 14 10
	375 7 1½	594 16 8½	691 11 7½	23,370 9 9	22,357 2 4	27,390 9 0½

PARCELS DESPATCHED.

—	Consignments.			Parcels.			Accrued to Jamaica.		
	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.
United Kingdom ...	52	36	25	3,437	3,639	3,362	£ s. d. 78 12 0	£ s. d. 114 14 6	£ s. d. 110 15 0
British West Indies ...	203	191	161	713	546	475	40 13 4	16 7 0	26 15 4
United States of America ...	30	52	60	1,367	1,406	1,589	63 17 0	72 4 6	80 4 0
Dominion of Canada ...	10	13	14	144	217	219	3 18 11½	3 18 9	5 4 9½
Turks Island ...	9	13	12	25	26	39	1 8 0	1 7 0	2 16 0
Bermuda ...	10	13	11	73	67	46	3 19 4	5 11 0	4 0 0
	314	318	283	5,750	5,901	5,730	192 8 7½	214 2 9	229 15 1½

—	Declared value of Parcels.		
	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.
United Kingdom ...	£ s. d. 3,384 8 0	£ s. d. 3,300 9 7½	£ s. d. 3,293 11 2½
British West Indies ...	887 9 4	681 13 8½	542 18 3
United States of America ...	331 16 4½	448 12 11½	517 15 0½
Dominion of Canada ...	98 18 8½	91 0 10	191 14 10½
Turks Island ...	14 16 6	16 9 9	24 3 6
Bermuda ...	78 9 7	103 4 1	78 17 6
	4,795 18 6	4,641 10 3	4,649 0 4½

Return showing the number of Telegraph Messages sent from and received at each Telegraph Station from 1st April, 1906, to 31st March, 1907, as compared with return from 1st April, 1904 to 31st March, 1906.

Station.	1st April, 1905 to 31st March, 1906.		1906-07.		Remarks.
	Messages sent.	Messages received.	Messages sent.	Messages received.	
Kingston	26,003	27,405	27,609	29,740	Transmitting station.
Myrtle Bank	1,181	546	600	309	Office destroyed by earthquake not re-opened yet.
Spanish Town	2,063	2,272	2,647	2,730	Transmitting station.
Big Walk	723	748	927	810	
Linstead	840	814	971	893	
Ewarton	525	570	646	565	
Moneague	874	1,119	727	981	Do.
Claremont	293	352	308	421	
St. Ann's Bay	3,625	3,772	4,055	3,831	
Runaway Bay	785	698	737	738	
Dry Harbour	422	508	517	673	Do.
Brown's Town	1,433	1,486	1,668	1,775	Do.
Cave Valley	307	379	307	392	Closed 9.4.'04. Re-opened as telephone, August, 11, '04.
Stewart Town	84	167	120	182	
Jackson Town	181	184	169	150	Transmitting station.
Ulster Spring	154	222	233	318	
Rio Baeno	524	466	545	420	
Duncans	472	476	528	607	
Falmouth	2,387	2,296	2,742	2,573	Do.
Montego Bay	6,058	6,009	6,939	7,071	
Ramble	327	437	401	448	
Lucea	2,319	2,100	2,458	2,416	
Green Island	470	618	714	767	Telephone station opened 1.1.'06.
Grange Hill	353	389	382	474	
Sav-la-Mar	3,551	3,035	4,134	3,059	
Bluefield Is	25	24	139	129	
Black River	1,852	1,884	2,228	2,131	Transmitting station.
Middle Quarters	208	272	2	60	
Lacovia	...	...	381	189
Santa Cruz	301	328	390	420	
Malvern	645	679	797	775	Do.
Mandeville	2,823	3,034	2,630	2,956	Do.
Newport	311	379	321	457	
Shooters Hill	576	613	543	581	
Mile Gully	251	263	266	304	
Balaclava	610	568	591	557	Do.
Christiana	474	675	578	759	
Porus	373	482	580	423	
May Pen	1,169	1,028	1,378	1,238	
Chapelton	912	1,193	1,155	1,226	Do.
Alley	660	613	1,024	901	
Salt River	84	124	174	189	
Race Course	224	217	318	328	
Milk River	187	262	248	318	Transmitting station.
Old Harbour	638	807	890	1,029	
Yallahs	236	280	205	264	
Morant Bay	2,450	2,237	2,259	2,220	
B. M. Valley	100	215	134	176	Closed 22.2.'05. Changed to telephone 23.6.'05.
Trinity Ville	395	496	336	305	
Port Morant	264	265	510	427	
Bowden	531	389	338	271	Transmitting station.
Bath	382	429	285	335	
P. G. River	297	314	361	329	
Hectors River	204	182	157	209	
Manchioneal	406	436	383	433	Do.
P. M. River	202	261	207	214	
Port Antonio	10,801	9,116	11,166	9,278	
Titchfield	1,501	965	901	574	
Hope Bay	228	193	248	228	Transmitting station.
Buff Bay	528	537	518	519	
Annotto Bay	2,720	2,340	2,912	2,606	
Highgate	457	851	615	954	
Port Maria	3,607	3,526	3,958	3,742	Do.
Oracabess	742	864	969	974	
Retreat	351	301	381	299	
Gayle	299	289	410	437	
Ocho Rios	676	691	653	721	Changed to telephone station 8.2.'05.
Port Royal	467	578	452	484	
Up-Park Camp	562	683	604	816	
Halfway Tree	438	776	538	815	
Constant Spring	1,165	994	549	593	Do.
Gordon Town	89	193	102	215	
New Castle	106	127	128	146	
Castleton	97	113	111	133	
Stony Hill	80	161	111	160	Do. do. 12.4.'05.
Railway	3,073	2,493	3,512	2,869	Do. do. 29.6.'05.
Total	101,989	101,989	109,859	109,859	