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PRINTING AND STATIONERY DEPARTMENT

(ANNUAL REPORT OF THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1938.

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Printing and Stationery Department, Wellington, 8th July, 1938.

SIR,— I have the honour to submit the annual report upon the working of this Department for the year ended 31st March, 1938.

The tables accompanying the report show the nature, extent, and result of the year's working.

*Gazette.*—The number printed of each issue was 750, the number of subscribers 358, and the amount received from subscribers and sales £1,665.

*Hansard.*—The number printed of each issue for session 1937–38 was 8,000, the number of subscribers 171, and the amount received from subscribers and sales £165.

*Stamp-printing.*—Stamps to the value of £2,166,938, and postal notes to the value of £31,509, were printed during the year.

*Stereo-plates.*—The number of stereo-plates cast during the year was 49,639, of which 6,487 were nickel-plated, the weight being 31,624 lb. The steady rise in output, which reflects the corresponding increase in the volume of work handled by the Department, is shown in the accompanying table :—

Year.	Number of Stereo-plates cast.		Total.	Weight of Metal.
	Ordinary.	Nickel-plated.		
				lb.
1933–34 .. .. .	31,879	794	32,673	25,265
1934–35 .. .. .	34,124	1,446	35,570	23,306
1935–36 .. .. .	39,410	1,281	40,691	25,734
1936–37 .. .. .	40,569	5,746	46,315	26,192
1937–38 .. .. .	43,152	6,487	49,639	31,624

*Rubber Stamps.*—The number of rubber stamps made was 12,110. A comparative table for the last five years is appended.

Year.	Number of Stamps.
1933–34 .. .. .	1,000
1934–35 .. .. .	1,551
1935–36 .. .. .	8,915
1936–37 .. .. .	9,734
1937–38 .. .. .	12,110

*Railway Tickets.*—The number of tickets printed was 7,211,228, the largest number printed in one month being 838,700, in April, 1937. This is an increase of 1,016,321 over the output for the previous year.

*Photo-litho and Process Engraving Branch.*—The output from this branch during the year has increased over that of the previous year, as shown by the table set out below :—

Year.	Number of Maps.	Number of Process Blocks.
1933–34 .. .. .	450	1,378
1934–35 .. .. .	389	1,805
1935–36 .. .. .	417	1,800
1936–37 .. .. .	463	2,349
1937–38 .. .. .	537	3,078