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THIRTEENTH REPORT

OF THE

POSTMASTER-GENERAL

OF

JAPAN,

FOR

THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH,

SEVENTEENTH YEAR OF MEIJI,

(1884.)

[TRANSLATED FROM THE JAPANESE.]

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 Fran- cisco route.	To Hongkong route.	To Shanghai route.	To Corea	To Vladi- vostok.	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	37	—	93,916
	Do. registered.	296	2306	9	—	—	2,611
	Total.	193,476	353,799	60,120	13,599	360	621,354

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GENERAL POST OFFICE,

TOKIO, JAPAN,

10th month, 18th year of Meiji (October, 1885).

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

FOR the fiscal year ended the 30th day of the 6th month of the 17th year of Meiji (June 30th, 1884), the total revenue of this Office was yen 1,999,889.402, inclusive of the proceeds of sale of postage stamps, &c., and other miscellaneous sources, the former amounting to yen 1,996,686.434, and the latter to yen 3,152.968. The total expenditure for the same period was yen 2,177,701.923.

Comparison of the revenue and expenditure above given shows that the latter exceeded the former by yen 177,862.521. The increase of revenue over that of the preceding year was yen 104,711.166, while that of the expenditure over the preceding year was yen 172,452.804.

The revenue of this year was estimated at yen 2,250,113, but the actual amount of it did not exceed yen 1,999,839.402, so that the actual revenue was less than the estimate by yen 250,273.598. The expenditure was estimated at yen 2,199,500, but the actual amount expended was yen 2,162,330.329, so that the actual expenditure was less than the estimate by yen 37,169.671. It will be seen, therefore, that the revenue did not cover the expenditure, not because the latter exceeded its estimate, but because the former did not reach its estimate. The detailed statements of revenue and expenditure are given in tables I and II in the appendix.

POST OFFICES.

The creation of postal districts and establishment of administrative post offices therein were stated in the last report. Since the 1st July, 1883, 34 of such offices have been gradually established at the localities enumerated below ; and there were 35 administrative post offices, including that of Wakayama, which was established in the preceding fiscal year ; namely, April, 1883 :

<i>Locality.</i>	<i>Province.</i>	<i>Established.</i>
Kioto	Yamashiro	July, 1883.
Osaka.....	Settsu.....	„ „
Yokohama.....	Musashi	„ „

<i>Locality.</i>	<i>Province.</i>	<i>Established:</i>
Kobe	Settsu.....	July, 1883.
Nagasaki.....	Hizen	" "
Niigata	Echigo.....	" "
Takasaki.....	Kotsuke.....	" "
Yokkaichi	Ise.....	" "
Nagoya	Owari	" "
Otsu	Omi.....	" "
Gifu.....	Mino	" "
Nagano.....	Shinano	" "
Fukushima.....	Iwashiro	" "
Sendai	Rikuzen.....	" "
Awomori	Mutsu.....	" "
Yamagata.....	Uzen	" "
Akita	Ugo.....	" "
Kanazawa	Kaga	" "
Fukui.....	Echizen.....	" "
Matsuye.....	Izumo.....	" "
Okayama.....	Bizen.....	" "
Hiroshima.....	Aki.....	" "
Shimonoseki.....	Nagato	" "
Tokushima	Awa	" "
Matsuyama.....	Iyo	" "
Kochi.....	Tosa	" "
Hakata.....	Chikuzen	" "

<i>Locality.</i>	<i>Province.</i>	<i>Established.</i>
Kumamoto	Higo.....	July, 1883.
Kagoshima	Satsuma	” ”
Hakodate	Oshima.....	” ”
Oita.....	Bungo.....	August ,,
Takata	Echigo.....	October,,
Toyama.....	Etchu	” ”
Tadotsu.....	Sanuki	” ”

At the close of the year under review, the total number of ordinary post offices, including those maintained at Shanghai (China), Fusan, Gensan and Jinsen (Corea), was 5,373, being an increase of 57 over that of the preceding year; the total number of receiving agencies was 290, being an increase of 21; that of stamp agencies was 25,971, being an increase of 15, and that of street letter boxes was 30,907, being an increase of 5,669.

MAIL ROUTES.

The total length of the mail routes in operation at the close of the year was 20,973 ri (51,181.26 English miles), being an increase of 985 ri (939.53 English miles), over that of the preceding year; and the total annual transportation was 11,369,168 ri (27,744,646.31 English miles), being an increase of 373,599 ri (917,087.09 English miles).

Table III in the appendix shows the number of ri, in which postal service by railways, steamers and coaches has been established and discontinued.

DOMESTIC MAILS.

The aggregate number of mail matter transmitted by post during the year was 111,609,058, being an increase of 2,944,530 over that of the preceding year, as detailed in table IV in the appendix.

RETURNED AND DEAD LETTERS.

The number of returned letters during the year was 27,173, of which 1,655 were subsequently delivered to the addressees or returned to the writers, and the remaining 25,518 were transferred to the dead letter section. All the dead letters, except 13 letters containing money, which were kept at the close of the preceding year, were destroyed, having exceeded the period of detention. There remained at the close of the year 25,541 dead letters, as detailed in table V in the appendix.

DEPREDACTIONS AND LOSS OF MAILS.

The number of mail matter lost by various causes during the year was 1,089, of which 797 were subsequently recovered

and delivered; and 242 were actually lost, as detailed in tables VI and VII in the appendix.

Of the mail matter that suffered depredation, 1 letter contained yen 5.50 in money, and 8 contained bank bills and a money order, the former representing yen 1,205 and the latter yen 8 in value. Of these 5 letters, the money order and the bank bills representing yen 555 in value were subsequently recovered, but yen 650 in other bank bills and yen 5.50 in money were lost.

POSTAL MONEY ORDERS.

The number of money orders issued during the year was 673,675, the aggregate value being yen 6,929,926.062. Adding thereto the number of orders remained unpaid at the close of the preceding year the total number of orders issued was 690,175, representing yen 7,065,625.802 in value. The number of orders paid was 671,823, the aggregate value being yen 6,935,567.472, and the number of orders remaining unpaid at the close of this year and carried forward to the following year was 18,352, representing yen 130,058.33 in value.

The total amount of fees collected was yen 59,319.27. The average amount of each order issued was yen 10.287 and average amount of each order paid was yen 10.324. The detailed statements of the number and amount of money orders are given in tables VIII and IX in the appendix.

The decrease in the amount of money orders, as shown in table IX, may be attributed to two causes; namely, introduction of free money orders as stated in the last report, and general depression of trade then prevailing. Nevertheless there was some increase in the number of orders, therefore it may be inferred that the public has begun to appreciate money orders as a medium for transmission of small sums. The fact is satisfactory, as the system was originally intended for that purpose.

Of the total amount of money order funds, which was fixed at yen 811,500, a temporary reduction of yen 56,202.049 was made under various causes during previous years. This consisted of the following sums:—yen 600 transferred towards the fund of international money orders, yen 26,059.316 falling under the government loss and yet to be refunded, yen 27,196.122 appropriated for other purposes and yet to be refunded and yen 2,346.611 being unappropriated balance. During the year under review, a further reduction of yen 7,938.542 was made, consisting of the following sums: yen 200 transferred towards the fund of international money orders, and yen 7,738.542 falling under the government loss and yet to be refunded.

Of the amount appropriated for other purposes during previous years, yen 70 was refunded; and of the unappropriated

balance, yen 1,096.948 was collected, and the remaining yen 1,249.663 was placed as a portion of the government loss ; therefore the total amount of deficiency of money order funds at the close of the year was yen 62,973.643, consisting of the following sums :—yen 800 transferred towards the fund of international money orders, yen 35,047.521 falling under the government loss, and yen 27,126.122 appropriated for other purposes and yet to be refunded.

As shown in table X in the appendix, the amount of money order funds at the close of the year was yen 248,526.357, which compared with the value of the orders paid gives a ratio of 1 to 27, a decrease of 8 upon that of the preceding year.

The amount of money order funds transmitted between the General Post Office and various post offices was as follows :—

Transmitted by the Express Com-

pany Yen 3,951,387.642

Transmitted in bank bills Yen 1,011,423.236

Transmitted in exchange bills pay-

able in money belonging to Fu

and Ken and other government

funds..... Yen 2,942,900.000

Total..... Yen 7,905,710.878

There were at the close of the preceding year 882 money order offices, and during the year 10 additional offices were

opened, while 8 were closed, making a total of 884 at the end of the year.

As stated in the last report, the system of free money orders was introduced, by which the transmission of all the money relating to the postal service was carried out. The amount so transmitted during the year was so large that the amount of ordinary money orders was necessarily affected by it. The comparison of numbers between ordinary and free orders and their amounts shows that there were 18 free orders for every 100 ordinary orders, and 62,666 yen of free orders for every 100 yen of ordinary orders.

Average amount of each free order issued was yen 84.837 and that of each order paid was yen 85.045. Table XI in the appendix shows the number and amount of free orders issued and paid.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

The amount deposited during the year was yen 8,722,256.185, and adding thereto the amount on deposit at the close of the preceding year, the total amount of deposits was yen 5,282,447.592, of which yen 1,084,857.65 was withdrawn.

The number of new depositors was 79,782, and adding thereto the number of depositors at the close of the preceding year, the total number was 147,519, of whom 20,975 withdrew their deposits, as detailed in table XII in the appendix.

The amount deposited during the year shows an increase of yen 2,520,400.994 over that of the preceding year, and the amount on deposit at the close of the year shows an increase of yen 2,687,898.585, or 174.7 per cent. The number of depositors at the close of the year also shows an increase of 58,807, or 86.8 per cent. over that of the preceding year.

The satisfactory progress thus made, year by year, in the postal savings bank service, must be attributed to the appreciation on the part of the public of this convenient system, by which their money can be kept in perfect security, although in some respect it may be said that owing to a general depression of trade then prevailing, the people could not find the opportunity to employ their capital with advantage and they were compelled to deposit it in the savings banks.

The revenue derived from the use of the total amount of deposits was yen 212,916.052, of which yen 166,299.88 was paid to the depositors as interest.

The average amount of each deposit made during the year was yen 25.282, and the interest paid thereon was yen 1.127. The average amount on deposit at the close of the year was yen 87.78 per depositor.

The number of savings banks opened during the year was 170, while 85 were closed. Adding thereto 1,480 which existed at the close of the preceding year, there was a total of 1,565 at the close of the year.

FOREIGN MAILS.

The number of mail matter despatched to foreign countries during the year was 390,031, being a decrease of 143,247 upon that of the preceding year; and the number of mail matter received from foreign countries was 594,252, being a decrease of 27,102 upon that of the preceding year. Table XIII in the appendix shows the comparison of mail matter despatched and received, between the two fiscal years of 1882-83 and 1883-84.

Between the numbers of mail matter despatched and received, during the year under review, there appears a considerable difference; for instance, the letters received exceed those despatched by 7,176, and the newspapers received exceed those despatched, by 181,797. In the case of newspapers, however, the difference may be traced to the fact that European and American newspapers are in demand in Japan, but Japanese newspapers are not in foreign countries, probably there being very few, if any, except Japanese residents abroad, who can understand written Japanese language.

Tables XIV and XV in the appendix show respectively the number of foreign mail matter despatched and received, and the routes by which mails were despatched and received. From the latter table, it would appear that by the Hongkong route, the mails received exceed those despatched, by 284,813,

while by the San Francisco route, the mails despatched exceed those received by 72,827. It is evident that the European mails usually come in *viâ* Suez and Hongkong and go out *viâ* San Francisco. This preference of the routes on both sides may probably be attributed to the fact that in Europe, the dates of departure of steamers from San Francisco may not be known definitely, and letters posted there without reference to the schedule date may be detained at San Francisco in want of connecting steamers, so, to avoid this risk, the Suez-Hongkong route is preferred, although the passage by this route takes about ten days longer than by that of San Francisco. But in Japan the schedule date being well known, the public generally prefer to send their letters *viâ* San Francisco and enjoy the advantage of the quickest passage to Europe.

Of the mail matter despatched to foreign countries, 507 being unclaimed were returned from the offices of destination. 480 of these were returned to the senders and 27 were detained as dead letters. Of the mail matter received from foreign countries, 446 were unclaimed and returned to the offices of origin.

The detailed statements of international money orders are given in table XVI.

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES.

At the close of the year, there were 1 *chokunin* officer, 15 *sonin* officers, 8 sub-*sonin* officers, 558 *hannin* and sub-*hannin*

officers, 59 officers without class, 1,312 employés, 1 foreign employé, 5,603 postal agents, 29 copyists, 115 under-clerks, 11,584 letter carriers, 18 boatmen and 122 servants, making the total staff of 19,865. Besides there were 3 *hannin* officers and 1 officer without class, who, though under service of other government offices, held appointments in the postal business, in double capacity.

Compared with the number at the close of the preceding year, there was an increase of 6 in the number of *sonin* officers, 1 in sub-*sonin* officers, 73 in *hannin* and sub-*hannin* officers, 20 in officers without class, 37 in postal agents, 3 in copyists, 4,554 in letter carriers, 1 in boatmen and 58 in servants. There was, on the other hand, a reduction of 882 in the number of employés and 110 in under-clerks. The total number increased, therefore, was 3,761, which shows the progress and extension of the postal service in Japan.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the 15th January, 1884, the section charged with examination of rates of speed in conveyance of mails was transferred from the bureau of mail routes to that of inspection.

On the 2nd February, 1884, a section charged with framing minor rules was created in the bureau of mail routes, but on the 27th May following, all minor sections in that

bureau were abolished and two sections of conveyance and delivery were created instead; these sections being further divided into sub-sections.

During the year the service of subscription post was established in Kagoshima and 5 other ken.

Post offices to the number of 17 were destroyed by fire.

Rewards were given to 86 *hannin* officers, 6 sub-*hannin* officers, 46 employés and 1 foreign employé; while 9 *hannin* officers, 2 sub-*hannin* officers, 39 employés and 8 postal agents were subjected to punishments for violation of official discipline.

Fifty-nine postal agents and under-clerks were rewarded with money and twenty-nine others were rewarded with certificates of efficiency.

Compensation allowances were also given to the families of 2 mail carriers who died, to 1 mail carrier who was wounded whilst in performance of his duties and 12 who saved the mails from loss under circumstances of danger.

The number of persons violating the postal laws was 1,174. The principal offences were these:—that 688 persons posted articles prohibited to be sent by post; 106 persons in postal service lost mail matter through negligence; 30 persons received or delivered mail matter against the regulations; and 80 persons opened, mutilated, sold, concealed or held to deal unlawfully with the mail matter which belonged

to other persons. Besides there were 173 persons who were punished in accordance with the criminal code for postal offences.

The number of cases submitted in writing to the decision of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce was 349, the number of those decided without reference to the Department was 19,556, and the number of those decided by the respective bureaux in the General Post Office was 29,293, making a total of 49,198. The number of official correspondence exchanged between the General Post Office and offices subordinate thereto and other government offices was 630,400, of which 1,108 were telegrams.

These, the main particulars of the transactions of this Office for the fiscal year ended the 30th June 1884 and of its condition at the close of the year, are herewith respectfully submitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

YOSHIO KUSAKA,

Acting Postmaster-General.

APPENDIX.

TABLE I.—COMPARATIVE TABLE OF REVENUE SHOWING INCREASE AND DECREASE BETWEEN TWO FISCAL YEARS OF 1882/83 AND 1883/84.

	<i>List of Revenue.</i>	<i>Comparison.</i>		<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>	<i>Percentage of Increase and Decrease.</i>	
		<i>1882/83.</i>	<i>1883/84.</i>				
		<i>Yen.</i>	<i>Yen.</i>				
Revenue from Postages, &c.	Postage Stamps.....	1,328,187.760	1,230,161.810	...	98,025.950	Dec.	7.4
	Subscription post	170,073.173	277,871.537	107,798.364	...	Inc.	63.4
	Postal cards, envelopes and news-bands.....	308,077.847	355,769.142	47,691.295	...	„	15.5
	Box rent.....	3,554.300	3,496.183	...	58.117	Dec.	1.6
	Domestic money order fees	60,665.410	59,319.270	...	1,346.140	„	2.2
	International money order fees.....	94.702	119.190	24.488	...	Inc.	25.9
	Savings bank profit	23,579.179	46,616.172	23,036.993	...	„	97.7
	Transit charges on foreign mails.....	235.355	173.960	...	61.395	Dec.	26.1
	Discount on repurchase of postage stamps, &c	513.010	659.490	146.480	...	Inc.	28.6
	Postages on Official Gazette.....	...	22,499.680	...	...	...	...
	Total	1,894,980.736	1,996,686.434	101,705.698	...	Inc.	5.4
Miscellaneous Revenue.		<i>Yen.</i>	<i>Yen.</i>	<i>Yen.</i>	<i>Yen.</i>		
	Rent on official houses	122.770	111.489	...	11.281	Dec.	9.2
	Sale of official houses .....	...	4.500	...	...	...	...
	Sale of old postal materials	10.030	594.565	584.535	...	...	...
	Indemnities levied on employés	14.700	96.389	81.689	...	...	...
	Miscellaneous .....	...	95.091	...	...	...	...
	Repayment of domestic money order funds	...	200.000	...	...	...	...
	Balance of the expenditure for two fiscal years of 1881/82 and 1882/83 .....	...	2,050.984	...	...	...	...
	Total	147.500	3,152.968	3,005.468	...	...	...
	Grand total.....	1,895,128.236	1,999,839.402	104,711.166	...	Inc.	5.5

The difference in the total amount of miscellaneous revenue of 1882/83 in the above table from that given in the last report is on account of the exclusion of Yen 130.266, the instalment on unpaid postage stamps, &c.

TABLE II.—COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EXPENDITURE SHOWING INCREASE AND DECREASE BETWEEN TWO FISCAL YEARS OF 1882/83 AND 1883/84.

<i>List of Expenditure.</i>	<i>Comparison.</i>		<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>	<i>Percentage of Increase & Decrease.</i>
	<i>1882/83.</i>	<i>1883/84.</i>			
	<i>Yen.</i>	<i>Yen.</i>	<i>Yen.</i>	<i>Yen.</i>	
Salaries of officers.....	162,563.140	145,599.417	...	16,963.723	Dec. 10.4
Salaries of employés.....	9,453.217	112,606.869	103,153.652	...	Inc. 1,091.2
Travelling expenses of above.....	26,387.218	36,216.640	9,829.422	...	„ 37.3
Salaries of foreign employés.....	18,244.750	3,420.000	...	14,824.750	Dec. 81.3
Travelling expenses of above.....	885.250	20.000	...	865.250	...
Tuition Fees.....	2,964.950	...	...	...	...
Rewards and recompenses.....	8,741.889	18,944.995	10,203.106	...	Inc. 116.7
Postal materials.....	72,867.543	70,755.418	...	2,112.125	Dec. 2.9
Furniture and printing expenses.....	102,939.736	77,564.616	...	25,375.120	„ 24.7
Commissions paid to postal agents.....	280,589.918	334,819.886	54,229.968	...	Inc. 19.3
Delivery and transmission of mails.....	1,042,352.756	1,144,544.987	102,192.231	...	„ 9.8
Transportation of foreign mails.....	17,053.911	6,998.429	...	10,055.482	Dec. 59.0
Contribution towards the expense of postal union.....	441.180	444.500	3.320	...	Inc. .8
Interest on money order funds and fees.....	5,751.848	1,634.720	...	4,117.128	Dec. 71.6
Transportation of postal materials.....	8,262.522	7,078.402	...	1,184.120	„ 14.3
Expense of manufacturing postage stamps, &c.....	84,630.682	58,586.570	...	26,044.112	„ 30.8
Building and repairing expenses.....	34,619.979	24,666.869	...	9,953.110	„ 28.7
Stable expenses.....	4,941.837	2,080.577	...	2,861.260	„ 57.9
Paid to the Express Company for transportation of money.....	65,167.623	65,674.518	506.895	...	Inc. .8
Miscellaneous.....	56,389.170	66,044.510	9,655.340	...	„ 17.1
Total.....	2,005,249.119	2,177,701.923	172,452.804	...	Inc. 8.6

Besides the expenditure given in the above table, there was extra expenditure of *yen* 250,000, the subvention to the Mitsu Bishi Mail Steamship Company, *yen* 7,500 for maintenance of regular navigation to Okinawa-ken (Riu Kiu.) *yen* 7,200 for the same to Corea and *yen* 10,000 for the same to Vladivostok.

TABLE III.—TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF RI IN WHICH POSTAL SERVICE BY RAILWAYS, STEAMERS, AND COACHES WAS ESTABLISHED AND DISCONTINUED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 1884.

<i>Places of Departure and Arrival.</i>	<i>Number of Ri.</i>
<i>Established.</i>	
BY RAILWAYS.	
Between { Sapporo in Ishikari and } { Ichikishiri in Ishikari }	14 (34.2 Eng. M.)
Between { Tokio in Musashi and } { Kumagai in Musashi }	15½ (37.8 Eng. M.)
Between { Kumagai in Musashi and } { Honjo in Musashi }	5¼ (13. Eng. M.)
Between { Honjo in Musashi and } { Takasaki in Kotsuke }	4¾ (11.6 Eng. M.)
BY STEAMERS.	
Between { Kagoshima in Satsuma } { Miyanouira in Osumi }	46¾ (113.9 Eng. M.)
BY COACHES.	
Between { Ogimachiya in Musashi } { Tokorozawa in Musashi }	2¼ (5.7 Eng. M.)
<i>Discontinued.</i>	
BY STEAMERS.	
Between { Tokio in Musashi and } { Giotoku in Shimosa }	4 (9.8 Eng. M.)
Between { Naoyedzu in Echigo and } { Fushiki in Etchui }	29¼ (71.4 Eng. M.)
Between { Otsu in Omi and } { Maihara in Omi }	17 (41.5 Eng. M.)
BY COACHES.	
Between { Mayebashi in Kotsuke and } { Kumagai in Musashi }	11 (26.8 Eng. M.)
Between { Tokio in Musashi and } { Kawagoye in Musashi }	12 (29.3 Eng. M.)
Between { Kobe in Settsu and } { Himeji in Harima }	14¾ (35.8 Eng. M.)

TABLE IV.—COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC MAIL MATTER TRANSMITTED BETWEEN TWO FISCAL YEARS OF 1882/83 AND 1883/84.

<i>Mail Matter.</i>	<i>Comparison.</i>		<i>Increase or Decrease.</i>	<i>Percentage.</i>
	<i>1882/83.</i>	<i>1883/84.</i>		
Letters	47,210,294	50,765,342	Inc. 3,555,048	Inc. 7.5
Registers ...	2,152,091	2,225,006	„ 72,915	„ 3.4
Postal cards..	33,038,374	35,174,154	„ 2,135,780	„ 6.5
Newspapers..	20,352,695	15,095,916	Dec. 5,256,779	Dec. 25.8
Books and samples ...	2,110,733	{ 3,756,977 43,658	Inc. 1,689,902	Inc. 80.1
Free letters..	3,668,132	4,445,446	„ 787,314	„ 21.5
Letters containing money ...	132,209	92,559	Dec. 39,650	Dec. 30.0
Total	108,664,528	111,609,058	Inc. 2,944,530	Inc. 2.7

TABLE V.—TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEAD LETTERS REMAINING ON HAND AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 1884.

<i>Mail Matter.</i>	<i>Number.</i>
Letters.....	12,254
Letters containing money	49
Registers	19
Postal cards	12,863
Newspapers.....	294
Books	43
Samples	19
Total.....	25,541

TABLE VI.—TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF MAIL MATTER SUFFERED DEPREDATIONS AND OTHERWISE LOST DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 1884.

<i>Mail Matter.</i>	<i>Destroyed by Water.</i>	<i>Lost by Robbery.</i>	<i>Missing.</i>	<i>Destroyed.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Letters.	3	34	102	29	168
Registers ....	...	3	16	...	19
Postal cards.	...	9	21	10	40
Newspapers &c.....	...	...	12	...	12
Free letters.	...	...	3	...	3
Total.....	3	46	154	39	242

TABLE VII.—COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF MAIL MATTER SUFFERED DEPREDATIONS AND OTHERWISE LOST BETWEEN TWO FISCAL YEARS OF 1882/83 AND 1883/84.

	<i>Comparison.</i>		<i>Increase or Decrease.</i>
	1882/83.	1883/84.	
Destroyed by Water.....	2	3	Inc. 1
,, ,, fire	462	...	...
Lost by Robbery.....	153	46	Dec. 107
Missing	277	154	,, 123
Destroyed. ....	...	39	...
Total.....	894	242	Dec. 652

TABLE VIII.—TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF DOMESTIC MONEY ORDERS ISSUED AND PAID DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 1884.

	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
Remained unpaid at the close of the preceding year	16,500	Yen 135,699.740
Issued in the present year.....	673,675	,, 6,929,926.062
Paid in the present year.....	671,823	,, 6,935,567.472
Remained unpaid at the close of the present year.....	18,352	,, 130,058.330

The number and amount of money orders remaining unpaid at the close of the preceding year, in the above table, differ from those given in the last report, because on account of an error having been discovered in the previous accounts of money orders and corrected, 5,399 have been excluded from the number of orders and Yen 524.491 have been added to the amount of orders, given in the last report.

TABLE IX.—COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF DOMESTIC MONEY ORDERS PAID BETWEEN TWO FISCAL YEARS OF 1882/83 AND 1883/84.

	<i>Fiscal Years.</i>		<i>Increase or Decrease</i>
	<i>1882/83.</i>	<i>1883/84</i>	
Number of Orders	667,625	671,823	Inc. 4,198
Amount of Orders	Yen 8,996,441.825	Yen 6,935,567.472	Dec. Yen 2,060,874.353
Fees.....	,, 60,665.410	,, 59,319.270	,, 1,346.140

TABLE X.—TABLE SHOWING THE CONDITION OF DOMESTIC MONEY ORDER FUNDS AT THE CLOSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR SINCE 1881/82.

	<i>Amount.</i>	
Original amount of the funds	Yen	811,500.000
At the close of fiscal year 1881/82	"	255,478.186
" " " " " 1882/83	"	255,297.951
" " " " " 1883/84	"	248,526.357

TABLE XI.—TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF FREE MONEY ORDERS ISSUED AND PAID DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED THE 30TH JUNE 1884.

	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
Remained unpaid at the close of the preceding year.....	2,248	Yen 108,461.868
Issued during the present year.....	125,858	4,384,492.506
Paid during the present year	124,021	4,346,271.828
Remained unpaid at the close of the present year	4,085	141,682,051

TABLE XII.—TABLE SHOWING THE ACCOUNTS OF THE POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 1884.

<i>Amount on deposit at the close of the preceding year.</i>	<i>Amount deposited during the present year.</i>	<i>Amount withdrawn during the present year.</i>	<i>Amount on deposit at the close of the present year.</i>
Yen 1,510,191.407	Yen 3,722,256.185	Yen 1,084,857.650	Yen 4,148,089.942
<i>Number of depositors at the close of the preceding year.</i>	<i>Number of new depositors during the present year.</i>	<i>Number of withdrawers during the present year.</i>	<i>Number of depositors at the close of the present year.</i>
67,787	79,782	20,975	126,544

TABLE XIII.—COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN MAIL MATTER DESPATCHED AND RECEIVED BETWEEN THE TWO FISCAL YEARS OF 1882/83 AND 1883/84.

<i>Mail Matter.</i>		<i>Comparison.</i>		<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>
		<i>1882/83.</i>	<i>1883/84.</i>		
Despatched.	Letters.....	354,176	231,424	}	121,893
	Free letters.....		859		
	Postal cards	8,466	6,635	...	1,831
	Registers.....	12,076	13,358	1,282	...
	Newspapers.....	62,408	58,455	...	3,953
	Books and Samples	94,909	77,740	...	17,169
	Registers.....	1,243	1,560	317	...
Received.	Letters.....	263,068	243,081	}	19,033
	Free letters.....		954		
	Postal cards	4,784	5,992	1,208	...
	Registers	9,145	9,425	280	...
	Newspapers	147,830	240,252	...	7,578
	Books and Samples	93,916	92,521	...	1,395
	Registers	2,611	2,027	...	584

TABLE XIV.—TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN MAIL MATTER DESPATCHED AND RECEIVED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 1884.

	<i>Mail Matter.</i>	<i>Despatched.</i>	<i>Received.</i>
Letters.	Letters	231,424	248,081
	Free letters	859	954
	Postal cards	6,685	5,992
	Registers	18,358	9,425
	Total.....	252,276	259,452
Prints, &c.	Newspaper &c.	58,455	240,252
	Books, samples, &c.	77,740	92,521
	Registers	1,560	2,027
	Total	137,755	334,800
	Grand Total.....	390,031	594,252

TABLE XV.—TABLE SHOWING THE ROUTES BY WHICH FOREIGN MAILS WERE DESPATCHED AND RECEIVED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 1884.

<i>Routes.</i>	<i>Letters.</i>		<i>Prints, &c.</i>		<i>Total.</i>	
	<i>Despatched.</i>	<i>Received.</i>	<i>Despatched.</i>	<i>Received.</i>	<i>Despatched.</i>	<i>Received.</i>
Hongkong route	65,561	150,316	28,966	229,024	94,527	379,340
San Francisco route.....	128,765	55,152	82,650	83,436	211,415	138,588
Shanghai route	35,047	36,110	14,737	21,630	49,784	57,740
Vladivostok route.....	2,257	98	2,348	230	4,605	328
Corea route	20,646	17,776	9,054	480	29,700	18,256
Total	252,276	259,452	137,755	334,800	390,031	594,252

TABLE XVI.—TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDERS ISSUED AND PAID DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 1884.

	<i>Issued in Japan.</i>			<i>Paid in Japan.</i>		
	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>		<i>Number.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	
		\$	cts.		\$	cts.
Hongkong	69	749	49	94	2,063	57
Great Britain	280	£	s. | d.	44	£	s. | d.
Germany through interme- diary of Great Britain.....	38	890	4 | 3	8	151	7 | 2
		195	7 | 6		63	9 | 5