

SECTION 33.

POST AND TELEGRAPH STATISTICS.

REVENUE and EXPENDITURE of POST OFFICE.

| REVENUE:— | £ | £ |
|---|--------|--------|
| Gross Receipts from Letters, Post Cards, Newspapers, Books, and Parcels | 36,010 | |
| Commission on Money Orders and Postal Orders... | 512 | |
| Miscellaneous | 6,628 | |
| Total Postal Revenue | ... | 42,150 |
| EXPENDITURE:— | | |
| For salaries, wages and all expenses of Postal Service (including Money and Postal Order Business) within the Island | 19,178 | |
| For conveyance of Mails beyond the Island ... | 20,977 | |
| Total cost of Postal Service | ... | 40,155 |
| Net Revenue | ... | 1,995 |

MAIL SERVICE.

| Between Malta and | Line of Steamers | Contract | | Number of Mails | Total Annual Subsidy | Govt.'s share of Subsidy | Other Payments to Contractors |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | Commencement | Termination | | | | |
| Syracuse-Tunis | Cassar Co. Ltd. | 21. 2. 30 | 20. 2. 42 | Three times weekly to Syracuse Once weekly to Tunis | £18,500 | — | — |
| Syracuse | Transatlantica Italiana | — | — | Once weekly | — | — | — |
| Catania or Messina | "Adria" Coy. | 21. 2. 30 | — | Twice weekly | — | £5 per trip | — |
| Syracuse | Govt. Trawler | — | — | Do. | — | — | — |
| Marseilles | P. & O. and B.I.S.N. Coy. | 14. 6. 28 | — | Fort-nightly | 3,000 | — | — |

Number of Post, Money Order, and Telegraph Offices

| Post Offices | Money Order Offices | Telegraph Offices |
|--------------|---------------------|--|
| 6 | 6 | The Eastern Telegraph Company, Limited |

Statement of the Estimated Total Number of Ordinary Letters, etc., dealt with

| | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Posted in Malta and Gozo. | | | Disposed of in Malta and Gozo. |
| Letters | 3,791,853 | Letters | 2,880,245 |
| Post Cards | 114,686 | Post Cards | 123,721 |
| Other articles | 1,218,451 | Other articles | 1,822,834 |
| | <u>5,124,990</u> | | <u>4,826,800</u> |
| Received from abroad. | | Despatched abroad. | |
| Letters | 1,575,799 | Letters | 2,487,407 |
| Post Cards | 88,491 | Post Cards | 79,456 |
| Other articles | 778,141 | Other articles | 173,758 |
| | <u>2,442,431</u> | | <u>2,740,621</u> |
| | <u>7,567,421</u> | | <u>7,567,421</u> |

Statement of the Actual Total Number of Registered and Insured Articles dealt with

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Posted in Malta and Gozo. | | | Disposed of in Malta and Gozo. |
| Registered | 117,681 | Registered | 113,831 |
| Insured | 1,145 | Insured | 1,098 |
| | <u>118,826</u> | | <u>114,929</u> |
| Received from abroad. | | Despatched abroad. | |
| Registered | 105,822 | Registered | 109,672 |
| Insured | 1,052 | Insured | 1,099 |
| | <u>106,874</u> | | <u>110,771</u> |
| | <u>225,700</u> | | <u>225,700</u> |
| INTERNAL. | | EXTERNAL. | |
| Parcels | 227 | Received. | Despatched. |
| | | 65,983 | 13,327 |

Postal Orders dealt with

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|---------|------|
| British Postal Orders issued | Number | 61,287 | value | £22,064 | 0. 0 |
| paid | .. | 28,275 | .. | 13,102 | 0. 0 |

Statement of the Amount of Money Order Transactions between Malta and the United Kingdom, and between Malta and other Colonies or Foreign Countries.

| | Issued in Colony | Advised for payment in Colony |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| United Kingdom including Canada, United States of America etc. | 26,304 | 24,349 |
| Australia, Egypt, India, Gibraltar and Foreign countries | 2,574 | 21,405 |
| Total | 28,878 | 45,754 |

Rates of Postage and Charges, In and From Malta.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN POSTAGE—LETTERS.

Post Office Act of 1924 (No. III of 1924) and Government Notice No. 363 of 1925.

| | | | |
|--|--|-----|-------------|
| Letters to the United Kingdom, British Colonies, British Possessions, British Protectorates, H.M. Ships abroad and United States of America and Tangiers:— | | | |
| Under 1 oz. ... | ... | ... | 1d. |
| for every additional oz. ... | ... | ... | 1d. |
| Letters to all other places not mentioned above, | { for the first 1 oz. ... | ... | 2½d. |
| | { for any additional 1 oz. ... | ... | 1½d. |
| Applicable to Foreign Countries and the places mentioned above | (Single postcard ... | ... | 1½d. |
| | (Reply postcard ... | ... | 1½d. |
| | (Newspapers, Books, Printed papers etc., for every 2 oz. or part thereof ... | ... | 1½d. + 1½d. |
| | (Commercial Papers, for the first 10 oz. ... | ... | 1d. |
| | (for every additional 2 oz. ... | ... | 2½d. |
| Patterns and Samples, for the first 4 oz. ... | ... | ... | 1d. |
| | (for every additional 2 oz. ... | ... | 1d. |
| Small Pickets — Government Notice No. 282 of 12. 8. 30 for every 2 oz. with a minimum charge of 6d. | ... | ... | 1½d. |

LOCAL POSTAGE—LETTERS.

Post Office Act 1924 (No. III of 1924) and Government Notice No. 108 of 1924

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----------|
| Letters not exceeding 1oz. ... | ... | ... | 4d. |
| for every additional oz. ... | ... | ... | 4d. |
| Single postcard ... | ... | ... | 1d. |
| Reply postcard ... | ... | ... | 1d. |
| Printed Matter, Book packets, etc., for every 2 ozs. | ... | ... | 1d. + 1d. |
| Newspapers—For every 2 oz. | ... | ... | 1d. |
| In the case of a local newspaper exceeding in weight 2 ozs. the rate for each will not be more than | ... | ... | 1d. |
| Commercial Papers, for the first 4 ozs. ... | ... | ... | 1d. |
| for every additional 2 oz. ... | ... | ... | 1d. |
| Samples, for every 4 oz. ... | ... | ... | 1d. |

PARCEL POST.

A. Local Parcels.

Post Office Act 1924 (No. III of 1924) and Government Notice No. 198 of 1924.

The prepaid rates for Parcels exchanged within the limits of these Islands are as follows:—

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | | | | | | | | s. | d. |
| For a parcel not exceeding 1 lb. in weight ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| “ exceeding 1 lb. but not exceeding 3 lbs. ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| “ “ 3 lbs. “ “ 6 lbs. ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| “ “ 6 “ “ 11 “ ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 0 |

B. Foreign Parcels.

Post Office Act 1924 (No. III of 1924) and Government Notices No. 82 of 12th. March 1926, Nos. 11 and 12 of 7th. January, 1927.

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| | | | Weight not exceeding | | | | |
| | | | 2 lbs. | 3 lbs. | 7 lbs. | 11 lbs. | 22 lbs. |
| | | | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| To United Kingdom | ... | ... | — | 1 9 | 3 0 | 3 10 | 6 1 |
| Egypt | ... | ... | — | 1 8 | 2 4 | 3 0 | — |
| France via Tunis | ... | ... | — | — | — | 2 11 | 5 5 ½ |
| Italy and Tripoli | ... | ... | 1 10 | — | — | 2 6 | 4 7 ½ |
| Gibraltar | ... | ... | 1 8 | — | — | 3 0 | — |

C. Foreign Parcels.

On parcels between Malta and all other Foreign localities, exchanged through the medium of any of the abovementioned places with which a direct service exists, the full postage comprises, in addition to the rates chargeable from Malta to any of the aforesaid Countries, the onward postage from those Countries to the place of destination.

SHARE OF POSTAGE ON PARCEL MAILS INWARDS.

A share varying from 7d. to 1s. 11d. is apportioned to this Island for every parcel received.

FEES ON INSURED LETTERS.

Post Office Act 1924 (No. III of 1924) and Government Notices Nos. 198 and 222 of 1924.

A fee of 4d. up to £5, 5d. up to £20 and of 1d. for every additional £20 up to £400 is levied on Insured Letters posted in Malta for delivery at any place in Malta.
A fee of 7d. is levied for the first £12 and of 4d. for every additional £12 of declared value on Insured Letters and Parcels and a fee of ½d. is payable to this Country on every £12 of declared value on Insured Parcels received at Malta.

SURCHARGED POSTAGE.

Post Office Act of 1924 (No. III of 1924) and Government Notices Nos. 198 and 222 of 1924.

Surcharged postage denoted by means of Postage due labels is collected on unpaid or insufficiently prepaid correspondence.

† Govt. Notice 241 of 18. 7. 30.

§ Govt. Notice 240 of 18. 7. 30.

RATES OF POSTAGE AND CHARGES, IN AND FROM MALTA—continued.

PRIVATE BOXES.

An annual fee of one guinea payable in advance is charged for the rent of a private Box and a fee of two pounds for a private posting box or bag.

MONEY ORDERS.

Post Office Act of 1924 (No. 111 of 1924) and Government Notices Nos. 222 and 223 of 1924.

Commission on Money Orders chargeable at Malta:—

| Local. | | | Foreign. | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-------|--|-----|-------|
| For sums not exceeding £1 | ... | s. d. | For sums above £10 and not exceeding £20 | ... | s. d. |
| " above £1 and not exceeding £3 | ... | 0 2 | " " " 20 " " " 30 | ... | 0 6 |
| " " £3 " " 10 | ... | 0 3 | " " " 30 " " " 40 | ... | 0 8 |
| | | 0 4 | | | 0 10 |
| For sums not exceeding £1 | ... | 0 4 | For sums above £20 but not above £22 | ... | 3 0 |
| " above £1 but not above £2 | ... | 0 6 | " " " 22 " " " 24 | ... | 3 3 |
| " " " 2 " " " 4 | ... | 0 9 | " " " 24 " " " 26 | ... | 3 6 |
| " " " 4 " " " 6 | ... | 1 0 | " " " 26 " " " 28 | ... | 3 9 |
| " " " 6 " " " 8 | ... | 1 3 | " " " 28 " " " 30 | ... | 4 0 |
| " " " 8 " " " 10 | ... | 1 6 | " " " 30 " " " 32 | ... | 4 3 |
| " " " 10 " " " 12 | ... | 1 9 | " " " 32 " " " 34 | ... | 4 6 |
| " " " 12 " " " 14 | ... | 2 0 | " " " 34 " " " 36 | ... | 4 9 |
| " " " 14 " " " 16 | ... | 2 3 | " " " 36 " " " 38 | ... | 5 0 |
| " " " 16 " " " 18 | ... | 2 6 | " " " 38 " " " 40 | ... | 5 3 |
| " " " 18 " " " 20 | ... | 2 9 | | | |

A supplementary fee of 1s. is payable for Telegraphic Money Orders. This fee is retained by the issuing office. The Telegraphic Money Order Service is limited to the United Kingdom and to the Irish Free State.

No single money order can be issued for a sum exceeding £40.

Half per cent of the value of money orders issued in Malta is payable to the Country of destination and half per cent of the value of the money orders issued in Foreign Countries payable in Malta is paid to this Colony.

The Commission on Postal Orders is as follows:—

POSTAL ORDERS.

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|------------------------|-----|-----|
| On values of 6d. to 2s. 6d. | ... | 1d. | On values of 20s. | ... | 2d. |
| On values of 3s. to 15s. | ... | 1½d. | | | |

TELEGRAPH CABLES.

The Eastern Telegraph Company, Limited, Associated with Imperial and International Communications Ltd., which connects Malta with England via Gibraltar is not subsidized by the Malta Government.

TELEGRAM TARIFF.

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

Tariff per word from Malta.

| | s. | d. | | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------------------|-----|------|
| To Africa:— | | | To Gibraltar | ... | 3 |
| Algers | ... | 3 | " Holland | ... | 5 |
| Tangier | ... | 4 | " Hungary | ... | 4 |
| Tripoli | ... | 2 | " India | ... | 1 5 |
| Tunis | ... | 4 | " Irish Free State... | ... | 5 |
| " Argentine Republic | ... | 2 6 | " Italy and Vatican City | ... | 2 |
| " Australia & New Zealand | ... | 2 6 | " Norway | ... | 5½ |
| " Austria | ... | 3½ | " Portugal | ... | 4 |
| " Belgium | ... | 4½ | " Russia | ... | 7½ |
| " Canada (various rates) from 1/3 to | 3 | 0 | " Spain | ... | 4½ |
| " Ceylon | ... | 1 5 | " Sweden | ... | 5 |
| " Denmark | ... | 5 | " Switzerland | ... | 3½ |
| " Egypt (1st Region) | ... | 1 0 | " Turkey | ... | 7 |
| " France and Sarre | ... | 4 | " Union of South Africa | ... | 1 3 |
| " Great Britain | ... | 4 | " United States America | ... | 2 10 |
| " Greece } Mainland | ... | 6½ | (various rates) from 1/3 to | 2 | 10 |
| " } Islands | ... | 7 | " Yougoslavia | ... | 3½ |
| " Germany | ... | 4½ | Wireless telegrams to ships at sea | ... | 10 |

TELEPHONES.

There are three telephone installations :—

- (i) The Dockyard Service maintained by the Admiralty and used by the Naval Establishments ;
- (ii) The Military Service maintained by the War Department and used by the Garrison.
- (iii) The Melita Telephone Exchange maintained by private enterprise and made use of by the Colonial Government and the Community. The total length of aerial wires is 760 miles.

There is inter-communication through connection between the different Exchanges. Telephonic communication exists between Malta and Gozo.