

15. *Staff*.—There was an increase in staff due to the employment of a Telegraph Superintendent and of five Telegraph Operators.

16. I consider that it is absolutely necessary that an Inspector should be appointed to travel between the different Post Offices throughout the Protectorate.

17. All Postal Clerks are expected to become telegraph operators so as to make them more useful to the Department.

18. I should like to record the zealous manner in which I have been assisted by Mr. King during the year under review.

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TABLE A.
SUMMARY, 1903.

OFFICES.	Postage Stamps, &c., Sold.	Taxed Letters, &c., Delivered.	Commission on Money Orders.	† per cent. Commission on Money Orders Received.	Lapsed Money Orders.	Express Delivery on Telegrams.	Postage on Official Paid Correspondence	Total Revenue.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Calabar	2,629 15 10	8 18 10	111 15 6	1 0 11	16 6 4	1 13 3	8 15 9	2,778 6 5
✓ Opopo	132 13 0	0 8 11	19 7 5	0 2 2	—	—	—	152 11 6
✓ Bonny	143 9 10	0 14 6	54 12 6	0 3 1	—	—	—	198 19 11
✓ Degama	92 19 4	0 3 9	16 16 7	0 0 11	—	—	—	110 0 7
✓ Brass	77 14 2	0 6 10	9 15 10	0 0 3	—	—	—	87 17 1
✓ Akassa	60 4 9	0 7 6	30 5 4	0 0 5	—	—	—	90 18 0
✓ Asaba	128 11 2	0 2 4	35 0 3	0 6 8	0 7 0	—	—	164 1 5
✓ Forcados	223 0 2	1 13 10	26 11 5	0 3 11	—	—	—	251 9 8
✓ Warri	153 10 7	1 1 3	34 17 6	0 0 2	2 0 0	—	—	191 9 6
✓ Sapele	121 3 4	0 9 11	14 16 3	0 1 11	—	—	—	136 11 5
✓ Agberi	23 3 0	0 0 8	—	—	—	—	—	23 3 8
✓ Idah	22 18 10	—	—	—	—	—	—	22 18 10
✓ Benin City	301 2 1½	1 4 1	11 19 3	0 1 7	—	—	—	314 7 0½
✓ Eket	29 3 11½	0 1 11	—	—	—	—	—	29 5 10½
✓ Bende	16 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	16 0 0
✓ Afikpo	29 19 10½	—	—	—	—	—	—	29 19 10½
✓ Obubura Hill ...	4 5 3	0 1 5	—	—	—	—	—	4 6 8
	On U.K. List, March quarter			1 2 0				1 2 0
	On U.K. List, June quarter			0 18 8				0 18 8
	On U.K. List, September quarter			0 7 3				0 7 3
	On U.K. List, December quarter			0 14 3				0 14 3
	*4,189 15 2½	15 15 9	365 17 10	4 18 2	18 13 4	1 13 3	8 15 9	4,605 9 3½

* £77 15s. 5d. used for deeds, fees of Court, &c.

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TABLE B 1.

RETURN OF LETTERS, POSTCARDS, BOOK-PACKETS, &c., RECEIVED IN AND DESPACHED FROM THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
SOUTHERN NIGERIA, FOR THE YEAR 1903.

OFFICES.	UNITED KINGDOM.								WEST AFRICAN COLONIES.								INTER-PROTECTORATE OFFICES.								TOTAL.
	Received.				Despached.				Received.				Despached.				Received.				Despached.				
	Letters and Post Cards.	Books.	Regd. Letters and Post Cards.	Regd. Books.	Letters and Post Cards.	Books.	Regd. Letters and Post Cards.	Regd. Books.	Letters and Post Cards.	Books.	Regd. Letters and Post Cards.	Regd. Books.	Letters and Post Cards.	Books.	Regd. Letters and Post Cards.	Regd. Books.	Letters and Post Cards.	Books.	Regd. Letters and Post Cards.	Regd. Books.	Letters and Post Cards.	Books.	Regd. Letters and Post Cards.	Regd. Books.	
Calabar	30,590	20,473	646	24	28,436	2,689	2,927	44	13,840	1,708	615	3	32,916	953	1,783	47	37,544	1,723	1,257	23	30,644	5,151	742	12	223,730
Opobo	7,861	7,594	93	50	5,083	268	398	5	1,780	787	44	...	3,427	26	247	...	8,345	1,294	216	9	6,660	415	214	4	45,120
Bonny	10,078	15,511	139	...	16,794	961	721	...	10,260	2,548	312	...	6,497	256	328	...	22,140	2,034	666	...	25,546	3,177	953	...	127,910
Degema	5,172	4,600	107	13	2,274	140	443	4	59	5	8	...	1,227	30	179	2	5,080	705	195	5	3,552	173	120	...	24,132
Brass	2,118	2,091	62	4	2,079	133	292	6	135	39	8	...	457	29	44	1	7,598	1,010	357	1	8,920	1,442	416	3	27,545
Akassa	2,064	1,922	63	7	1,822	43	360	2	251	30	48	1	2,583	45	364	3	6,678	518	269	1	5,036	479	215	2	22,841
Forcados	17,719	2,272	450	23	19,627	982	1,204	51	14,867	2,560	1,363	28	10,420	326	1,129	11	30,398	4,392	1,276	1	35,544	6,817	1,501	5	153,059
Warri	3,915	4,155	124	41	4,000	185	344	11	601	227	118	2	1,961	43	358	3	10,779	1,444	433	16	6,720	913	373	13	36,751
Sapele	5,568	4,903	166	58	2,645	73	351	2	1,301	456	162	3	2,370	32	333	4	10,197	1,826	526	23	9,694	1,522	403	8	42,656
Agberi ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,474	187	50	...	1,358	22	81	7	3,179
Asaba	1,894	1,904	66	9	1,773	48	203	3	...	...	...	...	435	10	66	...	4,235	644	204	9	4,593	276	241	6	16,859
Ibith	503	603	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,676	480	74	...	2,297	102	131	...	5,964
Benin City	528	1,144	17	3	1,263	55	159	5	13	12	1	...	749	79	189	1	3,704	1,001	161	2	2,791	208	193	1	12,279
Total	56,911	76,652	1,946	232	85,805	5,577	7,582	133	43,167	6,382	2,679	37	63,042	1,838	5,020	72	150,148	17,288	5,767	90	143,355	20,697	5,583	61	742,034

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TABLE B 2.

RETURN OF PARCELS RECEIVED IN AND DESPATCHED FROM THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
SOUTHERN NIGERIA, FOR THE YEAR 1903.

OFFICES.	RECEIVED.						DESPATCHED.									
	United Kingdom and Foreign Countries.		West African Colonies.		Internal.		United Kingdom and Foreign Countries.		West African Colonies.		Postage Receipts on Foreign Parcels.	Internal.				
	Insured.	Ordinary.	Insured.	Ordinary.	Insured.	Ordinary.	Insured.	Ordinary.	Insured.	Ordinary.		Insured.	Ordinary.	Amount.		
											£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Calabar	98	1,916	—	203	—	290	50	321	6	306	45 14 0	—	627	1 14 3		
Opobo	16	243	—	41	4	277	14	73	—	33	9 7 2	2	58	0 12 3		
Bonny	141	462	—	133	4	638	7	49	—	24	6 6 0	14	582	2 12 7		
Degema	15	320	—	9	1	273	2	32	—	18	3 1 0	—	52	1 0 0		
Brass	2	93	4	28	1	189	3	22	1	9	1 19 0	—	108	0 17 3		
Akassa	3	235	—	62	2	203	3	12	2	46	4 4 1	—	84	0 9 3		
Forcados	61	1,108	4	339	11	1,035	16	129	1	151	21 3 0	—	566	—		
Warri	13	171	—	30	—	239	9	28	2	28	4 3 0	—	120	1 18 9		
Sapele	12	143	1	38	2	258	7	27	1	26	4 10 7	5	204	0 8 0		
Agberi	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	0 18 3		
Asaba	—	—	—	—	—	93	2	20	—	3	1 15 6	—	40	2 17 6		
Idah	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Benin City	6	143	—	7	—	21	3	33	—	5	3 3 1	—	56	2 2 10		
	337	4,834	9	893	25	3,533	116	746	13	649	105 6 5	21	2,512	15 10 11		

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TABLE D.

COMPARATIVE RETURN OF REVENUE AND POSTAL TRANSACTIONS.

POSTAL TRANSACTIONS.							MONEY ORDERS.				REVENUE.												
Letters, Postcards Books, &c.		Registered Articles.		Parcels.			TOTAL	Received.	Despatched.	Postage stamps, &c., sold.	Taxed Letters, &c., Delivered.	Commission on Money Orders Issued.	1 per cent Commission on Money Orders Received.	Lapsed Money Orders.	Express Delivery of Telegrams.	Postage on Official Paid Correspondence.	TOTAL.						
Received.	Des- patched.	Received.	Des- patched.	Received.	Des- patched.																		
							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
1903	392,518	320,314	10,751	18,451	9,061	4,057	755,752	29,068	12 0	3,159	8 9	4,189	15 2½	15 15 0	365	17 10	4 18 2	18	13 4	1 13 3	8 15 9	4,605	9 3½
1902	301,825	228,091	9,114	14,279	7,395	3,723	565,027	22,948	5 0	3,226	4 4	4,527	17 4	15 13 2	285	12 3	8 16 10	7	14 10	0 12 0	—	4,846	0 5
1901	275,252	198,626	8,022	12,425	5,926	3,388	503,639	21,088	10 2	2,124	2 10	3,293	17 0	15 5 11	258	12 10	6 0 3	3	11 6	—	—	3,577	7 0
	909,595	747,631	27,887	45,153	22,982	11,168	1,824,418	73,105	13 11	8,509	15 11	12,011	9 0½	46 14 10	910	2 11	19 15 3	29	19 8	2 5 3	8 15 9	13,029	3 2½

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TABLE E.

RETURN SHOWING THE ISSUES AND RECEIPTS OF MONEY ORDERS FROM AND TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, WEST AFRICAN COLONIES AND INTERNAL OFFICES.

	1901.		1902.		1903.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Issues.						
United Kingdom	10,780	10 11	13,302	5 5	15,623	16 0
West African Colonies	9,230	18 5	8,048	19 10	11,418	3 0
Internal Offices	1,077	6 10	1,506	19 9	2,026	13 9
Receipts.						
United Kingdom	660	18 4	1,140	13 7	757	3 3
West African Colonies	408	6 1	598	0 7	352	4 10
Internal Offices	1,054	18 5	1,487	10 2	2,050	0 8

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