

(No. 57.)



1886.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

POST OFFICE RETURNS:

INCLUDING MONEY ORDER AND SAVINGS BANK.

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.*

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	19,239	14	6	1765	4	9	—	—	—
1877	21,952	17	4	2663	2	10	—	—	—
1878	23,332	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	} 27,549	3	0	3364	17	10
Ditto—Revenue Stamps	13,670	11	11						
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						

NOTE.—Rates of Postage on Intercolonial Letters reduced from 3*d.* to 2*d.* 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.*

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	—

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.*

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	—

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.*

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	—	—	—

* 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 1883-84-85.

	1883.	1884.	1885.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses.....	222	234	246
Number of Persons employed	358	391	422
Miles of Post Roads	1968	2106	2465
Miles of Post Roads travelled.....	701,438	736,278	775,108

YEAR.	RECEIVED.											
	LETTERS.			POST CARDS.	PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			
	Inland stamped.	Franked.	Ship.		Inland stamped.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.
1883..	1,852,961	393,056	518,171	36,397	176,229	102,369	1,433,769	417,885	2,764,188	36,397	278,598	1,851,654
1884..	1,995,963	407,914	546,304	49,183	221,989	92,401	1,644,470	471,222	2,950,181	49,183	314,390	2,115,692
1885..	2,032,776	457,164	544,069	53,113	232,082	113,355	1,773,876	535,222	3,034,009	53,113	345,437	2,309,098

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.
1883..	1,832,903	331,836	453,618	442,723	43,033	181,710	3416	31,485	1,917,017	383,108	3,061,080	43,033	216,611	2,300,125
1884..	1,934,146	334,091	471,110	466,866	62,524	221,146	9289	38,223	2,340,681	519,295	3,206,213	62,524	268,658	2,859,976
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

REVENUE and Expenditure for the Years 1883-84-85.

	1883.	1884.	1885.
Revenue	£ 23,516 0 0	£ 25,070 2 0	£ 26,170 2 0
Expenditure (actual payments to date).....	33,841 1 7	37,535 14 8	37,503 7 10

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.

	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.						
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	2,785,842	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

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	"

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS—continued.

OFFICE.	Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.		Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.		Commission.	
	1884	1885	1884	1885	1884	1885	1884	1885	1884	1885
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sorell.....	199	213	384 15 8	497 5 6	52	39	107 13 9	92 11 9	4 14 0	5 13 9
Southport ^a .....	..	151	..	278 11 11	..	8	..	25 0 0	..	3 0 9
Stanley	500	561	1214 16 0	1615 7 7	134	108	413 13 9	379 5 11	14 17 3	21 16 9
St. Leonard's	56	49	144 13 0	107 11 11	60	55	320 19 2	162 12 0	1 18 6	1 15 6
St. Mary's	268	475	693 17 5	1487 1 8	66	74	270 10 2	242 0 11	7 0 0	13 7 6
Swansea	270	305	691 9 3	692 14 1	74	99	183 19 9	236 17 5	7 16 6	7 16 3
Torquay	330	422	706 6 4	903 19 7	156	132	890 9 6	484 7 3	8 2 6	9 19 9
Triabunna.....	135	101	406 10 8	277 14 4	38	37	116 18 4	106 11 3	3 4 0	2 7 3
Tunbridge.....	102	119	139 4 10	116 0 5	20	27	60 13 0	79 15 3	1 15 3	1 16 9
Tunnack	175	251	340 13 5	584 9 5	39	46	211 1 5	205 8 3	3 7 3	5 4 0
Turner's Marsh ^d .....	..	13	..	45 3 5	..	3	..	19 0 0	..	0 10 9
Ulverstone	652	910	1153 18 8	1431 11 9	217	272	612 4 2	768 17 0	15 2 0	20 11 3
Victoria.....	32	36	123 11 3	119 11 0	26	39	54 8 5	97 0 8	1 3 6	1 3 0
Waratah	2103	2520	6497 10 8	7287 7 4	218	262	649 19 7	554 16 0	79 0 0	84 19 0
Weldborough.....	297	264	1420 11 7	1119 16 7	31	29	124 6 0	109 12 9	16 2 9	13 1 0
Westbury	348	442	912 10 11	1084 15 0	321	368	798 14 7	1032 14 2	11 1 3	12 9 3
Woodbridge ^a .....	..	27	..	97 1 0	..	7	..	20 12 0	..	0 15 3
Wynyard	364	503	898 8 8	989 9 10	84	126	333 16 11	398 3 2	10 6 9	11 9 9
TOTALS	38,145	43,992	105,071 5 0	116,852 17 3	30,817	36,125	81,560 8 6	91,567 13 10	1375 0 3	1519 1 0

^a Opened 1st January, 1885.^b Closed 30th June, 1885.^c Opened 1st April, 1885.^d Opened 1st September, 1885.^e Opened 1st October, 1885.

RETURN showing the Number and the Amount of Money Orders issued in Tasmania, and the Number and Amount of Money Orders drawn on Tasmania, during the Year 1885.

ISSUED IN TASMANIA.			PAYABLE IN TASMANIA.		
Where payable.	Number.	Amount.	Where issued.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Tasmania	30,549	69,925 17 11	Tasmania	30,549	69,925 17 11
New South Wales	2057	6608 2 9	New South Wales	1431	5286 4 7
New Zealand	669	2860 4 8	New Zealand	612	2637 18 1
Queensland	118	458 12 1	Queensland	291	1401 2 2
South Australia	322	1162 2 10	South Australia	200	930 4 2
Victoria	7382	26,246 16 6	Victoria	2566	8820 4 9
Western Australia	17	32 17 4	Western Australia	20	78 4 4
Cape of Good Hope	1	5 0 0	Cape of Good Hope	4	14 0 0
India	45	299 7 5	India	37	212 7 6
United Kingdom	2711	8939 9 0	United Kingdom	521	2137 14 9
United States of America.....	121	313 6 9	United States of America.....	10	43 18 2
TOTALS	43,992	116,852 17 3	TOTALS	36,241	91,487 16 5

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Years 1883, 1884, and 1885, 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.		
12,112	5126	1000	1838	9412	2139	1095	664	109	317	33,812	£ s. d.
16,342	5838	1104	2064	8299	2011	1298	743	134	312	38,145	100,576 10 2
20,091	6819	1348	2291	8460	2105	1543	858	129	348	43,992	116,852 17 3

NAME OF BRANCH.	Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1884.			Number of Accounts opened during 1885.	Number of Accounts closed during 1885.	Number of Accounts remaining open at close of 1885.	Total Deposits including Interest.		Total Withdrawals.		Balance at Credit of Depositors at close of 1885.						
	£	s.	d.				Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Port Esperance.....	160	3	4	4	5	15	50	85	9	7	7	109	6	10	136	6	1
Prosser's Plains.....	49	7	3	2	1	10	8	85	6	0	2	10	12	6	124	0	9
Richmond.....	214	5	0	4	5	9	11	90	19	2	10	147	9	9	157	14	5
Ringarooma, Upper....	75	18	6	1	2	2	2	35	1	2	2	75	12	4	35	7	4
Ross.....	231	16	10	1	2	10	12	48	1	1	10	206	13	2	73	4	9
Sandy Bay.....	15	13	0	13	12	15	74	110	3	7	21	66	13	3	59	3	4
Sheffield.....	89	4	2	5	5	9	15	196	19	1	11	177	5	3	108	18	0
Shipwrights' Point....	21	8	9	3	..	4	7	42	1	10	1	1	0	0	62	10	7
Somerset.....	3	1	0	2	1	7	21	21	6	1	1	0	10	2	23	16	11
Sorell.....	85	2	2	3	9	8	19	174	3	5	12	108	19	5	150	6	2
Southport ^a.....	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	0	1	6	..	..	..	..	0	1	6
Stanley.....	90	1	7	14	3	17	26	153	11	6	4	37	3	10	206	9	3
St. Leonard's.....	4	12	5	4	..	6	15	43	9	3	1	3	0	0	45	1	8
St. Mary's.....	421	6	5	9	4	23	38	210	15	2	21	141	6	1	490	15	6
Swansea.....	659	7	5	22	12	117	115	401	3	1	43	220	9	4	840	1	2
Torquay.....	42	9	11	4	4	18	30	46	3	11	5	38	6	8	50	7	2
Triabunna.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tumbridge.....	1	6	4	..	1	3	..	0	0	1	1	1	0	5	0	6	0
Tunnack.....	102	19	7	3	1	7	46	185	16	2	8	148	0	1	140	15	8
Turner's Marsh ^c.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ulverstone.....	123	13	8	19	12	54	133	93	14	3	25	116	3	11	101	4	0
Victoria.....	8	14	6	..	1	2	4	14	7	2	2	12	0	0	11	1	8
Waratah.....	2276	19	5	132	83	129	606	4188	4	6	131	2930	12	6	3534	11	5
Weldborough.....	923	1	2	9	11	22	39	454	10	9	22	645	4	1	732	7	10
Westbury.....	303	7	0	6	5	18	31	268	14	6	13	127	9	2	444	12	4
Woodbridge ^a.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wynyard.....	303	1	0	21	11	49	66	238	19	1	42	285	3	5	256	16	8
TOTALS.....	£ 25,948	15	6	1468	993	2439	7060	38,798	5	9	2535	28,263	17	6	36,483	3	9

^a Opened 1st January, 1885.
^b Opened 1st April, 1885.
^c Opened 1st September, 1885.
^d Opened 1st October, 1885.

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, 1885; 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.....	30,229	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	91,587	13	10	209,939	12	1

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

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