

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1914-15 are shown in the following table:—

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Stamps for postage	646,076	5 6½	..	..	646,076	5 6½
Money-order and postal-note commission	26,698	1 3½	..	..	26,698	1 3½
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	752	16 2	..	..	752	16 2
Private box and bag fees	14,968	10 4	..	..	14,968	10 4
Miscellaneous receipts	10,401	19 7½	8,709	9 3	19,111	8 10½
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	347,596	13 9	347,596	13 9
Telephone exchanges* .. .. .	..	..	303,856	1 4	303,856	1 4
Totals	698,897	12 11½	660,162	4 4	1,359,059	17 3½
<i>Payments.</i>						
Salaries (classified officers)	288,456	6 10	403,664	9 0	692,120	15 10
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists, and contributions to Railway Department)	18,509	0 0	37,019	0 0	55,528	0 0
Conveyance of mails by sea	79,726	18 11	..	..	79,726	18 11
Conveyance of inland mails	89,093	10 2	..	..	89,093	10 2
Conveyance of mails by railway	71,546	11 1	..	..	71,546	11 1
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	2,281	15 0	..	..	2,281	15 0
Maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines .. .. .	..	..	91,765	10 5	91,765	10 5
Miscellaneous	84,570	8 6	80,216	18 0	164,787	6 6
Balance of receipts over payments	64,713	2 5½	47,496	6 11	112,209	9 4½
Totals	698,897	12 11½	660,162	4 4	1,359,059	17 3½

* Increase under this heading due to alteration in dates of collecting half-yearly subscriptions, a proportion of which would under the old method have fallen into 1915-16 receipts.

The total receipts exceeded those of 1913-14 by £89,138 3s. 8½d.

The receipts and payments for the ten years ended 31st March, 1915, 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
1905-1906	684,878	578,726	106,152
1906-1907	746,249	619,121	127,128
1907-1908	822,639	709,024	113,615
1908-1909	913,994	807,652	106,342
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
Total for ten years	11,086,043	10,726,834	359,209