

Appendix R.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, HONG KONG, FOR THE YEAR 1934.

(A) POST OFFICE.

STAFF.

Mr. M. J. Breen resumed duty as Postmaster General from 22nd February.

MAILS, REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS.

2. Full details are shown in Tables I, II and III.

3. An air mail service to Australia was opened on 8th December. The mail is despatched from Hong Kong by steamer to connect at Singapore with the weekly service of the Singapore-Australia Air Mail Line. The average time of transit Hong Kong to Port Darwin is seven days.

4. The flow of parcels to and from China, United States of America, Indo-China and Japan showed increases but decreases were recorded for Great Britain and India.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

5. Tables IV and V show comparative figures for 1933 and 1934 under separate subheads and Table VI comparative totals for the past ten years.

6. The balance of postage revenue over expenditure charged against the departmental vote was \$745,111.

7. Reductions in the letter rate to places within the British Empire, air mail rates to Europe and intermediate countries, and parcel post rates to Great Britain were made during the year.

8. Tables VII and VIII provide details relating to the sale of postage stamps.

MONEY ORDER OFFICE.

9. The combined totals of the year's transactions on Money Orders and British Postal Orders shows a decrease of about £23,570 as compared with the figures for 1933. The decrease is mainly due to the introduction of direct Money Order exchange between China and India, and the consequent discontinuance of the use of the Hong Kong Service as an intermediary.

10. Full details are shown in Tables IX, X and XI.

CHINESE DELIVERY SECTION.

11. During the year this section handled 7,647,079 ordinary letters, 435,725 other articles and 10,315 postal Hong packets as against 7,472,549 ordinary letters, 412,033 other articles and 10,861 postal Hong packets in 1933.

12. The registered articles delivered amounted to 129,521 of which 45,008 were from the United States and Canada, and 84,513 from China and other countries showing a decrease of 3,652 as compared with 133,173 in 1933.

13. 5,524 insured letters were dealt with as against 5,671 in 1933. The total number of Chinese private boxes was 315 a decrease of 42 as compared with 357 in 1933.

14. The licences of 23 Chinese Postal Hongs were renewed as against 27 in 1923. All these licences were, however, cancelled at the end of the year and consequently no more clubbed packages will hereafter be accepted for transmission or delivery.

(B) WIRELESS.

TRAFFIC.

15. The total paid traffic for the year was 401,213 messages of 4,175,702 words, a decrease of 2,603 in the number of messages and an increase of 854,466 words as compared with the figures of 1933.

16. The decrease in the number of messages was due to the stoppage in July of goldbar traffic which averaged 200 telegrams per day, and the increase in the number of words was due to additional press traffic.

17. The total unpaid traffic for the year was 51,935 messages of 1,278,922 words representing increases of 7,215 messages and 153,779 words as compared with the figures for last year.

18. The net increase amounts to 4,612 messages 1,008,245 words or 1.01% and 18.48% respectively.

19. Full details are shown in Tables XII and XIII.

SERVICES.

20. Commercial radiotelegraph services are now in operation as follows:—

- (1) British North Borneo, direct to Sandakan and thence to all offices, and to Sarawak, Brunei and Labuan.
- (2) Dutch East Indies, direct to Malabar, thence to all offices and to Dutch Borneo, Australasia and Europe.

- (3) French Indo-China, direct to Hanoi, Saigon and Kwong Chow Wan, with connections to all inland places.
- (4) Formosa, direct to Taihoku and thence to all offices, and in the event of interruptions to the normal cable services, to Japan.
- (5) Philippines, direct to Manila, thence to all offices, and to American Continents, Europe and alternative connections to Dutch East Indies and Borneo, Persia, Turkey in Asia, Portuguese East Africa, Syria and Lebanon, Palestine, Pacific Islands and West Indies.
- (6) (a) CHINA:—Direct to Shanghai
Foochow
Amoy
Swatow
Canton
Yunnanfu

viâ Shanghai to inland places in China and *viâ* Yunnanfu to other offices in Yunnan Province.

- (b) CHINA:—On “Receiver-to-Pay” basis:—
 - Direct to Nanning } Kwangsi Province.
 - Wuchow } Kwangsi Province.
 - Hoihow } Kwangtung Province.
 - Pratas } Kwangtung Province.

- (7) Macau, and *viâ* Macau to Timor.
- (8) Siam, direct to Bangkok and thence to all offices.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

21. Tables XIV and XV show comparative figures for 1933 and 1934 under separate subheads, and Table XVI comparative totals for the past six years.

MISCELLANEOUS.

22. During the year six distress messages were received from vessels. The messages were in each case forwarded immediately to the Naval Authorities, Harbour Department and other Authorities concerned.

- 23. Wireless Licences issued during the year were:—

Ship Station	67
Amateur Transmission Station	19
Broadcast Receiving	4,201
Dealers	44

M. J. BREEN,
Postmaster General.

27th February, 1935.

Table I.
Mails Received and Despatched during the years 1933 and 1934.

	Receptacles for and from Hong Kong.	For H.M. Ships on China Station.	For Foreign Men-of-War.	Receptacles in transit.	Steamers carrying Mails.
Received in 1933,	49,449	14,844	1,280	206,365	6,877
Received in 1934,	44,951	11,307	1,067	194,495	6,601
Increase, .....	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease,	4,498	3,537	213	11,870	276
Despatched in 1933,	46,650	3,814	887	...	5,801
Despatched in 1934,	44,067	2,605	652	...	6,158
Increase, .....	...	...	...	...	357
Decrease,	2,583	1,209	235	...	...

Table II.

STATISTICS OF INTERNATIONAL AND HONG KONG CORRESPONDENCE REGISTERED AND INSURED FOR 1934.

Registered Articles,

	Posted and delivered at Hong Kong.	Posted at Hong Kong for other countries.	Received from other countries for Hong Kong.	In Transit.	Total number.
1934.....	33,432	231,919	323,798	91,211	680,360
1933.....	35,189	235,451	329,053	91,353	691,046
Increase ...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease ...	1,757	3,532	5,255	142	10,686

Insured Letters.

	Posted at Hong Kong for other countries.	Received from other countries for Hong Kong.	In Transit	Total number.
1934.....	6,161	6,607	3,548	16,316
1933.....	10,041	6,849	3,342	20,232
Increase .....	...	...	206	...
Decrease	3,880	242	...	3,916

Table III.
 Statistics of International and Hong Kong Parcels for the year 1934.

Description of Parcels.	Locally Posted.	In Transit.	Total Despatched.	Received for delivery in Hong Kong.	Total 1934.	Total 1933.	Comparison with 1933	
							Increase.	Decrease.
London Insured,	750	119	869	2,188	3,037	3,785	...	678
" Ordinary,	9,528	1,306	10,834	15,273	26,107	27,704	...	1,597
" Cash on Delivery,	52	...	52	701	753	658	95	...
United States of America, Manila, and Honolulu,	6,334	90	6,424	15,883	22,307	20,333	1,974	...
French Parcels by French Ships, .....	...	...	...	1,338	1,338	1,568	...	230
China Parcels,	15,780	2,772	18,552	18,452	37,004	28,398	8,606	...
Indian Insured Parcels,	201	6	207	373	580	687	...	107
" Ordinary Parcels,	3,272	1,815	5,117	1,339	6,456	9,775	...	3,319
Indo-China Parcels,	6,040	1,709	7,749	2,108	9,857	8,232	1,625	...
Straits Parcels,	2,127	809	2,936	1,695	4,631	4,646	...	15
Australian Parcels,	1,252	1,562	2,814	1,113	3,927	3,769	158	...
Dutch East Indies Parcels,	751	1,196	1,947	204	2,151	3,051	...	900
Japanese Parcels,	1,345	1,120	2,465	13,236	15,701	12,266	3,435	...
Miscellaneous Parcels,	6,496	3,781	10,277	5,807	16,084	17,995	...	1,911
Total,	53,928	16,315	70,243	79,710	149,953	142,817	15,893	8,757

Parcels posted in Hong Kong for local delivery.....356 109 247

Total Increase 7,245

Table IV.

A.—POST OFFICE.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE 1933 AND 1934.

	1933.	1934.
	\$	\$
* Personal Emoluments	305,907	293,074
<i>Other Charges.</i>		
Carriage of Mails Transit Charges.	149,899	123,538
Cleansing Materials, etc.....	993	934
Coolie Hire	98	168
Incidental Expenses	665	734
Mail Bags, Parcel Boxes, etc.	2,257	3,822
Printing	360	360
Rent of Branch Offices	540	495
Stamps	10,583	8,957
Telegrams	398	366
Transport	1,055	1,109
Uniform & Equipment	4,971	7,187
Total Personal Emoluments, and Other Charges.....	477,726	440,744
Special Expenditure .....	...	...
Pillar and Letter Boxes.....	485	2,120
Private Boxes	8,156	...
Hand Trucks .....	...	400
Total Special Expenditure	8,641	2,520
Total A.—Post Office.....	486,367	443,264

* Includes Officers of Cadet, Senior Clerical & Accounting and Junior Clerical Services.

Table V.

A.—POST OFFICE.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE 1933 AND 1934.

	1933.	1934.
Postage	\$1,238,963	\$1,188,375

Table VI.

A.—POST OFFICE.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE
FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	* Personal Emoluments & Other Charges.	Special Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.	Total Revenue.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1925.....	284,420	...	284,420	644,211
1926.....	239,823	...	239,823	698,606
1927.....	306,809	...	306,809	767,250
1928.....	300,304	663	300,967	804,679
1929.....	321,402	1,778	323,180	816,455
1930.....	405,640	1,161	406,801	942,236
1931.....	472,198	...	472,198	1,355,675
1932.....	519,458	...	519,458	1,283,301
1933.....	477,726	8,641	486,367	1,238,963
1934.....	440,744	2,520	443,264	1,188,375

* Includes salaries of officers of Cadet, Senior Clerical & Accounting and Junior Clerical Services attached to the Department, but excludes any expenditure not actually charged against the Post Office Vote.

Table VII.

Comparative Table of Postal Revenue from Sale of Postage
Stamps during the years 1933 and 1934.

Month.	1933.	1934.
	\$	\$
January,	100,405.10	101,103.29
February,	91,606.87	85,531.70
March,	103,474.16	95,442.69
April,	97,466.68	101,332.06
May,	100,365.88	95,344.03
June,	91,225.94	91,227.45
July,	94,186.07	89,652.24
August,	90,021.40	90,969.02
September,	90,172.73	83,072.26
October,	95,097.67	93,922.05
November,	113,710.70	112,336.90
December,	105,047.68	102,165.34
Total,	\$1,172,780.88	\$1,142,099.03

Table VIII.

Postage Stamps, etc., issued for sale for all purposes in Hong Kong during the years 1933 and 1934.

	Denomina- tion.	1933.	1934.
Postage Stamps,.....	1 cent.	529,951	453,987
" 	2 cents.	2,128,560	1,703,040
" 	3 "	1,697,520	1,751,280
" 	4 "	1,216,800	1,089,600
" 	5 "	4,919,040	4,888,080
" 	6 "	81,600	57,600
" 	8 "	272,600	201,600
" 	10 "	1,390,800	1,634,400
" 	12 "	485,580	429,600
" 	20 "	843,600	783,600
" 	25 "	40,560	43,200
" 	30 "	100,320	124,320
" 	50 "	125,280	132,720
" 	1 dollar.	177,120	147,120
" 	2 dollars.	32,130	29,027
" 	3 "	10,920	9,220
" 	5 "	15,812	16,642
" 	10 "	15,390	14,127
Post Cards,.....	1 cent.	13,900	14,970
" 	4 cents.	8,100	7,180
Postage Envelopes,.....	4 "	4,250	2,500
Registration Envelopes,	10 "	22,250	22,275

Table IX.

Money Order Transactions during the years 1933 and 1934.

Country.	1934.				1933.				Increase.				Decrease.			
	Orders issued.		Orders paid.		Orders issued.		Orders paid.		Orders issued.		Orders paid.		Orders issued.		Orders paid.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Great Britain,	3,408	9 1	5,488	11 11	4,475	18 9	5,912	1 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,067	9 8	423	9 2
Queensland,	50	2 6	1,082	12 9	51	3 10	1,490	14 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1 4	408	2 0
New South Wales,	366	16 1	9,263	11 4	296	2 10	11,739	6 4	70	13 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,475	15 0
Victoria,	83	18 2	661	5 8	40	19 6	534	0 9	42	18 8	127	4 11	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Australia,	18	2 9	202	17 11	14	9 11	125	11 0	3	12 10	77	6 11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Western Australia,	3	6 5	397	14 0	4	10 10	336	17 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4 5	.....	.....
Tasmania,	3	19 8	26	15 5	2	10 4	19	17 11	1	9 4	6	17 6	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Zealand,	211	13 7	485	9 10	227	5 8	590	15 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	12 1	105	5 4
Union of South Africa,	27	10 2	618	16 1	32	8 7	976	2 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	18 5	357	6 5
United States of America,	929	18 2	1,323	15 0	709	0 0	1,105	7 0	220	18 2	218	8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canada,	194	4 8	749	14 4	281	4 11	484	7 9	.....	.....	265	6 7	.....	.....	.....	.....
Philippine Islands,	740	8 1	1,768	12 2	1,702	12 0	3,837	4 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	0 3	.....	.....
Japan,	3,290	16 10	1,521	2 11	3,403	7 1	1,698	18 11	48	4 5	.....	.....	112	10 3	2,068	12 0
Straits Settlements,	996	17 0	986	12 9	948	12 7	531	7 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	149	5 10	121	1 7
Federated Malay States,	59	5 3	673	3 2	208	11 1	794	4 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	4 0	.....	.....
British North Borneo,	45	14 7	2,033	18 0	100	18 7	1,371	14 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	19 2	.....	.....
Sarawak,	61	4 1	1,393	1 5	70	3 3	802	12 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	13 7	.....	.....
Siam,	6	7 3	41	14 3	31	0 10	25	12 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macao,	268	8 5	172	6 3	268	16 0	358	16 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
China,	10,996	0 10	17,137	5 0	11,191	7 2	27,240	1 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
India,	12,624	1 4	2,210	4 5	20,291	4 0	3,229	9 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ceylon,	65	4 2	85	16 9	135	3 0	123	9 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mauritius, .....	.....	.....	215	18 9	17	0 6	170	19 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
French Indo-China,	135	19 11	995	2 10	90	2 9	776	4 0	45	17 2	218	18 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Netherlands East Indies	63	19 7	2,165	4 11	53	15 9	1,917	4 7	10	3 10	248	0 4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total,	34,652	8 7	51,701	7 10	44,648	9 9	66,195	19 10	443	17 8	2,988	18 8	10,439	18 10	17,483	10 8

£86,353 16. 5.

£110,844 9. 7.

£3,432 16. 4.

£27,923 9. 6.

Net Decrease,.....£24,490 13. 2.

Table X.

British Postal Orders issued and paid at Hong Kong.

		ORDERS ISSUED												Amount			
		VALUES															
		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.		
Total in 1934,.....	449	1	0	1	6	1,700	2,588	1,997	10	0	10	6	315	4,070	6,326	0	6
Total in 1933,	440	1	0	1	6	1,488	2,202	1,827	10	0	10	6	283	3,526	5,527	5	0

		No. of Notes		Amount	
		£	d	£	d
Total in 1934, ...	...	3,358	...	1,915.	6 11
Total in 1933, ...	...	3,168	...	1,793	17 3

ORDERS PAID

Table XI.

Statement of Local Postal Notes issued at Hong Kong.

	VALUES								Amount
	25 cts	50 cts	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	
Total in 1934,.....	21	42	56	58	145	258	...	74	\$ cts. 2,405.25
Total in 1933,.....	10	13	20	38	71	52	2	188	2,416.00

Table XII.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RADIOTELEGRAMS SENT AND RECEIVED DURING THE YEARS 1933 AND 1934.

Service	1934				1934		1933	
	Forwarded		Received		Total		Total	
	Msgs.	Words	Msgs.	Words	Msgs.	Words	Msgs.	Words
PAID RADIO-TELEGRAMS								
Chinese Government Radio Administration (Amoy, Canton, Foochow, Swatow and Shanghai).....	112,108	1,060,863	135,465	1,647,326	247,573	2,708,189	255,187	2,167,287
Philippines and beyond	16,796	180,324	18,972	213,435	35,768	393,759	33,803	319,040
Chinese 'Receiver to Pay' telegrams (Hoihow, Swabue, etc.)	332	3,472	122	1,853	454	5,325	1,065	9,421
Kwangsi Province "Receiver to Pay" telegrams ...	332	4,960	62	1,907	394	6,867	885	10,363
Ships	3,570	39,716	10,072	82,247	13,642	121,963	13,514	111,168
French Indo-China	11,635	104,559	13,953	130,558	25,588	235,117	23,082	157,725
Siam	16,925	137,072	11,458	102,326	28,383	239,398	27,192	159,045
Yunnanfu	6,551	67,161	4,142	55,374	10,693	122,535	9,991	92,647
British North Borneo	1,212	10,611	925	8,925	2,137	19,536	1,767	12,143
Macau	5,733	48,965	3,253	36,831	8,986	85,796	9,794	97,211
Malabar	5,814	47,963	9,159	77,780	14,973	125,743	14,942	91,485
Formosa	3,458	24,418	4,489	43,039	7,947	67,457	7,703	48,309
TOTAL	—	—	—	—	396,538	4,131,685	398,925	3,275,844
INTERNAL TELEGRAMS								
Steamer Advices and Semaphore Messages	—	—	4,675	44,017	4,675	44,017	4,891	45,392
TOTAL PAID TRAFFIC	—	—	—	—	401,213	4,175,702	403,816	3,321,236
UNPAID TRAFFIC								
Anti-Piracy Messages	31	523	11,128	46,323	11,159	46,846	8,457	32,022
Police	3,581	220,723	8,599	79,834	12,180	300,557	13,220	339,749
Meteorological	8,124	355,538	19,908	318,969	28,032	674,507	22,583	542,256
Rugby Press	—	—	400	246,930	400	246,930	340	204,868
Navigational	30	567	34	716	64	1,283	28	549
Health	49	2,345	51	6,454	100	8,799	92	5,699
TOTAL UNPAID TRAFFIC	11,815	579,696	40,120	699,226	51,935	1,278,922	44,720	1,125,143
Service Messages	22,094	182,089	28,690	243,217	50,784	425,306	42,984	375,266
TOTAL PAID TRAFFIC	—	—	—	—	401,213	4,175,702	403,816	3,321,236
TOTAL UNPAID TRAFFIC	—	—	—	—	51,935	1,278,922	44,720	1,125,143
GRAND TOTAL	—	—	—	—	453,148	5,454,624	448,536	4,446,379

Table XIII.

STATEMENT OF TRAFFIC AND REVENUE—PERIOD 1927 TO 1934.

Year	Paid Traffic		Unpaid Traffic		Revenue
	Msgs.	Words	Msgs.	Words	
					\$ cts
1927...	53,840	538,010	11,364	510,198	123,837.72
1928...	95,015	850,748	13,757	619,676	162,517.66
1929...	156,755	1,551,906	29,539	1,041,198	187,690.92
1930...	261,963	2,336,152	32,955	1,080,408	432,619.53
1931...	402,938	3,429,857	38,314	1,136,591	680,263.46
1932...	378,789	3,304,768	44,228	1,075,747	681,291.98
1933...	403,816	3,321,236	44,720	1,125,143	644,691.54
1934...	401,213	4,175,702	51,935	1,278,922	640,923.22

Table XIV.

B.—WIRELESS.

Comparative Statement of Expenditure 1933 and 1934.

	1933.	1934.
	\$	\$
*Personal Emoluments	139,279	137,894
<i>Other Charges.</i>		
Cleansing Materials	286	204
Contribution towards expenses Radio Telegraph Union	733	691
Documents relating to Radio tele- graph service	154	173
Incidental Expenses	578	427
Rent of Offices for Radio telegraphs.	16,250	18,000
Telegrams .....	...	100
Uniforms	965	812
Total Personal Emoluments and Other Charges.....	158,245	158,301
<i>Special Expenditure.</i>		
Gestetner Machine	945	...
Total Special Expenditure	945	...
Total (B)—Wireless	159,190	158,301
Miscellaneous } Services } (Broadcasting).....	24,050	40,910

* Includes Officers of Cadet, Senior Clerical & Accounting and Junior Clerical Services.

The Operating and counter staffs only are paid from the Post Office Vote. The technical staff, provision and maintenance of all equipment are provided for under the Public Works Department votes.

Table XV.

B.—WIRELESS.

Comparative Statement of Revenue 1933 and 1934

	1933.	1934.
	\$	\$
Messages Fees	644,692	640,923
Wireless Licences	33,580	41,480

Table XVI.

B.—WIRELESS.

Comparative Statement of Expenditure & Revenue for the last six years.

	Personal Emoluments and Other Charges.	Special Expenditure.	* Total Expenditure.	Revenue. Message Fees.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1929.....	82,125	...	82,125	187,691
1930.....	129,100	897	129,997	432,620
1931.....	148,188	490	148,678	680,263
1932.....	146,902	800	147,702	681,292
1933.....	158,245	945	159,190	644,692
1934.....	158,301	...	158,301	640,923

* Includes only expenditure appropriate to administration and operating. Other expenditure is met from P.W.D. votes.