

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND BUSINESS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1941.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1940-41 are shown in the following account:—

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Payments.</i>							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance forward	..	..	..	38,466	12	0		Salaries	2,281,303	9	7
Postages	1,430,071	17	6½					Conveyance of ocean and air mails	96,565	12	3
Money-order and postal-note commission	69,803	7	9					Conveyance of inland mails ..	165,387	11	2
Private box and bag rents and rural-delivery fees ..	63,698	7	1					Conveyance of mails by rail ..	96,411	16	8
Miscellaneous receipts ..	592,992	10	9					Maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines	241,209	0	6
Paid telegrams	352,605	16	2½					Renewals and replacements ..	51,280	0	0
Paid tolls	886,634	10	10½					Motor services and workshops	106,715	2	8
Telephone-exchange receipts	1,710,386	14	9½					Maintenance of Post and Telegraph buildings	57,671	15	4
				5,106,193	5	0		Miscellaneous	570,637	18	1
								Interest on capital liability ..	665,000	0	0
								Sick Benefit Fund	6,720	0	0
									4,338,902	6	3
								Paid to Consolidated Fund	30,000	0	0
								Renewal and replacement of Assets Fund (investment)	737,000	0	0
								Balance carried down	38,757	10	9
				£5,144,659	17	0			£5,144,659	17	0
				£	s.	d.					
Balance brought down	..	..	..	38,757	10	9					

The total cash value of the transactions of the Department, inclusive of the above, amounted to approximately £362,000,000.

STAFF.

PERSONAL.

Mr. L. L. Hills, Divisional Director, General Post Office, retired on superannuation on the 31st March after completing forty-one years' service. Mr. Hills was replaced as a Divisional Director by Mr. H. McGill.

Mr. F. G. Nind, Chief Postmaster, Wellington, retired on superannuation on the 18th January after completing forty-one years' service. Mr. Nind was replaced by Mr. F. W. Mathews, Deputy Chief Postmaster, Wellington.

COMPARATIVE RETURNS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN DEPARTMENT.

Permanent staff—				1st April, 1940.	1st April, 1941.
Administrative				12	12
First Division				4,585	4,734
Second Division				6,528	6,317
Message-boys				721	701
				11,846	11,764
Temporary staff				165	791
Casual staff				773	817
				*12,784	†13,372
Non-permanent staff—					
Country Postmasters and Telephonists				1,576	1,556
Postmasters who are Railway officers				90	89
				14,450	15,017

* Includes 557 serving with forces.

† Includes 1,395 serving with forces.

HEALTH OF PERMANENT STAFF.

The following table shows, in comparison with the figures for the preceding year, the average number of days on which officers were absent on sick-leave during the year:—

				Number on Staff.	Average Absence per Sick Officer.	Average Absence for each Officer employed.
Year ended 31st March, 1941—						
Men				* 9,521	11.42	5.68
Women				959	12.69	7.48
Year ended 31st March, 1940—						
Men				10,834	10.73	5.72
Women				1,012	13.38	8.13

Thirty-six officers died during the year.

* Excludes 1,284 officers absent with forces.