

POST AND TELEGRAPH STATISTICS, 1917.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE POST OFFICE.

POSTAL SERVICE.	\$	c.	\$	c.
REVENUE :—				
Gross receipts from Letters, Post Cards, Newspapers, Books, and Parcels,	361,021.64			
Fees for Private Letter Boxes,	7,525.06			
Commission on Money Orders,	6,507.84			
Commission on Postal Orders,	2,794.99			
Profit on Exchange on Money Order transactions,	24,397.91			
Interest on Money Order Fund,	1,566.82			
Value of Unclaimed Money Orders,	55.61			
Total Postal Revenue,			403,869.87	
EXPENDITURE :—				
For Salaries and Wages and all expenses of Postal Service (including Money and Postal Order business) within the Colony,	156,151.59			
For Conveyance of Mails beyond the Colony,	33,927.69			
For Share of P. & O. Mail Subsidy,	69,135.55			
Total Cost of Postal Service,			259,214.83	
Profit,			\$ 144,655.04	
TELEGRAPH SERVICE.				
REVENUE :—				
Message Fees,			\$ 23,817.40	
EXPENDITURE :—				
For Salaries and Wages, &c.,			39,174.38	
Deficit,			\$ 15,356.98	

MAIL SERVICE.

Between Colony and	Line of Steamers.	Contract.		No. of Mails.	Total Annual Subsidy.	Colony's Share of Subsidy.	Other payments to Contractors.
		Commencement.	Termination.				
Shanghai* and Brindisi.	Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.	1st February, 1908.	31st January, 1918.	26	£210,753	£10,073	.....

NUMBER OF POST, MONEY ORDER, AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES IN 1917.

Post Offices.	Money Order Offices.	Telegraph Offices.
1 General, 16 Branches.	Two.	One.

* Shanghai and Bombay Section suspended as from 1st July.

STATEMENT OF THE ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER OF LETTERS, ETC., DEALT WITH IN 1917.

	Internal.	External.				Total.
		United Kingdom.		Other Places.		
		From	To	From	To	
Letters,	} No statistics.					
Post Cards,						
Newspapers,						
Book Packets, Samples, and Circulars,						
Parcels,						
Telegrams,						

STATEMENT OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY ORDER AND POSTAL ORDER TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN HONGKONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE COLONIES, AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES, IN 1917.

	Issued in the Colony.			Paid in the Colony.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Money Orders,	92,368	16	1	150,263	19	10
British Postal Orders,	9,817	11	0	12,441	18	11
Local Postal Notes,	Mex. \$39,715.00					

STATISTICS OF INTERNATIONAL AND HONGKONG REGISTERED CORRESPONDENCE AND INSURED LETTERS FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Description of Correspondence.	International and Local.		Total 1917.	Total 1916.	Comparison with 1916.	
	Despatched.	Received.			Increase.	Decrease.
Insured Letters,	2,136	3,806	5,942	4,156	1,786	...
Registered Articles,	262,264	465,460	727,724	676,192	51,532	...
Registered Articles, (viâ Siberia),	15,470	16,542	32,012	55,419	...	23,407
Total,	279,870	485,808	765,678	735,767	53,318	23,407

Total increase of 29,911 Articles.

STATISTICS OF INTERNATIONAL AND HONGKONG REGISTERED PARCELS FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Description of Parcels.	International and Local.		Total 1917	Total 1916.	Comparison with 1916.	
	Despatched.	Received.			Increase.	Decrease.
Insured Parcels, (viâ Gibraltar),	401	1,940	2,341	4,099	...	1,758
Insured Parcels, (viâ Brindisi), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Insured Parcels, (viâ Marseilles), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ordinary Parcels, (viâ Gibraltar),	4,377	9,973	14,350	20,298	...	5,948
Ordinary Parcels, (viâ Brindisi), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ordinary Parcels, (viâ Marseilles), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cash on Delivery Parcels, .....	...	91	91	187	...	96
America, Manila, and Honolulu Parcels,	3,698	8,972	12,665	10,010	2,655	...
German Parcels by German Ships, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
French Parcels by French Ships, .....	...	1,105	1,105	900	205	...
Indian Insured Parcels,	790	774	...	...	...	...
Australian Parcels,	2,818	977	...	...	...	...
Indian Ordinary Parcels,	2,116	2,088	} 104,243	84,092	20,151	...
Japanese Parcels,	2,828	15,584				
Miscellaneous Parcels,	42,090	34,238	...	...	...	...
Parcels, (viâ Siberia), .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Parcels, (viâ Canada),	368	...	368	...	368	...
Total,	59,476	75,687	135,163	119,586	23,379	7,809

Total increase of 15,577 Parcels.