STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND BUSINESS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1928.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1927-28 are shown in the following table:—

Item.			Posta	i,		Telegra	ph.		Total	•	
Receipts.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d,	£	s.	d.
Postages			1,132,077	1	71				1,132,077	ĩ	
Money-order and postal-note commission			51,113		12				51,113		
Money-order commission received from foreign	n offices		1,043		41				1,043		4 }
Private box and bag rents and rural delivery			46,988		11				46,988	4	11
Miscellaneous receipts			208,364	5	7	30,801	16	$2\frac{1}{2}$		ī	- 91
Paid telegrams					i	404,711		91		$1\tilde{0}$	- 4
Paid tolls					i	397,234		111			
Telephone exchange rentals						1,057,177		$10\frac{\tilde{1}}{2}$	1,057,177	_	10
Totals			1,439,586	16	7	1,889,924	9	10	3,329,511	6	5
Payments.						<u> </u>					
Salaries			632,761	19	4	888,501	11	0	1,521,263	10	4
Conveyance of ocean mails			65,028	8	0				65,028	8	
Conveyance of inland mails			135,957	6	9				135,957	6	9
Conveyance of mails by rail			116,477	19	9				116,477	19	9
Money-order commission credited to foreign of	offices		2,513	13	4				2,513	13	4
Maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines						128,966	15	11	128,966	15	11
Motor services and workshops			23,926	1	3	15,808	8	5	39,734	9	8
Miscellaneous	• •	• •	142,732	1	9	146,896	17	10	289,628	19	7
•			1,119,397	10	2	1,180,173	13	2	2,299,571	3	4
Balance of receipts over payments	• •		320,189		5	709,750			1,029,940		
Totals			1,439,586	16	7	1,889,924	0	10	3,329,511	6	 5

The total cash value of the transactions of the Department, inclusive of the above, amounted to approximately £194,405,000 for the year.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEARS 1881-82, 1891-92, 1901-02, 1911-12, 1921-22, AND FOLLOWING YEARS.

	Year.		!	Receipts.	Payments.	Balance of Receipts over Payments.	Excess of Payment over Receipts.
1881-1882	 • •			$^{\pounds}_{234,529}$	£ 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	••
1921-1922 1922-1923 1923-1924 1924-1925 1925-1926 1926-1927 1927-1928		•		2,811,535 2,687,768 2,688,954 2,889,450 3,100,396 3,220,666 3,329,511	2,451,571 2,114,994 2,120,584 2,416,257 2,409,556 2,346,274 2,299,571	359,964 572,774 568,370 473,193 690,840 874,392 1,029,940	••