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Colonial Secretary's Office, Kingston,
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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, 1910.

By command,

ROBT. JOHNSTONE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office, Jamaica, 10th August, 1910.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the forty-second report on this Department for the financial year ended 31st March, 1910.

REVENUE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

2. The collections for the year are hereunder:—

	Postal	..	..	£35,640	15	10½
	Telegraph	..	..	6,769	2	3
the estimates were	Postal	..	..	34,200	0	0
	Telegraph	..	..	5,800	0	0
exhibiting an increase as under:—	Postal	..	..	1,440	0	0
	Telegraph	..	..	969	0	0

COMPARATIVE COLLECTIONS.

3. The various heads of revenue collections compare with the similar collections for the two preceding years as follows:—

	1907-08	1908-09	1909-10
Postages	£32,464 16 2½	£32,505 6 2½	£33,362 3 7
Commission on money orders	638 2 9	459 6 1	424 11 6
Local com. on British postal orders	175 16 2	194 17 7	211 16 1½
Commission on local postal orders	734 4 9½	741 11 11	777 10 10
Miscellaneous	764 5 9	673 5 7½	864 13 7
Telegraphs	6,489 8 8	6,220 17 9	6,769 2 3
	£41,266 14 4	£40,795 5 2	£42,409 17 10½

4. The total excess of Revenue as disclosed above compared to the year 1908-09 is £1,614. Estimating the value of the free official postage at £2,500 the total receipts for the year would be £44,909.

5. On referring to the items above it will be observed that there has been an increase of £857 and £549 in Postage and Telegraph collections, respectively, on comparison with the similar collections in 1908-09—there is also a steady growth shown in the local commission charged on British Postal Orders and the commission on local Postal Orders.

6. Included under the head of miscellaneous in which are recurring items of rent for private letter boxes, subscription for private letter bags and detention fees yielding £146 8s. 3d. are also fines, surplus cash, Parcels Post accrued postage, value found in unclaimed Dead Letters and fees collected on cash on delivery parcels aggregating £718 5s. 4d.

RETROSPECT.

7. The financial growth of the Department is illustrated in the following return shewing its revenue collections for three periods in breaks of ten years.

	Postages.	Commission on Money Orders and British Postal Orders.	Commission on Postal Orders.	Telegraphs.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1889-90	17,448	409	..	4,795	227	22,879
1899-1900	20,125	379	635	5,630	157	26,926
1909-10	33,362	636	777	6,769	865	42,409

EXPENDITURE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

8. The following is the expenditure of the Department for the year :—

Personal emoluments	£17,906	9	0
Mail conveyance	12,410	2	8½
Services	5,718	4	3½
Maintenance of Telegraph Lines	929	12	2
	£36,964	8	2

the approved estimates are as under:—

Personal emoluments	£17,868	19	1
Mail conveyance	12,345	5	4
Services	5,789	7	6
Maintenance of Telegraph Lines	950	0	0
	£36,953	11	11

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE.

9. A comparison of the expenditure for three years is shewn hereunder and discloses a total excess of £2,732 over the expenditure in the year 1908-09 and which is due to excesses on nearly every item of expenditure in consequence of the continued expansion of the Department.

	1909-10	1908-09	1907-08
Personal Emoluments	£17,906	£16,663	£15,937
Mail conveyance	12,410	11,096	11,224
Other charges	5,718	5,539	5,473
Maintenance of Telegraph Lines	930	934	837
	£36,964	£34,232	£33,471

RETROSPECT OF EXPENDITURE.

10. The following table embracing the expenditure of the Department during 30 years of its existence serves to illustrate its growth.

Date.	Personal Emoluments.	Mail Conveyance.	Services.	Maintenance of Telegraph Lines.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
1889-1890	10,576	8,828	2,218	1,640	23,262
1899-1900	14,854	12,246	9,147	1,324	37,571
1909-1910	17,906	12,410	5,718	930	36,964

POSTAL MISCELLANEOUS.

11. The miscellaneous items of Postal Revenue are comprised of the following:—

	1909-10
Rent of private letter boxes	£124 19 6
Fees for private letter bags	20 14 9
Surplus cash transferred to Revenue	0 13 7½
Contents of unclaimed dead letters	25 13 4
Fines	7 19 0
Miscellaneous	7 19 3
Accrued postage on Parcels Post with United Kingdom	671 11 7½
Detention fees	0 14 0
Fees collected on cash on delivery parcels	4 8 6
	£864 13 7

12. This total compared with 1908-09 is less by £104 13s. 1½d., and is due principally to the value found in unclaimed dead letters and brought to account and which is obviously subject to considerable fluctuation.

DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

13. The following new District Post Offices were opened during the year:—

Windward Road, parish of Kingston, on 1st April, 1909.

Brainerd, parish of St. Mary, on 16th April, 1909.

Redwood, parish of St. Catherine, on 25th May, 1909.

Windsor Castle, parish of Portland, on 19th August, 1909.

On the 15th April, 1909, the Riversdale Post Office in the parish of St. Catherine, hitherto conducted by the Railway Station Agent at that place, was removed to the residence of a person in the district who undertook the duties of Postmaster, it having been found inconvenient to continue the combination of offices of Station Agent and District Postmaster.

14. The Post Offices at Hampstead, in St. Mary, and Belvedere, in St. Andrew, were temporarily closed on the 12th August, 1909, and 31st January, 1910, and re-opened on 19th August, 1909, and 18th February, 1910, respectively.

15. Simultaneously with the re-opening of the Myrtle Bank Hotel a Post Office was established in the building on 26th February, 1910.

16. Owing to the destruction by fire of the Titchfield Hotel, Port Antonio, the Post Office which has been regularly opened in that Hotel for nearly four months in each year was not established.

17. It will be observed that there have been four new offices opened during the year which I consider very liberal, but I am forced to remark on the continued desire for the establishment of District Post Offices in small settlements or villages, and while I admit that the far reaching effects of Post Offices are civilising and educating, it must be borne in mind that the necessity for establishing District Post Offices should be amply justified, at least the probable revenue must be equal to the expenditure otherwise parties interested must be prepared to guarantee the Government against loss.

18. During the year under review all the District Post Offices were inspected, and in one case only was it found necessary to institute proceedings against a Postmaster for deficiencies in his accounts—the amount found wanting in the account was collected from his sureties.

CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

19. Below is the result of an estimate of the registered and ordinary letters and post cards which have been handled in the General Post Office, Kingston, and the several District Post Offices.

	Outwards.			Inwards.		
	1907-8	1908-9	1909-10	1907-8	1908-9	1909-10
Inland Mails —						
Ordinary Letters —						
Public ..	2,060,525	2,363,128	2,460,230	2,293,499	2,988,660	3,064,532
Official ..	180,258	124,475	292,129	159,679	262,034	420,368
Post Cards ..	42,380	137,332	338,669	42,705	151,177	350,744
Registered Letters —						
Public ..	58,578	100,143	185,257	80,986	97,711	151,840
Official ..	30,797	36,576	36,751	34,950	59,032	47,071
Ocean Mails by vessels under contract—						
United Kingdom—						
Ordinary Letters ..	225,600	216,350	257,424	226,100	457,600	714,050
Post Cards ..	3,500	3,500	3,765	2,000	3,000	4,478
By vessels, not contract —						
U. K. and United States of America						
Ordinary Letters ..	242,488	373,777	402,368	391,512	265,076	434,632
Post Cards ..	28,739	108,703	116,130	26,857	19,690	59,879
Other Countries —						
Ordinary Letters ..	442,247	325,383	316,459	408,336	211,019	389,475
Post Cards ..	32,365	9,927	8,398	1,684	3,855	5,266
Registered Letters, oversea ..	38,822	40,288	40,640	58,649	60,641	65,452
	3,386,299	3,839,582	4,458,220	3,726,957	4,579,495	5,707,807

AT DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

	1907-8	1908-9	1909-10
Ordinary letters ..	1,355,120	1,360,888	1,788,251
Post Cards ..	104,455	119,331	202,761
Registered letters ..	64,171	70,153	63,054
	1,523,746	1,550,372	2,054,066

20. The above figures on comparison with the similar return for the two years preceding shew increases under each head and are the best evidence of the continued growth of the Department which has been very marked since the year 1905, and may be regarded as an index of the general prosperity of the Colony.

21. As a result of this growth of correspondence it became necessary to re-organize the House to House Delivery of correspondence by letter carriers—this has been done in the most economical manner, and without increasing the number of letter carriers.

22. Two districts skirting the borders of the boundary of the area within which letters are delivered, are now reached by carriers on bicycles—the effect is that residents in these districts receive their correspondence between 1 and 2 hours earlier and the men on foot-delivery in the 8 districts in what might be described as the inner circle do so now more expeditiously as nearly each district has been relieved to some extent by the cyclists.

23. Collecting letter boxes were erected at the following sites in Kingston and Lower St. Andrew:—
Franklin Town, at the Police Station.

Smith Village, corner Percy and Wellington Streets.

Campbell Town, corner of Liverpool and Hart Streets.

Woodford Park

Papine Corner, Car terminal.

24.	INSURED LETTERS.					
	Received.			Despatched.		
	Year.	No.	Declared Value.	No.	Declared Value.	
	—	—	—	—	—	
	1907-08	35	£1,180 5 0	32	£2,088 5 9	
	1908-09	50	1,226 16 11	36	3,557 17 11	
	1909-10	38	1,242 7 0	58	2,795 5 0	

There has been, I am glad to report, no loss of an insured letter since the Colony has joined the scheme.

RETURN LETTER BRANCH.

25. A return of the mail matter dealt with in the Return Letter Branch is hereunder shewn.

	Paid.	Unpaid.
Letters returned to United Kingdom	2,806	346
" " " other Countries	7,306	4,525
" " " writers in the Island	58,746	17,650
" destroyed being illegible or anonymous	3,175	9,747
" " writers not having been found	13,431	8,150
Newspapers returned to Publishers	5,372	

26. Irrecoverable postage on unclaimed mail matter amounting to £50 7s. 10d., was written off during the year, and the number of packets containing value amounting to £902 9s. 5½d. was 9,128 which were returned under registered cover to the writers.

27. At paragraph 11, I have stated that £25 13s. 4d. of value which was found in unclaimed dead letters had been transferred to revenue, this value is found principally in unregistered letters in small amounts ranging from a 1d. stamp to a 5/ postal order, and the failure of the Department to deliver it to the original addresses in the first instance or to restore it to the writer is due chiefly to indistinct or incorrect address and to the fact that the writer gives no address and signs but his or her first name. Enquiries are seldom made for these letters and I presume the popular belief indulged in is that the letter has been stolen in the post. I therefore take this opportunity to call attention to the need for care in addressing letters, and when in doubt of the name of a Post Office enquire before posting. A list of all Post Offices in the Island is to be found in each Post Office. The Department makes every effort to deliver indistinct and imperfectly addressed letters, the experience of its long service Clerks being of material assistance in this respect, but matters would be expedited and fewer letters find their way to the Return Letter Branch if the public would exercise a little more care. It is astonishing to observe the number of post cards posted without any address and bearing only the initials of the writer—some of these missives convey information to be promptly acted on by the receiver, but which, unfortunately, never reaches its intended destination, and the Post Office is uncharitably credited with purloining even a post card.

MAIL CONVEYANCE—OCEAN.

28. I furnish hereunder a comparison of the mails received and despatched from abroad:—

	Outwards.						Inwards.					
	1909-10		1908-9.		1907-8.		1909-10.		1908-9.		1907-8.	
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.
<i>Kingston—</i>												
Contract	26	112	26	78	26	78	27	92	26	132	26	114
Non-contract	371	1,441	365	1,258	402	1,411	240	1,998	403	2,209	452	2,085
<i>Outports—</i>												
Non-contract	67	107	60	75	43	59	66	127	77	166	81	143
	464	1,660	451	1,401	471	1,548	333	2,217	507	2,507	559	2,342

29. The number of transit mails which passed through the Department during the period under review was 442.

30. The Elder Dempster Company maintained their Contract fortnightly service between Bristol and Jamaica during the year and are responsible for the mails despatched and received described in the above return as "Contract".

31. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company fulfilled their Contract with the Imperial Government for a fortnightly service between Southampton and New York, via Barbados, Trinidad, La Guayra, Savanilla, Carthagena, Colon and Jamaica, and was most useful for the exchange of mails with the sister Colonies in the West Indies. Mails have been regularly brought by these vessels from New York and Central American ports, but none have been despatched for the reason stated in my previous Annual Report.

32. The steamers of the Hamburg-American Line and United Fruit Company have again afforded regular opportunities for the despatch of mails to the United States and Central America.

33. £2,836 has been paid for the conveyance of mails abroad, this does not include any estimate of the services rendered by the Direct Line. If say £700, which is an estimate based on the gratuity payment be added, the total cost of mails sent abroad is £3,536 and is £1,091 in excess of the similar payment for 1908-09.

MAIL CONVEYANCE—INLAND.

34. The cost of the Inland mail services which were principally conducted under the supervision of the Public Works Department is £9,773 9s. 0d.

35. All the Contracts with the Department were efficiently maintained except the Windward Service—this contract had to be terminated on the 31st March, 1910, and the Jamaica Motor Company, Limited, undertook the service from the 1st April, 1910.

MONEY ORDERS.

36. A statement of the transaction of the Money Order Branch for the year in comparison with similar transactions for the preceding two years is attached to the report.

37. On reference to this statement it will be observed that the Jamaica issues on other countries were 524 less in number, and £2,211 14s. 4d. in amount than in the previous year, while payments on account of the issues of other countries payable in Jamaica were 3,550 more in number and £1,580 15s. 5d. more in amount.

38. The proportion of commission which accrued to Jamaica as a result of these transactions is £424 11s. 6d.

39. A comparison of the Orders grouped under United States of America issue reveals a continued increase and is due to the number of Jamaica labourers in the Canal Zone.

POSTAL ORDERS.

40. The under noted is a return of Postal Orders which were issued for sale during the three years ending with 1909-10.

Denomination.	1907-8.			1908-9.			1909-10.		
	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.	22,275	556 17 6	46 8 1½	22,156	553 18 0	46 3 2	22,800	570 0 0	47 10 0
1/	50,725	2,536 5 0	106 13 6½	52,378	2,618 18 0	109 2 5	64,775	3,238 15 0	134 18 11½
1/6	50,800	3,810 0 0	105 16 8	52,944	3,970 16 0	110 6 0	50,025	3,751 17 6	104 4 4½
2/3	47,525	5,040 12 6	99 0 2½	50,900	6,362 10 0	106 0 10	52,050	6,506 5 0	108 8 9
5/	39,750	9,937 10 0	165 12 6	39,007	9,751 15 0	162 10 7	41,700	10,425 0 0	173 15 0
10/	24,300	12,150 0 0	202 10 0	23,734	11,867 0 0	197 15 8	25,480	12,740 0 0	212 6 8
	235,375	34,931 5 0	725 1 0½	241,119	35,124 17 0	731 18 8	256,830	37,231 17 6	781 3 9

POSTAL ORDERS SOLD.

41. The following is the total amount of Postal Orders sold for three years:—

1907-08	£35,426 10 6
1908-09	35,524 4 0
1909-10	37,053 0 6

42. It will be observed that there is an increase of £1,539 in the sales of the year under report as compared with 1908-09 and which records the continued extensive use of Postal Orders. I again urge attention to the necessity of using every precaution in sending Postal Orders through the Post. Postal Orders are as negotiable as Bank Notes and the senders should, if they do not register, which I strongly recommend, at least fill in the name of the payee and the Parochial Treasury at which payment is desired.

PARCELS POST.

43. Appended to this report is a comparative statement for the last three years of the Parcels Post transactions. It will be observed that the parcels imported into the colony from the various countries with which an exchange exist are 1,932 in excess of the similar importation last year, the declared values of these parcels were £36,959, and the duty assessed £5,499—the actual collection of duty which was transferred to the Revenue Department during the year was £5,387 13s. 10d.

The Revenue Department renders no help and bears no share of the cost to this Department in assessing and collecting this duty, for since 1903 the assessment of duty hitherto done by an officer of the Customs is conducted by the Officers of this Department.

44. The Insurance System of parcels recorded in the last Annual Report as having been introduced on 1st August, 1908, has shewn an increase—1,357 parcels with an insured value of £6,302 were received, and is 571 parcels and £1,966 of insured value in excess of the eight months similar transactions last year.

45. The Cash on Delivery System introduced with the Mother Country on 1st August, 1908 has also shewn an increase; 395 such parcels with Trade Charges amounting to £679 3s. 4d. were received as against 48 parcels and Trade Charges £82 1s. 6d. for the period 1st August, 1908, to 31st March, 1909, £548 5s. 0d. of these Trade Charges was collected and remitted by Money Orders and British Postal Orders to the senders of such parcels—the fees received by the Department from addressees for the services thus rendered amounted to £4 8s. 6d. I do not think that the merchants of this city have any reason to think that the facilities offered by the Cash on Delivery System have in any way interfered with their trade, as was apparently feared on the introduction of the System.

46. The following tabular statement of the insured parcels and the cash on delivery parcels shews in a concise form the transactions under these two heads from 1st August, 1908, to 31st March, 1910.

Insured Parcels.			Cash on Delivery Parcels.		
Year.	No.	RECEIVED. Amount.	No.	Trade Charges.	
1st Aug. 1908 to 31st March 1909	786	£4,336 4 1	48	£ 82	1 6
1909-10	1,357	6,302 1 9½	395	679	3 4
DESPATCHED.					
1st Aug. 1908 to 31st March, 1909	50	£459 4 0	nil	nil	
1909-10	106	700 8 2	nil	nil	

47. Twenty per cent. of the parcels received are examined, and in some instances examination disclosed an undervaluation, these were detained and if the explanation offered was considered reasonable a fine of half the duty assessed on the appraised value was inflicted instead of impounding the parcel—the amount of fines brought to account in this wise was £2 5s. 8d.

48. The total number of parcels despatched during the year was 7,392 and is 276 in excess of last year.

49. On the 1st January, 1910, the rate of postage on parcels to Canada was reduced from 10d to 6d. per lb., and the limit for a single parcel increased from 7 to 11lbs.

TELEGRAPHS.

50. Attached to this report is the annual return of messages sent and received the total being 112,515 as against 103,471 in 1908-09, or an increase of 9,044. I am pleased to record this increase and not a decrease as was the case last year. The accounts of the working expenses of the Post Office Telegraphs are not now kept separately as they were prior to 1904, it is therefore not possible to say, except approximately if the revenue receipts for telegrams, etc., are equal to the expenditure in connection with the system—taking the latest figures available (1902-03) I find that the expenses then were £7,797 and as the number of stations now are 77 as against 72 the expenditure would be a little higher. The revenue receipts for 1909-10 are £6,769 or £1,028 less than the expenditure of seven years ago.

51. A Telegraph Office was opened at Myrtle Bank on 26th February, 1910, and a Telephone Office established at Williamsfield in the parish of Manchester in connection with the Post Office at that place.

52. The following amounts were collected on behalf of the two Cable Companies doing business in the Colony and paid over to each of them monthly during the year.

Direct West India Cable Company	..	£2,673 3 11
West India & Panama Telegraph Co., Ltd.	..	405 10 8

MISCELLANEOUS.

53. I cannot close this report without referring to the fact that the wish often expressed in previous annual reports on the Department is about to be realised, and that is that ere this report is in print the Kingston Office will be properly housed in the northern portion of the completed block of Public Buildings in King street—this will, I hope, make for better efficiency as supervision will be rendered much easier—and better results should accrue from the staff who have hitherto chafed under the existing conditions, particularly since the Earthquake of 1907.

54. The staff of male and female employees in the General Post Office, Kingston, and the staff at district Post Offices have performed their duties in a creditable manner during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

ELLIS WOLFE,

Acting Postmaster for Jamaica.

The Honourable The Acting Colonial Secretary,
Kingston.

Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post and 1909-10.		
Postage on unpaid correspondence	..	£644 6 5
Stamps sold by Post Office Department	..	29,150 12 7
Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	..	3,567 4 7
Rent of private letter boxes	..	124 19 6
Fees for conveyance of private letter bags	..	20 14 9
Commissions on Money Orders	..	424 11 6
Commissions on British Postal Orders	..	211 16 1½
Fees for detention of country letters per packet for delivery in Kingston	..	0 14 0
Commission on Inland Postal Orders	..	777 10 10
Miscellaneous	..	718 5 4
Telegraph Stamps sold	..	5,868 5 9
Collections by Jamaica Government Railway	..	486 0 0
Additional charge on books of Telegraph forms	..	3 7 0
Fees for keeping Telegraph Offices open out of office hours	..	29 9 0
Official Telegrams	..	382 0 6

 £42,409 17 10½

Telegraph Department during the financial year ended 31st March, 1910.

PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS—		
Salaries of Staff	£5,860	3 8
Allowances for services out of office hours	1,245	10 8
Wages for sorters, letter carriers, etc.	1,353	18 8
Telegraph messengers, Head Office	159	6 9
“ District office and office servants	931	11 6
Messengers conveying mails between Post Office and Railway Stations	282	6 0
Box clearers and indoor men	330	19 5
Clerical assistance	102	0 0
Salaries of District Postmasters and Telegraph clerks	6,828	10 9
Duty Pay allowance	8	0 0
Salaries of Auxilliary Telegraph clerks	275	14 7
Commission of 1% on sale of stamps	195	8 6
Remuneration of Officers of Public Works Department in connection with mail services	200	0 0
Allowance to cover loss by Banking Clerk	1	10 0
Discount of 2½% on Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	131	8 6
	17,906	9 0
OTHER CHARGES—		
Travelling charges	520	9 0
Mail bags and wrappers	130	12 6
Dated stamps, seals, etc.	57	16 2
Twine and wax	146	18 5
Conveyance of letter carriers by tram car	250	0 0
Manufacture of stamps and post cards	662	2 7
“ postal orders	109	14 9
Rent of Post Offices	1,386	3 3
Telegraph stores	249	1 5
Ship letter gratuities	2,101	5 11½
Uniforms	285	18 0
Rent of telephone	33	12 0
Advertising	18	15 0
Lighting	119	6 4
Water supply	82	12 10
Repairing instruments	60	12 0
Cleaning latrines	75	31 6
Contingencies	496	9 9½
Furniture	108	0 4½
Porterage	338	18 4½
Subsidy to Jamaica Government Railway	400	0 0
Mail conveyance miscellaneous	211	14 4
“ Inland	6,622	0 8
Services by Railway	2,739	14 0
Renewal of live stock	80	0 0
Transit rates payable Postal Union Countries other than United Kingdom	735	7 9
Proportion of cost of supply and repairs of Parcel Post receptacles, United Kingdom		
“ and Jamaica	14	7 9
Purchase and repairs of bicycles	70	1 3
Repairs to clocks	20	19 0
	£18,128	7 0
Total	£36,034	16 0

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.	
1907-08	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
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
1909-10	4,001	13,784 12 3	737	2,487 9 8	218 13 6	1909-10	12	63 17 9	124	474 6 5	3 1 0
		<i>United States of America.</i>						<i>Panama.</i>			
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
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
1909-10	2,993	6,333 17 7	19,190	51,281 18 3	170 6 2	1909-10	7	25 16 6	...	...	0 5 4
		<i>Dominion of Canada.</i>						<i>British Honduras.</i>			
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	2,151	649 13 0	23 4 6	1908-09	10	49 9 10	49	146 14 4	1 0 1
1909-10	163	412 7 2	326	801 3 3	11 2 7	1909-10	5	25 11 0	42	130 1 1	0 18 0
		<i>British Guiana.</i>						<i>Trinidad.</i>			
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
1909-10	34	104 14 7	20	25 1 9	1 5 0	1909-10	180	358 6 2	75	181 12 2	4 14 0
		<i>Barbados.</i>						<i>Bermuda.</i>			
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
1909-10	149	373 15 2	99	233 18 4	5 12 0	1909-10	.	...	50	268 4 10	1 6 9
		<i>Windward and Leeward Islands.</i>						<i>Grand Cayman.</i>			
						1907-08	3	2 0 6	20	84 2 8	-
						1908-09	5	31 3 8	54	565 11 1	3 2 3
						1909-10	1	10 2 0	67	518 1 9	2 14 10
								<i>Cayman Brac.</i>			
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	20 0 0	0 2 0
1909-10	57	123 5 1	76	181 2 5	2 4 9	1909-10	2	16 0 0	1	3 0 0	0 3 9
		<i>Port Limon.</i>									
1908-09	15	29 1 3	186	611 11 1	3 11 3						
1909-10	15	54 2 5	69	202 10 10	2 3 10						

C.—PARCELS RECEIVED.

From	Consignments.			Parcels.			Import Duty.		
	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1909-1910.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1909-1910.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1909-1910.
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
United Kingdom	27	26	26	18,718	17,293	17,967	4,006 15 6	4,133 12 11	4,104 3 8
British West Indies	123	91	105	265	201	243	46 12 2	24 18 5	25 1 8
United States of America	597	511	549	12,317	10,758	11,415	1,145 0 6	1,003 19 0	1,136 7 5
Dominion of Canada	25	26	27	452	594	599	59 11 9	104 9 1	120 14 8
Turks Island	12	6	11	13	7	12	0 12 7	0 5 0	0 7 8
Canal Zone	51	55	107	537	737	1,268	49 11 0	78 13 0	111 8 10
Bermuda	6	7	9	9	13	31	0 12 1	0 10 0	1 1 6
	841	722	834	34,311	29,603	31,535	5,371 15 7	5,346 7 5	5,499 5 5

	Postage accrued to Jamaica.			Declared value of Parcels.		
	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1909-1910.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1909-1910.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
United Kingdom	849 19 0	810 1 0	833 2 0	25,626 19 2½	27,247 17 5½	27,428 17 2½
British West Indies	...	...	...	289 10 1	159 7 6½	167 19 10
United States of America	...	...	...	7,784 4 3	6,957 18 6½	7,917 0 5½
Dominion of Canada	9 13 4	13 3 1½	14 8 11½	398 16 3	648 2 11½	738 0 6
Turks Island	...	...	...	4 12 5	1 16 3	3 1 0
Bermuda	...	...	...	5 5 0	9 15 0	13 11 3
Canal Zone	...	...	...	310 13 3	484 2 10	690 15 11
	859 12 4	823 4 1½	847 10 11½	34,420 0 9½	35,509 0 7	36,959 6 2½

PARCELS DESPATCHED.

	Consignments.			Parcels.			Accrued to Jamaica.		
	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1909-1910.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1909-1910.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1909-1910.
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
United Kingdom	26	26	26	3,403	3,668	3,675	107 7 0	113 17 6	123 15 6
British West Indies	169	162	150	468	400	429	22 1 0	32 13 0	36 8 0
United States of America	67	78	68	1,820	1,993	2,128	89 18 0	99 5 0	108 19 6
Dominion of Canada	24	26	27	273	372	442	6 9 7	9 6 3	10 8 4
Turks Islands	9	13	13	34	45	58	1 0 6	3 5 0	3 19 0
Bermuda	9	...	7	27	...	34	0 19 0	...	2 7 0
Canal Zone	63	74	59	419	638	626	34 15 6	50 2 0	42 1 0
	367	379	357	6,444	7,116	7,392	262 10 7	308 8 9	327 18 4

	Declared value of Parcels.		
	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1909-1910.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
United Kingdom	2,912 10 7½	3,144 2 2	3,460 6 4
British West Indies	613 18 7½	391 4 3½	395 1 4
United States of America	662 16 5½	868 2 5½	919 14 1½
Dominion of Canada	226 15 1½	202 16 4½	495 6 0½
Turks Island	14 8 6	24 7 9	37 1 3
Bermuda	26 0 7	...	16 4 2
Canal Zone	336 0 10½	517 6 11	322 17 4
	4,812 10 9½	5,147 19 11½	5,646 10 7

Return shewing the number of Telegraph Messages sent from and received at each Telegraph Station from 1st April, 1909 to 31st March, 1910, as compared with return from 1st April, 1908, to 31st March, 1909.

Station.	1st April, 1908, to 31st March, 1909.		1909-1910.		Remarks.
	Messages sent.	Messages received.	Messages sent.	Messages received.	
Kingston	26,092	27,983	29,013	31,259	Transmitting station.
Myrtle Bank	...	...	185	96	Reopened 26.2.10.
Spanish Town	2,308	2,534	2,639	2,909	
Bog Walk	993	1,054	1,210	1,084	
Linstead	1,001	823	1,143	1,099	Transmitting station.
Ewarton	603	539	697	614	
Moneague	737	929	632	815	
Claremont	451	461	469	498	
St. Ann's Bay	3,548	3,663	3,719	3,537	Do.
Runaway Bay	465	377	594	433	
Dry Harbour	482	575	441	460	Do.
Brown's Town	2,004	2,078	1,804	1,974	Do.
Cave Valley	243	271	322	381	
Boroughbridge	193	246	277	333	
Stewart Town	135	195	182	200	Telephone station.
Jackson Town	128	118	128	113	
Ulster Spring	259	320	257	367	
Rio Bueno	423	298	411	350	
Duncans	494	618	580	627	
Falmouth	2,995	2,912	3,633	3,444	
Montego Bay	6,748	6,654	7,162	7,030	Transmitting station.
Ramble	271	393	325	431	
Sandy Bay	161	164	172	197	
Lucea	2,152	1,950	2,232	2,038	
Green Island	494	638	567	726	
Grange Hill	317	392	355	395	
Sav.-la-Mar	3,692	3,485	4,270	3,864	Do.
Bluefields	92	101	118	134	Telephone station.
Black River	1,867	1,910	1,901	1,852	
Lacovia	354	351	444	424	
Santa Cruz	260	277	240	262	Transmitting station.
Malvern	613	624	716	693	
Mandeville	2,761	2,862	2,706	2,783	Do.
Newport	324	443	424	525	
Shooter's Hill	323	349	502	397	Do.
Mile Gully	298	330	290	332	
Balacava	558	530	629	671	
Christiana	526	692	537	666	
Spaldings	247	236	219	301	
Porus	337	287	342	329	
May Pen	1,131	1,021	1,286	1,137	Do.
Chapelton	1,080	1,300	1,045	1,278	
Alley	546	478	676	589	Do.
Salt River	194	215	374	389	Telephone station.
Race Course	227	250	262	250	Do.
Milk River	174	224	187	234	
Old Harbour	804	950	1,266	1,575	
Yallahs	183	208	226	224	
Morant Bay	2,044	1,839	2,564	2,178	Transmitting station.
Blue Mtn. Valley	205	219	91	109	Changed to "Seaforth" 29.9.09.
Seaforth	...	...	105	103	
Trinity Ville	183	173	215	263	
Port Morant	458	376	619	471	Telephone station.
Bowden (wireless)	...	...	101	51	Opened 1.2.10.
Bowden	252	199	289	219	
Bath	273	265	229	290	Changed to a telephone station 28.6.09.
Plantain Garden River	324	328	428	436	Transmitting station.
Hector's River	182	142	171	164	
Manchioneal	416	436	549	547	
Priestman's River	145	192	245	266	
Port Antonio	10,387	8,480	10,993	9,359	Do.
Titchfield	1,073	687	34	29	Closed 6.4.09 owing to fire.
Hope Bay	187	138	256	190	
Buff Bay	475	461	639	648	
Annotto Bay	2,370	2,092	2,443	2,255	Transmitting station.
Highgate	710	1,032	774	837	
Port Maria	4,415	3,905	4,675	4,052	
Oracabessa	941	976	886	889	Do.
Retreat	318	317	342	354	
Gayle	490	460	521	510	
Ocho Rios	758	713	520	525	
Port Royal	533	492	433	428	
Cross Roads	660	742	925	920	
Halfway Tree	507	856	453	919	
Gordon Town	82	125	80	136	Telephone station.
New Castle	69	63	41	53	
Castleton	150	195	136	173	Do.
Stony Hill	98	168	92	161	Do.
Constant Spring	825	793	780	815	
Williamsfield	...	...	98	85	Telephone station opened 16.2.10.
Railway	3,613	3,299	3,979	3,761	
	103,471	103,471	112,515	112,515	