

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1915-16 are shown in the following table :—

Item.	Postal.		Telegraph.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Receipts.</i>						
Postages	801,937	14 10½	..	..	801,937	14 10½
Money-order and postal-note commission	27,407	14 1	..	..	27,407	14 1
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	571	9 3	..	..	571	9 3
Private box and bag fees	15,311	12 8	..	..	15,311	12 8
Miscellaneous receipts	13,354	4 8½	163,488	8 6	176,842	13 2½
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	386,138	5 2½	386,138	5 2½
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	..	..	287,547	7 8½	287,547	7 8½
Totals	858,582	15 7	837,174	1 5	1,695,756	17 0
<i>Payments.</i>						
Salaries (classified officers)	293,722	7 4	412,555	12 6	706,277	19 10
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists, and contributions to Railway Department)	21,408	0 0	40,052	0 0	61,460	0 0
Conveyance of mails by sea	69,764	14 10	..	..	69,764	14 10
Conveyance of inland mails	95,483	7 5	..	..	95,483	7 5
Conveyance of mails by railway	71,874	17 6	..	..	71,874	17 6
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	1,809	18 3	..	..	1,809	18 3
Maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines .. .. .	..	..	112,275	3 8	112,275	3 8
Miscellaneous	83,886	6 8	93,689	6 8	177,575	13 4
Balance of receipts over payments	637,949	12 0	658,572	2 10	1,296,521	14 10
Totals	220,633	3 7	178,601	18 7	399,235	2 2
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The total receipts exceeded those of 1914-15 by £336,696 19s. 8½d.

The receipts and payments for the ten years ended 31st March, 1916, and for the years 1881-82, 1891-92, and 1901-2, are shown hereunder :—

Year.	Receipts.	Payments.	Balance of Receipts over Payments.
	£	£	£
1881-1882	234,529	233,291	1,238
1891-1892	320,058	268,343	51,715
1901-1902	488,573	465,756	22,817
1906-1907	746,249	619,121	127,128
1907-1908	822,639	709,024	113,615
1908-1909	913,994	807,652	106,342
1909-1910	961,500	858,059	103,441
1910-1911	1,037,265	914,069	123,196
1911-1912	1,087,710	988,911	98,799
1912-1913	1,167,826	1,069,272	98,554
1913-1914	1,269,921	1,173,314	96,607
1914-1915	1,359,059	1,246,850	112,209
1915-1916	1,695,756	1,296,522	399,235
Total for ten years ...	11,061,920	9,682,794	1,379,126