STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND BUSINESS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1931.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1930-31 are shown in the following account:—

	Receipts	3.					Payments.		
	£	8.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d. £	s.	d.
To Balance forward				52,897	17	8	By Salaries 1,761,345 19 11		
	1,221,392	6	4				Conveyance of		
Money-order and							ocean mails 94,948 14 1 Conveyance of		
postal-note commission	64,877	4	7				inland mails 145,282 13 6		
Private box and	01,011	.1.	•				Conveyance of		
bag rents and							mails by rail 116,563 5 2		
rural - delivery							Maintenance of		
fees	47,995	16	7				telegraph and		
Miscellaneous re-	200 521	10	0				telephone lines 136,170 3 6 Renewals and re-		
ceipts	290,521						placements 158,247 13 10		
Paid telegrams Paid tolls	376,989 $466,994$						Motor services and		
Telephone-ex-	400,004	10	2				workshops 33,770 6 8		
change rentals	1,238,648	12	10				Miscellaneous 354,319 3 4		
			3	,707,420	- 0	-0^{1}_{2}	Interest on capital		
							liability 504,000 0 0	۵	0
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							placement of		
							Assets Fund		
							(investment) 400,000	0	0
							Balance carried	_	
							down 55,669 I	7	81
			£3	,760,317	17	81	£3,760,317 l	7	$8\frac{1}{2}$
				£	s.	d.			
To Balance brought	down			55,669					

The total cash value of the transactions of the Department, inclusive of the above, amounted to approximately £201,500,000 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		• •	• •	• •	234,529	233,291	1,238	• •
1891–1892					320,058	268,343	51,715	
1901-1902					488,573	465,756	22,817	••
19111912	• •				1,087,710	988,911	98,799	••
1921-1922					2,811,535	2,451,571	359,964	••
1922-1923					2,687,768	2,114,994	572,774	• •
1923-1924					2,688,954	2,120,584	568,370	
1924-1925					2,889,450	2,416,257	473,193	
1925-1926				, .	3,100,396	2,409,556	690,840	••
1926-1927					3,220,666	2,346,274	874,392	• •
1927-1928					3,329,511	2,299,571	1,029,940	
1928-1929					3,445,545	2,921,736*	523,809	
1929-1930		<i>,</i> ,			3,641,620	3,611,199†	30,421	••
1930-1931					3,707,420	$3,704,648\dagger$	2,772	• •

^{*} Includes payment of interest on capital liability, which was previously paid out of Consolidated Fund. † Includes investment "Renewal and Replacement of Assets Fund."