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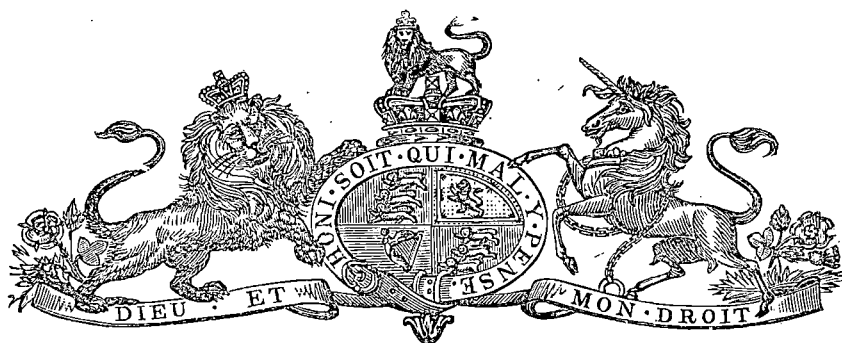
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT:

REPORT FOR 1899.

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POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

General Post Office, Hobart, 30th April, 1900.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to place before you a Report on the Post and Telegraph Department of Tasmania for the year 1899, showing its receipts and expenditure and the general working of its several branches. I am pleased to say that the receipts for 1899 exceed those of the previous year by £7604 1s. 6½d. For the purposes of comparison the figures for 1898 are shown in brackets.

Revenue.—The amount collected under this head was £100,271 8s. 11d. [£92,667 7s. 4½d.], thus apportioned:—Postage, £63,714 7s. [£57,975 8s. 9d.]; revenue stamps, £8000; money order commission, £3532 9s. 7d. [£3365 19s. 6d.]; profit earned under item Savings Banks, £1333 1s. 3d. [£1249 14s. 2d.]; private boxes, mail bags, fines, &c., £1073 12s. [£875 9s. 6d.]; poundage on postal notes, £401 4s. 4d. [£359 15s. 6½d.]; telegraph receipts, £17,932 1s. 11d. [£17,002 12s. 5d.]; telephone rentals, £4284 12s. 10d. [£3838 7s. 6d.]

The number of stamps sold were:—Adhesive, 8,567,584; post cards, 295,632; embossed envelopes, 19,572; registration envelopes, 2508; letter cards, 8244; and value of impressed, £15,318 11s. 11d.; 7914 exchanges were made, representing £228 2s. 2d. This latter amount did not enhance the revenue.

The above shows an increase in the aggregate of stamps, post cards, letter cards, and embossed and registration envelopes of 736,204.

The expenditure amounted to £78,094 19s. 11d. [£73,248 8s. 10d.], made up of salaries and allowances, £38,662 13s. 7d. [£34,830 14s. 10d.]; conveyance of mails, £27,302 8s. [£26,291 15s. 5d.]; miscellaneous, £4657 0s. 9d. [£4045 9s. 3d.]; cable subsidies, £2026 19s. 7d. [£2060 12s. 9d.]; additions, repairs, and maintenance of lines, £5445 18s. [£6019 16s. 7d.].

Parcels Post.—11,640 inland parcels were posted during the year 1899, an increase of 1839 over 1898, and 2845 ship parcels were posted, an increase of 514 over 1898.

There was also collected £3077 0s. 6d. on account of Customs dues on 15,665 packets and parcels, valued at £19,666 2s. 6d., which were received from the United Kingdom and Colonies, which amount went to credit of Customs Department.

Mail Matter.—Under this head 5,535,325 [5,126,612] inland letters were despatched, an increase of 408,713 on previous year; 4,212,730 [3,988,243] ship letters received and despatched, an increase of 224,487; 288,558 [281,944] post cards; 1,811,344 [1,477,871] packets were dealt with; and it is estimated that 6,293,018 [5,574,850] newspapers passed through the office. Of these letters and packets 1,376,317 [1,146,598] 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 was brought into effect with respect to Inland correspondence during 1899. This is found to considerably reduce the work of our Country Postmasters and Staff Officials, and conduces to the more efficient working of the Department.

Dead Letter Branch.—58,291 [56,147] unclaimed letters (752 registered) were disposed of, inclusive of some 1700 [1500] "special request."

Post Offices opened during 1899.—Twelve.

Post Offices closed.—One.

Number of Miles of Post Roads at end of year, 2775 [2667], and 1,486,139 [1,407,351] 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, which has been extended for three years, is being very satisfactorily performed by the Union Steamship Company.

Money Orders.—During the year 130,554 [121,738] orders for £265,967 13s. 2d. [£244,971 9s. 11d.] were issued; 233,203 [228,121] for £330,094 6s. 9d. [£330,288 16s. 9d.] were paid. The commission collected on issues was £3216 13s. [£2949 16s. 3d.]

Post Office Savings Banks.—£179,608 8s. 10d. [£134,308 6s. 5d.] was received as deposit during the year, including £5924 1s. 7d. [£4698 17s. 2d.] apportioned to the depositors as interest; £124,135 7s. 3d. [£103,080 3s. 3d.] was withdrawn, leaving a balance of £248,375 12s. 10d. [£186,978 9s. 8d.] to credit of investors; 5804 accounts were opened, 3701 were closed, and 12,710 remained open at close of year, as against 10,607 in 1898.

Postal Notes.—56,114 [50,353] were sold, aggregating £16,883 11s. 6d. [£15,530 8s. 5d.] in amount, and 52,711 [48,521] were paid, aggregating £16,357 3s. 6d. [£15,311 10s. 7d.] in amount.

Much disappointment has been expressed at the delay in completion of the set of stamps bearing views of Tasmanian scenery, which were ordered in the early part of last year. The values received are as follow:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ d., green,	bearing view of	Lake Marion;
1d., red,	" "	Mount Wellington;
2d., purple,	" "	Hobart;
5d., blue,	" "	Mt. Gould, Lake St. Clair;
6d., claret,	" "	Dilston Falls.

The other three values (2½d., 3d., and 4d.) are daily expected.

Although the views have not been placed exactly as the Department desired, they are considered a very fine set, and have been much admired by persons competent to judge.

Letter-cards, bearing a 2d. stamp, and with various views of Tasmanian scenery, have been issued, and are finding a ready sale.

TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

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

	NUMBER OF MESSAGES.		AMOUNT.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	1898.	1899.	1898.	1899.	Messages.	Amount.	Messages.	Amount.
Gross Receipts from—			£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Inter-Tasmanian business	195,724	198,946	12,889 11 6	13,825 15 6	3222	936 4 0	...	...
Inter-Colonial business...	126,903	128,190	19,235 5 7	19,048 17 5	1287	...	...	186 8 2
Inter-National business..	1424	1518	3170 8 3	3567 11 1	94	397 2 10	...	...
Telephone rentals.....	...	...	3838 7 6	4284 12 10	...	446 5 4	...	...
	324,051	328,654	39,133 12 10	40,726 16 10	4603	1779 12 2	...	186 8 2
Net Receipts from—								
Inter-Tasmanian business	195,724	198,946	12,889 11 6	13,825 15 6	3222	936 4 0	...	...
Inter-Colonial business...	126,903	128,190	4053 11 8	4031 19 4	1287	...	...	21 12 4
Inter-National business..	1424	1518	59 9 3	74 7 1	94	14 17 10	...	...
Telephone rentals.....	...	...	3838 7 6	4284 12 10	...	446 5 4	...	...
	324,051	328,654	20,840 19 11	22,216 14 9	4603	1397 7 2	...	21 12 4
Net Submarine Cable Receipts—								
Inter-Colonial business...	126,903	128,190	8397 13 8	8385 2 4	1287	...	...	12 11 4
Inter-National business..	1424	1518	292 1 9	332 7 6	94	40 5 9	...	...
	128,327	129,708	8689 15 5	8717 9 10	1381	40 5 9	...	12 11 4

Extension of lines during the year are:—Sheffield to Barrington, Barrington Lower, and Nook, 11 miles; Ulverstone to North Motton and Preston, 12 miles; Penguin to Highthorpe, Pine Road, West Pine Road, and Riana, 11 miles; Burnie to Stowport, 5 miles, and to Stirling, $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles; Gould's Country to Pyengana, 7 miles; Zeehan to Zeehan East, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, and to Hillend, 7 miles; Queenstown to North Mount Lyell, 4 miles; Mount Read to Tuganah, 7 miles.

Stations opened.—Barrington, Barrington Lower, Highthorpe, Hillend, Nook, North Motton, North Mount Lyell, Pine Road, Pine Road West, Preston, Pyengana, Riana, Stirling, Stowport, Tuganah, Zeehan East.

Cable Subsidies.—Tasmania's liability was £2026 19s. 7d. as against £2060 12s. 9d. for the previous year.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. V. BAYLY, *Secretary.*

To the Hon. the Postmaster-General.

RETURN of the Amounts received at the General Post Office for Stamps during the Years 1895 to 1899, inclusive.

YEAR.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ 1895—Postage Stamps	37,905	15	2	45,905	15	2	556	9	0
Revenue Stamps	8000	0	0						
+ 1896—Postage Stamps	51,521	13	2	59,521	13	2	13,615	18	0
Revenue Stamps	8000	0	0						
+ 1897—Postage Stamps	52,847	12	1	60,847	12	1	1325	18	11
Revenue Stamps	8000	0	0						
+ 1898—Postage Stamps	57,975	8	9	65,975	8	9	5127	16	8
Revenue Stamps	8000	0	0						
+ 1899—Postage Stamps	63,714	7	0	71,714	7	0	5738	18	3
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 1895 to 1899, inclusive.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1895	119,184	—	1896
1896	146,824	27,640	—
1897	138,604	—	8220
1898	155,249	16,645	—
1899	179,262	24,013	—

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 1895 to 1899, inclusive.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1895	679,484	31,382	—
1896	2,432,670	1,753,186	—
1897	2,740,828	308,158	—
1898	2,255,681	—	485,147
1899	2,622,026	366,345	—

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 1895 to 1899, inclusive.

YEAR.	LETTERS.	POST CARDS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
				Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.
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	—	—	—
1899	4,167,738	288,558	1,145,471	178,982	17,887	77,239	—	—	—

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 1895-96-97-98-99.

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

		1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses		327	328	336	344	355
Number of Persons employed		649	653	709	722	757
Miles of Post Roads		2426	2495	2718	2667	2775
Miles of Post Roads travelled		1,171,415	1,200,530	1,272,545	1,407,351	1,486,139

YEAR.	RECEIVED.											
	LETTERS.			POST CARDS.	PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			
	Inland stamped.	Franked.	Ship.		Inland stamped.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.
1895 ..	2,555,504	780,890	749,063	153,399	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	1,226,031	5,730,212
1898 ..	3,210,497	923,686	1,667,834	232,370	964,265	310,376	4,632,023	1,471,826	5,802,017	232,370	1,274,641	6,103,849
1899 ..	3,486,652	1,196,967	1,513,154	268,675	1,032,611	555,431	5,272,638	1,904,120	6,196,773	268,675	1,588,042	7,176,758

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.
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	3,380,075
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
1899 ..	3,378,690	789,048	2,690,846	1,376,317	288,558	1,083,311	62,160	110,442	3,933,185	455,713	8,234,901	288,558	1,255,913	4,388,898

REVENUE and Expenditure for the Years 1895-96-97-98-99.

	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Revenue	£ 64,537 1 9½	£ 81,586 10 4*	£ 85,013 7 7½	£ 92,667 7 4½	£ 100,271 8 11
Expenditure (actual payments to date)	61,971 16 5	61,314 0 10	65,268 9 7	73,248 8 10	78,094 19 11

* In addition to this sum, the following amount has been received :—Customs Duty on Parcels received, £3077 0s. 6d.

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 1895-96-97-98-99.

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.						
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	s. 1	d. 9½	£ 61,971	s. 16	d. 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
1899	5,535,325	1,513,154	2,699,576	1,145,471	555,431	110,442	288,558	3,933,185	1,904,120	455,713	100,271	8	11	78,094	19	11

1895. Of the Letters and Packets posted, 4,808,725 were stamped, 995,994 were franked.
 1896. " " " 6,853,175 " 1,029,401 "
 1897. " " " 7,320,942 " 1,059,507 "
 1898. " " " 7,467,918 " 1,146,598 "
 1899. " " " 8,114,497 " 1,376,317 "

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, 1899; 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	12,990 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	99,409 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	30,329	1272 0 6	99,843 13 2	21,514	66,971 5 2	168,086 18 10
1883	33,812	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	186,320	278,926 12 5	440,404 2 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 9	578,210 2 11
1899	130,554	3216 13 0	265,967 13 2	233,203	330,094 6 9	599,278 12 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, 1899.

Balance 31st December, 1898	£ 187,331 17 1	Warrants paid	£ 123,327 3 7
Deposits received during 1899	179,608 8 10	Balance	249,537 3 11
Interest on Deposits	5924 1 7		
	<u>£372,864 7 6</u>		<u>£372,864 7 6</u>

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Investments	£ 232,267 13 4	Balance due Depositors	£ 249,537 3 11
Accrued Interest	2798 12 5	Profit and Loss—Balance earned	1333 1 3
Cash credit Post Office Savings Bank	11,257 17 0		
Due from Money Order Account	4546 2 5		
	<u>£250,870 5 2</u>		<u>£250,870 5 2</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Interest allotted Depositors	£ 5924 1 7	Balance 31st December, 1898	£ 1249 14 2
Salary	16 13 4	Accrued Interest on Investments	7273 16 2
Consolidated Revenue Account	1249 14 2		
Balance	1333 1 3		
	<u>£8523 10 4</u>		<u>£8523 10 4</u>

H. V. BAYLY, *Secretary.*

OCT. LORD, *Superintendent.*
12th April, 1900.

Examined and certified to be correct,
GEO. R. MILLER, *for the Auditor-General, absent.*
24th April, 1900.

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 1899.

ORDERS ISSUED IN TASMANIA.			ORDERS DRAWN ON TASMANIA.		
Where payable.	Number.	Amount.	Where issued.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Tasmania	94,651	166,700 3 1	Tasmania	94,651	166,700 3 1
Canada	20	75 9 7	Canada	147	316 12 6
Cape of Good Hope.....	49	230 9 4	Cape of Good Hope	1420	3530 1 4
Ceylon.....	19	40 5 4	Ceylon.....	194	170 5 8
Fiji	7	31 16 0	Fiji	163	220 8 10
Germany.....	126	206 9 11	Germany	26	99 11 2
Hong Kong.....	177	731 6 1	Hong Kong.....	348	534 1 3
India	122	636 18 0	India	386	665 16 11
Mauritius	6	12 0 0	Mauritius.....	9	15 9 8
Natal	4	36 0 0	Natal	27	87 8 1
New South Wales	6898	18,369 16 5	New South Wales	12,081	19,093 6 10
New Zealand	1357	5443 17 4	New Zealand	53,808	51,242 7 10
Queensland	405	1610 12 10	Queensland	16,173	19,806 16 11
South Australia	603	1606 16 11	South Australia	15,698	14,181 12 6
Straits Settlements.....	14	74 14 8	Straits Settlements.....	377	413 8 3
United Kingdom.....	3687	8450 15 8	United Kingdom.....	2197	5010 17 6
United States of America.....	361	722 15 5	United States of America.....	188	296 0 9
Victoria	21,617	59,178 11 4	Victoria	25,858	32,528 0 2
Western Australia.....	431	1808 15 3	Western Australia.....	10,111	16,006 2 10
TOTAL	130,554	265,967 13 2	TOTAL	234,462	330,918 12 1

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.	
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
1899.....	5804	3701	12,710	32,751	179,608 8 10	12,687	124,135 7 3	248,375 12 10

STATEMENT showing Cost of Construction, also Revenue derived from Telegraph and Telephone Lines for the Five Years ended 31st December, 1899.

Year.	TELEGRAPHS.				TELEPHONES.						
	Miles of Wire.	Capital Expended.	Messages.	Receipts.	Exchange No.	Circuits No.	Miles of Wire.	Capital Expended.	Value of Annual Rental.	Rental received for Year.	
1895.....	2365	£ 116,811 0 0	234,366	£ 12,273 0 0	3	627	520 $\frac{3}{4}$	£ 19,201 2 8	£ 3978 2 6	£ 3048 16 3	
1896.....	2389	117,986 0 0	276,829	14,051 0 0	4	722	544 $\frac{3}{4}$	20,226 16 5	4615 16 3	3381 15 4	
1897.....	2446 $\frac{1}{2}$	120,719 0 0	299,212	15,529 0 0	4	810	570	21,819 13 2	4724 5 0	3526 11 0	
1898.....	2485 $\frac{1}{2}$	124,961 0 0	324,051	17,002 0 0	4	860	705 $\frac{1}{2}$	23,136 12 4	5085 5 0	3838 7 6	
1899.....	2559 $\frac{1}{2}$	127,006 6 9	328,654	17,932 1 11	5	1010	815 $\frac{3}{4}$	25,900 15 8	5965 2 6	4284 12 10	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Telegraph Business, &c. for each Year from 1895 to 1899.

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

	No of Miles o 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.		
1895..	1403	2365	151	218	£	s. d.	234,366	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1896..	1427	2389	153	237	24,507	12 6	276,329	9667	11 2	2557	15 5	47 19	0
1897..	1484½	2446½	160	a	29,557	9 6	299,212	10,697	1 6	3295	3 11	59	2 10
1898..	1523½	2485½	168	a	32,606	17 0	324,051	11,918	9 3	3548	13 10	62	15 8
1899..	1596½	2558½	184	a	35,295	5 4	328,654	12,889	11 6	4053	11 8	59	9 3
					36,442	4 0		13,825	15 6	4031	19 4	74	7 1

	FEES PAID TO OTHER ADMINISTRATIONS.				PAID MESSAGES.				FREE MESSAGES.	
	Submarine Cable Company.	Colonies and New Zealand.	European Traffic.	Total.	Inter-Tasmanian.	Inter-Colonial.	European.	Total.	Value.	Number.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.					£ s. d.	
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	276,329	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	6631 15 9	3160 16 6	18,510 2 1	195,724	126,903	1424	324,057	4867 1 3	47,313
1899..	8717 9 10	6874 0 3	2818 17 3	18,292 12 11	198,946	128,190	1518	328,654	5494 3 4	50,723

* A number of staff now interchangeable.

RETURN of Exchanges and Telephone Lines in existence on 31st December, 1899.

Number of Exchanges..... 5

	Number of Lines.		Length Wire in Miles.		Annual Value of Rental.		Rental received.	
	1898.	1899.	1898.	1899.	1898.	1899.	1898.	1899.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Private Lines	62	63	151½	170½	408 5 0	555 5 0	342 4 0	437 4 7
Exchange Lines	574	673	284½	317½	3411 0 0	3915 5 0	3242 8 11	3567 11 1
Exchange Extension Lines	45	49	86½	86	232 10 0	293 17 6	227 10 5	248 17 2
Public Service Lines.....	152	194	151½	165½	1006 10 0	1169 15 0	—	—
Trunk Lines	27	31	31½	76	27 0 0	31 0 0	26 4 2	31 0 0
TOTAL	860	1010	705½	815½	5085 5 0	5965 2 6	3838 7 6	4284 12 10

PARCELS Post.

Year.	Inland Parcels Posted.	INTERCOLONIAL AND FOREIGN PARCELS.			
		Despatched.	Received.	Value of Parcels received.	Customs Duty collected.
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	13,680	16,501 5 3	3008 1 3
1899.....	11,640	2845	15,665	19,666 2 6	3077 0 6

POSTAL Notes.

	No. Issued.	Value.	No. Paid.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1895.....	23,696	7871 2 4½	23,317	8016 1 3
1896.....	30,411	9688 6 8½	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
1899.....	56,114	16,883 11 6	52,711	16,357 3 6