

P15. PURCHASING AGENT

[Office established by act approved Apr. 28, 1904 (Stat. L. v. 33, pt. 1, p. 440).]

Classification no.

P15.1: Annual reports

(date) [1905-09, in annual reports of Post-Office Dept. (P1.1:), and issued separately also.]

P15.2: General publications

(CT) [None issued.]

P15.3: Bulletins

(nos.) [None issued.]

P15.4: Circulars

(nos.) [None issued.]

P16. RURAL DELIVERY DIVISION†

[Under resolution of Congress approved Oct. 1, 1890 (Stat. L. v. 26, p. 686), experiments in village free delivery were begun under the direction of the Postmaster-General, and the service was greatly extended during the fiscal year 1897-98. Under appropriation bill approved Apr. 28, 1902 (Stat. L. v. 32, p. 165), permanent organization of the Rural Free-Delivery Service was effected as a part of the Division of Free Delivery, under the 1st assistant Postmaster-General, July 1, 1902. The Division of Free Delivery, including the general superintendent, and the superintendents of city free delivery and rural free delivery, was transferred May 9, 1903, by order of the Postmaster-General, to the office of the 4th assistant. After the lapse of the office of general superintendent of free delivery, May 27, 1903, the two branches were gradually organized into separate divisions, the beginning of the Division of Rural Free Delivery as an independent division dating practically from the appointment of a new superintendent for that service, Jan. 1, 1904. Upon the reorganization by order of the Secretary, Dec. 1, 1905, the name became Division of Rural Delivery. See, for earlier publications, P13.†]

P16.1: Annual reports

(date) [1905-09, incorporated in report of 4th assistant Postmaster-General in annual reports of Post-Office Department (P1.1:).]

P16.2: General publications

In7¹ Instructions for guidance of postmasters and carriers in conduct of rural delivery service, in effect Mar. 4, 1907. [1907.] 78 p.
[In 5083-394]

In7² Same, without index. [1907.] 65 p.

P16.3: Bulletins

(nos.) [None issued.]

P16.4: Circulars

(nos.) [None issued.]

P17. PNEUMATIC TUBE COMMISSION

[Appointed by Postmaster-General's order no. 1495, of June 19, 1908, by authority of act making appropriations for Post-Office Department, 1909, approved May 27, 1908 (Stat. L. v. 35, pt. 1, p. 412).]

P17.1: Annual reports

(date) [None issued.]

P17.2: General publications

In8 Investigations as to pneumatic-tube service for mails, report. 1909.

P17.3: Bulletins

(nos.) [None issued.]

P17.4: Circulars

(nos.) [None issued.]

† An order of the Postmaster-General dated Apr. 30, 1910, directed that on July 1, 1910, so much of the Division of Contracts in the office of the 2d assistant Postmaster-General as related to star routes should be transferred to the office of the 4th assistant and combined with the Division of Rural Delivery under the name Division of Rural Mails. This consolidation was effected Oct. 1, 1910.