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## PART V.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

#### ROADS.

86. The Island is intersected by a system of water-bound macadam roads. They are divided into two class (a) Main Roads, of a total length of 2,324 miles which are maintained, out of the General Revenue of the Colony, and (b) Parochial Roads, aggregating 4,366 miles of which 1,844 miles are suitable for light motor car traffic and 2,522 miles are cart or bridle roads. Class (b) is maintained by the Parochial Boards out of their own funds.

87. During 1929, the Main Roads were maintained at an average cost of £117 per mile, excluding expenditure on repairing flood damage. With few exceptions, these roads, were originally constructed of limestone without any proper foundation and are therefore suitable only for light wheeled traffic. This type of construction is inadequate to meet the ever-increasing requirements of motor traffic. Legislation prohibiting the importation and use without special permission of Motor Vehicles weighing more than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons unladen has been enacted. The existing roads are gradually being improved so as to enable them to carry such motor traffic with safety. Up to the end of the year under review, about 97 miles of roads had been improved and tar sprayed.

88. The programme of road construction begun in 1927 with the object of opening up the fertile areas and providing feeders to the Government Railway, has been steadily pushed on.

#### CANALS.

89. There are no navigable canals in the Island.

#### RAILWAY.

90. The Jamaica Government Railway (main and branch lines) is  $210\frac{1}{2}$  miles in length. It traverses the island by two main lines:—

(a) Kingston to Montego Bay— $112\frac{3}{4}$  miles.

(b) Spanish Town ( $11\frac{3}{4}$  miles from Kingston) to Port Antonio— $63\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

There are branch lines as follows:—

(1) From May Pen Junction ( $32\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Kingston) to Frankfield—23 miles.

(2) From Bog Walk ( $20\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Kingston on the Port Antonio Line) to Ewarton— $8\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

(3) From Linstead ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Bog Walk on the Ewarton Branch Line), to New Works—3 miles. No passenger trains are run over this branch.

91. The main lines run across high mountains which form the back-bone of the Island, to the north coast; Port Antonio being northeast, and Montego Bay northwest, of Kingston. The Frankfield and Ewarton lines traverse rich agricultural districts near the centre of the Island. The gauge is 4'  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ". The maximum gradients are 1 in 30, and the maximum curves 5 chains. The highest point of the railway is Greenvale on the Montego Bay Line, 1,705 feet above sea level. The highest point on the Port Antonio Line is between Richmond and Troja at 31 miles—905 feet.

92. The revenue for the year ended 31st December, 1929, was £361,653 and the expenditure, £319,071. There is no depreciation fund, but provision is made in the Annual Estimate for renewals, depreciation and betterment. The total weight of goods carried during the year under review was 341,224 tons, as compared with 320,697 tons for the year 1928; the number of passengers carried in 1929 was 612,693, as compared with 593,748 in 1928.

93. The management of the Railway is assisted by an Advisory Board of nine members, consisting of the Director and eight others, chiefly local business men, who advise the Government on matters of policy.

94. Since 1925, the work of replacing old 60lb. rails with 80lb. rails has been proceeding; 133 miles of 60lb. rails were in existence. In 1925, 5 miles were relaid, in 1926, 5 miles. In 1927, the sum of £200,000 was voted so that the relaying could be carried out more expeditiously. Up to the end of December, 1929,  $82\frac{1}{2}$  miles had been relaid.



## POSTAL, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SERVICES.

95. The Government Postal Telegraph system was inaugurated in 1879, with a complement of 47 offices. At the close of the calendar year, 1929, there were 1,645 miles of telegraph and telephone lines, with 61 Telegraph and 99 Telephone Offices. Five new Telegraph and Telephone offices were opened during the year.

96. The charge for telegrams is 9d. for the first twelve words and a half-penny for each additional word. Press telegrams are granted a special rate of approximately half the above charges. An all-night and holiday telegraph service is provided on payment of graduated fees.

97. The Railway telegraphic system, in connection with which there are 47 offices, assists in placing telegraphic communication within the reach of all. These offices work in collaboration with the Postal and Telegraph system, but are controlled by the Management of the Railway.

98. The number of messages transmitted in 1927 numbered 362,234 and the receipts totalled £19,589. In 1929, 380,142 telegrams were despatched and the revenue amounted to £22,923 8s. 3½d.

99. There are two wireless stations in the Island under Government license both owned and operated by the Direct West India Cable Company, Ltd.

One is situated at Kingston and the other at Stony Hill.

The former is used principally for shore to ship traffic on the usual wave length of 600 metres. The Stony Hill station which is situated nine miles from Kingston, has an up-to-date 25 K.W.C.W. installation and engages in long distance commercial traffic on wave lengths of from 2,880 metres upward. This station is controlled from the Company's Head Office at Kingston. Numerous wireless receiving sets have been established (under Government license) throughout the Island by persons desirous of receiving the programmes broadcast by American and other Broadcasting Stations. No Broadcasting Station exists in the Island.

100. Telegraphic communication with all parts of the world is furnished by two Cable Companies, viz.: the Direct West India Cable Co., Ltd., and the West India and Panama Telegraph Co., Ltd.

101. The cable of the former Company runs from Jamaica through Turks Island to Bermuda and thence to Halifax, N.S., at which point connection is made with all the important Trans-Atlantic Lines eastward and with the Canadian Pacific Railroad, Commercial Cable Companies, and Western Union Lines inland and westward. This Company also connects at Halifax, N.S., with the Imperial route to Great Britain and Australia, and with the Marconi Company's Trans-Atlantic service. The Pacific Cable Board has established communication with all the British West Indian Islands, and West Indian traffic entrusted to the Direct West Indian Cable Company is now handed over to the "P.C.E." at the latter's Turks Island Office.

102. The West India and Panama Telegraph Co. Ltd. maintains communication with foreign countries by means of cables to Cuba, where they transfer their cablegrams to their connecting companies, who have cables connecting with different parts of the United States of America. In addition, this company has a network of cables touching at practically every West Indian Island.

These two Cable Companies have been merged into the Imperial & International Communications Co., Ltd., but in Jamaica retains their old names and are operated as formerly.

1 July 1930; Steamer / Airmail rates [Gleaner, 27 Jun 1930]

**NOTICE.**

From the 1st July 1930, letters, postcards, printed papers and commercial papers and samples will be accepted for the British West India Colonies, etc. set out hereunder for transmission to Trinidad by Steamship and thence by Air Mail to destination.

**AIR FEE**

Country of Destination	(Additional to ordinary postage or registration fee).
Antigua .....	7d. per oz.
British Guiana .....	7d. per oz.
Dutch Guiana .....	11d. per oz.
St. Lucia .....	7d. per oz.
Dominica via .....	7d. per oz.
Montserrat Antigua and .....	7d. per oz.
Nevis thence by .....	7d. per oz.
St. Kitts Steamship. ....	7d. per oz.
Grenada via St. Lucia .....	7d. per oz.
St. Vincent and thence by Steamship .....	7d. per oz.

R. H. FLETCHER,  
Postmaster for Jamaica.

G.P.O.  
25/6/30

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Antigua	7d per oz
British Guiana	7d per oz
Dutch Guiana	11d per oz
St. Lucia	7d per oz
Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts (via Antigua and thence by steamship)	7d per oz
Grenada, St Vincent (via St. Lucia and thence by steamship)	7d per oz

R. H. Fletcher G.P.O. 25/6/30

Postmaster for Jamaica

**1 Jul 1930; Small Packet Service Introduction [Gleaner, 27 Jun 1930]**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTICE.</b></p> <p>A new service to be known as "SMALL PACKETS" addressed to places abroad will be put in force from 1st July, 1930.</p> <p>This class of mail is intended for the transmission of small articles of merchandise, souvenirs, etc. including dutiable articles, except jewellery and money. (The rule restricting the transmission of jewellery and money to registered letter mail or insured parcel post remains unchanged.)</p> <p>The maximum weight for small packets" is 2 lbs., and the rate of postage will be 6d. for the first 8 ounces or fractional part thereof and 1½d. for every additional 2 ounces.</p> <p>A green label giving particulars of the contents must be affixed to each packet.</p> <p>The name and address of the sender must be shown on the outside of the packet, and each packet should be marked "small packet" in the left hand top corner.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R. H. FLETCHER, Postmaster for Jamaica.</p> <p>G.P.O. 25/6/30.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25/6/30</p> <p>A new service to be known as "SMALL PACKETS" addressed to places abroad will be put in force from 1st July, 1930. This class of mail is intended for the transmission of small articles of merchandise, souvenirs, etc. including dutiable articles, except jewellery and money. (The rule restricting the transmission of jewellery and money to registered letter mail or insured parcel post remains unchanged.) The maximum weight for small packets is 2 lbs., and the rate of postage will be 6d for the first 8 ounces or fractional part thereof and 1½d for every additional 2 ounces. A green label giving particulars of the contents must be affixed to each packet. The name and address of the tender must be shown on the out of the packet, and each packet should be marked "small packet" to the left hand top corner.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R. H. FLETCHER, Postmaster for Jamaica. G.P.O</p>
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**10 Jul 1930; Parcels to Canada Postage rate [Gleaner Jul 1930]**

<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11/7/30.</p> <p>From and after the 10th July 1930, the limit of weight for parcels exchanged between Canada and Jamaica will be 20 lbs. The rate of postage is 6d per lb.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R. H. FLETCHER. Postmaster for Jamaica. G.P.O.</p>
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**3 Dec 1930; PanAm Air Service [Gleaner 3 Dec 1930]**

**6 Dec 1930; PanAm Air Service [Gleaner 6 Dec 1930]**



10 Dec 1930; Airmail rates [Gazette 5 Dec 1930 / Jamaica Philatelist 1932:20]

# JAMAICA GOVERNMENT



## NOTICE.

### AIR MAIL SERVICE FROM JAMAICA TO MIAMI, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

**First Flight 10th December 1930.**

Letters, postcards, printed papers and commercial papers and samples will be accepted for the Countries set out hereunder for transmission by Air Mail to Miami, U.S.A. on payment of the fee as per column 2, in addition to the ordinary postage.

Country of Destination.		Air Fee. (Additional to ordinary postage or registration fee.)
1.		2.
United States of America.		6½d. per ½ oz.
Canada via U.S.A. and thence by land.		6½d. per ½ oz.
Great Britain Ireland and European Continent.	Via United States of America and thence by Steamship.	6½d. per ½ oz.

The public is advised to post as early as possible and not wait until the day the Air Mail closes.

Further information will be published on Monday with regard to mails for the West Indian Islands and Canal Zone.

R. H. FLETCHER,  
Postmaster for Jamaica.

G.P.O.  
5/12/30.

JAMAICA GOVERNMENT.  
(Royal Arms).  
NOTICE.

Air Mail Service from Jamaica to Miami., United States of America.

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1—Country of destination

2—Air fee (additional  
to ordinary postage  
or  
registration fee).

Per ½ oz.

United States of America

6½d

Canada via U. S. A. and thence by land

6½d

Great Britain, Ireland and European Continent—via U.S.A. and  
thence by steamship

6½d

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(Sgd.) R. H. Fletcher  
Postmaster *for Jamaica*.  
G.P.O., 5/12/30.

10 Dec 1930; Airmail rates [Gleaner 8 Dec 1930]

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1.	2.
United States of America	6½d. per ½ oz.
Great Britain via U.S.A.	6½d. "
Canada via U.S.A.	10½d. "
Cuba	10d. "
Haiti	6½d. "
Dominican Republic	10d. "
Porto Rico	10d. "
Antigua	1/1. "
(Leeward Islands)	
St. Lucia	1/3½ "
(Windward Islands)	
Trinidad	1/3½ "
British Guiana	1/6 "
Dutch Guiana	1/6 "
Brasil	2/ "
Canal Zone	
and Panama	10d. "
British Honduras	1/3½ "

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R. H. FLETCHER,  
Postmaster for Jamaica.

G.P.O.  
6/12/30.



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The "further information" promised by the Postmaster for Jamaica for Monday (December 8th), appeared in the "Gleaner" of that date:

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(Royal Arms).

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Canada. via U.S.A.	10½d
Cuba	10d
Haiti	6½d
Dominican Republic	10d
Porto Rico	1/1d
Antigua, Leeward Islands '	1/3½d
St. Lucia, Windward Islands	1/3½d
Trinidad	1/3½d
British Guiana	1/6d
Dutch Guiana	1/6d
Brazil	3/-
Canal Zone and Panama	10d
British Honduras	1/3½d

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(Sgd.)R. H. FLETCHER,  
Postmaster fur Jamaica.  
G.P.O., 6/12/30.

15 Dec 1930; Airmail rates [Gleaner 16 Dec 1930]

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Countries of Destination:	Air Fee. (Additional to ordinary postage or registration fee.)
1	2
Argentina	2/7½ per ½ oz.
Bahamas	1/
Brazil	3/
Br. Guiana	1/6
Br. Honduras	1/3
Canada	10½d
Canal Zone	9½d
Chile	2/7
Colombia	1/6
Costa Rica	1/3½
Cuba	6½d
Curacao	1/4½
Dominican Rep.	6½d
Dutch Guiana	1/4½
Ecuador	1/6
Guatemala	1/3½
Haiti	6½d
Honduras Rep.	1/3½
Leeward Islands	1/
Mexico	1/3½
Nicaragua	1/3½
Panama	9½d
Peru	2/2
Porto Rico	6½d
Salvador	1/3½
Trinidad	1/3½
U.S.A.	6½d.
Uruguay	2/7½
Venezuela	1/4½
Virgin Islands	6½d
Windward Islands	1/

Letters for Air Mail should be posted in the letter box at the G.P.O. labelled "Air Mail Only."

A special blue air mail label, obtained at any Post Office, should be affixed to the top left hand corner of every air mail packet.

Stamps to the full value of the ordinary postage and the appropriate air mail fee must be affixed to every letter or packet.

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	Per ½-oz	
	s	d
Argentina	2	7½
Bahamas	1	0
Brazil	3	0
Br. Guiana	1	6
Br. Honduras	1	3
Canada	0	10½
Canal Zone	0	9½
Chile	2	7
Colombia	1	6
Costa. Rica	1	3½
Cuba	0	6½
Curacao	1	4½
Dominican Republic	0	6½
Dutch Guiana	1	4½
Ecuador	1	6
Guatemala	1	3½
Haiti	0	6½
Honduras. Rep	1	3½
Leeward Islands	1	0
Mexico	1	3½
Nicaragua	1	3½
Panama	0	9½
Peru	2	2
Porto Rico	0	6½
Salvador	1	3½
Trinidad	1	3½
U. S. A.	0	6½
Uruguay	2	7½
Venezuela	1	4½
Virgin Islands	0	6½
Windward islands	1	0

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