STATEMENT SHOWING REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT FOR THE TEN YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1912, AND FOR THE YEARS 1881-82, 1891-92 AND 1901-2.

| Year. | | | Revenue. | | | Expenditure. | | | Balance of Revenue over Expenditure. | | | | |
|-----------|----------|-------|----------|--------------|---------|---------------------------|---|--------------|---|-----|----------|----------|-----------------|
| 1881-1882 | ••• | | ••• | £ 234,529 | s. 8 | d. 0 | | £ 233,291 | s. 10 | | 1,237 | °. 17 | d. 8 |
| 1891–1892 | | | | 320,058 | 1 | 3 | | 268,343 | 1 | 1 | 51,715 | 0 | 2 |
| 1901–1902 | • • • | ••• | ••• | 488,573 | 1 | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | | 465,756 | 9 | 5 | 22,816 | 12 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 1902-1903 | | | , | 525,098 | 17 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | | 487,814 | 10 | 0 | 37,284 | 7 | 31/2 |
| 1903-1904 | | | | 580,771 | 4 | $5\overline{\frac{7}{5}}$ | İ | 526,746 | 14 | 5 | 54,024 | 10 | $0\frac{5}{2}$ |
| 1904-1905 | | | | 633,305 | 12 | $7\frac{7}{3}$ | - | 559,921 | 1 | 5 | 73,384 | 11 | $2\overline{i}$ |
| 1905-1906 | | | ! | 684,878 | 11 | $_2$ | | 578,726 | 11 | 7 | 106,151 | 19 | 7 |
| 1906-1907 | •. • • ′ | | | 746,249 | 16 | $0\frac{1}{5}$ | | 619,121 | 0 | 9 | 127,128 | 15 | 3‡ |
| 1907-1908 | | | | 822,639 | 8 | 9į̃ | ĺ | 709,024 | 16 | 2 | 113,614 | 12 | $7\frac{7}{3}$ |
| 1908-1909 | ••• | | | 913,994 | 17 | $2\frac{7}{3}$ | | 807,652 | 9 | 10 | 106,342 | 7 | 41 |
| 1909-1910 | | | | 961,500 | 10 | $2	ilde{	ilde{i}}$ | | 858,059 | 15 | 1 | 103,440 | 15 | 1 1 |
| 19101911 | | | | 1,037,265 | 17 | 3 | | 914,069 | 7 | 10 | 123,196 | 9 | 5 |
| 1911-1912 | | ••• | ••• | 1,087,710 | 11 | 0 | | 988,911 | 12 | 6 | 98,798 | 18 | 6 |
| | | Total | for ten | years | | | • | | | ••• | £943,367 | 6 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ |

STAFF.

Comparative Return of Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department for the Years ended 31st March, 1911, and 31st March, 1912.

The total number of officers on the staff on the 31st March, 1911 and 1912, was as under:-

| Postmaster-General | • | ••• | •• | | 31st March, 1911. 1 | 31st March, 1912. 1 |
|---|----------------------|-----------|------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Classified staff,— First Division | | 4 | | | ä | 9 |
| Clerical Division | • • • | • • • | | • • • • | 2,599 | 2,791 |
| | | • • • • | • • • | | | 4,131 |
| Non-clerical Division | | | ••• | | 1,928 | 2,122 |
| Telegraph message-boys | | | | |) =,0=0 | |
| Total, classified | | ••• | | . ••• | 4,531 | 4,917 |
| Employees not on permanent Country Postmasters and | staff,— l Postmis | stresses | | | 2,138 | 2,178 |
| Nightwatchmen | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| Mail-cart drivers | | | • • • | | 6 | 4 |
| Postmasters and telegra | aphists o | r telepho | onists who | are | | |
| Railway officers | ••• | ••• | ••• | | 166 | 157 |
| Total | | | ••• | • • • | 6,843 | 7,258 |

HEALTH OF STAFF.

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

| | Ŭ | | Numbers comprised. | Average Absence per Sick Officer. | Average Absence for each Officer employed. |
|-----|---------------|---------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | Days. | Days. |
|] | Men | | 4,191 | 11.09 | 4.77 |
| . ' | $_{ m Women}$ | ••• | 71.6 | 11.46 | 9.80 |

Five officers died during the year.

CHANGE OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

The Hon, H. G. Ell succeeded the Right Hon, Sir J. G. Ward as Postmaster-General on the 2nd April, 1912.

RETIREMENTS, ETC.

Mr. W. S. Furby, Telegraph Engineer, Auckland; Mr. S. P. Stevens, Chief Postmaster, Christchurch; and Mr. W. H. S. Nicholls, Chief Postmaster, Thames, retired on pension during the year after long and faithful service. Mr. C. C. Robertson, Telegraph Engineer, Wellington, who served the Department for over forty-four years, died on the 23rd April, 1911.

BOARD OF APPEAL.

The departmental Board of Appeal sat from the 8th to the 12th May, 1911. Seven appeals were considered. In one case the Board recommended the promotion of the officer to preserve his seniority.