

(No. 26.)



1889.

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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

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POST OFFICE RETURNS:

INCLUDING MONEY ORDER AND SAVINGS BANKS.

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



## POST OFFICE RETURNS.

1.—*RETURN of the Amounts received at the General Post Office for Stamps sold during the Years 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888.*

YEAR.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1871	12,329	17	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
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.						
	7755	1	7						
15 April to 31 Dec.—Postage Stamps	13,670	11	11	27,549	3	0	3364	17	10
Ditto—Revenue Stamps	6123	9	6						
1881—Postage Stamps	20,143	0	7	30,121	13	7	2572	10	7
Revenue Stamps	9978	13	0						
1882—Postage Stamps	22,916	12	7	32,525	9	6	2403	15	11
Revenue Stamps*	9608	16	11						
† 1883—Postage Stamps	23,516	0	0	33,157	3	5	631	13	11
Revenue Stamps	9641	3	5						
† 1884—Postage Stamps	25,070	2	0	33,991	17	1	834	13	8
Revenue Stamps	8921	15	1						
† 1885—Postage Stamps	26,170	2	0	34,875	7	10	883	10	9
Revenue Stamps	8705	5	10						
† 1886—Postage Stamps	27,709	12	11	36,661	7	0	1785	19	2
Revenue Stamps	8951	14	1						
† 1887—Postage Stamps	29,000	0	0	38,287	2	9	1625	15	9
Revenue Stamps	9287	2	9						
† 1888—Postage Stamps	31,000	0	0	42,252	5	11	3965	3	2
Revenue Stamps	11,252	5	11						

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.

2.—*RETURN of the Number of Stamped Letters posted in Tasmania for the United Kingdom and other Places (exclusive of Intercolonial) during the Years 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888.*

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1871	37,893	—	—
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

3.—*RETURN of the Number of Intercolonial Stamped Letters (or Letters for the Australian Colonies and New Zealand) posted in Tasmania during the Years 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888.*

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1871 .....	126,523	12,470	—
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	—

4.—*RETURN of the Number of Inland and Town Stamped Letters, Post Cards, and Packets posted in Tasmania during the Years 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888.*

YEAR.	LETTERS.	POST CARDS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
				Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.
1871 .....	585,024	—	18,990	138,414	—	6802	—	—	—
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	—	88,609	128,991	—	18,139	—	—	—
1881 .....	1,807,241	—	113,225	169,335	—	24,716	—	—	—
1882 .....	2,035,685	31,268	137,810	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	—	—	—

\*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.*

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

YEAR.	RECEIVED.											
	LETTERS.			POST CARDS.	PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			
	Inland stamped.	Franked.	Ship.		Inland stamped.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.
1885..	2,032,776	457,164	544,069	53,113	232,082	113,355	1,773,376	535,222	3,034,009	53,113	345,437	2,309,098
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

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.
1885..	1,979,493	382,278	475,853	524,071	66,742	246,736	10,887	44,819	2,649,530	375,615	3,361,695	66,742	302,442	3,025,145
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	48,747	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

*REVENUE and Expenditure for the Years 1885-86-87-88.*

	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
Revenue .....	£ s. d. 26,170 2 0	£ s. d. 32,509 12 11*	£ s. d. 33,566 17 6	£ s. d. 35,913 15 7
Expenditure (actual payments to date).....	37,503 7 10	38,400 13 1	42,359 12 6	41,769 10 5

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

Fees.....	£ s. d. 2265 13 0
Contribution, Victoria .....	1500 0 0
Reimbursement, United Kingdom .....	1148 2 7
	<u>£4913 15 7</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.

	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	£ 22,916	s. 12	d. 7	£ 32,095	s. 17	d. 5
1883	2,607,462	518,171	453,618	185,126	102,369	31,485	43,033	1,917,017	417,885	383,108	23,516	0	0	33,841	1	7
1884	2,735,103	546,304	471,110	230,435	92,401	38,223	62,524	2,340,681	471,222	519,295	25,070	2	0.	37,535	14	8
1885	2,885,842	544,069	475,853	267,623	113,355	44,819	66,742	2,649,530	535,222	375,615	26,170	2	0	37,503	7	10
1886	3,000,189	581,321	517,720	289,299	138,195	46,269	84,643	2,778,738	619,807	408,193	32,509	12	11	38,400	13	1
1887	3,204,067	567,843	518,936	265,942	143,335	48,747	78,860	2,907,239	629,116	424,504	33,566	17	6	42,359	12	6
1888	3,443,374	623,674	558,683	288,006	158,990	52,925	90,513	3,194,426	686,426	438,542	35,913	15	7	41,769	10	5

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 "



## POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS—continued.

OFFICE.	Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.		Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.		Commission.			
	1887	1888	1887	1888	1887	1888	1887	1888	1887		1888	
									£	s.	d.	£
Port Esperance .....	160	182	385 7 8	426 4 7	37	34	141 15 5	131 16 0	4 10 6	4 19 3	4 10 6	4 19 3
Railton .....	64	191	86 3 11	330 9 8	9	60	34 7 9	209 6 5	1 1 6	3 16 0	1 1 6	3 16 0
Richmond .....	487	626	864 2 7	997 19 3	164	174	319 7 6	427 0 3	9 12 0	13 2 0	9 12 0	13 2 0
Ringarooma, Upper .....	555	493	1309 11 6	1231 9 5	81	244	265 17 10	1631 9 7	16 9 9	15 0 0	16 9 9	15 0 0
Ross .....	330	377	724 8 9	662 9 8	134	110	313 1 1	344 0 7	8 15 6	10 10 9	8 15 6	10 10 9
Sandy Bay .....	288	309	514 13 5	625 10 0	118	121	309 8 2	257 14 9	8 14 9	9 8 9	8 14 9	9 8 9
Sheffield .....	869	1048	1778 8 10	1993 11 0	145	172	340 10 8	457 18 6	20 6 9	22 15 6	20 6 9	22 15 6
Shipwrights' Point .....	157	193	487 19 10	350 2 10	48	107	112 14 8	289 9 0	4 8 9	3 18 0	4 8 9	3 18 0
Somerset .....	237	324	467 11 4	650 4 5	23	47	48 18 6	171 0 2	5 14 9	7 5 0	5 14 9	7 5 0
Sorell .....	309	263	688 4 0	545 7 9	66	81	112 15 10	135 19 2	7 7 3	6 1 9	7 7 3	6 1 9
Southport .....	284	288	431 10 7	416 2 9	43	31	183 12 2	126 7 10	6 6 9	5 10 6	6 6 9	5 10 6
Stanley .....	588	673	1309 9 5	1571 14 6	140	117	450 7 5	306 6 0	18 15 6	21 12 0	18 15 6	21 12 0
St. Helen's .....	431	550	1064 5 3	1061 10 9	164	204	359 16 0	459 18 4	11 15 9	11 13 6	11 15 9	11 13 6
St. Leonard's .....	66	53	126 4 9	99 8 0	48	53	166 16 6	179 6 9	1 18 3	1 19 3	1 18 3	1 19 3
St. Mary's .....	884	939	2513 19 6	2162 9 9	185	173	502 10 2	437 1 11	26 5 9	25 12 0	26 5 9	25 12 0
Strahan .....	..	263	..	1023 16 7	..	16	..	94 14 6	..	9 3 6	..	9 3 6
Surges Bay .....	51	53	92 3 11	116 8 3	8	11	40 18 9	49 19 0	0 18 3	1 4 3	0 18 3	1 4 3
Swansea .....	417	407	997 9 5	866 10 2	146	169	353 6 5	360 2 3	10 9 3	9 1 0	10 9 3	9 1 0
Torquay .....	583	739	1120 0 2	1639 1 6	158	144	383 14 3	388 15 5	13 18 0	17 19 0	13 18 0	17 19 0
Triabunna .....	236	237	673 17 11	654 14 5	89	75	330 17 7	145 4 4	6 5 6	6 10 3	6 5 6	6 10 3
Tunbridge .....	157	154	211 5 1	184 2 9	24	32	43 9 8	88 17 11	2 15 3	2 10 6	2 15 3	2 10 6
Tunnack .....	268	287	452 0 8	516 13 4	42	43	176 16 1	128 6 1	4 16 3	5 9 6	4 16 3	5 9 6
Turner's Marsh .....	86	87	233 7 1	180 17 0	19	15	50 19 0	17 6 9	4 4 9	1 19 3	4 4 9	1 19 3
Ulverstone .....	1107	1269	2076 11 1	2076 19 7	397	478	795 1 7	1000 2 2	26 13 9	28 15 3	26 13 9	28 15 3
Victoria .....	47	60	147 2 7	205 5 10	39	52	105 3 10	193 6 7	1 8 0	2 14 3	1 8 0	2 14 3
Waratah .....	3056	2955	8441 10 10	7720 4 10	194	324	490 14 1	983 3 0	110 1 6	96 11 6	110 1 6	96 11 6
Weldborough .....	411	443	1993 7 7	2318 8 4	33	41	154 14 4	181 5 7	25 15 9	28 19 0	25 15 9	28 19 0
Westbury .....	650	647	1363 2 9	1341 6 2	301	392	701 0 0	872 18 1	16 7 3	16 0 0	16 7 3	16 0 0
Woodbridge .....	98	198	155 11 10	291 15 8	7	22	24 5 10	63 3 10	1 17 3	3 1 6	1 17 3	3 1 6
Wynford .....	..	658	..	3883 4 2	..	25	..	63 4 7	..	31 7 9	..	31 7 9
Wynyard .....	629	717	1348 4 5	1213 0 3	154	184	528 2 1	519 8 4	16 15 0	15 17 6	16 15 0	15 17 6
TOTALS .....	52,527	58,386	131,590 19 4	144,122 19 8	43,533	49,270	102,364 16 4	114,999 1 10	1767 10 6	1914 0 9	1767 10 6	1914 0 9

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 1888.

ISSUED IN TASMANIA.			PAYABLE IN TASMANIA.		
Where payable.	Number.	Amount.	Where issued.	Number.	Amount.
Tasmania .....	42,714	£ 91,084 18 9	Tasmania .....	42,714	£ 91,084 18 9
Cape of Good Hope .....	6	24 18 6	Cape of Good Hope .....	3	11 8 0
Ceylon .....	8	37 17 0	Ceylon .....	..	..
Hong Kong .....	306	2209 6 0	Hong Kong .....	1	2 0 0
India .....	122	869 11 5	India .....	55	265 1 8
New South Wales .....	2647	7440 2 4	New South Wales .....	1231	4636 18 2
New Zealand .....	653	2704 4 8	New Zealand .....	454	1664 2 6
Queensland .....	297	1315 4 11	Queensland .....	331	1547 19 3
South Australia .....	414	1395 15 2	South Australia .....	250	1039 18 8
Straits Settlements .....	3	19 10 0	Straits Settlements .....	1	0 15 0
United Kingdom, Foreign .....	3088	10,061 14 5	United Kingdom, Foreign .....	748	2655 11 10
United States of America .....	314	667 9 6	United States of America .....	14	60 12 10
Victoria .....	7797	26,252 12 9	Victoria .....	3628	12,288 12 1
Western Australia .....	12	39 14 3	Western Australia .....	14	43 1 4
TOTALS .....	58,386	144,122 19 8	TOTALS .....	49,444	115,301 0 1

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Years 1885, 1886, 1887, and 1888, 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	£ 116,852 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	197	556	52,527	131,590 19 4
29,498	8689	1615	2861	9788	2041	1942	1152	187	602	58,375	144,122 19 8

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, 1888; 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	7395	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	12,090	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	99,409	6 2
1880	19,902	983	13 6	68,943	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	24,334	71,770	2 4	173,630	4 3
1884	38,145	1375	0 3	105,071	5 2	30,317	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

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

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

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 1888; also the Amount at the Credit of Depositors on the 31st December, 1888.

Date of Establishment—1 July, 1882.

NAME OF BRANCH.	Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1887.		Number of Accounts opened during 1888.	Number of Accounts closed during 1888.	Number of Accounts remaining open at close of 1888.	Total Deposits, including Interest.		Total Withdrawals.		Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1888.
	£	s. d.				Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
Hobart	10,406	12 11	275	265	476	1779	11,613 9 10	1114	11,280 6 5	10,739 16 4
Alberton	463	17 7	6	6	15	50	241 13 2	18	357 19 7	347 11 2
Antill Ponds	2	0 6	2	1	2	5	3 17 7	1	0 15 0	5 3 1
Avoca	371	6 11	4	9	25	31	158 10 7	28	223 5 10	306 11 8
Barrington	0	18 3	..	1	1	1	0 3 0	1	0 19 3	0 2 0
Beaconsfield	1596	3 3	29	30	86	216	1143 5 9	86	1199 1 7	1546 7 5
Bellerive	0	7 6	1	1	1	3	6 12 11	1	0 10 0	6 10 5
Bishopsbourne	18	10 0	2	..	8	14	2 4 6	1	1 0 0	19 14 6
Blue Tier	45	2 7	11	6	7	30	86 18 8	13	61 13 0	70 8 3
Bothwell	408	2 5	10	4	41	35	144 1 9	20	123 0 9	429 3 5
Bowood	87	2 7	..	..	1	..	2 19 5	1	30 0 0	60 2 0
Bracknell	1	18 6	3	..	9	9	1 5 0	..	..	3 3 6
Bradshaw's Creek <sup>a</sup>	0	10 8	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	0 10 8
Branxholm	978	3 3	11	14	21	44	472 2 5	32	473 2 4	977 3 4
Bream Creek	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bridgewater, North	36	9 10	4	3	7	24	51 3 0	8	36 0 6	51 12 4
Brighton	30	8 7	4	1	14	8	58 6 10	3	6 5 11	82 9 6
Broadmarsh, Upper	145	5 5	..	1	4	4	33 16 5	2	26 6 1	152 15 9
Brothers' Home	517	3 7	41	31	37	194	1395 3 9	68	1126 10 0	785 17 4
Burnie	792	2 0	23	20	60	123	942 5 2	54	942 14 2	791 13 0
Campania	22	7 10	1	7	2	12	46 17 7	10	58 17 6	10 7 11
Campbell Town	323	5 11	10	13	43	63	220 2 9	40	243 5 11	300 2 9
Carnarvon	..	..	3	..	3	8	1 14 0	..	..	1 14 0
Carrick	67	12 0	3	2	10	22	45 4 2	8	71 19 10	40 16 4
Castra Road	6	12 4	13	6	16	35	67 13 8	9	61 14 2	12 11 10
Chudleigh	..	..	1	..	1	1	30 1 6	1	5 0 0	25 1 6
Cranbrook	60	16 9	..	1	6	2	2 8 0	1	21 9 5	41 15 4
Cressy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Deloraine	797	1 11	23	20	86	134	533 11 1	56	391 8 10	939 4 2
Don	81	5 9	11	5	15	38	190 11 9	10	156 1 0	115 16 6
Ellesmere	1037	12 4	41	36	69	174	1374 17 8	94	1239 3 2	1173 6 10
Evandale	12	10 1	5	2	7	17	144 14 7	12	40 14 7	116 10 1
Exton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fentonbury <sup>b</sup>	..	..	1	..	1	1	0 1 0	..	..	0 1 0
Fingal	360	4 8	4	7	15	27	60 1 2	14	133 0 7	287 5 3
Forcett	1	19 8	..	3	1	1	0 3 1	4	2 0 9	0 2 0
Formby	313	11 7	13	6	43	79	399 2 9	21	294 4 6	418 9 10



NAME OF BRANCH.	Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1887.			Number of Accounts opened during 1888.	Number of Accounts closed during 1888.	Number of Accounts remaining open at close of 1888.	Total Deposits, including Interest.		Total Withdrawals.		Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1888.			
	£	s.	d.				Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	£	s.	d.	£
Forth	179	19	9	8	4	18	37	114 7 4	11	129 18 5	164	8	8	
Frankford	0	2	6	1	..	2	1	5 1 2	..	..	5	3	8	
Franklin	641	2	4	10	10	43	39	202 18 0	21	212 17 8	631	2	8	
Geeves Town	127	7	4	7	2	36	36	77 12 7	6	17 2 0	187	17	11	
George's Bay	547	8	11	16	15	26	104	316 10 1	29	759 17 7	104	1	5	
George Town	57	18	6	7	5	12	59	51 15 9	22	75 19 0	33	15	3	
Gladstone	4	7	11	2	1	3	5	36 7 7	3	28 2 0	12	13	6	
Glenora	713	4	6	16	11	67	139	587 7 8	48	243 13 1	1056	19	1	
Glenorchy	31	2	5	7	4	24	44	43 13 9	19	26 18 1	47	18	1	
Gordon	6	5	8	..	..	2	3	2 7 2	..	..	8	12	10	
Gould's Country	266	15	9	8	9	14	30	262 17 2	17	433 15 4	95	17	7	
Green Ponds	66	1	3	3	3	12	10	38 7 0	3	12 19 2	91	9	1	
Hagley	2	5	1	..	1	1	3	1 6 6	2	1 10 4	2	1	3	
Hamilton	71	3	5	8	4	12	19	158 14 2	6	24 8 3	205	9	4	
Hastings <sup>c</sup>	..	..	..	5	..	5	13	2 7 0	..	..	2	7	0	
Impression Bay	52	2	10	..	1	4	10	6 7 9	7	35 16 1	22	14	6	
Jerusalem	303	17	5	10	5	34	64	114 1 2	13	71 6 1	346	12	6	
Kingston	40	8	3	..	..	6	8	13 7 6	..	..	53	15	9	
Latrobe	1050	7	3	41	38	136	279	1330 10 10	112	941 1 6	1439	16	7	
Launceston	6880	12	2	157	182	293	866	5259 6 4	438	5851 0 7	6288	17	11	
Lefroy	614	6	2	30	11	54	137	1267 14 8	37	583 2 2	1298	18	8	
Lilydale	403	9	7	6	10	18	34	244 17 8	29	309 15 2	338	12	1	
Lisdillon	146	1	8	1	5	20	16	90 13 1	7	88 13 0	148	1	9	
Lisle	61	3	7	2	..	10	3	62 13 9	1	8 12 2	115	5	2	
Longford	546	19	4	11	12	81	172	475 7 6	49	283 10 10	738	16	0	
Longley <sup>d</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Macquarie Plains	120	8	7	2	4	6	11	21 18 1	9	36 1 6	106	5	2	
Maria Island	96	1	1	42	29	21	126	1075 15 1	45	564 2 11	607	13	3	
Mathinna	73	8	3	10	6	9	54	191 0 3	16	186 17 11	77	10	7	
Melton Mowbray	6	3	0	..	1	2	1	0 7 10	1	1 4 1	5	6	9	
Mole Creek	97	15	10	..	1	2	6	42 14 8	6	127 0 2	13	10	4	
Moorina	0	12	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	0	12	5	
New Norfolk	1887	5	5	39	63	128	316	1255 15 6	189	1647 4 1	1495	16	10	
New Town	70	7	6	17	12	35	67	115 7 8	24	102 3 9	83	11	5	
Northdown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oatlands	301	8	2	9	6	37	38	104 6 4	17	102 11 7	303	2	11	
Ouse	335	15	6	8	3	24	45	217 10 9	4	58 11 11	494	14	4	
Penguin Creek	53	14	10	17	11	29	56	99 15 2	16	68 0 7	85	9	5	
Perth	78	4	4	1	3	9	5	81 5 2	8	90 7 8	69	1	10	
Piper's River, Lower	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port Cygnet	164	6	1	9	3	17	29	118 3 1	6	33 13 7	248	15	7	
Port Esperance	183	15	6	4	..	16	24	59 3 2	3	17 0 0	225	18	8	
Prosser's Plains	10	19	0	4	..	8	11	21 2 4	2	2 14 0	29	7	4	
Railton	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	50 1 9	..	..	50	1	9	
Richmond	115	17	1	5	1	10	25	14 5 2	3	55 0 4	75	1	11	
Ringarooma, Upper	88	1	2	6	3	12	32	90 4 2	7	40 19 2	137	6	2	
Ross	119	7	0	3	2	11	27	74 5 2	12	159 3 9	34	8	5	
Sandy Bay	34	11	10	4	4	27	51	31 18 11	17	35 17 2	30	13	7	
Sheffield	149	7	8	10	3	25	35	67 11 0	4	16 16 7	200	2	1	
Shipwrights' Point	66	6	4	2	2	3	4	45 7 9	4	60 14 6	50	19	7	
Somerset	58	9	3	8	2	17	34	134 12 5	3	55 12 2	137	9	6	
Sorell	210	6	3	2	3	8	15	93 19 2	4	127 12 1	176	13	4	
Southport	17	10	5	1	1	4	4	19 8 2	3	31 7 0	5	11	7	
Stanley	422	3	2	4	8	16	33	208 5 5	17	390 7 2	240	1	5	
St. Leonard's	7	0	2	..	1	5	1	0 11 4	2	1 15 4	5	16	2	
St. Mary's	792	13	3	31	24	49	125	815 8 2	54	812 7 2	795	14	3	
Strahan <sup>e</sup>	..	..	..	21	14	7	44	519 13 1	25	325 11 6	194	1	7	
Surges Bay	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	0 4 0	..	..	0	4	0	
Swansea	729	12	3	12	13	107	58	403 1 2	27	401 2 9	731	10	8	
Torquay	79	8	5	10	5	27	58	60 8 2	8	32 11 10	107	4	9	
Triabunna	123	8	3	6	1	14	23	151 4 10	8	108 18 11	165	14	2	
Tunbridge	8	14	3	..	..	4	..	0 5 6	..	..	8	19	9	
Tunnack	106	3	6	4	3	12	35	135 4 3	20	171 2 8	70	5	1	
Turner's Marsh	117	11	3	2	4	2	10	88 13 6	10	164 18 8	41	6	1	
Ulverstone	217	4	3	27	16	80	99	370 11 8	46	264 4 0	323	11	11	
Victoria	10	2	8	..	..	2	1	5 7 7	..	..	15	10	3	
Waratah	5959	19	9	118	134	165	819	6082 4 5	289	6178 0 3	5864	3	11	
Weldborough	638	14	9	13	16	16	24	256 9 11	31	365 19 2	529	5	6	
Westbury	521	14	6	10	7	20	47	309 12 8	12	320 19 4	510	7	10	
Woodbridge	8	7	9	4	1	12	20	60 6 7	4	15 2 0	53	12	4	
Wyniford <sup>f</sup>	..	..	..	15	5	10	45	299 10 9	11	127 11 10	171	18	11	
Wynyard	116	5	1	11	14	55	61	222 16 8	23	117 10 2	221	11	7	
TOTALS	£	46,001	6	6	1405	1263	3138	7838	44,257 16 1	3601	42,167	8	5	48,091 14 2

<sup>a</sup> Closed 30th June, 1886.  
<sup>b</sup> Opened 1st November, 1888.  
<sup>c</sup> Opened 1st August, 1888.  
<sup>d</sup> Opened 1st October, 1888.  
<sup>e</sup> Opened 1st January, 1888.  
<sup>f</sup> Opened 1st April, 1888.

*THE Trustees of Post Office Savings Bank in account with the Depositors from 1st January to 30th June, 1888.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from last Half-year.....	46,001	6	6	Warrants paid.....	20,498	12	3
Outstanding Warrants ditto.....	312	3	8	Warrants issued but not paid .....	358	1	6
Deposits received during half year ended 30th June.....	22,373	14	3				
Interest on Deposits .....	727	11	2	Balance.....	48,558	1	10
	<u>£69,414</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£69,414</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>

*Assets and Liabilities.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Debentures .....	48,300	0	0	Balance due to Depositors on 30th June, 1888, inclusive of Warrants issued but not paid.....	48,916	3	4
Interest accrued .....	851	10	9	Advance from Money Order Account.....	1374	17	2
Cash credit Post Office Savings Bank Account .....	2677	13	4	Profit and Loss, balance earned .....	1538	3	7
	<u>£51,829</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£51,829</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

*Profit and Loss.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Interest allotted to Depositors for Half-year ended 30th June, 1888 .....	727	11	2	Balance from last Half-year .....	1337	15	3
Salary Account .....	25	0	0	Accrued Interest on Investments .....	952	19	6
Balance.....	1538	3	7				
	<u>£2290</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£2290</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>

THOS. H. MAGRATH, *Secretary.*

Examined and certified to be correct,  
W. LOVETT, *Auditor-General.*  
6th May, 1889.

*THE Trustees of Post Office Savings Bank in account with the Depositors, from 1st July to 31st December, 1888.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from last Half-year.....	48,558	1	10	Warrants paid.....	21,595	14	7
Outstanding Warrants ditto .....	358	1	6	Warrants issued but not paid .....	385	5	3
Deposits received during Half-year ended 31st December.....	20,389	13	9				
Interest on Deposits .....	766	16	11	Balance.....	48,091	14	2
	<u>£70,072</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£70,072</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>

*Assets and Liabilities.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Debentures .....	50,300	0	0	Balance due to Depositors on 31st December, 1888, inclusive of Warrants issued but not paid .....	48,476	19	5
Interest accrued .....	736	19	1	Advance from Money Order Account.....	1164	10	8
Cash Credit Post Office Savings Bank ...	319	5	6	Profit and Loss, balance earned .....	1714	14	6
	<u>£51,356</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£51,356</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>

*Profit and Loss.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Interest allotted to Depositors for Half-year ended 31st December, 1888 .....	766	16	11	Balance from last Half-year.....	1538	3	7
Salary account .....	25	0	0	Accrued interest on Investments .....	968	7	10
Balance.....	1714	14	6				
	<u>£2506</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>£2506</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>

THOS. H. MAGRATH, *Secretary.*

Examined and certified to be correct,  
W. LOVETT, *Auditor-General.*  
6th May, 1889.

(*In continuation of Paper No. 26.*)

General Post Office, Hobart, 13th July, 1889.

SIR,

IN connection with the presentation of the annual Returns of the Post Office transactions for the year 1888 (Parliamentary Paper No. 26), I beg permission to direct attention to the substantial increase in every branch of the department.

*Revenue and Expenditure.*—The total collections on account of revenue for the year 1888 amounted to £47,166 1s. 6d. Of this, it is estimated that £31,000 represents postage; £11,252 5s. 11d. revenue stamps; and the balance, £4913 15s. 7d., fees, contributions, and reimbursements. I beg to take this opportunity to suggest the advisability of making it compulsory that all collections on account of revenue duties should be by impressed stamps only, and adhesive stamps reserved for postage. If this system were adopted it would afford an opportunity to ascertain the actual revenue from each source, and I have little doubt but that the general revenue would be benefited to a considerable extent. It is possible that some slight inconvenience would at first be experienced, but there is no sound reason why this should not be overcome by the legal profession and others whose business require stamped documents supplying themselves with a selection of those most in demand. Outside documents, that is, those only occasionally required, can be stamped with but little delay, and without additional expense for transit.

During the past year the number of adhesive stamps issued was 4,616,160, and the value of impressed stamps £6491 0s. 3d., in addition to which 4258 exchanges were allowed for spoilt impressed forms; value £173 3s. 2d.

In consequence of the increase in the number and variety of documents presented for impressed stamps, it will be necessary to procure additional dies of various values.

*Mail Matter* circulated during the year was as follows:—3,443,374 inland letters were despatched, an increase of 239,307 on the previous year; 1,182,357 ship letters were dealt with, showing an increase of 95,578 on the previous year; 499,921 packets were distributed, an increase of 41,897 on the previous year; 90,513 post cards were posted, an increase of 21,653; 4,319,394 newspapers were circulated, an increase of 358,535.

Of the number of letters and packets posted, 610,182 were franked, and for which this department is not credited with any allowance for postage, although at a moderate calculation the value should be at least £8000.

*Dead Letter Branch.*—16,200 unclaimed letters were dealt with.

*New Offices.*—During the year 20 additional offices have been established.

*Number of Miles of Post Roads* is now 2825, and 815,694 miles were travelled during the year.

*Inland Mails.*—The contractors for the conveyance of inland mails have on the whole performed their duties in a satisfactory manner. Advantage was taken of the opening of the Derwent Valley Railway for traffic to facilitate the transit of mails to and from all stations between North Bridgewater and the Ouse.

As the various branch railways now in course of construction are completed, it may be anticipated that similar benefits will be conferred on the districts served by the extension of the respective lines.

*Postal Communication with Great Britain.*—The new contract with the P. & O. and Orient Companies respectively came into operation on the 1st February, 1888, and, so far, has been faithfully performed, at a reduced cost to this Colony, the amount paid being £1874 13s. 6d., as against £3389 14s. previously paid, and in all probability this item will be further reduced as the population of the adjacent Colonies increases.

*Money Orders.*—During the past year 58,386 orders for £144,122 19s. 8d. were issued, against 52,527 for £131,590 19s. 4d. in 1887; 49,270 orders for £144,999 1s. 10d. were paid, against 43,533 for £102,364 16s. 4d. in 1887; and the commission collected was £1914 0s. 9d., against £1767 10s. 6d. in 1887.

*Post Office Savings Banks.*—Deposits to the amount of £42,763 8s. were received during the year, upon which £1494 8s. 1d. for interest was allowed; and during the same period £42,167 8s. 5d. was withdrawn, leaving a balance of £48,091 14s. 2d. standing to credit of depositors, against £46,001 6s. 6d. at close of the previous year, an increase of £2090 7s. 8d. Of the 3601 withdrawals 476 were effected by telegraph, representing a sum of £5018 6s. 1d., an indication that the facility for obtaining urgent remittances is appreciated. £50,300 has been invested in Government debentures. It may be here mentioned that the Postal Authorities in the United Kingdom are only now preparing to introduce the system of telegraph orders.

By the foregoing statements it will be seen that the result of the past year's transactions exhibits steady and satisfactory progress in all branches of the department, and it is anticipated that when the proper time arrives for reporting the work of the current year, corresponding progress will be found to have taken place.

*Buildings.*—22 country offices have now been built, and several others are in course of erection. It is anticipated that the new building now in course of construction at Launceston will be ready for occupation during the current year, and will add another to the many ornamental buildings of that city.

*Inspection of Offices.*—This very necessary duty has been performed as opportunity offered, and there is little doubt that frequent visitations are desirable, as they not only benefit the general service, but also afford facility for obtaining a personal knowledge of the country through which the various postal routes run and requirements of the several districts.

*Staff.*—The past year has been an unfortunate one as regards the health of the staff, one or other having been absent throughout the year—at several periods two away at one time—on sick leave. I need scarcely say that the absence of a portion of the staff for any length of time renders the work very heavy on those left in charge, consequent upon the necessary long hours of attendance, but have much pleasure in testifying to the good feeling existing amongst the officers, and their readiness at all times to act in any emergency. I beg to take this opportunity of pointing out the desirability of offering every encouragement possible for the retention of experienced and reliable officers, as frequent changes render it most difficult to carry on the varied duties of the department in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

In addition to the ordinary annual Returns issued for the year 1888, a comparative statement of the general business transacted during the years 1879 and 1888 respectively is also attached. The information therein contained may prove of interest to those not well acquainted with the progress of the department.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. H. MAGRATH, *Secretary.*

*The Honorable the Treasurer.*

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*A COMPARATIVE Statement of Post Office Transactions during the Years 1879 and 1888 respectively.*

	1879.	1888.
Mail Matter distributed—		
Letters .....	2,466,109	4,625,731
Packets .....	128,346	499,921
Post Cards .....	<i>Nil.</i>	90,513
Newspapers .....	2,040,902	4,319,394
Post Offices .....	192	278
Mail Contracts .....	95	143
Cost of Mail Contracts .....	£10,597	£15,687
Miles of Post Roads .....	1720	2825
Miles of Post Roads travelled .....	658,040	815,694
Inland Mails closed—		
Once daily .....	84	97
Twice daily.....	—	52
Three times daily .....	—	28
Four times daily .....	—	2
Once weekly .....	13	6
Twice weekly.....	58	49
Thrice weekly .....	28	60
Four times weekly.....	6	5
Ship Mails despatched .....	5066	7000
Collections on account of Revenue .....	£27,541	£47,166
Expenditure .....	£26,675	£41,769
Total Money Order transactions .....	£99,409	£261,036
Deposits, Savings Banks .....	<i>Nil.</i>	£44,257
Withdrawals .....	<i>Nil.</i>	£42,167
Amount to Credit of Depositors .....	<i>Nil.</i>	£48,091