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POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

(REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR 1920-21.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

General Post Office,
Wellington, 4th October, 1921.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit to Your Excellency the report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the financial year 1920-21.

During the year it was found necessary, owing to the advanced cost of maintaining the Department's services, due mainly to the increase of officers' salaries to provide for the increase in the cost of living, to make a general increase in the rates and charges. Particulars of those increases are given in the report.

The revenue amounted to £2,590,441; the expenditure amounted to £2,591,786: there was thus an excess of payments over receipts of £1,345.

The fact that the payments exceeded the receipts is accounted for by the fact that the increased rates came into force only from the 1st August, while the salary increases were paid from the 1st April.

I have, &c.,
J. G. COATES,
Postmaster-General.

His Excellency the Governor-General.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1920-21 are shown in the following table:—

Item.	Postal.			Telegraph.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Receipts.</i>									
Postages	1,253,512	17	5½	..	..	..	1,253,512	17	5½
Money-order and postal-note commission	47,543	5	6	..	..	..	47,543	5	6
Money-order commission received from foreign offices	1,076	17	3	..	..	..	1,076	17	3
Private box and bag rents	28,470	3	2	..	..	..	28,470	3	2
Miscellaneous receipts	22,074	4	2	12,745	0	7	34,819	4	9
Paid telegrams .. .. .	..	..	..	691,483	11	10	691,483	11	10
Telephone exchanges .. .. .	..	..	..	533,534	18	6½	533,534	18	6½
	1,352,677	7	6½	1,237,763	10	11½	2,590,440	18	6
Balance of payments over receipts (Telegraph) .. .. .	..	..	..	132,015	3	7½	..	..	..
Balance of payments over receipts (whole Department) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,345	10	3
Totals	1,352,677	7	6½	1,369,778	14	7	2,591,786	8	9
<i>Payments.</i>									
Salaries (classified officers)	665,908	0	10	908,817	5	2	1,574,725	6	0
Salaries (country Postmasters and telephonists, and contributions to Railway Department)	26,614	1	2	35,486	0	8	62,100	1	10
Conveyance of mails by sea	54,195	18	3	..	..	..	54,195	18	3
Conveyance of inland mails	148,857	15	9	..	..	..	148,857	15	9
Conveyance of mails by railway	81,278	17	8	..	..	..	81,278	17	8
Money-order commission credited to foreign offices	3,426	17	5	..	..	..	3,426	17	5
Maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines .. .. .	..	..	..	143,526	10	0	143,526	10	0
Miscellaneous	241,726	3	1	281,948	18	9	523,675	1	10
	1,222,007	14	2	1,369,778	14	7	2,591,786	8	9
Balance of receipts over payments (Postal)	130,669	13	4½	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	1,352,677	7	6½	1,369,778	14	7	2,591,786	8	9