

DETAILS OF ESTIMATES FOR THE

POST OFFICE ACCOUNT—*continued*

Number of Persons.		VOTE—POST AND TELEGRAPH WORKING-EXPENSES— <i>continued</i>	1945-46.	1944-45.	
1945-46	1944-45			Voted.	Expended.
		<i>Subdivision No. I.—Postal and Telegraph Salaries</i> — <i>continued</i>	£	£	£
		<i>SALARIES—continued</i>			
		OTHER SALARIES			
7,600	6,942	7,600 (£115 to £840)	2,693,338	2,129,696	
		New positions, telegraphists, cadets, messengers, and training cadets	(a)	12,000	
7,619	6,959	Salaries of officers paid prior to 31st March in respect of periods during next financial year	1,500	2,500	
		Salaries of officers resuming after absence with the Armed Forces	200,000	..	
			2,914,182	2,160,995	
		Less salaries provided but not now required—			
		Amount unexpended owing to increments being payable for periods of less than twelve months .. £ 25,000			
		Amount unexpended owing to : (1) Special leave without pay ; (2) sick leave without pay .. 10,000			
		Amount to be expended on Telegraph and Telephone construction works, to be charged to vote “Telegraph Extension” and “Depreciation Fund”	180,000		
			215,000	181,000	2,142,660
		Estimated credits-in-aid under Section 51 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926 (see end of vote)—			
		Post Office Savings-bank management expenses	£ 150,000		
		Recoveries from other Departments	75,000		
			225,000		
			2,699,182	1,979,995	
		Contribution to Railways Department for combined Post-Telegraph-Railway Offices	6,250	6,200	
		Non-classified officers, including country postmasters and telephonists, payable by salary (number, 1,527)	110,000	92,000	
		Payment to officers in lieu of retiring leave	200	
			116,250	98,400	
		<i>Total—Subdivision No. I..</i> .. (b)	2,815,432	2,078,395	2,142,660
		<i>Subdivision No. II.—Conveyance of Ocean and Air Mails</i>			
		CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—			
		Overseas Services—			
		North American overland and Atlantic transit—			
		Canada	100	100	100
		United States of America	5,000	3,000	3,000
		Great Britain and other countries, land and sea transit	10,000	12,500	8,960
		Payments to shipping companies	20,000	20,000	17,452
		Payments for carriage of mails by Empire Air-mail Scheme	35,000	10,000	25,366
		Subsidy to Empire Air-mail Scheme	18,750	5,500	13,589
		Payments to other Administrations for carriage of mails by air	(c) 15,000	31,000	16,630
		Payment on behalf of other Administrations (recoverable)	1,500	1,000	2,768
		Payments for carriage of mails by trans-Pacific Air Service	10,000	16,000	16,000

(a) Now included in “Other Salaries.”

(b) Increase due to general improvement in salary rates and to the return of additional officers from service in the Forces.

(c) Reduction due to the diversion of certain mails to the Empire service.