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GENERAL POST OFFICE,
TOKIO, JAPAN,

3rd month, 18th year of Meiji,
(March 1885).

Revenues and Expenditures.

For the fiscal year ended the 30th day of the 6th month of 16th year of Meiji (June 30th 1883), the total revenues of this Office were Yen 1,895,258.502, inclusive those derived from the sale of postage stamps, &c. and other miscellaneous sources, the former amounting to Yen 1,894,980.736 and the latter, to Yen 277.766 and the total expenditures for the same period were Yen 2,005,249.119.

A comparison of the revenues and expenditures above given shows that the latter exceed the former by *Yen 109,990.617 or about 5.8 per cent., however the increase of revenues over those of the

*The amounts of subvention granted to the Mitsu Bishi Mail Steamship Company and also for the maintenance of regular navigation to Okinawa (Riu Kin) and Corea are excluded here.

preceding year was Yen 233,906.523, while that of expenditures over those of the preceding year was Yen 534,335.864, or 36.3 per cent.

The cause of excess of the expenditures over the revenues was that during this year, general extension of postal service was carried out, by which the whole Empire was divided into fifty two postal districts, and thirty five administrative post offices were therein established. Besides the mail routes having been considerably extended, many post offices and receiving agencies were necessarily brought into existence. A comparison of revenues between the year under review and the preceding year shows an increase by more than 14 per cent. The detailed statements of revenues and expenditures are given in tables A. and B. in the Appendix.

Post Offices.

During the year under review, there have been established 368 post offices, 269 receiving agencies and 16,851 stamp agencies, while 221 post offices and 8 receiving agencies have been abolished. There being no abolition of any stamp agencies, the actual number of increase was 147 in post offices, 261 in receiving agencies, and 16,851 in stamp agencies.

There being at the close of the preceding year 5,169 post offices, 8 receiving agencies and 9,105 stamp agencies, the total number at the close of

this year reached to 5,316 in post offices, 269 in receiving agencies and 25,956 in stamp agencies. 16,855 additional street letter boxes have also been erected, and adding thereto 8,383 boxes which existed at the close of the preceding year, total number of the boxes reached to 25,238 at the close of this year, as detailed in table C. in the Appendix.

Mail Routes.

The mail routes extended during this year were 999 *ri* (2,437.90 English miles), and adding thereto 19,589 *ri* (47,803.83 English miles) which were in operation at the close of the preceding year, the aggregate length of the mail routes has reached to 20,588 *ri* (50,241.73 English miles).

The annual transportation was 367,354 *ri* (896,468.99 English miles) and adding thereto 10,628,215 *ri* (25,936,467.85 English miles) which existed at the close of the preceding year, the total annual transportation has aggregated to 10,995,569 *ri* (26,832,936.84 English miles).

The table on the next page shows the number of *ri* in which the postal service by railways, steamers and coaches has been introduced during the year.

Table showing the number of *ri* in which the postal service by railways, steamers and coaches was introduced during the fiscal year ended the 30th June 1883.

| Places of Departure and Arrival. | Number of <i>ri</i> . |
|--|----------------------------------|
| BY RAILWAYS. | |
| Between { Nagahama (in Omi) and } { Tsuruga (in Echizen) } } | 10,18,52,001 (25.68 Eng. M.) |
| BY COACHES. | |
| Between { Yotsuya (in Tokio) and } { Tokorosawa (in Musashi) } } | 7,28,00,000 (18.98 Eng. M.) |
| Between { General Post Office and } { Kawagoye (in Musashi) } } | 31,03,40,001 (75.90 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Takasaki (in Kotsuke) and } { Sakamoto (do. do.) } } | 7,21,50,002 (18.56 Eng. M.) |
| BY STEAMERS AND SAILING VESSELS. | |
| Between { Hakodate (in Oshima) and } { Oshima (in Shiribeshi via } { Fukuyama and Yesashi) } } | 92,15,06,000 (225.53 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Napa (in Riu Kiu) and } { Kume (do. do.) } } | 48,00,00,000 (117.11 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Kume (in Riu Kiu) and } { Miyako (do. do.) } } | 45,00,00,000 (109.82 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Miyako (in Riu Kiu) and } { Yayema (do. do.) } } | 64,18,00,000 (157.40 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Omigawa (in Shimosa) } { and General Post Office } } | 31,31,40,005 (77.79 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Kagoshima (in Satsuma) } { and Fukuyama (in Osumi } { via Kajiki) } } | 9,15,29,005 (23.02 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Fukuyama (in Osumi) and } { Kagoshima (in Satsuma) } } | 6,13,09,004 (15.53 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Kagoshima (in Satsuma) } { and Tarumi (in Osumi) } } | 14,00,17,001 9.78 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Kagoshima (in Satsuma) } { and Nishino-mote (in } { Osumi) } } | 31,21,91,003 (77.09 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Otsu (in Omi) and } { Meibara (do. do.) } } | 17,00,00,000 (41.49 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Akamagaseki (in Nagato) } { and Fusan (Corea)..... } } | 55,23,03,000 (135.78 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Wakayama (in Kii) and } { Osaka (in Settsu) } } | 18,31,00,000 46.02 Eng. M.) |
| Between { Kobe (in Settsu) and } { Fusan (Corea) } } | 174,16,45,000 425.75 Eng. M.) |

Domestic Mails.

The aggregate number of the mail matter transmitted by post during the year was 108,664,528. The increase over the number transmitted during the preceding year was 12,248,485, of which the increase in letters was 4,965,204, in registered letters, 145,465 ; in postal cards, 3,510,228 ; in news papers, 1,681,125 ; in books and samples, 1,157,863, and in free letters, 815,621 ; while in number of letters containing money, a decrease of 27,021 was found, as detailed in table. D. in the Appendix.

Returned and Dead Letters.

Of the 108,664,528 domestic mail matter transmitted during the year, 108,251,472 were duly delivered and 412,056 were treated as returned letters. The addresses of 379,843 of these were deciphered and they were delivered in accordance therewith. Adding thereto the mail matter above mentioned as duly delivered, 108,631,314 were delivered to the addressees. Of the remaining 33,214 which could not be delivered, 33,208 were transferred to Dead Letter Section and 5 were detained over the following fiscal year. Of these 33,214 dead letters, 1936 ordinary letters and 12 letters containing money (amounting to Yen 4.72) were delivered to the addressees or returned to the writers. The actual number of dead letters kept

over the following fiscal year was 31,260, in which there were 16 letters containing money (amounting to Yen 18.21).

At the close of the preceding year there were 27,560 (including 7 letters containing money to the amount of Yen 1.39), of which only 10 being either delivered or returned, there still remained 27,550 letters, and adding thereto 31,260, there were total of 58,810 dead letters at the close of the year under review, as detailed in table E. in the Appendix.

Depredations and Loss of Mails.

The number of mail matter lost by robbery or theft during the year was 306, of which 153 were recovered and delivered, and 153 were actually lost. Of the latter there were 130 letters, 22 registers and 1 letter containing money. The amount of this money and that of others contained in registered letters were, as shown in the next page.

| | | | | |
|--|-----------|--|--|--|
| Number of mail matter lost by robbery or theft. | Registers | Money orders amounting to Yen 229.50. | { Being unpaid delivered to the addressees, Yen 130.00. { Already paid amounting to Yen 99.50 | { Repaired by offenders, yen 8.024. { Actually lost, yen 91.476 |
| | | Bank bills amounting to Yen 1,480.00 | { Repaired by offenders, Yen 230.00 { Actually lost, Yen 1,250.00 | |
| | | Bank notes being unpaid delivered to the addressees, Yen 935.80. | | |
| | | Letters contain- ing money to the amount of Yen 22.43 | { Repaired by offenders, Yen 5.46 { Actually lost, Yen 16.97. | |

The number of mail matter destroyed by fire or water, in course of transmission or delivery was 464, of which 2 were destroyed by flood and 462, by fire as detailed below :—

| | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| Number of mail matter destroyed by fire or water. | Letters | ... | ... | ... | ... | 457 |
| | Registered letters | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| | Newspapers... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| | Free letters... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| | Letters containing money | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| | Total | | | | | <u>464.</u> |

The number of mail matter missing in course of transmission or delivery was 303, of which 31 were fortunately traced and delivered, and 272 were actually lost, as detailed in the following page.

| | | | |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Mail matter lost. | { | Letters | 218 |
| | | Registered letters | 23 |
| | | Newspapers | 12 |
| | | Free letters | 18 |
| | | *Letters containing money | 1 |
| | | Total | 272. |

There were also 5 mail matter lost, while they were in post offices for transmission, viz :—

| | | | |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mail matter lost. | { | Letters | 1 |
| | | †Registered letters | 2 |
| | | ‡Letters containing money | 2 |
| | | | Total |

Postal Money Orders.

The number of money orders issued during the year was 668,107, the aggregate value of which was Yen 8,963,332.685, and the number of orders paid was 667,625, representing in aggregate the value of Yen 8,996,441.825. Compared with the business of the preceding year, there was an increase of 108,097, being more than, 19.3 per cent, in the number of orders issued, and of Yen 441,873.457, being more than 5.1 per cent, in the value represented. (There were besides free money orders issued to the number of 20,663, representing Yen 664,727.737. These and the ordinary money orders put together shows an increase, over the business of the preced-

*The amount of Yen .90 contained in this letter was repaid by the Express Company, as it was under their charge for transmission.

† One of these letters contained a bank bill to the amount of Yen 200.00. For this loss, the officer in charge was punished.

‡ The money amounted to Yen 10.00, of which Yen 5.00 was repaid by officer in charge and Yen 5.00, by the Express Company.

ing year, of 22.9 per cent, in the number and about 12.9 per cent, in the value represented).

The number of orders unpaid at the close of the preceding year and transferred to the year under review was 21,417, representing Yen 168,284.389 in value, and that of orders unpaid at the close of the year under review and transferred to the following year was 21,899, representing Yen 135,175.249 in value.

The total amount of fees collected during the year was yen 60,665.41, a gain of yen 11,755.38, or about 24 per cent, over the amount received during the preceding year.

The proceeds from the sale of postage stamps &c., and the savings bank deposits were hitherto transmitted by ordinary money orders, but on the 1st of April 1883, the system of free money order was introduced, by which the transmission of all the money relating to the postal service was undertaken. The number of these money orders issued between 1st April and 30th June was 20,663, representing Yen 664,727.737 in value.

The table F. in the Appendix shows the number and amount of money orders issued and paid.

Of the total amount of money order funds which ordinarily amounted to Yen 311,500.00, Yen 55,421.814 were made deficient, under various causes during the previous years, and Yen 600.00 were transferred towards the funds of international money orders.

At the close of the preceding year, the money order funds amounted to Yen 255,478.186 and during the year under review, further amount of Yen 765.885 was made deficient, but the sum of Yen 70.25 and Yen 515.40 having been collected and refunded during the year, the actual deficiency of the funds has been reduced to Yen 180.235. Deducting this amount from the money order funds of the preceding year, the total amount of the funds at the close of the year was Yen 255,297.951, which compared with the value of the orders paid, gives a ratio of 1 to 35.

The amount of Yen 55,602.049, which was gradually made deficient during this and previous years (excepting international money order funds), may be detailed as follows :—

| | | | |
|----------------|---|--|----------------|
| Yen 55,602.049 | { | Appertained to Government loss and not refunded in previous years. ... | Yen 11,472.374 |
| | | Appertained to Government loss and not refunded in this year ... | Yen 14,586.942 |
| | | Portion of instalment unpaid ... | Yen 27,196.122 |
| | | Remained without adjustment... | Yen 2,346.611 |

There were at the close of the preceding year 735 money order offices, and during this year 149 additional offices were opened, while 2 were closed, making a total of 882 offices including the General Post Office, at the close of the year.

Postal Savings Banks.

The total amount deposited during the year under review was Yen 1,201,855.186. The increase over the amount deposited during the preceding year was Yen 455,443.961

The amount on deposit existing at the beginning of the year was Yen 943,767.28, adding to which the amount of deposit made during the year, it made a total of Yen 2,145,622.466.

The total amount withdrawn during the year was Yen 635,431.059, and the total amount on deposit at the close of the year was Yen 1,510,191.407. Compared with the amount on deposit at the close of the preceding year, it shows an increase of Yen 566,424.127, or 60 per cent.

The number of new depositors was 41,571, which compared with that of the preceding year, shows an increase of 20,648. Adding thereto 42,919, the number of depositors at the close of the preceding year it made a total of 84,490. Of this number, 16,753 have withdrawn their deposits, making the total number of depositors at the close of the year, 67,737, which shows an increase of 24,818, over that at the close of the preceding year.

The revenue derived from the total amount of deposit was Yen 97,849.578, of which the interest paid to depositors was Yen 74,270.399, leaving a net profit of Yen 23,579.179.

The average amount deposited by each depositor during the year was Yen 14.225 and the interest paid thereon was Yen 879, and the average amount on deposit at the close of the year was Yen 22.29 per depositor.

The amount on deposit and the number of de-

positors at the close of the year are detailed in the table G. in the Appendix.

The number of savings banks established during the year was 290 while 21 were closed. Adding thereto 1,161, which existed at the close of the preceding year, there were in aggregate 1,430 banks including the General Post Office, at the close of the year.

Officers and Employés.

At the close of the year under review, there were 1 *Chokunin* officer, 9 *Sonin* officers, 2 sub-*Sonin* officers, 421 *Hannin* officers, 59 sub-*Hannin* officers, 39 officers without class, 2,194 employés, 1 foreign employé and 5,566 postal agents, making a total of 8,292. Besides there were 26 copyists, 225 under clerks, 6,980 letter carriers, 17 boatmen and 64 servants, making a total of 7,312, so that the staff of this Office aggregated to 15,604.

Foreign Mails.

The number of mail matter despatched to foreign countries during the year was 533,278, being an increase of 104,435 over that of the preceding year, viz: 95,660 in ordinary letters, 1,381 in postal cards, 78 in newspapers, 4,117 in books and samples and 240 in registered books and samples.

The number of mail matter received from foreign countries was 621,354, being a decrease of 1,841 from that of the preceding year, viz: 18,685 in

ordinary letters, 18,081 in newspapers, while the number of registered letters shows an increase of 1,578, postal cards, 3,076; books and samples, 29,771 and registered books and samples, 500; as detailed in table H. in the Appendix.

The table I. in the Appendix shows the routes by which mails were despatched and received

Of the mail matter despatched to, and received from, foreign countries during the year, 619,984 were duly delivered and 1,370 were not delivered. Of the latter, 732 were returned to dead letter offices of foreign Postal Administrations and 618 were returned to the senders, leaving 20 on hand. 2 dead letters which remained on hand at the close of the preceding year were returned to the senders during the year.

The number of money orders issued in Japan and payable in Hongkong was 55, amounting to \$587.37 in value, and the number of those issued in Hongkong and payable in Japan was 65, amounting to \$1,138.50.

The number of money orders issued in Japan and payable in Great Britain was 243, amounting to 779*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* in value and the number of those issued in Great Britain and payable in Japan was 45, amounting to 187*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*, while the number of those issued in Japan and payable in Germany through the intermediary of Great Britain was 18, amounting to 74*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.*

Miscellaneous.

On the 5th July 1882, the Section of this Office charged with receiving and accounting of money and grain from *Fu* and *Ken* was transferred to the Finance Department, but during 4 days prior to the above named date, the amount of Yen 904.943 was received. Adding thereto Yen 1,255.045 which remained on hand from the preceding year, there was a total amount of Yen 2,159.988 received and accounted.

In September 1882, a Section of Conveyance was created in this Office and the service of territorial conveyance was charged thereto.

The Republic of Costa-Rica was admitted into the Universal Postal Union from the 1st January 1883.

The money order exchange was opened with Germany from the 1st January 1883, through the intermediary of the British Post Office.

The Postal Laws were promulgated on the 2nd January 1883.

The service of the subscription post was established in 2 *Fu* and 21 *Ken*.

The whole Empire was divided into administrative postal districts, which were further divided into postal districts. In each administrative postal district, one administrative post office was established, and in each postal district, one post office was established. To the administrative post offices were

given the jurisdiction over the post offices in their respective districts, and to the post offices, the jurisdiction over the receiving and stamp agencies in their respective districts.

The mail routes were hitherto distinguished as main and branch routes, but this was abolished and they have been classified as first, second and third class routes from the 1st March 1883.

Post offices to the number of 14 were destroyed by fire.

The service of a foreigner as Director of International Posts was dispensed with, and a Japanese officer was appointed in his stead.

Rewards were given to 518 *Hannin* officers and other employes for industrious performance of their duties.

Rewards were also given to the family of 2 mail carriers who died, to 8 who were wounded whilst in performance of their duties, and to 85 who saved the mail from loss under circumstances of danger, or performed their duties faithfully.

During the year, the number of persons violating the Postal Laws was 287, of whom 261 received sentence. 11 persons who violated the Postal Laws during the preceding year received sentence

The number of persons who were punished for neglecting their duties was 20.

The number of cases submitted by letters to the decision of the Agricultural and Commercial Department was 1,286. The number of official

letters written was 38,975, and that of letters written to other Government Offices was 1,175,237.

These, the main particulars of the transactions of this Office, for the fiscal year ended the 30th June 1883, and of its condition at the close of the year, are herewith respectfully submitted.

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APPENDIX.

Table A.

Comparative table of revenues showing excess and deficiency between two fiscal years of 1881/82 and 1882/83.

| LIST OF REVENUES. | | COMPARISON. | | EXCESS OR DEFICIENCY. | PERCENTAGE. | |
|--|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|
| | | 1881/82 | 1882/83 | | | |
| Revenue from postages &c. | Postage Stamps ... | Yen 1,288,355.475 | Yen 1,328,186.760 | Ex. Yen 39,832.285 | Excess | 3.1 |
| | Subscription post... | " 36,861.040 | " 170,073.173 | " 133,212.133 | " | 361.4 |
| | Postal cards, envelopes and newsbands ... | " 263,828.884 | " 308,077.847 | " 44,248.963 | " | 16.8 |
| | Box rent... .. | " 3,618.000 | " 3,554.300 | Defic. 63.700 | Defic. | 1.8 |
| | Domestic money order fee... .. | " 48,910.030 | " 60,665.410 | Ex. 11,755.380 | Excess | 240.3 |
| | International money order fee ... | " 77.740 | " 94.702 | " 16.962 | " | 21.8 |
| | Savings bank profit... .. | " 18,361.361 | " 23,579.179 | " 5,217.818 | " | 28.4 |
| | Transit charges on foreign mails ... | " 235.360 | " 235.355 | .005 | — | — |
| | Postage in arrear collected ... | " 527.961 | — | Defic. 527.961 | — | — |
| | Money found in dead letters and confiscated... .. | " 11.100 | — | " 11.100 | — | — |
| | Discount on repurchase of postage stamps &c... .. | — | " 513.010 | Excess 513.010 | — | — |
| | Total. | " 1,660,786.951 | " 1,894,980.736 | Ex. 234,193.785 | Excess | 14.1 |
| | Miscellaneous Revenue. | Rent on official houses... .. | " 109.566 | " 122.770 | Excess 13.204 | Excess |
| Sale of old postal materials ... | | — | " 10.030 | " 10.030 | " | — |
| Instalment paid on loan to a mail coach company... | | " 125.000 | — | Defic. 125.00 | " | — |
| Indemnities levied on employés ... | | " 197.096 | " 14.700 | " 182.396 | Defic. | 92.5 |
| Repayment of money granted to employés, &c. ... | | " 3.100 | — | " 3.100 | " | — |
| Instalment on unpaid postage stamps, &c.... .. | | " 130.266 | " 130.266 | " — | " | — |
| Total. | | " 565.028 | " 277.766 | Defic. 287.262 | Defic. | 50.8 |
| Grand total. | " 1,661,351.979 | " 1,895,258.502 | Ex. 233,906.523 | Excess | 14.1 | |

Table B.

Comparative table of expenditures showing excess and deficiency
between two fiscal years of 1881/82 and 1882/83.

| LIST OF EXPENDITURES. | COMPARISON. | | EXCESS OR DEFICIENCY. | PERCENTAGE. | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|-------|
| | 1881/82. | 1882/83. | | | | |
| Salaries of officers ... | Yen. 79,963.500 | Yen. 162,563.140 | Excess | 82,899.640 | Excess | 104.1 |
| Salaries of employes | " 63,499.111 | " 9,453.217 | Defic. | 54,045.894 | Defic. | 85.1 |
| Travelling expenses of above... .. | " 18,975.480 | " 26,387.218 | Excess | 7,411.738 | Excess | 39.1 |
| Salaries of foreign employes | " 9,285.000 | " 18,244.750 | " | 8,959.750 | " | 96.5 |
| Travelling expenses of above... .. | " 982.150 | " 885.250 | Defic. | 96.900 | Defic. | 9.9 |
| Tuition fees | " 1,200.000 | " 2,964.950 | Excess | 1,764.950 | Excess | 147.1 |
| Rewards and recom- penses | " 8,406.742 | " 8,741.889 | " | 335.147 | " | 3.9 |
| Postal materials ... | " 46,353.340 | " 72,867.543 | " | 26,514.203 | " | 57.2 |
| Furnitures and print- ing expenses... .. | " 50,374.386 | " 102,939.736 | " | 52,565.350 | " | 104.3 |
| Commissions paid to postal agents ... | " 178,743.938 | " 280,589.918 | " | 101,845.980 | " | 57.0 |
| Delivery and trans- mission of mails ... | " 218,091.268 | " 1,042,352.756 | " | 224,261.488 | " | 27.4 |
| Transportation of foreign mails ... | " 14,506.326 | " 17,053.911 | " | 2,547.585 | " | 17.6 |
| Contribution towards the expense of Post- al Union | — | " 441.180 | " | 441.180 | — | — |
| Interest on money order funds & fees | " 8,440.702 | " 5,751.848 | Defic. | 2,688.854 | Defic. | 31.9 |
| Transportation of postal materials ... | " 4,285.614 | " 8,262.522 | Excess | 3,976.908 | Excess | 92.8 |
| Expense of man- ufacturing postage stamps &c. | " 66,168.335 | " 84,630.682 | " | 18,462.347 | " | 27.9 |
| Building and repair- ing expenses... .. | " 22,567.112 | " 34,619.979 | " | 12,052.867 | " | 53.4 |
| Stable expense ... | " 3,486.528 | " 4,941.837 | " | 1,455.309 | " | 41.7 |
| Paid to the Express Company for trans- portation of money | " 35,967.021 | " 65,167.623 | " | 29,200.602 | " | 81.2 |
| Miscellaneous... .. | " 39,916.702 | " 56,389.170 | " | 16,472.468 | " | 41.3 |
| Total | " 1,470,913.255 | " 2,005,249.119 | Excess | 534,335.864 | Excess | 36.3 |

Table C.

| Table showing the number of Post Offices of each class, and the number of receiving and stamp agencies and street letter boxes, at the close of the fiscal year ended the 30th June 1883. | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| CLASS OF POST OFFICES. | | Established. | Closed. | Increase or decrease. | Number at the close of the preceding year. | Number at the close of this year. |
| POST OFFICES. | 1st class. | 4 | — | Inc. 4 | 21 | 25 |
| | 2nd „ | 12 | — | „ 12 | 78 | 90 |
| | 3rd „ | 53 | — | „ 53 | 230 | 283 |
| | 4th „ | 11 | — | „ 11 | 1,079 | 1,090 |
| | 5th „ | 288 | — | „ 288 | 3,487 | 3,775 |
| | Without class. | — | 221 | Dec. 221 | 274 | 53 |
| Total. | | 368 | 221 | Inc. 147 | 5,169 | 5,316 |
| Receiving agencies. | | 269 | 8 | Inc. 261 | 8 | 269 |
| Stamp agencies. | | 16,851 | — | „ 16,851 | 9,105 | 25,956 |
| Street letter boxes. | | 16,855 | — | „ 16,855 | 8,383 | 25,238 |

Table D.

| Comparative table showing the number of domestic mail matter transmitted between two fiscal years of 1881/82 and 1882/83. | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Mail matter. | Comparison. | | Increase or Decrease. | Percentage. |
| | 1881/82. | 1882/83. | | |
| Letters | 42,245,090 | 47,210,294 | Inc. 4,965,204 | Inc. 11.8 |
| Registers | 2,006,626 | 2,152,092 | „ 145,465 | „ 7.2 |
| Postal cards | 29,528,146 | 33,038,374 | „ 3,510,228 | „ 11.8 |
| Newspapers | 18,671,570 | 20,352,695 | „ 1,681,125 | „ 9.0 |
| Books and samples | 952,870 | 2,110,733 | „ 1,157,863 | „ 121.5 |
| Free letters | 2,852,511 | 3,668,132 | „ 815,621 | „ 28.5 |
| Letters containing money. | 159,230 | 132,209 | Dec. 27,021 | Dec. 16.9 |
| Total. | 96,416,043 | 108,664,528 | Increase 12,248,485 | Increase 12.7 |

Table E.

| Table showing the number of dead letters remaining on hand at the close of the fiscal year ended the 30th June 1883. | |
|--|---------------|
| Mail matter. | Number. |
| Letters | 41,117 |
| Registers | 67 |
| Postal cards | 16,131 |
| Newspapers | 636 |
| Books and Samples | 20 |
| Free letters | 816 |
| Letters containing money | 23 |
| Total | 58,810 |

Table F.

| Table showing the number and amount of money orders issued and paid during the fiscal year ended the 30th June 1883. | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| | Issued. | | | Paid. | | |
| | Transferred from preceding year. | Present year. | Total. | Paid. | Remained unpaid. | Total. |
| Number of Orders. | 21,417 | 668,107 | 689,524 | 667,625 | 21,899 | 689,524 |
| Amount of Orders. | 168,284.389 | 8,963,332.685 | 9,131,617.074 | 8,996,441.825 | 135,175.249 | 9,131,617.074 |

Table G.

| Table showing the amount on deposit and the number of depositors at the close of the fiscal year ended the 30th June 1883. | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---------------|--|--|
| Amount. | Deposit. | | | Withdrawal. | |
| | Amount on deposit at the close of the preceding year. | Amount deposited during the year. | Total. | Amount of withdrawal during the year. | Amount on deposit at the close of the year. |
| | 943,767.280 | 1,201,855.186 | 2,145,622.466 | 635,431.059 | 1,510,191.407 |
| Number of depositors. | Number of depositors at the close of the preceding year. | Number of new depositors during the year. | Total. | Number of withdrawers during the year. | Number of depositors at the close of the year. |
| | 42,919 | 41,571 | 84,490 | 16,753 | 67,737 |

Table H.

| Comparative table showing the number of foreign mail matter despatched and received between two fiscal years of 1881/82 and 1882/83. | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Mail matter | | Comparison. | | Increase or decrease. | Percentage. |
| | | 1881/82. | 1882/83. | | |
| Despatched. | Letters | 258,516 | 354,176 | Inc. 95,660 | Inc. 37.0 |
| | Registered letters | 10,695 | 12,076 | " 1,381 | " 12.9 |
| | Postal cards | 5,507 | 8,466 | " 2,959 | " 53.7 |
| | Newspapers | 62,330 | 62,408 | " 78 | " .1 |
| | Books and samples | 90,792 | 94,909 | " 4,117 | " 4.5 |
| | Do. registered | 1,003 | 1,243 | " 240 | " 23.9 |
| Received. | Letters | 281,753 | 263,068 | Dec. 18,685 | Dec. 6.6 |
| | Registered letters. | 7,567 | 9,145 | Inc. 1,578 | Inc. 20.9 |
| | Postal cards | 1,708 | 4,784 | " 3,076 | " 180.1 |
| | News papers | 265,911 | 247,830 | Dec. 18,081 | Dec. 6.8 |
| | Books and samples | 64,145 | 93,916 | Inc. 29,771 | Inc. 46.4 |
| | Do. registered. | 2,111 | 2,611 | " 500 | " 23.7 |

Table I.

Table showing the routes by which foreign mails were despatched and received, during the fiscal year ended the 30th June 1883.

| Mail matter. | | To San Francisco route. | To Hongkong route. | To Shanghai route. | To Corea | To Vladivostok. | Total. |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| Despatched. | Letters | 250,194 | 55,910 | 31,318 | 16,035 | 719 | 354,176 |
| | Registered letters | 5,675 | 4,287 | 1,056 | 968 | 90 | 12,076 |
| | Postal cards | 4,334 | 2,724 | 339 | 1,063 | 6 | 8,466 |
| | Newspapers | 27,076 | 18,541 | 9,110 | 6,429 | 1,252 | 62,408 |
| | Books and samples | 83,143 | 7,839 | 3,513 | 312 | 102 | 94,909 |
| | Do. registered | 900 | 310 | 29 | — | 4 | 1,243 |
| | Total. | 371,322 | 89,611 | 45,365 | 24,807 | 2,173 | 533,278 |
| Received. | Letters | 73,082 | 142,434 | 36,002 | 11,382 | 168 | 263,068 |
| | Registered letters | 933 | 6,633 | 744 | 823 | 12 | 9,145 |
| | Postal cards | 1,763 | 1,897 | 297 | 827 | — | 4,784 |
| | Newspapers | 87,243 | 146,255 | 13,672 | 480 | 180 | 247,830 |
| | Books and samples | 30,159 | 54,274 | 9,396 | 87 | — | 93,916 |
| | Do. registered. | 296 | 2306 | 9 | — | — | 2,611 |
| | Total. | 193,476 | 353,799 | 60,120 | 13,599 | 360 | 621,354 |