

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1912-13 are shown in the following table :—

Item.	Postal.			Telegraph.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Receipts.</i>									
Stamps for postage	591,921	11	8	..	..	..	591,921	11	8
Money-order and postal-note commission	25,833	6	11	..	..	..	25,833	6	11
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	811	16	1	..	..	..	811	16	1
Private box and bag fees	13,736	0	1	..	..	..	13,736	0	1
Miscellaneous receipts	12,334	12	5½	7,991	1	3	20,325	13	8½
Paid telegrams	..	..	..	313,960	5	1	313,960	5	1
Telephone exchanges	..	..	..	201,237	7	3	201,237	7	3
Totals	644,637	7	2½	523,188	13	7	1,167,826	0	9½
<i>Payments.</i>									
Salaries (classified officers)	243,044	3	8	348,334	5	4	591,378	9	0
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists, and contributions to Railway Department)	20,641	0	0	32,281	0	0	52,922	0	0
Conveyance of mails by sea	85,787	11	5	..	..	..	85,787	11	5
Conveyance of inland mails	72,852	4	6	..	..	..	72,852	4	6
Conveyance of mails by railway	62,677	3	2	..	..	..	62,677	3	2
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	2,500	3	10	..	..	..	2,500	3	10
Maintenance of telegraph and telephone-lines	..	..	..	64,011	3	9	64,011	3	9
Miscellaneous	72,273	7	9	64,870	4	6	137,143	12	3
Balance of receipts over payments	559,775	14	4	509,496	13	7	1,069,272	7	11
Totals	84,861	12	10½	13,692	0	0	98,553	12	10½
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The total receipts exceeded those of 1911-12 by £80,115 9s. 9½d.

Postal matter delivered in New Zealand, including that received from abroad, during the year reached a total of 108,143,256 letters, 6,058,962 post-cards, 54,068,196 other articles, and 1,735,567 parcels.

666,425 money-orders, for £3,231,349 14s. 6d., were issued, and 536,130, for £2,870,523 1s. 8d., paid. The increase in the number of orders issued as compared with last year was 58,661.

During the year 1,970,643 postal notes, of the value of £636,473 0s. 6d., were sold, being an increase of 8·18 per cent. in number and 10·69 in amount as compared with the preceding year.

The number of British postal orders sold increased from 88,528, valued at £45,687 10s. 6d., to 100,661, for £51,651 19s. 7d., and 24,405 orders, for £15,681 1s. 6d., were paid, as against 23,429, for £15,458 18s. 6d., paid during the previous year.

The savings-bank deposits (£11,725,182 16s. 5d.) exceeded the withdrawals (£11,449,711 3s. 7d.) by £275,471 12s. 10d. There has been added £511,598 18s. 8d. as interest, making a total increase of £787,070 11s. 6d., and bringing the whole amount at credit up to £16,330,257 8s. 2d., a sum which equals £14 16s. 3d. per head of the population.

The total number of telegrams forwarded was 9,944,272, an increase of 881,139, or 9·72 per cent., over the business of the previous year.

The number of bureau communications continues to show a marked increase, being 2,935,912, as against 2,360,914.

The amount expended on telegraph-extension was £251,375, with liabilities amounting to £171,297 on account of works for which the authority of Parliament was granted too late for the necessary expenditure to be brought within the financial year.

On the 31st March, 1913, there were 12,508 miles of telegraph-line and 41,892 miles of wire. The length of submarine cables within the Dominion was 374 knots.

The number of telephone-exchange connections still continues to rapidly increase.

STATEMENT SHOWING RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF THE POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT FOR THE TEN YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1913, AND FOR THE YEARS 1881-82, 1891-92 AND 1901-2.

Year.	Receipts.			Payments.			Balance of Receipts over Payments.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1881-1882	234,529	8	0	233,291	10	4	1,237	17	8
1891-1892	320,058	1	3	268,343	1	1	51,715	0	2
1901-1902	488,573	1	11½	465,756	9	5	22,816	12	6½
1903-1904	580,771	4	5½	526,746	14	5	54,024	10	0½
1904-1905	633,305	12	7½	559,921	1	5	73,384	11	2½
1905-1906	684,878	11	2	578,726	11	7	106,151	19	7
1906-1907	746,249	16	0½	619,121	0	9	127,128	15	3½
1907-1908	822,639	8	9½	709,024	16	2	113,614	12	7½
1908-1909	913,994	17	2½	807,652	9	10	106,342	7	4½
1909-1910	961,500	10	2½	858,059	15	1	103,440	15	1½
1910-1911	1,037,265	17	3	914,069	7	10	123,196	9	5
1911-1912	1,087,710	11	0	988,911	12	6	98,798	18	6
1912-1913	1,167,826	0	9½	1,069,272	7	11	98,553	12	10½
Total for ten years	..	..	..	..	..	..	£1,004,636	12	0½