

REPORT.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1918-19 are shown in the following table :—

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Postages	935,548	10 2	..	..	935,548	10 2
Money-order and postal-note commission	26,912	0 11	..	..	26,912	0 11
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	775	7 11	..	..	775	7 11
Private box and bag rents	18,369	16 7	..	..	18,369	16 7
Miscellaneous receipts	1,979	7 4	130,131	12 9½	132,111	0 1½
Paid telegrams	..	..	485,654	1 11	485,654	1 11
Telephone exchanges	..	..	373,168	16 7½	373,168	16 7½
Totals	983,585	2 11	988,954	11 4	1,972,539	14 3
<i>Payments.</i>						
Salaries (classified officers)	288,024	15 5	429,474	0 0	717,498	15 5
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists, and contributions to Railway Department)	21,391	0 0	37,607	0 0	58,998	0 0
Conveyance of mails by sea	59,238	0 7	..	..	59,238	0 7
Conveyance of inland mails	122,019	9 2	..	..	122,019	9 2
Conveyance of mails by railway	80,179	11 9	..	..	80,179	11 9
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	2,346	19 8	..	..	2,346	19 8
Maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines	..	..	134,616	9 10	134,616	9 10
Miscellaneous	249,351	5 11	277,799	12 11	527,150	18 10
	822,551	2 6	879,497	2 9	1,702,048	5 3
Balance of receipts over payments	161,034	0 5	109,457	8 7	270,491	9 0
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The total receipts exceeded those of 1917-18 by £135,279.

The receipts and payments for the ten years ended 31st March, 1919, and for the years 1881-82, 1891-92, and 1901-2, are shown hereunder :—

Year.	Receipts.	Payments.	Balance of Receipts over Payments.
	£	£	£
1881-1882	234,529	233,291	1,238
1891-1892	320,058	268,343	51,715
1901-1902	488,573	465,756	22,817
1909-1910	961,500	858,059	103,441
1910-1911	1,037,265	914,069	123,196
1911-1912	1,087,710	988,911	98,799
1912-1913	1,167,826	1,069,272	98,554
1913-1914	1,269,921	1,173,314	96,607
1914-1915	1,359,059	1,246,850	112,209
1915-1916	1,695,757	1,296,522	399,235
1916-1917	1,809,317	1,370,810	438,507
1917-1918	1,837,260	1,489,446	347,814
1918-1919	1,972,539	1,702,048	270,491
Total for ten years ..	14,198,154	12,109,301	2,088,853