

STATEMENT showing REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of the POST and TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT for the Ten Years ended 31st March, 1909, and for the Years 1881-82 and 1891-92.

Year.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Balance of Revenue over Expenditure.
1881-82	£ 234,529 s. 8 d. 0	£ 233,291 s. 10 d. 4	£ 1,237 s. 17 d. 8
1891-92	320,058 1 3	268,343 1 1	51,715 0 2
1899-1900	488,245 16 4	390,448 1 7	97,797 14 9
1900-1901	503,835 19 5½	418,271 16 11	85,564 2 6½
1901-1902	488,573 1 11½	465,756 9 5	22,816 12 6½
1902-1903	525,098 17 3½	487,814 10 0	37,284 7 3½
1903-1904	580,771 4 5½	526,746 14 5	54,024 10 0½
1904-1905	633,305 12 7½	559,921 1 5	73,384 11 2½
1905-1906	684,878 11 2	578,726 11 7	106,151 19 7
1906-1907	746,249 16 0½	619,121 0 9	127,128 15 3½
1907-1908	822,639 8 9½	709,024 16 2	113,614 12 7½
1908-1909	913,994 17 2½	807,652 9 10	106,342 7 4½
Total for ten years	£824,109 13 3

PERSONAL.

Mr. D. Robertson, Secretary of the Department, left for a six-months visit to Europe on the 22nd December, 1908. During his absence the position of Acting-Secretary was filled by Mr. W. R. Morris, Assistant Secretary and Inspector.

STAFF.

The title of "Inspector of Telegraphs" has been altered to "Telegraph Engineer," as being more in keeping with the duties performed. Several minor changes have also been made in the titles of clerical officers.

Comparative Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st March, 1908, and 31st March, 1909.

The total number of officers on the staff on the 31st March, 1908 and 1909, was as under :—

	31st March, 1908.	31st March, 1909.
Postmaster-General	1	1
Classified staff,—		
First Division	3	3
Clerical Division	2,158	2,441
Non-clerical Division	912	952
Telegraph message-boys	704	702
Total, classified staff	3,778	4,099
Employees not on permanent staff,—		
Country Postmasters and Postmistresses	2,034	2,064
Night-watchmen	1	3
Mail-cart drivers	8	2
Postmasters and telegraphists or telephonists who are Railway officers	178	190
Total	5,999	6,358

HEALTH OF STAFF.

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

	Numbers comprised.	Average Absence per Sick Officer.	Average absence for each Officer employed.
Men	1,979	Days. 9·91	Days. 5·49
Women	350	23·03	17·11

Nine officers died during the year.