

Receipts and Payments for the Years 1881-82, 1891-92, 1901-2, 1911-12, and following Years.

Year.	Receipts.	Payments.	Balance of Receipts over Payments.	Excess of Payments over Receipts.
	£	£	£	£
1881-1882	234,529	233,291	1,238	..
1891-1892	320,058	268,343	51,715	..
1901-1902	488,573	465,756	22,817	..
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	..
1919-1920	2,106,995	1,944,161	162,834	..
1920-1921	2,590,441	2,591,786	..	1,345
1921-1922	2,811,535	2,451,571	359,964	..
1922-1923	2,687,768	2,114,994	572,774	..

STAFF.

Comparative Return of Persons employed in the Post and Telegraph Department on the 1st April, 1922 and 1923.

The total number of persons employed on the 1st April, 1922 and 1923, was as under :—

	1st April, 1922.	1st April, 1923.
Permanent staff—		
Administrative Division	4	4
Clerical and Engineering Divisions	3,351	3,271
General Division	4,302	4,267
	7,657	7,542
Temporary staff	429	395
Casual staff	799	861
Totals	8,885	8,798
Non-permanent staff—		
Country Postmasters and Postmistresses	2,120	2,087
Postmasters who are Railway officers	123	118
Totals	11,128	11,003

Health of Permanent Staff.

The following table gives the average absence of officers on sick-leave :—

	Number on Staff.	Average Absence per Sick Officer.	Average Absence for each Officer employed.
		Days.	Days.
Men	6,480	10.29	4.35
Women	1,062	12.58	7.84

Twenty-two officers died during the year.

Disposal of Surplus Staff.

As the staff available during the year was found to be in excess of requirements, the services of twenty-five officers who were regarded as not being up to a reasonable standard of efficiency were terminated on the completion of three months' notice.

In order to absorb the services of the surplus clerical officers, arrangements were made during the year to employ approximately one hundred clerks and telegraphists in the Engineering Branch on construction and maintenance work. As vacancies occurred in the Clerical Division the officers were withdrawn from the Engineering Branch, and at the end of the year only twenty-five clerks and telegraphists were being employed on construction work.

Reduction of Salaries.

In accordance with the Public Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1921-22, the salaries of officers were reduced from the 1st July, 1922, as follows: Salaries which on the 31st December, 1921, exceeded £190 per annum but did not exceed £800 per annum, a reduction of £10 per annum; salaries not exceeding £190 per annum, a reduction of £5 per annum.