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THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Annual Report on the transactions of the Post Office Department for the year ended 31st March, 1909.

By command,

P. C. CORK.
Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office, Jamaica, 29th July, 1909.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the following report on the transactions of this Department for the financial year ended 31st March, 1909.

REVENUE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

The following figures show the collections for the past year:—

	Postal Revenue	..	£34,574	7	5
	Telegraph Revenue	..	6,220	17	9
while the estimates called for	Postal Revenue	..	33,000	0	0
	Telegraph Revenue	..	6,000	0	0
There has been therefore an increase over the forecast,	on Postal Revenue of	..	1,574	17	5
	and on Telegraph Revenue of	..	220	17	9

COMPARATIVE COLLECTIONS.

The following is a comparison of the various heads of Revenue Collections for 1908-09 with the similar collections for 1907-08 and 1906-07.

	1908-09	1907-08	1906-07
Postages	£32,505 6 2½	£32,464 16 2½	£31,384 0 11½
Commission on money orders	459 6 1	638 2 9	530 18 4
Local com. on British postal orders	194 17 7	175 16 2	124 12 4½
Commission on local postal orders	741 11 11	734 4 9½	681 10 5
Miscellaneous	673 5 7½	764 5 9	638 17 10
Telegraphs	6,220 17 9	6,489 8 8	6,614 5 3
	<u>£40,795 5 2</u>	<u>£41,266 14 4</u>	<u>£39,974 5 2</u>

From the above statement it will be seen that there has been a falling off in the gross Revenue of £471 as compared with the previous year.

This is principally due to a decrease of £179 in Money Order Commissions and £269 in the Revenue collections of the Telegraph Service. The large drop in the Money Order Commissions is accounted for by the high bank rates ruling during some portion of the year 1907-08, and our having in consequence done a much larger money order business during that year.

We have no reasons to be dissatisfied with the revenue collected during the year, as it has realized the sum of £40,795.

RETROSPECT.

The Revenue collections for each decennial period ending with 9 is given in the following statement and illustrates the growth of the Department.

	Postages.	Commission on Money Orders and British Postal Orders.	Commission on Postal Orders.	Telegraphs.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1868-69	12,119	549	..	..	97	12,765
1878-79	13,599	280	..	..	343	14,222
1888-89	17,448	409	..	4,794	228	22,879
1898-99	21,438	393	594	6,102	125	28,652
1908-09	32,210	654	742	6,220	969	40,795

EXPENDITURE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

The expenditure of the Department during the year was as under:—

Personal emoluments	..	£16,663	11	1
Mail conveyance	..	11,096	11	9
Services	..	5,538	11	5
Maintenance of Telegraph lines by the Director of Public Works	..	934	15	6
		<u>£34,233</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

while the approved estimates for these services called for—

Personal emoluments	..	16,995	1	8
Mail Conveyance	..	11,165	6	0
Services	..	5,629	16	0
Maintenance of Telegraph lines by the Director of Public Works	..	1,020	0	0
		<u>£34,810</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>

This shows a saving on the appropriation by the Legislature for these services, of £577; and a net earning of £6,562.

As I pointed out in my last Annual Report no charge is made against the Post Office for conveyance of mails by the Direct Line Mail Steamers, but taking for the reasons I then gave £700 as a fair charge the total expenditure of the Department during the past year would have been £34,933 which compared to the gross earnings of £40,795 plus £2,500, the estimated value of free official postage, would exhibit a net earning of £8,363.

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure in 1908-09 compared with the expenditure in each of the two preceding years is given in the following statement—

	1908-09	1907-08	1906-07
Personal Emoluments	£16,663	£15,937	£15,490
Mail conveyance	11,096	11,224	10,738
Other charges	5,539	5,473	5,165
Maintenance of Telegraph lines	934	837	801
	<u>£34,232</u>	<u>£33,471</u>	<u>£32,194</u>

an excess of £761 over the expenditure of the previous year which is due principally to readjustment of salaries of the female auxiliary staff in the Circulation Branch of the Kingston Office.

RETROSPECT OF EXPENDITURE.

The following classified table shows the expenditure of the Department for each tenth year from 1868-69

Date.	Personal	Mail	Services.	Maintenance	Total.
	Emoluments.	Conveyance.		of Telegraph		Lines.
	£	£	£	£	£
1868-69	4,085	5,723	422	..	10,230
1878-79	5,820	8,367	1,073	..	15,260
1888-89	9,813	12,675	1,762	1,205	25,455
1898-99	14,879	15,730	6,721	1,331	38,661
1908-09	16,663	11,096	5,539	934	34,232

POSTAL MISCELLANEOUS.

The Miscellaneous Revenue collected amounted to £969 6s. 8½d., made up as follows:—

	1908-09
Rent of private letter boxes	£120 8 0
Fees for private letter bags	21 5 0
Surplus cash passed to credit of Revenue	1 18 5
Contents of unclaimed letters and parcels paid into credit of Revenue	140 9 0
Fines	9 13 5
Miscellaneous	26 6 4½
Accrued postage on parcels Post United Kingdom and Jamaica	647 1 3
Detention fees	2 5 0
	<u>£969 6 8½</u>

This statement while showing a total excess of collections on Miscellaneous Revenue Account of £78 8s. 1½d., due to increases in rent paid for private letter boxes and contents of unclaimed letters carried to general revenue, shows a decrease of £55 11s. 4d. on accrued postage on Parcels Post between the United Kingdom and Jamaica.

DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

The following new Post Offices were opened during the year.

Above Rocks, Parish of St. Catherine, on the 4th August, 1908.

Kellits, Parish of Clarendon, on the 3rd September, 1908.

Coleyville, Parish of Manchester, on the 22nd September, 1908.

Alderton, Parish of St. Ann, on the 11th November, 1908.

Belfield, Parish of St. Mary, on the 18th November, 1908.

A Post Office and Telephone Station was opened at Port Morant in the Parish of St. Thomas, on the 24th April, 1908.

Flint River Post Office in the Parish of Hanover was closed, and a Post Office was opened at Sandy Bay in the same parish, on the 12th June, 1908.

The District Post Office at Flint River was re-opened on the 24th September, 1908.

The Post and Telegraph Office usually established at Titchfield Hotel, Port Antonio, for the benefit of Tourists, was opened on 28th December, 1908, and closed on 10th April, 1909.

The Post Office at Cross Keys in the Parish of Manchester, was temporarily closed on the 30th December, 1908, and re-opened 11th February, 1909.

The Ginger Hill Post Office in St. Elizabeth, was closed on the 1st December, 1908.

The Post and Telegraph Office at Up-Park Camp was removed on the 4th January, 1909, to Cross Roads, a site more convenient for serving the needs of the District.

All the District Post Offices were inspected during the year.

CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

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.		
	1906-7	1907-8	1908-9	1906-7	1907-8	1908-9
Inland Mails—						
Ordinary Letters—						
Public ..	1,927,016	2,060,525	2,363,128	2,130,492	2,293,499	2,988,660
Official ..	166,114	180,258	124,475	105,014	159,679	262,034
Post Cards ..	40,534	42,380	137,332	40,118	42,705	151,177
Registered Letters—						
Public ..	43,182	58,578	100,143	81,413	80,986	97,711
Official ..	29,841	30,797	36,576	35,010	34,950	59,032
Ocean Mails by vessels under contract—						
United Kingdom—						
Ordinary Letters ..	121,816	225,600	216,350	153,927	226,100	457,600
Post Cards ..	2,951	3,500	3,500	1,981	2,000	3,000
By vessels not contract—						
U. K. and United States of America—						
Ordinary Letters ..	242,531	242,488	373,777	261,977	391,512	265,076
Post Cards ..	62,268	28,739	108,703	23,894	26,857	19,600
Other countries—						
Ordinary Letters ..	418,129	442,247	325,383	352,045	408,336	211,019
Post Cards ..	39,328	32,365	9,927	1,008	1,684	3,855
Registered Letters, oversea ..	29,841	38,822	40,288	46,131	58,649	60,641
	3,123,551	3,386,299	3,839,582	3,263,010	3,726,957	4,579,495

AT DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

	1906-7	1907-8	1908-9
Ordinary letters	1,182,311	1,355,120	1,360,888
Post cards	70,109	104,455	119,331
Registered letters	55,908	64,171	70,153
	1,308,328	1,523,746	1,550,372

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 26,626, while the registered letters, have increased by 5,982.

The number of insured letters received was 50 of the declared value of £1,226 16s. 11d. and the number despatched was 36 of the declared value of £3,547 17s. 11d.

RETURN LETTER BRANCH.

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

	Paid.	Unpaid.
Letters returned to the United Kingdom ..	1,879	292
" " other countries ..	10,055	3,861
" " writers in the Island ..	52,850	13,038
" destroyed being illegible or anonymous writers not having been found ..	8,199	5,005
Newspapers returned to publishers ..	5,135	—

Four thousand and three packets were found to contain value amounting to £442 15s. 0½d., and were duly re-posted under Registered cover to the writers; of these no less than 60 letters were posted without any address.

MAIL CONVEYANCE—OCEAN.

Below is a three year comparison of the mails despatched and received from abroad.

	Outwards.						Inwards.					
	1908-9.		1907-8.		1906-7.		1908-9.		1907-8.		1906-7.	
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.
<i>Kingston—</i>												
Contract	26	78	26	78	26	78	26	132	26	114	26	94
Non-contract	365	1,258	402	1,411	456	1,288	403	2,209	452	2,085	472	2,033
<i>Outports—</i>												
Non-contract	60	75	43	59	34	50	77	166	81	143	42	211
	451	1,401	471	1,548	516	1,416	507	2,507	559	2,342	570	2,338

In the 26th paragraph of my last Annual Report I referred to the fact that the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company had entered into a contract with the Imperial Government for the maintenance of a fortnightly service between Southampton and New York via Barbados, Trinidad, La Guayra, Savanilla, Cartagena, Colon and Jamaica; this service has been maintained, but since January, 1909, no mails have been despatched from Jamaica to New York and the Central American Ports by means of this service owing to differences which have arisen between the Company and the Government on the question of compensation.

The usual opportunities for the exchange of mails with the United States and Central American Ports by the steamers of the Hamburg-American Line and the United Fruit Company have offered during the year and have been taken advantage of.

The monthly steam service under subsidy to the Cayman Islands recorded in the 28th paragraph of my last Annual Report, was discontinued with the voyage on 24th April, 1909 owing to the fact that the Agents did not find it sufficiently lucrative to renew the Contract at the same rate; this Department has again therefore to rely on trading schooners for the exchange of mails.

The cost of the conveyance of mails abroad, adding £700 as the payment to the Imperial Direct West India Mail Company, and including Transit Rates, was £2,911.

MAIL CONVEYANCE INLAND.

The Inland Mail Services have been efficiently conducted by the Public Works Department and by certain of our contractors under the control of this Department, at a cost of £9,243 or £198 more than in 1907-08.

MONEY ORDERS.

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 8,143 of the aggregate value of £23,898 2s. 0d., while the issues of other countries payable in Jamaica were £17,326 of the value of £55,207 15s. 4d.

The above transactions on comparison with 1907-08 shew a decrease in our issues of 1,798 orders to the value of £15,501 15s. 8d., and an increase in the orders payable in Jamaica of 4,332 to the value of £9,249 14s. 7d.

The net commission which accrued to this colony as a result of the above transactions is £459 6s. 0d., and is about £179 less than the year 1907-08.

A direct Money Order Exchange between Jamaica and Costa Rica came into force on the 1st August, 1908.

POSTAL ORDERS.

The following return exhibits the number of Postal Orders, their face value and commission as issued for sale during the three years ending with 1908-09

Denominations.	1906-7			1907-8			1908-9		
	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.	19,350	483 15 0	40 6 3	22,275	556 17 6	46 8 1½	22,156	553 18 0	46 3 2
1/	47,950	2,397 10 0	99 17 11	50,725	2,536 5 0	106 13 6½	52,378	2,618 18 0	109 2 5
1/6	48,400	3,030 0 0	100 16 8	50,800	3,810 0 0	105 16 8	52,944	3,970 16 0	110 6 0
2/6	46,076	5,759 7 0	95 19 9½	47,525	5,940 12 6	99 0 2½	50,900	6,362 10 0	106 0 10
5/	38,375	9,593 15 0	159 17 11	39,750	9,937 10 0	165 12 6	39,007	9,751 15 0	162 10 7
10/	24,255	12,127 10 0	202 2 6	24,300	12,150 0 0	202 10 0	23,734	11,867 0 0	197 15 8
	224,405	33,991 17 0	699 1 0½	235,375	34,931 5 0	725 1 0½	241,119	35,124 17 0	731 18 8

POSTAL ORDERS SOLD.

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 the Postmaster at the end of the previous year.

1906-07	£33,150 2 6
1907-08	35,426 10 6
1908-09	35,524 4 0

PARCELS POST.

The Parcels Post transactions for the year are recorded in the tabular statement attached, and disclose on comparison with the parcels received during the two years preceding a decrease of 4,708, and an increase of 4,433 respectively, in 1907-08 and 1906-07.

A system of insurance of parcels and a cash on delivery service were introduced on 1st August, 1908.

No cash on delivery parcels were despatched, but the number received were 48 with trade charges amounting to £82 1s. 6d. £78 18s. 5d. of which being collected and remitted to the senders of the parcels during the year. £2 0s. 1d. remaining uncollected.

Of the parcels despatched to the United Kingdom as shewn in the foregoing statement, 50 were insured to the value of £459 4s. 0d. Postage accrued as a result £1 12s. 6½d. Of those received from the same place 786 were insured to the value of £4,336 4s. 1d. Postage accruing £1 16s. 9½d.

Fines collected £2 8s. 6d.

Parcels Received	1906-07	1907-08	1908-09
United Kingdom	73%	74%	76½%
United States	22	23	19½
Other Countries	5	3	3½
Parcels despatched—			
United Kingdom	71	61	61
United States	11	14	17
Other countries	18	25	22

TELEGRAPHS.

The number of Telegraph and Telephone stations in existence at the end of the year under remark was 75, including the Head Office.

The following new Telegraph and Telephone Offices were opened—

Sandy Bay in Hanover, on 1st June, 1908. Telegraph Office.

Port Morant in St. Thomas, on 24th April, 1908, Telephone Office.

The usual returns of messages sent and received at each Telegraph station is attached, 103,471 is the total of the summary against 109,115 in 1907-08 or a decrease of 5,644.

The collections on account of Foreign Telegrams were £2,839 12s. 4d. on behalf of the Direct Cable Company and £148 19s. 5d. on behalf of the West India and Panama Telegraph Company, Limited.

The training of Candidates for the Post and Telegraph Service was carried out at the School of Telegraphy at the Head Office, in an efficient manner.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. E. N. Marshall, Travelling Supervisor of District Post Offices resigned his appointment on the 1st March, 1909, on account of ill health after a service of 37 years. The Department has lost an efficient zealous Public Officer whose thorough knowledge of Postal matters was invaluable.

To relieve the congestion of the Circulation Branch of the Kingston Office, in the latter part of September, 1908, the lower floor of the old Supreme Court Office was repaired and handed over to the Post Office.

I place on record my appreciation of the manner in which the staff of the Department performed their duties during the year.

I have, etc.,

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

The Hon. Acting Colonial Secretary, Kingston.

Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post and
1908-09.

Postage on unpaid correspondence	..	£544 18 9½
Stamps sold by P.O. Department	..	28,061 16 4
Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	..	3,602 10 0
Rent of private letter boxes	..	120 8 0
Fees for conveyance of private letter bags	..	21 5 3
Commissions on Money Orders	..	459 6 1
Commissions on British Postal Orders	..	194 17 7
Fees for detention of country letters per packet for delivery in Kingston		2 5 0
Commission on Inland Postal Orders	..	741 11 11
Miscellaneous	..	825 8 5½
Telegraph Stamps sold	..	5,360 10 0
Collections by Jamaica Government Railway	..	431 14 9
Additional charge on books of Telegraph forms	--	3 4 9
Fees for keeping Telegraph Offices open out of office hours	--	21 15 0
Official Telegrams	--	403 13 3

 £40,795 5 2

Telegraph Department during the financial year ended 31st March, 1909.

PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS—	1907-08	1908-09		
Salaries of Staff ..	£5,505 12 4	5,746 13 11		
Allowances for services out of office hours ..	811 3 5½	849 5 2		
Wages for sorters, letter carriers, etc., ..	1,218 14 11	1,274 16 0		
Telegraph messengers, Head Office ..	157 8 5	156 9 4		
" District office and office servants ..	866 18 10	900 4 5		
Messengers conveying mails between Post Office and Railway Stations ..	266 8 0	266 1 6		
Box clearers and indoor men ..	312 15 7	321 14 4		
Clerical assistance ..	49 16 5	74 16 11		
Salaries of District Postmasters and Telegraph clerks ..	6,128 10 4½	6,427 2 1		
Salaries of Auxiliary Telegraph clerks ..	232 12 3	151 18 9		
Commission of 1% on sale of stamps ..	187 8 5	186 1 9		
Remuneration of officers of Public Works Department in connection with mail services ..	200 0 0	200 0 0		
	<u>15,937 9 0</u>			
Discount of 2½% on stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner ..		108 6 11	16,663 11 1	
OTHER CHARGES—				
Travelling charges ..	564 7 10	552 15 4		
Mail Bags and wrappers ..	211 8 10	139 3 6		
Dated stamps, seals, etc. ..	34 12 10	48 12 3		
Twine and wax ..	195 14 0	179 12 0		
Conveyance of letter carriers by tram car ..	250 0 0	250 0 0		
Manufacture of stamps and post cards ..	350 0 9	613 9 11		
Rent of Post Offices ..	1,420 9 7	1,349 14 1		
Telegraph stores ..	215 3 9	218 16 9		
Ship letter gratuities ..	2,445 1 11	2,052 17 0		
Uniforms ..	221 1 1	289 16 5		
Rent of telephone ..	8 18 9	29 16 2		
Advertising ..	1 14 0			
Lighting ..	75 14 1½	76 1 2		
Water supply ..	80 7 3	80 2 8½		
Repairing instruments ..	54 3 6	60 3 9		
Cleaning latrines ..	48 16 2	57 16 0		
Contingencies ..	495 5 7½	538 13 6½		
Furniture ..	80 10 7	121 5 9½		
Porterage ..	330 0 9	328 17 6		
Subsidy to Jamaica Government Railway ..	400 0 0	400 0 0		
Mail conveyance miscellaneous ..	134 9 10	138 14 5		
" Inland ..	5,825 8 5	6,047 0 0		
Services by Railway ..	2,745 0 0	2,784 10 4		
Renewal of live stock ..	74 0 0	73 10 0		
Transit rates payable Postal Union Countries other than United Kingdom ..	413 7 11	158 6 0		
Proportion of cost of supply and repairs of Parcel Post receptacles, United Kingdom and Jamaica ..	23 4 2	25 8 7		
	<u>16,697 1 8½</u>			
Purchase of Typewriter ..		20 0 0	16,635 3 2½	
	<u>£32,634 10 8½</u>		<u>33,298 14 3½</u>	

B.—MONEY ORDERS.

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.	
			<i>United Kingdom.</i>					<i>Turks Islands.</i>			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1906-07	4,333	19,805 2 4	1,134 3,875 8 6	286 9 3	1906-07	3	40 7 4	141 620 5 4	3 2 6		
1907-08	5,238	25,215 4 10	1,105 4,972 14 11	348 11 6	1907-08	4	11 14 7	129 605 16 8	3 5 2		
1908-09	4,136	14,806 7 2	808 3,015 11 1	235 5 7	1908-09	10	18 6 0	132 659 3 10	3 9 6		
			<i>United States of America.</i>					<i>Panama.</i>			
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 10	1 5 9		
1906-08	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		
1908-09	2,976	6,238 2 10	15,487 48,592 3 2	168 10 7	1908-09	8	36 18 6	.. ..	0 7 11	
			<i>Dominion of Canada.</i>					<i>British Honduras.</i>			
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 0		
1908-09	302	1,138 6 11	2251 649 13 0	23 4 6	1908-09	10	49 9 10	49 146 14 4	1 0 1		
			<i>British Guiana.</i>					<i>Trinidad.</i>			
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		
1908-09	24	92 15 6	45 97 17 7	1 9 4	1908-09	327	710 15 9	80 186 2 0	8 10 11		
			<i>Barbados.</i>					<i>Bermuda.</i>			
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		
1908-09	252	533 15 8	142 359 11 1	7 10 0	1908-09	1	5 10 0	20 102 18 7	0 11 3		
			<i>Windward and Leeward Islands.</i>					<i>Grand Cayman.</i>			
						1906-07	24 161 17 6	0 16 2	
						1907-08	3	2 0 6	20 84 2 8	..	
						1908-09	5	31 3 8	54 565 11 1	3 2 3	
			<i>Port Limon.</i>					<i>Cayman Broc.</i>			
1906-07	83	333 1 4	150 428 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
1908-09	77	143 8 1	70 200 18 6	2 10 1	1908-09	..	..	2 29 0 0	0 2 0

C.—PARCELS RECEIVED.

From.	Consignments			Parcels.			Import Duty.				
	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.		
United Kingdom	27	27	26	15,251	18,718	17,293	£ 3,002 2 0	£ 4,006 15 6	£ 4,133 12 11		
British West Indies	108	123	91	257	265	201	26 7 8	46 12 2	24 18 5		
United States of America	590	597	511	9,201	12,317	10,758	874 16 1	1,145 0 6	1,003 19 0		
Dominion of Canada	13	25	26	444	452	594	185 14 6	59 11 9	104 9 1		
Turks Island	7	12	6	8	13	7	0 2 9	0 12 7	0 5 0		
Canal Zone	..	51	55	..	537	737	..	49 11 0	78 13 0		
Bermuda	5	6	7	9	9	13	0 18 4	0 12 1	0 10 0		
	750	841	722	25,170	34,311	29,603	4,000 1 4	5,371 15 7	5,346 7 5		
				Postage accrued to Jamaica.			Declared value of Parcels.				
				1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.		
United Kingdom	£ 682 16 0	s. d.	£ 849 19 0	s. d.	£ 810 1 0	s. d.	£ 20,110 4 1	s. d.	£ 25,626 19 2½	s. d.	£ 27,247 17 5½
British West Indies	177 6 11½	289 10 1	159 7 6½	..	
United States of America	5,931 18 10½	7,784 4 3	6,957 18 6½	..	
Dominion of Canada	8 15 7½	..	9 13 4	..	13 3 1½	..	1,156 9 0½	398 16 3	648 2 11½	..	
Turks Island	1 4 3	4 12 5	1 16 3	..	
Bermuda	13 14 10	5 5 0	9 15 0	..	
Canal Zone	310 13 3	484 2 10	..	
	691 11 7½	..	859 12 4	..	823 4 1½	..	27,390 9 0½	34,420 0 9½	35,509 0 7	..	

PARCELS DESPATCHED.

	Consignments.			Parcels.			Accrued to Jamaica.		
	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.
United Kingdom	25	26	26	3,362	3,403	3,668	£ 110 15 0	£ 107 7 0	£ 113 17 6
British West Indies	161	169	162	475	468	400	26 15 4	22 1 0	32 13 0
United States of America	60	67	78	1,589	1,820	1,993	80 4 0	89 18 0	99 5 0
Dominion of Canada	14	24	26	219	273	372	5 4 9½	6 9 7	9 6 3
Turks Island	12	9	13	39	34	45	2 16 0	1 0 6	3 5 0
Bermuda	11	9	..	46	27	..	4 0 0	0 19 0	..
Canal Zone	..	63	74	..	419	638	..	34 15 6	50 2 0
	283	367	379	5,730	6,444	7,116	229 15 1½	262 10 7	308 8 9
							Declared value of Parcels.		
				1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.
United Kingdom	..	..	..	..	..	..	£ 3,295 11 2½	£ 2,912 10 7½	£ 3,144 2 2
British West Indies	..	..	..	..	..	..	542 18 3	613 18 7½	391 4 3½
United States of America	..	..	..	..	..	..	517 15 0½	662 16 5½	868 2 5½
Dominion of Canada	..	..	..	..	..	..	191 14 10½	226 15 1½	202 16 4½
Turks Island	..	..	..	..	..	..	24 3 6	14 8 6	24 7 9
Bermuda	..	..	..	..	..	..	78 17 6	26 0 7	..
Canal Zone	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	336 0 10½	517 6 11
	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,649 0 4½	4,812 10 9½	5,147 19 11½

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.	1908-1909.		1907-1908.		Remarks.
	Messages sent.	Messages received.	Messages sent.	Messages received.	
Kingston	26,092	27,983	26,634	29,018	Transmitting Station.
Myrtle Bank .. .. .					.. .. .
Spanish Town	2,308	2,534	2,553	2,781	.. .. .
Bog Walk	993	1,054	983	889	.. .. .
Linstead	1,009	823	992	880	Transmitting Station.
Ewarton	603	539	697	532	.. .. .
Monengue	737	929	734	956	.. .. .
Claremont	451	461	466	495	.. .. .
St. Ann's Bay	3,588	3,663	3,947	3,926	Transmitting Station.
Runaway Bay	465	377	821	699	.. .. .
Dry Harbour	482	575	530	666	Transmitting Station.
Brown's Town	2,004	2,078	2,052	2,111	do
Cave Valley	243	271	273	308	.. .. .
Boroughbridge	193	246	110	83	Opened 3rd December 1907
Stewart Town	135	195	169	225	.. .. .
Jackson Town	128	118	165	160	.. .. .
Ulster Spring	259	320	261	384	.. .. .
Rio Bueno	423	298	498	420	.. .. .
Duncans	494	618	588	603	.. .. .
Falmouth	2,995	2,912	3,164	3,159	.. .. .
Montego Bay	6,748	6,654	7,105	7,196	Transmitting Station.
Ramble	271	393	450	551	.. .. .
Lucea	2,152	1,950	1,950	1,950	.. .. .
Green Island	161	164	587	576	.. .. .
Grange Hill	494	638	322	453	.. .. .
Sav.-la-Mar	317	392	3,824	3,555	.. .. .
Bluefields	3,692	3,485	153	165	.. .. .
Black River	92	101	2,132	2,000	.. .. .
Middle Quarters	1,867	1,910			.. .. .
Lacovia	354	351	389	375	.. .. .
Santa Cruz	260	277	348	362	Transmitting Station.
Malvern	613	624	867	806	.. .. .
Mandeville	2,761	2,802	3,562	3,760	Transmitting Station.
Newport	324	443	302	428	.. .. .
Shooters Hill	323	349	468	507	Transmitting Station.
Mile Gully	298	330	376	366	.. .. .
Balaclava	558	530	643	583	.. .. .
Christiana	526	692	498	649	.. .. .
Spaldings	247	236	139	138	Opened 2nd December, 1907.
Porus	337	287	365	282	.. .. .
May Pen	1,131	1,021	1,128	992	Transmitting Station.
Chapelton	1,080	1,300	1,171	1,215	.. .. .
Alley	546	478	726	641	Transmitting Station.
Salt River	227	250	237	275	.. .. .
Race Course	194	215	327	347	.. .. .
Milk River	174	224	247	323	.. .. .
Old Harbour	804	950	901	953	.. .. .
Yallahs	183	208	183	197	.. .. .
Morant Bay	2,044	1,839	2,006	1,835	Transmitting Station.
Blue Mt. Valley	205	219	118	144	.. .. .
Trinity Ville	183	173	201	216	.. .. .
Port Morant	458	376	312	303	.. .. .
Bowden	252	199	289	201	.. .. .
Bath	273	265	192	227	.. .. .
Plantain Garden River	324	328	299	312	Transmitting Station.
Hector's River	182	142	209	170	.. .. .
Manchioneal	416	456	484	427	.. .. .
Priestman's River	145	192	202	208	.. .. .
Port Antonio	10,387	8,480	10,378	8,710	Transmitting Station.
Titchfield	1,073	687	754	516	Opened 13.12.07, closed 13.4.08
Hope Bay	187	138	277	257	.. .. .
Buff Bay	475	461	617	563	.. .. .
Annotto Bay	2,370	2,092	2,551	2,276	Transmitting Station.
Highgate	710	1,032	663	900	.. .. .
Port Maria	4,415	3,905	4,554	4,093	.. .. .
Oracabessa	941	976	881	883	Transmitting Station.
Retreat	318	317	358	340	.. .. .
Gayle	490	460	529	546	.. .. .
Ocho Rios	758	713	786	828	.. .. .
Port Royal	533	492	441	533	.. .. .
Cross Roads	660	742	691	861	.. .. .
Halfway-Tree	507	856	723	1,022	.. .. .
Gordon Town	82	125	108	195	.. .. .
Newcastle	69	63	114	108	Transmitting Station.
Castleton	150	195	158	184	.. .. .
Stony Hill	98	168	120	224	.. .. .
Constant Spring	825	793	998	897	.. .. .
Railway	3,613	3,299	4,065	3,977	.. .. .
Total	103,471	103,471	109,115	109,115	

Return shewing the amount collected at the out-stations for foreign telegrams, via Direct Cable Co., from 1st April to 31st March, 1908-1909.

Month.	Amount.		
	£	s.	d.
April	224	14	8
May	210	0	3
June	216	14	1
July	195	12	0
August	195	2	7
September	252	15	11
October	226	17	5
November	247	10	1
December	236	0	9
January	208	7	4
February	258	12	4
March	367	4	11
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	£2,839	12	4

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Return shewing the amount collected at the out-stations for foreign telegrams via W. J. & P. Tel. Co. from 1st April 1908, to 31st March, 1909.

Month.	Amount.		
	£	s.	d.
April	14	15	8
May	7	8	8
June	13	19	11
July	6	19	5
August	5	15	11
September	16	10	0
October	12	17	0
November	6	5	2
December	14	2	2
January	9	6	2
February	15	14	5
March	25	4	11
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	£148	19	5

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