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APPENDIX TO INTERCHANGE.

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I.—POST OFFICES AND LETTER BOXES.

Post Offices	1,560
Receiving Offices	13
Travelling Offices	18
Letter Boxes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	826

II.—POSTAL ROUTES AND DISTANCES TRAVERSED.

Postal Routes.				Miles.				Distances Traversed.		
				Miles.				Miles.		
Railways ...	...	...	...	3,118	...	...	...	4,239,462	...	...
Road ...	...	...	...	9,662	...	...	...	3,616,616	...	...
Water Carriage ...	...	...	...	86	...	...	...	26,832	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	<u>12,866</u>	...	...	...	<u>7,882,910</u>	...	...

III.—LETTERS, LETTER CARDS, POST CARDS, PACKETS, NEWSPAPERS, AND PARCELS.

POSTED.

Service.	Articles subject to Postage.								Articles exempt from Postage.				Parcels.					
	Letters.		Post Cards.			Packets, including Printed Matter (except Newspapers), Commercial Papers, and Samples of Merchandise.			Newspapers.		Letters.	Packets.	Registered Articles.	Newspapers.	Number.	Weight.	Postage.	Declared Value.
	Ordinary.	Registered.	Letter Cards.	Single.	With Reply Paid.	Ordinary.	Registered.	Registered.										
Inland ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	177,359	lb.	£	£	
Intercolonial ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	27,619	*	8,698	*	
International ...	1,268,709	*	†	†	†	207,222	*	1,742,317	*	*	*	*	*	4,665	*	2,153†	*	
Total ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	209,643	*	108,451	*	

RECEIVED.

Intercolonial ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11,004	*	*	*
International ...	1,256,240	*	†	†	†	513,242	*	2,267,300	*	*	*	*	*	11,900	*	*	*
Total ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	22,904	*	*	*

* Information not furnished.—† Included with letters.—‡ Victorian proportion of postage only.

IV.—DEAD LETTERS.

				Letters and Post Cards.	Packets and Newspapers.
INLAND.					
Returned, delivered, &c.	...	...	...	302,302*	39,167†
Destroyed in accordance with law	...	...	...	16,973	114,440†
INTERCOLONIAL AND INTERNATIONAL.					
Originally addressed to other countries—					
Returned to writers	...	...	...	...	...
Destroyed in accordance with law	...	...	...	...	...
Returned to other countries as unclaimed	...	...	...	28,357*	...
Total number dealt with	...	...	...	347,632	153,607

NOTE.—Included in the above return were—Letters, &c., containing money (representing £6,345), and other articles of value, to the number of 155; and 16,054 letters irregularly posted.

* Including registered letters—13,874 in the case of inland, and 437 in the case of intercolonial and international letters.
† Including intercolonial and international.

V.—TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

Length of Line and Wire.		Telegraphs.														Telephones.			
Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Offices.*	Messages.														Exchanges.	Bureaux.	Subscribers.
			Inland.†		Intercolonial.						International.								
			Number.	Value.	Received.		Despatched.		In Transit.		Received.		Despatched.		In Transit.				
Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
3,942½	9,361½	772	1,703,899	69,909	335,983	42,347	313,320	38,594	†	†	15,650	61,123	16,411	65,946	†	†	13	5	2,609

* Includes 115 public telephone offices and 388 railway telegraph and telephone offices.

† Including 67,112 telegrams O.H.M.S. (not charged for) valued at £6,054.

‡ No record.

VI.—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES.

Number of Money Order Offices open.	Money Orders.										Postal Notes.								
	Inland Issues.		Intercolonial.				International.				Inland.		Intercolonial.		Intercolonial.				
	Number.	Amount.	Issued.		Paid.		Issued.		Paid.		Sold.	Paid.		Victorian Notes paid in other Colonies.		Notes of other Colonies paid in Victoria.			
			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£
443	150,787	470,421	61,150	142,820	90,024	286,995	24,697	73,981	17,888	69,009	*	*	862,736	366,620	33,046	14,702	48,060	17,893	

* No record kept, issues being held by Postmasters as a fixed advance.

VII.—GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANKS.

(See Part Accumulation, page 9.)

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VIII.—STAFF.

Persons whose whole time is occupied in the Service.						Persons whose time is only partially employed in the Service.			Total Staff.
Principal Officers.	Clerks.	Assistants at Post Offices.	Operators.	Postmasters and Telegraph masters.	Subordinate Officials.	Sub or Non-official Postmasters.	Assistants to Non-Official Postmasters and other Subordinate Officials.	Mail Contractors.	
6	149	...	248	83	1,925	...	...	...	2,411*

* Of this number 337 are females. Those partially employed are not included.

IX.—POSTAGE STAMPS AND POSTAGE PRE-PAYMENT FORMS SOLD FOR POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC PURPOSES (ESTIMATED).

Number.	Value.
Not returned.	£ 330,000*

* Rough approximation only.

X.—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

REVENUE.

1. Estimated proceeds of sale of postage stamps, &c., used for payment of correspondence	...	...	£330,000*
2. Private box and bag fees	...	...	1,452
3. Receipts for telegrams	...	...	95,896
4. Telephone receipts	...	...	36,266
5. Commission on money orders and postal notes	...	...	17,265
†6. Interest on Savings Bank investments.	...	...	...
7. Various other receipts	...	...	7,563
Total, exclusive of Savings Banks	...	...	£488,442

EXPENDITURE (EXCLUSIVE OF LOANS).

1. Salaries and allowances to officials	...	...	£330,643*
2. Purchase of clothing, stores, fuel, light, and water	...	...	11,501
3. Conveyance of mails, less contributions from other administrations—	...	...	...
(a) By contract packets (including allowances to other administrations)	...	...	34,640
(b) By non-contract vessels	...	...	2,881
(c) By railway (Government)	...	...	59,160
(d) By road (private contractors)	...	...	46,738
4. Purchase and erection of buildings, including sites (see item No. 9).	...	...	...
5. Maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines and instruments, and receiving pillars	...	...	3,750
5a. Construction (chiefly) of telegraph lines	...	...	2,780
5b. Telephone exchanges	...	...	1,428
6. Cable subsidies and guarantees	...	...	19,675
†7. Interest added to depositors' accounts (£69,986).	...	...	...
8. Various other items of expenditure (travelling expenses, charing, incidentals, and miscellaneous)	...	...	12,359
9. Expenditure not included under above headings charged to votes of other Departments—	...	...	...
Government Printer—Printing stamps, books, forms, &c.	...	£7,365	...
Public Works Department—Buildings, &c.	...	2,850	...
10. Indemnities for losses or damages	...	...	10,215 Nil
Total, exclusive of Savings Banks	...	...	£535,770

LOAN EXPENDITURE, NIL.

* Roughly estimated in the office of the Government Statist.—† This item is dealt with by the Treasury.