

GROSS RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The gross amount received by the Department during 1910 was £30,463,297 10s. 3d., of which £26,124,342 15s. 1d. was departmental and £4,338,954 15s. 2d. on account of other Departments.

The gross amount paid out was £30,478,487 5s. 8d. made up of £26,178,784 3s. 5d. departmental and on behalf of other Departments, to individuals £3,096,719 12s. 6d., and to accounts £1,202,983 9s. 9d.

The total gross receipts and payments were therefore £60,941,784 15s. 11d.

TELEGRAPHS.

The total value of the telegraph and telephone business for the year ended the 31st March, 1911, including miscellaneous telegraph receipts and Government telegrams, was £438,989 19s. 10d., as compared with £399,361 2s. for the previous year—an increase of £39,628 17s. 10d., or 9·92 per cent.

The following is a comparison of the traffic in paid telegrams during the last five years:—

	Number.		Revenue. £	
1906-7 ...	6,160,080	Increase, 15·12 per cent. ...	202,301	Increase, 12·09 per cent.
1907-8 ...	6,958,279	" 12·96 "	222,926	" 10·2 "
1908-9 ...	7,338,017	" 5·46 "	233,517	" 4·75 "
1909-10 ...	7,757,128	" 5·71 "	244,906	" 4·88 "
1910-11 ...	8,268,340	" 6·59 "	265,624	" 8·45 "

The number of telegrams forwarded and the revenue derived therefrom during the four quarters of the financial years 1909-10 and 1910-11 respectively are as follows:—

Quarter.	Number of Telegrams forwarded.			Revenue.			Increase per Cent.
	Year ended 31st March, 1910.	Year ended 31st March, 1911.	Increase per Cent.	Year ended 31st March, 1910.	Year ended 31st March, 1911.	Increase per Cent.	
June quarter ...	1,849,664	1,958,996	5·91	£ 58,185 17 0½	£ 62,873 10 2½	8·05	
September quarter ...	1,783,950	1,930,574	8·21	56,747 19 9½	62,382 16 11½	9·92	
December quarter ...	2,028,706	2,160,751	6·50	63,903 3 6	69,195 18 11	8·28	
March quarter ...	2,094,808	2,218,019	5·88	66,068 9 9	71,171 16 9½	7·72	
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The telegraph receipts for the financial year, including telephone-exchange subscriptions, private-wire rents, &c., amounted to £434,115 19s. 8½d., as compared with £394,510 4s. 10d. in 1909-10—an increase of £39,605 14s. 10½d., or 10·04 per cent.

The expenditure was £446,709 17s. 1d., as against £411,296 17s. 2d. for the previous year—an increase of £35,412 19s. 11d., or 8·61 per cent.

There were 11,316 miles of line and 37,212 miles of wire at the close of the year—an increase of 415 and 2,424 miles respectively.

The net expenditure out of Public Works Fund for telegraph-extension was £111,867 13s. 1d., as compared with £123,421 17s. 1d. in 1909-10.

The number of private wires and subsidized lines was 536, as compared with 516 in 1909-10.

The amount received for rent and maintenance, &c., of such lines was £3,712 15s. 4d., as against £2,602 4s. 1d. in 1909-10.

The total number of telegraph and telephone offices open at the close of the year was 1,963. Of these, 300 were telegraph-offices and 1,663 were telephone-offices.

The number of telegrams of all codes forwarded during the last financial year was 8,360,647—an increase of 513,757, or 6·54 per cent. over 1909-10.

The proportion of paid telegrams per head of population was 7·78, and 7·53 the previous year.

The number of ordinary telegrams forwarded was 5,536,706, of the value of £173,142 15s. 11½d., compared with 5,303,000, of the value of £165,438 12s. 4½d. in 1909-10—an increase of 233,706 in number and of £7,704 3s. 7d. in amount.

The urgent telegrams numbered 262,144, to the value of £16,073 17s. 1d.—a decrease of 15,173 in number and £905 5s. 2d. in amount.

The average value of each ordinary telegram was 7·50d., and of each urgent telegram 1s. 2·71d.

438,114 Press telegrams, of the value of £22,069 11s. 1d., were forwarded in 1910-11, as compared with 418,942, valued at £19,734 8s. 6½d., forwarded in 1909-10—an increase in number of 19,172, or 4·57 per cent., and an increase of £2,335 2s. 6½d., or 11·83 per cent., in value.

The value of each Press telegram averaged 1s. 0·08d., as against 11·30d. in 1909-10.

The bureau messages numbered 2,031,376, of the value of £54,337 18s. 9d., as compared with 1,757,869, of the value of £42,753 6s. 11d., in 1909-10—an increase of 273,507 in number and £11,584 11s. 10d. in amount.

The average value of each bureau message was 6·41d., as against 5·84d. in 1909-10.

The number of Government telegrams forwarded was 92,307, valued at £4,874 0s. 1½d., as compared with 89,762, valued at £4,850 17s. 2d.—an increase of 2,545 in number, and a decrease of £23 2s. 11½d. in amount.