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PRINTING AND STATIONERY DEPARTMENT
(ANNUAL REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1939.

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Printing and Stationery Department, Wellington, 26th July, 1939.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit the annual report upon the working of this Department for the year ended 31st March, 1939.

The tables accompanying the report show the nature, extent, and result of the year's working.

Gazette.—The number printed of each issue was 750, the number of subscribers 348, and the amount received from sales and subscriptions £1,758.

Hansard.—The number printed of each issue for session 1938 was 8,000, the number of subscribers 154, and the amount received from sales and subscriptions £180.

Stamp-printing.—Stamps to the value of £5,220,680, and postal notes to the value of £41,368, were printed during the year.

Stereo-plates.—The number of stereo-plates cast during the year was 62,879, of which 6,971 were nickel-plated, the weight being 41,042 lb. The output over the last five years is shown in the accompanying table:—

Year.				Number of Stereo-plates cast.		Total.	Weight of Metal.
				Ordinary.	Nickel-plated.		
							lb.
1934-35	..	..	..	34,124	1,446	35,570	23,306
1935-36	..	..	..	39,410	1,281	40,691	25,734
1936-37	..	..	..	40,569	5,746	46,315	26,192
1937-38	..	..	..	43,152	6,487	49,639	31,624
1938-39	..	..	..	55,908	6,971	62,879	41,042

Rubber Stamps.—The number of rubber stamps made was 18,712. The details set out in the table appended show the increase as compared with previous years:

Year.	Number of Stamps.						
1934-35	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,551
1935-36	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,915
1936-37	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,734
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,110
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,712

Railway Tickets.—The number of tickets printed was 7,574,134, the largest number printed in one month being 885,848 in November, 1938. This is an increase of 362,906 over the output for the previous year.