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R E T U R N S F O R 1873.

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POST OFFICE RETURNS.

1.—RETURN of the Amounts received at the General Post Office for Stamps sold during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873.

YEAR.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
*1870	15,490 4 9	—	—
1871	12,329 17 10	—	3160 6 11
1872	13,321 5 11	991 8 1	—
1873	14,657 4 1	1335 18 2	—

2.—RETURN of the Number of Letters posted in Tasmania for the United Kingdom and other Places (exclusive of Intercolonial) during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1870	40,020	—	—
1871	37,893	—	2127
1872	39,889	1996	—
1873	42,879	2990	—

3.—RETURN of the Number of Intercolonial Letters (or Letters for the Australian Colonies and New Zealand) posted in Tasmania during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1870	114,053	—	—
1871	126,523	12,470	—
1872	142,510	15,987	—
1873	169,099	26,589	—

4.—RETURN of the Number of Inland Stamped Letters and Packets posted in Tasmania during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873.

YEAR.	LETTERS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
			Letters.	Packets.	Letters.	Packets.
1870.....	446,610	12,188	—	—	—	—
1871.....	585,024	18,990	138,414	6802	—	—
1872.....	622,238	21,029	37,214	2039	—	—
1873.....	773,744	25,673	151,506	4644	—	—

* On the 1st. November, 1870, the Inland Letter Postage Rate was reduced from Four Pence to Two Pence per Half Ounce, and the Intercolonial Letter Postage Rate from Six Pence to Three Pence per Half Ounce.

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Secretary.*

POST OFFICE.

RETURN showing the Number of Post Offices, Persons employed, Extent of Post Roads, and Number of Letters, Packets, and Newspapers received and despatched, for the Years 1872-73.

	1872.	1873.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses.....	146	154
Number of Persons employed	169	177
Miles of Post Roads	1420	1480

YEAR.	RECEIVED.										DESPATCHED.											
	LETTERS.			PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			LETTERS.				PACKETS.			NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.		
	<i>Inland stamped.</i>	<i>Franked.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Inland stamped.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Inland.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Letters.</i>	<i>Packets.</i>	<i>News-papers.</i>	<i>Inland stamped.</i>	<i>Town stamped.</i>	<i>Ship stamped.</i>	<i>Franked.</i>	<i>Inland stamped.</i>	<i>Town stamped.</i>	<i>Ship stamped.</i>	<i>Inland.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Letters.</i>	<i>Packets.</i>	<i>News-papers.</i>
1872 ..	635,687	148,263	206,237	18,692	12,701	424,922	217,182	990,187	31,393	642,104	622,238	81,277	177,838	151,180	21,029	448	4215	687,706	168,905	1,032,533	25,692	856,611
1873 ..	691,095	158,129	223,153	21,837	13,981	450,438	218,125	1,072,377	35,818	668,563	685,437	88,307	203,358	194,099	25,141	532	5259	768,042	218,125	1,171,201	30,932	986,167

	1872.	1873.
Revenue (estimated)*	£ s. d. 9800 0 0	£ s. d. 11,500 0 0
Expenditure	14,521 13 6	16,792 4 7

* It is impossible to give the actual Post Office Revenue as the Stamps used for the transmission of Letters, &c. through the Post Office are similar to those used on Bills of Exchange, &c. under "The Stamp Act;" but the estimated Revenue given above is believed to be as near as possible the actual Post Office Revenue for the years 1872-73.

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Secretary.*

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS.

A RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Post Office Money Orders issued and paid, and the Amount of Commission collected, at the respective Money Order Offices in Tasmania during the Years 1872-73.

OFFICE.	Number of Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.		Number of Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.		Commission.	
	1872.	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.	1873.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart Town (Chief Office).	1661	1783	6449 2 5	6823 19 3	2505	2683	9283 3 1	10,128 0 8	115 10 0	124 14 0
Bothwell	76	83	281 12 2	242 8 8	18	21	50 13 0	53 11 7	3 5 0	3 9 0
Brighton	49	62	124 17 1	241 14 2	29	25	130 8 4	91 8 9	1 19 6	2 15 0
Campbell Town	118	124	495 18 0	558 12 1	90	50	558 6 11	380 15 1	5 18 0	7 0 6
Circular Head	131	149	508 18 4	606 1 10	36	40	194 18 10	162 18 3	6 3 6	7 11 0
Deloraine	308	353	1132 0 11	1377 11 9	95	176	448 4 7	859 6 10	12 3 6	13 15 6
Evandale	47	64	123 8 7	220 10 6	36	41	177 10 2	196 2 8	1 19 6	3 12 0
Fingal	93	87	270 9 11	261 15 9	51	49	202 7 1	226 14 1	4 6 0	4 10 6
Franklin	118	167	351 2 6	607 5 7	43	39	126 5 3	117 11 5	4 13 0	6 13 0
George Town	99	112	366 10 8	340 9 11	30	30	104 15 10	86 9 6	4 11 6	4 10 0
Glenorchy	8	14	19 0 4	64 15 8	8	9	14 1 8	46 11 11	0 7 6	0 12 6
Green Ponds	40	62	121 15 10	221 3 8	14	33	27 12 0	143 14 0	2 4 0	2 19 6
Hamilton	93	88	303 15 5	292 1 0	8	13	15 1 6	43 0 0	3 3 6	3 4 6
Jerusalem*	—	128	—	451 15 11	—	1	—	0 10 0	—	5 1 0
Latrobe	291	300	1075 5 5	1115 18 8	68	73	289 3 6	321 7 0	11 12 6	11 14 6
Launceston	1128	1140	4168 18 9	4347 16 9	1518	1673	5544 14 1	5964 6 6	72 6 6	74 0 6
Longford	182	224	623 12 3	743 - 0 5	98	88	399 0 4	310 14 10	9 7 0	10 16 0
New Norfolk	194	215	610 15 10	877 12 6	66	76	183 10 0	266 3 6	8 8 0	9 10 6
Oatlands	125	131	423 5 0	401 1 4	50	57	248 7 3	344 17 0	6 9 0	7 0 6
Port Arthur	104	65	321 5 3	192 11 3	10	7	24 6 0	17 1 0	3 13 0	2 4 0
Port Cygnet	47	54	177 18 5	294 10 11	1	3	2 0 0	7 3 4	1 17 0	2 1 6
Reedy Marsh	111	192	283 12 0	495 18 3	20	11	74 1 6	51 9 8	4 0 0	8 2 0
Richmond	44	123	202 6 2	528 9 1	35	34	169 14 0	131 19 6	3 4 0	7 15 6
Ross	79	122	216 18 4	387 9 8	19	20	50 7 7	73 10 8	3 17 6	6 4 0
Sorell	41	32	119 11 8	74 9 8	40	32	149 9 10	119 5 6	1 10 6	1 3 6
Swansea	66	91	196 18 8	298 2 2	17	19	66 8 3	54 12 6	2 13 0	3 17 0
Three Hut Point	17	17	41 16 8	40 13 9	8	5	10 13 7	9 9 7	0 13 6	0 10 6
Torquay	258	254	1186 11 3	966 11 11	66	83	273 13 7	363 19 10	10 0 0	10 8 6
Westbury	205	218	659 9 9	743 12 9	101	106	397 15 11	437 1 3	8 9 0	8 14 0
Wynyard	87	120	314 2 8	375 5 0	22	24	108 8 1	98 7 0	3 2 0	4 13 0
TOTALS	5820	6572	21,171 0 3	24,192 19 10	5102	5534	19,325 1 9	21,108 3 5	317 6 6	359 3 6

* For six months only.

A. C. DOUGLAS, Comptroller.

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and paid in TASMANIA during the Year 1873.

Issued.	Number of Orders issued.	Amount.	Paid.	Number of Orders paid.	Amount.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
On Tasmania	3060	10,216 9 5	Issue of Tasmania	3126	10,568 18 1
New South Wales	282	1230 14 1	New South Wales	404	1886 10 9
New Zealand	122	589 17 7	New Zealand	316	1552 16 11
Queensland	41	244 10 7	Queensland	99	518 2 7
South Australia	37	163 3 4	South Australia	115	457 5 6
United Kingdom	1123	4010 3 3	United Kingdom	257	1348 2 5
Victoria	1903	7731 0 1	Victoria	1210	4753 19 5
Western Australia	4	7 1 6	Western Australia	7	22 7 9
TOTALS	6572	24,192 19 10	TOTALS	5534	21,108 3 5

A. C. DOUGLAS, Comptroller.

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Year 1873, classified according to the Rates of Commission charged thereon.

<i>Inland.</i>		<i>Intercolonial.</i>		<i>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.</i>				<i>Total.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
<i>£5 and under.</i>	<i>Between £5 and £10.</i>	<i>£5 and under.</i>	<i>Between £5 and £10.</i>	<i>£2 and under.</i>	<i>Between £2 and £5.</i>	<i>Between £5 and £7.</i>	<i>Between £7 and £10.</i>		
2452	608	1808	581	568	369	47	139	6572	£ 24,192 s. 19 d. 10

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Comptroller.*

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, 1873; together with the Amount of Commission collected on Orders issued in the Colony.

<i>Period.</i>	<i>Number of Orders issued.</i>	<i>Amount of Commission.</i>	<i>Amount of Orders issued.</i>	<i>Number of Orders paid.</i>	<i>Amount of Orders paid.</i>
1865	1201	£ s. d. 85 18 6	£ s. d. 4485 1 2	741	£ s. d. 2824 10 7
1866	2856	192 10 6	11,274 19 3	2030	8669 11 5
1867	3319	214 0 0	11,729 0 11	2412	10,032 17 5
1868	3376	221 10 0	13,070 1 9	2512	10,719 1 9
1869	4398	270 2 0	16,667 10 1	3135	12,990 16 4
1870	5193	315 19 0	19,337 17 7	3722	14,550 10 7
1871	5685	322 13 6	21,015 19 3	4411	16,467 13 7
1872	5820	317 6 6	21,171 0 3	5102	19,025 1 9
1873	6572	359 3 6	24,192 19 10	5534	21,108 3 5

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