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THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Annual Report on the Post Office Department for the year ended 31st March, 1912.

By command,

ROBT. JOHNSTONE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office, 19th July, 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the forty fourth report on this department for the year ended 31st March, 1912.

REVENUE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

2. The collections for the year were as follows:—

Postal	..	..	£41,614	0	2½
Telegraph	..	..	7,108	14	3
The estimates called for—					
Postal	..	..	£41,200	0	0
Telegraph	..	..	6,800	0	0
Exhibiting an increase as under:—					
Postal	..	..	£414	0	2½
Telegraph	..	..	308	14	5

COMPARATIVE COLLECTIONS.

3. The various heads of Revenue collections compared with the similar collections for the two preceding years are as follows:—

	1909-10.			1910-11.			1911-12.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Postages	33,362	3	7	36,586	10	3	39,487	5	3
Commission on money orders	424	11	6	389	17	0½	411	10	3
Local com. on British postal orders	211	16	1½	225	2	5½	239	12	6
Commission on local postal orders	777	10	10	831	10	0½	891	2	0½
Miscellaneous	864	13	7	938	4	9½	584	10	2
Telegraphs	6,769	2	3	6,942	5	1½	7,108	14	3
	42,409	17	10½	45,913	9	8½	48,722	14	5½

4. From the above statement it will be seen that the revenue of the year under review exceeded that of 1910-11 by £2,809 4s. 9½d., and if we add the value of official postage, estimating it at the very conservative sum of £3,000 the total earnings of the Post Office reached £51,722 14s. 5½d. The foregoing statement also discloses the fact that during the three years named the revenue of the department has steadily increased to the extent of £6,312 16s. 7½d.

5. Several improvements were instituted during the year for the more efficient despatch of the work, and to facilitate the public. The electric stamping machine which was introduced in February of this year has proved a great benefit; several district offices have been opened and telephone offices established the lines of ride between several offices have also been improved by van services in lieu of foot couriers.

6. On referring to the items of revenue it will be observed that there has been an increase of £2,900 15s. 0½d. and £166 9s. 1½d. in postage and telegraph collections respectively. It will be remembered that in last year the reduced rates on telegrams were only in existence during the last quarter of the year, it is therefore apparent that this increase in the revenue has fully justified the reduction, and has been appreciated by the public. The details of this will be dealt with later on. There was also a steady increase on commissions on Local and British postal orders, and money orders, miscellaneous being the only item shewing a falling off, but I think this may be regarded as not of much importance.

7. Included under the head of miscellaneous are recurring items of rent for private letter boxes, subscriptions for private letter bags and detention fees yielding £171 12s. 6d. or an increase of £13 0s. 3d. on last year, the other items being surplus cash, value found in dead letters, fines, etc., aggregating £412 17s. 8d. or £367 16s. 10½d. less than last year.

RETROSPECT.

8. The financial growth of the department is illustrated in the following return, the revenue being displayed for three periods in breaks of ten years. It will be observed that while the increase in 1901-02 over 1891-92 is only £4,420 the increase in 1911-12 over 1901-02 is no less a sum than £20,202. This speaks volumes for the growth of the department.

Date.	Postage.	Commission on Money Orders and British Postal Orders.	Commission on Local Postal Orders.	Telegraphs.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1891-92 ..	17,437	335	336	5,768	224	24,100
1901-02 ..	22,337	446	446	5,010	112	28,520
1911-12 ..	39,487	651	651	7,109	584	48,722

EXPENDITURE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

9. The following was the expenditure of the department for the year:—

Personal emoluments ..	£19,791 8 0
Mail conveyance ..	15,327 11 11
Services ..	6,039 18 0½
Maintenance of telegraph lines ..	1,306 13 0
	<u>£42,465 10 11½</u>

The approved estimates are as under:—

Personal emoluments ..	£19,317 14 8
Mail conveyance ..	15,469 13 0
Services ..	6,312 16 8
Maintenance of telegraph lines ..	1,356 0 0
	<u>£42,636 4 4</u>

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE.

10. A comparison of the expenditure for three years is shewn hereunder and discloses an excess of £130 on the expenditure in the year 1910-11.

11. The item for mail conveyance displays a decrease of £1,255, this decrease did not entail any reduction in the facilities enjoyed by the public, but is attributable to an expenditure for vans and mules during the previous year when the Public Works Department took over the northside and windward mail services, which was not reprovided.

	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.
Personal Emoluments ..	£17,906	£18,623	£19,792
Mail conveyance ..	12,410	16,583	15,328
Other charges ..	5,718	6,148	6,040
Maintenance of telegraph lines	930	928	1,306
	<u>£36,964</u>	<u>£42,336</u>	<u>£42,466</u>

RETROSPECT OF EXPENDITURE.

12. The following table embraces the expenditure of the department during 30 years of its existence.

Date.	Personal Emoluments.	Services.	Maintenance of Telegraph Lines.	Mail Conveyance.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
1891-92	7,043	3,402	1,050	10,263	20,758
1901-02	8,619	3,407	1,000	12,490	25,517
1911-12	19,792	6,040	1,306	15,328	42,466

POSTAL MISCELLANEOUS.

13. The miscellaneous items of postal revenue are comprised of the following:—

Rent of private letter boxes	£144	5	0
Rent of private letter bags	27	7	6
Fines	12	5	6½
Delivery fees on C.O.D. parcels	32	3	9
Surplus cash	1	6	5
Accrued parcel post postages	323	5	10
Miscellaneous	0	8	5
Value in unclaimed letters	43	7	8½
	£584	10	2

14. This total compared with 1910-11 is less by £353 14s. 7½d. and is dealt with in paragraph 8 of this report, the chief items viz., letter boxes and bags show an increase. As the demand for the boxes steadily increase, I venture to call attention to paragraph 23 of last year's report, although I am glad to say the employees of the subscribers have been much more careful this year, and there has been a decrease in complaints.

DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

15. The following new district post offices were opened during the year:—

1. Harkers Hall, St. Catherine, 3rd August, 1911.
2. Carron Hall, St. Mary, 2nd August, 1911.
3. Lodge, St. Ann, 19th December, 1911.
4. Bonny Gate, St. Mary, 20th December, 1911.
5. Mount Regale, St. Mary, 21st December, 1911.
6. Dallas Castle, St. Andrew, 30th December, 1911.
7. Ginger Hill, St. Elizabeth, 23rd January, 1912.

16. The seven new offices opened this year makes the total number of Post Offices, 189, I have during the year endeavoured to give close and careful consideration to all applications made for the opening of new offices, being fully alive to the importance of a post office as an aid to the development of a district.

17. I regret to record that the Laughlands office was closed from the 21st July to the 23rd August of the year under review, owing to the death of the Postmaster. Great trouble was experienced in obtaining a responsible Postmaster to fill his place.

18. During the year under review all post and telegraph offices were inspected by the supervisor, and I am pleased to report that in no case were any serious irregularities discovered.

19. Books containing penny stamps to the value of two shillings interleaved with advertisements were introduced, they form very convenient means of carrying stamps, and judging from the sale, have been much appreciated. Owing to the demand it has been decided to make these books more useful by the introduction of half penny stamps as well, these stamps will be contained in the next issue now on order. The following merchants have been pleased to avail themselves of this medium of advertisement.

Messrs. Fred. L. Myers & Son. Messrs. Nathan & Co. Messrs. Emanuel Lyons & Son. The Jamaica Tobacco Co. Wessels Bros. Louis Winkler & Son and Dr. Scotland.

CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

20. The estimates which have been taken at the General Post Office, Kingston, and at the District Post Offices during each quarter of the year under review, of the letters and post cards which have

passed through the Jamaica Post Office result, on comparison with similar estimates during the preceding years 1909-10, 1910-11, as under—

	Outwards.			Inwards.		
	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.
Inland Mails—						
Ordinary Letters—						
Public	2,460,230	2,472,719	2,481,060	3,064,532	3,083,329	3,095,234
Official	292,129	300,406	309,995	420,368	446,353	450,265
Post Cards	338,669	339,329	338,114	350,744	347,259	344,747
Registered Letters—						
Public	185,257	163,665	*	151,840	172,252	*
Official	36,751	36,717		47,071	53,438	
Ocean Mails by vessels under Contract—						
United Kingdom—						
Ordinary Letters ..	257,424	142,811	*	714,050	596,876	*
Post Cards	3,765	2,069		4,478	4,238	
By vessels, not contract—						
U. K. and United States of America—						
Ordinary Letters ..	402,368	470,324	630,116	434,632	462,472	11,448,907
Post Cards	116,130	123,271	162,257	59,879	41,675	47,191
Other Countries—						
Ordinary Letters ..	316,459	403,231	436,415	389,475	404,717	416,853
Post Cards	8,398	12,093	13,200	5,266	4,880	5,318
Registered Letters, oversea	40,640	42,051	..	65,452	70,637	..
Total	4,458,220	4,508,686	4,371,157	5,707,807	5,688,126	5,508,515

Registered letters for delivery in Kingston—

				1911-12.
* {	Local	..	..	81,518
	Foreign	..	..	24,575
	Official	..	..	34,815
	Registered letters for delivery in the country—			
	Local	..	..	12,244
	Foreign	..	..	46,837
	Official	..	..	6,121
	Registered letters for despatch—			
	Oversea	..	..	25,612

21. At District Post Offices.

	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.
Ordinary letters ..	1,788,251	1,379,287	2,351,323
Post Cards	202,761	55,090	150,541
Registered letters ..	63,054	60,160	75,548
	2,054,066	1,494,537	2,577,412

INSURED LETTERS.

Year.	Received.		Despatched.	
	No.	Declared value.	No.	Declared value.
1909-10	38	£1,242 7 0	58	£2,795 5 0
1910-11 ..	43	4,490 0 0	28	1,918 2 10
1911-12 ..	22	1,135 6 0	18	1,369 8 10

RETURN LETTER BRANCH.

23. A return of the mail matter dealt with in the return letter branch is hereunder shown.

	Paid.	Unpaid.
Letters returned to the United Kingdom ..	8,696	308
“ “ other countries ..	9,080	4,134
“ “ writers in the Island ..	53,876	14,547
Letters destroyed being illegible or anonymous, writers not having been found ..	19,476	11,054
Newspapers returned to publishers ..	1,528	

24. The number of packets registered and unregistered containing value which were returned under registered cover to the writers was 9,355 of a value of £2,047 2s. 11½d.

25. Irrecoverable postage on unclaimed mail matter amounting to £45 7s. 8d. was written off during the year.

26. In April of this year the postage from Rhodesia to the United Kingdom and British possessions was reduced to 1d. per half ounce and letters prepaid at the penny rate were accepted from British possessions.

27. From the 1st May 1911 Penny postage rates became applicable to letters from the Commonwealth of Australia.

28. On the 12th August 1911 the State of Brunei was included in the penny rates.

29. The following street letter boxes were erected during the year:—

(1) North east corner of Manchester Square and New North Street.

(2) Corner Laws and East Streets.

(3) Hanover Street and Rose lane, Hannah Town.

(4) Arnold Road midway between Connolly's Avenue and the Four Ball gate, Camp.

Four street letter boxes were erected in Port Antonio.

MAIL CONVEYANCE—OCEAN.

30. The following is a comparative statement of the number of vessels which conveyed mails between this Colony and other places abroad as compared with similar services during the two preceding years.

	Outwards.						Inwards.					
	1909-10.		1910-11.		1911-12.		1909-10.		1910-11.		1911-12.	
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.
<i>Kingston—</i>												
Contract ..	26	112	22	162	486	2,331	27	92	20	68	535	2,415
Non-contract ..	371	1,441	394	1,905	486	2,331	240	1,908	455	2,170	535	2,415
<i>Outports—</i>												
Non-contract ..	67	107	121	239	99	200	66	127	134	354	124	355
	464	1,660	537	2,306	585	2,531	333	2,217	609	2,592	659	2,770

31. The number of transit mails which passed through the department during the period under review was 493.

32. It will be seen that there has been a large increase over the corresponding period of the preceding year in the number of vessels and mails Inwards and Outwards.

33. The mail services with the Mother Country have been maintained, in the absence of a contract, chiefly via the United States of America, by the vessels of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., the United Fruit Co., the Hamburg American Co., and the Elder's and Fyffes direct weekly service. All these companies provide an excellent service. The latter is used more particularly for the conveyance of parcels, no parcels for the Mother Country being sent via the United States of America.

34. The steamers of the Hamburg American Line and the United Fruit Co. have again afforded regular opportunities for the despatch of mails to Central America.

35. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. continued to convey mails as usual to and from the Sister Colonies in the West Indies.

36. Mail exchanges with the Cayman Islands, i.e., Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac have been effected by means of Schooners trading between Kingston, Montego Bay and Lucca.

37. Advantage has been taken of every opportunity for the early despatch of mails, and the cost to the Colony for maintaining the several mail exchanges during the year was £3,800, an increase over last year of £347.

MAIL CONVEYANCE—INLAND.

38. The cost of the mail services which were principally conducted under the supervision of the Public Works Department was £11,528 or £1,602 less than last year, the decreased expenditure is referred to in paragraph 12 of this report.

39. During the year the undermentioned services were established for the further improvement of the mail conveyance. On the 19th June 1911 Foot Post was established between Montego Bay and Montpelier, giving an additional delivery to that of the train mail.

40. The following van services were also established, Mandeville and Cross Keys, Green Island via Lucea, Lucea and Sav.-la-Mar via Grange Hill and Riverside.

41. All contracts with the department were efficiently maintained.

MONEY ORDERS.

42. A statement of the transactions of the Money Order Branch for the year compared with similar transactions for the preceding two years is attached to this report.

43. On reference to the statement, it will be observed under the item Jamaica issues, a falling off with the United Kingdom, this I am of opinion is due to the increased sale of British Postal Orders which in many cases are more advantageous to the remitter than Money Orders.

44. The increases under this head to which I beg to call attention are the following:—

Canada, United States of America, British Guiana, Barbados, Trinidad, and Grand Cayman.

45. The total Jamaica issues were 2,075 more in number, and £2,040 0s. 10d. in amount than the previous year, while payments on account of the issues of other countries payable in Jamaica were 3,529 more in number and £10,904 13s. 5d. more in amount.

46. Under the head of Orders payable in Jamaica it will be seen that the increase on those cashed on behalf of the United States of America amounts to the large sum of £20,212 in excess of last year, this is due principally to remittances from the Canal Zone.

47. The proportion of commission which accrued to Jamaica as a result of these transactions is £399 5s. 10d.

POSTAL ORDERS.

48. The following is a return of postal orders which were issued for sale during the three years ending with 1911-12:—

Denomina- tion.	1909-10			1910-11.			1911-12.		
	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.	22,800	570 0 0	47 10 0	25,575	639 7 6	53 5 7½	25,850	646 5 0	53 17 1
1/	64,775	3,238 15 0	134 18 11½	56,975	2,848 15 0	118 13 11½	63,950	3,197 10 0	133 4 7
1/6	50,025	3,751 17 6	104 4 4½	59,325	4,449 7 6	123 11 10½	64,075	4,805 12 6	133 9 9½
2/6	52,050	6,506 5 0	108 8 9	56,800	7,100 0 0	118 6 8	61,125	7,640 12 6	127 6 10½
5/	41,700	10,425 0 0	173 15 0	45,190	11,297 10 0	188 5 0	49,295	12,323 15 0	205 7 11
10/	25,480	12,740 0 0	212 6 8	27,065	13,532 10 0	225 10 10	29,855	14,927 10 0	248 15 10
	256,830	37,231 17 6	781 3 9	270,930	39,867 10 0	827 14 9	294,150	43,541 5 0	902 2 1

POSTAL ORDERS SOLD.

49. The following is the total amount of postal orders sold for three years:—

1909-10	£37,053 0 6
1910-11	39,944 5 6
1911-12	42,856 16 0

50. This displays an increase over last year of £2,912 10s. 6d. showing the extensive use of these orders, therefore although in paragraph 38 of last years report I called attention to this, I think it of sufficient importance to again urge the necessity of issuing every precaution in sending these orders through the post, having due regard to the fact that they are as negotiable as Bank notes.

PARCELS POST.

51. Appended to this report is a comparative statement for the last three years of the Parcels Post transactions. It will be observed that the number of parcels imported into the Colony from the various countries with which exchange exists is 41,887 or 5,601 in excess of last year, the declared value was £41,899 9s. 7d. and the duty assessed being £7,320 15s. 6d.

52. The actual duty collected and transferred to the Revenue department during the year was £7,007 6s. 8d. or £1,171 19s. 10d. in excess of the year 1910-11. This is one of the services rendered by the department for which no payment is made.

53. The number of parcels insured during the year was 1916 or an increase of 146, while the insured value decreased the amount being £7,063 8s. 8d. or £1,358 18s. 8d. less in value on the importations of last year.

54. The cash on delivery system has shewn an increase, 677 parcels with trade charges amounting to £1,964 1s. 1d. as against 805 parcels and trade charges £1,407 12s. 9d. for last year.

55. The fees collected by the department for the remittance of these collections by money orders and British postal orders amounted to £36 17s. 6d. or £24 4s. 7d. in excess of last year.

56. The following tabular statement of the insured parcels and the cash on delivery parcels shows the transactions under these two heads, in comparison with the period under review, and the year ended 31st March 1911.

Year.	Insured Parcels.		Cash on delivery parcels.	
	No.	RECEIVED. Amount.	No.	Trade charges.
1910-11	1,770	£8,422 7 4	805	£1,407 12 9
1911-12	1,916	7,063 8 8	1,482	1,964 1 1
DESPATCHED.				
1910-11	116	£1,230 1 9		
1911-12	118	1,320 2 4		

57. The amount for fines collected under the regulations on parcels detained as undervalued was £10 19s.

58. The total number of parcels despatched during the year was 11,953 and is 3,742 in excess of last year.

59. Heretofore parcels under the value of four shillings were admitted free of duty, but since the 27th April 1911 duty has been collected on parcels from the value of 6d. this as will be remembered was purely at the request of the public, and is responsible to some extent for the increase, although the growth of this branch will be observed under all heads.

TELEGRAPHS.

60. Attached to this report is the annual return of messages sent and received the total being, 192,270 as against 134,626 in the year 1910-11, or an increase of 57,644. It will be readily appreciated that this is the result of the reduced rates introduced in January of last year, as well as to the number of offices being increased from 83 to 90.

61. The revenue for this year being £7,108 14s. 3d. as against £6,942 5s. 1d.½ for the year 1910-11 also shows an increase of £166 9s. 1½d, to which reference is made in paragraph 7 of this report.

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

Direct West India Cable Co.	£3,093 8 10
West India and Panama Telegraph Co.	477 13 3

63. Below is a comparative statement for two years.

	1910-11.	1911-12.
Direct West India Cable Co.	£2,913 7 0	£3,093 8 10
West India and Panama Telegraph Co., Ltd.	375 1 8	477 13 3

64. Telephonic communication was established with the following offices. Black River and Newmarket, Montego Bay and Little River, Bethel Town, Darliston, Petersfield and Cambridge. The telegraph was removed and telephone established at Milk River on the 30th June, 1911. Alexandria was opened as a telegraph office on the 2nd June, 1911.

MISCELLANEOUS.

65. With reference to paragraph 52 of last year's report, re the sale of quinine at all district offices, I furnish hereunder for your information a comparative statement for two years shewing an increase.

1910-11.	1911-12.
£113 17 8½	£188 3 1½

66. The staff of male and female employees in the General Post and Telegraph offices in Kingston, and the staff at the district post offices have performed their duties in a creditable manner during the year.

67. In conclusion I submit the usual annual returns.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
Kingston.

Return showing the Gross Revenue and Expenditure of the Post and

					1911-12.		
					£	s.	d.
Postage on unpaid correspondence	..	..	..	..	780	2	10
Stamps sold by Post Office Department	..	..	..	..	36,407	15	10
Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	..	..	..	..	2,412	5	0
Rent of private letter boxes	..	..	..	..	144	5	0
Fees for conveyance of private letter bags	..	..	..	..	27	7	6
Commissions on Money Orders	..	..	..	..	398	15	10
Void money orders	..	..	..	..	12	14	5
Commissions on British Postal Orders	..	..	..	..	239	12	6
Fees for detention of country letters per packet for delivery in Kingston	..			..	Nil		
Commission on Inland Postal Orders	..	..	..	..	891	2	0½
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	412	17	8
Telegraph Stamps sold	..	..	..	..	6,368	14	7½
Collections by Jamaica Government Railway	..	..	..	..	357	11	0
Additional charge on books of Telegraph forms	..	..	..	..	4	18	10
Fees for keeping Telegraph Offices open out of office hours	..	..	..	..	25	5	0
Official Telegrams	..	..	..	..	357	12	1
					£48,841	0	2

LESS REFUNDS.

Postal Revenue	..	..	£112	18	4½		
Telegraph Revenue	..	..	5	7	3½	118	5 8½

£48,722 14 5½

Telegraph Department during the financial year ended 31st March, 1912.

PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries of Staff	6,215	19	5
Allowance for services out of office hours	1,656	15	9
Wages for sorters, letter carriers, etc.	1,392	3	11
Telegraph messengers, Head Office	209	7	7
Telegraph messengers, District offices and office servants	1,014	6	0
Messengers conveying mails between Post Office and Railway Stations	310	13	6
Box clearers and indoor men	450	18	6
Clerical assistance	78	0	0
Salaries of District Postmasters and Telegraph clerks	7,130	17	11
Duty Pay Allowance	211	6	11
Salaries of Auxiliary Telegraph clerks	303	7	6
Commission of 1% on sale of stamps	278	2	5
Remuneration of Officers of Public Works Department in connection with mail services	305	0	0
Allowance to cover loss by Banking Clerk	11	11	8
Discount of 2½% on Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	125	0	0
Special Mail Clerks	97	16	11

£19,791 8 0

OTHER CHARGES—

Travelling charges	844	15	9
Mail bags and wrappers	187	1	2
Date stamps, seals, etc.	39	12	5
Twine and wax and lead seals	89	1	9
Conveyance of letter carriers by tram car	250	0	0
Manufacture of stamps and post cards	305	12	6
Manufacture of postal orders	197	2	11
Rent of Post Offices	1,373	4	4
Telegraph stores	121	2	6
Instruments for Electrical Inspector	1	0	0
Ship letter gratuities	3,154	10	10½
Uniforms	284	0	0
Rent of telephone	34	1	9
Advertising	18	9	0
Lighting	189	6	4
Water supply	122	4	11½
Repairing instruments	58	0	0
Cleaning latrines	104	1	10
Contingencies	458	3	8½
Furniture	173	10	6½
Porterage	493	8	7½
Subsidy to Jamaica Government Railway	400	0	0
Mail conveyance miscellaneous	112	10	1½
Mail conveyance, Inland	7,122	0	11
Services by Railway	4,042	15	4
Renewal of live stock	109	0	0
Transit rates payable Postal Union Countries other than United Kingdom	645	14	8
Proportion of cost of supply and repairs of Parcel Post receptacles, United Kingdom and Jamaica	15	13	4
Purchase and repairs of bicycles	61	16	4
Repairs to clocks	38	3	9
Stolen at District Post Office	4	10	0
Construction of Telephone to Bluefields	8	11	2
Stamp selling machine	140	18	0
Chests for District Offices	39	18	2
Opening of new Post Offices, mail conveyance and furniture	26	17	3

£21,367 9 11½

RECAPITULATION.

Personal Emoluments	£19,791	8	0	
Other charges	21,367	9	11½	
Maintenance of Telegraph lines	1,306	13	0	£42,465 10 11½

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.
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
1910-11	3,275	12,318 1 5	732	2,647 1 6	185 17 0	1910-11	11	72 1 7	93	329 5 8	2 2 10
1911-12	2,991	11,834 11 1	740	2,606 19 5	171 3 5	1911-12	6	47 15 11	97	366 2 11	1 5 10
			<i>United States of America.</i>						<i>Panama.</i>		
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
1910-11	1,481	5,503 12 9	23,511	58,403 10 2	168 5 4	1910-11	11	34 11 6	..	..	0 4 9
1911-12	3,592	7,806 5 9	26,888	68,624 10 6	183 19 3	1911-12	8	76 1 10	..	..	0 13 6
			<i>Dominion of Canada.</i>						<i>British Honduras.</i>		
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
1910-11	316	519 15 10	339	808 0 9	16 3 6	1910-11	7	196 11 4	48	147 5 8	2 1 1
1911-12	554	734 7 8	490	1,393 9 3	25 4 3	1911-12	3	4 9 9	60	248 4 8	1 6 1
			<i>British Guiana.</i>						<i>Trinidad.</i>		
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
1910-11	19	69 0 4	21	25 8 0	0 12 1	1910-11	59	127 1 1	84	223 1 5	1 19 9
1911-12	34	147 5 8	23	104 8 11	1 16 4	1911-12	66	224 13 6	84	180 13 10	2 18 0
			<i>Barbados.</i>						<i>Bermuda.</i>		
1909-10	149	373 15 2	99	233 18 4	5 12 0	1909-10	..	..	50	268 4 10	1 6 9
1910-11	45	167 3 0	80	301 12 3	2 13 1	1910-11	2	4 2 8	46	277 15 2	1 8 8
1911-12	48	188 10 10	62	162 3 4	2 10 0	1911-12	1	1 10 0	29	209 19 8	1 11 7
			<i>Windward and Leeward Islands.</i>						<i>Grand Cayman.</i>		
1909-10	57	123 5 1	76	181 2 5	2 4 9	1909-10	1	10 2 0	67	518 1 9	2 14 10
1910-11	57	145 4 9	66	213 14 9	2 1 4	1910-11	39	102 10 4	29	257 12 5	2 9 11
1911-12	48	126 15 7	41	105 7 10	1 11 10	1911-12	47	121 9 0	60	595 0 8	4 1 1
			<i>Port Limon.</i>						<i>Cayman Brac.</i>		
1909-10	15	54 2 5	69	202 10 10	2 3 10	1909-10	2	16 0 0	1	3 0 0	0 3 9
1910-11	20	50 4 3	22	114 8 3	1 8 8	1910-11	2	6 8 0	1	0 17 6	0 0 11
1911-12	21	49 5 5	26	56 6 3	1 3 11	1911-12	1	0 10 6	1	1 0 4	0 0 9
			<i>St. Thomas, B.W.I.</i>						<i>St. Thomas, B.W.I.</i>		
1909-10	15	54 2 5	69	202 10 10	2 3 10	1910-11	1	0 2 10	..	..	0 0 9
1910-11	20	50 4 3	22	114 8 3	1 8 8	1911-12	..	Nil	..	Nil	Nil
1911-12	21	49 5 5	26	56 6 3	1 3 11						

C.—PARCELS RECEIVED.

From	Consignments			Parcels.			Import Duty.		
	1909-1910.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1909-1910.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1909-1910.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.
United Kingdom	26	30	51	17,067	18,861	19,596	£ s. d. 4,104 3 8	£ s. d. 4,309 3 10	£ s. d. 5,110 4 8
British West Indies	105	105	111	243	209	270	25 1 8	14 19 10	24 7 0
United States of America	549	630	792	11,415	13,511	15,248	1,136 7 5	1,202 0 7	1,701 14 0
Dominion of Canada	27	26	47	599	1,903	3,839	120 14 8	317 14 11	257 8 7
Turks Islands	11	7	11	12	9	12	0 7 8	0 10 1	0 5 11
Canal Zone	107	184	232	1,258	1,740	2,912	111 8 10	167 13 9	226 10 10
Bermuda	9	9	4	31	53	10	1 1 6	2 11 2	0 4 6
	834	991	1,248	31,535	36,286	41,837	5,499 5 5	6,014 14 2	7,320 15 6

	Postage accrued to Jamaica.			Declared value of Parcels.		
	1909-1910.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1909-1910.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.
United Kingdom	£ s. d. 833 2 0	£ s. d. 874 17 0	£ s. d. 976 12 7	£ s. d. 27,428 17 2½	£ s. d. 26,522 9 8	£ s. d. 26,938 2 5
British West Indies	..	..	..	167 19 10	115 6 8	160 11 3
United States of America	..	..	..	7,917 0 5½	9,503 8 4	11,534 6 4
Dominion of Canada	14 8 11½	31 0 2½	51 1 10½	737 0 6	1,342 9 1	1,625 5 6
Turks Island	..	..	..	3 1 0	2 8 6	2 0 3
Bermuda	..	..	..	13 11 3	22 8 0	1,637 8 8
Canal Zone	..	..	..	690 15 11	1,105 17 3	1 15 0
	849 10 11½	905 17 2½	1,027 14 5½	36,959 6 2½	38,704 7 6	41,899 9 7

PARCELS DESPATCHED.

	Consignments.			Parcels.			Accrued to Jamaica.		
	1909-1910.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1909-1910.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1909-1910.	1910-11.	1911-1912.
United Kingdom	26	29	43	3,675	3,831	4,390	£ s. d. 123 15 6	£ s. d. 123 12 6	£ s. d. 131 17 6
British West Indies	10	168	212	429	438	255	36 8 0	36 1 10	38 10 0
United States of America	68	133	161	2,128	2,391	3,598	108 19 6	131 6 6	159 4 0
Dominion of Canada	27	28	29	442	645	938	10 8 4	16 18 11	23 14 7
Turks Island	13	13	15	58	58	72	3 19 0	4 1 0	6 17 0
Bermuda	7	8	..	34	47	..	2 7 0	4 12 0	..
Canal Zone	59	101	126	626	801	2,700	42 1 0	51 8 0	77 12 0
	357	480	586	7,392	8,211	11,955	327 18 4	367 19 11	437 15 1

	Declared value of Parcels.		
	1909-1910.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.
United Kingdom	£ s. d. 3,460 6 4	£ s. d. 4,150 9 11	£ s. d. 5,189 14 5½
British West Indies	395 1 4	464 8 7	499 15 4
United States of America	919 14 1½	1,065 19 1	1,769 13 4
Dominion of Canada	495 6 0½	606 2 6	934 15 10½
Turks Island	37 1 3	49 15 4	95 12 4
Bermuda	16 4 2	161 11 5	..
Canal Zone	322 17 4	433 10 6	614 18 5½
	5,646 10 7	7,541 17 4	9,104 9 9½

Return shewing the number of Telegraph Messages sent from and received at each Telegraph Station from 1st April, 1911, to 31st March, 1912, as compared with return from 1st April, 1910, to 31st March, 1911.

Station.	1911-1912.		1910-1911.		Remarks.
	Messages	Messages	Messages	Messages	
	sent.	Received.	sent.	Received.	
Kingston	47,610	54,705	35,103	37,444	Transmitting station. Re-opened 26.2.10
Myrtle Bank	1,455	858	1,171	601	
Spanish Town	4952	5,065	3,269	3,819	Transmitting station.
Bog Walk	1,684	1,759	1,161	1,216	
Linstead	2,090	1,879	1,279	1,177	Ditto
Ewarton	1,300	1,120	805	730	
Moneague	1,307	1,364	768	854	Ditto
Claremont	740	780	447	540	
St. Ann's Bay	5,902	5,696	4,469	4,240	Ditto
Runaway Bay	620	525	577	470	
Dry Harbour	481	534	339	446	Ditto
Brown's Town	3,638	3,549	2,430	2,479	
Cave Valley	568	582	356	355	Telephone station.
Boroughbridge	590	688	316	364	
Stewart Town	233	373	163	188	Transmitting station.
Jackson Town	267	306	203	199	
Ulster Spring	367	543	242	373	Ditto
Rio Bueno	581	440	504	401	
Duncans	700	845	610	683	Transmitting station.
Falmouth	5,416	4,877	3,759	3,584	
Montego Bay	10,879	10,889	7,796	7,856	Ditto
Ramble	636	671	435	518	
Sandy Bay	205	239	167	244	Telephone station.
Lucea	3,479	3,263	2,057	2,424	
Green Island	905	1,197	659	894	Ditto
Grange Hill	658	627	331	337	
Sav.-la-Mar	6,649	5,617	4,771	4,405	Telephone station.
Bluefields	239	301	162	176	
Black River	4,408	4,150	2,612	2,443	Transmitting station.
Lacovia	743	709	712	583	
Santa Cruz	590	643	338	405	Ditto
Malvern	1,674	1,509	801	821	
Mandeville	4,883	4,904	3,039	3,173	Ditto
Newport	477	718	443	474	
Shooter's Hill	795	644	477	402	Ditto
Mile Gully	616	805	363	382	
Balaclava	1,516	1,573	914	965	Ditto
Christiana	1,342	1,444	625	907	
Spaldings	900	820	344	437	Ditto
Porus	939	771	517	483	
May Pen	2,353	1,897	1,557	1,232	Ditto
Chapelton	2,138	2,174	1,355	1,644	
Alley	802	705	644	648	Telephone station
Salt River	359	353	388	407	
Race Course	354	472	262	317	Ditto
Milk River	240	271	173	220	
Old Harbour	2,733	2,717	1,735	1,781	Transmitting station.
Yallahs	460	422	302	256	
Morant Bay	4,405	3,698	3,058	2,708	Telephone station.
Seaford	351	299	166	199	
Trinity Ville	591	406	349	372	Telephone station.
Port Morant	1,294	1,183	904	644	
Bowden (wireless)	1,025	278	641	167	Telephone
Bowden	331	294	132	221	
Bath	470	486	303	261	Changed to a telephone station 28.6.09
Plantain Garden River	837	801	513	444	
Hector's River	417	336	202	181	Transmitting station.
Manchioneal	1,097	1,017	864	816	
Priestman's River	418	511	272	324	Ditto
Port Antonio	17,224	14,679	12,952	11,622	
Titchfield	509	514	327	215	Closed 6.4.09 owing to fire
Hope Bay	1,412	1,282	954	821	
Buff Bay	3,057	3,624	2,819	2,438	Transmitting station.
Annotto Bay	1,186	1,418	751	960	
Highgate	6,492	5,896	4,912	4,696	Ditto
Port Maria	1,048	955	1,070	992	
Oracabessa	396	410	360	371	Ditto
Retreat	956	904	660	645	
Gayle	984	1,051	748	698	Ditto
Ocho Rios	440	436	407	390	
Port Royal	1,345	1,746	1,012	1,216	Telephone station.
Cross Roads	958	1,707	629	1,112	
Halfway Tree	132	189	89	126	Ditto
Gordon Town	48	54	36	33	
New Castle	205	213	179	171	Ditto
Castleton	148	283	149	186	
Stony Hill	377	650	507	634	Ditto
Constant Spring					

Return shewing the number of Telegraph Messages sent, etc., (continued.)

Station.	1911-1912.		1910-1911.		Remarks.
	Messages sent.	Messages Received.	Messages sent.	Messages Received.	
Williamsfield	1,427	1,210	773	592	Telephone station.
Railway	4,631	4,381	3,442	3,728	
Glengoffe	263	272	95	90	Telephone
Brainerd	106	123	50	60	Ditto
Lawrence Tavern	112	154	58	75	Ditto
Richmond	2,958	2,434	1,685	1,371	
Little River	105	138	..	..	Telephone station
Bethel Town	106	149	..	..	Ditto
New Market	107	115	..	..	Ditto
Cambridge	77	154	..	..	Ditto
Darliston	112	104	..	..	Ditto
Petersfield	173	170	..	..	Ditto
Alexandria	477	463	..	..	Ditto
	192,270	192,270	134,626	134,626	