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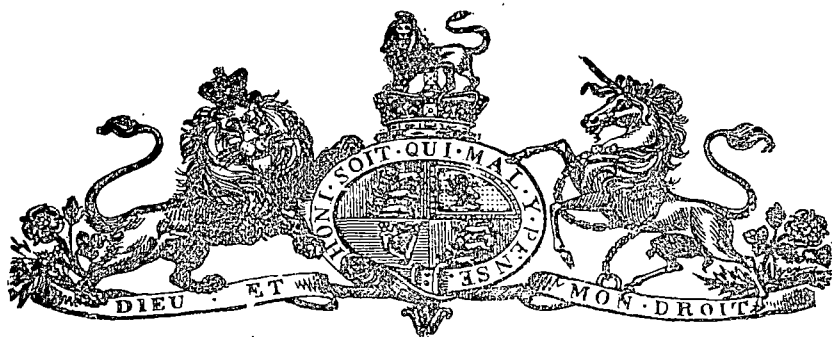
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT :

REPORT FOR 1888.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



*Electric Telegraph Department,
Hobart, 1st June, 1889.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish the usual Annual Report and Returns for the year ending 31st December, 1888.

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

	NUMBER OF MESSAGES.		AMOUNT.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.
Gross Receipts from—								
Inter-Tasmanian business	118,180	144,331	£ 7736 9 5	£ 9119 18 5	26,151	1383 9 0		
Inter-Colonial business	58,311	69,798	9236 10 4	10,884 6 9	11,487	1647 16 5		
European business	694	655	2548 15 1	2060 11 5	...	...	39	488 3 8
Telephone rentals .....	...	...	2248 0 9	2640 18 0	...	392 17 3		
	177,185	214,784	21,769 15 7	24,705 14 7	37,638	3424 2 8	39	488 3 8
Net Receipts from—								
Inter-Tasmanian business	118,180	144,331	£ 7736 9 5	£ 9119 18 5	26,151	1383 9 0		
Inter-Colonial business	58,311	69,798	1873 6 9	2244 18 8	11,487	371 11 11		
European business	694	655	21 9 8	18 14 2	...	...	39	2 15 6
Telephone rentals .....	...	...	2248 0 9	2640 18 0	...	392 17 3		
	177,185	214,784	11,879 6 7	14,024 9 3	37,638	2147 18 2	39	2 15 6
Net Submarine Cable Receipts from—								
Inter-Colonial business	58,311	69,798	3962 13 7	4688 18 4	11,487	726 4 9		
European business	694	655	128 18 0	112 19 0	...	...	39	15 19 0
	59,005	70,453	4091 11 7	4801 17 4	11,487	726 4 9	39	15 19 0

It will be noticed that a very substantial and gratifying increase has taken place in the telegraph receipts, both Inter-Tasmanian and Inter-Colonial, and that the advantages afforded by telephone interchange continues to extend.

On the 31st December, 1888, there were—

Number of miles of poles.....	1245
Number of miles of wire	1848
Number of stations in circuit	124
Number of persons employed	176

During the year extension of lines have been completed, as follows:—Brighton to Bagdad, five miles; Upper to Lower Sandy Bay, one and a half miles; Gordon to Long Bay, five miles; Fingal to Mathinna, sixteen and a half miles; and Corinna to Strahan, forty-five miles. The following stations have been opened, viz.—Bagdad, Lower Sandy Bay, Wyniford River, Long Bay, Mathinna, Reminé, and Strahan.

Lines are now in progress to connect—(1) Reminé with Mount Zeehan, (2) Eddystone Lighthouse with Gladstone. Both sections are expected to be completed about the middle of July.

Considerable repairs and alterations have been effected on the various lines throughout the Colony, and with one exception they may be considered generally to be in first-class order. The one exception is the line from Burnie to Strahan. Extensive repairs are now in progress between Burnie and Waratah, which will place this section in first-class order, but beyond Waratah the line passes for some eighteen miles through a dense forest, and is subject to frequent interruptions, which, from the nature of the country, are not readily repaired. As soon as the new road from Waratah to the Heazlewood is open for traffic I propose to construct a new line along it, which will, I trust, to a great extent remedy these vexatious breakages. Between Reminé and Strahan also the line is frequently interrupted in consequence of its exposed situation on the coast and the shifting of the sand hillocks. As there is some prospect of a railway to Mount Zeehan, I propose waiting awhile in the hope that I may be able to reconstruct this section alongside the railway,—a route which will be infinitely preferable in many respects.

Telephonic communication still meets with public favour, although representations are made from time to time as to the charges. I am not prepared to recommend any reduction, as I consider the rates are very low, not only in comparison with those charged in the other colonies, but, as a rule, all over the world. An Exchange was opened in New Norfolk on the 1st December, 1888, with sixteen subscribers, and having the advantage of inter-communication with the Hobart Exchange. The working, so far, is satisfactory, and the advantages are so apparent that others will probably be required in important townships throughout the Colony. I commend for consideration the connection of Hobart and Launceston by telephone. It is a concession that is occasionally asked for, and would, I feel assured, eventually produce good results, although no doubt it would to some extent affect the telegraphic receipts. As a matter of commercial and public convenience, I feel assured, however, that it must sooner or later be afforded.

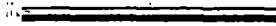
The introduction of a sixpenny telegram rate also is a matter for consideration. I do not feel sanguine as to its results. No doubt it would cause a marked increase in the number of messages transmitted, and necessarily a corresponding increase in the expenditure, as extra staff would be required in Hobart and Launceston, and possibly some of the more important country stations; but I am afraid there would be a marked decrease in the receipts, owing to the lesser rates charged for the work done.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBT. HENRY, *Superintendent of Telegraphs.*

The Hon. the Treasurer.



INTER-TASMANIAN Telegrams, showing Business transacted at each Station during the Year 1888.

Station.	Paid			Value of Free Messages			Total Value of Free Messages.		Number of Paid Messages.		Number of Free Messages.		Total Number of Messages Paid and Free.		Total Number of Messages.
	Paid at this Station.	Paid at other Stations.	Total paid.	sent from this Station.	received at this Station.	Total Value of Free Messages.	Sent.	Received.	Sent.	Received.	Sent.	Received.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.									
Hobart	1914 7 6	2357 8 8	4271 16 2	1444 18 7	1193 3 7	2638 2 2	27,558	31,513	13,105	11,568	40,663	43,081	83,744		
Launceston	2525 6 9	2490 14 3	5016 1 0	636 7 10	873 18 0	1510 5 10	33,206	38,750	6173	7726	39,379	46,476	85,855		
Alberton	8 12 1	5 14 3	14 16 4	0 11 0	1 13 9	2 4 9	148	126	9	22	157	148	305		
Apslawn	5 8 6	3 6 1	8 14 7	0 1 5	0 15 8	0 17 1	100	67	1	12	101	79	180		
Avoca	46 14 5	47 6 10	94 1 3	13 15 10	9 11 7	23 7 5	975	682	107	76	1082	758	1840		
Bagdad ^a	4 0 7	3 4 5	7 5 0	1 3 3	0 14 7	1 17 10	67	66	8	16	75	82	157		
Beaconsfield	146 16 10	130 1 6	276 18 4	37 9 0	36 19 2	74 8 2	2677	2247	362	384	3039	2631	5670		
Bellerive	6 8 7	10 8 1	16 16 8	3 15 8	4 16 3	8 11 11	114	186	40	53	154	239	393		
Bicheno	5 18 4	3 1 11	9 0 3	2 12 5	3 4 5	5 16 10	114	63	33	38	147	101	248		
Bishopsbourne	16 8 6	8 19 3	25 7 9	3 15 5	9 11 10	13 7 3	280	167	42	65	322	232	554		
Boobyalla	26 6 6	31 4 2	57 10 8	4 12 9	10 12 7	15 5 4	563	484	64	90	627	574	1201		
Bothwell	39 6 3	29 5 8	68 11 11	17 6 6	20 1 11	37 8 5	695	550	146	151	841	701	1542		
Bracknell	7 5 9	6 4 7	13 10 4	3 2 3	5 18 11	9 1 2	141	110	39	52	180	162	342		
Branxholm	61 0 6	56 16 3	117 16 9	25 2 2	17 15 9	42 17 11	1052	1002	246	185	1298	1187	2485		
Bridport	14 19 11	23 3 11	38 3 10	3 12 9	6 8 4	10 1 1	284	421	41	62	325	483	808		
Brighton	24 17 8	19 19 8	44 17 4	23 10 0	27 14 7	51 4 7	445	371	301	284	746	655	1401		
Broadmarsh	8 2 5	7 16 6	15 18 11	2 5 7	4 7 4	6 12 11	153	141	29	43	182	184	366		
Brothers' Home	120 6 6	90 5 3	210 11 9	15 19 0	18 18 0	34 17 0	2037	1608	156	173	2193	1781	3974		
Buckland	18 15 5	15 6 7	34 2 0	6 10 5	9 18 8	16 9 1	330	290	97	89	427	379	806		
Burnie (Emu Bay)	241 9 0	206 16 1	448 5 1	64 18 0	75 4 4	140 2 4	4245	3573	692	794	4937	4367	9304		
Campania	17 0 9	23 14 9	40 15 6	5 6 7	8 12 9	13 19 4	295	394	78	93	373	487	860		
Campbell Town	69 8 7	70 10 6	139 19 1	48 14 9	34 12 4	83 7 1	1313	1236	406	363	1719	1599	3318		
Cape Portland	2 9 0	2 7 2	4 16 2	1 3 7	1 17 9	3 1 4	50	48	20	11	70	59	129		
Carnarvon	22 1 10	18 6 5	40 8 3	13 3 2	15 9 2	28 12 4	359	300	137	148	496	448	944		
Carrick	21 11 3	22 16 11	44 8 2	11 9 7	16 18 11	28 8 6	396	436	122	148	518	584	1102		
Castra	7 19 10	4 16 2	12 16 0	1 13 9	4 11 10	6 5 7	118	91	22	52	140	143	283		
Chudleigh	14 3 8	12 15 2	26 18 10	4 7 5	8 2 9	12 10 2	261	208	53	98	314	306	620		
Cleveland	3 15 5	2 6 8	6 2 1	1 17 5	5 13 11	7 11 4	70	46	27	55	97	101	198		
Constitution Hill	2 3 10	1 18 11	4 2 9	0 3 6	1 12 11	1 16 5	39	37	3	18	42	55	97		
Coppington	14 6 10	9 13 2	24 0 0	4 15 2	10 17 6	15 12 8	245	196	65	107	310	303	613		
Corinna	83 12 2	104 6 2	187 18 4	23 11 5	37 6 6	60 17 11	1386	1088	200	268	1586	1356	2942		
Cranbrook	10 15 8	8 5 7	19 1 3	7 12 4	8 19 10	16 12 2	198	160	104	120	302	280	582		
Cressy	31 9 9	25 3 2	56 12 11	2 4 9	10 3 9	12 8 6	576	483	31	77	607	560	1167		
Deloraine	80 8 4	82 7 11	162 16 3	32 15 10	44 19 8	77 15 6	1506	1420	380	440	1886	1860	3746		
Don	23 19 4	31 9 1	55 8 5	2 19 8	14 6 3	17 5 11	451	566	35	120	486	686	1172		
Duck River	13 18 3	11 7 4	25 5 7	3 3 3	1 15 5	4 18 8	255	214	33	23	288	237	525		
Eagle Hawk Neck	8 4 11	2 5 1	10 10 0	...	...	...	94	83	...	...	94	83	177
Elizabeth Town	7 0 1	7 8 6	14 8 7	1 7 5	2 2 1	3 9 6	125	151	17	25	142	176	318		
Evandale	30 1 1	33 8 6	63 9 7	13 15 7	28 2 1	41 17 8	553	620	164	241	717	861	1578		
Falmouth	7 19 9	12 4 5	20 4 2	1 0 1	5 13 10	6 13 11	154	212	11	38	165	250	415		
Fingal	85 6 6	77 14 2	163 0 8	26 14 4	40 14 2	67 8 6	1672	1320	363	409	2035	1729	3764		
Formby	264 4 10	200 7 0	464 11 10	69 8 10	53 15 7	123 4 5	3866	3655	677	558	4543	4213	8756		
Forth	54 15 9	47 18 4	102 14 1	28 7 11	27 8 9	55 16 8	1015	850	235	310	1250	1160	2410		
Franklin	34 12 3	34 5 0	68 17 3	100 4 11	73 19 1	174 4 0	633	607	931	758	1564	1365	2929		
Garden Island Creek ...	14 4 11	12 6 4	26 11 3	1 3 11	1 3 11	2 7 10	255	237	20	20	275	257	532		

Geeveston	17 1 8	18 2 6	35 4 2	15 8 3	29 5 4	44 13 7	314	327	154	221	468	548	1016
George Town	29 16 2	34 10 9	64 6 11	26 10 9	35 0 9	61 11 6	577	587	300	358	877	945	1822
George's Bay	127 0 4	102 11 9	229 12 1	32 17 6	27 19 9	60 17 3	2141	1722	407	249	2548	1971	4519
Gladstone	66 0 9	38 13 5	104 14 2	20 6 9	24 7 1	44 13 10	1139	729	194	220	1333	949	2282
Glenora	24 8 11	18 5 2	42 14 1	10 18 5	16 1 4	26 19 9	434	328	114	147	548	475	1023
Gordon	13 1 9	12 7 5	25 9 2	17 2 1	17 7 5	34 9 6	243	207	166	144	409	351	760
Gould's Country	28 0 5	23 3 9	51 4 2	12 3 8	21 5 1	33 8 9	512	470	122	188	634	658	1292
Green Ponds	30 10 6	31 7 8	61 18 2	21 1 3	21 4 3	42 5 6	573	559	247	211	820	770	1590
Hadspen	5 14 1	6 17 11	12 12 0	16 15 10	16 4 3	33 0 1	105	116	174	165	279	281	560
Hagley	16 13 7	14 11 11	31 5 6	0 12 8	2 16 5	3 9 1	317	262	9	26	326	288	614
Hamilton	26 12 5	20 4 3	46 16 8	32 5 1	33 16 11	66 2 0	454	372	337	313	791	685	1476
Hastings	25 9 10	19 10 9	45 0 7	3 18 4	5 6 1	9 4 5	425	343	46	66	471	409	880
Impression Bay	7 10 9	9 4 5	16 15 2	9 10 5	10 7 7	19 18 0	138	156	89	93	227	249	476
Jericho	12 14 0	12 14 9	25 8 9	0 8 9	1 14 11	2 3 8	264	236	7	16	271	252	523
Kingston	11 8 8	12 5 11	23 14 7	23 0 2	31 12 6	54 12 8	221	231	214	294	435	525	960
Latrobe	184 9 8	182 3 7	366 13 3	71 15 8	101 17 9	173 13 5	2972	3240	750	1037	3722	4277	7999
Lefroy	45 9 5	42 19 1	88 8 6	15 19 3	15 11 3	31 10 6	905	643	165	171	1070	814	1884
Lisdillon	14 2 1	7 15 2	21 17 3	2 5 10	2 13 2	4 19 0	249	151	24	31	273	182	455
Longford	60 1 5	72 12 0	132 13 5	27 0 11	29 14 3	56 15 2	1150	1272	265	270	1415	1542	2957
Longley	6 6 6	5 7 0	11 13 6	5 0 9	9 17 7	14 18 4	111	105	47	84	158	189	347
Lovett, Port Cygnet	39 4 4	37 13 4	76 17 8	21 3 2	34 18 9	56 1 11	736	678	242	354	978	1032	2010
Low Head	22 3 10	33 10 0	55 13 10	241 7 2	18 18 7	260 5 9	576	295	1870	238	2446	533	2979
Lower Junction	35 15 10	26 6 5	62 2 3	0 17 6	2 18 8	3 16 2	692	428	14	26	706	454	1160
Lower Pipers's River	4 18 10	5 11 6	10 10 4	1 10 6	6 11 3	8 1 9	79	113	24	80	103	193	296
Lower Sandy Bay ^b	1 5 7	2 3 3	3 8 10	0 9 8	1 2 6	1 12 2	24	38	7	13	31	51	82
Lymington	7 5 5	5 10 3	12 15 8	1 7 11	2 14 3	4 2 2	132	106	20	33	152	139	291
Macquarie Plains	38 2 11	27 4 8	65 7 7	4 6 3	6 3 2	10 9 5	645	472	50	65	695	537	1232
Margate	5 10 1	4 19 8	10 9 9	2 0 4	5 18 4	7 18 8	108	94	19	44	127	138	265
Melton Mowbray	12 11 5	9 9 8	22 1 1	7 8 7	11 3 7	18 12 2	239	175	112	133	351	308	659
Montagu	11 6 7	10 10 9	21 17 4	0 10 8	1 13 11	2 4 7	200	203	6	24	206	227	433
Moorina	119 5 8	99 4 9	218 10 5	53 19 0	37 19 10	91 18 10	2064	1668	496	391	2560	2059	4619
New Norfolk	90 0 2	95 8 6	185 8 8	55 19 8	66 3 1	122 2 9	1692	1676	669	673	2361	2349	4710
New Town	18 0 8	32 19 2	50 19 10	7 2 9	17 12 6	24 15 3	328	628	55	266	383	894	1277
Outlands	78 19 4	74 6 10	153 6 2	35 10 0	34 5 7	69 15 7	1524	1423	404	340	1928	1763	3691
Ouse	28 9 3	25 19 8	54 8 11	15 8 0	16 0 4	31 8 4	517	444	164	171	681	615	1296
Oyster Cove	10 10 9	12 1 2	22 11 11	2 0 11	3 0 5	5 1 4	214	192	27	34	241	226	467
Parattah	20 0 1	20 0 7	40 0 8	10 2 5	10 1 11	20 4 4	398	341	109	107	507	448	955
Penguin Creek	53 5 10	43 10 7	96 16 5	11 9 9	23 5 10	34 15 7	930	757	132	222	1062	979	2041
Port Esperance	29 1 10	19 5 3	48 7 1	15 2 7	25 16 6	40 19 1	533	344	176	243	709	587	1296
Reminéc	2 10 7	1 2 3	3 12 10	0 13 1	0 11 4	1 4 5	50	27	8	6	58	33	91
Recherche	16 16 11	17 17 2	34 14 1	4 19 2	6 2 5	11 1 7	321	280	50	59	371	339	710
Richmond	30 1 11	36 3 10	66 5 9	16 6 2	20 1 3	36 7 5	603	651	178	195	781	848	1627
Rocky Cape	6 19 11	2 17 8	9 17 7	0 6 3	0 13 8	0 19 11	121	60	5	9	126	69	195
Rokeyby	4 3 7	5 9 2	9 12 9	0 17 6	0 16 3	1 13 9	78	99	10	12	88	111	199
Rosevears	10 3 4	8 2 2	18 5 6	3 7 1	5 7 7	8 14 8	196	131	34	38	230	169	399
Ross	24 15 3	24 17 7	49 12 10	9 2 8	15 19 5	25 2 1	465	447	80	140	545	587	1132
Sandy Bay	20 8 11	25 8 11	45 17 10	4 13 2	7 6 6	11 19 8	355	486	48	86	403	572	975
Scottsdale	107 8 3	102 14 0	210 2 3	119 5 2	86 14 10	206 0 0	1928	1807	1019	865	2947	2672	5619
Sheffield	38 2 1	35 18 0	74 0 1	17 3 6	12 10 2	29 13 8	688	665	141	115	829	780	1609
Shipwrights' Point	22 8 2	9 17 9	32 5 11	5 5 2	6 3 4	11 8 6	373	239	54	69	427	308	735
Somerset, River Cam	9 14 1	8 3 10	17 17 11	3 3 6	5 18 0	9 1 6	186	148	42	66	228	214	442
Sorell	23 11 7	25 8 10	49 0 5	12 15 2	22 0 1	34 15 3	443	428	161	233	604	661	1265
South Glenorchy	10 12 4	10 3 10	20 16 2	0 12 2	2 13 9	3 5 11	181	189	11	18	192	207	399
Southport	29 7 7	21 4 9	50 12 4	12 7 8	14 11 2	26 18 10	538	390	129	152	667	542	1209
St. Leonard's	14 14 1	17 11 11	32 6 0	6 16 4	11 9 0	18 5 4	273	325	69	92	342	417	759

INTER-TASMANIAN Telegrams—continued.

Station.	Paid at this Station.			Paid at other Stations.			Total paid.			Value of Free Messages sent from this Station.			Value of Free Messages received at this Station.			Total Value of Free Messages.			Number of Paid Messages.		Number of Free Messages.		Total Number of Messages Paid and Free.		Total Number of Messages.	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Sent.	Received.	Sent.	Received.	Sent.	Received.		
St. Mary's.....	62	6	0	48	15	1	111	1	1	22	13	11	36	17	9	59	11	8	1063	837	256	290	1319	1127	2446	
Stanley, Circular Head...	89	4	4	93	0	9	182	5	1	13	1	7	21	4	1	34	5	8	1706	1514	173	229	1879	1743	3622	
Swan Island	3	3	10	2	17	5	6	1	3	2	14	0	5	5	2	5	5	2	58	35	34	24	92	59	151	
Swansea.....	37	11	1	40	10	9	78	1	10	15	18	5	16	3	10	32	2	3	736	677	195	156	931	833	1764	
Taranna.....	15	1	4	10	16	1	25	17	5	1	17	8	2	2	0	3	19	8	238	179	25	19	263	198	461	
Torquay	37	7	1	37	8	11	74	16	0	82	9	1	60	8	10	142	17	11	725	627	710	580	1435	1207	2642	
Triabunna	52	7	5	37	6	8	89	14	1	20	5	11	28	16	0	49	1	11	879	630	252	287	1131	917	2048	
Tunbridge	14	2	0	11	11	9	25	13	9	4	1	3	11	4	11	15	6	2	262	216	49	95	311	311	622	
Tunnack	10	11	7	11	9	8	22	1	3	2	13	4	4	15	2	7	8	6	208	178	29	54	237	232	469	
Ulverstone	152	10	5	147	7	11	299	18	4	45	15	10	77	17	4	123	13	2	2739	2377	522	724	3261	3101	6362	
Upper Ringarooma	55	19	11	57	5	5	113	5	4	9	5	0	11	2	0	20	4	0	966	963	102	99	1068	1062	2130	
Victoria	22	5	10	21	6	0	43	11	10	30	3	8	37	8	7	67	12	3	421	379	357	383	778	762	1540	
Waratah	231	8	4	206	8	7	437	16	11	66	15	6	48	12	1	115	7	7	4043	3224	517	455	4560	3679	8239	
Weldborough	65	16	9	47	6	3	113	3	0	9	2	0	17	9	10	26	14	10	976	979	103	147	1084	1126	2210	
Westbury	61	9	4	50	1	7	111	10	11	30	5	11	32	14	11	63	0	10	1154	908	312	327	1466	1235	2701	
Woodbridge	8	17	10	8	1	0	16	18	10	10	0	7	7	11	9	17	12	4	167	140	91	65	258	205	463	
Wyniford River ^b	12	9	10	5	19	8	18	9	6	0	19	2	1	16	6	2	15	8	192	89	9	17	201	106	307	
Wynyard	69	11	11	64	14	0	134	5	11	34	11	0	42	10	5	77	1	5	1219	1145	380	446	1599	1591	3190	
Hobart Suburbs—																										
North Hobart	2	19	3	2	6	8	5	5	11	0	1	4	0	1	11	0	3	3	102	87	2	2	104	89	193	
South Hobart	1	7	7	1	14	1	3	1	8	0	18	4	2	18	8	3	17	0	47	66	8	53	55	119	174	
East Hobart	1	10	10	1	7	11	2	18	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	52	...	...	56	52	108
West Hobart.....	0	6	8	1	9	10	1	16	6	...	...	...	0	1	0	0	1	0	12	45	...	3	12	48	60
Launceston Suburbs—																										
Invermay	2	5	8	1	9	5	3	15	1	...	...	...	0	5	1	0	5	1	72	68	...	4	72	72	144
Wellington Road	0	5	2	2	19	3	3	4	5	...	...	...	0	1	3	0	1	3	7	110	...	1	7	111	118
Windmill Hill	1	19	2	1	7	5	3	6	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	49	...	...	66	49	115
Government Railways—																										
Launceston	9	9	8	8	6	9	17	16	5	135	3	3	72	16	8	207	19	11	181	127	1028	756	1209	883	2092	
Evandale Junction ...	12	16	8	7	5	1	20	1	9	5	9	11	2	14	8	8	4	7	260	123	65	29	325	152	477	
Perth	15	5	5	18	2	3	33	7	8	0	19	3	9	11	10	10	11	1	290	339	16	62	306	401	707	
Longford	11	4	3	2	14	2	13	18	5	1	4	3	0	6	8	1	10	11	212	42	19	4	231	46	277	
Westbury	0	17	5	0	9	5	1	6	10	0	1	0	...	...	...	0	1	0	14	9	1	...	15	9	24
Deloraine	28	14	6	14	15	11	43	10	5	4	9	10	2	14	1	8	3	11	535	268	62	41	597	309	906	
Railton	11	16	3	11	19	4	23	15	7	1	18	6	2	3	7	4	2	1	221	211	21	22	242	233	475	
Latrobe	3	10	0	0	11	6	4	1	6	1	2	2	...	...	...	1	2	2	70	6	14	...	84	6	90
Formby	0	12	8	0	5	5	0	18	1	1	1	11	0	2	11	1	4	10	12	3	7	2	19	5	24	
Bridgewater Junction	7	4	11	11	1	11	18	6	10	2	14	9	2	8	5	5	3	2	160	183	33	22	193	205	398	
New Norfolk.....	10	18	0	10	10	4	21	8	4	9	11	7	9	12	7	19	4	2	204	190	92	87	296	277	573	
Hamilton Road	2	1	6	2	8	11	4	10	5	0	4	7	0	2	4	0	6	11	34	47	2	1	36	48	84	
Plenty	12	4	1	9	0	11	21	5	0	6	1	1	4	10	5	10	11	6	223	157	47	44	270	201	471	
Macquarie Plains.....	1	4	0	1	16	8	3	0	8	0	9	5	0	12	3	1	1	8	35	24	5	5	40	29	69	
Glenora.....	1	0	4	0	4	4	1	4	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	3	...	...	21	3	24
T. M. L. R. Stations ...	59	3	1	73	10	3	132	13	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1002	1447	...	...	1002	1447	2449
TOTAL	9119	18	5	9119	18	5	18,239	16	10	4363	12	11	4363	12	11	8727	5	10	144,331	144,331	41,834	41,834	186,165	186,165	372,330	

^a Opened 11th June.

^b Opened 25th March.

^c Opened 1st December.

^d Opened 1st November.

INTERCOLONIAL Business, showing the Total Receipts from Messages transmitted by Submarine Cable for the Year 1888.

<i>Date.</i>	PAID IN TASMANIA.					PAID IN OTHER COLONIES.					<i>Total No. of Messages.</i>	<i>Total Receipts.</i>
	<i>Tasmanian Cable Company.</i>	<i>Tasmania.</i>	<i>Other Colonies.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>No. of Messages.</i>	<i>Tasmanian Cable Company.</i>	<i>Tasmania.</i>	<i>Other Colonies.</i>	TOTAL.	<i>No. of Messages.</i>		
	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>		<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>			<i>£ s. d.</i>
January	227 15 11	106 12 10	177 16 2	512 4 11	3074	194 6 2	93 11 7½	175 12 5½	463 10 3	3045.	6119	975 15 2
February...	244 3 0	116 7 9	183 0 3	543 11 0	3422	186 15 3	90 17 0½	166 16 11½	444 9 3	3121	6543	988 0 3
March	252 4 10	119 19 7½	195 11 1½	567 15 7	3309	195 12 7	95 13 1½	188 8 9½	479 14 6	3494	6803	1047 10 1
April	233 18 7	111 4 8	187 16 0	532 19 3	3026	166 5 9	82 8 3½	162 17 9½	411 11 10	3021	6047	944 11 1
May..	222 12 6	103 16 10	194 4 11	520 14 3	2623	147 0 7	70 19 11	158 8 4	376 8 10	2717	5340	897 3 1
June	195 8 9	89 8 6½	153 8 1½	438 5 5	2250	126 15 4	61 6 5	129 13 6	317 15 3	2418	4668	756 0 8
July.....	211 9 1	99 7 4	142 18 10	453 15 3	2639	139 8 0	67 8 2½	128 8 2½	335 4 5	2452	5091	788 19 8
August.....	236 7 8	112 16 0½	193 11 8½	542 15 5	2940	162 1 4	79 16 9	156 3 8	398 1 9	2952	5892	940 17 2
September..	202 2 5	96 14 8½	167 6 7½	466 3 9	2621	143 11 2	70 17 3	124 10 7	338 19 0	2630	5251	805 2 9
October.....	220 5 9	106 7 1½	173 11 9½	500 4 8	2780	152 8 4	74 14 8½	140 3 11½	367 7 0	2807	5587	867 11 8
November..	238 10 11	112 1 6	175 12 5	526 4 10	2821	170 19 1	82 13 6½	144 2 10½	397 15 6	3248	6069	924 0 4
December..	241 19 4	113 15 8	174 7 0	530 2 0	3206	176 16 0	85 19 2	155 17 8	418 12 10	3182	6388	948 14 10
	2726 18 9	1288 12 7½	2119 4 11½	6134 16 4	34,711	1961 19 7	956 6 0½	1831 4 9½	4749 10 5	35,087	69,798	10,884 6 9

EUROPEAN Business for the Year 1888.

Date.	Paid in Tasmania.			Paid elsewhere.			TOTAL.			No. of Messages from Tasmania.	No. of Messages to Tasmania.	Total No. of Messages.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
January	78	16	9	159	8	5	238	5	2	42	36	78
February	142	8	7	86	16	3	229	4	10	34	26	60
March	106	7	7	118	12	2	224	19	9	33	38	71
April	145	19	7	38	2	7	184	2	2	36	26	62
May.....	76	17	1	86	5	6	163	2	7	24	28	52
June	99	15	9	74	11	10	174	7	7	25	21	46
July.....	36	13	10	65	3	0	101	16	10	14	16	30
August.....	79	5	7	67	16	6	147	2	1	27	45	72
September	65	2	4	64	18	11	130	1	3	19	19	38
October	57	0	5	60	19	7	118	0	0	17	24	41
November	107	16	6	91	4	10	199	1	4	29	28	57
December	94	12	10	55	15	0	150	7	10	28	20	48
	1090	16	10	969	14	7	2060	11	5	328	327	655

RETURN of Telephone Lines in existence on 31st December.

	Number.		Length of Wire in Miles.		Annual Value of Rental.		Rental received.									
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.							
<i>Hobart.</i>																
Private Lines.....	39	44	56	62½	269	15	0	290	15	0	252	11	5	258	16	9
Exchange Lines	172	211	84	103	1087	5	0	1330	5	0	977	11	11	1198	8	0
Public Service Lines ...	43	44	25	25½	287	5	0	293	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Launceston.</i>																
Private Lines.....	24	29	17	25½	130	10	0	179	10	0	109	19	4	205	14	8
Exchange Lines	161	177	47	63½	979	10	0	1056	10	0	907	18	1	965	16	3
Public Service Lines ...	13	15	10	13½	88	10	0	105	15	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>New Norfolk.</i>																
Private Lines.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Exchange Lines	—	14	—	7	—	—	—	84	0	0	—	—	—	7	3	6
Public Service Lines ...	—	1	—	½	—	—	—	6	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Trunk Line Hobart to New Norfolk</i>	—	20	—	22	—	—	—	58	10	0	—	—	—	4	18	10
	452	555	239	322½	2842	15	0	3404	5	0	2248	0	9	2640	18	0

No. 439.

*Office of the Agent-General for Tasmania,
3, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, London, S.W.,
22nd May, 1889.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter from the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, together with their original Account for the working of the Cable between Tasmania and Victoria for the year 1888, and to inform you that I attended this day by appointment at the Company's Offices, and examined, with the assistance of the Secretary and Accountant, the books and vouchers; and as far as I could see the items mentioned in the Account have been correctly charged.

Owing to the new Agreement of the Government with the Company, these annual statements will not in future be rendered.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. N. C. BRADDON, *Agent-General.**The Hon. the Premier, Hobart, Tasmania.*

(Copy.)

*The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited,
50, Old Broad-street, London, E.C., 15th May, 1889.*

SIR,

You are doubtless aware that, after considerable negotiation, a new Agreement has been recently concluded between your Government and the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, by which the Company's exclusive privilege of Telegraphic communication between Tasmania and Victoria is extended for a further term of 20 years, during which time the payment of the subsidy of £4200 per annum is to continue, in consideration of the Company waiving all claims under the old Agreement to the subsidy in perpetuity. The Government also give up all right to any excess of profit from the working of the Tasmanian Line over 10 per cent. on the original capital, consequently they will no longer retain any pecuniary interests in the financial results arising from the working of the line, and the Company will not in future render the annual statement which they have hitherto furnished to the Government.

For the past year's working, however, I have the honor to hand you, for transmission to your Government, the accompanying statement, which shows a net profit of £4160 after making the usual provision for amortization.

Enclosed you will also find some prints of the new Agreement for the use of your office.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN PENDER, *Chairman.*

TASMANIA AND VICTORIA SUBMARINE CABLES.

Financial Statement for the Year 1888.

REVENUE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Receipts for Messages, &c.		4910	19	7			
Cable Subsidy		4200	0	0			
Tariff Guarantee		795	9	2			
Allowance for working Low Heads and Flinders Stations		850	0	0			
		<hr/>			10,756	8	9
EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages		3376	1	0			
Furniture, Fittings, &c.		21	12	0			
Loss on Remittances.....		56	6	6			
Petty Expenses and Postage		102	15	1			
Maintenance		155	13	11			
Travelling Expenses.....		176	16	2			
London Management		250	0	0			
Government Tax		50	0	0			
Staff Assurances		79	19	0			
Stationery		63	13	0			
House Allowance to Manager.....		50	0	0			
Rent, Fuel, Lights, &c.		258	12	5			
New Cable Tank		133	6	10			
Repairs to Buildings		68	18	4			
Medical Attendance.....		2	13	6			
Amount reserved for Renewal of the Cables.....		1750	0	0			
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Net Profit					£4160	1	0
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LEWIS WELLS, *Accountant.*JOHN PENDER, *Chairman*