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# POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1922-23.

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

SIR,—

General Post Office, Wellington, 27th June, 1923.

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the financial year 1922-23.

The receipts amounted to £2,687,768, and the payments to £2,114,994: there was thus an excess of receipts over payments of £572,774. Based on the commercial balance-sheet for the year 1921-22 the net balance should be approximately £100,000.

In addition to the reduction in the rates and charges shown herein, it is proposed to further reduce the postage charges at an early date.

I have, &c.,

J. G. COATES,

Postmaster-General.

His Excellency the Governor-General.

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1922-23 are shown in the following table:—

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Postages .. .. .	1,289,495	15 5			1,289,495	15 5
Money-order and postal-note commission .. .. .	47,056	15 2			47,056	15 2
Money-order commission received from foreign offices .. .. .	921	14 7			921	14 7
Private box and bag rents and rural delivery fees .. .. .	37,184	10 10			37,184	10 10
Miscellaneous receipts .. .. .	3,762	10 0	13,935	14 5½	17,698	4 5½
Paid telegrams .. .. .			699,443	15 11½	699,443	15 11½
Telephone exchanges .. .. .			595,967	0 2	595,967	0 2
Totals .. .. .	1,378,421	6 0	1,309,346	10 7	2,687,767	16 7
<i>Payments.</i>						
Salaries .. .. .	578,192	17 1	852,942	1 0	1,431,134	18 1
Conveyance of ocean mails .. .. .	61,632	5 4			61,632	5 4
Conveyance of inland mails .. .. .	147,569	2 4			147,569	2 4
Conveyance of mails by rail .. .. .	103,183	3 5			103,183	3 5
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices .. .. .	2,450	18 4			2,450	18 4
Maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines .. .. .			161,878	8 2	161,878	8 2
Miscellaneous .. .. .	104,239	3 8	102,906	0 9	207,145	4 5
Totals .. .. .	997,267	10 2	1,117,726	9 11	2,114,994	0 1
Balance of receipts over payments .. .. .	381,153	15 10	191,620	0 8	572,773	16 6
Totals .. .. .	1,378,421	6 0	1,309,346	10 7	2,687,767	16 7