

CHAPTER XII.

POST OFFICE, TELEGRAPHS AND SAVINGS BANK.

There are a hundred and thirty-three Post Offices and Agencies throughout Nigeria and the British sphere of the Cameroons and the total number of letters, parcels, etc., dealt with in 1921 exceeded 6½ millions.

The following are the rates of postage on letters and papers from and within Nigeria:—

Description of Articles.	Weight.	Within Nigeria or British Sphere of Cameroons.	To United Kingdom and British Possessions.	To Foreign Countries.
Postcards	—	½d.	1d.	1d.
Letters	one oz.	1d.	2d.	3d.
" 	each extra oz. ...	1d.	1d.	1½d.
Newspapers, books, printed papers, etc.	per two ozs. ...	½d.	½d.	½d.
Commercial papers	first ten ozs. ...	2½d.	2½d.	2½d.
" 	each extra two ozs.	½d.	½d.	½d.
Patterns and samples	first four ozs. ...	1d.	1d.	1d.
" " "	each extra two ozs.	½d.	½d.	½d.

The rates of postage for parcels are as follows:—

Weight.	Within Nigeria or the British Sphere of Cameroons. †	Other British West African Colonies.	United Kingdom.	Other Countries.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
Not over 3 pounds ...	0 9	2 0	2 0	} Various Rates plus Ni- gerian land and sea charges of 1s 2d., 2s. 2d., 3s. 3d. see Bri- sh Post Office Guide.
Over 3 pounds and not exceeding 7 pounds	1 6	3 0	3 6	
Exceeding 7 pounds and not exceeding 11 pounds	2 3	4 0	5 0	

† If for delivery in the Provinces of Borau or Sokoto, 6d. per lb.

The following other charges are made:—

Fee for registration, each article	...	...	...	3d.
Fee for insurance of each article (including registration)				
for the first £12	...	...	...	6d.
for each succeeding £12	...	...	...	3d.
	(maximum £60)			
Rent for a large letter box or a bag, per annum	...	...	...	£2
Rent for a small letter box	...	...	...	10s.
Post Office Mail notices are supplied for an annual fee of	...	...	...	6s

Northern Nigeria had never belonged to the Postal Union, and Southern Nigeria withdrew from it in January, 1916.

There are 26 Money Order Offices in Nigeria, at Aba, Abeokuta, Benin City, Bonny, Burutu, Calabar, Degema, Ebute Metta, Enugu, Forcados, Ibadan, Ilorin, Jos, Kaduna, Kano, Lagos, Lokoja, Minna, Obubra, Onitsha, Opobo, Oshogbo, Port Harcourt, Sapele, Warri and Zaria.*

The rates of commission on Money Orders are as follows:—

On a Money Order not exceeding £10—	6d. for each £1 or part of £1.
On a Money Order exceeding £10 but not exceeding £20—	5s. plus 4d. for each £1 or part of £1 in excess of £10.
On a Money Order exceeding £20 but not exceeding £30—	8s. 4d., plus 3d. for each £1 or part of £1 in excess of £20.
On a Money Order exceeding £30 but not exceeding £40—	10s. 10d., plus 2d. for each £1 or part of £1 in excess of £30.

The maximum amount for a single Money Order is £40.

The following poundage is charged on Postal Orders, which may be obtained at any Post Office:—

On Orders for 6d., 1s., 1s. 6d., 2s. and 2s. 6d....	...	...	...	1d.
" " 5s. and 7s. 6d. ....	...	...	...	2d.
" " 10s., 12s. 6d. and 15s. ....	...	...	...	3d.
" " 17s. 6d. and 20s....	...	...	...	4d.

* Also at Victoria, in the British sphere of the Cameroons.