

Colonial Secretary's Office, 24th July, 1908.

THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Annual Report of the Postmaster for Jamaica for the financial year 1907-8.

By command,

ROBT. JOHNSTONE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office, Jamaica, 22nd June, 1908.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the fortieth report on this Department for the financial year ended 31st March, 1908, being the 48th year of its existence as a Colonial Institution.

REVENUE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

2. The following are the collections for the year :—

Postal	...	£34,777	5	8
Telegraphs	...	6,489	8	8
the estimates called for				
Postal	...	33,200	0	0
Telegraph	...	6,000	0	0
an increase is exhibited as under :—				
Postal Revenue	...	1,577	0	0
Telegraph Revenue	...	489	0	0

COMPARATIVE COLLECTIONS.

3. The following is a comparison of the various heads of revenue collections for 1907-08 with the similar collection for 1905-06 and 1906-07.

	1907-08.	1906-07.	1905-06.
Postages	£32,464 16 2½	£31,384 0 11¼	£29,593 10 4
Commission on money orders	638 2 9	530 18 4	440 18 5
Local com. on British postal orders	175 16 2	124 12 4½	97 12 0½
Commission on local postal orders	734 4 9½	681 10 5	689 11 1
Micellaneous	764 5 9	638 17 10	614 7 0½
Telegraphs	6,489 8 8	6,614 5 3	5,982 19 6
	£41,266 14 4	£39,974 5 2	£37,418 18 5½

4. The above discloses an excess of revenue over the year 1906-07 of £1,292. Taking the value of the free official postages at the very conservative sum of £2,500, the total collections for the year amount to £43,766 and are the largest in the annals of the Post Office.

5. There has been a falling off of £125 in the revenue collections of the Telegraph Service as compared with 1906-07 due no doubt to the continued drought and its consequent effect on banana cultivation, the Telegraph Service not being so much required in connection with purchasing and shipping arrangements.

6. The commission earned on money orders and British postal orders is £107 and £51, respectively in excess of the similar earnings last year and is due in the former case principally to the use of the system by natives of this colony employed in the Canal Zone.

RETROSPECT.

7. The revenue collections for each decennial period ending with 8, is set out in the table below and serve to illustrate the growth of the Department.

—	Postages.	Commission on Money Orders and Br. Postal Orders.	Commission on Postal Orders.	Telegraphs.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1867-68	10,736	521	.	.	105	11,362
1877-78	13,880	239	.	.	325	14,444
1887-88	16,691	434	.	448	222	21,795
1897-98	21,854	374	574	5,085	82	27,969
1907-08	32,234	515	734	6,489	890	41,162

EXPENDITURE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

8. Below is the expenditure of the Department for the year.

	£	s.	d.
Personal emoluments	15,937	9	0
Mail conveyance	11,224	0	2½
Services	5,473	1	6
Maintenance of telegraph lines by the Director of Public Works	837	13	4
	£33,472	4	0½

while the approved estimates for these services called for—

	£	s.	d.
Personal emoluments	16,257	13	11
Mail conveyance	11,028	13	0
Services	5,915	8	4
Maintenance of telegraph lines by the Director of Public Works	1,040	0	0
	£34,241	15	3

9. In the above statement there is not included any charge against the Post Office for the fortnightly conveyance of mails and parcels to the United Kingdom by the Direct Line of Steamers, but since one of the provisions of the contract is the conveyance of mails, I think it would be only right if the Department were charged with a share of the moiety of the subsidy paid to the Company from the general revenue of the colony. I submit however that in fixing the amount of that share, the Post Office should not be charged at a rate greater than that at which we can obtain carriage of our mails by other Steamship Companies.

If then the Direct Line were paid at the ship letter rate of gratuity paid to other Steamship Companies the charge against the Post Office would be £700, thus making the total expenditure of the Department £34,172, which compared to the gross earnings of £43,766 as pointed out at paragraph 4 would exhibit a net earning of £9,594 of which we might well be satisfied.

10. A saving of £769 is the result of the above comparison made up from the unexpended amounts in items which comprise personal emoluments and services, £762, and maintenance of telegraph lines by the Director of Public Works £203, against this total of £965 is an excess of £196 on mail conveyance.

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE.

11. Below is a comparison with the two years preceding the expenditure for the year.

	1907-08.	1906-07.	1905-06.
Personal emoluments	£15,937	£15,490	£15,252
Mail conveyance	11,224	10,738	10,862
Other charges	5,473	5,165	5,202
Maintenance of telegraph lines	857	801	799
	£33,471	£32,194	£32,115

an excess of £1,277 over 1906-07 due to increases on the various sub-heads consequent on the growth of the Department.

RETROSPECT OF EXPENDITURE.

12. The following classified table shows the expenditure of the Department for each tenth year beginning with 1867-68; it is gratifying to observe that while ten years ago the expenditure of the Department was nearly £9,000 in excess of its earnings at the end of the year under review, the expenditure is a similar amount below the receipts.

Date.	Personal Emoluments.	Mail Conveyance.	Services.	Maintenance of Telegraph Lines.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
1867-68	3,997	6,813	434	...	11,245
1877-78	5,594	8,221	1,074	...	14,889
1887-88	9,776	11,927	2,370	1,512	25,585
1897-98	14,797	14,338	6,183	1,643	36,961
1907-08	15,937	11,224	5,473	832	33,471

POSTAL MISCELLANEOUS.

13. An analysis of the postage collected discloses excesses of £671 and £311 under Ocean and Inland Postages respectively—

	Ocean Postages.	Inland Postages.	Total.
1905-06	£6,749	£23,534	£30,283
1906-07	7,659	24,400	32,059
1907-08	8,330	24,711	33,041

14. From the 1st October, 1907, as a result of the Postal Congress held at Rome in 1906 the limit of weight of letters was increased from $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. to 1 oz. and the rate of postage modified as under :—

To the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates 1d. for the 1st oz. and 1d. for each oz. after.

To the Countries in the Postal Union 2½d. for the 1st oz. and 1½d. for each oz. after.

In spite of the above, however, the collections on account of postages show an increase, this is due to the fact that the percentage of letters posted over the half ounce (the previous unit of weight) is very small, the reduction therefore does not have any material effect upon our receipts on account of postages. Simultaneously with the above, the unit of weight for local correspondence was increased from $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. to 1 oz. and my remarks above with regard to the effect on the receipts as a result, apply equally and even in a more marked degree to letters posted for inland circulation.

15. The Miscellaneous Revenue collected is £890 8s. 9d. made up as under :—

	1907-08.
Rent of Private Letter Boxes ...	£106 11 0
Fees for Private Letter Bags ...	16 16 0
Surplus Cash passed to credit of Revenue	8 7 7
Contents of unclaimed letters and parcels paid into credit of Revenue ...	10 5 11½
Fines ...	10 14 9
Miscellaneous ...	32 4 10½
Accrued postage on Parcels Post United Kingdom and Jamaica ...	702 12 7
Detention Fees ...	2 16 0
	£890 18 7

an excess of £251 over last year due principally to the large amount of postage on parcels exchanged between the United Kingdom and Jamaica, which accrued to this Colony under the system of adjustment.

DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

16. The following new Post Offices were opened during the year as a result of representations made for better postal facilities in the Districts.

Clifton, parish of St. Andrew. 7th June, 1907.

Ginger Hill, parish of St. Elizabeth, 6th August, 1907.

Cascade, parish of Hanover, 16th August, 1907.

Magotty, parish of St. Elizabeth. 19th November, 1907.

The Post and Telegraph Office usually established at the Titchfield Hotel, Port Antonio, for the benefit of Tourists was in existence for the period 1st to 6th April, 1907, and 31st December to 28th April, 1908.

17. There is, judging from the applications received, a desire on the part of the public to have a District Post Office established in every Village or Settlement, and I take this opportunity to point out that Post Offices can only be opened in places where the necessity exists and not with the object of satisfying the desire of a few. Due regard must be had to the probable Revenue of an office and in the event of that being doubtful parties interested are requested to guarantee the expenditure required to make good the difference between the Revenue Receipts and the cost of yearly upkeep. It must not be lost sight of that very often the establishment of an office in a District is the cause of depreciation in the earnings of an office contiguous to it.

18. All District Post Offices were inspected at least once during the year. In two cases the result of the inspection disclosed shortcomings to justify prosecution, in one case the jury did not find the offending Postmaster guilty—the amount deficient was promptly made good by the Society which guaranteed the fidelity of the Postmaster. In the other "justice was tempered with mercy" and the Postmistress who pleaded guilty was imprisoned until the rising of the Court, she having previously made good the amount deficient in her account.

CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

19. The following statement gives the result of the Estimates which have been taken periodically during the year of letters and post cards which have passed through the Kingston and several district post offices.

	Outwards.				Inwards.			
	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.
Inland Mails—								
Ordinary Letters—								
Public	1,464,216	1,671,084	1,927,016	2,060,525	1,592,572	1,725,698	2,130,492	2,293,499
Official	151,736	122,304	166,114	180,258	169,884	142,402	105,014	159,679
Post Cards	51,116	57,876	40,534	42,380	35,048	53,118	40,118	42,705
Registered Letters—								
Public	27,407	42,994	43,182	58,578	72,632	80,239	81,413	80,986
Official	30,195	28,320	29,841	30,797	18,798	34,072	35,010	34,950
Ocean Mails by vessels under contract								
United Kingdom—								
Ordinary Letters	301,804	218,470	121,816	225,600	388,900	398,900	153,927	226,100
Post Cards	4,960	5,112	2,951	3,500	1,400	1,400	1,981	2,000
By vessels not contract—								
United States of America								
Ordinary letters	169,095	197,481	242,531	242,488	215,545	252,708	261,977	391,512
Post cards	30,693	73,862	62,268	28,739	16,696	18,481	23,894	26,857
Other countries—								
Ordinary letters	85,922	243,324	418,129	442,247	128,879	152,135	352,045	408,336
Post Cards	6,870	21,726	39,328	32,365	959	9,600	1,008	1,684
Registered letters, over-sea	24,235	28,735	29,841	38,822	26,997	41,273	46,131	58,649
	2,465,900	2,830,308	3,123,551	3,386,299	2,876,323	3,119,006	3,263,010	3,726,957

AT DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.
Ordinary letters	1,040,312	1,116,570	1,182,311	1,355,120
Post cards	44,486	75,218	70,109	104,455
Registered letters	44,489	51,969	55,908	64,171
	1,133,287	1,243,757	1,308,328	1,523,746

20. Under nearly every division of the above classification an increase is exhibited, the total increase as compared with 1906-7 being 1,006,684 pieces of mail matter. The increase in registered mail matter alone being 12,031.

21. The number of insured letters received was 35. of the declared value of £1,180 5s. 3d. Thirty-two (32) were despatched with a declared value of £2,088 5s. 9d. From the 1st July, 1907, the maximum amount for which a letter might be insured in this colony was increased from £120 to £400 with a corresponding increase in the fee payable, viz: 6d. for every multiple of £12.

RETURN LETTER BRANCH.

22. The pieces of mail matter dealt with in the Return Letter Branch are hereunder stated:

	Unpaid.	Paid.
Letters returned to United Kingdom	2,118	368
“ “ other Countries	6,888	6,884
“ “ writers in the island	52,016	9,072
“ destroyed being illegible or anonymous	5,161	1,202
“ “ writers not having been found	11,240	5,037
Newspapers returned to publishers	3,328	—

23. Nine thousand, one hundred and seventy packets were found to contain value amounting to £548 0s. 0½d., and were duly reposted under registered cover to the writers.

MAIL CONVEYANCE—OCEAN.

24. In the following comparative statement will be found the particulars of mails despatched and received abroad for the last three years.

	Outwards.						Inwards.					
	1907-8.		1906-7.		1905-6.		1907-8.		1906-7.		1905-6.	
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.
<i>Kingston—</i>												
Contract	26	78	26	78	54	421	26	114	26	94	34	264
Non-contract	402	1,411	456	1,288	414	877	452	2,085	472	2,033	514	1,925
<i>Outports—</i>												
Non-contract	43	59	34	50	24	31	81	143	42	211	10	180
	471	1,548	516	1,416	492	1,329	559	2,342	570	2,338	558	2,369

25. The above statement shews that 132 mails were despatched abroad and 4 received in excess of the year, 1906-07 and that 45 and 11 vessels respectively are responsible for the conveyance.

26. The Time Table established by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and recorded in my last Annual Report has been maintained throughout the year with that marked regularity for which the Company has merited a well earned reputation.

During the year the Company has entered into a Contract with the Imperial Government for the maintenance of this Service, the details with regard to Jamaica are not however concluded. This will ensure a continuance of the fortnightly exchanges with the countries touched at under the Time Table and will be particularly useful in regard to the other West India Colonies being the only means of exchange for mails available to Jamaica.

27. The United Fruit Company, the Hamburg American Company and other Steamship Companies continue to afford reliable opportunities for the exchange of mails with the United States and Central American ports.

28. In February 1908, a monthly Steam Service was inaugurated to the Cayman Islands under subsidy and will, I feel sure, be greatly appreciated by parties here. Hitherto this Department has exchanged mails by Schooners trading to those Islands and the opportunities have not been regular but fitful.

29. The cost to the Department for the transmission of mails abroad under the Gratuity System of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per each piece of mail matter where the distance exceed 300 miles and $\frac{1}{4}$ d. under 300 miles is £2,445 1s. 11d. and the amount paid to other Countries which have been used as a medium of transmission under certain rates fixed by the Postal Union Convention and arrived at as a result of statistics is £413 7s. 11d. or a total of £2,858. If the estimated amount of £700 referred to at paragraph 9 which would have been earned by the Direct Line is added the total cost of our Ocean Mail Conveyance is £3,558.

MAIL CONVEYANCE INLAND.

30. The Inland Mail Services which have been efficiently conducted by the Public Works Department and certain Contractors under the control of this Department cost £9,045 or £15 more than the cost in 1906-07.

MONEY ORDERS.

31. In the Appendix to this report is given a comparative table of the result of the Money Order transactions. A summary of the figures of the year under review shews that Jamaica issued 9,941 of the aggregate value of £39,399 17s. 8d., while the issues of other Countries payable in Jamaica were 12,994 of the value of £45,958 os. 9d.

The above transactions shew an increase over 1906-07 in our issues of 1,640 Orders and £7,191 8s. 1d. value the increase in the Orders payable in Jamaica being 5,448 and value £20,851 11s. 11d., these increases have taken place principally in the case of our issues in the Orders drawn on the United Kingdom and is due to a rise during the year of the premium charged by the Banks owing to trade fluctuations.

The increase in the Orders payable in Jamaica is almost exclusively due to the remittances made by the Jamaica labourers in the Canal Zone (U.S.A. control) to their families and friends here.

32. The net commission which accrued to this Colony as a result of the above transactions is £638 and is over £100 in excess of the year 1906-07.

POSTAL ORDERS.

33. The following Return exhibits the number of Postal Orders, their face value and commission as issued for sale during the three years ending with 1907-08.

POSTAL ORDERS ISSUED.

Denomination.	1905-6.			1906-7			1907-8.		
	No.	Face value.	Commission.	No.	Face Value.	Commission.	No.	Face value.	Commission.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
6d.	25,201	630 0 0	52 10 0½	19,350	483 15 0	40 6 3	22,275	556 17 6	46 8 1½
1/	48,024	2,401 4 0	100 1 0	47,950	2,397 10 0	99 17 11	50,725	2,536 5 0	106 13 6½
1/6	43,526	3,264 9 0	90 13 7	48,400	3,030 0 0	100 16 8	50,800	3,810 0 0	105 16 8
2/6	52,868	6,608 10 0	110 2 10	46,076	5,759 7 6	95 19 9½	47,525	5,940 12 6	99 0 2½
5/	31,815	7,953 15 0	132 11 3	38,375	9,593 15 0	159 17 11	39,750	9,937 10 0	165 12 6
10/	24,671	12,335 10 0	205 11 10	24,255	12,127 10 0	202 2 6	24,300	12,150 0 0	202 10 0
	226,105	33,193 8 6	691 10 6½	224,405	33,991 17 0	699 1 0½	235,375	34,931 5 0	725 1 0½

POSTAL ORDERS SOLD.

34. The actual sales are in excess of the issues; on comparison this is explained from the fact that no account is taken in the Return of the issues above, of the Postal Orders in the hands of Postmasters at the end of the previous year.

1905-6	...	£33,036 12 6
1906-7	...	33,150 2 6
1907-8	...	35,426 10 6

PARCELS POST.

35. The Parcels Post transactions for the year are recorded in the tabular statement attached, and disclose on comparison with the two years preceding that 7,141 and 9,992 more parcels have been received than in 1906-07 and 1905-06, respectively, while 714 and 543 more have been despatched on similar comparison.

36. The amount of postages accruing to Jamaica is £1,122, an excess of £201 over 1906-07.

37. In my report for 1906-07 I pointed out that the import duty collected through the parcels post system was a record one; the similar collections this year is £5,340, and is £1,250 more than 1906-07.

38. In consequence of the continued growth of the parcels post exchange it became necessary during the year to increase the staff in this branch by one more clerk to meet the demand of the public.

39. On the 1st April, a parcels post exchange between the post offices in the Canal Zone operated under the United States Postal Authorities and Jamaica came into operation.

40. The following calculations of proportions based on declared values will show the distribution of the business per the Parcels Post.

Parcels received.	1905-06.	1906-07.	1907-08.
United Kingdom	72%	73%	74%
United States	24	22	23
Other Countries	4	5	3
Parcels despatched—			
United Kingdom	71	71	61
United States	19	11	14
Other Countries	10	18	25

TELEGRAPHS.

41. The number of Telegraph and Telephone Stations in existence at the end of the year under remark is 74 including the Head Office.

41. The District Post Offices at Boroughbridge in Saint Ann and Spaldings in Clarendon were on the 2nd and 3rd December, 1907, respectively connected with the Telegraph system.

43. The usual Returns of Messages sent and received at each Telegraph Station is attached, 109,115 is the total of the summary against 109,859 in 1906-07 or a decrease of 744.

44. The collections on account of Foreign Telegrams were £2,913 19s. 3d. on behalf of the Direct Cable Company and £356 19s. 7d. on behalf of the West India and Panama Telegraph Company, Limited.

45. During the year nearly all Telegraph Stations were inspected by a technical officer of the Department, the results being satisfactory.

46. The training of Candidates for the Post and Telegraph Service which hitherto had been permitted at all Telegraph Stations as well as in the head office, but which had been somewhat disorganised was resumed during the year, but only in the head office, thereby giving Candidates the benefit of personal instruction from a technical Officer of the department. Of nine young women who joined six have made themselves competent and are holding acting appointments.

MISCELLANEOUS.

47. On the 1st March, 1907, a house to house delivery of letters was established in lower Saint Andrew by means of Letter Carriers on Bicycles, one issuing from the Up-Park Camp Post Office and the other from Halfway Tree. At the start it was purely tentative as I was not at all satisfied that it would have been workable satisfactorily owing to the wide area to be traversed, but time has shown that it can be accomplished and it has proved of great convenience.

48. I must here record my appreciation of the continued good services rendered by the Clerks in the Head Office, Kingston, and at the Out Stations particularly in the former case since the disorganised condition into which we were thrown after the 14th January, 1907, and our subsequent removal and temporary location shewed its effect in the early part of the year under review making it difficult to weld the fragments of our machinery to get into a normal condition of working order not only in actual receipt and despatch of mails but in the administrative branches of the Department. The Postmistresses at the country stations have performed their duties, in many cases arduous, owing to the late hour at nights at which the mails are received and despatched, in a manner satisfactory to the Department and creditable to themselves.

49. I cannot close this report without expressing the hope that the Public Buildings in which the Post Office will be housed will soon be an accomplished fact as owing to the growth of the Department the work is conducted in a building as unsuitable as it is uncomfortable to the many employees who have to work in it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. B. LUCIE-SMITH,

Postmaster for Jamaica.

Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post and

Postage on unpaid correspondence	...	£751 19 10
Stamps sold by P.O. Department	...	28,894 2 9½
Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	...	2,708 0 0
Rent of private letter boxes	...	106 11 0
Fees for conveyance of private letter bags	...	16 16 0
Commissions on Money Orders	...	638 2 9
Do. British Postal Orders	...	175 16 2
Fees for detention of country letters per packet for delivery in Kingston	...	2 16 0
Commission on Inland Postal Orders	...	734 4 9½
Miscellaneous	...	764 5 9
Telegraph Stamps sold	...	5,595 12 10
Collections by Jamaica Government Railway	...	454 14 10
Additional charge on books of Telegraph forms	...	3 0 6
Fees for keeping Telegraph Offices open out of office hours	...	18 16 6
Official Telegrams	...	414 4 0

Telegraph Department during the financial year ended 31st March, 1908.

PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS—

Salaries of Staff	...	5,505	12	4	
Allowances for services out of office hours	...	811	3	5½	
Wages of sorters, letter carriers, etc.	...	1,218	14	11	
Telegraph messengers, head office	...	157	8	5	
Do. District office and office servants	...	866	18	10	
Messengers conveying mails between Post Office and Railway stations	...	266	8	0	
Box clearers and indoor men	...	312	15	7	
Clerical assistance	...	49	16	5	
Salaries of district postmasters and telegraph clerks	...	6,128	10	4½	
Salaries of auxiliary telegraph clerks	...	232	12	3	
Commission of 1 % on sale of stamps	...	187	8	5	
Remuneration of officers of Public Works Department in connection with mail services	...	200	0	0	£15,937 9 0

OTHER CHARGES—

Travelling charges	...	564	7	10	
Mail Bags and wrappers	...	211	8	10	
Dated stamps, seals, etc.	...	34	12	10	
Twine and wax	...	195	14	0	
Conveyance of letter carriers by tram car	...	250	0	0	
Manufacture of stamps and post cards	...	350	0	9	
Rent of Post Offices	...	1,420	9	7	
Telegraph stores	...	215	3	9	
Ship letter gratuities	...	2,445	1	11	
Uniforms	...	221	1	1	
Rent of telephone	...	8	18	9	
Advertising	...	1	14	0	
Lighting	...	75	14	1½	
Water supply	...	80	7	3	
Repairing instruments	...	54	3	6	
Cleaning latrines	...	48	16	2	
Contingencies	...	495	5	7½	
Furniture	...	80	10	7	
Porterage	...	330	0	9	
Subsidy to Jamaica Government Railway	...	400	0	0	
Mail conveyance miscellaneous	...	134	9	10½	
Do. Inland	...	5,825	8	5	
Services by Railway	...	2,745	0	0	
Renewal of live stock	...	74	0	0	
Transit rates payable Postal Union Countries other than United Kingdom	...	413	7	11	
Proportion of cost of supply and repairs of Parcel Post receptacles, United Kingdom and Jamaica	...	23	4	2	16,697 1 8½

B.—MONEY ORDERS.

United Kingdom.						Turks Island.					
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.
1905-06	4,751	16,363 7 3	1,177	3,716 16 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
1907-07	5,238	25,215 4 10	1,105	4,072 14 11	348 11 6	1907-08	4	11 14 7	129	605 16 8	3 5 2
United States of America						Panama					
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
1907-08	3,717	10,146 4 11	10,901	39,134 9 9	239 14 5	1907-08	9	65 2 6	4	63 1 10	1 0 3
Dominion of Canada						British Honduras					
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
1907-08	218	939 6 11	345	996 17 10	17 0 6	1907-08	3	19 10 3	110	155 8 8	0 11 3
British Guiana						Trinidad					
1905-06	63	149 11 5	94	113 5 8	2 2 11	1905-06	40	94 13 9	185	267 9 0	2 7 0
1906-07	64	180 13 4	71	144 13 8	2 10 6	1906-07	110	264 14 3	112	213 15 1	3 17 10
1907-08	33	104 4 11	44	95 7 5	1 6 8	1907-08	367	767 10 0	83	162 10 3	9 4 2
Barbados						Bermuda					
1905-06	85	137 5 5	200	414 17 0	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 0	12 1 11	1906-07	3	18 0 0	23	89 5 7	0 11 7
1907-08	320	1,880 4 11	154	361 15 9	14 7 3	1907-08	14	54 9 0	20	44 4 1	0 8 9
Windward and Leeward Islands						Grand Cayman					
						1905-06	...	...	7	32 1 6	0 3 2
						1906-07	...	...	24	161 17 6	0 16 2
						1907-08	3	2 0 6	20	84 2 8	...
						Cayman Brac					
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	423 13 1	5 2 6	1906-07	...	...	...	...	...
1907-08	45	194 4 4	77	166 1 7	2 8 8	1907-08	...	...	2	15 9 4	0 4 1

C.—PARCELS RECEIVED.

From.	Consignments.			Parcels.			Import Duty.		
	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.
United Kingdom ...	52	27	27	13,496	15,251	18,718	£ s. d. 2,565 6 4½	£ s. d. 3,002 2 0	£ s. d. 4,006 15 6
British West Indies...	114	108	123	275	257	265	21 6 6	26 7 8	46 12 2
United States of America ...	531	590	597	8,080	9,201	12,317	826 6 7	874 16 1	1,145 0 6
Dominion of Canada...	14	13	25	398	444	452	92 9 6	185 14 6	59 11 9
Turks Island ...	17	7	12	29	8	13	2 7 11	0 2 9	0 12 7
Canal Zone ...	...	...	51	...	...	537	...	...	49 11 0
Bermuda ...	13	5	6	41	9	9	1 14 6	0 18 4	0 12 1
	741	750	841	22,319	25,170	34,311	3,509 11 4½	4,090 1 4	5,371 15 7
Postage Accrued to Jamaica.									
Declared value of Parcels.									
	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.			
United Kingdom ...	£ s. d. 585 19 0	£ s. d. 682 16 0	£ s. d. 849 19 0	£ s. d. 16,198 2 6½	£ s. d. 20,110 4 1	£ s. d. 25,626 19 2½			
British West Indies...	...	...	...	143 10 8	177 6 11½	289 10 1			
United States of America ...	...	...	...	5,429 11 6	5,931 18 10½	7,784 4 3			
Dominion of Canada...	8 17 8½	8 15 7½	9 13 4	538 12 4½	1,156 9 0½	398 16 3½			
Turks Island ...	...	...	...	14 7 0	1 4 3	4 12 5			
Bermuda ...	...	...	...	32 18 3	13 14 10	5 5 0			
Canal Zone ...	...	...	...	...	...	310 13 3			
	594 16 8½	691 11 7½	859 12 4	22,357 2 4	27,390 9 0½	34,420 0 6½			

PARCELS DESPATCHED.

To.	Consignments.			Parcels.			Accrued to Jamaica.		
	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.
United Kingdom ...	36	25	26	3,639	3,362	3,403	£ s. d. 114 14 6	£ s. d. 110 15 0	£ s. d. 107 7 0
British West Indies...	191	161	169	546	475	468	16 7 0	26 15 4	22 1 0
United States of America ...	52	60	67	1,406½	1,589	1,820	72 4 6	80 4 0	89 18 0
Dominion of Canada...	13	14	24	217½	219	273	3 18 9	5 4 9½	6 9 7
Turks Island ...	13	12	9	26	39	434	1 7 0	2 16 0	1 0 6
Bermuda ...	13	11	9	67	46	427	5 11 0	4 0 0	0 19 0
Canal Zone ...	...	...	63	...	...	419	...	...	34 15 6
	318	283	367	5,901	5,730	6,444	214 2 9	229 15 1½	262 10 7
Declared value of Parcels.									
	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.						
United Kingdom ...	£ s. d. 3,300 9 7½	£ s. d. 3,295 11 2½	£ s. d. 2,912 10 7½						
British West Indies...	681 13 8½	542 18 3½	613 18 7½						
United States of America ...	448 12 11½	517 15 0½	662 16 5½						
Dominion of Canada...	891 0 10	191 14 10½	226 15 1½						
Turks Island ...	16 9 9	24 3 6	14 8 6½						
Bermuda ...	103 4 1	78 17 6	26 0 7½						
Canal Zone ...	...	...	336 0 10½						
	4,641 10 3	4,649 0 4½	4,812 10 9½						

RETURN shewing the number of Telegraph Messages sent from and received at each Telegraph Station from 1st April, 1907, to 31st March, 1908, as compared with return from 1st April, 1906, to 31st March, 1907.

Station.	1st April, 1906, to 31st March, 1907.		1907-1908.		Remarks.
	Messages sent.	Messages received.	Messages sent.	Messages received.	
Kingston	27,609	29,747	26,634	29,018	Transmitting Station.
Myrtle Bank	660	309	...	...
Spanish Town	2,647	2,730	2,553	2,781	
Bog Walk	927	810	983	889	
Linstead	971	893	992	880	do.
Ewarton	646	565	697	532	
Moneague	727	981	734	956	
Claremont	398	421	466	494	
St. Ann's Bay	4,055	3,831	3,947	3,926	do.
Runaway Bay	737	738	821	699	
Dry Harbour	516	673	530	666	do.
Brown's Town	1,698	1,775	2,052	2,111	do.
Cave Valley	367	392	273	308	
Boroughbridge	...	...	110	83	Opened 3rd Dec., 1907.
Stewart Town	120	182	169	225	
Jackson Town	169	150	165	160	
Ulster Spring	233	318	261	384	
Rio Bueno	545	420	498	420	
Duncans	528	607	588	603	
Falmouth	2,742	2,573	3,164	3,159	
Montego Bay	6,939	7,071	7,105	7,196	Transmitting Station.
Ramble	401	448	450	551	
Lucea	2,458	2,416	1,950	1,950	
Green Island	714	767	587	576	
Grange Hill	382	474	322	453	
Sav.-la-Mar	4,134	3,659	3,824	3,555	do.
Bluefields	139	129	153	165	
Black River	2,228	2,131	2,132	2,000	
Middle Quarters	29	60	...	...
Lacovia	383	389	389	375	
Santa Cruz	390	420	348	362	do.
Malvern	797	775	867	806	
Mandeville	2,630	2,956	3,562	3,760	do.
Newport	321	457	302	428	
Shooters Hill	543	581	468	507	do.
Mile Gully	266	304	376	366	
Balaclava	591	557	643	583	
Christiana	578	759	498	649	
Spaldings	...	...	139	138	Opened 2nd Dec., 1907.
Porus	380	423	365	382	
May Pen	1,378	1,238	1,128	992	Transmitting Station.
Chapelton	1,155	1,226	1,171	1,235	
Alley	1,024	901	726	641	do.
Salt River	174	180	237	275	
Race Course	318	328	327	347	
Milk River	248	318	247	323	
Old Harbour	860	1,029	901	953	
Yallahs	265	264	183	197	
Morant Bay	2,259	2,220	2,006	1,835	do.
Blue Mt. Valley	134	176	118	144	
Trinity Ville	336	305	201	216	
Port Morant	510	427	312	303	
Bowden	338	271	289	201	
Bath	285	335	192	227	
Plantain Garden River	361	329	299	312	do.
Hector's River	157	209	209	170	
Manchioneal	383	433	484	427	
Priestman's River	207	214	202	208	
Port Antonio	11,166	9,278	10,378	8,710	do.
Titchfield	901	574	754	516	Opened 13.12.07, closed 13.4.08
Hope Bay	248	228	277	257	
Buff Bay	518	519	617	563	
Annotto Bay	2,912	2,606	2,551	2,276	Transmitting Station.
Highgate	615	954	663	900	
Port Maria	3,958	3,742	4,554	4,093	
Oracabessa	969	974	881	883	do.
Retreat	381	299	358	340	
Gayle	410	437	529	546	
Ocho Rios	653	721	786	828	
Port Royal	452	484	441	533	
Up-Park Camp	604	816	691	861	
Halfway Tree	538	815	723	1,022	
Gordon Town	102	215	108	195	
Newcastle	128	146	114	108	do.
Castleton	111	133	158	184	
Stony Hill	111	160	120	224	
Constant Spring	549	593	998	897	
Railway	3,512	2,869	4,065	3,077	
Total	109,859	109,859	109,115	109,115	

Return shewing the amount collected at the out-stations for foreign telegrams, viâ Direct Cable Co., from 1st April, '07, to 31st March, 1908.

Month.	Amount.
	£ s. d.
April ...	206 17 9
May ...	247 5 9
June ...	224 13 8
July ...	275 13 11
August ...	249 15 4
September ...	240 11 6
October ...	254 16 8
November ...	268 11 1
December ...	215 16 9
January ...	241 8 10
February ...	213 16 11
March ...	274 11 1
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	£2,913 19 3

H. C. WILSON, Supt. Telegraph.

28.5.08.

Return shewing the amount collected at the out-stations for foreign telegrams viâ W. I. & P. Tel. Co. from 1st April, '07 to 31st March, 1908.

Month.	Amount.
	£ s. d.
April ...	108 2 4
May ...	40 6 3
June ...	27 2 1
July ...	28 19 4
August ...	17 0 0
September ...	11 15 5
October ...	10 11 7
November ...	12 1 10
December ...	30 17 1
January ...	21 3 2
February ...	26 12 2
March ...	22 8 4
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	356 19 7

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