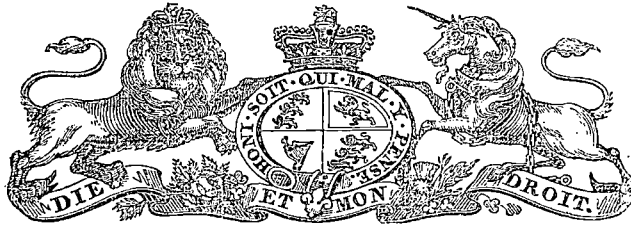


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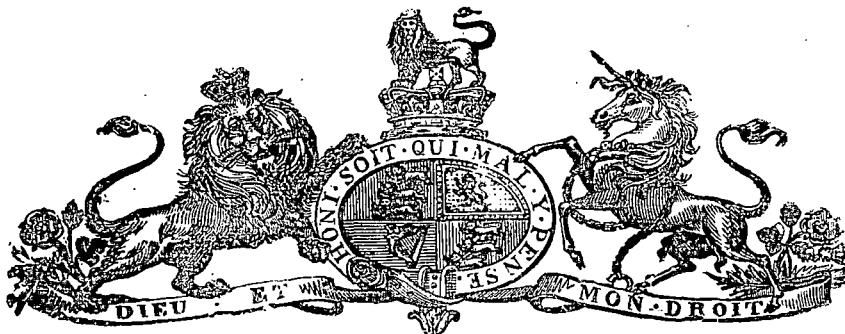
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

POST OFFICE:

REPORT AND RETURNS FOR 1889.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



GENERAL POST OFFICE.

Hobart, June, 1890.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith the usual annual Returns of the Post Office transactions for the year 1889, which, it will be seen, exhibit a steady increase of business over previous years.

Revenue and Expenditure.—The total collections on account of revenue for the year 1889 amounted to £51,268 9s. 5d., consisting of various items estimated as follows:—Postage, £35,630 18s. 6d.; revenue stamps, £10,232 8s. 5d.; and the balance, £5405 2s. 6d., fees, contributions, and reimbursements.

The number of adhesive stamps issued was 49,907,401; post cards, 150,018; embossed envelopes, 7020; registration envelopes, 1392, and the value of impressed stamps, £8797 1s.; in addition to which 5212 exchanges were allowed for spoilt impressed forms, value £207 0s. 11d.

Additional dies of various values have been obtained, and found of much convenience in stamping documents with amounts hitherto not provided for.

Mail Matter.—Mail matter circulated during the past year was as follows:—3,503,194 inland letters were despatched, an increase of 59,820 on the previous year; 1,200,140 ship letters were dealt with, showing an increase of 17,783 on the previous year; 651,706 packets were distributed, an increase of 52,785 on the previous year; 110,905 post cards were posted, an increase of 20,392; and it is estimated that 5,424,647 newspapers were circulated.

Of the number of letters and packets posted 630,715 were franked.

Dead Letter Branch.—22,419 unclaimed letters were dealt with.

Offices.—During the year 15 additional offices have been established. The total number at close of last year was 293, against 278 the previous year.

Number of miles of post roads at close of last year was 2868, and 826,510 miles were travelled during the year.

Inland Mails.—With the exception of a temporary disturbance caused by floods, the mails have been carried with commendable regularity. Advantage of the opening of the Scottsdale railway was taken to expedite the transit of the North-Eastern mails, and it is hoped that at no distant date additional improvement in that direction may be effected.

Postage on newspapers to a limited extent came into operation on the 1st January, 1889, and the estimated revenue therefrom has been fairly realized.

Money Orders.—During the past year 64,679 orders for £157,963 5s. 11d. were issued; 55,776 orders for £130,680 11s. 8d. were paid, and the commission collected £2059 5s., the respective increases being 6293 orders issued for £13,840 6s. 3d., orders paid, 6506 for £15,681 9s. 10d., and commission collected, £145 4s. 3d.

Postal Notes.—Arrangements were completed for the issue of postal notes, payable in Tasmania, South Australia, and Victoria, and promise to be largely used as a convenient mode of transmitting small sums of money. They consist of 14 varieties, viz.—1s., 1s. 6d., 2s., 2s. 6d., 3s., 3s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d., 5s., 7s. 6d., 10s., 10s. 6d., 15s., and 20s.

Post Office Savings Banks.—Deposits to the amount of £41,683 13s. 2d. were received during the year, upon which £1582 18s. 4d. for interest was allowed to depositors, and during the same period £39,369 9s. 10d. was withdrawn, leaving a balance of £51,988 15s. 10d. standing to credit of depositors, against £48,091 14s. 2d. at close of previous year—an increase of £3897 1s. 8d.

Buildings.—Several new country post offices are in course of erection, and additions to others authorised. It is anticipated that the erection of commodious offices at Strahan and Mount Zeehan will require prompt attention, as the business in those districts is advancing rapidly in consequence of the late mineral developments.

The proposed introduction of the inland and intercolonial parcel post system, together with the ever increasing general business of the department, will necessitate additional accommodation being provided for the chief office, Hobart, at an early date.

Inspection.—The appointment of an Inspector of Post Offices is now becoming a matter for serious consideration. It is believed that such an officer would be of much value to the Department, and render good service in checking irregularities between country stations, advising as to required mail routes, and in improving the general efficiency of inland stations.

The Staff.—Several officers were rendered incapable of attending to their duties through sickness, necessitating the extra attendance of those convalescent, who, I am pleased to report, have always exhibited a ready willingness to render any assistance in cases of emergency.

A comparative statement, showing the progress made by the Department from the year 1879 to 1889, is attached hereto for general information, and which possibly may prove of some interest.

THOMAS H. MAGRATH, *Secretary.*

The Hon. the Treasurer.

A COMPARATIVE Statement of Post Office Transactions during the Years 1879 and 1889 respectively.

	1879.	1889.
Mail Matter distributed—		
Letters.....	2,466,109	4,703,334
Packets.....	128,346	651,706
Post Cards.....	<i>Nil.</i>	110,905
Newspapers.....	2,040,902	4,319,394
Post Offices.....	192	293
Mail Contracts.....	95	153
Cost of Mail Contracts.....	£10,597	£17,509
Miles of Post Roads.....	1720	2868
Miles of Post Roads travelled.....	658,040	826,510
Inland Mails closed—		
Once daily.....	84	103
Twice daily.....	—	57
Three times daily.....	—	9
Four times daily.....	—	2
Once weekly.....	13	5
Twice weekly.....	58	52
Thrice weekly.....	28	72
Four times weekly.....	6	3
Ship Mails despatched	5066	7488
Collections on account of Revenue.....	£27,541	£51,268
Expenditure.....	£26,675	£44,282
Total Money Order Transactions.....	£99,409	£290,703
Deposits Savings Banks.....	<i>Nil.</i>	£43,266
Withdrawals.....	<i>Nil.</i>	£39,369
Amount to Credit of Depositors.....	<i>Nil.</i>	£51,988

RETURN of the Amounts received at the General Post Office for Stamps sold during the Years 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889.

YEAR.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1872	13,321	5	11	991	8	1	—		
1873	14,657	4	1	1335	18	2	—		
1874	16,975	14	1	2318	10	0	—		
1875	17,524	9	9	548	15	8	—		
1876	19,289	14	6	1765	4	9	—		
1877	21,952	17	4	2663	2	10	—		
1878	23,382	15	8	1429	18	4	—		
1879	24,184	5	2	801	9	6	—		
1880—1 Jan. to 15 April—Postage and Revenue Stamps combined.....	£	s.	d.						
15 April to 31 Dec.—Postage Stamps	7755	1	7						
Ditto—Revenue Stamps	13,670	11	11	27,549	3	0	3364	17	10
1881—Postage Stamps	20,143	0	7						
Revenue Stamps	9978	13	0	30,121	13	7	2572	10	7
1882—Postage Stamps	22,916	12	7						
Revenue Stamps*	9608	16	11	32,525	9	6	2403	15	11
† 1883—Postage Stamps	23,516	0	0						
Revenue Stamps	9641	3	5	33,157	3	5	631	13	11
† 1884—Postage Stamps	25,070	2	0						
Revenue Stamps	8921	15	1	33,991	17	1	834	13	8
† 1885—Postage Stamps	26,170	2	0						
Revenue Stamps	8705	5	10	34,875	7	10	883	10	9
† 1886—Postage Stamps	27,709	12	11						
Revenue Stamps	8951	14	1	36,661	7	0	1785	19	2
† 1887—Postage Stamps	29,000	0	0						
Revenue Stamps	9287	2	9	38,287	2	9	1625	15	9
† 1888—Postage Stamps	31,000	0	0						
Revenue Stamps	11,252	5	11	42,252	5	11	3965	3	2
1889—Postage Stamps	35,630	18	6						
Revenue Stamps	10,232	8	5	45,863	6	11	3611	1	0

NOTE.—Rates of Postage on Intercolonial Letters reduced from 3d. to 2d. from 1 January, 1881.

* Amount of Revenue Stamps affected by abolishment of several items of duty imposed in former years.

† Estimated.—The actual Post Office Revenue cannot be given, as postage stamps are used for Revenue Stamp purposes, and *vice versa*.

RETURN of the Number of Stamped Letters posted in Tasmania for the United Kingdom and other Places (exclusive of Intercolonial) during the Years 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1872	39,889	1996	—
1873	42,879	2990	—
1874	41,340	—	1539
1875	42,956	1616	—
1876	43,348	392	—
1877	44,012	664	—
1878	46,964	2952	—
1879	46,535	—	492
1880	48,903	2368	—
1881	53,849	4946	—
1882	55,515	1666	—
1883	65,073	9558	—
1884	78,849	13,776	—
1885	81,061	2212	—
1886	78,677	—	2384
1887	83,570	4893	—
1888	82,227	—	1343
1889	85,478	3251	—

RETURN of the Number of Intercolonial Stamped Letters (or Letters for the Australian Colonies and New Zealand) posted in Tasmania during the Years 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1872	142,510	15,987	—
1873	169,099	26,589	—
1874	183,962	14,863	—
1875	206,301	22,339	—
1876	222,157	15,856	—
1877	252,587	30,430	—
1878	274,403	21,816	—
1879	279,245	4842	—
1880	292,827	13,582	—
1881	337,223	44,396	—
1882	385,917	48,694	—
1883	428,341	42,424	—
1884	430,448	2143	—
1885	461,834	31,386	—
1886	485,312	23,478	—
1887	484,113	—	1199
1888	495,954	11,841	—
1889	552,468	56,514	—

RETURN of the Number of Inland and Town Stamped Letters, Post Cards, and Packets posted in Tasmania during the Years 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889.

YEAR.	LETTERS.	POST CARDS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
				Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.
1872	622,238	—	21,029	37,214	—	2039	—	—	—
1873	773,744	—	25,673	151,506	—	4644	—	—	—
1874	882,252	—	32,301	108,508	—	6628	—	—	—
1875	993,876	—	36,815	111,624	—	4514	—	—	—
1876	1,144,292	—	48,657	150,416	—	11,842	—	—	—
1877	1,250,256	—	50,896	105,964	—	2239	—	—	—
1878	1,415,029	—	64,324*	164,773	—	13,428	—	—	—
1879	1,508,915	—	70,470	93,886	—	6146	—	—	—
1880	1,637,906	—	88,309	128,991	—	18,139	—	—	—
1881	1,807,241	—	113,225	169,335	—	24,716	—	—	—
1882	2,035,685	31,268	137,310	228,444	31,268	24,585	—	—	—
1883	2,164,739	43,033	185,126	129,054	11,765	47,316	—	—	—
1884	2,268,237	62,524	230,435	103,498	19,491	45,309	—	—	—
1885	2,351,771	66,742	257,623	83,534	4218	27,188	—	—	—
1886	2,484,075	84,643	289,299	132,304	17,901	51,674	—	—	—
1887	2,772,197	78,860	265,942	288,122	—	—	—	5783	23,357
1888	2,833,192	90,513	288,006	60,995	11,653	23,064	—	—	—
1889	2,872,479	110,905	392,918	39,287	20,392	104,912	—	—	—

*Town Letters posted at Launceston have not been included in Return No. 4 for previous years, consequently the actual increase in 1878 over 1877 is 97,449; the difference in gross increase consisting of 67,919 Town Letters posted at Launceston.

POST OFFICE.

RETURN showing the Number of Post Offices, Persons employed, Extent of Post Roads, and Number of Letters, Post Cards, Packets, and Newspapers received and despatched, for the Years 1886-87-88-89.

	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses.....	251	258	278	293
Number of Persons employed	432	457	482	502
Miles of Post Roads	2692	2772	2825	2868
Miles of Post Roads travelled	802,044	812,160	815,694	826,510

YEAR.	RECEIVED.											
	LETTERS.			POST CARDS.	PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			
	Inland stamped.	Franked.	Ship.		Inland stamped.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	News- papers.
1886 ..	2,094,518	428,659	581,321	63,100	233,151	138,195	1,715,292	619,807	3,104,498	63,100	371,346	2,335,099
1887 ..	2,223,191	522,010	567,843	77,784	255,235	143,335	1,948,007	629,116	3,313,044	77,784	400,570	2,577,123
1888 ..	2,467,681	607,761	623,674	94,196	253,056	158,990	2,421,640	686,510	3,699,116	94,196	412,036	3,108,150
1889 ..	2,442,855	636,126	625,771	116,004	373,115	181,341	3,820,264	699,825	3,704,752	116,004	554,456	4,520,089

YEAR.	DESPATCHED.													
	LETTERS.				POST CARDS.	PACKETS.			NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			
	Inland stamped.	Town stamped.	Ship stamped.	Franked.		Inland stamped.	Town stamped.	Ship stamped.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	News- papers.
1886 ..	2,092,108	381,967	517,720	526,114	84,643	278,540	10,759	46,269	2,778,738	408,193	3,517,909	84,643	355,568	3,186,931
1887 ..	2,228,452	391,855	518,936	583,760	78,860	249,828	16,114	43,747	2,907,239	424,504	3,723,003	78,860	314,689	3,331,743
1888 ..	2,387,581	445,611	558,683	610,182	90,513	272,317	15,689	52,925	3,194,426	438,542	4,002,057	90,513	340,931	3,632,968
1889 ..	2,384,758	487,721	574,369	630,715	110,905	392,918	13,870	63,577	4,324,538	400,294	4,077,563	110,905	470,365	4,724,832

REVENUE and Expenditure for the Years 1886-87-88-89.

	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
Revenue	£ s. d. 32,509 12 11*	£ s. d. 33,566 17 6	£ s. d. 35,913 15 7	£ s. d. 39,536 1 0
Expenditure (actual payments to date).....	38,400 13 1	42,359 12 6	41,769 10 5	44,282 13 10

* In this amount sums as under have been included, which were not contained in previous Returns of Revenue and Expenditure :—

	£ s. d.
Fees.....	3905 2 6
Contribution, Victoria	1500 0 0
	<u>£5405 2 6</u>

POST OFFICE.

RETURN showing the Number of Inland Letters, Packets, Post Cards, and Newspapers posted, also the Number of Ship Letters, Packets, and Newspapers received and despatched, together with the Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department, during the Years 1882-83-84-85-86-87-88-89.

	LETTERS.			PACKETS.			POST CARDS.	NEWSPAPERS.			REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.		
	Inland, (including Town Letters.)	Ship.		Inland, (including Town Packets.)	Ship.			Inland, (including Town Newspapers.)	Ship.							
		Received.	Despatched.		Received.	Despatched.			Received.	Despatched.						
1882	2,476,721	467,814	418,796	137,810	67,579	21,767	31,268	1,588,891	391,038	275,089	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1883	2,607,462	518,171	453,618	185,126	102,369	31,485	43,033	1,917,017	417,885	383,108	22,916	12	7	32,095	17	5
1884	2,735,103	546,304	471,110	230,435	92,401	38,223	62,524	2,340,681	471,222	519,295	23,516	0	0	33,841	1	7
1885	2,885,842	544,069	475,853	267,623	113,355	44,819	66,742	2,649,530	535,222	375,615	25,070	2	0	37,535	14	8
1886	3,000,189	581,321	517,720	289,299	138,195	46,269	84,643	2,778,738	619,807	408,193	26,170	2	0	37,503	7	10
1887	3,204,067	567,843	518,936	265,942	143,335	48,747	78,860	2,907,239	629,116	424,504	32,509	12	11	38,400	13	1
1888	3,443,374	623,674	558,683	288,006	158,990	52,925	90,513	3,194,426	686,426	438,542	33,566	17	6	42,359	12	6
1889	3,503,194	625,771	574,369	406,788	181,341	63,577	110,905	4,324,538	699,825	400,294	35,913	15	7	41,769	10	5
											39,536	1	0	44,282	13	10

N.B.—1882. Of the Letters and Packets dealt with, 2,614,058 were stamped, 441,036 were franked.

1883.	"	"	"	2,834,968	"	442,723	"
1884.	"	"	"	3,008,005	"	466,866	"
1885.	"	"	"	3,140,066	"	524,071	"
1886.	"	"	"	3,347,363	"	526,114	"
1887.	"	"	"	3,453,932	"	583,760	"
1888.	"	"	"	3,732,806	"	610,182	"
1889.	"	"	"	3,917,213	"	630,715	"

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS.

A RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Post Office Money Orders issued and paid, and Amount of Commission collected, at the respective Money Order Offices in Tasmania during the Years 1888-89.

OFFICE.	Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.				Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.				Commission.				
	1888	1889	1888		1889		1888	1889	1888		1889		1888		1889		
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.			£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Hobart.....	6597	7030	20,496	18 11	21,636	17 7	17,119	19,069	41,819	3 1	47,328	2 4	370	10 3	387	14 9	
Extra Commission.....														6	13 0	6	15 0
Alberton.....	213	205	362	15 2	369	17 6	17	10	66	18 2	32	3 0	4	12 0	4	12 9	
Antill Ponds.....	56	63	79	1 10	88	12 2	8	19	13	10 9	41	2 4	0	18 9	1	1 3	
Avoca.....	688	714	1751	16 11	1551	17 0	86	174	265	8 2	876	4 10	16	3 6	15	16 9	
Barrington.....	166	215	309	6 7	493	11 7	35	33	92	9 10	65	13 11	3	4 3	4	15 0	
Beaconsfield.....	1551	1931	3116	15 10	4180	18 5	338	422	1097	6 6	1169	4 11	40	19 3	54	6 0	
Bellerive.....	30	34	74	13 0	58	8 3	44	65	175	5 10	217	14 4	0	16 9	1	1 6	
Bishopsbourne.....	57	110	145	18 10	269	6 1	16	47	66	8 6	137	6 10	1	11 0	2	12 6	
Blue Tier.....	77	110	201	4 0	238	5 4	15	13	31	16 10	22	18 0	2	5 6	2	15 3	
Bothwell.....	443	531	953	10 7	1182	15 3	160	170	421	1 0	402	7 3	10	6 0	13	18 9	
Bowood.....	87	98	125	11 6	100	3 3	27	17	86	3 11	43	7 4	1	10 9	1	11 0	
Bracknell.....	237	279	417	17 3	520	8 6	36	30	105	14 10	73	0 5	4	6 0	5	0 0	
Branxholm.....	555	574	2083	3 7	2162	12 9	85	72	301	3 4	214	2 4	25	17 6	24	9 0	
Bream Creek.....	29	28	83	11 11	60	5 8	27	25	89	9 7	87	19 8	0	16 9	0	12 0	
Bridgewater, North.....	113	165	215	6 7	356	6 7	98	107	250	6 11	230	10 7	2	15 6	3	13 0	
Brighton.....	215	366	510	10 11	775	2 0	178	218	329	15 8	602	4 9	5	14 0	9	0 6	
Broadmarsh, Upper.....	93	125	177	6 11	210	14 5	23	27	32	15 6	32	0 3	1	12 0	2	3 6	
Buckland.....	237	201	489	11 11	383	1 10	52	32	87	16 11	88	16 0	4	12 3	3	15 3	
Burnie.....	1120	1238	2371	1 0	2738	6 5	613	657	2192	13 1	2381	8 1	31	1 9	38	10 6	
Campania.....	262	266	534	4 5	485	8 8	117	100	289	18 9	304	3 0	5	13 6	4	19 9	
Campbell Town.....	606	665	1242	14 11	1442	11 2	285	320	722	13 9	880	0 1	15	12 3	16	15 3	
Carnarvon.....	175	204	286	14 10	373	4 2	14	23	24	11 6	49	14 3	3	15 6	4	12 3	
Carriick.....	161	143	459	11 7	309	17 2	98	164	379	12 3	776	15 3	5	14 9	4	9 6	
Castra Road.....	338	334	570	8 5	440	0 0	26	32	67	3 7	82	11 3	6	7 6	5	13 3	
Chudleigh.....	354	512	993	6 4	1433	14 10	69	63	227	19 6	156	14 11	8	2 0	12	2 9	
Cranbrook.....	133	106	280	13 0	158	17 2	14	12	39	16 11	30	9 3	3	5 3	2	5 9	
Cressy.....	225	261	401	9 3	697	10 10	92	126	238	4 8	238	11 4	6	5 0	8	7 3	
Deloraine.....	1083	1591	2616	8 5	3458	4 3	606	639	1582	6 6	1554	9 0	28	3 6	39	12 6	
Derby.....	1402	1380	4142	6 9	3528	11 10	103	147	281	10 11	388	19 1	46	14 9	40	6 9	
Devonport, East.....	739	771	1639	1 6	1640	5 2	144	206	388	15 5	347	10 5	17	19 0	17	12 6	
Devonport, West.....	983	1345	2280	18 3	3155	1 8	427	565	1065	13 5	1261	14 4	25	0 9	33	12 0	
Don.....	404	404	711	9 10	755	3 1	83	114	217	9 7	205	8 10	9	10 6	9	15 0	
Ellendale.....		155			249	9 10		8			25	6 6			2	12 6	
Ellesmere.....	1208	1152	2575	19 4	2144	19 8	443	442	914	5 3	1013	13 11	28	18 3	26	6 0	
Evandale.....	212	281	358	15 7	465	15 7	193	227	430	17 9	413	15 5	5	18 9	6	6 6	
Exton.....	112	120	310	12 6	258	11 4	15	25	50	0 5	59	5 8	2	12 0	2	5 0	
Fentonbury.....	1	121	1	0 0	164	5 0		6			17	12 0	0	0 3	1	19 0	
Fingal.....	577	674	1307	11 4	1387	16 4	251	431	777	0 2	1488	15 6	14	3 0	14	6 3	
Forcett.....	136	135	328	8 5	368	5 6	21	19	53	17 9	19	15 1	2	17 6	2	16 9	
Forth.....	814	1024	1352	12 3	1942	8 11	202	179	532	10 3	428	5 2	18	11 3	24	8 3	
Frankford.....	81	105	156	16 6	151	15 0	23	25	41	3 4	38	5 3	2	0 3	2	5 0	
Franklin.....	960	954	1892	12 4	2042	4 9	276	242	804	6 6	682	4 6	20	17 3	20	17 6	
Geeveston.....	632	604	1134	13 0	1120	3 11	117	59	533	14 2	264	4 7	12	0 3	11	16 3	
George Town.....	442	400	1078	2 8	811	19 1	150	106	399	12 2	327	3 0	10	11 0	9	7 3	
Gladstone.....	454	670	1225	2 3	1662	10 7	28	58	75	6 8	193	15 11	19	1 3	23	10 6	
Glenora.....	460	460	1018	9 2	842	3 5	38	36	125	18 0	104	3 0	9	16 3	8	7 3	
Glenorchy.....	226	177	339	0 2	286	19 4	174	202	320	16 5	313	8 7	6	19 9	5	12 0	
Gordon.....	130	121	273	12 2	222	4 6	20	18	65	19 6	68	1 6	3	0 9	2	5 9	
Gould's Country.....	407	353	1088	6 6	907	0 7	40	61	103	12 10	146	11 9	9	17 0	9	1 9	
Green Ponds.....	313	475	877	5 11	1716	5 2	152	131	360	15 5	320	13 8	8	13 0	13	13 3	
Hagley.....	106	125	209	8 8	277	18 11	88	53	247	16 6	121	16 6	2	18 6	3	14 6	
Hamilton.....	509	532	1060	4 6	976	10 0	92	114	168	18 10	180	3 1	10	2 0	9	16 3	
Hastings.....	43	248	82	8 1	612	8 8	5	12	16	9 3	29	2 5	1	4 3	5	7 9	
Huonville.....	60	67	205	5 10	122	17 2	52	85	193	6 7	270	19 9	2	14 3	2	2 3	
Impression Bay.....	175	233	333	3 6	427	3 2	33	34	79	10 1	74	7 7	3	14 3	4	17 9	
Jerusalem.....	444	474	895	3 2	1112	17 11	123	100	301	18 8	300	2 5	9	6 0	9	19 0	
Kingston.....	97	70	218	4 8	165	12 3	51	69	116	9 4	159	18 3	2	5 6	2	3 3	
Latrobe.....	1653	1753	3077	17 2	3749	19 6	924	1066	2010	1 5	2049	8 1	38	1 6	42	7 0	
Launceston.....	5813	6279	18,254	19 9	18,610	8 5	18,456	21,131	35,592	12 8	41,648	3 1	299	11 0	319	14 3	
Lefroy.....	506	567	1424	9 2	1528	18 4	106	157	302	1 9	521	9 1	15	13 6	14	9 0	
Lilydale.....	241	297	835	6 6	552	2 9	36	56	90	12 0	152	1 6	8	18 0	6	3 6	
Lisaddon.....	287	311	756	9 8	780	12 6	17	16	43	14 0	27	5 1	10	6 6	10	12 6	
Lisle.....	224	191	532	9 11	348	0 8	21	24	102	2 4	109	10 3	6	6 3	4	3 6	
Longford.....	677	722	1548	5 0	1399	17 10	339	472	756	6 10	1260	2 1	21	5 3	20	16 6	
Longley.....	1	22	2	0 0	42	11 3	1	10	2	10 0	19	14 3	0	0 3	0	10 0	
Macquarie Plains.....	223	248	493	12 6	493	3 0	40	43	98	15 3	108	10 9	4	7 9	5	0 6	
Maria Island.....	338	270	854	19 5	534	17 1	27	18	66	18 3	37	13 0	10	2 3	7	3 9	
Mathinna.....	323	742	856	6 1	2175	9 9	54	48	238	4 11	131	19 5	7	17 0	22	2 3	
Melton Mowbray.....	45	61	75	19 10	110	9 3	7	7	17	12 6	16	7 2	1	1 3	1	9 9	
Mole Creek.....	145	217	496	8 8	738	16 8	22	12	64	13 8	21	13 7	3	12 0	5	11 3	
Moorina.....	811	836	2854	14 4	2825	12 11	194	244	951	5 5	1265	2 4	39	18 9	36	5 0	
New Norfolk.....	1172	1061	2268	15 4	2264	13 6	633	767	1478	9 0	1538	10 10	29	15 9	28	0 0	
New Town.....	209	214	479	19 0	649	5 1	192	196	526	0 11	603	10 7	8				

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS—continued.

OFFICE.	Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.		Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.		Commission.	
	1888	1889	1888	1889	1888	1889	1888	1889	1888	1889
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Penguin Creek.....	628	766	1090 13 0	1514 18 11	194	190	514 4 9	451 1 1	13 12 3	17 6 0
Perth	176	170	412 5 7	363 9 8	140	127	475 1 2	439 7 6	4 18 3	4 18 9
Piper's River, Lower	164	196	409 1 2	589 18 11	35	22	138 17 9	68 8 2	3 16 9	4 11 3
Port Cygnet.....	858	993	1566 19 5	1836 8 5	218	185	877 5 5	612 17 3	16 7 0	18 19 0
Port Esperance	182	286	426 4 7	694 3 9	34	37	131 16 0	134 19 9	4 19 3	6 16 6
Railton	191	338	330 9 8	557 2 8	60	53	209 6 5	196 7 8	3 16 0	6 1 0
Richmond	626	541	997 19 3	1114 18 10	174	160	427 0 3	373 19 3	13 2 0	12 11 0
Ringarooma, Upper	493	498	1231 9 5	942 1 4	244	350	1631 9 7	2565 19 8	15 0 0	10 2 3
Ross	377	397	662 9 8	777 13 2	110	142	344 0 7	322 7 0	10 10 9	11 2 3
Sandy Bay	309	248	625 10 0	524 14 2	121	98	257 14 9	218 1 7	9 8 9	9 17 6
Sheffield	1048	1248	1993 11 0	2363 9 5	172	173	457 18 6	403 6 0	22 15 6	26 15 9
Shipwrights' Point	133	137	350 2 10	349 1 9	107	43	289 9 0	105 0 6	3 18 0	3 7 9
Somerset	324	330	650 4 5	617 1 4	47	29	171 0 2	100 13 6	7 5 0	7 2 0
Sorell	263	281	545 7 9	715 2 8	81	68	135 19 2	208 19 7	6 1 9	7 13 9
Southport	288	347	416 2 9	423 14 5	31	13	126 7 10	44 5 10	5 10 6	5 10 6
Stanley	673	835	1571 14 6	2020 6 2	117	115	306 6 0	280 5 0	21 12 0	26 16 6
St. Helen's	550	613	1061 10 9	1407 12 9	204	298	459 18 4	671 7 7	11 13 6	14 19 6
St. Leonard's	53	65	99 8 0	146 3 6	53	60	179 6 9	178 6 5	1 19 3	2 4 0
St. Mary's	939	1096	2162 9 9	2633 14 10	173	246	437 1 11	738 4 8	25 12 0	28 3 0
Strahan	263	460	1023 16 7	1805 2 5	16	37	94 14 6	169 9 4	9 3 6	18 13 9
Swansea	407	402	866 10 2	739 18 9	169	177	360 2 3	339 0 11	9 1 0	9 3 0
Triabunna.....	237	228	654 14 5	569 15 5	75	96	145 4 4	214 3 11	6 10 3	5 8 0
Tunbridge.....	154	199	184 2 9	236 12 5	32	38	88 17 11	115 1 6	2 10 6	3 3 6
Tunnack	287	251	516 13 4	497 18 11	43	26	128 6 1	79 11 9	5 9 6	4 19 9
Turner's Marsh	87	121	180 17 0	226 12 6	15	36	17 6 9	61 3 4	1 19 3	2 6 9
Ulverstone	1269	1410	2076 19 7	2472 5 3	478	600	1000 2 2	1091 13 0	28 15 3	33 18 3
Waratah.....	2955	2955	7720 4 10	7771 15 3	324	378	983 3 0	942 18 8	96 11 6	94 1 9
Waterloo.....	53	49	116 8 3	101 4 4	11	10	49 19 0	22 18 5	1 4 3	1 1 3
Weldborough.....	443	417	2318 8 4	1774 2 4	41	42	181 5 7	144 16 6	28 19 0	20 0 6
Westbury	647	610	1341 6 2	1116 5 6	392	506	872 18 1	921 1 4	16 0 0	14 17 6
Woodbridge	138	160	291 15 8	243 12 10	22	25	63 3 10	75 18 0	3 1 6	3 0 6
Wyniford	658	555	3883 4 2	4284 9 1	25	11	63 4 7	15 5 4	31 7 9	28 13 3
Wynyard	717	767	1213 0 3	1484 19 11	184	233	519 8 4	541 15 1	15 17 6	18 16 0
TOTALS	58,386	64,679	144,122 19 8	157,963 5 11	49,270	55,776	114,999 1 10	130,680 11 8	1914 0 9	2059 5 0

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in Tasmania, and the Number and Amount of Money Orders drawn on Tasmania, during the Year 1889.

ISSUED IN TASMANIA.			PAYABLE IN TASMANIA.		
Where payable.	Number.	Amount.	Where issued.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Tasmania	48,140	103,839 1 2	Tasmania	48,140	103,839 1 2
Cape of Good Hope	6	18 5 6	Cape of Good Hope	5	28 12 9
Ceylon.....	10	39 9 2	Ceylon.....	..	..
Hong Kong	250	1648 15 0	Hong Kong.....	..	..
India	130	758 8 8	India	34	123 11 8
New South Wales	2812	8257 3 10	New South Wales	1322	4884 13 1
New Zealand	614	2231 16 7	New Zealand	506	1793 3 0
Queensland.....	253	1044 8 1	Queensland.....	289	1208 16 11
South Australia	348	1097 16 8	South Australia	354	1225 9 8
Straits Settlements.....	2	4 4 0	Straits Settlements.....	2	2 0 0
United Kingdom, Foreign	3126	10,515 14 11	United Kingdom, Foreign	781	2902 4 10
United States of America.....	274	772 6 9	United States of America.....	43	255 15 5
Victoria	8707	27,755 8 3	Victoria	4228	13,833 10 7
Western Australia.....	7	20 7 4	Western Australia.....	11	35 15 0
TOTALS	64,679	157,963 5 11	TOTALS	55,715	130,132 14 1

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Years 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889, classified according to the Rates of Commission charged thereon.

Inland.				Intercolonial.		United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.				Total.	Amount.
£2 and under.	Between £2 and £5.	Between £5 and £7.	Between £7 and £10.	£5 and under.	Between £5 and £10.	£2 and under.	Between £2 and £5.	Between £5 and £7.	Between £7 and £10.		
20,091	6819	1348	2291	8460	2105	1543	858	129	348	43,992	£ 110,852 17 3.
22,444	7160	1260	2235	9466	1977	1595	989	111	412	47,649	121,312 11 9
25,634	7835	1469	2478	9448	1977	1864	1129	137	556	52,527	131,590 19 4
29,498	8689	1615	2861	9788	2041	1942	1152	187	602	58,375	144,122 19 8
33,310	9527	1838	3465	10,669	2069	1897	1145	164	595	64,679	157,963 5 11

NOTE.—Reduced Rates of Commission on Inland Money Orders came into operation on 1st October, 1881.

RETURN showing the Names of the various Branches, the Date of their Establishment, the Number of Accounts opened, the Number of Accounts closed, and the Total Number and Amount of Deposits and Withdrawals, during the Year 1889; also the Amount at the Credit of Depositors on the 31st December, 1889.

NAME OF BRANCH.	Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1888.			Number of Accounts opened during 1889.	Number of Accounts closed during 1889.	Number of Accounts remaining open at close of 1889.	Total Deposits, including Interest.		Total Withdrawals.		Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1889.						
	£	s.	d.				Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.							
Hobart	10,739	16	4	222	211	487	1624	9756	12	9	961	9391	12	8	11,104	16	5
Alberton	347	11	2	6	7	14	49	338	15	4	25	241	11	4	444	15	2
Antill Ponds	5	3	1	1	..	3	6	3	16	4	..	..	..	..	8	19	5
Avoca	306	11	8	3	10	18	25	114	6	3	27	218	4	8	202	13	3
Barrington	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	40	3	3	3	40	3	3	0	2	0
Beaconsfield	1540	7	5	57	39	104	301	1539	16	8	97	1129	7	2	1944	16	11
Bellerive	6	10	5	..	..	1	2	6	17	0	..	..	..	..	13	7	5
Bishopsbourne	19	14	6	2	3	7	7	10	16	1	5	18	14	8	11	15	11
Blue Tier	70	8	3	10	7	10	30	193	5	7	16	127	11	6	136	2	4
Bothwell	429	3	5	13	10	44	55	310	11	10	13	170	7	9	569	7	6
Bowood	60	2	0	..	1	..	..	0	3	6	1	60	5	6	..	..	..
Bracknell	3	3	6	..	2	7	3	1	7	8	5	2	6	0	2	5	2
Bradshaw's Creek ^a	0	10	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	10	8	..	..	..
Branhholm	977	3	4	8	9	20	35	414	10	4	24	382	13	8	1009	0	0
Bream Creek	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bridgewater, North	51	12	4	6	2	11	56	148	17	8	13	119	3	1	81	6	11
Brighton	82	9	6	8	7	15	35	169	3	8	12	75	17	9	175	15	5
Broadmarsh, Upper	152	15	9	1	..	5	5	37	15	3	..	..	..	..	190	11	0
Buckland	29	7	4	..	1	7	4	11	4	10	2	7	15	1	32	17	1
Burnie	791	13	0	21	15	66	105	676	2	5	40	621	18	11	845	16	6
Campania	10	7	11	6	1	7	16	63	9	4	3	20	0	11	53	16	4
Campbell Town	300	2	9	20	6	57	126	308	2	7	28	148	1	8	460	3	8
Carnarvon	1	14	0	..	..	3	3	0	18	10	..	..	..	..	2	12	10
Carrick	40	16	4	9	2	17	33	113	8	9	7	43	10	9	110	14	4
Castra Road	12	11	10	12	5	23	39	40	8	1	9	28	16	9	24	3	2
Chudleigh	25	1	6	9	3	7	26	238	14	8	10	84	1	9	179	14	5
Cranbrook	41	15	4	3	3	6	4	32	4	2							

NAME OF BRANCH.	Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1888.	Number of Accounts opened during 1889.	Number of Accounts closed during 1889.	Number of Accounts remaining open at close of 1889.	Total Deposits, including Interest.		Total Withdrawals.		Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1889.
					Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
	£ s. d.					£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Fentonbury	0 1 0	23	4	20	83	9 3 11	4	3 15 11	5 9 0
Fingal	287 5 3	16	7	24	51	107 3 2	18	298 10 7	95 17 10
Forcett	0 2 0	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	0 2 0
Forth	164 8 8	7	6	19	27	140 1 3	11	108 12 7	195 17 4
Frankford	5 3 8	..	..	2	..	0 0 8	1	4 0 0	1 4 4
Franklin	631 2 8	18	18	43	71	523 18 3	48	240 11 4	914 9 7
Geeveston	187 17 11	9	6	39	49	119 6 6	11	105 17 1	201 7 4
George Town	33 15 3	3	3	12	35	36 17 10	11	31 9 11	39 3 2
Gladstone	12 13 6	8	7	4	18	96 1 6	7	75 1 7	33 13 5
Glenora	1056 19 1	17	10	74	109	509 8 10	49	543 10 10	1022 17 1
Glenorchy	47 18 1	2	2	24	26	32 18 8	12	32 8 11	48 7 10
Gordon	8 12 10	1	2	1	1	0 7 5	2	8 13 3	0 7 0
Gould's Country	95 17 7	3	8	9	15	167 3 11	12	243 6 6	19 15 0
Green Ponds	91 9 1	23	12	23	88	471 1 1	27	325 0 7	237 9 7
Hagley	2 1 3	4	3	2	11	15 10 3	5	14 14 11	2 16 7
Hamilton	205 9 4	8	1	19	27	66 15 8	7	139 15 9	132 9 3
Hastings ^b	2 7 0	3	..	8	35	7 8 7	..	..	9 15 7
Huonville	15 10 3	1	3	..	14	40 8 1	6	55 18 4	..
Impression Bay	22 14 6	2	1	5	13	12 17 5	5	5 15 6	29 16 5
Jerusalem	346 12 6	7	8	33	72	219 13 8	15	130 19 4	435 6 10
Kingston	53 15 9	..	..	6	13	27 0 4	1	5 0 0	75 16 1
Latrobe	1439 16 7	38	44	130	232	943 14 2	84	812 16 10	1570 13 11
Launceston	6288 17 11	132	147	278	790	6189 9 3	382	5768 4 4	6710 2 10
Lefroy	1298 18 8	17	18	53	102	638 5 0	68	815 0 3	1122 3 5
Lilydale	338 12 1	1	6	13	17	108 8 6	14	136 2 8	310 17 11
Lisdillon	148 1 9	1	2	19	9	52 7 5	3	89 16 3	110 12 11
Lisle	115 5 2	4	2	12	9	64 17 3	7	31 1 4	149 1 1
Longford	738 16 0	20	18	83	160	439 5 2	48	258 10 6	919 10 8
Longley ^c	..	1	..	1	1	12 0 8	..	..	12 0 8
Macquarie Plains	106 5 2	6	..	12	16	109 1 5	5	23 19 1	191 7 6
Maria Island	607 13 3	18	18	21	58	621 17 0	35	724 18 5	505 11 10
Mathinna	77 10 7	34	15	28	103	1129 16 5	28	361 6 7	845 0 5
Melton Mowbray	5 6 9	..	1	1	..	0 1 2	1	5 2 11	0 5 0
Mole Creek	13 10 4	..	1	1	8	70 3 3	3	83 12 7	0 1 0
Moorina	0 12 5	1	..	6	2	23 4 10	1	12 0 0	11 17 3
New Norfolk	1495 16 10	32	29	131	249	1197 8 5	106	1053 7 11	1639 17 4
New Town	83 11 5	19	7	47	85	105 0 5	20	75 10 4	113 1 6
Northdown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oatlands	303 2 11	11	7	41	48	216 17 8	12	84 3 8	435 16 11
Ouse	494 14 4	10	6	28	51	354 9 3	8	300 8 10	548 14 9
Penguin Creek	85 9 5	3	1	31	41	181 1 7	19	165 2 8	101 8 4
Perth	69 1 10	1	4	6	2	19 8 3	5	66 7 9	22 2 4
Piper's River, Lower	..	1	..	1	1	30 17 6	..	..	30 17 6
Port Cygnet	248 15 7	12	10	19	46	236 9 3	30	306 7 8	178 17 2
Port Esperance	225 18 8	4	5	15	25	145 15 2	12	177 3 5	194 10 5
Railton	50 1 9	2	..	3	3	27 3 11	..	..	77 5 8
Richmond	75 1 11	2	1	11	44	51 13 6	6	70 13 4	56 2 1
Ringarooma, Upper	137 6 2	4	5	11	32	174 16 11	20	146 17 10	165 5 3
Ross	34 8 5	26	2	35	88	217 12 1	9	47 17 6	204 3 0
Sandy Bay	30 13 7	11	7	31	117	82 2 5	21	54 17 11	57 18 1
Sheffield	200 2 1	12	2	35	90	186 8 5	18	45 2 5	341 8 1
Shipwrights' Point	50 19 7	1	..	4	4	20 17 2	2	4 0 0	67 16 9
Somerses	137 9 6	3	5	15	47	164 7 10	14	192 9 3	109 8 1
Sorell	176 13 4	6	2	12	16	124 4 0	7	221 15 5	79 1 11
Southport	5 11 7	2	1	5	2	16 3 4	1	3 4 6	18 10 5
Stanley	240 1 5	14	2	28	39	185 10 3	9	173 14 9	251 16 11
St. Helen's	104 1 5	8	9	25	41	48 7 7	14	64 10 8	87 18 4
St. Leonard's	5 16 2	..	1	4	..	0 2 8	2	0 16 0	5 2 10
St. Mary's	795 14 3	22	21	50	134	702 14 3	58	539 9 4	958 19 2
Strahan ^d	194 1 7	10	8	9	32	262 11 11	18	341 2 2	115 11 4
Swansea	731 10 8	13	23	97	73	643 17 3	44	502 4 9	873 3 2
Triabunna	165 14 2	6	8	12	29	247 3 9	22	334 14 10	78 3 1
Tunbridge	8 19 9	1	..	5	3	15 10 3	..	..	24 10 0
Tunnack	70 5 1	4	2	14	45	85 8 4	5	15 2 11	140 10 6
Turner's Marsh	41 6 1	..	1	1	3	31 7 9	3	40 13 7	32 0 3
Ulverstone	323 11 11	15	20	75	83	237 4 3	29	230 8 0	330 8 2
Waratah	5864 3 11	103	94	174	711	4342 10 7	223	4721 1 6	5485 13 0
Waterloo	0 4 0	..	..	2	1	0 5 0	..	..	0 9 0
Weldborough	529 5 6	16	8	24	31	198 1 8	14	335 5 9	392 1 5
Westbury	510 7 10	8	3	25	32	220 14 7	13	136 2 7	594 19 10
Woodbridge	53 12 4	6	1	17	17	9 17 11	6	20 19 0	42 11 3
Wyniford River ^e	171 18 11	4	10	4	9	120 11 3	19	257 6 9	35 3 5
Wynyard	221 11 7	8	12	51	38	129 3 10	20	179 2 0	171 13 5
TOTALS	£ 48,091 14 2	1424	1171	3391	7981	43,266 11 6	3343	39,369 9 10	51,988 15 10

^a Bradshaw's Creek, closed June, 1885.^b Hastings, opened August, 1888.^c Longley, opened November, 1888.^d Strahan, opened January, 1888.^e Wyniford River, closed April, 1889.

THE Trustees of Post Office Savings Bank in account with the Depositors from 1st January to 31st December, 1889.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance 31st December, 1888.....	48,091	14	2	Warrants paid.....	39,624	1	3
Outstanding Warrants ditto.....	385	5	8	Warrants issued but not paid	190	13	10
Deposits received during 1889	41,683	13	2	Balance due Depositors.....	51,988	15	10
Interest on Deposits	1582	18	4				
	£91,743	10	11		£91,743	10	11

Assets and Liabilities.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Debentures	50,300	0	0	Balance due Depositors 31st December, 1889, inclusive of Warrants issued but not paid	52,119	9	8
Interest accrued	777	1	8	Advanced from Money Order Account....	342	19	5
Cash credit Post Office Savings Banks ...	1766	19	6	Profit and Loss, balance earned.....	381	11	8
	£52,844	0	9		£52,844	0	9

Profit and Loss.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Interest allotted Depositors for 1889	1582	18	4	Balance due 31st December, 1888	1714	14	6
Salary Account	50	0	0	Accrued Interest on Investments	2014	10	0
Consolidated Revenue Account.....	1714	14	6				
Balance	381	11	8				
	£3729	4	6		£3729	4	6

H. V. BAYLY, *Accountant.*

Examined and certified to be correct.

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31st May, 1890.

THOS. H. MAGRATH, *Secretary.*