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**ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.**

RETURNS SHOWING THE RECEIPTS OF THE LAND LINES  
AND SUBMARINE CABLE FROM MAY 1, 1870, TO APRIL  
30, 1871, INCLUSIVE.

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*Electric Telegraph Department,  
Hobart Town, 20th May, 1871.*

SIR,

IN forwarding the accompanying Returns showing the business of the Electric Telegraph Department and Submarine Cable, I avail myself of the opportunity to call attention to the steady increase in the business of the Department since the reduction of the Scale of Charges in May, 1870, over the land lines in this Colony to a uniform rate of One Shilling for a Message of Ten words, with an additional charge of One Penny for every extra word; and the reduction in the charges made by the Governments of South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales to a similar scale. The Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company, on the representations made by this Government, also reduced the charges from 5s. to 4s. for a Message of Ten words passing through the Cable.

These reductions have greatly improved the business of the Department; the total receipts from all sources for the year ending 30th April, 1870, being £4733 15s., of which sum £2561 12s. 5d. was paid over to the Cable Company, £863 12s. 6d. to the other Colonies, and £1308 10s. to the Colonial Treasury, Tasmania,—the Land Lines in this Colony, exclusive of the Cable business, producing £781 3s. 9d. of this amount. (See Parliamentary Paper, No. 32, 1870.)

The Returns now presented show an increase on the total business of the Department for the year ending 30th April, 1871, of £479 11s. 4d.; the amounts standing thus,—total fees collected £5213 6s. 4d., of which amount £2813 5s. 2d. was paid over to the Cable Company, £873 18s. 6d. to the other Colonies, and £1526 2s. 8d. to the Colonial Treasury, Tasmania. The Land Lines of this Colony, exclusive of Cable business, have produced £878 13s. 11d., being an increase of fees paid within the Colony of £97 10s. 2d. notwithstanding the great reduction in the charges. In addition to the fees collected by the Department, there is a great amount of work performed in connection with Shipping and Free Telegrams on Public Service, which in reviewing the work of the Department cannot be overlooked.

The Returns now submitted show that the Submarine Cable Company have received fees during the two years ending 30th April, 1871, amounting to £5374 17s. 7d.; in addition to which the sum of £8400 has been paid for interest on £70,000, the cost of construction.

I have the honor to state for the information of the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, that the different lines in this Colony have lately undergone a thorough repair, and are now in efficient working order.

I append a list of the Telegraph Offices in Tasmania; and early in the ensuing year the line between New Norfolk and Hamilton will be completed.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANCIS BUTLER, *Inspector of Telegraphs.*

*The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.*

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*RETURN showing the Amount of Fees paid on account of Messages transmitted by the TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT, including those on account of the Submarine Cable, from the 1st of May, 1870, to the 30th April, 1871, inclusive.*

<i>Period.</i>	<i>Amount paid to Tasmania.</i>	<i>Amount paid to other Colonies.</i>	<i>Amount paid to Submarine Cable Company.</i>	<i>Total Receipts.</i>	<i>Total No. of Messages.</i>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1 May, 1870, to 30 April, 1871, inclusive .....	1526 2 8	873 18 6	2813 5 2	5213 6 4	22,894
				692 1 9	
				500 0 0	
				—	8394
				6405 8 1	31,288

*AMOUNT paid into the Colonial Treasury, Tasmania, from the Telegraph Department, being the Total Receipts from all sources for the use of the Land Lines, for the Year ending 30th April, 1871; viz.—*

	£	s.	d.
For Messages by the Land Lines in Tasmania, exclusive of the Submarine Cable and less the amount paid over to Longford (£88 Os. 4d.) .....	790	13	7
Proportion due to Tasmania for Messages by the Land Lines in connection with the Submarine Cable .....	647	8	9
	<u>£1438</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

*Electric Telegraph Department, Hobart Town,  
20th May, 1871.*

## LAND LINES.

*STATEMENT showing the Business of the LAND LINES of Telegraph in Tasmania, from 1st May, 1870, to the 30th April, 1871, inclusive, and being exclusive of the Submarine Cable Business for that period.*

Month.	No. of Paid Messages.	Amount paid to Colonial Treasury.			Amount paid to Longford.			TOTAL.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
May .....	1274	89	18	9	7	15	3	97	14	0
June .....	1054	64	14	11	5	5	9	70	0	8
July .....	922	58	3	10	8	16	6	67	0	4
August .....	968	68	19	0	9	0	6	77	19	6
September .....	785	58	11	10	7	17	11	66	9	9
October .....	812	55	15	4	5	8	1	61	3	5
November .....	756	48	19	7	5	13	4	54	12	11
December .....	1135	74	13	8	7	0	6	81	14	2
January .....	982	63	17	10	6	17	8	70	15	6
February .....	1903	82	15	7	9	4	8	92	0	3
March .....	1604	69	16	2	8	4	9	78	0	11
April .....	1166	54	7	1	6	15	5	61	2	6
	13,461	790	13	7	88	0	4	878	13	11
Value of Free Telegrams .....								692	1	9
Value of Free Shipping Telegrams .....								500	0	0
<i>Total Business of Department</i> .....								2070	15	8

Number of Paid Telegrams .....	13,461
Number of Telegrams on Public Service .....	6394
Number of Shipping Telegrams reporting Arrival and Departure of Vessels at the Ports of Hobart Town and Launceston..	2000
	<u>21,855</u>

*LIST of Telegraph Stations in Tasmania.*

Hobart Town (Chief Office.)	Campbell Town.	Green Ponds.
Launceston.	Ross.	Brighton.
Low Head.	Oatlands.	New Norfolk.
Nine Mile Springs.	Melton Mowbray.	Mount Nelson.
Longford.	Bothwell.	Port Arthur by Semaphore.

*Stations will shortly be opened by the Launceston and Western Railway Company at Evandale Perth, Longford, Westbury, and Deloraine.*

## SUBMARINE CABLE.

*STATEMENT showing the Total Receipts for Messages transmitted by SUBMARINE CABLE from 1st May, 1870, to 30th April, 1871, inclusive.*

PAID ON ACCOUNT IN TASMANIA.						PAID ON ACCOUNT IN AUSTRALIA.						TOTAL NO. OF MESSAGES.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.
	No. of Messages.	Total Receipts.	Land Lines in Tasmania.	Submarine Cable Company.	Land Lines in other Colonies.		No. of Messages.	Total Receipts.	Land Lines in other Colonies.	Submarine Cable Company.	Land Lines in Tasmania.		
1870.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
May .....	491	226 1 9	34 4 0	148 12 6	43 5 3		485	203 16 0	41 10 6	132 5 0	30 0 6	976	429 17 9
June .....	358	184 7 10	26 12 0	115 11 6	42 4 4		377	184 15 1	47 0 6	111 18 6	25 16 1	735	369 2 11
July.....	372	185 5 11	27 18 2	119 4 8	38 3 1		368	175 8 11	37 18 10	112 7 0	25 3 1	740	360 14 10
August .....	431	218 3 7	34 7 1	143 18 4	39 18 2		440	213 17 3	40 6 8	141 11 0	31 19 7	871	432 0 10
September .....	358	172 11 5	25 7 10	115 3 0	32 0 7		396	209 7 3	42 16 11	137 3 6	29 6 10	754	381 18 8
October.....	344	162 4 5	25 9 7	104 2 2	32 12 8		382	170 5 0	33 14 1	111 8 0	25 2 11	726	332 9 5
November .....	333	155 9 10	24 8 4	101 7 4	29 14 2		367	167 5 3	33 11 11	109 6 6	24 6 10	700	322 15 1
December .....	331	144 15 2	22 5 10	93 4 6	29 4 10		394	176 8 2	34 8 1	115 14 0	26 6 1	725	321 3 4
1871.													
January .....	432	181 2 4	27 13 9	115 19 0	37 9 7		466	206 7 3	43 4 11	132 18 0	30 4 4	898	387 0 7
February .....	418	184 18 9	28 18 4	121 2 2	34 18 3		385	171 6 5	33 17 6	112 0 0	25 8 11	803	356 5 2
March .....	383	164 9 3	24 15 10	108 8 4	31 5 1		422	185 14 0	37 5 9	121 4 0	27 4 3	805	350 3 3
April .....	308	128 1 0	20 3 6	83 2 2	24 15 4		392	162 10 7	32 11 6	105 14 0	24 5 1	700	290 11 7
	4559	2107 11 3	322 4 3	1369 15 8	415 11 4		4874	2227 1 2	458 7 2	1443 9 6	325 4 6	9433	4334 12 5

Total paid to Submarine Cable Company .....	£ s. d.
Ditto to Tasmanian Land Line .....	2813 5 2
Ditto to Land Lines in other Colonies .....	647 8 9
	873 18 6
	£4334 12 5

### MEMORANDUM.

In addition to the Fees received by the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company for Messages transmitted by the Submarine Cable between Tasmania and Victoria, amounting to the sum of £2813 5s. 2d. for the year ending 30th April, 1871, the sum of £4200 was paid by the Tasmanian Government to the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company as guaranteed interest on £70,000, the estimated cost of the Submarine Cable.

JAMES BARNARD,  
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