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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, 1913.

By command,

P. C. CORK,
Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office, 9th July, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the forty-fifth report on this Department for the year ended 31st March, 1913.

REVENUE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

2 The collections for the year were as follows:—

Postal	£43,096	4	5½
Telegraph	8,125	4	10½
	£51,221	9	3¼
Revised Estimates call for—			
Postal	£43,300	0	0
Telegraph	7,200	0	0
	£50,500	0	0
Exhibiting an increase of		721	9 3¼

COMPARATIVE COLLECTIONS.

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

	1910-11.			1911-12.			1912-13.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Postages	36,586	10	3	39,487	5	3	40,992	13	4½
Commission on money orders	389	17	0½	411	10	3	364	3	10
Local com. on British postal orders	225	2	5½	239	12	6	753	19	4
Commission on local postal orders	831	10	0½	891	2	0½	402	14	1½
Miscellaneous	938	4	9½	584	10	2	583	3	9
Telegraph	6,942	5	1½	7,108	14	3	8,125	4	10½
	45,913	9	8½	48,722	14	5¼	51,221	9	3¼

4. From the above statement it will be seen that the revenue of the year under review exceeded that of 1911-12 by £2,498 14s. 10d., and if the value of official postage is added, estimating it at £3,000 the earnings of the Post Office would display a total of £54,221 9s. 3½d.

5. The introduction of the British Postal Orders throughout the Island which have also been in use locally, since the 2nd September, 1912, is responsible for the differences displayed between the under-mentioned items as compared with last year.

Commission on Money Orders
Commission on British Postal Orders
Commission on Local Postal Orders

if these items be added it will be observed that the falling off on the total is only £20 7s. 6d., considering in many cases the commission now charged is the same as in London the conditions display a distinct appreciation by the public of the facility given to them by the introduction of these Orders—enabling as it does the sending away of small amounts.

6. On referring to the other items of revenue it will be observed that there has been continued increase throughout the Department.

7. Included under the head of miscellaneous are recurring items of rent for private letter boxes, subscriptions to private letter bags and detention fees yielding £163 1s. 6d., the other items being surplus cash, etc., etc.

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, showing an increase in 1902-03 over 1892-93 of £8,139 and an increase of no less than £18,116 for 1912-13 over 1902-03.

Date.	Postage.	Commission on Money Orders and British Postal Orders.	Commission on Local Postal Orders.	Telegraphs.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1892-93	18,260	307	402	5,813	184	24,966
1902-03	26,234	539	698	5,522	112	33,105
1912-13	41,962	1,118	403	7,155	583	51,221

EXPENDITURE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES.

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

Personal Emoluments	£22,927 0 3½
Mail conveyance	15,470 7 8½
Services	8,864 9 0½
Telegraph Maintenance	2,088 17 2
Telegraph Construction	1,860 5 0
	£51,210 19 2½

Approved estimates as under:—

Personal emoluments	£23,244 14 4
Mail conveyance	15,519 2 4
Services	8,630 19 0
Telegraph Maintenance	1,039 6 7
Telegraph Construction	2,939 13 0
	51,373 15 3

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE.

10. A comparison of the expenditure for three years is shown hereunder and discloses an excess of £8,744 on the expenditure in the year 1911-12.

11. The growth of the Department is responsible for the increase of nearly every ordinary working item of the Vote, besides the extra provision for the extension of telegraphic communication as well as the extra expenditure incurred in the refixing of the lines, etc., after the hurricane.

12. During the year preliminary expenditure was made for the adoption of a Motor Car Service for postal services which is not yet complete.

	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.
	£	£	£
Personal emoluments	18,623	19,792	22,927
Mail conveyance	16,583	15,328	15,470
Other Charges	6,148	6,040	8,864
Maintenance of telegraph lines	928	1,306	2,089
Construction of telegraph lines	—	—	1,860
	£42,336	£42,466	£51,210

RETROSPECT OF EXPENDITURE.

13. The following table embraces the expenditure of the Department during 30 years of its existence.

Date.	Personal Emoluments.	Services.	Maintenance of Telegraph Lines.	Mail Conveyances.	Total.
1892-93	£ 6,931	£ 3,376	£ 2,007	£ 10,091	£ 22,405
1902-03	8,606	4,559	1,134	13,397	27,696
1912-13	22,927	8,995	3,819	15,469	51,210

DISTRICT POST OFFICES.

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

1. Fyffe's Pen, St. Elizabeth, 17th October, 1912.
2. Smith's Village, Kingston, 31st October, 1912.
3. Islington, St. Mary, 6th June, 1912.
4. Swift River, Portland, 6th June, 1912.
5. Llandewey, St. Thomas, 28th June, 1912.
6. Comfort Hall, Manchester, 9th October, 1912.
7. Balaarres, Portland, 8th January, 1913.

15. The seven new offices opened this year makes the total number of offices 197. I hope each year will see the opening of additional Post Offices—they are of great benefit in every way to the Districts in which they are opened.

16. During the year under review all offices were inspected by the Supervisor and I regret to be compelled to record that there were one or two cases of defalcation.

17. Books containing Postage Stamps continue to meet the approval of the Public and the following merchants have been pleased to take advantage of them as a means of advertisement.

Messrs. Fred. L. Myers & Son, Messrs. Nathan & Co., Ltd., Messrs. Emanuel Lyons & Son, Messrs. Sanftleben & Son.

CIRCULATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

18. 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, 1910-11, 1911-12 as under:—

	Outwards.			Inwards.		
	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.
Inland Mails—						
Ordinary Letters—						
Public	2,472,719	2,481,060	2,484,349	3,083,329	3,095,234	3,098,020
Official	300,406	309,995	310,915	446,353	450,265	449,640
Post Cards	339,329	338,114	339,080	347,259	344,747	346,990
Registered Letters—						
Public	163,665	*	*	172,252	*	*
Official	36,717			53,438		
Ocean Mails by vessels under Contract—						
United Kingdom						
Ordinary Letters	142,811	{ nil	{ nil	596,876	{ nil	{ nil
Post Cards	2,069			4,238		
By vessels, not contract—						
U. K. and United States of America—						
Ordinary Letters	470,324	630,116	836,608	462,472	1,148,907	1,034,332
Post Cards	123,271	162,257	161,465	41,675	47,191	46,095
Other Countries—						
Ordinary Letters	403,231	436,415	313,432	404,717	416,853	618,280
Post Cards	12,093	13,200	47,567	4,880	5,318	5,405
Registered Letters, oversea	42,051	*	*	70,637	*	*
Total	4,508,686	4,371,157	4,493,416	5,688,126	5,508,515	5,499,762

Registered letters for delivery in Kingston—		1911-12.	1912-13.	
}	Local	81,518	80,668	
	Foreign	24,575	27,391	
	Official	34,815	33,743	
* Registered letters for delivery in the country—	Local	12,244	16,872	
	Foreign	46,837	57,230	
	Official	6,121	12,168	
Registered letters for despatch—				
Oversea		25,612	26,627	
19. At District Post Offices.				
		1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.
Ordinary letters	1,379,287	351,323	1,238,146	
Post Cards	55,090	150,541	78,101	
Registered letters	60,160	75,548	170,391	
	1,494,537	577,412	1,486,638	

INSURED LETTERS.

Year.	Received.		Despatched.	
	No.	Declared value.	No.	Declared value.
1910-11	43	£4,490 0 0	28	£1,918 2 10
1911-12	22	1,135 6 0	18	1,369 8 10
1912-13	27	2,990 0 0	28	1,407 5 2

RETURN LETTER BRANCH.

20. A return of the mail matter dealt with in the Return Letter Branch is hereunder shown:—

	Paid.	Unpaid.
Letters returned to the United Kingdom	2,704	248
“ “ “ other countries	10,089	5,208
“ “ “ writers in the Island	53,393	18,650
Letters destroyed being illegible or anonymous, writers not having been found	18,873	15,251
Newspapers returned to publishers	1,126	

21. The number of packets registered and unregistered containing value which were returned under registered cover to the writers was 6 867 of a value of £868 5s. 9½d.

22. In December 1912 postage from the territory of Papua to all places included in the Imperial Penny Postage was reduced to 1d. per half ounce.

23. Postage to and from the New Hebrides reduced to 1d. per ounce.

24. On the 10th February, 1913, Registered envelopes for the purpose of insurance with 3d. embossed stamps were introduced at all offices and sold at 3½d. each, the conditions of which were fully set out in the Jamaica Gazette and advertised.

25. The letter box at the corner of Port Royal Street and Luke Lane was removed, and boxes placed at the corner of Princess and Harbour Streets, and at the corner of Princess and West Streets.

26. During the year the following vendors of stamps were appointed:—

- 1st. Mr. Eugene Surridge, 33 West Parade, Kingston.
- 2nd. Mr. Henry McGilchrist, South East corner North and Orange Streets, Kingston.
- 3rd. Miss Hilda McCaw, 29 Windward Road, Kingston.

MAIL CONVEYANCE—OCEAN.

27. 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.					
	1910-11.		1911-12.		1912-13.		1910-11.		1911-12.		1912-13.	
	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.	Vessels.	Mails.
<i>Kingston—</i>												
Contract	22	162					20	68				
Non-contract	394	1,905	486	2,331	609	2,843	455	2,170	535	2,415	705	2,763
<i>Outports—</i>												
Non-contract	121	239	99	200	89	193	134	354	124	355	130	400
	537	2,306	585	2,531	698	3,036	609	2,592	659	2,770	835	3,163

28. The number of transit mails which passed through the Department during the period under review was 337.

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

30. The steamers of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, the United Fruit Company, the Hamburg-American Co., and the Elder's and Fyffes direct weekly service, provide regular opportunities for the despatch of the mails, the latter being used more particularly for the conveyance of parcels, no parcels for the Mother Country being sent via the United States of America.

31. The Royal Mail Company conveying mails as usual to and from the Sister Colonies in the West Indies.

32. 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 Lucrea.

33. 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 £4,176, an increase over last year of £376.

MAIL CONVEYANCE—INLAND.

34. The cost of the mail services and which were principally conducted under the supervision of the Public Works Department was £11,552.

35. All contracts with the Department were efficiently maintained.

MONEY ORDERS.

36. 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.

37. On reference to the statement it will be observed under the item of Jamaica issues a falling off with the United Kingdom, this is due to the introduction of the British Postal Orders to all Stations in small denominations as already remarked on in paragraph 5 of this report.

38. The total Jamaica issues were 6,314 Orders amounting to £17,798 15s. 4d., while payments on account of the issues of other countries payable in Jamaica were 31,959 Orders amounting to £83,756 17s. 10d.

39. 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 2,947 Orders more in number and £3,606 more in amount than the year 1911-12, this is due principally to remittances from the Canal Zone.

40. The proportion of commission which accrued to Jamaica as a result of these transactions is £359 7s. 0d.

POSTAL ORDERS.

41. The following is a return of Postal Orders which were issued for sale during the three years ending with 1912-13:—

Denomina- tion.	1910-11.			1911-12.			1912-13.		
	No.	Face Value.	Commission.	No.	Face Value.	Commission.	No.	Face Value.	Commission.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
6d.	25,575	639 7 6	53 5 7½	25,850	646 5 0	53 17 1	22,350	308 15 0	25 14 7
1/	56,975	2,848 15 0	118 13 11½	63,950	3,197 10 0	133 4 7	25,125	1,256 5 0	52 6 10½
1/6	59,325	4,449 7 6	123 11 10½	64,075	4,805 12 6	133 9 9½	26,950	2,021 5 0	562 11 0
2/6	56,800	7,100 0 0	118 6 8	61,125	7,640 12 6	127 6 10½	26,500	3,312 10 0	55 4 2
5/	45,190	11,297 10 0	188 5 0	49,295	12,323 15 0	205 7 11	21,810	5,452 10 0	90 17 6
10/	27,065	13,532 10 0	225 10 10	29,855	14,927 10 0	248 15 10	13,180	6,590 0 0	109 16 8
	270,930	39,867 10 0	827 14 9	294,150	43,541 5 0	902 2 1	125,915	18,941 5 0	390 2 8½

LOCAL ORDERS SOLD.

1910-11	.. .. .	£39,944 5 6
1911-12	.. .. .	42,856 16 0
1912-13	.. .. .	19,170 16 6

42. BRITISH ORDERS ISSUED—

Denomination.	No.	Face value.	Commission.		
			£	s.	d.
6d.	12,865	321 12 6	29	3	6½
1/	26,525	1,326 5 0	59	14	9½
1/6	19,055	1,429 2 6	43	3	11½
2/	22,525	2,252 10 0	46	18	6½
2/6	22,078	2,759 15 0	49	19	3½
3/	15,725	2,358 15 0	65	10	5
3/6	11,075	1,938 2 6	46	2	11
4/	18,650	3,730 0 0	77	14	2
4/6	11,350	2,553 15 0	47	5	10
5/	32,150	8,037 10 0	142	19	7
8/	11,875	4,750 0 0	98	19	2
10/	22,270	11,135 0 0	193	16	3
20/	12,259	12,259 0 0	214	15	0
	238,402	54,851 7 6	1,116	3	5½

BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS SOLD.

43. The following is the total amount of Orders sold:—

1912-13 £44,520 9 10

44. In comparison it will be observed that the falling off displayed in the issue and sale of the Local Orders which were discontinued from September 1912, is well made up by the introduction of British Postal Orders, in their several denominations for use locally and otherwise, this I am of opinion has been a great facility to the public and judging from the demand has been much appreciated.

PARCELS POST.

45. 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 49,500 or 7,613 in excess of last year, the declared value was £50,331 16s. 6½ and the duty assessed thereon being £5,901 16s. 8d.

46. The actual duty collected and transferred to the Revenue Department during the year was £5,815 19s. 11d. or £1,191 6s. 9d. less than last year.

47. On comparison it is shown that while the work of the Department has materially increased owing to the excess on the number of parcels received, the revenue collected thereon has been considerably less, this is due to the reduction of duty on imported articles to 10% on the declared value.

48. The number of parcels insured during the year was 2,838 or an increase of 922, the insured value being £10,795 18s. 4d. or £3,732 9s. 8d. excess on last year.

49. The Cash on Delivery system has shown a large increase over last year, the number of parcels being 3,869 or an increase of 2,387, while the trade charges amount to £5,414 2s. 1d. or an increase of £3,450 1s. 0d. over last year.

50. The fees collected by the Department for the remittance of these collections by Money Orders and British Postal Orders amount to £81 3s. 3d. or £44 15s. 9d. in excess of last year.

51. 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 two preceding years.

Year.	INSURED PARCELS.		CASH ON DELIVERY PARCELS.	
	Received. No.	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
1912-13	2,837	10,795 18 4	3,869	5,414 2 1
	Despatched.			
1910-11	116	£1,230 1 9		
1911-12	118	1,320 2 4		
1912-13	130	1,214 8 2		

52. The amount for fines collected under the regulations on parcels detained as undervalued was £3 8s. 9d.

53. The total number of parcels despatched during the year was 12,039 and is 84 in excess of last year.

54. On the 18th May 1912 a limited Parcels Post was established, conveying all parcels (in turn) from the forwarding offices to the offices of destination, this introduction has worked well, and has proven a great facility to the public who hitherto were compelled to send many miles to obtain a parcel, therefore the slight delay occasioned in transmitting from office to office has not, I am pleased to record, been a subject of complaint.

TELEGRAPHS.

55. Attached to this report is the annual return of messages sent and received the total being 223,635 as against 192,270 in the year 1911-12 or an increase of 31,365.

56. It is interesting to note that the increased number of messages sent and received over the wire in the two years of the reduced rates is 89,009 which certainly displays an appreciation on the introduction.

57. The Revenue for this year being £8,125 4s. 10½d. as against £7,108 14s. 3d. for the year 1911-12 also shows an increase of £1,016 10s. 7½d.

58. Castleton was converted from a Telephone to a Telegraph office on the 2nd August 1912, and Ramble from a Telegraph to a Telephone on the 6th July 1912.

59. Telephonic communication was established with Negril and Little London in the Parish of Westmoreland on the 30th May 1912.

60. The following Telephone offices were opened making the total number of Telegraph and Telephone Stations 94:—

- Anchovy, 6th July 1912.
- Montpelier, 6th July 1912.
- Smith's Village, 31st October, 1912.
- Clarks Town, 1st January, 1913.

61. Owing to the extra traffic it was found necessary to incur very heavy expenditure for the improvement and proper upkeep of the lines, the extra line established between Kingston and May Pen has been of great assistance.

62. The instrumental work has been heavy, as is shown by the increase of messages and the Clerks have besides being assiduous in their duty displayed much interest in the transmitting and manipulation of traffic in order to avoid delay as much as possible.

63. 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 Company	..	£3,155 17 0
West India and Panama Telegraph Company	..	434 9 5
MISCELLANEOUS.		

64. I furnish hereunder a comparative statement for three years shewing an increase in the sale of quinine at all district offices.

1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.
£113 17 8½	£188 3 1	£239 1 3

65. The name of Dallas Castle Post Office was changed to Dallas on the 25th September 1912.

66. The stamp selling machine introduced in the Kingston office has proven of the greatest use to the public judging from the advantage taken of it, more particularly between Saturday nights and Monday mornings, I, for this reason take the opportunity of appealing to the public, at whose disposal it is, to aid in the protection of Government property for their own facility.

67. 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 most creditable manner during the year.

68. The department has indeed done excellent work and although there may be sometimes uncalled for complaints, and although the difficulties with which the department have to contend have been considerable, the department fully recognizes that its business is not to apologize for difficulties but to overcome them, and not to dwell on the exaggerated complaints that are sometimes made, but to remove the causes of real complaints.

69. Owing to the growth of the department the work of increasing the already commodious accommodation to the Circulation Branch by means of enclosing the open square in front of the building was begun at the latter part of last year and completed during this one, this created marked improvement in the performance of the several duties attaching to this Branch. It is sincerely hoped for the good of the department that the Government will at no distant date be able to extend the accommodation of the Parcel Post Branch the growth of which is increasing annually.

70. 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

	1912-13.		
	£	s.	d.
Postage on unpaid correspondence	915	5	9
Stamps sold by Post Office Department	37,419	18	3½
Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	2,982	15	0
Rent of private letter boxes	141	11	0
Fees for conveyance of private letter bags	21	10	6
Commissions on Money Orders	364	3	10
Void money orders .. .. .	..	..	..
Commissions on British Postal Orders	753	19	4
Fees for detention of country letters per packet for delivery in Kingston ..	Nil		
Commission on Inland Postal Orders	402	14	1½
Miscellaneous	583	3	9
Telegraph Stamps sold	7,158	13	11½
Collections by Jamaica Government Railway	387	15	0
Additional charge on books of Telegraph forms	1	16	9
Fees for keeping Telegraph Offices open out of office hours	38	16	6
Official Telegrams	533	16	4
Telegraph Code Addresses	8	5	4½
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	£51,714	5	6½

LESS REFUNDS—

Postal Revenue	£488	17	2	
Telegraph Revenue	3	19	0½	492 16 2½
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£51,221 9 3½

Telegraph Department during the financial year ended 31st March, 1913.

		1912-13.		
PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS—		£	s.	d.
Salaries of Staff	.. .. .	6,633	1	4
Allowance for services out of office hours	.. .. .	2,339	5	0
Wages for sorters, letter carriers, etc.	.. .. .	1,515	8	3
Telegraph messengers, Head Office	.. .. .	233	2	1
Telegraph messengers, District offices and office servants	.. .. .	1,019	8	10
Messenger conveying mails between Post Office and Railway Stations	.. .. .	372	5	0
Box clearers and indoor men	.. .. .	505	8	1
Clerical assistance	.. .. .	104	0	0
Salaries of District Postmasters and Telegraph Clerks	.. .. .	8,012	6	1½
Duty Paid Allowance	.. .. .	236	16	8
Salaries of Auxiliary Telegraph Clerks	.. .. .	282	18	9
Commission of 1% on sale of stamps	.. .. .	292	17	1
Remuneration of Officers of Public Works Department in connection with mail services	.. .. .	305	0	0
Allowance to cover loss by Banking Clerk	.. .. .	14	10	0
Discount of 2½% on Stamps sold by Stamp Commissioner	.. .. .	125	0	8
Opening of new Post Offices—Fees to D. P. Ms.	.. .. .	39	1	10
Constructional Engineer	.. .. .	300	0	0
Head Linesmen	.. .. .	103	12	2
Linesmen and Patrols	.. .. .	492	19	5
		£22,927	0	3½
OTHER CHARGES—				
Travelling charges	.. .. .	922	10	1½
Mail bags and wrappers	.. .. .	341	11	11
Date stamps, seals, etc.	.. .. .	79	18	11
Twine and wax and lead seals	.. .. .	375	3	0
Conveyance of letter carriers by tram car	.. .. .	250	0	0
Manufacture of stamps and post cards	.. .. .	846	19	10
Manufacture of postal orders	.. .. .	255	8	1
Rent of Post Offices	.. .. .	1,314	5	4
Telegraph stores	.. .. .	227	4	9
Instruments for Electrical Inspector	.. .. .	5	9	3
Ship letter gratuities	.. .. .	3,621	17	4
Uniforms	.. .. .	302	5	5
Rent of telephone	.. .. .	38	9	0
Advertising	.. .. .	18	9	9
Lighting	.. .. .	240	10	1
Water supply	.. .. .	112	15	2
Repairing instruments	.. .. .	24	19	3
Cleaning latrines	.. .. .	113	7	7
Contingencies	.. .. .	551	10	4
Furniture	.. .. .	471	9	6
Porterage	.. .. .	557	14	3
Subsidy to Jamaica Government Railway	.. .. .	400	0	0
Mail conveyance miscellaneous	.. .. .	124	13	2½
Mail conveyance, Inland	.. .. .	7,153	13	7
Services by Railway	.. .. .	4,025	4	0
Renewal of live stock	.. .. .	108	14	2
Transit rates payable Postal Union Countries other than United Kingdom	.. .. .	544	19	7
Proportion of cost of supply and repairs of Parcel Post receptacles, United Kingdom and Jamaica	.. .. .	9	0	0
Purchase and repairs of bicycles	.. .. .	77	1	0
Repairs to clocks	.. .. .	47	10	4
Stamp selling machine and power to operate Electric Stamping machine	.. .. .	53	5	10
Chests for District Offices	.. .. .	119	14	0
Opening of new Post Offices, mail conveyance and furniture	.. .. .	31	16	6
Typewriter and Duplicator	.. .. .	41	6	0
Travelling allowance Constructional Engineer	.. .. .	130	0	0
Travelling allowance, Head Linesmen	.. .. .	25	18	0
Materials, etc., for maintenance Telegraph and Telephone lines	.. .. .	1,932	19	2
Construction of new Telephone and Telegraph lines	.. .. .	1,860	5	0
Motor service for postal purposes	.. .. .	900	6	1
Inland Telephones—Construction, etc.	.. .. .	25	13	6
		£28,283	18	11
RECAPITULATION—				
Personal Emoluments	.. .. .	£22,927	0	3½
Other Charges	.. .. .	24,439	3	3
Maintenance Tel. lines	.. .. .	1,958	17	2
Construction Tel. lines	.. .. .	1,885	18	6
			£51,210	19
				2½

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.
1910-11	3,275	12,318 1 5	732	2,647 1 6	185 17 0	1910-11	11	72 1 7	93	320 5 8	2 2 10
1911-12	2,991	11,834 11 1	740	2,006 19 5	171 3 5	1911-12	6	47 15 11	97	306 2 11	1 5 10
1912-13	2,405	9,297 9 6	783	3,235 8 10	143 19 6	1912-13	3	2 1 5	88	362 18 6	1 16 8
			<i>United States of America.</i>					<i>Panama.</i>			
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
1912-13	3,293	6,947 15 0	29,835	72,230 4 1	177 2 0	1912-13	1	20 7 0	..	..	0 4 10
			<i> Dominion of Canada.</i>					<i>British Honduras.</i>			
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	1,293 9 3	25 4 3	1911-12	3	4 9 0	60	248 4 8	1 6 1
1912-13	381	683 10 4	795	1,942 8 8	19 13 0	1912-13	1	20 7 0	51	115 17 4	0 10 11
			<i>British Guiana.</i>					<i>Trinidad.</i>			
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
1912-13	35	192 14 11	46	236 11 5	2 4 9	1912-13	34	73 18 3	104	318 9 1	1 19 11
			<i>Barbados.</i>					<i>Bermuda.</i>			
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	20	209 19 8	1 11 7
1912-13	32	99 18 5	62	170 11 4	1 18 11	1912-13	4	15 13 2	25	173 11 8	1 2 0
			<i>Windward and Leeward Islands.</i>					<i>Grand Cayman.</i>			
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	165 7 2	1 11 10	1911-12	47	121 9 0	60	595 0 8	4 1 1
1912-13	28	109 7 11	58	127 3 8	1 7 8	1912-13	58	262 11 3	81	736 17 7	5 6 4
			<i>Port Limon.</i>					<i>Cayman Brac.</i>			
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
1912-13	31	81 0 0	26	50 2 2	1 15 10	1912-13	..	..	5	36 13 6	0 3 8
			<i>St. Thomas, B.W.I.</i>					<i>St. Thomas, B.W.I.</i>			
1911-12	..	Nil	..	Nil	Nil	1911-12	..	Nil	..	Nil	Nil
1912-13	..	Nil	..	Nil	Nil	1912-13	..	Nil	..	Nil	Nil

C.—PARCELS RECEIVED.

From	Consignments.			Parcels.			Import Duty.		
	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1912-1913.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1912-1913.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1912-1913.
United Kingdom	30	51	52	18,861	19,596	23,754	£ s. d. 4,309 3 10	£ s. d. 5,110 4 8	£ s. d. 4,296 11 2
British West Indies	105	111	118	200	270	244	14 19 10	24 7 0	11 19 5
United States of America	630	792	645	13,511	15,248	16,451	1,202 0 7	1,701 14 0	1,241 14 7
Dominion of Canada	26	47	54	1,903	3,839	5,336	317 14 11	257 8 7	150 7 8
Turks Islands	7	11	8	9	12	13	0 10 1	0 5 11	0 5 6
Canal Zone	184	232	250	1,740	2,912	3,781	167 13 9	226 10 10	200 18 4
Bermuda	9	4	1	53	10	1	2 11 2	0 4 6	..
	991	1,248	1,128	36,286	41,887	49,500	6,014 14 2	7,320 15 6	5,001 16 8

	Postage accrued to Jamaica.			Declared value of Parcels		
	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1912-1913.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1912-1913.
United Kingdom	£ s. d. 874 17 0	£ s. d. 976 12 7	£ s. d. 1,136 5 6	£ s. d. 26,522 9 8	£ s. d. 26,938 2 5	£ s. d. 34,855 4 0½
British West Indies	..	..	..	115 6 8	160 11 3	143 6 1
United States of America	..	..	..	9,593 8 4	11,534 6 4	11,946 13 8½
Dominion of Canada	31 0 2½	51 1 10½	68 2 3	1,342 9 1	1,625 5 6	1,590 5 6
Turks Island	..	..	..	2 8 6	2 0 3	2 9 6
Canal Zone	..	..	..	1,105 17 3	1,637 8 8	1,794 18 11
Bermuda	..	..	..	22 8 0	1 15 0	0 8 0
	905 17 2½	1,027 14 5½	1,204 7 9	38,704 7 6	41,896 9 7	50,331 6 6½

PARCELS DESPATCHED.

	Consignments.			Parcels.			Accrued to Jamaica.		
	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1912-1913.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1912-1913.	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1912-1913.
United Kingdom	29	43	51	3,831	4,390	4,846	£ s. d. 123 12 6	£ s. d. 131 17 6	£ s. d. 325 16 4
British West Indies	168	212	209	438	255	1,381	36 1 10	38 10 0	30 17 0
United States of America	133	161	171	2,391	3,598	3,021	131 6 6	159 4 0	179 18 0
Dominion of Canada	28	29	28	645	938	1,401	16 18 11	23 14 7	47 8 0
Turks Island	13	15	11	58	72	60	4 1 0	6 17 0	6 13 0
Canal Zone	8	..	149	801	2,700	1,239	51 8 0	77 12 0	56 1 0
Bermuda	101	120	1	47	..	1	4 12 0	..	0 1 0
	480	586	623	8,211	11,955	12,039	367 19 11	437 15 1	646 14 ¼

	Declared value of Parcels.		
	1910-1911.	1911-1912.	1912-1913.
United Kingdom	£ s. d. 4,150 9 11	£ s. d. 5,189 14 5½	£ s. d. 5,587 1 6½
British West Indies	464 8 7	499 15 4	1,229 12 1
United States of America	1,665 19 1	1,769 13 4	1,583 15 2½
Dominion of Canada	606 2 6	934 15 10½	1,766 17 0
Turks Island	49 15 4	95 12 4	44 4 7
Bermuda	161 11 5	..	1 0 0
Canal Zone	433 10 6	614 18 5½	701 8 9
	7,541 17 4	9,104 9 9½	10,913 19 2

Return showing the number of Telegraph Messages sent from and received at each Telegraph Station from 1st April, 1912, to 31st March, 1913, as compared with return from 1st April, 1911, to 31st March, 1912.

Station.	1911-1912.		1912-1913.		Remarks.
	Messages sent.	Messages Received.	Messages sent.	Messages Received.	
Kingston	47,610	54,705	55,052	62,853	Transmitting station.
Myrtle Bank	1,455	858	1,607	705	Re-opened 26.2.10
Spanish Town	4,952	5,065	5,308	5,666	
Bog Walk	1,684	1,750	1,909	1,756	
Linstead	2,000	1,879	2,366	2,327	Transmitting station.
Ewarton	1,300	1,120	1,503	1,286	
Moneague	1,307	1,264	1,553	1,695	
Claremont	740	780	1,160	1,080	
St. Ann's Bay	5,902	5,696	6,703	6,156	Ditto
Runaway Bay	620	525	565	496	
Dry Harbour	481	534	610	661	Ditto
Brown's Town	3,638	3,540	3,632	2,760	Ditto
Cave Valley	568	582	664	639	
Boroughbridge	590	688	538	512	
Stewart Town	233	373	388	493	Telephone station.
Jackson Town	267	306	351	394	Telegraph and Telephone
Ulster Spring	367	543	587	640	
Rio Bueno	581	440	523	428	
Duncans	700	845	956	1,157	
Falmouth	5,416	4,877	6,265	5,566	
Montego Bay	10,879	10,889	12,794	12,952	Transmitting station and Telephone.
Ramble	636	671	150	820	
Sandy Bay	205	239	335	348	
Lucas	3,479	3,263	4,573	4,107	
Green Island	905	1,197	1,241	1,265	
Grange Hill	658	627	786	808	Ditto and Telephone
Sav-la-Mar	6,649	5,617	8,756	7,634	Telephone Station.
Bluefields	239	301	290	343	Telegraph and Telephone
Black River	4,408	4,150	5,400	5,115	
Lacovia	743	709	995	801	
Santa Cruz	590	613	853	841	Transmitting station.
Malvern	1,674	1,509	2,279	2,087	
Mandeville	4,883	4,994	5,692	5,737	Ditto
Newport	477	718	575	729	
Shooter's Hill	795	644	915	780	Ditto
Mill Gully	616	805	643	732	
Balaclava	1,516	1,573	1,985	1,714	
Christiana	1,342	1,444	1,312	1,419	
Spaldings	900	820	704	694	
Porus	939	771	794	645	
May Pen	2,353	1,897	2,706	2,114	Ditto
Chapelton	2,138	2,174	2,748	2,634	
Alley	802	705	905	796	Ditto and Telephone
Salt River	359	353	411	483	Telephone station
Race Course	354	472	347	396	Ditto
Milk River	240	271	347	346	
Old Harbour	2,733	2,717	2,924	2,602	
Yallahs	460	422	602	587	
Morant Bay	4,405	3,698	5,161	4,851	Transmitting station.
Seaforth	351	299	460	359	
Trinity Ville	591	496	536	546	
Port Morant	1,294	1,183	1,532	1,448	Telephone station.
Bowden (wireless)	1,025	278	1,657	458	Opened 1.2.10
Bowden	331	294	399	355	Telephone
Bath	470	486	620	667	Changed to a telephone station 28.6.09
Plantain Garden River	857	801	1,043	945	Transmitting station and Telephone
Hector's River	417	336	278	271	
Manchioneal	1,097	1,017	1,172	1,112	
Priestman's River	418	511	532	592	
Port Antonio	17,224	14,679	17,835	16,163	Ditto
Hope Bay	599	514	649	527	
Buff Bay	1,412	1,282	1,510	1,476	
Annotto Bay	3,057	3,024	4,201	4,131	Transmitting station.
Highgate	1,186	1,418	1,121	1,407	
Port Maria	6,492	5,896	7,163	6,453	
Oracabessa	1,048	955	922	972	Ditto
Retreat	396	410	390	427	
Gayle	956	904	1,211	1,047	
Ocho Rios	984	1,051	1,004	1,058	
Port Royal	440	436	784	754	
Cross Roads	1,345	1,746	1,755	2,193	
Halfway Tree	958	1,707	1,982	2,182	
Gordon Town	132	189	171	289	Telephone station.
New Castle	48	54	58	63	
Castleton	265	213	252	257	Ditto
Stony Hill	148	283	235	393	Ditto
Constant Spring	377	650	514	736	
Williamfield	1,427	1,210	1,611	1,302	Telephone station.
Halfway	4,631	4,381	4,601	4,473	
Glengoffe	263	272	391	491	Telephone

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

Station.	1911-1912.		1912-1913.		Remarks.
	Messages sent.	Messages Received.	Messages sent.	Messages Received.	
Brainerd	106	123	85	128	Telephone
Lawrence Tavern	112	154	140	171	Ditto
Richmond	2,968	2,434	2,972	2,429	Telephone station.
Little River	105	138	286	291	Ditto
Bethel Town	106	149	425	528	Ditto
New Market	107	115	367	427	Ditto
Cambridge	77	154	331	386	Ditto
Darliston	112	104	259	269	Ditto
Petersfield	173	170	680	777	Ditto
Alexandria	477	463	614	668	Ditto
Clarks Town	..	..	125	157	Ditto
Negril	..	..	457	371	Ditto
Little London	..	..	395	460	Ditto
Montpelier	..	..	527	395	Ditto
Smith's Village	..	..	51	32	Ditto
	192,270	192,270	223,635	223,635	