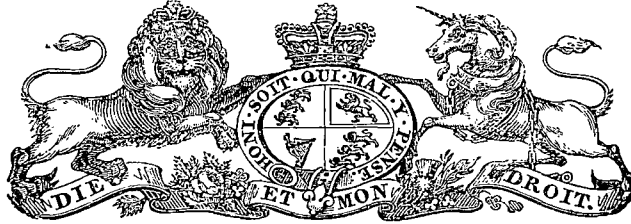


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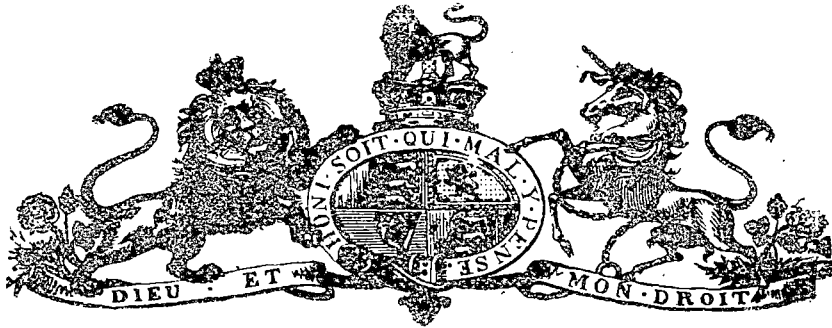
POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT:

REPORT FOR 1900.

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**POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.**


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Hobart, 20th April, 1901.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to place before you a Report on the Post and Telegraph Department of Tasmania for the year 1900, showing its receipts and expenditure, and the general working of its several branches. I am pleased to say that the receipts for 1900 exceed those of the previous year by £6941 6s. 9d. For the purpose of comparison the figures for 1899 are shown in brackets.

*Revenue.*—The amount collected under this head was £107,212 15s. 8d. [£100,271 8s. 11d.], thus apportioned:—postage, £69,497 15s. [£63,714 7s.]; revenue stamps, £7350 [£8000]; money order commission, £4273 19s. 10d. [£3532 9s. 7d.]; profit earned under item Savings Banks, £1804 18s. 3d. [£1333 1s. 3d.]; private boxes, mail bags, fines, &c., £1081 9s. 7d. [£1073 12s.]; poundage on postal notes, £448 4s. 3d. [£401 4s. 4d.]; telegraph receipts, £17,608 0s. 3d. [£17,932 1s. 11d.]; telephone rentals, £5148 8s. 6d. [£4284 12s. 10d.]

The number of stamps sold were:—adhesive, 8,983,260; post cards, 324,372; embossed envelopes, 11,736; registration envelopes, 2784; letter cards, 26,874; and value of impressed, £16,279 10s. 5d.; 7217 exchanges were made, representing £256 6s. 7d. 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 455,486.

*Expenditure.*—The expenditure amounted to £84,539 0s. 8d. [£78,094 19s. 11d.], made up of salaries and allowances, £41,050 0s. 1d. [£38,662 13s. 7d.]; conveyance of mails, £28,193 17s. 9d. [£27,302 8s.]; miscellaneous, £7017 7s. 4d. [£4657 0s. 9d.]; cable subsidies, £1217 19s. 2d. [£2026 19s. 7d.]; additions, repairs, and maintenance of lines, £7059 16s. 4d. [£5445 18s.]

*Parcels Post.*—17,776 inland parcels were posted during the year 1900, an increase of 6136 over 1899, and 2895 ship parcels were posted, an increase of 50 over 1899. There was also collected £3731 11s. 9d. on account of Customs dues on 17,314 packets and parcels valued at £22,673 16s. 9d., which were received from the United Kingdom and the Australian States, which amount went to credit of Customs Department.

*Mail Matter.*—Under this head 5,686,420 [5,535,325] inland letters were despatched, an increase of 151,095 on previous year; 4,904,034 [4,212,730] ship letters received and despatched, an increase of 691,304; 317,411 [288,558] post cards; 1,899,870 [1,811,344] packets were dealt with; and it is estimated that 6,636,900 [6,293,018] newspapers passed through the Office. Of these letters and packets, 1,323,183 [1,376,317] were franked, and consequently did not contribute to the revenue.

*Dead Letter Branch.*—58,322 [58,291] unclaimed letters (614 registered) were disposed of, inclusive of some 1600 [1700] “special request.”

*Post Offices opened during 1900.*—Nineteen.

*Post Offices closed.*—Three.

*Number of Miles of Post Roads* at end of year, 2911 [2775]; and 1,593,067 [1,486,139] miles were travelled during the year.

*Inland Mail Service.*—Very satisfactorily carried out, contractors giving little or no trouble to the department. Tenders were invited and new contracts for three years entered into from 1st January last.

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

*Money Orders.*—During the year 155,911 [130,554] orders for £326,513 18s. 6d. [£265,967 13s. 2d.] were issued; 272,955 [233,203] for £371,318 13s. 10d. [£330,094 6s. 9d.] were paid. The commission collected on issues was £4058 7s. 6d. [£3216 13s.]

*Post Office Savings Bank.*—£215,918 8s. 8d. [£179,608 8s. 10d.] was received as deposit during the year, including £7522 10s. 6d. [£5924 1s. 7d.] apportioned to the depositors as interest; £169,991 3s. 4d. [£124,135 7s. 3d.] was withdrawn, leaving a balance of £294,302 18s. 2d. [£248,375 12s. 10d.] to credit of investors; 5748 accounts were opened, 4450 were closed, and 14,008 remained open at close of year as against 12,710 in 1899.

*Postal Notes.*—62,447 [56,114] were sold, aggregating £19,088 7s. 6d. [£16,883 11s. 6d.] in amount, and 57,667 [52,711] were paid, aggregating £18,075 14s. 9d. [£16,357 3s. 6d.] in amount.

The set of stamps bearing views of Tasmanian scenery was completed during the year by the addition of three values:—

2½d., dark blue, bearing view of Tasman's Arch;  
3d., brown, “ “ Spring River, Port Davey;  
4d., yellow, “ “ Russell Falls.

Sets of these stamps, together with the letter cards, have been highly spoken of, and have found many purchasers beyond the residents of Tasmania; in fact, so great has been the demand that at the present time the stock of ½d. stamps is exhausted. The letter cards show an increase in issue of 18,630.

#### TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

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

	NUMBER OF MESSAGES.		AMOUNT.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	1899.	1900.	1899.	1900.	Messages.	Amount.	Messages.	Amount.
Gross Receipts from—			£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Inter-Tasmanian business	198,946	193,438	13,825 15 6	13,626 6 0	...	...	5508	199 9 6
Inter-Colonial business...	128,190	122,262	19,048 17 5	18,393 17 2	...	...	5928	655 0 3
Inter-National business..	1518	2170	3567 11 1	5408 15 0	652	1841 3 11	...	...
Telephone rentals.....	...	...	4284 12 10	5148 8 6	...	863 15 8	...	...
	328,654	317,870	40,726 16 10	42,577 6 8	652	2704 19 7	11,436	854 9 9
Net Receipts from—								
Inter-Tasmanian business	198,946	193,438	13,825 15 6	13,626 6 0	...	...	5508	199 9 6
Inter-Colonial business...	128,190	122,262	4031 19 4	3861 4 7	...	...	5928	170 14 9
Inter-National business..	1518	2170	74 7 1	120 9 7	652	46 2 6	...	...
Telephone rentals.....	...	...	4284 12 10	5148 8 6	...	863 15 8	...	...
	328,654	317,870	22,216 14 9	22,756 8 8	652	909 18 2	11,436	370 4 3
Net Submarine Cable Receipts—								
Inter-Colonial business...	128,190	122,262	8385 2 4	8129 6 0	...	...	5928	255 16 4
Inter-National business..	1518	2170	332 7 6	613 19 6	652	281 12 0	...	...
	129,708	124,432	8717 9 10	8743 5 6	652	281 12 0	5928	255 16 4

*Extension of Lines during the Year.*—Latrobe to Sassafras, 18 miles; Moriarty Road to Wesleyvale, 7 miles; Strahan to Regatta Point,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and to Macquarie Heads, 9 miles; Pieman Bridge to Mt. Farrell, 6 miles; Preston to Gunn's Plains,  $16\frac{1}{2}$  miles; Waratah to Mt. Magnet, 10 miles; Royenrine to Rocky River,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  miles; Premaydena to Saltwater River,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles; Gormanston to Linda, 1 mile; Kingston to Kingston Beach, 1 mile; Scottsdale to Springfield, 5 miles; Baden to Woodsdale,  $7\frac{1}{4}$  miles; Huonville to Ranelagh Junction, 2 miles.

*Stations opened.*—Abbotsham, Gunn's Plains, Harford, Iron Store, Kingston Beach, Linda, Macquarie Heads, Moriarty Road, Mt. Farrell, Mt. Seymour, Mt. Magnet, Northdown, Regatta Point, Ranelagh Junction, Rocky River, Sassafras, Saltwater River, Sisters Creek, Springfield, Thirstane, Wesleyvale, Whitefoord.

*Stations closed.*—Constitution Hill, Hillend, Orrville, Pieman Bridge.

*Cable Subsidies.*—The Agreement of 1891 having terminated, a new arrangement has been made with the Eastern Extension Company which releases all the contributing States from further payment on account of the duplicate cable subsidy of £32,400 per annum.

Tasmania's total liability in respect of cable subsidies was thereby reduced to £1217 19s. 2d., as against £2026 19s. 7d. paid for the previous year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. V. BAYLY, *Deputy Postmaster-General  
and Superintendent of Telegraphs.*

*The Hon. the Treasurer.*

*RETURN of the Amounts received at the General Post Office for Stamps during the Years 1896 to 1900, inclusive.*

YEAR.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
† 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						
* † 1900—Postage Stamps.....	69,497	15	0	76,847	15	0	5133	8	0
Revenue Stamps.....	7350	0	0						

† Estimated.—The actual Post Office Revenue cannot be given, as postage stamps are used for Revenue Stamp purposes, and *vice versa*. \* Postage Stamps ceased to be used for Revenue purposes on 1st December, 1900.

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 1896 to 1900, inclusive.*

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1896.....	146,824	27,640	—
1897.....	138,604	—	8220
1898.....	155,249	16,645	—
1899.....	179,262	24,013	—
1900.....	216,384	37,122	—

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 1896 to 1900, inclusive.*

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
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	—
1900.....	3,167,139	545,113	—

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 1896 to 1900, inclusive.*

YEAR.	LETTERS.	POST CARDS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
				Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.
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	173,982	17,887	77,239	—	—	—
1900....	4,371,867	317,411	1,270,482	204,129	28,853	125,011	—	—	—

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 1896-97-98-99-00.*

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

	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses .....	328	336	344	355	371
Number of Persons employed .....	653	709	722	757	828
Miles of Post Roads .....	2495	2718	2667	2775	2911
Miles of Post Roads travelled .....	1,200,530	1,272,545	1,407,351	1,486,139	1,593,067

YEAR.	RECEIVED.											
	LETTERS.			POST CARDS.	PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			
	Inland stamped.	Franked.	Ship.		Inland stamped.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	News-papers.
1896 ..	2,649,432	804,065	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	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	1,092,611	555,431	5,272,638	1,904,120	6,196,773	268,675	1,588,042	7,176,758
1900 ..	3,662,799	1,176,461	1,634,638	280,858	1,155,311	506,631	5,703,102	1,873,232	6,473,898	280,858	1,661,942	7,576,334

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.	News-papers.
1896 ..	2,656,815	770,873	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
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	4,388,398
1900 ..	3,574,821	797,046	3,260,766	1,323,183	317,411	1,199,010	71,472	122,757	4,284,476	479,192	8,955,816	317,411	1,393,239	4,763,668

*REVENUE and Expenditure for the Years 1896-97-98-99-00.*

	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
Revenue .....	£ s. d. 81,586 10 4	£ s. d. 85,013 7 7½	£ s. d. 92,667 7 4½	£ s. d. 100,271 8 11	£ s. d. 107,212 15 8*
Expenditure (actual payments to date) ....	61,314 0 10	65,268 9 7	73,248 8 10	78,094 19 11	84,539 0 8

\* In addition to this sum, the following amount has been received :—Customs Duty on Parcels received, £3731 11s. 9d.

## 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 1896-97-98-99-00.*

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.		
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	£ s. d. 81,586 10 4	£ s. d. 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
1900	5,686,420	1,634,638	3,269,396	1,270,482	506,631	122,757	317,411	4,284,476	1,873,232	479,192	107,212 15 8	84,539 0 8

1896. Of the Letters and Packets posted, 6,853,175 were stamped, 1,029,401 were franked.  
 1897. " " " 7,320,942 " 1,059,507 "  
 1898. " " " 7,467,918 " 1,146,598 "  
 1899. " " " 8,114,497 " 1,376,317 "  
 1900. " " " 9,025,872 " 1,323,183 "

*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, 1900; 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	34,234 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 8	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	91,567 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	235,178 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 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 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
1900 .....	155,911	4058 7 6	326,513 18 6	272,955	371,318 13 10	701,885 19 10

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, 1900.*

Balance 31st December, 1899 .....	£ 249,537 3 11	Warrants paid .....	£ 170,138 0 4
Deposits received .....	208,395 18 2	Balance .....	295,317 12 3
Interest on Deposits .....	7522 10 6		
	<u>£465,455 12 7</u>		<u>£465,455 12 7</u>

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Investments .....	£ 294,461 8 11	Balance due Depositors .....	£ 295,317 12 3
Accrued Interest .....	3316 0 2	Profit and Loss—Balance earned .....	1804 18 3
		Due to Money Order Account .....	342 17 8
		Due to Treasury .....	312 0 11
	<u>£297,777 9 1</u>		<u>£297,777 9 1</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Interest allotted Depositors .....	£ 7522 10 6	Balance December, 1899 .....	£ 1333 1 3
Salary .....	16 13 4	Accrued Interest on Investments .....	9344 2 1
Consolidated Revenue .....	1333 1 3		
Balance .....	1804 18 3		
	<u>£10,677 3 4</u>		<u>£10,677 3 4</u>

H. V. BAYLY, Deputy Postmaster-General.

OCT. LORD, Superintendent.

Examined and certified to be correct,

J. W. ISRAEL, Auditor-General.

2nd May, 1901.



*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 1900.*

ISSUED IN TASMANIA.			PAYABLE IN TASMANIA.		
Where payable.	Number.	Amount.	Where issued.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Tasmania .....	110,388	182,037 0 1	Tasmania .....	110,388	182,037 0 1
Canada .....	17	57 18 1	Canada .....	226	351 7 4
Cape of Good Hope .....	122	678 15 5	Cape of Good Hope .....	2117	4607 19 7
Ceylon .....	15	33 5 4	Ceylon .....	185	155 4 10
Fiji .....	23	95 11 11	Fiji .....	242	357 19 2
Germany .....	134	216 9 7	Germany .....	36	262 5 8
Hong Kong .....	184	700 14 6	Hong Kong .....	270	352 9 4
India .....	135	627 15 2	India .....	880	1375 16 1
Mauritius .....	12	32 18 0	Mauritius .....	5	7 10 11
Natal .....	21	130 6 8	Natal .....	208	657 8 1
New South Wales .....	9357	30,708 19 6	New South Wales .....	17,180	23,857 11 9
New Zealand .....	2531	11,464 18 6	New Zealand .....	56,001	53,593 2 10
Queensland .....	1671	8384 14 11	Queensland .....	22,346	26,219 13 5
South Australia .....	1228	4686 0 0	South Australia .....	21,721	19,065 18 8
Straits Settlements .....	17	79 0 10	Straits Settlements .....	294	311 1 3
United Kingdom and Foreign .....	3712	8849 15 5	United Kingdom and Foreign .....	2468	5815 7 9
United States of America .....	358	735 13 7	United States of America .....	210	474 9 7
Victoria .....	25,393	74,454 12 11	Victoria .....	39,932	36,802 6 1
Western Australia .....	593	2539 8 1	Western Australia .....	9255	16,273 8 1
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>155,911</b>	<b>326,513 18 6</b>	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>283,964</b>	<b>372,578 0 6</b>

*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.	
1896.....	3302	1911	8176	20,241	£ 86,547 12 3	7339	£ 67,652 15 1	£ 133,839 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
1900.....	5748	4450	14,008	36,057	215,918 8 8	15,779	169,991 3 4	394,302 18 2

*STATEMENT showing Cost of Construction, also Revenue derived from Telegraph and Telephone Lines for the Five Years ended 31st December, 1900.*

Year.	TELEGRAPHS.				TELEPHONES.					
	Miles of Wire.	Capital Expended.	Messages.	Receipts.	Exchange No.	Circuits No.	Miles of Wire.	Capital Expended.	Value of Annual Rental.	Rents received for Year.
1896.....	2389	£ 117,986 0 0	276,829	£ 14,051 0 0	4	722	544½	£ 20,226 16 5	£ 4615 16 3	£ 3381 15 4
1897.....	2446½	120,719 0 0	299,212	15,529 0 0	4	810	570	21,819 13 2	4724 5 0	3526 11 0
1898.....	2485½	124,961 0 0	324,051	17,002 0 0	4	860	705¼	23,136 12 4	5085 5 0	3838 7 6
1899.....	2559½	127,006 6 9	328,654	17,932 1 11	5	1010	815½	25,900 15 8	5965 2 6	4284 12 10
1900.....	2657¾	129,416 3 0	317,870	17,608 0 2	7	1213	1193¾	29,826 11 11	7192 2 6	5148 8 6

*COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Telegraph Business, &c. for each Year from 1896 to 1900.*

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.	
								£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1896..	1427	2389	153	237	29,557	9 6	276,829	10,697	1 6	3295	3 11	59	2 10	14,051	8 3
1897..	1484½	2446½	160	"	32,606	17 0	299,212	11,918	9 3	3548	13 10	62	15 8	15,529	18 9
1898..	1523½	2485½	168	"	35,295	5 4	324,051	12,889	11 6	4053	11 8	59	9 3	17,002	12 5
1899..	1596½	2559½	184	"	36,442	4 0	328,654	13,825	15 6	4031	19 4	74	7 1	17,932	1 11
1900..	1686½	2657½	202	"	37,428	18 2	317,870	13,626	6 0	3861	4 7	120	9 7	17,608	0 2

	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.	
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	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
1900..	8743	5 6	6403	6 7	4674	5 11	19,820	18 0	193,438	122,262	2170	317,870	5355	3 10	51,220

\* A number of staff now interchangeable.

*RETURN of Exchanges and Telephone Lines in existence on 31st December, 1900.*

Number of Exchanges..... 7

	Number of Lines.		Length Wire in Miles.		Annual Value of Rental.		Rental received.					
	1899.	1900.	1899.	1900.	1899.	1900.	1899.	19 0				
					£	s. d.	£	s. d.				
Private Lines .....	63	97	170½	305	555	5 0	670	10 0	437	4 7	650	6 7
Exchange Lines .....	67½	703	317½	451½	3915	5 0	4665	17 6	3567	11 1	4173	19 8
Exchange Extension Lines .....	49	50	86	71½	293	17 6	288	5 0	248	17 2	251	9 9
Public Service Lines.....	194	215	165½	226½	1169	15 0	1419	10 0	—	—	—	—
Trunk Lines .....	31	148	76	139½	31	0 0	148	0 0	31	0 0	72	12 6
TOTAL .....	1010	1213	815½	1193½	5965	2 6	7192	2 6	4284	12 10	5148	8 6

*PARCELS Post.*

Year.	Inland Parcels Posted.	INTERCOLONIAL AND FOREIGN PARCELS.					
		Despatched.	Received.	Value of Parcels received.	Customs Duty collected.		
				£	s. d.	£	s. d.
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
1900.....	17,776	2895	17,314	22,673	16 9	3731	11 9

*POSTAL Notes.*

	No. Issued.	Value.	No. Paid.	Value.		
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
	1896.....	30,411	9688	6 8½	34,943	11,128
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
1900.....	62,447	19,088	7 6	57,667	18,075	14 9