

1928

*Kenya  
Uganda*

No. 45310

SUBJECT

*CO 533/379*

*Post and Telegraph Department  
Report, 1927*

Previous

*X 10387/27*

Subsequent

*10775/27*



26 June 1928  
Tns. advance copy of the Annual Report of the  
Posts and Telegraphs Dept. for 1927 and  
comments thereon. Copies of abridged Report  
will be sent in due course.

11/5 12 copies of abridged report received  
without covering letter. One copy attached  
and 11 copies sent to library.

Para.2(c) of the despatch. The Governor says  
that the requisite steps to provide buildings and  
plant are being taken "as the finances of the Colony  
allow". The excess of revenue over expenditure  
amounts to ~~255,000~~ <sup>Sect 43, 000</sup> odd, and it might be thought that  
a substantial part of this should be devoted to  
new buildings so as to increase the scope of the  
Department, but the point need not be raised here.

Paras. 3 & 4  
of abridged report

Para.2(f). The Governor refers to the new  
wireless service with this country but makes no  
comment on its working. It is perhaps early to  
expect this and the subject will no doubt be dealt  
with in next year's report. (I understand from  
the G.P.O. that the working of the service is not  
very satisfactory).

There is  
V. little about  
retrng. of  
W.P.  
Comm. with  
A.P.D. & Parkers.

✓ ? Copy to G.P.O., L.F. for inf. reference  
X.10337/27. Mr. Donnie to see <sup>afterwards</sup> para.1 of the report  
may interest the East Africa Commission.

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Recd  
9/18

Then recirculate with papers, if any, on  
the subject of the distribution of the Kenya

10021/27

Departmental Reports. The Uganda Government always  
furnish

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furnish with their Departmental Reports a list of the persons to whom copies have been addressed, and there seems no reason why Kenya should not be asked to do the same.

Why we reply to this  
We must endorse  
All

W. P. C. 30.7.28  
Leli  
Allison

2. To S. P. C. (in copy report) 3 AUG 1928

The distribution of Kenya's departmental reports is given in X (1928/29) - but no doubt this list is (or should be) constantly changing & there is no reason why Kenya should not always send a distribution list, as Uganda does, with each report. The same report

But I think General Dept. might be interested to see the Kenya distribution list. They differ very considerably from those of other S.A. territories. To insure that for the Kenya

W. P. C. 30.7.28  
Leli  
Allison  
Why we reply to this  
We must endorse  
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The same applies to the Forest Dept. Native Affairs  
Same

A. See on

Agricultural Dept. contains about 178 names, a great many of which are those of private individuals holding land in the country. That for Uganda contains about 200 names (of which a far larger proportion are distributions of one set to another).

It might perhaps be possible to compile for all the S.A. territories a standard minimum distribution list for each of their various departmental reports. But each dept. may perhaps have in mind some such thing for all the colonies.

(It ~~is~~ appears from X (1928/29) that the question was to be discussed at the C.O. conference, but the result, if any, is not shown in the Summary of Proceedings pp 43-44 copy has)

§ Eastwood

I am afraid I have kept this as indicated

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Since the above are under my  
 attention has been drawn to a  
 permit of records in 120021/27  
 (under (let Dept Report year)):-  
 I hope attention will be given to  
 these distribution lists (for dept)  
 other action is at present being taken  
 on this paper.

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As to A. The General papers (120021/27) are now  
 nowhere! || It is very last available. It does not  
 appear that any such thing is ~~intended~~  
 intended. 8/10.

The Past has been  
 the ~~has been~~ being of  
 from time to time for papers  
 & I have not recently succeeded  
 in securing 10021/27 from  
 CICA. In that paper (no of  
 the O.A.S. supplied distribution  
 list for annual reports  
 including that for the  
 P.O. states that the report  
 was in future to be printed  
 in accordance with those

lists. In these cases it seems  
 quite unnecessary to ask for a  
 distribution list with each report  
 (under (let Dept Report year))  
 in case the P.O. report.

I am off dit to Gov  
 referring to the 120021/27  
 the Gov's commendation in  
 the last para (see low minutes  
 of 3/7/27). (adding in  
 expression report that the  
 work has been delayed.

J. N. Allen  
 15/11/28

My Dip. is wrapped -  
 when circulated for P.O. to  
 consider what action, if any,  
 is to be taken on the general  
 list of distribution of reports  
 (i.e. last part of para of  
 C.O. Dip. 67 of 2/7/27 &  
 Kenya - 10021/27 Kenya)

all  
 15/11/28  
 J. N. Allen

On the whole,  
 I think it is  
 well worth it.  
 12/11/28

3 To Gov 855. 1 and 21 NOV 1928

Spitz 10/10/28

(This has just appeared here)

WTC Mr Parkinson's annule

of 15.11.28

G. Stanton

18.2.29

See on line dep of the  
2<sup>nd</sup> of Dec. 1927 (15 on 25604/27)

? No action is necessary  
now.

~~J. Kennedy~~

18/2/29

J. Boyd

18/2/29

at home

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Mr. North *encl 16/11*

Mr. Allen *ack 17/11*

Mr. Bottomley.

Sir E. Harding.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Sir G. Grindle.

Sir C. Davis.

Sir S. Wilson.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Lord Lovat.

Mr. Amery.

X 15130/28 Kenya

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21 Nov 1928

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Kenya.

No. 855.

Governor.

Sir,  
I have the honour  
to acknowledge the receipt  
of your despatch No 351 of  
the 26<sup>th</sup> June, transmitting  
an advance copy of the  
Postmaster General's Annual  
Report upon the Post and  
Telegraph services of  
Kenya and Uganda for  
the year ending the  
31<sup>st</sup> December 1927, and  
~~to inform you that~~  
~~reply has been made~~

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(2) ~~with~~ ~~and~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~qualified~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~final~~ ~~paragraph~~ ~~of~~ ~~your~~ ~~report~~ ~~that~~ ~~you~~ ~~comment~~ ~~the~~ ~~details~~ ~~there~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~report~~ ~~and~~ ~~I~~ ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ ~~glad~~ ~~if~~ ~~you~~ ~~will~~ ~~inform~~ ~~the~~ ~~Postmaster~~ ~~General~~ ~~and~~ ~~his~~ ~~staff~~ ~~that~~ ~~I~~ ~~enclose~~ ~~your~~ ~~communication~~.

~~I~~ ~~have~~ ~~etc.~~

glad to endorse ~~the~~ your  
communication of ~~the~~  
with your Postmaster  
General and his staff.

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

ABRIDGED REPORT ON THE  
POST AND TELEGRAPH  
DEPARTMENT, 1927.

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**COLONY AND PROTECTORATE OF KENYA AND  
UGANDA PROTECTORATE.**

**ABRIDGED REPORT ON THE POST AND  
TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT**

*For the Year 1927.*

1. The revised scheme for the amalgamation of the two services has now been in operation for three years. The scheme has worked smoothly and the results obtained demonstrate that, under reasonably favourable conditions, the unification of control of services of this character in adjoining territories presents no practical difficulty and that such unification can be effected without loss of efficiency and with distinct financial benefit to the territories concerned, combined with public convenience and the independence of each territory in regard to development or extension of services.

2. As there is some reason to believe that the expansion and development which has taken place in the Department's activities during the past five years is not fully realised, the following figures may be of interest.

	1922	1927	Increase
*Cash Revenue	£132,727	£209,487	58%
Parcels	119,617	189,902	59%
Telephone Installations	1,196	2,131	78%
Volume of correspondence dealt with	6,542,303	13,283,900	103%
Telegrams	300,025	670,200	107%

\* In the interval there have been some substantial reductions in rates.

Notwithstanding the expansion which the foregoing statement reveals, recurrent expenditure during the same period only increased from £152,129 to £154,235 or 1.38 per cent.

**Financial.**

3. *Revenue.*—The total Cash Revenue amounted to £209,487 as compared with £190,967 for 1926—an increase of £18,520 or 9.7 per cent. Of this amount £165,100 accrued to Kenya and £44,387 to Uganda representing increases of 11.3 per cent. and 3.9 per cent. respectively on the figures for the previous year. Appendix 1 shows the revenue collected in each State under the various heads together with similar details covering a period from 1916 onward.

4. **Expenditure.**—The total recurrent expenditure of the Department amounted to £154,335 of which £112,586 was borne by Kenya and £41,649 by Uganda. The main heads of this expenditure are as follows:—

NATURE OF EXPENDITURE.	Kenya.	Uganda.	Total.
	£	£	£
Cost of staff (including Headquarters staff actually serving in each State)	58,810	20,700	79,510
Expenditure other than that on staff directly incurred in each State	11,939	9,701	21,640
Expenditure on Common Staff and on Common Services and Supplies	41,837	11,248	53,085
Total	£ 112,586	41,649	154,235
Increase or decrease compared with 1926.	+7.07%	+6.43%	+6.9%

Capital Expenditure amounted to £7,225 in Kenya and £5,210 in Uganda as compared with £5,135 and £7,969 respectively during the previous year.

The total cash turnover of the Department amounted to £2,241,806.

A comparative statement showing the Recurrent Expenditure for each State and the Revenue during the five years from 1923 is contained in Appendix 2. The result of the year's working on a "commercial" basis is shown in Appendix 3.

### Post and Telegraph Offices.

5. At the close of the year Postal and Telegraph facilities existed as follows:—

CLASS OF OFFICE.	NUMBER OF			
	On 31-12-26			
	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda
Departmental Offices transacting Postal and Telegraph business	32	21	34	29
Contract Offices	13	..	13	..
Postal Agencies at Railway Stations and other places	73	17	79	17
Departmental and Contract Telegraph Offices and Wireless Station	39	25	40	25
Telegraph Offices at Railway and other Agencies	98	20	103	19
Money Order Offices and Offices at which Savings Bank business can be transacted	33	17	34	18
Offices at which Postal Order business can be transacted	34	20	40	21

### Buildings and Line Plant.

6. Owing to its very rapid development (*vide* para. 2), the Department is suffering considerably from the inadequacy of its premises, particularly at the main business centres. Line plant on the main telegraph routes has not been added to for many years and consequently heavy congestion occurs at times.

### Mail Matter.

7. The estimated number of letters, postcards, newspapers, book-packets, and samples dealt with during 1927 was 13,263,900 as compared with 11,451,700 during 1926. Of the foregoing total, 10,890,700 were dealt with in Kenya and 2,393,200 in Uganda—an increase of 18 per cent. and 7.8 per cent. respectively. While there was an increase generally in all classes of matter handled, the most noticeable increase was in respect of printed matter (newspapers, books, circulars, etc.) received from overseas. This applies to both States. Official letters, circulars, etc., numbered 1,079,100 representing 8 per cent. of the gross total. Details of the various classes of mail matter dealt with in each State are contained in Appendix 4.

### Parcels.

8. The total number of parcels dealt with during 1927 was 189,902 as compared with 187,856 during the previous year.

Appendix 5 contains (a) an analysis of the number of parcels dealt with during 1927, and (b) a statement showing details of the number and value of parcels received for each State from abroad.

The decrease in the number of parcels received from the United Kingdom is due to the increase in the maximum weight allowed (from 11 lbs. to 22 lbs.) in the case of parcels from the United Kingdom. This increase in weight was introduced in July, 1926, but its full effect was not felt until 1927.

The Customs duty collected by the Department on overseas parcels and letter packets amounted to £77,174 as compared with £71,761 in 1926. Of this amount £60,806 accrued to Kenya and £16,368 to Uganda.

### Insured Parcels.

9. Details of the number and value of insured parcels received from and despatched to other countries are shown in

the following table. The figures disclose a decrease in number but an increase in value over those for the previous year.

Year	RECEIVED FROM OVERSEAS				DESPATCHED TO OVERSEAS			
	Great Britain		Other Countries		Great Britain		Other Countries	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
<b>KENYA</b>								
1926	8,462	£ 26,885	1,305	£ 7,279	273	£ 2,861	77	£ 808
1927	9,682	24,009	1,442	11,652	236	2,625	96	1,363
<b>UGANDA</b>								
1926	1,201	4,749	427	2,168	56	385	16	51
1927	1,228	4,858	771	4,006	57	394	24	179

#### Cash-on-Delivery Service.

10. The following statement shows the number and value of cash-on-delivery parcels dealt with in each State during 1927:—

Year	C.O.D. parcels posted locally for delivery in Kenya and Uganda.				C.O.D. parcels received from Great Britain for delivery in Kenya and Uganda.			
	Kenya.		Uganda.		Kenya.		Uganda.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
1926	569	£ 2,719	247	£ 392	5,575	£ 19,569	4,446	£ 13,047
1927	457	2,618	309	413	6,299	22,644	5,755	18,650

It will be noted that the number received from Great Britain and Northern Ireland increased by 20 per cent. and the value by 26 per cent., and that these increases were mainly in respect of Uganda. The overseas service is restricted to the above-named places. There were no postings for overseas.

#### Registered Articles.

11. The number of registered articles dealt with was 315,704 as compared with 333,350 in 1926, an increase of 7.6 per cent. There was a slight reduction in the number received from overseas.

The figures for each State are as follows:—

	Posted for delivery in Kenya and Uganda.	Posted for places abroad.	Received from places abroad.	Total.
<b>KENYA:</b>				
1926	102,694	54,472	76,462	233,628
1927	109,006	66,549	72,884	248,439
<b>UGANDA:</b>				
1926	32,163	14,028	13,541	59,722
1927	36,125	18,788	15,352	67,265

#### Undelivered Postal Matter.

12. The articles dealt with in the Returned Letter Office numbered 135,891 a decrease of 6,486 on the figures for the previous year; 98,629 or 72.9 per cent. were returned to the senders or to the country of origin. The remainder were unreturnable. The value of the property found amongst the articles dealt with was £1,117 5s. of which £1,071 14s. was returned to the senders. The balance of £45 11s. is held in deposit pending claims from the senders.

#### Money Orders.

13. Money orders issued in Kenya showed an increase of 12.44 per cent. in number and 14.36 per cent. in value over the figures for the preceding year. In Uganda, however, there was a decrease of 9.97 per cent. in number and 32.48 per cent. in value. This decrease is entirely due to a decline in the number and value of internal money orders issued. The decrease is reflected in the reduction in number and value of money orders paid in Kenya.

There was a noticeable increase, almost entirely confined to Kenya, in the value of Money Orders issued for payment abroad. Altogether £275,368 was remitted overseas, as compared with £244,761 in 1926. Of the former amount £240,595 or 87.4 per cent. was remitted to India. The amount remitted to India from Kenya totalled £176,069.

An analysis of the money orders issued and paid in the two States is contained in Appendix 6.

### Telegraph Money Orders

14. There was a noticeable decrease in the number of orders issued in Uganda for payment in Kenya and Uganda, and this accounts for the decrease in the value of orders paid in Kenya. The following table shows the number and value of telegraph orders issued and paid in the two States during the past three years.

Year.	ISSUES.				PAYMENTS.				Total Value.	
	Internal.		Foreign.		Internal.		Foreign.		Issues and Payments.	
	K.	U.	K.	U.	K.	U.	K.	U.	Kenya.	Uganda.
1925	No. 741	No. 8,631	No. 174	No. 33	No. 6,572	No. 2,791	No. 39	No. 1	£ 210,971	£ 329,377
1926	1,065	7,335	250	80	5,187	3,219	107	25	151,622	267,848
1927	1,460	4,857	305	84	3,549	2,769	175	30	94,775	149,332

The revenue from money order commission amounted to £7,988 as compared with £8,818 in 1925. £4,910 accrued to Kenya and £3,073 to Uganda.

### British Postal Orders

15. The following statement shows the number and value of British Postal Orders issued and paid during 1927 as compared with 1926. The figures show that this means of remitting small sums of money is gaining in popularity.

YEAR.	ISSUES								Total Value.	
	Kenya		Uganda		Total		Kenya		Uganda	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
1926	40,137	26,129	12,257	7,431	33,661	12,253	6,917	1,977	7,310	
1927	46,126	30,970	13,213	7,840	34,210	14,242	7,709	2,410	1,229	
No. or value increase...	7,989	4,250	926	359	4,609	1,989	793	441	328	
Per cent ..	19.89	16.27	7.54	4.80	13.72	16.23	11.46	22.31	36.40	

### Postage and Revenue Stamps.

16. The total value of stamps and stamped stationery sold at Post Offices and issues specially for fiscal purposes amounted to £279,525 as compared with £272,046 in 1926. The following is an analysis of the value of the stamps used for various purposes:—

Postal purposes	£ 88,274
Inland telegrams	28,198
Foreign telegrams	67,602
Customs duties	2,100
Other revenue purposes	92,563
Miscellaneous	247
Sales to Stamp Dealers and Collectors	1,141
<b>Total</b>	<b>£279,525</b>

### Post Office Savings Banks.

**KENYA**—There was a substantial expansion of this service during the year. The amount standing to the credit of depositors rose from £64,521 at the close of 1926 to £78,007 at the end of 1927 representing an increase of 20.5 per cent. Deposits exceeded withdrawals by £33,296 an increase of 71.2 per cent. over the corresponding figure for the previous year. £1,008 was paid or credited to depositors in respect of interest as compared with £1,374 during the previous year.

**Deposits**—57,408 deposits to the value of £78,201 were made as compared with 6,161 amounting to £64,626 during 1926. These figures represent an increase of 20.2 per cent. in number and 21 per cent. in amount. The average amount deposited was £10 11s.

**Withdrawals**—3,306 withdrawals to the value of £66,524 were made as compared with 2,641 amounting to £58,246 in 1926, being an increase of 25.2 per cent. in number and 14.2 per cent. in amount. The average amount withdrawn was £20 2s.

**Interest**—The interest accruing on investments amounted to £2,814 as compared with £2,343 in 1926. Of the interest earned £1,606 was paid to depositors and the balance of £1,215 credited to revenue. An additional £10,000 was invested during the year.

**General.**—The number of European, Asiatic and African depositors in the Savings Bank at the end of the year was 1,202, 2,718 and 778 respectively, as compared with 1,280, 2,478 and 693 at the close of 1926. In addition there were 26 trust accounts. During the year 1,689 accounts were opened and 487 closed as compared with 689 and 396 respectively during the previous year.

The working expenses of the branch were estimated to amount to £647.

The annual account and a statement of the securities held are shown in Appendices 7 and 8.

18. UGANDA.—Here also there has been a considerable expansion of the service during the year. The amount standing to the credit of depositors rose from £15,187 at the close of 1926 to £18,674 at the end of 1927, representing an increase of 22.9 per cent. Deposits exceeded withdrawals by £8,487, an increase of 62.5 per cent. over the corresponding figure for the previous year. £390 was paid or credited to depositors in respect of interest as compared with £303 during the previous year.

The control of the Bank was transferred from the Treasury to the Post Office in July, 1926, and there can be little doubt that the greater facilities which the Department is in a position to provide is having an influence on the use made of the Bank.

**Deposits.**—During the year, deposits to the number 1,914 of the value of £14,072 were made as compared with 1,366 of the value of £9,697 during the previous year, representing an increase of 51.2 per cent. in number and 45.1 per cent. in value.

**Withdrawals.**—1,221 withdrawals amounting to £10,976 were made as compared with 692 of the value of £7,469 in 1926 representing an increase of 76.4 per cent. in number and 39.5 per cent. in value.

**Interest.**—The interest accruing on investments amounted to £479 and, of this, £390 was credited to depositors. The total purchase value of investments at the end of 1927 amounted to £16,050 as compared with £9,550 at the end of the preceding year.

**General.**—The number of European, Asiatic and African depositors at the end of 1927 was 47, 315 and 862 respectively, as compared with 36, 219 and 735 in 1926. In addition there

were 16 Trustee accounts, 339 accounts were opened and 101 closed during the year. At the end of the year there were 18 offices open for the transaction of Savings Bank business.

The working expenses of the branch were estimated to amount to £264.

The annual account and a statement of securities held are shown in Appendices 9 and 10.

### Overseas Mails.

19. Mails despatched to Great Britain numbered 70 as compared with 71 in 1926 and mails received 66 as compared with 67. The average time of transit between Mombasa and London was 19.5 days homeward and 19.9 days outward as compared with 19 days and 21.4 days respectively in 1926. The shortest time was 15 days. The number of mails despatched to India and South Africa was 32 and 71 respectively and the number received 28 and 86. The average time of transit between Mombasa and Bombay was 9.5 days to India and 9.2 days from India and the shortest time 7 days. Between Mombasa and Durban the average time was 11 days and the shortest time 8 days.

### Air Mails.

20. Two English air mails were despatched and four received by the experimental air service undertaken, under contract with Government, by the North Sea and Aerial and General Transport Company between Kisumu and Khartoum, the onward and inward connection between Khartoum and Cairo being maintained by the Royal Air Force. The total time taken each way was about 11 days. Owing to accidents to the Company's machines, the series of flights originally arranged was not completed, and as those completed did not work to a fixed time schedule, little information was gained, unfortunately, as to what extent the public would be prepared to pay special air fees if a regular air service was established. The experimental service had, however, the effect of stimulating public interest in the possibility of a regular air mail service as far as Cairo with all its advantages of speed and regularity. There is little doubt that such a service would be welcomed by the public at large provided the cost to these territories was reasonably within their resources. The special air fee charged was 50 cents (8d.) per ounce.

### Inland Mail Service.

21. The various inland mail services were satisfactorily maintained during the year. Improved services have followed on the railway extensions which are in progress. Runner services are being gradually replaced by motor transport.

### Inland Telegrams.

22. The number of inland telegrams dealt with during the year was 416,891 as compared with 395,759 in 1926—an increase of 5.3 per cent. Of the foregoing total 287,655 originated in Kenya and 129,236 in Uganda, representing an increase of 8.9 per cent. and a decrease of 1.8 per cent. respectively, over the figures for the previous year.

### Foreign Telegrams.

23. Foreign telegrams dealt with in 1927 totalled 203,300 as compared with 186,594 in 1926, an increase of 9.07 per cent. The distribution as between Kenya and Uganda was as follows:—

Kenya: 180,069, showing an increase of 10.3 per cent.

Uganda: 23,240, showing an increase of 4.1 per cent.

In addition to the foregoing, 5,339 telegrams and 278 radiotelegrams were dealt with in transit.

Appendix II contains an analysis of foreign telegraph traffic.

The Mombasa-Zanzibar cable was interrupted from the 16th to 29th August. Traffic was disposed of via the Mombasa and Zanzibar wireless stations. No inconvenience or delay resulted.

### Telegraphs—General.

24. An alternative route to this service to Europe via the Indian Ocean service to South Africa was opened up by land lines from Capetown was opened up. Owing to doubts as to its efficiency the route was not opened in the reverse direction. Experience soon showed that telegrams sent by the route were sustaining serious delay. These delays were due not to any defect in the wireless section, but to the many transmissions from point to point and from Administration to Administration over the long land line from Capetown. Representations from this Service ultimately led to the closing of the route early in the current year (1928). The ordinary rate by this route from United Kingdom was Shs. 2 per word as against Shs. 2/4d. via cable.

Negotiations were opened during the year with the British East African Broadcasting Company, Limited—a local company—for the establishment of a broadcasting service from a

station at Nairobi, sufficiently powerful to transmit to all parts of the Colony, and a licence dated the 1st September was issued to the Company under which it is required to establish a service within nine months from that date. Associated with that licence is one for a short-wave wireless installation capable of maintaining a commercial service with a corresponding station in England which the British Post Office authorities have undertaken to provide. The enterprise is entirely at the Company's risk. The proposed rates by this service will be approximately two-thirds of those at present charged by the cable route, and if the service proves successful, the Colony will have at its disposal a valuable alternative and cheaper means of communication with Europe.

The N.L.T. service, which provides for specially reduced rates for telegrams containing Christmas and New Year's greetings, continues to increase in popularity. The concession was in force between the 15th and 31st December, 1927, and during that period, 5,018 N.L.T. telegrams were dealt with, representing an increase of 51 per cent. over the figures for the previous year.

### Wireless.

25. 5,465 radiotelegrams were dealt with in 1927 as compared with 4,983 in 1926. The reduction in the total number handled is due to the smaller number of radiotelegrams diverted as a result of cable interruptions. The annual trade showed an increase of 18 per cent.

The cost of radiotelegrams amounted to £264 as compared with £190 in 1926—an increase of 37 per cent.

The experiments in short wave telegraphy which were started in 1926 were continued on a more extensive scale during 1927. The transmitter in use is one which was built up experimentally at a very little direct cost. The power ranges from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  K.W. The note is received A.C. without any smoothing devices, but notwithstanding the absence of the latter, the set has worked commercial traffic with Zanzibar and Dar-es-Salaam, when working on the  $\frac{1}{2}$  K.W. spark set was impracticable owing to atmospheric conditions. Communication was established with amateur stations in India, New South Wales, South Australia and Dublin, whilst the experiments in internal working have shown that reliable short-wave services can, if necessary, be established at comparatively little cost so far as the installations themselves are concerned.

## Telephones.

26. The following figures show for each State the number of telephone installations connected and the number disconnected during the year:—

	Number Connected.		Number Disconnected.		Net Increase.	
	Kenya.	Uganda.	Kenya.	Uganda.	Kenya.	Uganda.
	Exchange Lines..	176	73	33	25	143
Internal Extensions ..	93	33	10	3	63	30
External Extensions ..	29	17	7	3	22	14
Private Lines ..	10	3	2	..	8	3
Total ..	308	126	52	31	256	95

183 transfers from one position to another were effected in Kenya and 92 in Uganda.

The following statement shows the number of telephones in use at the end of 1927, as compared with previous year:—

YEAR.	Number of Official Installations.		Number of Public Installations. (including Railway).		Totals.	
	Kenya.	Uganda.	Kenya.	Uganda.	Kenya.	Uganda.
	1926	411	255	899	217	1,310
1927	475	300	1,091	265	1,356	565

Telephone exchanges were opened at Kabete on the 27th January, 1927, at Eldoret on the 1st February, at Ruiru on 1st May, and at Mbale on the 1st August, 1927. A telephone trunk line between Eldoret and Kitale was brought into use on the 17th October, 1927.

Demands for telephone service were on the whole met with reasonable promptitude. Arrears of work were, however, as regards the Nairobi Exchange, heavier than normal at the close of the year, but this was largely the effect of a deliberate policy of withholding service in cases which would be affected by the scheme for the reconstruction of the exchange on the underground system. Special financial provision was made

during the year for that scheme and the preliminary work in connexion with it was in hand at the close of the year. Its completion will see the dismantling of the somewhat unsightly heavily laden pole routes in the centre of the town and will enable the Department to give better maintenance service and more prompt attention than is at present possible to all demands for service within the Exchange area.

Under encouragement from the Department, with the approval of Government, the farming community in Kenya is becoming interested in the establishment of rural telephone lines on the party line system, and a number of schemes were under consideration at the end of the year. Special rates for such lines have been approved on a basis which just makes them self-supporting, and arrangements exist under which settlers can reduce their annual subscriptions by co-operating towards a reduction of the capital cost by supplying free poles, transport and labour. A fairly general system of rural telephones would do much to improve amenities on farms, particularly where women and children are concerned. The main difficulty, however, is that only in a very limited number of areas is settlement sufficiently close to make the service reasonably cheap. In sparsely settled areas the length of line required makes the cost of the service rather beyond the means of the average settler, no matter how economically the service may be provided.

## Telegraph and Telephone Line Construction and Maintenance.

27. Kenya. In addition to normal telegraph and telephone construction and maintenance the following works of a major character were carried out:—

### TELEGRAPHS.

- (a) A new pole route, carrying three wires, was erected along the Nyeri Branch Railway between Sagana and Nyeri, a distance of 32½ miles;
- (b) A new pole route, carrying two wires, was erected along the Branch Railway between Nyeri and Nairobi Moru, a distance of 15½ miles;
- (c) An additional section of the Nairobi-Jaga new through Railway wire, comprising 72 miles, was erected.

### TELEPHONES.

- (a) In connection with the opening of Telephone Exchanges at Eldoret, Ruiru and Kabete, 44 miles of pole line and 260 miles of wire were erected;

- (b) Rural development at Soy and Kora involved the erection of 21 miles of pole line and 62 miles of wire;
- (c) The recovery and re-erection along the Railway of the old cross-country line from Eldoret to Kitale enabled the Department to give telephone as well as telegraph communication between Eldoret, Soy, Hoey's Bridge and Kitale.
28. *Uganda*.—The following major items of work were executed during the year:—
- (a) A wooden pole line, carrying four wires, was erected from Malaba to Mbulamuti (105.7 miles).
- (b) A telegraph line from Kabiramaido to Kelle Port (10 miles), was completed and brought into use on the 7th March.
- (c) 15 miles of iron pole line were erected near Fort Portal.
- (d) The following additional wires were erected:—
- (i) Jinja-Namasagali (60.12 miles);
- (ii) Mbulamuti-Namasagali (17.50 miles);
- (iii) Mbulamuti-Jinja (43.02 miles).
- (e) Tablet instruments were fitted at all stations between Tororo and Mbulamuti on the Kenya and Uganda Railway extension, and at all stations on the Busoga Railway.

#### Mileage—Telegraphs and Telephones

The total mileage of telegraph and telephone lines all classes in Kenya and Uganda at the close of the year (excluding lines in process of construction) and the amount of Departmental capital expenditure on new works during the year are as follows:—

	Pole Mileage		Wire Mileage		Various Expenditure during 1927	
	Telegraphs	Telephones	Telegraphs	Telephones	Telegraphs	Telephones
Kenya ..	1,916½	254½	5,719	2,518½	£ 905	£ 5,320
Uganda ..	1,502	95	2,282	1,149½	2,884	2,335

The total capital cost of the Telegraph and Telephone lines in Kenya and Uganda at the end of 1927 was, approximately, as follows:—

	Kenya.	Uganda.
Telegraph Lines .. ..	£ 168,915	70,005
Telephone Lines .. ..	28,997	29,731
Total .. ..	£ 197,912	99,736

#### Staff.

30. *African Staff*.—Normal progress was made during the year in the recruitment and training of African staff. The Buxton High School, Mombasa, continues to produce a type of African who can be utilised with advantage, and the school is therefore a valuable recruiting ground for the Department. The first batch of Africans who commenced their training at Makerere College, Kampala, in 1925 under a scholarship scheme, completed the course in December, and were withdrawn for final training at telegraph offices. The experiment was fairly successful. The scheme, however, has had to be abandoned for the present as only two boys (of ten required), who could be regarded as at all suitable, came forward to form a fresh batch for training.

*Health of Staff*.—The following statement, which excludes officers below the rank of junior clerks, shows that the rate of sickness amongst the staff is still relatively high.

Year	Total number of absences		Average duration per sick absence (days)		Percentage of Officers who had one or more sick absences		Average absence (in days) per Officer employed	
	E	N	E	N	E	N	E	N
<b>KENYA</b>								
1926 ..	49	220	12.9	6.2	27.7	47.5	5.6	9.1
1927 ..	47	249	9.2	5.1	39.5	60.8	5.4	6.4
<b>UGANDA</b>								
1926 ..	24	77	9.3	5.2	61.5	51.9	6.5	7.7
1927 ..	11	74	12.5	6.7	40.0	61.4	6.7	8.7

E. denotes European.

N. denotes Non-European.

The staff establishments and details of nationality are as follows:—

	Europeans.		Asian and Africans.	Mauritians.	Total.
	Males.	Females.			
KENYA: Superintending, Clerical and Operative Staff	41	19	166	3	229
UGANDA: Ditto.	7	5	54		66
KENYA: Engineering Staff	26		23		49
UGANDA: Ditto.	9		3		12
POST OFFICE CONTRACTORS	13				13
Total	96	24	246	3	369

In addition to the staff enumerated above, the following were employed:—

136 Telegraph Learners of whom 99 were Africans.  
21 Postmen.

816 Messengers, Mail Runners, Linesmen, Indoor Messengers, Motor Drivers, etc.

#### Miscellaneous.

31. A serious case of criminal breach of trust on the part of an Asiatic Clerk employed at Eldoret occurred during the year. A conviction was obtained and an exemplary sentence (six years' rigorous imprisonment) imposed. The amount involved was £656.

An Asiatic Stationmaster performed the duties of Postal Agent at Uta was convicted of the embezzlement of departmental moneys amounting to £3,000. His services were subsequently made good from moneys recovered by the Railway Administration.

A mail runner was convicted at Mombasa of attempting to prepay postage by means of a previously used stamp.

A particularly brutal murder of a mail runner employed on the Nakuru-Subukia route occurred in July. Three Lumbwa natives were arrested, one of whom was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for life. The other two were acquitted.

Imperial Reply Coupons for use within the British Empire were introduced at the end of March.

The colours of 5-cent and 10-cent stamps were altered to green and black respectively, and the new stamps placed on sale on the 1st May.

Arrangements were completed by Government during the year for the issue of stamped paper in connection with various stamp duties and the paper was placed on sale at all Post Offices in Kenya with effect from the 1st July. Stamped paper to the face value of £2,021 was sold at Post Offices during the six months the system was in operation.

A direct money order service with Seychelles commenced on the 1st September.

Direct despatches of letter mails between Kampala and London and Bombay, and between Jinja and Bombay, and direct despatches of parcel mails between Manchester and Mombasa, Nairobi and Kampala were introduced during the year.

New Post Offices at Gilgil, Muhoroni and Hongu, which were in course of erection at the end of 1926, were completed and occupied during the early part of the year. New Post Offices were also erected at Bombo, Koru, Molo and Tororo during the year whilst minor structural alterations were carried out at Jinja and Masindi. The extension of the Post Office building at Eldoret had not been completed by the end of the year.

Approval was granted during the year for the establishment of a Departmental warehouse. This will ensure the Department having always in hand sufficient stocks of material to meet all normal requirements and thus considerably facilitate engineering operations.

I again desire to place on record my appreciation of the loyal and efficient manner, very often under trying conditions, in which the staff as a whole performed their duties.

T. FITZGERALD,

Postmaster General,  
Colony and Protectorate of Kenya and  
Uganda Protectorate.

## Appendix 1.

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF POSTAL, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE REVENUE COLLECTED IN KENYA AND UGANDA DURING CERTAIN YEARS FROM 1916 TO 1927.

YEAR.	(a) POSTAL REVENUE.		(b) TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE REVENUE.						GRAND TOTAL.
	Kenya.	Uganda.	Total.	Kenya.		Uganda.		Total.	
				Telegraphs.	Telephones.	Telegraphs.	Telephones.		
1916 17	£ 27,394	£ 5,223	£ 32,622	£ 17,913	£ 1,803	£ 43,235	£ 78	£ 24,319	£ 56,948
1919 20	£ 45,726	£ 6,139	£ 51,375	£ 27,966	£ 3,425	£ 6,788	£ 735	£ 38,944	£ 90,299
1922	£ 70,596	£ 11,299	£ 81,995	£ 32,393	£ 7,146	£ 7,054	£ 1,599	£ 42,142	£ 130,137
1923	£ 79,799	£ 13,498	£ 77,283	£ 32,962	£ 7,972	£ 8,009	£ 2,671	£ 52,414	£ 129,697
1924	£ 82,002	£ 35,079	£ 83,961	£ 42,613	£ 8,299	£ 11,693	£ 3,915	£ 66,520	£ 160,481
1925	£ 83,000	£ 38,776	£ 104,318	£ 43,445	£ 11,525	£ 15,674	£ 6,473	£ 77,117	£ 181,435
1926	£ 86,000	£ 40,000	£ 107,026	£ 49,445	£ 12,680	£ 14,907	£ 6,909	£ 83,941	£ 190,967
1927	£ 90,000	£ 30,765	£ 119,453	£ 49,669	£ 15,822	£ 15,506	£ 8,656	£ 90,103	£ 209,467
Increase or decrease, 1927 over 1926.	+13,276	-848	+12,427	+424	+3,142	+599	+1,927	+6,092	+18,520
Percentage.	+15.41	-4.05	+11.61	+0.86	+24.75	+4.02	+27.89	+7.26	+9.70

\* Excluding rent from Railway for maintenance of wires.

## Appendix 2.

## POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECURRENT EXPENDITURE FOR EACH STATE AND THE REVENUE DURING THE YEARS, 1923-1927.

YEAR.	Expenditure.		Total.	Cash Revenue Under Appendix 1.	Excess of Cash Revenue over Recurrent Expenditure.
	Kenya.	Uganda.			
1923	£ 99,267	£ 35,374	£ 134,656	£ 152,284	£ -2,349 (Deficit)
1924	£ 94,150	£ 30,750	£ 129,920	£ 150,491	£ 20,561 (Excess)
1925	£ 96,841	£ 35,135	£ 130,976	£ 161,475	£ 47,459 ( " )
1926	£ 105,155	£ 39,133	£ 44,294	£ 190,967	£ 46,681 ( " )
1927	£ 112,586	£ 41,745	£ 154,235	£ 205,487	£ 55,252* ( " )

\* Accrued as follows:-

Kenya £ 52,614

Uganda £ 2,735

Total £ 55,252

POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.  
WORKING ACCOUNT, 1927.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Cash Revenue	Kenya 165,100 Uganda 47,587	By Recurrent Expenditure	Kenya 112,526 Uganda 41,699
Estimated value of free services rendered to other Government Departments	Kenya 52,810 Uganda 4,087	Estimated value of annual rentals of Post Office buildings, Government Quarters and allowances in lieu of Quarters	Kenya 31,527 Uganda 1,423
	16,897	Estimated value of free medical services	Kenya 643 Uganda 357
		Value of free transport services	Kenya 990
		Excess of Receipts over Recurrent Expenditure	Kenya 52,905 Uganda 1,066
	226,364	Total	226,364

NOTE "A".—Capital Expenditure amounted to £12,444—Kenya £7,226; Uganda £5,219. If this amount is included in the above statement the excess of receipts over expenditure is reduced to £41,527 of which Kenya shows an excess of £45,660 and Uganda a deficit of £4,133.

NOTE "B".—No allowance is included in the statement for interest on the capital value of Telephones and Telegraph Lines and plant in use by the Department.

## Appendix 4.

## STATEMENT OF THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LETTERS, ETC., DEALT WITH IN KENYA AND UGANDA DURING 1927.

ARTICLES	INTERNAL.						EXTERNAL.						TOTAL.
	RECEIVED FROM			FORWARDED TO			RECEIVED FROM			FORWARDED TO			
	Kenya.	Uganda.	Other Countries.	Kenya.	Uganda.	Other Countries.	Kenya.	Uganda.	Other Countries.	Kenya.	Uganda.	Other Countries.	
Letters	3,336,900	669,100	1,365,900	829,600	234,650	67,700	1,279,900	242,200	195,200	399,500	352,900	1,568,100	
Postcards	7,000	7,000	27,100	9,200	12,600	3,700	27,100	6,200	14,000	2,800	155,400	28,900	
Book packets, Stationery, etc.	2,152,900	141,100	1,722,800	538,700	135,500	84,400	164,800	23,000	24,800	9,000	4,382,800	796,200	
TOTAL	5,564,400	817,200	3,035,900	1,077,500	582,700	175,800	1,473,800	271,400	234,000	51,300	10,690,700	2,393,200	

GRAND TOTAL, 1927 . . . . . 13,283,900  
 GRAND TOTAL, 1926 . . . . . 11,461,200  
 Increase per cent, 1927 over 1926 . . . . . 15%

Appendix 5.

(a) ANALYSIS OF THE NUMBER OF PARCELS DEALT WITH IN KENYA AND UGANDA DURING 1926

CLASSIFICATION.	INTERNAL.				RECEIVED FROM				FORWARDED TO.				TOTAL.
	INTERNAL.		Other Countries.		Great Britain.		Other Countries.		Great Britain.		Other Countries.		
	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda	
Ordinary Insured	38,770	6,646	53,607	13,558	25,434	6,764	4,977	2,409	14,330	14,558	197,018	30,453	
Insured	1214	10	4,086	1,006	1,442	771	236	57	36	24	37,376	7,449	
Ordinary C.O.D.	1,447	309	5,922	5,533	477	222					7,249	5,940	
Insured											449	222	
TOTAL	40,431	6,965	64,291	20,319	26,876	7,535	5,113	2,466	14,426	1,480	151,137	39,745	

GROSS TOTAL ... 189,902

(b) STATEMENT SHOWING NUMBER AND VALUE OF PARCELS RECEIVED FOR EACH STATE FROM ABROAD

YEAR.	UGANDA.				TOTAL.			
	Great Britain.		Other Countries.		Great Britain.		Other Countries.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
1926	70,710	26,460	22,714	62,607	22,744	69,570	20,774	124,084
1927	64,251	238,355	26,876	70,373	20,319	66,945	7,535	119,021

Appendix 6.

STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER AND VALUE OF MONEY ORDERS ISSUED AND PAID IN KENYA AND UGANDA DURING 1927.

ISSUES.

COUNTRY ON WHICH DRAWN.	KENYA.		UGANDA.		COMBINED.	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
India	13,907	175,058	6,084	66,525	19,991	240,594
Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Irish Free State	3,506	21,109	1,528	6,074	5,034	27,183
Zanzibar	129	677	26	1,024	155	1,701
South Africa	650	3,628	135	492	718	4,117
Tanganyika Territory	258	1,544	135	754	393	2,290
Belgian Congo	11	61	3	16	14	77
Seychelles	9,827	64,584	12,034	137,338	21,861	201,922
Internal	28,296	£266,677	19,889	£210,606	48,185	£477,284
TOTAL						

PAYMENTS.

India	357	2,184	50	494	430	2,678
Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Irish Free State	900	6,100	262	1,041	1,162	7,142
Zanzibar	100	1,957	3	11	103	501
South Africa	180	1,226	34	150	214	1,376
Tanganyika Territory	186	2,526	27	202	213	2,728
Belgian Congo	91	68	10	36	91	2,562
Seychelles	14,857	123,064	7,669	78,967	22,526	202,052
Internal	15,864	£136,915	8,068	£80,904	23,932	£217,819
TOTAL						



Appendix 9.

SAVINGS BANK—UGANDA  
ACCOUNT OF ALL DEPOSITS FOR THE YEAR, 1927.

DEPOSITS.		WITHDRAWALS.	
1st January, 1927	£ s. d. 15,67 11 49	By Withdrawals during the year 1927	£ s. d. 10,976 2 77
To Deposits received and interest added to accounts during the year 1927	£ s. d. 14,02 6 35	Adjustment of amount excess credited in Namagaha Cash Account for September	0 2 00
To amount excess credited in Namagaha Cash Account for September	0 2 00	Balance due to depositors on 31st December 1927	£ s. d. 16,080 0 00
Interest at 2½%	390 5 06	Amount invested in hands of the Treasurer	2,624 0 13
TOTAL	£29,650 4 90	TOTAL	£29,650 4 90

Appendix 10.

SAVINGS BANK—UGANDA.  
MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1927

NAME OF SECURITY.	Nominal Value.	Price Paid.
Gold Coast .. 3½%	£ s. d. 550 18 2	£ s. d. 500 0 0
Sierra Leone .. 4%	919 0 8	900 0 0
Straits Settlements .. 3½%	531 17 3	500 0 0
Transvaal .. 3%	3,098 2 4	2,950 0 0
War Loan .. 5%	2,842 1 11	2,700 0 0
Conversion Loan .. 4½%	2,099 10 7	2,000 0 0
New Zealand .. 5%	2,000 0 0	1,990 0 0
Cape of Good Hope .. 4%	2,166 18 0	2,010 0 0
Cape of Good Hope .. 3½%	1,851 14 7	1,500 0 0
Hong Kong .. 3½%	1,176 8 3	1,000 0 0
TOTAL .. £	17,236 11 9	16,050 0 0

Appendix 11.

ANALYSIS OF OVERSEAS TELEGRAPH

YEAR.	Via CABLE.				Via WIRE AND RADIO.				TOTAL.	
	Great Britain and Irish Free State.		Other Countries.		Great Britain and Irish Free State to or from South Africa, etc.)		Overland Telegrams (South Africa, etc.)			Radiotelegrams with stops at Zanzibar and Christmas.
	From.	To.	From.	To.	From.	To.	From.	To.		
KENYA.										
1926	22,500		32,780				26,533	24,017	1,382	986
1927			31,688	35,125	2,001		29,748	26,360	1,900	856
UGANDA.										
1926	4,150		4,293				3,585	3,566	29	21
1927	3,436		3,788	4,715	320	53	2,886	3,668	38	16



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KENYA.

No. 381

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
KENYA

26<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 1928.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit an advance copy of the Postmaster General's Annual Report upon the Post and Telegraph Services of Kenya and Uganda for the year ending the 31st December 1927. I have authorised the printing of an abridged copy of this Report and copies will be sent to you in due course.

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Copy retained in E.O.C. 10

2. Points of especial note in the Report now transmitted are:-

Pages 2, 3.

(a) General. In the five year period 1922 - 1927 the Cash Revenue has increased 58%, despite substantial reductions in rates; Parcels have increased 59%; Telephone Installations 78%; the volume of correspondence 103% and Telegrams 107%. Notwithstanding these general increases the recurrent expenditure has increased by 1.38% only.

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(b) Financial. The Revenue for 1927 exceeded that of 1926 by 9.7% and of the total amount collected £165,100 fell to the share of Kenya and £44,387 to Uganda. The respective shares of the expenditure amounted to £154,235 for Kenya and £41,649 for Uganda. Capital Expenditure amounted to £7,225 in Kenya and £5,219 in Uganda.

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(c) Buildings and Plant. The requisite steps are being taken as the finances of the Colony allow.

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(d) Mail Matter. The estimated number of letters etc. dealt with in 1927 was 13,253,900 as compared with 11,451,700 in 1926, printed matter has increased considerably, the total increase over 1926 in Kenya was 18% and in Uganda 7.8%.

There was a slight increase in the parcel traffic in 1927, but there has been a decrease in packages emanating from the United Kingdom - this is due to the increase from 11 lbs to 22 lbs in the maximum weight allowed. Insured parcels have increased in value in both Dependencies and Cash on Delivery parcels have increased both in number and value, mainly in Uganda.

\* Registered articles increased by 7.6%, but there was a slight reduction in the number received from overseas.

Undelivered Postal Matter is stated to have amounted to Shillings 22,345.27 and the following is an analysis of that sum:-

<u>Description.</u>	<u>Value.</u>
Currency Notes:-	Shgs.   ots.
Kenya.....Shs. 1,636	
India.....Shs.     75	
English....Shs.     20	1,741. 00
Coin (East African).	277. 66
Cheques.	19,810. 24
British Postal Orders.	460. 53
Postage Stamps.	55. 84
<b>Total.</b>	<b>Shgs. 22,345. 27</b>

\* property value Shgs. 21,434 was returned to the senders.

\* The issue of Money Orders increased in Kenya and decreased in Uganda. You will however observe a notable increase in the value of Money Orders issued for payment abroad.

£275,363 was remitted overseas and of this £240,595, or 87.4%, was remitted to India, £175,069 was sent from Kenya to India. In Kenya the issue of telegraph Money Orders has increased in number, but not in value, in Uganda the decrease is general. There has been a general increase in British Postal Order business.

Postage and Revenue Stamps sales have increased from £272,046 to £279,525, £1,141 was earned by sales to dealers and collectors.

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- (e) Post Office Savings Bank. This has substantially expanded, depositors credit rose from £640,721 at the close of 1926 to £78,007 at the end of 1927, an increase of 20.5%, and deposits exceeded withdrawals by £13,286. The average amount deposited was £10.11.0, the average amount withdrawn was £20.2.0. The number of depositors was 1,523 and of these 779 were Africans.

Endeavours are being made to popularise this facility amongst Africans and I consider that if the system would be simplified more advantage would be taken of it by natives.

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- (f) Inland and Foreign Telegrams. Both have increased, the former showing an increase of 5.3%, the latter of 9.07%. The general progress is illustrated by the following five year period statistics:-

Year/

Year.	Number of telegrams dealt with.	Increase per cent on preceding year.
1923	310,922.	3.63.
1924	396,001.	27.36.
1925	426,648	7.74.
1926	582,153	36.45.
1927	620,200	6.53.

The "Beam" service from Europe to South Africa and thence by land lines from Cape Town was opened in July 1927, serious delays in traffic were experienced owing to transmissions from point to point. As you are aware this service has now been discontinued.

Negotiations were concluded with the British East African Broadcasting Company Limited, a local company, and a licence was issued on the 1st September 1927 which requires the Company to establish a service within nine months from that date. This service will shortly begin.

Associated with the broadcasting licence was a licence for a short wave wireless installation capable of maintaining a direct commercial service, at the Company's risk, with a corresponding service in England provided by the British Post Office. This is now in operation and the rates charged are approximately two thirds of those at present charged by the cable route.

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(g) Telephones. There are 1,566 in use in Kenya and 565 in Uganda, 2,358,251 exchange calls were taken in Kenya and 653,165 in Uganda.

I am glad to report that progress has been made in the establishment of rural telephone/

telephone lines on the party line system in the farming areas.

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(h) Staff. The rate of sickness amongst the staff, both European and native, continues to be relatively high and I trust that the measures which are being taken to better the general housing conditions in Kenya will have an ameliorative effect upon this return.

Your attention is invited to the Postmaster General's remarks upon the satisfactory recruitment of Africans from the Buxton High School at Mombasa.

In conclusion I trust that I may inform the Postmaster General and his staff that you endorse my commendation of the year's results as shown in this able and informative report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant

*John D. Enham*

GOVERNOR: Dept-

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Office of the Postmaster General,  
P.O.Box No. 811,  
NAIROBI, 25th May, 1928.

Registered No. 118/28.

Sir,

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT --- ANNUAL  
REPORT 1927.

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Post and Telegraph services of Kenya Colony and Protectorate and the Uganda Protectorate for the year 1927.

2. The revised scheme for the amalgamation of the two services has now been in operation for 5 years. The scheme has worked smoothly and the results obtained demonstrate that, under reasonably favourable conditions, the unification of control of services of this character in adjoining territories presents no practical difficulty and that such unification can be effected without loss of efficiency and with distinct financial benefit to the territories concerned, combined with public convenience and the independence of each territory in regard to development or extension of services.

3. As there is some reason to believe that the expansion and development which has taken place in the Department's activities during the past 5 years is not fully realized, the following figures may be of

Interest

THE HONOURABLE

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

NAIROBI.

interest:—

	1922	1927	Increase
(a). Cash Revenue. . . . .	2322,727	2500,407	8%
Parcels. . . . .	119,617	180,000	50%
Telephone Installations. . . . .	1,196	2,151	78%
Volume of correspondence dealt with. . . . .	6,542,305	15,225,900	103%
Telegrams. . . . .	500,025	620,220	127%

(a). In the interval there have been some substantial reductions in rates.

Notwithstanding the expansion which the foregoing statement reveals, recurrent expenditure during the same period only increased from £122,122 to £124,225 or 1.82%.

#### FINANCIAL.

4. REVENUE. The total Cash Revenue amounted to 2,500,407 as compared with £190,967 for 1926 — or ~~122,122~~ increase of £12,522 or 9.7%. Of this amount £16,100 accrued to Kenya and £44,327 to Uganda representing increases of 11.3% and 3.9% respectively on the figures for the previous year. Appendix 1 shows the revenue collected in each State under the various heads together with similar details covering a period from 1924 onward.

5. EXPENDITURE. The total recurrent expenditure of the Department amounted to £124,225 of which £12,522 was borne by Kenya and £41,649 by Uganda. The main heads of this expenditure are as

follows

follows:---

Nature of Expenditure	Kenya	Uganda	Total
Cost of staff (including indigenous staff) actually employed in each State, ..	58,510	20,700	79,210
Expenditure other than that on staff directly incurred in each State, .. ..	11,959	9,701	21,660
Expenditure on Common Staff and on Common Services and Supplies. .. ..	42,887	33,248	76,135
Total:--	112,556	63,649	176,205
Increase or decrease compared with 1926 } ..	+ 7.07%	+ 6.23%	+ 2.1%

Capital Expenditure amounted to 27,225 in Kenya and 25,219 in Uganda as compared with 22,100 and 27,969 respectively during the previous year.

The total cash turnover of the Department amounted to 22,212,206.

A comparative statement showing the Recurrent Expenditure for each State and the Revenue during the five years from 1923 is contained in Appendix 2. The result of the year's working on a "commercial" basis is shown in Appendix 3.

POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES.

6. The following changes took place during the year:---

Date of  
Opening

New Departmental Office opened:--

KENYA --- Mbaroni. .. .. 1st JANUARY

Contract.

Contract, Agency and Sub Offices converted into Full Departmental Offices:---

KENYA --- Mawaki. ..	1st January.
UGANDA --- Kamba. ..	1st November
--- Igundi ..	14th January

Contract Office opened:--

KENYA --- Kiminini. ..	1st September
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Contract Office closed:---

KENYA --- Harro Haru ..	22th April
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New Railway Postal Agency opened:---

KENYA --- Mauuga. ..	1st February
--- Karatina ..	1st June
--- Mwakusi ..	1st August
--- Mitubiri ..	1st August
--- Chemelil ..	1st October
--- Harro Haru ..	1st November

At the close of the year Postal and Telegraph facilities existed as follows:---

Class of Office	Number of Offices			
	On 31-12-26		On 31-12-27	
	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda
Departmental Offices transacting Postal and Telegraph business..	32	21	34	23
Contract Offices. ..	74	-	14	-
Postal Agencies at Railway Stations and other places. ..	72	17	73	17
Departmental and Contract Telegraph Offices and Wireless stations. ..	39	22	40	22
Telegraph Offices at Railway and other Agencies... ..	98	20	105	19
Money Order Offices and Offices at which Savings Bank business can be transacted. ..	33	17	34	18
Offices at which Postal Order business can be transacted.. ..	34	20	40	21

BUILDINGS AND LINE PLANT.

7. Owing to its very rapid development (vide para 3), the Department is suffering considerably from the inadequacy of its premises, particularly at the main business centres. Line plant on the main telegraph routes has not been added to for many years and consequently heavy congestion occurs at times.

MAIL MATTER.

8. The estimated number of letters, postcards, newspapers, bookpackets, and samples dealt with during 1927 was 13,283,900 as compared with 11,451,700 during 1926. Of the foregoing total, 10,890,700 were dealt with in Kenya and 2,393,200 in Uganda --- an increase of 18 per cent and 7.8 per cent respectively. While there was an increase generally in all classes of matter handled, the most noticeable increase was in respect of printed matter (newspapers, books, circulars etc.) received from overseas. This applies to both States. Official letters, circulars etc. numbered 1,079,100 representing 8% of the gross total. Details of the various classes of mail matter dealt with in each State are contained in Appendix 4.

PARCELS.

9. The total number of parcels dealt with during 1927 was 189,908 as compared with 187,886 during the previous year.

Appendix 5 contains (a) an analysis of the number of parcels dealt with during 1927, and (b) a statement showing details of the number and value of parcels received for each State from abroad.



State during 1927.

Year	G.O.D. parcels posted locally for delivery in Kenya and Uganda.				G.O.D. parcels received from Great Britain for delivery in Kenya and Uganda.			
	Kenya		Uganda		Kenya		Uganda	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
1926	1,559	2,719	247	592	15,875	19,569	4,446	12,047
1927	1,457	2,612	200	412	12,299	22,544	5,765	12,620

It will be noted that the number received from Great Britain and Northern Ireland increased by 20% and the value by 28%, and that these increases were mainly in respect of Uganda. The overseas service is restricted to the above named places. There were no postings for overseas.

REGISTERED ARTICLES.

12. The number of registered articles dealt with was 312,704 as compared with 292,222 in 1926, an increase of 7.6 per cent. There was a slight reduction in the number received from overseas.

The figures for each State are as follows:-

	Posted for delivery in Kenya & Uganda.	Posted for places abroad.	Received from places abroad.	Total
<u>KENYA.</u>				
1926	102,694	84,472	76,022	263,188
1927	109,006	66,549	72,324	247,885
<u>UGANDA.</u>				
1926	32,153	14,022	15,441	61,616
1927	26,222	12,732	12,215	51,169

REGISTERED POSTAL MATTER.

13. The articles dealt with in the Returned Letter Office numbered 122,291 a decrease of 1,422 on the figures for the previous year. 92,425 or 72.2% were returned to the senders or to the country of origin.

origin. The remainder were unreturnable. The value of the property found amongst the articles dealt with was £1,117: 8s: of which £1,071: 14s: was returned to the senders. The balance of 45: 11s: is held in deposit pending claims from the senders.

The various classes of matter dealt with are summarized below:---

<u>Description of article.</u>	<u>Number</u>
Letters. . . . .	49,721
Registered Articles . . . .	1,869
Postcards. . . . .	1,078
Printed Papers.. . . .	15,760
Other Articles.. . . .	67,847
Passes. . . . .	1,575
<b>Total:---</b>	<b>138,850</b>

MONEY ORDERS.

14. Money orders issued in Kenya showed an increase of 12.44 per cent in number and 14.56 per cent in value over the figures for 1924. In Uganda, however, there was a decrease in number and 52.42% in value. This is due to a decline in the number and value of internal money orders issued. The decrease is reflected in the reduction in number and value of money orders paid in Kenya.

There was a noticeable increase, almost entirely confined to Kenya, in the value of Money Orders issued for payment abroad. Altogether £272,543 was remitted overseas, as compared with £244,741 in 1924. Of the former amount £240,555 or 87.4% was remitted to India

India. The amount remitted to India from Kenya totalled £175,069.

The following comparative statement, which includes telegraph money orders, shows the number and value of money orders dealt with during the past three years:---

Year	Issues				Payments			
	Kenya		Uganda		Kenya		Uganda	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
1925	21,322	210,183	22,042	184,028	17,207	270,784	7,704	119,935
1926	25,164	233,181	22,093	211,943	17,647	210,192	8,060	164,295
1927	23,295	266,678	19,889	210,607	15,864	133,315	3,688	80,804
No. of value:	+ 3,121	+ 33,497	- 2,204	- 101,336	- 1,783	- 27,262	+ 13	- 32,309
%	+ 12.44	+ 14.36	- 9.97	- 52.48	- 10.10	- 34.86	+ .16	- 22.42

An analysis of the money orders issued and paid in the two States is contained in Appendix 6.

TELEGRAPH MONEY ORDERS.

15. There was a noticeable decrease in the number of orders issued in Uganda for payment in Kenya and Uganda, and this accounts for the decrease in the value of orders paid in Kenya. The following table shows the number and value of telegraph orders issued and paid in the two States during the past three years.

Year	Issues				Payments				Total value Issues & Payments	
	Kenya		Uganda		Internal		Foreign		Kenya	Uganda
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	Value	Value
1925	741	8631	174	33	6572	2791	29	1	210971	323377
1926	1065	7335	250	80	5187	3219	107	25	151622	247848
1927	1460	4857	305	84	3549	2769	175	30	94775	143332

The revenue from money order commission amounted to £7,983 as compared with £8,518 in 1926.

Inc. or Dec.

24,910 accrued to Kenya and 23,073 to Uganda.

#### BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS.

16. The following statement shows the number and value of British Postal Orders issued and paid during 1927 as compared with 1926. The figures show that this means of remitting small sums of money is gaining in popularity.

Year	ISSUES			PAYMENTS						
	Kenya	Uganda	Total	Kenya	Uganda	Total				
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value				
1926	40,137	26,120	12,237	7,451	33,601	12,255	6,917	1,977	901	7,818
1927	48,120	30,370	13,213	7,840	38,210	14,242	7,710	2,418	1,229	8,939
No. or value increase	7,983	4,250	926	389	4,609	1,989	793	441	228	1,121
%	19.89	16.27	7.84	4.80	13.72	16.23	11.46	22.31	36.40	14.34

#### POSTAGE AND REVENUE STAMPS.

17. The total value of stamps and stamped stationery sold at Post Offices and issues specially for fiscal purposes amounted to £279,525 as compared with £272,046 in 1926. The following is an analysis of the value of the stamps used for various purposes:—

Postal purposes.	..	..	£	28,274
Inland telegrams.	..	..	28,198	
Foreign telegrams.	..	..	67,002	
Customs duties.	..	..	2,100	
Other Revenue purposes.	..	..	92,563	
Miscellaneous.	..	..	247	
Sales to Dealers and Collectors.			1,141	
Total:—		£	279,525	

Appendix 7 shows the number and total value of each denomination sold or issued for all purposes (postal.

(postal and fiscal) during the year.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

18. KENYA. There was a substantial expansion of this service during the year. The amount standing to the credit of depositors rose from 264,721 at the close of 1926 to 278,007 at the end of 1927 representing an increase of 20.2%. Deposits exceeded withdrawals by 215,286, an increase of 71.3% over the corresponding figure for the previous year. 21,608 were paid or credited to depositors in respect of interest as compared with 21,374 during the previous year.

Deposits. 7,408 deposits to the value of 278,201 were made as compared with 6,161 amounting to 264,626 during 1926. These figures represent an increase of 20.2% in number and 21% in amount. The average amount deposited was 210 11s.

Withdrawals. 3,306 withdrawals to the value of 266,573 were made during as compared with 2,441 amounting to 258,221 in 1926, being an increase of 35.2% in number and 14.2% in amount. The average amount withdrawn was 80 2s.

Interest. The interest accruing on investments amounted to 22,214 as compared with 21,346 in 1926. Of the interest earned 21,602 was paid to depositors and the balance of 21,215 credited to revenue. An additional 210,000 was invested during the year.

General. The number of European, Asiatic and African depositors in the Savings Bank at the end of the year was 1,523, 2,716 and 779 respectively as compared

compared with 1,380, 2,408 and 693 at the close of 1926. In addition there were 32 trust accounts. During the year 1,039 accounts were opened and 487 closed as compared with 889 and 396 respectively during the previous year.

The working expenses of the Branch were estimated to amount to £647.

Appendices 8 to 12 contain statistics and accounts relating to the Kenya Branch of the Bank.

19. UGANDA. Here also there has been a considerable expansion of the service during the year. The amount standing to the credit of depositors rose from £15,187 at the close of 1926 to £18,674 at the end of 1927 representing an increase of 22.9%. Deposits exceeded withdrawals by £3,487, an increase of 62.5% over the corresponding figure for the previous year. £550 were paid or credited to depositors in respect of interest as compared with £203 during the previous year.

The control of the Bank was transferred from the Treasury to the Post Office in July 1926 and there can be little doubt that the greater facilities which the Department is in a position to provide is having an influence on the cash side of the Bank.

Deposits. During the year, deposits to the number of 1,914 and to the value of £14,072 were made as compared with 1,266 totalling £9,497 during the previous year, representing an increase of 51.3% in number and 46.1% in value.

Withdrawals. 1,281 withdrawals amounting to £10,376 were made as compared with 692 to the value of £7,349 in 1926 representing an increase of 74.4% in number and 37.8% in value.

Interest. The interest accruing on investments amounted to £679 and, of this sum £290 was credited to depositors. The total purchase value of investments at the end of 1927 amounted to £16,050 as compared with £9,550 at the end of the preceding year.

General. The number of European, Asiatic and African depositors at the end of 1927 were 47, 315 and 842 respectively as compared with 36, 219 and 735 in 1926. In addition there were 16 Trustee accounts. 329 accounts were opened and 101 closed during the year. At the end of the year there were 18 offices open for the transaction of Savings Bank business.

The working expenses of the Branch were estimated to amount to £264.

The annual account and a statement of securities held are shown in appendices 13 and 14.

#### OVERSEAS MAILS.

20. Mails despatched to Great Britain numbered 70 as compared with 71 in 1926 and mails received 66 as compared with 57. The average time of transit between Mombasa and London was 19.5 days ~~inward~~ and 19.9 days outward as compared with 19 days and 21.4 days respectively in 1926. The shortest time was 16 days. The number of mails despatched to India and South Africa was 32 and 71 respectively and the number received 28 and 84. The average time of transit between Mombasa and Bombay was 9.5 days to India and 9.2 days from India and

the shortest time 7 days. Between Mombasa and Durban the average time was 11 days and the shortest time 8 days.

#### AIR MAILS.

21. Two English air mails were despatched and four received by the experimental air service undertaken, under contract with Government, by the North Sea and Aerial and General Transport Company between Kisumu and Khartoum, the onward and inward connection between Khartoum and Cairo being maintained by the Royal Air Force. The total time taken each way was about 11 days. Owing to ~~delays~~ to the Company's machines, the series of flights originally arranged was not completed, and as those completed did not work to a fixed time schedule, little information was gained, unfortunately, as to what extent the public would be prepared to pay special air fees if a regular air service was established. The experimental service had, however, the effect of stimulating public interest in the possibility of a regular air mail service as far as Cairo with all its advantages of speed and regularity. There is little doubt that such a service would be welcomed by the public at large provided the cost to these territories was within their resources. The special air fee charged was 50 cents (62) per ounce.

#### INLAND MAIL SERVICE.

22. The various inland mail services were satisfactorily maintained during the year. Improved services have followed on the railway extensions which are in progress. Runner services are being gradually replaced by motor transport.

INLAND TELEGRAMS.

23. The number of inland telegrams dealt with during the year was 416,891 as compared with 395,759 in 1926 --- an increase of 5.3%. Of the foregoing total 287,655 originated in Kenya and 129,236 in Uganda, representing an increase of 8.9 per cent and a decrease of 1.8 per cent respectively over the figures for the previous year.

FOREIGN TELEGRAMS.

24. Foreign telegrams dealt with in 1927 totalled 203,509 as compared with 186,394 in 1926, an increase of 9.07 per cent. The distribution as between Kenya and Uganda was as follows:--

Kenya: 180,069 showing an increase of 10.3%.

Uganda: 23,240 " " " " .41%.

In addition to the foregoing, 5,389 telegrams and 278 radio-telegrams were dealt with in transit.

Appendix 15 contains ~~an~~ an analysis of foreign telegraph traffic.

The Mombasa/Zanzibar cable was interrupted from the 18th-20th August. Traffic was disposed of via the Mombasa and Zanzibar wireless stations. No inconvenience or delay resulted.

TELEGRAPHS - GENERAL.

25. An alternative route to this service from Europe via the "Beam" service to South Africa and thence by land lines from Capetown was opened in July 1927. Owing to doubts as to its efficiency the route was not opened in the reverse direction. Experience soon showed that telegrams sent by the route were sustaining serious delay. These delays were due not to any defect in the wireless section,

section, but to the many transmissions from point to point and from Administration to Administration over the long land line from Capetown. Representations from this service ultimately led to the closing of the route early in the current year (1928). The ordinary rate by this route from United Kingdom was Shs.2/- per word as against Shs.2/4d. via cable.

Negotiations were opened during the year with the British East African Broadcasting Company Limited -- a local Company -- for the establishment of a broadcasting service from a station at Nairobi, sufficiently powerful to transmit to all parts of the Colony, and a licence dated the 1st September was issued to the Company under which it is required to establish a service within 9 months from that date. Associated with that licence is one for a short wave wireless installation capable of maintaining a commercial service with a corresponding station in England which the British Post Office authorities have undertaken to provide. The enterprise is entirely at the Company's risk. The proposed rates by this service will be approximately two-thirds of those at present charged by the cable route, and if the service proves successful, the Colony will have at its disposal a valuable alternative and cheaper means of communication with Europe.

The I.L.T. service, which provides for specially reduced rates for telegrams containing Christmas and New Year's greetings, continues to increase in popularity. The concession was in force between the 15th and 31st December 1927 and, during that period, 5,048 I.L.T. telegrams were dealt with, representing an increase of 54 per cent over the figures for the previous year.

WIRELESS.

26. 3,465 radiotelegrams were dealt with in 1927 as compared with 3,903 in 1926. The reduction in the total number handled is due to the smaller number of cablegrams diverted as a result of cable interruptions. The normal traffic showed an increase of 18 per cent.

The revenue from radiotelegrams amounted to £965 as compared with £800 in 1926 -- an increase of 20 per cent.

The experiments in short wave telegraphy which were started in 1926 were continued on a more extensive scale during 1927. The transmitter in use is one which was built up departmentally at a very little direct cost. The power ranges from  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  K.W. The note is rectified A.C. without any smoothing devices, but notwithstanding the absence of the latter, the set has worked commercial traffic with Zanzibar and Dar-es-Salaam when working on the  $\frac{1}{2}$  K.W. spark set was impracticable owing to atmospherics. Communication was established with amateur stations in India, New South Wales, South Australia and Durban; whilst the experiments in internal working have shown that reliable short wave services can, if necessary, be established at comparatively little cost so far as the installations themselves are concerned.

TELEPHONES.

27. The following figures show for each State the number of telephone installations completed and the

number

Number disconnected during the year:---

	Number connected.		Number disconnected.		Net Increase	
	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda
Exchange Lines. ..	176	70	33	25	143	45
Internal Extensions	93	33	10	3	83	30
External Extensions	29	17	7	3	22	14
Private Lines. ..	10	5	2	-	8	5
<b>Total:---</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>94</b>

103 transfers from one position to another were made effected in Kenya and 92 in Uganda.

The following statement shows the number of telephones in use at the end of 1926, as compared with the previous year.

Year	Number of official installations.		Number of Public installations (including Railway)		Totals	
	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda
1926	411	255	899	217	1,310	472
1927	475	300	1,091	265	1,566	545

The following table shows the development of the telephone service in both States during the last 5 years:-

Year	Telephones in use in Kenya and Uganda at the end of each period.			Number of Exchange Calls		
	Official	Railway	Public	Kenya	Uganda	Total
1923	465	122	616	1,098,947	318,177	1,417,124
1924	565	154	718	1,255,484	360,240	1,615,724
1925	634	165	849	1,075,823	407,956	1,483,779
1926	666	183	933	1,070,650	465,481	1,536,131
1927	775	207	1,149	1,368,251	653,165	1,921,416

Telephone Exchanges were opened at Kabete on the 27th January 1927, at Eldoret on the 1st February, at

Nairobi on the 1st May, and at Mbeale on the 1st August 1927. A telephone trunk line between Eldoret and Kitale was brought into use on the 17th October 1927.

Demands for telephone service were on the whole met with reasonable promptitude. Arrears of work were, however, as regards the Nairobi Exchange, heavier than normal at the close of the year, but this was largely the effect of a deliberate policy of withholding service in cases which would be affected by the scheme for the reconstruction of the exchange on the underground system. Special financial provision was made during the year for that scheme and the preliminary work in connexion with it was in hand at the close of the year. Its completion will see the dismantling of the somewhat unwieldy heavily laden pole routes in the centre of the town and will enable the Department to give better maintenance service and more prompt attention than is at present possible to all demands for service within the Exchange area.

Under encouragement from the Department, with the approval of Government, the farming community in Kenya is becoming interested in the establishment of rural telephone lines on the party line system, and a number of schemes were under consideration at the end of the year. Special rates for such lines have been approved on a basis which just makes them self-supporting, and arrangements exist under which settlers can reduce their annual subscriptions by co-operating towards a reduction of the capital cost by supplying free poles, transport and labour. A fairly general system of rural telephones would do much to improve amenities

conveniences on farms, particularly where women and children are concerned. The main difficulty, however, is that only in a very limited number of areas is settlement sufficiently close to make the service reasonably cheap. In sparsely settled areas the length of line required makes the cost of the service rather beyond the means of the average settler, no matter how economically the service may be provided.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

28. KENYA. In addition to normal telegraph and telephone construction and maintenance the following works of a major character were carried out:---

TELEGRAPHS:

- (a). A new pole route, carrying three wires, was erected along the Nyeri Branch Railway between Njoro and Nyeri, a distance of 52½ miles;
- (b). A new pole route, carrying two wires, was erected along the Branch Railway between Nyeri and Naroga Road, a distance of 26½ miles;
- (c). An additional section of the Nairobi/Sinja new through Railway wire, comprising 72 miles, was erected.

TELEPHONES:

- (a). In connection with the opening of Telephone Exchange at Eldoret, Ruira and Kabete, 44 miles of pole and wire line and 250 miles of wire were erected;

(b).

- (b). Rural development at Soy and Koro involved the erection of 21 miles of pole line and 62 miles of wire;
- (c). The recovery and re-erection along the Railway of the old cross country line from Eldoret to Kitale enabled the Department to give telephone as well as telegraph communication between Eldoret, Soy, Hoey's Bridge and Kitale.

29. WORKS. The following major items of work were executed during the year:—

- (a). A wooden pole line, carrying four wires, was erected from Malaba to Mbulamuti, (105.7 miles).
- (b). A telegraph line from Katurama to Kellokert, (10 miles), was completed and brought into use on the 7th March.
- (c). 15 miles of iron pole line were erected near Fort Portal.
- (d). The following additional wires were erected:—
- (i). Sirja/Nakasagali, (60.12 miles);
  - (ii). Mbulamuti/Bakasagali, (17.50 miles);
  - (iii). Mbulamuti/Sirja, (45.02 miles).
- (e). Tablet instruments were fitted at all stations between Tororo and Mbulamuti on the Kenya and Uganda Railway extension, and on all stations on the Busoga Railway.

LINE MILEAGE --- TELEGRAPHS & TELEPHONES

30. The total mileage of telegraph and telephone lines and wires in Kenya and Uganda at the close of the year (excluding lines in process of construction) and the amounts of Departmental capital expenditure on new works during the year are as follows:---

	Pole Mileage		Wire Mileage		Capital Expenditure during 1927.	
	Tele- graphs	Tele- phones	Tele- graphs	Tele- phones.	Tele- graphs	Tele- phones.
Kenya	1916½	226½	5719	2516½	908	6,320
Uganda	1502	95	2202	1149½	2,084	2,335

In addition to the capital expenditure shown above, expenditure to an estimated amount of £12,798 was incurred on telegraph lines, for both Railway and Post Office purposes, along new branch Railway lines. The total amount expended to the end of the year under this head is now £52,107 of which £32,645 has been incurred in Kenya and £19,462 in Uganda. The expenditure is being met, for the present, from Railway Loan Funds, but of the total expenditure to date, approximately £ 11,766 and £ 2,520 will ultimately be borne by the Kenya and Uganda Governments respectively as distinct from the Railway Administrations.

The total capital cost of the Telegraph and Telephone lines in Kenya and Uganda at the end of 1927 was, approximately, as follows:---

	Kenya	Uganda
Telegraph Lines.	168,915	70,006
Telephone Lines.	28,997	29,731
Total:-	£ 197,912	99,736

STAFF.

31. African Staff. Normal progress was made during the year in the recruitment and training of African staff. The Buxton High School, Mombasa, continues to produce a type of African who can be utilised with advantage, and the school is therefore a valuable recruiting ground for the Department. The first batch of Africans who commenced their training at Makerere College, Kampala, in 1925 under a scholarship scheme, completed the course in December, and were withdrawn for final training at telegraph offices. The experiment was fairly successful. The scheme, however, has had to be abandoned for the present as only two boys (of ten required), who could be regarded as at all suitable, came forward to form a fresh batch for training.

Health of Staff. The following statement, which excludes officers below the rank of junior clerks, shows that the rate of sickness amongst the staff is still relatively high.

Year	Total number of absences		Average duration per sick absence (days)		Percentage of Officers who had one or more sick absences		Average absences (in days) per officer employed	
	E	N	E	N	E	N	E	N
1926	65	567	10.8	6.0	35.3	64.1	5.8	9.2
1927	58	323	9.9	5.5	39.6	60.4	2.4	4.9

E. Acnotes Europeans  
N. Acnotes Non-European.

Distribution

Distribution and alterations in  
strength of staff.

Reductions.

	<u>European</u>	<u>Non-European</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of appointments terminated.	2	3	5
Number of Officers who left on Pension. . . . .	1	2	3
Number who resigned. . . . .	3	5	8
Number of Officers who died. . . . .	1	1	2
Number of Officers transferred..	2	2	4
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	9	15	24
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Additions.

	<u>European (excluding Post Office Contractors).</u>	<u>Non-European</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of new appointments.	13	25	38

The staff distribution and details of  
nationality are as follows:---

	<u>Europeans</u>		<u>Asians &amp;</u>	<u>Maori-</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Africans</u>	<u>ians</u>	
KENYA - Supervising, Clerical & Operative Staff..	41	19	166	3	229
UGANDA - -do-	7	5	54	-	66
KENYA - Engineering Staff..	26	-	23	-	49
UGANDA - -do-	9	-	3	-	12
Post Office Contractors. . . . .	15	-	-	-	15
Total:---	98	24	246	3	369

In addition to the staff enumerated above,  
the following were employed:---

126 Telegraph Learners of whom 99 were Africans.

21 Postmen.

516 Messengers, Mail Runners, Linemen, Indoor  
messengers, Motor Drivers etc.

The European staff changes during the year are shown in appendix 14.

MISCELLANEOUS.

22. A serious case of criminal breach of trust on the part of an Asiatic Clerk employed at Eldoret occurred during the year. A conviction was obtained and an exemplary sentence (Six years rigorous imprisonment) imposed. The amount involved was £656.

An Asiatic Stationmaster performing the duties of Postal Agent at Ulu was convicted of misappropriation of departmental monies amounting to Shs.447/-. The loss was subsequently made good from monies due to him by the Railway Administration.

A mail runner was convicted at Mombasa of attempting to prepay postage by means of a previously used stamp.

A particularly brutal case of a mail runner employed on the Nakuru/Suk~~uma~~ route occurred in July. Three Lumbwa natives were arrested, one of whom was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for life. The other two were acquitted.

Imperial Reply Coupons for use within the British Empire were introduced at the end of March.

The colours of 5 cent and 10 cent stamps were altered to green and black respectively, and the new stamps placed on sale on the 1st May.

Arrangements were completed by Government during the year for the issue of stamped paper in connection with various stamp duties and the paper was placed on sale at all Post Offices in Kenya with effect from the 1st July. Stamped paper to the face value of

22,021 was sold at Post Offices during the six months the system was in operation.

A direct money order service with Seychelles commenced on the 1st September.

Direct despatches of letter mails between Kampala and London & Bombay, and between Jinja and Bombay, and direct despatches of parcel mails between Makerere and Mombasa, Nairobi and Kampala were introduced during the year.

New Post Offices at Bilg'il, Mahoroni and Kangei, which were in course of erection at the end of 1926, were completed and occupied during the early part of the year. New Post Offices were also erected at Sembo, Kera, Kolo and Terere during the year whilst minor structural alterations were carried out at Jinja and Masindi. The extension to the Post Office building at Eldoret had not been completed by the end of the year.

Approval was granted during the year for the establishment of a Departmental unallocated store. This will ensure the Department having always in hand sufficient stocks of material to meet all normal requirements and thus considerably facilitate engineering operations.

I again desire to place on record my appreciation of the loyal and efficient manner, under trying conditions, in which the staff as a whole performed their duties.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) T. Fitzgerald.

POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
Colony and Protectorate of Kenya and  
Uganda Protectorate.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF POSTAL REVENUE AND REVENUE FROM TELEGRAPHS COLLECTED IN KENYA AND UGANDA DURING  
 CERTAIN YEARS FROM 1916 TO 1927.

Year	(A) Postal Revenue		(B) Telegraphs and Telephone Revenues		Total	Grand Total
	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda		
1916-17	27,144	5,228	17,913	1,803	4,325	24,319
1919-20	35,255	6,139	27,966	3,425	6,788	39,314
1922	70,596	11,899	52,393	7,146	7,004	69,142
1923	62,702	11,495	52,952	7,972	8,809	62,414
1924	68,802	13,099	42,613	9,296	11,693	66,580
1925	83,442	20,879	43,445	11,529	15,674	77,117
1926	84,135	20,812	49,445	12,639	14,907	83,941
1927	99,408	20,945	49,869	15,312	15,506	99,033
Increase or decrease 1927 over 1926.	+15,276	- 848	+224	+3,142	+ 599	+15,092
Percentage	+15.61	- 4.05	-.66	+23.76	+4.02	+7.26

X Excluding rent from Railway for maintenance of wires.

**APPENDIX 2.**  
**POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.**

**General's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for each State in the Revenue**  
**during the years 1923 - 1927.**

Year	Expenditure		Total	Cash Revenue vide Appendix 1	Excess of cash revenue over current expenditure.
	Kenya	Uganda			
1923	99,262	50,574	134,636	132,267	- 2,369 (Deficit)
1924	94,180	56,930	129,920	180,661	50,741 (Excess)
1925	96,841	56,126	133,976	181,435	47,459 "
1926	105,183	59,133	144,286	190,967	46,681 "
1927	112,886	61,649	154,235	209,487	55,252 (a) "

(a) Assumed as follows:-

Kenya 252,814  
 Uganda 2,738  
Total:- 255,552.

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**APPENDIX 2.**  
**POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.**  
**INCOME ACCOUNT 1931.**

Receipts		Expenditure	
£	s	£	s
To Cash Receipts			
- Kenya	168,180	Kenya	112,505
- Uganda	44,367	Uganda	41,649
	212,547		154,154
Estimated value of free services rendered to other Government Departments.	12,810	Kenya	11,505
	4,057	Uganda	5,432
	16,867		16,940
		Kenya	643
		Uganda	337
			980
		Kenya	230
		Uganda	52,505
			53,735
		Kenya	1,066
		Uganda	95,971
			97,037
		<b>Total:---</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>229,414</b>		<b>226,384</b>

Note "A". Capital Expenditure amounted to £12,444 --- (Kenya £7,225; Uganda £5,219). If this amount is included in the above statement the excess of Receipts over Expenditure is reduced to £41,357 of which Kenya shows an excess of £35,680 and Uganda a deficit of £5,153.

Note "B". An allowance is included in the statement for interest on the Capital value of telephones and telegraph lines and plant in use by the Department.

STATEMENT OF THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LETTERS AND PRESS MATTER SENT IN KENYA AND UGANDA DURING 1927.

ARTICLES.	K E N Y A										TOTAL.	
	INTERNAL.		RECEIVED FROM				FORWARDED TO.					
	Kenya	Uganda	British Empire		Other Countries		British Empire		Other Countries			
			Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda		
Letters	3336900	669180	1305900	529500	234600	87700	0279900	242200	95200	39500	6352500	1568000
Postcards	74600	7300	27100	9200	13600	3700	27100	6200	14000	2800	155400	28900
Book packets Sample, Circulars, &c.,	2152900	141100	1702800	54800	335500	84400	166800	23000	24800	9000	4382800	796200
TOTAL :-	5564600	817280	3035800	1077500	582700	175800	1473800	271400	714000	51300	10090700	2393200

Grand Total 1927 . . . . . 13,281,900  
 Grand Total 1926 . . . . . 11,471,700  
 Increase % 1927 over 1926 : - 16 %

(a). ANALYSIS OF THE NUMBER OF PARCELS DEPART WITH IN KENYA AND UGANDA POST-NO 1927.

Classification	Internal										Total.	
	Internal.		Received from				Other countries					
	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda	Great Britain	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda	Kenya	Uganda		
Ordinary	38,770	6,646	53,607	13,558	25,434	6,764	4,877	2,429	14,336	1,456	137,028	30,833
Insured	226	10	4,385	1,006	1,442	773	236	57	96	34	6,373	1,868
Ordinary G.O.B.	1,447	309	5,062	5,533	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,249	5,843
Insured G.O.B.	-	-	497	222	-	-	-	-	-	-	497	222
<b>Total:-</b>	<b>40,443</b>	<b>6,965</b>	<b>64,291</b>	<b>20,319</b>	<b>26,876</b>	<b>7,535</b>	<b>5,113</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>14,436</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>151,337</b>	<b>38,765</b>
										<b>Gross Total:-</b>	<b>189,902</b>	

(b). STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER AND VALUE OF PARCELS RECEIVED FOR EACH STATE FROM ABROAD.

Year.	KENYA				UGANDA				TOTAL	
	Great Britain		Other countries		Great Britain		Other countries		No.	Value.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
1926.	76,740	228,400	22,214	62,407	22,744	69,570	8,386	26,774	124,084	383,233
1927.	64,291	238,255	26,876	70,373	20,319	66,845	7,535	23,473	119,021	396,944

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STATEMENT SHOWING THE QUANTITY AND VALUE OF EACH DENOMINATION OF STAMPS AND STAMPED STATIONERY ETC. SOLD  
 IN ISSUE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 1927.

Denomination	Number	Value	Description	Number	Value
1 cent	107,506	17. 00	Brought Forward:---  63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237 238 239 240 241 242 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265 266 267 268 269 270 271 272 273 274 275 276 277 278 279 280 281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 289 290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297 298 299 300 301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 310 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**ANNEXURE B**

**SWISS BANK --- KENYA**

**ACCOUNT OF ASSETS BROUGHT FOR THE YEAR 1987.**

	K	S. 000
(1). To Balance brought forward.	(S.L. 299, 015. 37)	64, 976. 6. 37
(2). Cash received from Depositors from 1st January 1987 to 31st December 1987. ..	(S.L. 264, 020. 45)	19, 201. 10. 45
(3). Interest on items 1 and 2 to 31st December 1987, computed according to sections 10 and 11 of Savings Bank Ordinance 1968, and section 3 of Amending Ordinance No. 22 of 1983 and added to the principal money of the said depositors.	(S. 33, 135. 32)	1, 307. 19. 22
<b>Total:---</b>	<b>(K.S. 595, 072. 14)</b>	<b>22, 64, 703. 12. 14</b>
By payment made to Depositors from 1st January 1987 to 31st December 1987. ..	(S.L. 229, 024. 90)	60, 401. 16. 90
Balance due on 31st December 1987 to all Depositors inclusive of interest. (S.L. 260143. 33)	(S.L. 607, 628. 24)	70, 201. 15. 24
Warrants issued but not cashed at 31st December 1987 (S. 7491. 89)	(S. 299, 072. 14)	22, 64, 703. 12. 14
<b>Total:--</b>		

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**ANNEX 2.**

**SAVINGS BANK - INTER.**

**INTEREST ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1927.**

	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
Interest paid to members and added to principal.	(5,22,126. 22)	22	3,607.	15. 22
Balance carried to reserves and expensures.	(5,85,301. 00)	00	1,216.	1. 22
<b>Total:---</b>	<b>(5,16,427. 22)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22,822.</b>	<b>17. 20</b>
Interest received on investments.	(5,56,272. 24)	24	2,613.	15. 24
Commissions on transfer of assets (Carried to Interest Account).	(5. 184. 96)	96	9.	4. 00
<b>Total:---</b>	<b>(5,56,457. 20)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25,432.</b>	<b>17. 20</b>

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**ANNEX 10.**

**SAVINGS BANK --- LEVTA**  
**REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1937.**

	£	s.	cts.	£	s.	cts.
Proportion of salaries of staff employed on Savings Bank duties, and cost of stationery, etc. (vide subjoined statement).	(£.12,023. 00).	046.	13. 00	Interest Account.	(£.24,201. 98).	1,215. 1. 98
Balance Profit.	(£.11,258. 96).	568.	6. 96			
<b>Total:--</b>	<b>(£.24,201. 96).</b>	<b>615.</b>	<b>1. 96</b>	<b>Total:--</b>	<b>(£.24,201. 96).</b>	<b>615. 1. 96</b>

(1). Estimated proportion of salaries of staff employed on Savings Bank duties:--

	£	s.	cts.
(A). Accountant .. .. .	3,333.	00	
(B). Headquarter's Clerk and Counter Clerks. .. .. .	8,640.	00	11,973. 00
<b>Total:--</b>	<b>12,000.</b>	<b>00</b>	

(2). Estimated proportion in respect of stationery, press books etc. .. .. .

<b>Total:--</b>	<b>3448,925. 00</b>	<b>= 646: 13: 00</b>
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APPENDIX 11.

SAVINGS BANK - BOARD

STATEMENT OF ASSETS DEPOSITED FOR THE YEAR 1927.

Deposits.		Withdrawals.	
	A. C. etc.		B. etc.
1st January 1927.			
To Balance.	35,207. 11. 09	By withdrawals during the year 1927.	210,976. 2. 77
To Deposits received and interest added to accounts during the year 1927:-		By adjustment of amount excess credited in Kansas-Sagali Cash Account for September.	9,200. 10,976. 4. 77
Deposits.	14,072. 6. 35		
To amount excess credited in Kansas-Sagali Cash Account for September.	0. 2. 00	By balance due to depositors on 31st December, 1927:-	
Interest @ 2 1/2%.	189. 5. 06	Amount invested.	16,050. 0. 0
	14,462. 13. 41	In hands of the Treasurer.	2,624. 0. 11
Total:-	2 79,550. 4. 90	Total:-	2 29,650. 4. 90

APPENDIX 14

SAVINGS BANK - MALAWI

MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 1927.

Name of Security	Rate of Interest	Nominal Value		Price Paid	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Gold Coast	4½%	534.	18. 2	500.	0. 0
Sierra Leone	4%	919.	0. 8	900.	0. 0
Straits Settlement	5½%	831.	17. 0	800.	0. 0
Transvaal	3%	3,099.	2. 4	2,980.	0. 0
War Loan	5%	2,842.	1. 12	2,700.	0. 0
Conversion Loan	4½%	2,099.	10. 7	2,000.	0. 0
New Zealand	5%	2,000.	0. 0	1,980.	0. 0
Cape of Good Hope	4%	2,166.	18. 0	2,010.	0. 0
Cape of Good Hope	3½%	1,831.	14. 7	1,800.	0. 0
Hong Kong	3½%	1,176.	8. 5	1,000.	0. 0
Total:---		17,256.	11. 9	16,050.	0. 0

APPENDIX 15.

ANALYSIS OF SYSTEMS TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC.

Year.	Via Cable.				Via Land Lines and Radio.				Total.												
	Great Britain and Irish Free State.		Other Countries.		Great Britain and Irish Free State via Overland and from South Africa.		Overland telegrams (South Africa etc.)			Radio telegrams with ships at sea, Sanitar and Christmas.											
	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To		From	To										
<u>KENYA</u>																					
1926	22,500	26,326	25,226	12,730					26,733	24,027				1,382	986					161,230	
1927	22,360	30,123	31,423						27,702	26,360				1,908	856					180,069	
<u>UGANDA</u>																					
1926	4,150	4,259	3,283	4,273					3,595	3,566				29	11					23,144	
1927	3,436	4,320	3,788						2,896	3,668				38	16					23,240	

EUROPEAN STAFF MEMBERS DURING 1927.

Name	Rank	Date of			Remarks
		Appointment	Termination	Transfer	
G. Rawlands	Jr. Emr.	-	-	3rd Aug.	Transferred to Nigeria
L.H. Durham	Learner	1st July	-	-	-
Miss E.C. Green	F.P.C.&T.	-	1st Mar.	-	Resigned
Mrs. C.I. Webb	Jr. F.P.C.&T.	1st Sep.	-	-	-
Miss E.I. Dando	Learner	13th July	-	-	-
" L.E. Shelton	do	-	20th Jan.	-	Resigned
H.W. Large	I. Inspr.	-	16th Nov.	-	Retired on pension.
H.L. Donaldson	do	-	27th Oct.	-	Died.
J.F. Nicholson	Learner	-	1st Feb.	-	Resigned.
S.B. Stredwick	A.T.&T.	15th Apr.	-	6th Sep.	Seconded from Nyasaland Territory. Reverted to that service.
G. Shadden	I. Inspr.	19th Dec.	-	-	} (Seconded from Union of South Africa.
W.J. MacQueen	do	do	-	-	
J. Cullingworth	do	do	-	-	
G.P. Moraby	em. Tel. Inspr.	-	4th Feb.	-	-
Mrs. Borland	Temp. Jr. F.P.C.&T.	4th Feb.	1st Sep.	-	-
H.J. Brimblecombe	F.P.C.&T.	8th Dec.	-	-	} Seconded from B.P.O.
A.J. Scott	-	-	-	-	
W. Sherwood	-	23rd Dec.	-	-	
M.R. Senior	-	-	-	-	-
R.E.H. Pickwell	Learner	19th April	-	-	-

(b) LEAVE MOVEMENTS OF STAFF DURING 1927.

Name	Rank	Date		Remarks
		Proceeded on leave	Returned from leave	
T. Fitzgerald	P.M.C.	-	3rd Feb.	-
W.G.M. MacDonald	A. P. M. G.	20th June	22nd Dec.	-
L. Field	Accts. Clerk	30th Apr.	8th Dec.	-

Name	Rank	Date		Remarks
		Proceeded on leave	Returned from leave	
F. T. Tompsett	Pmr.	19th Mar.	1st Oct.	
G. C. Willbourn	do.	-	11th May	
C. H. Terry	Jr. Pmr.	2nd Apr.	9th Nov.	
E. J. Lewis	do.	30th Apr.	25th Nov.	
A. Carriline	do.	-	12th June	
F. W. Hale	do.	26th Nov.	-	
A. Kane	do.	15th Sep.	-	
F. J. Woodcock	do.	-	17th Feb.	
A. J. Davenport	do.	2nd Apr.	9th Nov.	
A. B. Condie	do.	24th Dec.	-	
W. S. Walter	do.	14th May	22nd Dec.	
H. F. Gainsford	do.	31st Dec.	-	
A. J. Borland	do.	11th Nov.	-	
C. Alcock	do.	-	2nd Sep.	
Miss R. E. E. Johnson	Supervisor Telephones.	8th July	-	
" G. E. Low	Postmistress.	5th March	1st Oct.	
" M. A. Davis	do.	16th Oct.	-	
J. E. Lamont	F. T. C. & T.	23rd Oct.	-	
M. M. Smith	do.	18th Feb.	1st Oct.	
" E. Preston	do.	-	12th June	
" H. E. Hassett	do.	19th Feb.	30th Oct.	
" A. Griffiths	do.	-	5th Aug.	
" V. M. Chorley	do.	8th July	-	
" H. K. Thomas	Jr. F. T. C. & T.	1st Oct.	-	
W. Griffiths	A. T. C.	-	19th Mar.	
F. L. Stevens	S. Tel.	20th Mar.	9th Nov.	
F. M. Woolf	do.	25th July	-	Prior to retirement.
J. T. Duffy	do.	15th Sep.	-	-do-
H. R. Jolley	T. I.	-	3rd Feb.	
H. W. Large	do.	26th July	-	Retired on pension as from 16th November.

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Name	Rank	Date		Remarks.
		Proceeded on leave	Returned from leave.	
W. G. Edwards	T.I.	-	19th Mar.	
A. E. Faithful	"	11th June	-	
P.A. MacSperran	"	-	17th Feb.	
J. S. Shannen	"	-	13th Sep.	
J. A. Gilbertsen	"	10th Feb.	13th Sep.	
H. A. Kuyper	"	7th Nov.	-	
G. B. Hughes	W. Operator	1st Oct.	-	
E. Tarlton	C.E.M.	30th Apr.	9th Nov.	

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