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PART VIII.—POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES.

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89. The total postal revenue was £2,465 13s. 7d., and the expenditure for salaries, wages, and all expenses of postal service within the Colony was £2,012 3s. Expenditure within the Colony includes the subsidies paid to sailing vessels by which postal communication is kept up with all the island districts, at a cost of £1,086 10s.

90. On reference to the following statement of the estimated total number of letters, &c., dealt with in 1899, it will be observed that correspondence with the United Kingdom is less than one-third of the whole, more than two-thirds being with the United States and other places:—

| — | Internal. | External. | | | | Total. |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|---------------|--------|---------|
| | | United Kingdom. | | Other places. | | |
| | | From. | To. | From. | To. | |
| Letters | 41,002 | 22,180 | 17,356 | 69,697 | 68,286 | 218,521 |
| Post-cards | 258 | 469 | 242 | 1,712 | 1,641 | 4,422 |
| Newspapers | 8,504 | 16,577 | 5,712 | 23,581 | 8,067 | 62,441 |
| Book packets, samples, and circulars. | 7,135 | 18,167 | 817 | 23,670 | 2,262 | 52,051 |
| Parcels | — | 1,342 | 292 | 1,694 | 198 | 3,526 |

91. The following is a comparative statement (omitting fractions) of the amount of money order transactions in 1899 and the previous year, distinguishing the transactions with the United Kingdom from those with the United States and other countries:—

| Countries. | Issued in Colony. | | | | Paid in Colony. | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1899. | | 1898. | | 1899. | | 1898. | |
| | Number. | Amount. | Number. | Amount. | Number. | Amount. | Number. | Amount. |
| United Kingdom ... | 655 | £ 929 | 529 | £ 768 | 82 | £ 171 | 120 | £ 333 |
| United States ... | 1,159 | 1,415 | 739 | 781 | 166 | 621 | 136 | 318 |
| Other Countries ... | 33 | 57 | 35 | 47 | 37 | 107 | 38 | 126 |