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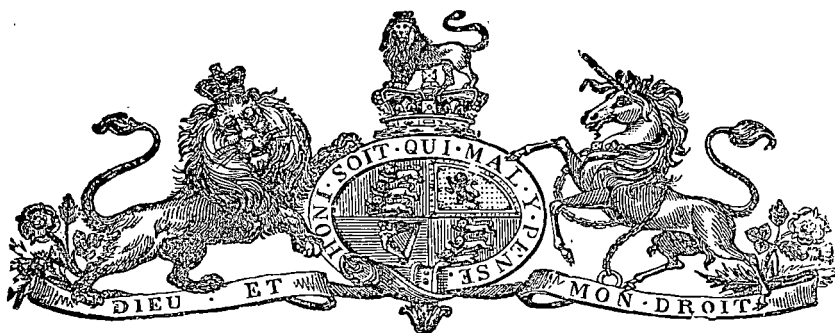
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT:

REPORT FOR 1898.

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POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

General Post Office, Hobart, 12th May, 1899.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to place before you a Report on the Post and Telegraph Department of Tasmania for the year 1898, showing its receipts and expenditure and the general working of its several branches. I am pleased to say that the receipts for 1898 exceed those of the previous year by £7653 9s. 9d. For the purposes of comparison the figures for 1897 are shown in brackets.

Revenue.—The amount collected under this head was £92,667 7s. 4½d. [£85,013 17s. 7½d.], thus apportioned:—Postage, £57,975 8s. 9d. [£52,847 12s. 1d.]; revenue stamps, £8000; money order commission, £3365 19s. 6d. [£2971 7s. 11d.]; profit earned under item Savings Banks, £1249 14s. 2d. [£1083 7s. 11d.]; private boxes, mail bags, fines, &c., £875 9s. 6d. [£762 0s. 1d.]; poundage on postal notes, £359 15s. 6½d. [£2921 9s. 10½d.]; telegraph receipts, £17,002 12s. 5d. [£15,529 18s. 9d.]; telephone rentals, £3838 7s. 6d. [£3526 11s. 0d.].

The number of stamps sold were:—Adhesive, 7864,740; post cards, 272,916; embossed envelopes, 15,216; registration envelopes, 1512; letter cards, 2952; and value of impressed, £14,606 15s. 2d.; 9750 exchanges were made, representing £196 9s. 6d. This latter amount did not enhance the revenue.

The above shows an increase in the aggregate of stamps, post cards, and embossed and registration envelopes of 692,796.

A set of stamps bearing views of Tasmanian scenery is in course of preparation, and is expected to be ready for issue to the public towards the end of this year.

The expenditure amounted to £73,248 8s. 10d. [£65,268 9s. 7d.], made up of salaries and allowances, £34,830 14s. 10d. [£30,814 12s. 10d.]; conveyance of mails, £26,291 15s. 5d. [£24,278 1s. 0d.]; miscellaneous, £4045 9s. 3d. [£3476 15s. 3d.]; cable subsidies, £2060 12s. 9d. [£2095 3s. 1d.]; additions, repairs, and maintenance of lines, £6019 16s. 7d. [£4603 17s. 5d.]

Parcels Post.—9801 inland parcels were posted during the year 1898, an increase of 1406 over 1897, and 2331 ship parcels were posted, an increase of 272 over 1897.

There was also collected £3008 1s. 3d. on account of Customs dues on 13,549 packets and parcels, valued at £16,501 5s. 3d., which were received from the United Kingdom and Colonies, which amount went to credit of Customs Department.

Mail Matter.—Under this head 5,126,612 [4,605,542] inland letters were despatched, an increase of 521,070 on previous year; 3,988,243 [3,300,964] ship letters received and despatched, an increase of 687,279; 281,944 [257,878] post cards; 1,477,871 [2,278,082] packets were dealt with; and it is estimated that 5,574,850 [5,095,792] newspapers passed through the office. Of these letters and packets 1,146,598 [1,059,507] were franked, and consequently did not contribute to the revenue.

The method of counting letters for two months only of the year for statistical purposes was adopted with respect to Intercolonial and Foreign correspondence in 1898, and is about to be brought into effect with respect to Inland correspondence during the current year. This will, it is surmised, reduce the work of our Country Postmasters and Staff Officials, and conduce to the more efficient working of the Department.

Dead Letter Branch.—56,147 [65,996] unclaimed letters (765 registered) were disposed of, inclusive of some 1500 [1800] "special request."

Post Offices opened during 1898.—Thirteen.

Post Offices closed.—Two.

Number of Miles of Post Roads at end of year, 2667 [2718], and 1,407,351 [1,272,545] miles were travelled during the year.

Inland Mail Service.—Very satisfactorily carried out, contractors giving little or no trouble to the Department.

Intercolonial Mail Service.—The contract is being very satisfactorily performed by the Union Steamship Company.

Money Orders.—During the year 121,738 [102,775] orders for £244,971 9s. 11d. [£204,510 10s. 9d.] were issued; 228,121 [209,518] for £330,288 16s. 9d. [£307,611 15s. 4d.] were paid. The commission collected on issues was £2949 16s. 3d. [£2461 5s. 6d.]

Post Office Savings Banks.—£134,308 6s. 5d. [£106,665 16s. 2d.] was received as deposit during the year, including £4698 17s. 2d. [£4025 1s. 5d.] apportioned to the depositors as interest; £103,080 3s. 3d. [£84,804 17s 10d.] was withdrawn, leaving a balance of £186,978 9s. 8d. [£155,750 6s. 6d.] to credit of investors; 4517 accounts were opened, 3073 were closed, and 10,607 remained open at close of year, as against 9163 in 1897.

Postal Notes.—50,353 [41,435] were sold, aggregating £15,530 8s. 5d. [£12,805 9s. 6d.] in amount, and 48,521 [42,445] were paid, aggregating £15,311 10s. 7d. [£13,448 0s. 5d.] in amount.

TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

The following is a comparison of the results of business with that of the previous year:—

	NUMBER OF MESSAGES.		AMOUNT.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	1897.	1898.	1897.	1898.	Messages.	Amount.	Messages.	Amount.
Gross Receipts from—			£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Inter-Tasmanian business	185,134	195,724	11,918 9 3	12,889 11 6	10,590	971 2 3	...	...
Inter-Colonial business...	112,021	126,903	17,361 16 5	19,235 5 7	14,882	1873 9 2	...	...
Inter-National business..	2057	1424	3326 11 4	3170 8 3	...	...	633	156 3 1
Telephone rentals .....	...	...	3526 11 0	3838 7 6	...	311 16 6	...	...
	299,212	324,051	36,133 8 0	39,133 12 10	25,472	3156 7 11	633	156 3 1
Net Receipts from—								
Inter-Tasmanian business	185,134	195,724	11,918 9 3	12,889 11 6	10,590	971 2 3	...	...
Inter-Colonial business...	112,021	126,903	3548 13 10	4053 11 8	14,882	504 17 10	...	...
Inter-National business..	2057	1424	62 15 8	59 9 3	...	...	633	3 6 5
Telephone rentals.....	...	...	3526 11 0	3838 7 6	...	311 16 6	...	...
	299,212	324,051	19,056 9 9	20,840 19 11	25,472	1787 16 7	633	3 6 5
Net Submarine Cable Receipts—								
Inter-Colonial business...	112,021	126,903	7412 9 6	8397 13 8	10,590	985 4 2	...	...
Inter-National business..	2057	1424	301 19 0	292 1 9	...	...	633	9 17 3
	114,078	128,327	7714 8 6	8689 15 5	10,590	985 4 2	633	9 17 3

Extension of lines during the year are:—Ringarooma to Alberton, 6 miles; Forcett to Carlton 4 miles; Montezuma to Rosebery and Dora, 17 miles; Smithton to Irish Town, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles; Copping to Kellevie, 3 miles; Rosebery to Pieman Bridge, 4 miles. *Under Construction*—Sheffield to Barrington, Lower Barrington, and Nook, 11 miles; Ulverstone to Preston, 12 miles.

Stations opened.—Alberton, Carlton, Irish Town, Kellevie, Mount Read, Orrville, Pieman Bridge, Rosebery, Dora.

Stations closed.—Dora (temporarily).

Cable Subsidies.—Tasmania's liability was £2003 1s 6d., as against £2045 3s. 1d. for the previous year.

The large increase of work in all branches of the Department, more especially at the Head Office in Hobart, points to the urgent necessity that exists for a larger building to be used as a General Post Office; and I trust this matter will at no distant date receive favourable consideration at your hands.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. V. BAYLY,
Secretary and Superintendent.

The Right Hon. the Postmaster-General.

RETURN of the Amounts received at the General Post Office for Stamps during the Years 1894 to 1898, inclusive.

YEAR.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.			INCREASE.	DECREASE.
	£	s.	d.		
† 1894—Postage Stamps	37,349	6	2	—	1926 15 9
Revenue Stamps	8000	0	0		
† 1895—Postage Stamps	37,905	15	2	556 9 0	—
Revenue Stamps	8000	0	0		
† 1896—Postage Stamps	51,521	13	2	13,615 18 0	—
Revenue Stamps	8000	0	0		
† 1897—Postage Stamps	52,847	12	1	1325 18 11	—
Revenue Stamps	8000	0	0		
† 1898—Postage Stamps	57,975	8	9	5127 16 8	—
Revenue Stamps	8000	0	0		

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

N.B.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1873 to 1893, inclusive.

RETURN of the Number of Stamped Letters and Packets posted in Tasmania for the United Kingdom and other Places (exclusive of Intercolonial) during the Years 1894 to 1898, inclusive.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1894	121,080	—	2305
1895	119,184	—	1896
1896	146,824	27,640	—
1897	138,604	—	8220
1898	155,249	16,645	—

N.B.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1873 to 1893, inclusive.

RETURN of the Number of Intercolonial Stamped Letters and Packets (or Letters and Packets for the Australian Colonies and New Zealand) posted in Tasmania during the Years 1894 to 1898, inclusive.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1894	648,102	13,193	—
1895	679,484	31,382	—
1896	2,432,670	1,753,186	—
1897	2,740,828	308,158	—
1898	2,255,681	—	485,147

N.B.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1873 to 1893, inclusive.

RETURN of the Number of Inland and Town Stamped Letters, Post Cards, and Packets posted in Tasmania during the Years 1894 to 1898, inclusive.

YEAR.	LETTERS.	POST CARDS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
				Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.
1894	3,153,983	186,960	764,135	1340	20,637	—	—	—	13,169
1895	3,223,910	202,332	786,147	69,927	15,372	22,012	—	—	—
1896	3,427,488	231,451	846,193	203,578	29,119	60,046	—	—	—
1897	3,557,517	257,878	883,993	130,029	26,427	37,800	—	—	—
1898	3,988,756	270,671	1,068,232	431,239	12,793	184,239	—	—	—

N.B.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1873 to 1893, inclusive.

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 1894-95-96-97-98.

NOTE.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1886 to 1893, inclusive.

	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses	327	327	328	336	344
Number of Persons employed	580	649	653	709	722
Miles of Post Roads	2848	2426	2495	2718	2667
Miles of Post Roads travelled	1,403,203	1,171,415	1,200,530	1,272,545	1,407,351

YEAR.	RECEIVED.											
	LETTERS.			POST CARDS.	PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			
	Inland stamped.	Franked.	Ship.		Inland stamped.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.
1894 ..	2,577,696	768,258	732,212	157,013	730,636	447,339	4,030,031	1,335,949	4,078,166	157,013	1,177,975	5,365,080
1895 ..	2,555,504	780,890	749,063	163,399	734,922	493,145	3,922,295	1,279,650	4,085,457	163,399	1,228,076	5,201,945
1896 ..	2,649,432	804,965	1,309,567	191,451	779,429	471,747	3,858,744	1,314,805	4,763,964	191,451	1,251,176	5,173,549
1897 ..	2,873,412	845,016	1,436,261	220,384	858,183	367,878	4,314,495	1,415,717	5,154,689	220,384	1,226,061	5,730,212
1898 ..	3,210,497	923,686	1,667,834	232,370	934,265	310,376	4,632,023	1,471,826	5,802,017	232,370	1,274,641	6,103,849

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.	Newspapers.
1894 ..	2,539,184	614,799	693,872	956,840	186,960	744,452	19,683	75,310	2,727,004	384,666	4,804,695	186,960	839,445	3,111,670
1895 ..	2,526,793	697,117	723,409	995,994	202,332	759,328	26,819	75,259	2,873,026	353,515	4,943,313	202,332	861,406	3,226,541
1896 ..	2,656,815	770,673	1,553,884	1,029,401	231,451	813,873	32,320	1,025,610	3,156,427	390,661	6,010,773	231,451	1,871,803	3,547,088
1897 ..	2,805,960	751,557	1,853,221	1,059,507	257,878	840,602	43,391	1,026,211	3,238,958	441,117	6,470,245	257,878	1,910,204	3,680,075
1898 ..	3,166,973	821,783	2,311,667	1,146,598	281,944	1,014,763	53,469	99,263	3,668,785	434,239	7,447,021	281,944	1,167,495	4,103,024

REVENUE and Expenditure for the Years 1894-95-96-97-98.

	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Revenue	£ s. d. 48,381 2 10	£ s. d. 64,537 1 9½	£ s. d. 81,586 10 4*	£ s. d. 85,013 7 7½	£ s. d. 92,607 7 4½
Expenditure (actual payments to date)	46,973 17 8½	61,971 16 5	61,314 0 10	65,268 9 7	73,248 8 10

* In addition to this sum, the following amount has been received :— Customs Duty on Parcels received, £3008 1s. 3d.

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 1894-95-96-97-98.

NOTE.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1882 to 1893, inclusive.

	LETTERS.			PACKETS.			POST CARDS.	NEWSPAPERS.			REVENUE.	EXPENDITURE.		
	<i>Inland,</i> (including Town Letters.)	<i>Ship.</i>		<i>Inland.</i> (including Town Packets.)	<i>Ship.</i>			<i>Inland.</i> (including Town Newspapers.)	<i>Ship.</i>					
		Received.	Despatched.		Received.	Despatched.			Received.	Despatched.				
1894	4,097,040	732,212	707,655	764,135	447,339	75,310	186,960	2,727,004	1,335,949	384,666	£ 48,381	s. d. 2 10	£ 46,973	s. d. 17 8½
1895	4,206,347	749,063	736,966	786,147	493,145	75,259	202,332	2,873,026	1,279,650	353,515	64,537	1 9½	61,971	16 5
1896	4,444,300	1,309,567	1,566,473	846,193	471,747	1,025,610	231,451	3,156,427	1,314,805	390,661	81,586	10 4	61,314	0 10
1897	4,605,542	1,436,261	1,864,703	883,993	367,878	1,026,211	257,878	3,238,958	1,415,717	441,117	85,013	17 7½	65,268	9 7
1898	5,126,612	1,667,834	2,320,409	1,068,232	310,376	99,263	281,944	3,668,785	1,471,826	434,239	92,667	7 4½	73,248	8 10

N.B.—1894. Of the Letters and Packets posted, 4,687,300 were stamped, 956,840 were franked.

1895.	”	”	”	4,808,725	”	995,994	”
1896.	”	”	”	6,853,175	”	1,029,401	”
1897.	”	”	”	7,320,942	”	1,059,507	”
1898.	”	”	”	7,467,918	”	1,146,598	”

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and paid in TASMANIA from the Commencement of the System, 1st May, 1865, to 31st December, 1898; together with the Amount of Commission collected on Orders issued in the Colony.

Period.	No. of Orders issued.	Amount of Commission.	Amount of Orders issued.	No. of Orders paid.	Amount of Orders paid.	Total Amount of Transactions.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1865	1201	85 18 6	4485 1 2	741	2824 10 7	7305 10 3
1866	2856	192 10 6	11,274 19 3	2030	8669 11 5	20,137 1 2
1867	3319	214 0 0	11,729 0 11	2412	10,332 17 5	22,275 18 4
1868	3376	221 10 0	13,070 1 9	2512	10,719 1 9	24,010 13 6
1869	4398	270 2 0	16,667 10 1	3135	12,990 16 4	29,928 8 5
1870	5193	315 19 0	19,337 17 7	3722	14,550 10 7	34,204 7 2
1871	5685	322 13 6	21,015 19 3	4411	16,467 13 7	37,806 6 4
1872	5820	317 6 6	21,171 0 3	5102	19,025 1 9	40,513 8 6
1873	6572	359 3 6	24,192 19 10	5534	21,108 3 5	45,660 6 9
1874	7131	396 10 0	27,063 4 5	5908	22,667 7 7	50,127 2 0
1875	7569	422 5 0	28,115 8 4	6179	22,218 9 10	50,756 3 2
1876	8851	478 17 0	32,426 10 7	6953	25,559 5 5	58,464 13 0
1877	13,068	687 9 6	47,273 12 0	8544	30,577 2 4	78,538 3 10
1878	15,237	781 15 0	54,909 10 2	9983	35,117 2 10	90,808 8 0
1879	17,065	874 2 6	61,152 10 8	11,024	37,382 13 0	99,400 6 2
1880	19,902	983 13 6	68,948 19 5	13,862	45,423 15 11	115,356 8 10
1881	25,219	1176 6 0	85,471 15 3	17,272	54,641 0 4	141,289 1 7
1882	30,229	1272 0 6	99,843 13 2	21,514	66,971 5 2	168,086 18 10
1883	33,312	1333 11 9	100,576 10 2	24,834	71,770 2 4	173,680 4 3
1884	38,145	1375 0 3	105,071 5 2	30,817	81,560 8 6	188,006 13 11
1885	45,392	1519 1 0	116,852 17 3	36,125	91,567 13 10	209,939 12 1
1886	47,649	1619 14 0	121,312 11 9	39,159	95,162 3 7	218,094 9 4
1887	52,527	1762 13 9	131,590 19 4	43,513	102,364 16 4	235,718 9 5
1888	58,386	1914 0 9	144,122 19 8	49,270	114,999 1 10	261,036 2 3
1889	64,679	2059 5 0	157,963 5 11	55,776	130,680 11 8	290,703 2 7
1890	68,992	2130 8 3	161,215 11 3	59,325	134,861 11 10	298,207 11 4
1891	92,204	2964 8 9	224,881 19 7	73,599	173,508 15 7	401,355 3 11
1892	90,640	2555 4 6	200,882 4 3	73,334	157,469 13 4	360,907 2 1
1893	79,903	2097 19 9	166,531 2 1	65,592	141,033 9 9	309,662 11 7
1894	77,412	1964 14 9	155,014 1 9	66,727	136,265 19 6	293,244 16 0
1895	84,116	2091 4 0	165,040 10 10	71,606	146,702 2 0	313,833 16 10
1896	89,091	2176 15 9	179,301 3 10	180,320	278,926 12 5	440,404 12 0
1897	102,775	2461 5 6	204,510 10 9	209,518	307,611 15 4	514,583 11 7
1898	121,738	2949 16 3	244,971 9 11	228,121	330,288 16 0	578,210 2 11

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

STATEMENT of Accounts of the Post Office Savings Bank from 1st January to 31st December, 1898.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance, 31st December, 1897	156,347 12 3	Warrants paid	103,324 1 7
Deposits received during 1898	129,609 9 3	Balance	187,331 17 1
Interest on Deposits	4698 17 2		
	<u>£290,655 18 8</u>		<u>£290,655 18 8</u>

Assets and Liabilities.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Investments	183,290 0 0	Balance due Depositors	187,331 17 1
Accrued Interest	2161 4 4	Profit and Loss, Balance earned	1249 14 2
Cash Credit, Post Office Savings Bank	4064 0 9	Due to Money Order Account	933 13 10
	<u>£189,515 5 1</u>		<u>£189,515 5 1</u>

Profit and Loss.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Interest allotted Depositors	4698 17 2	Balance, 31st December, 1897	1033 7 11
Salary	16 13 4	Accrued Interest on Investments	5965 4 8
Consolidated Revenue Account	1083 7 11		
Balance	1249 14 2		
	<u>£7048 12 7</u>		<u>£7048 12 7</u>

H. V. BAYLY, *Secretary.*

OCT. LORD, *Superintendent.*
15th April, 1899.

Examined and certified to be correct.

J. W. ISRAEL, *Auditor-General.*

11th May, 1899.

A 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 1898.

ORDERS ISSUED IN TASMANIA.			ORDERS DRAWN IN TASMANIA.		
Where payable.	Number.	Amount.	Where issued.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Tasmania	92,681	164,067 15 0	Tasmania	92,681	164,067 15 0
New South Wales	5144	13,482 0 1	New South Wales	12,541	18,863 1 8
New Zealand	1124	4847 0 6	New Zealand	48,022	46,685 9 8
Queensland	362	1454 9 1	Queensland	14,622	18,828 8 4
South Australia	519	1241 2 9	South Australia	13,849	14,509 13 1
Western Australia	313	1611 12 2	Western Australia	20,253	37,715 4 2
Victoria	17,842	48,750 19 8	Victoria	21,851	30,430 11 0
United Kingdom	3047	7253 8 1	United Kingdom	1643	4174 10 7
United States	261	532 2 2	United States	161	345 0 2
Canada	24	39 16 8	Canada	85	161 1 5
India	120	704 10 8	India	372	717 9 10
Cape of Good Hope	40	201 12 5	Cape of Good Hope	569	2229 5 7
Hong Kong	154	523 13 3	Hong Kong	209	303 2 5
Ceylon	13	26 18 0	Ceylon	184	198 1 10
Germany	81	206 15 4	Germany	11	27 3 1
Straits Settlements	2	6 13 4	Straits Settlements	174	238 9 11
Mauritius	9	15 0 0	Mauritius .....	..	..
Fiji	2	3 0 9	Fiji	80	103 11 2
TOTAL	121,738	244,971 9 11	TOTAL	227,307	339,604 18 11

POST Office Savings Bank.

Year.	NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS.			DEPOSITS.		WITHDRAWALS.		Balance at credit of Depositors at close of year.
	Opened.	Closed.	Remaining Open.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
					£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1894.....	1702	1431	5236	10,463	65,900 13 7	6123	57,750 6 8	99,061 18 1
1895.....	3174	1625	6785	14,736	78,717 7 1	6834	62,784 14 2	114,994 11 0
1896.....	3302	1911	8176	20,241	86,547 12 3	7339	67,652 15 1	133,889 8 2
1897.....	3578	2591	9163	21,151	106,665 16 2	9211	84,804 17 10	155,750 6 6
1898.....	4517	3073	10,607	24,853	134,308 6 5	10,736	103,080 3 3	186,978 9 8

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Telegraph Business, &c. for each Year from 1894 to 1898.

NOTE.—Paper No. 11, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1879 to 1893, inclusive.

	No of Miles of Poles.	No. of Miles of Wire.	No. of Stations.	No. of Persons employed.	Gross Receipts.	Total No. of Paid Messages.	TASMANIAN FEES DERIVED FROM—			
							Inter-Tasmanian Business.	Inter-Colonial Business.	European Business.	Total.
					£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1894..	1403	2365	152	225	21,238 5 4	211,922	8600 14 5	2192 16 8	40 14 8	10,894 5 9
1895..	1403	2365	151	218	24,507 12 6	234,366	9667 11 2	2557 15 5	47 19 0	12,273 5 7
1896..	1427	2389	153	237	29,557 9 6	276,329	10,697 1 6	3295 3 11	59 2 10	14,051 8 3
1897..	1484½	2446½	160	a	32,606 17 0	299,212	11,918 9 3	3548 13 10	62 15 8	15,529 18 9
1898..	1523½	2485½	168	a	35,295 5 4	324,051	12,889 11 6	4053 11 8	59 9 3	17,002 12 5

	FEES PAID TO OTHER ADMINISTRATIONS.				PAID MESSAGES.				FREE MESSAGES.	
	Submarine Cable Company.	Colonies and New Zealand.	European Traffic.	Total.	Inter-Tasmanian.	Inter-Colonial.	Euro-pean.	Total.	Value.	Number.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.					£ s. d.	
1894..	4613 17 11	3787 15 2	1806 18 6	10,208 11 7	140,032	70,986	904	211,922	5011 19 2	47,313
1895..	5351 17 10	4405 12 1	2477 17 0	12,235 6 11	151,518	81,741	1107	234,366	3940 5 4	47,544
1896..	6818 14 5	5760 7 0	2926 19 10	15,506 1 3	170,162	105,421	1246	276,829	3822 2 4	37,749
1897..	7714 8 6	6450 19 7	2911 10 2	17,076 18 3	185,134	112,021	2057	299,212	4441 13 7	38,341
1898..	8689 15 5	6832 13 6	2773 7 8	18,295 16 7	195,724	126,903	1424	324,057	4867 1 3	47,313

* A number of staff now interchangeable.

RETURN of Exchanges and Telephone Lines in existence on 31st December, 1898.

Number of Exchanges..... 4

	Number of Lines.		Length Wire in Miles.		Annual Value of Rental.		Rental received.			
	1897.	1898.	1897.	1898.	1897.	1898.	1897.	1898.		
					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Private Lines	64	62	110 $\frac{3}{4}$	151 $\frac{1}{2}$	436	17	6	408	5	0
Exchange Lines	537	574	231 $\frac{1}{4}$	284 $\frac{1}{2}$	3140	0	0	2898	10	6
Exchange Extension Lines	34	45	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	86 $\frac{3}{4}$	197	7	6	197	6	5
Public Service Lines.....	152	152	140 $\frac{3}{8}$	151 $\frac{1}{4}$	927	0	0	1006	10	0
Trunk Lines	23	27	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	23	0	0	22	7	4
TOTAL.....	810	860	570	705$\frac{1}{4}$	4724	5	0	5085	5	0
								3526	11	0
										3838
										7
										6

PARCELS Post.

Year.	Inland Parcels Posted.	INTERCOLONIAL AND FOREIGN PARCELS.							
		Despatched.	Received.	Value of Parcels received.	Customs Duty collected.				
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1894.....	3546	1421	10,130	7849	3	8	1379	4	3
1895.....	5981	1464	9535	9223	9	11	1509	16	0
1896.....	6927	1637	10,922	11,902	15	3	1952	3	0
1897.....	8395	2059	12,838	15,517	19	11	2742	13	0
1898.....	9801	2331	13,549	16,501	5	3	3008	1	3

POSTAL Notes.

Year.	No. Issued.	Value.		No. Paid.	Value.	
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
1894.....	19,929	6550	12 9	19,132	6796	11 10
1895.....	23,696	7871	2 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	23,317	8016	1 3
1896.....	30,411	9688	6 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	34,943	11,128	14 9
1897.....	41,435	12,805	9 6	42,445	13,448	0 5
1898.....	50,353	15,530	8 5	48,521	15,311	10 7