# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND BUSINESS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1934.

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The receipts and payments of the Department for the financial year 1933-34 are shown in the following

account :					
•	Receipts.				Payments.
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d. £ s. d.
To Balance forward			34,528	$9 \ 5\frac{1}{2}$	By Salaries 1,465,120 15 5
Postages	911,194	$5 \frac{3}{3}$		-	Conveyance of ocean
Money-order and postal-		. ~			mails 85,284 3 8
note commission		2   5			Conveyance of inland
Private box and bag rents					mails 128,173 14 7
and rural-delivery fees		4 5			Conveyance of mails by
Miscellaneous receipts		12 6			rail 76,578 19 3
Paid telegrams	0 44 0 44 0	1 6			Maintenance of telegraph
Paid tolls	409,637	$16   5 \frac{1}{3}$			and telephone lines 80,461 1 3
Telephone - exchange	,	~			Renewals and replace-
	1,164,710	12 - 9			ments 36,739 5 8
			3,200,413	$15  ext{ } 4$	Motor services and work-
4 N					shops $20,355$ 5 3
					Miscellaneous 202,886 13 0
					Interest on capital lia-
					bility 553,000 0 0
					2,648,599 18 1
					Paid to Consolidated Fund
					Renewal and replacement of Assets Fund
			£3,234,942	$4   9\frac{1}{2}$	(investment) 395,000 0 0
					Balance carried down $36,954  7  11\frac{1}{2}$
			£	s. d.	
To Balance brought down			36,954	$7 11\frac{1}{2}$	$£3,234,942   4   9\frac{1}{2}$

The total cash value of the transactions of the Department, inclusive of the above, amounted to approximately £165,000,000 for the year.

### POST AND TELEGRAPH AMENDMENT ACT, 1933.

An Act of twenty-one sections amending the Post and Telegraph Act, 1928, was passed during the 1933 session of Parliament, and came into force on the 15th December. Provision is made in the amending Act for the making of regulations for the control of electrical apparatus interfering with wireless broadcast reception, and Savings-bank procedure is in certain directions modified. Otherwise the provisions are mainly of a machinery nature. Changes of any importance are referred to under the appropriate heading in this report.

## STAFF.

While the system of granting time-off in lieu of cash payment for overtime has been continued, the outlook for the staff is now better than it has been for some time past. A number of junior officers have been promoted, with the result that the concern at the stagnation in the lower grades of the Service has been partly allayed. The Department, too, has benefited by these promotions, for the staff has become better balanced in that minor positions can be filled suitably by juniors. In addition, the Department has given employment to a number of lads, principally in the capacity of message-boy.

The result of these promotions and new appointments is reflected in the figures in the table published below, which reveal an increase in the numerical strength of the staff as compared with the return for the previous year. Since the 1st April, 1930, each year's total has disclosed a decrease. The increase this year is slight, but it is, nevertheless, a definite indication that departmental business is improving. During the year, and particularly in its closing months, the staffs at a number of offices had to be strengthened because of an increase in the volume of work.

Throughout the year good work has been done by the staff, and, although there may be some disappointment at the possibility of a postponement of the regrading due on the 1st April, 1934, officers generally are appreciative of Government's financial difficulties.

To assist with the work of other Government Departments, frequent calls are still being made upon the staff. Altogether 184 officers of the personnel were on loan at the close of the year.

## COMPARATIVE RETURN OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE DEPARTMENT.

The total number of persons employed in the Department on the 1st April, 1933 and 1934, was as under:—

Permanent Staff— Administrative Division Clerical and Engineering Divisions General Division	• •	••	•	1933. 4 3,279 5,097	1934. 4 3,348 5,058
Temporary Staff Casual Staff		••		8,380 45 71	8,410 69 81
				8,496	8,560
Non-permanent Staff— Country Postmasters and Telephon Postmasters who are Railway office			1, <b>669</b> 84	1,677 86	
				10,249	$\overline{10,323}$