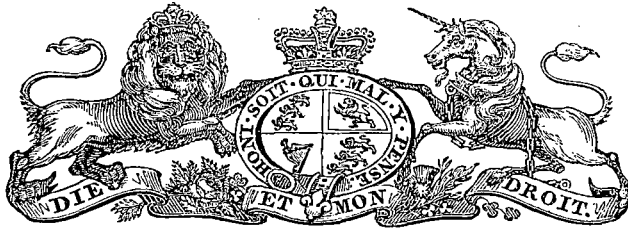


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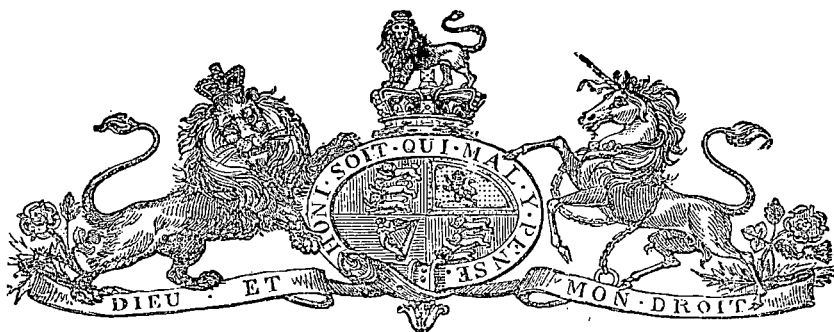
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

1886.

REAL ESTATES DUTIES DEPARTMENT:

REPORT FOR 1885-6.

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



Real Estates Duties Office, Hobart, 23rd July, 1886.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the working of the Real Estate Duty Department for the year 1885-6, with the following explanatory Returns:—

1. Return showing the number of items and amount of Rateable Value of the Properties in each District for the years 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886.
2. Return showing the total number of items, and amount of Duty for each District for the year 1884; the amount of Duty collected, and remaining due, on 31st May, 1886.
3. Return showing the total number of items, and amount of Duty for each District for the year 1885; the amount of Duty collected, and remaining due, on 31st May, 1886.
4. Return showing the total number of items, and amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the year 1884; the amount of Police Rate collected, and remaining due, on 31st May, 1886.
5. Return showing the total number of items, and amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the year 1885; the amount of Police Rate collected, and remaining due, on 31st May, 1886.
6. Return showing the total number of items, and amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the year 1886; the amount of Police Rate collected, and remaining due, on 31st May, 1886.

Return No. 1, of the number and rateable value of the Properties in the different Districts shows a steady increase in the number and value of the properties.

This increase would have been more evident had it not been for the small decreases in the rateable values of several Districts, and the action of the Municipal Authorities of the Town of Launceston in 1885, and the District of Evandale and Brighton in 1886, in reducing the rateable values of nearly all the properties in the several Districts,—Evandale 15 per cent., Launceston and Brighton 10 per cent. The reduction in the rateable values in the Brighton District was stated to be in consequence of the general depreciation in the value of properties in that district. This action on the part of those Districts has had the effect of increasing the inequalities in the rateable as compared with the rental values of properties in the districts, as it cannot be contended that the value of property in those districts alone has been reduced in value.

The amount of Real Estate Duty and Rural Police Rate shown to be due by Returns 2, 3, 4, and 5, principally consist of items which are irrecoverable from different causes; a large proportion is due on Mineral Leases which have been abandoned or forfeited.

Return No. 6 shows the amount due on account of Rural Police Rate for the present year. This amount has been considerably reduced since the 31st of May. The result must be considered satisfactory, as at that date no proceedings had been taken for the recovery of the overdue Rates.

The collection of the Real Estate Duty and Rural Police Rate has been satisfactorily carried on during the past year, as will be evident from a comparison of the Returns in the Reports for the several years. This result is largely due to the cordial co-operation of the Municipal and Police Authorities. The greatest difficulty in the collection of the Real Estate Duty arises from the changes of occupancy and ownership in the time intervening between the publication of the Rolls and the Collection of the Duty, a period generally of four to eight months. This difficulty would be materially reduced by making the person shown on the Rolls as occupier or owner, as the case might be, liable for the payment of the Duty without they gave notice of the change within a prescribed period of the receipt of the Demand.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANCIS BUTLER, *Commissioner.*

The Hon. the Treasurer.

No. 1.

RETURN showing the Number of Items and Amount of Rateable Value of the Properties in each District for the Years 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886.

DISTRICT.	1881.		1882.		1883.		1884.		1885.		1886.	
	No. of Items.	Rateable Value.	No. of Items.	Rateable Value.	No. of Items.	Rateable Value.	No. of Items.	Rateable Value.	No. of Items.	Rateable Value.	No. of Items.	Rateable Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Bothwell	259	20,510 12 0	254	20,381 10 0	258	20,580 10 0	258	20,379 5 0	273	20,437 17 0	270	20,365 7 0
Brighton	395	12,333 0 0	396	12,775 0 0	390	13,887 0 0	395	13,186 0 0	396	13,708 0 0	420	13,115 0 0
Clarence	268	8458 4 0	270	8449 10 0	265	8476 10 0	268	8411 10 0	263	8620 0 0	297	9419 0 0
Carnarvon	106	258 19 0	12	56 0 0	56	272 0 0	20	167 0 0	90	614 0 0	105	1285 0 0
Franklin	1652	10,523 2 0	1365	10,332 5 0	1453	10,538 0 0	1272	11,708 10 0	1402	12,331 10 0	1612	13,302 16 0
Glenorchy	422	10,399 1 0	395	10,470 15 0	400	10,954 0 0	381	10,711 0 0	404	11,127 0 0	427	11,239 0 0
Green Ponds	255	11,479 18 0	242	11,580 0 0	242	11,588 0 0	243	12,097 0 0	247	11,996 0 0	242	11,450 0 0
Hamilton	421	25,294 0 0	410	25,539 0 0	424	26,104 0 0	368	26,042 0 0	388	26,241 0 0	412	21,537 0 0
Hobart (City)	4714	116,536 10 0	4769	118,596 0 0	4738	120,340 0 0	4750	147,045 0 0	4910	160,415 0 0	4952	160,884 0 0
Hobart (District)	933	22,555 16 0	912	22,156 10 0	955	24,611 10 0	981	26,439 10 0	1077	28,290 10 0	1159	30,887 0 0
Kingborough	734	6690 11 0	653	6624 0 0	675	6524 0 0	643	6529 0 0	693	6821 10 0	745	7147 10 0
New Norfolk	736	14,509 10 0	702	14,679 0 0	739	14,459 0 0	694	15,824 10 0	666	15,613 0 0	828	16,300 10 0
Oatlands	752	31,824 0 0	669	31,920 5 0	651	31,949 0 0	692	33,407 0 0	716	32,264 0 0	798	34,826 0 0
Richmond	463	14,907 2 0	475	15,150 0 0	484	15,520 0 0	466	15,941 0 0	474	16,145 0 0	505	15,956 0 0
Sorell	506	12,512 7 0	460	12,497 0 0	462	12,825 0 0	460	12,801 0 0	460	13,226 0 0	479	13,345 0 0
South Longford	51	6418 13 0	51	6728 0 0	51	6489 0 0	55	6553 0 0	63	6726 10 0	68	6863 16 0
Spring Bay	165	6836 15 0	154	6826 0 0	158	7037 0 0	154	7194 0 0	163	7539 0 0	165	7462 0 0
Macquarie	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	148 0 0	53	124 0 0	14	45 0 0
Campbell Town	468	26,185 0 0	431	25,413 15 0	425	25,634 15 0	427	25,721 10 0	446	25,862 15 0	441	25,610 10 0
Doloraine	1077	28,886 0 0	940	29,123 0 0	959	29,092 0 0	972	30,602 0 0	1070	30,851 0 0	1044	30,724 0 0
Evandale	415	28,052 0 0	399	28,307 0 0	308	30,647 0 0	409	30,959 0 0	325	30,330 0 0	420	24,778 0 0
Emu Bay	822	18,130 0 0	803	16,300 0 0	823	15,041 0 0	988	19,764 0 0	987	16,410 0 0	1092	16,463 0 0
Fingal	662	24,124 0 0	611	24,653 0 0	600	24,857 0 0	622	25,142 0 0	596	24,875 0 0	622	24,896 0 0
George Town	429	5723 0 0	366	5378 10 0	393	6895 10 0	477	8618 0 0	481	8819 10 0	493	9226 0 0
Glamorgan	246	6010 0 0	230	5970 0 0	235	6366 0 0	242	6386 0 0	250	6947 0 0	271	6565 0 0
Launceston	2777	90,165 0 0	2886	98,583 0 0	3071	109,966 0 0	3208	108,866 0 0	3331	106,750 0 0	3429	111,736 0 0
Longford	780	36,905 0 0	760	36,693 0 0	970	36,615 0 0	795	37,800 0 0	814	36,710 0 0	821	36,898 0 0
Portland	563	8746 0 0	481	9642 0 0	218	4116 0 0	331	6007 0 0	249	4723 0 0	254	4095 0 0
Port Sorell	2753	29,819 0 0	2493	29,553 0 0	2567	29,419 0 0	2699	35,361 0 0	2802	37,049 0 0	3079	41,810 0 0
Ringarooma	..	..	..	..	499	10,490 10 0	572	10,989 0 0	601	11,647 0 0	761	13,329 10 0
Ross	143	13,588 0 0	142	13,583 4 0	142	13,823 19 0	144	14,138 19 0	146	14,092 14 0	148	14,125 3 0
Russell	359	6129 0 0	312	6009 0 0	330	6239 0 0	351	6320 0 0	366	6318 0 0	370	64,157 0 0
Selby	1179	21,212 0 0	986	21,242 0 0	862	20,189 0 0	1138	23,457 0 0	1217	25,369 0 0	1180	26,715 0 0
Westbury	1163	34,330 0 0	1042	34,236 0 0	1038	34,283 0 0	1086	35,598 0 0	1215	35,638 0 0	1099	35,619 0 0
TOTAL	26,678	710,102 0 0	25,076	719,967 4 0	25,860	746,829 4 0	26,616	800,813 14 0	27,634	814,631 16 0	29,022	825,077 2 0

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Duty for each District for the Year 1884; the Amount of Duty collected, and remaining due, on 31st May, 1886.

DISTRICT.	No. of Items.	Amount of Rateable Value.			Amount of Duty.			Amount of Duty collected.			Amount outstanding.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Southern Division—</i>													
Bothwell	258	20,534	10	0	513	7	1	512	2	1	1	5	0
Brighton	395	14,086	0	0	352	3	0	351	12	6	0	10	6
Clarence	268	8536	10	0	213	8	3	212	15	3	0	13	0
Carnarvon	144	1480	0	0	4	1	6	4	1	6	..	..	..
Franklin	1318	11,817	0	0	295	8	6	289	0	9	6	7	9
Glenorchy	381	10,739	0	0	268	13	6	266	0	6	2	13	0
Green Ponds	243	11,529	0	0	288	4	6	287	3	0	1	1	6
Hamilton	368	26,129	0	0	653	5	6	649	0	6	4	5	0
Hobart, City	4751	153,024	0	0	3825	12	0	3808	4	6	17	7	6
Hobart, District	997	26,685	10	0	667	0	3	657	5	9	9	14	6
Kingborough	682	6774	0	0	165	14	0	162	12	0	3	2	0
New Norfolk	694	15,366	0	0	384	3	0	381	15	6	2	7	6
Oatlands	730	33,481	0	0	837	13	6	831	12	6	6	1	0
Richmond	466	15,949	0	0	398	14	6	397	2	0	1	12	6
Sorell	460	12,965	0	0	324	2	6	323	17	0	0	5	6
South Longford	94	8105	8	0	164	0	6	162	13	0	1	7	6
Spring Bay	154	7236	0	0	180	18	0	180	8	0	0	10	0
Macquarie	271	138	0	0	3	9	0	3	0	0	0	9	0
	12,674	384,574	18	0	9539	19	1	9480	6	4	59	12	9
<i>Northern Division—</i>													
Campbell Town	428	25,721	10	0	643	0	9	637	10	8	5	10	1
Deloraine	969	30,386	0	0	759	13	0	751	9	6	8	3	6
Evandale	390	30,462	0	0	761	11	0	761	11	0	..	..	..
Emu Bay	900	15,989	0	0	399	14	6	380	18	6	18	16	0
Fingal	599	25,004	0	0	625	2	0	621	4	0	3	18	0
George Town	447	8430	10	0	210	15	3	195	9	3	15	6	0
Glamorgan	241	6815	0	0	170	7	6	170	7	6	..	..	..
Launceston	3211	108,667	0	0	2716	13	6	2696	16	6	19	17	0
Longford	799	36,803	0	0	920	1	6	918	4	6	1	17	0
Portland	242	4675	0	0	116	17	6	107	14	0	9	3	6
Port Sorell	2650	34,730	0	0	868	5	0	852	14	0	15	11	0
Ringarooma	538	11,154	10	0	278	17	3	264	0	9	14	16	6
Ross	141	14,036	19	0	350	19	1	350	16	7	0	2	6
Russell	345	6260	0	0	156	10	0	155	5	0	1	5	0
Selby	1045	22,537	0	0	563	8	6	539	0	0	24	8	6
Westbury	1070	35,268	0	0	881	14	0	878	1	6	3	12	6
	14,020	416,939	9	0	10,423	10	4	10,281	3	3	142	7	1
TOTALS	26,694	801,514	7	0	19,963	9	5	19,761	9	7	201	19	10

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Duty for each District for the Year 1885; the Amount of Duty collected, and remaining due, on 31st May, 1886.

DISTRICT.	No. of Items.	Amount of Rateable Value.	Amount of Duty.	Amount of Duty collected.	Amount outstanding.
<i>Southern Division—</i>					
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bothwell	273	20,437 17 0	510 18 9	508 9 10	2 8 11
Brighton	396	13,708 0 0	355 4 0	354 10 0	0 14 0
Clarence	263	8620 0 0	215 10 3	214 5 9	1 4 6
Carnarvon	90	614 0 0	27 16 0	26 12 6	1 3 6
Campbell Town	446	25,862 15 0	643 1 3	642 15 11	0 5 4
Fingal	596	24,875 0 0	620 5 0	608 19 6	11 5 6
Franklin	1402	12,331 10 0	310 2 3	303 8 3	6 14 0
Glamorgan	250	6947 0 0	174 7 0	172 16 0	1 11 0
Green Ponds	247	11,996 0 0	287 0 6	286 2 6	0 18 0
Glenorchy	404	11,127 0 0	276 16 6	271 15 9	5 0 9
Hobart City.....	4910	160,415 0 0	4024 4 0	3985 10 0	38 14 0
Hamilton.....	388	26,241 0 0	656 0 6	654 1 6	1 19 0
Kingborough	693	6821 10 0	170 15 3	165 11 0	5 4 3
Macquarie	53	124 0 0	3 2 0	1 1 6	2 0 6
New Town & Queenborough	1077	28,290 0 0	707 3 9	681 6 3	25 17 6
New Norfolk	666	15,613 0 0	393 19 6	391 6 0	2 13 6
Oatlands.....	716	32,264 0 0	861 18 6	854 17 6	7 1 0
Richmond	474	16,145 0 0	403 12 6	402 18 0	0 14 6
Ross	146	14,092 14 0	352 2 9	352 2 3	0 0 6
Ringarooma	601	11,647 0 0	289 2 6	278 11 6	10 11 0
Portland	249	4723 0 0	115 7 6	111 11 0	3 16 6
South Longford	63	6726 10 0	169 1 0	166 15 6	2 5 6
Sorell	460	13,226 0 0	330 8 6	327 12 6	2 16 0
Spring Bay.....	163	7539 0 0	189 9 6	187 16 6	1 13 0
	15,026	480,386 16 0	12,087 9 3	11,950 17 0	136 12 3
<i>Northern Division—</i>					
Deloraine	1070	30,851 0 0	767 9 6	756 12 0	10 17 6
Evandale.....	325	30,330 0 0	749 6 0	749 3 6	0 2 6
Emu Bay.....	987	16,410 0 0	400 16 0	383 8 0	17 8 0
George Town	481	8819 10 0	213 17 3	201 10 3	12 7 0
Launceston	3331	106,750 0 0	2689 1 0	2663 6 6	25 14 6
Longford	814	36,710 0 0	921 7 0	921 7 0	..
Port Sorell	2802	37,049 0 0	925 6 0	899 18 6	25 7 6
Russell.....	366	6318 0 0	157 18 6	157 18 0	0 0 6
Selby	1217	25,369 0 0	629 10 0	603 9 6	26 0 6
Westbury	1215	35,638 0 0	889 3 0	865 4 6	23 18 6
	12,608	334,244 10 0	8343 14 3	8201 17 9	141 16 6
TOTALS	27,634	814,631 6 0	20,431 3 6	20,152 14 9	278 8 9

No. 4.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the Year 1884; the Amount of Police Rate collected, and remaining due, on 31st May, 1886.

DISTRICT.	No. of Items.	Rateable Value.	Amount of Rate.	Amount of Rate collected.	Amount of Rate outstanding.
<i>Southern Division—</i>					
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Town & Queenborough	987	26,685 10 0	989 9 0	989 10 11	8 18 1
Kingborough	682	6774 0 0	253 6 3	246 12 0	6 14 3
Franklin	1318	12,132 10 0	450 9 7	441 14 5	8 15 2
Carnarvon	144	1480 0 0	55 10 0	55 10 0	..
South Longford	94	8105 8 0	280 5 1	276 19 9	3 5 4
Macquarie	285	3783 0 0	73 12 5	24 6 7	49 5 10
	3510	58,960 8 0	2111 12 4	2034 13 8	76 18 8
<i>Northern Division—</i>					
Emu Bay	997	19,666 0 0	673 8 6	642 18 6	30 10 0
George Town	1148	15,008 10 0	445 12 7	381 5 11	64 6 8
Portland	548	9960 10 0	272 15 5	236 10 3	36 5 2
Port Sorell	2694	35,161 0 0	1310 16 10	1284 18 8	25 18 2
Ringarooma	1440	20,334 0 0	587 10 0	485 12 2	101 17 10
Russell	351	6320 0 0	235 17 0	235 17 0	..
Selby	1138	23,457 0 0	862 17 1	821 15 5	41 1 8
	8316	129,907 0 0	4388 17 5	4088 17 11	299 19 6
<i>Southern Division</i>	3510	58,960 8 0	2111 12 4	2034 13 8	76 18 8
<i>Northern Division</i>	8316	129,907 0 0	4388 17 5	4088 17 11	299 19 6
TOTALS	11,826	188,867 8 0	6500 9 9	6123 11 7	376 18 2

No. 5.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the Year 1885; the Amount of Police Rate collected, and remaining due, on 31st May, 1886.

DISTRICT.	No. of Items.	Rateable Value.	Amount of Rate.	Amount of Rate collected.	Amount outstanding.
<i>Southern Division—</i>					
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Carnarvon	182	1914 0 0	71 15 6	71 2 9	0 12 9
Franklin	1426	12,570 10 0	468 1 7	459 3 6	8 18 1
Kingborough	714	6939 10 0	257 1 4	250 18 4	6 3 0
Macquarie	126	1238 0 0	27 2 9	11 16 8	15 6 1
New Town & Queenborough	1094	28,630 10 0	1068 7 9	1050 14 11	17 12 10
Portland	904	9287 9 11	262 16 8	237 5 9	25 10 11
Ringarooma	1353	22,460 13 0	636 16 3	538 13 5	98 4 10
South Longford	104	8335 13 0	290 12 4	282 1 4	8 11 0
	5903	91,376 5 11	3082 14 2	2901 14 8	180 19 6
<i>Northern Division—</i>					
Emu Bay	1070	19,855 0 0	676 0 0	664 18 9	11 1 3
George Town	1036	14,999 0 0	430 9 9	406 3 5	24 6 4
Port Sorell	2802	37,460 0 0	1397 1 6	1370 17 10	26 3 8
Russell	366	6398 0 0	238 8 8	237 18 3	0 10 5
Selby	1217	26,183 0 0	966 13 5	942 11 8	24 1 9
	6491	103,995 0 0	3708 13 4	3622 9 11	86 3 5
<i>Southern Division</i>	5903	91,376 5 11	3082 14 2	2901 14 8	180 19 6
<i>Northern Division</i>	6491	103,995 0 0	3708 13 4	3622 9 11	86 3 5
TOTALS	12,394	195,371 5 11	6791 7 6	6524 4 7	267 2 11

No. 6.

RETURN showing the Total Number of Items and Amount of Rural Police Rate for each District for the Year 1886; the Amount of Police Rate collected, and remaining due, on 31st May, 1886.

DISTRICT.	No. of Items.	Rateable Value.	Amount of Rate.	Amount of Rate collected.	Amount of Rate outstanding.
<i>Southern Division—</i>					
New Town & Queenborough	1173	£ 31,389 0 0	£ 1172 0 9	£ 1026 9 11	£ 145 10 10
Kingborough	747	7147 10 0	268 3 4	234 2 1	34 1 3
Franklin	1612	13,202 16 0	494 12 8	439 0 6	55 12 2
Carnarvon	220	2113 0 0	79 4 9	44 12 1	34 12 8
South Longford	111	8374 4 0	314 0 4	268 5 5	45 14 11
Macquarie	112	5655 0 0	24 6 11	7 1 8	17 5 3
Ringarooma	1248	4526 1 3	552 16 8	414 4 9	138 11 11
Portland	572	2349 18 9	247 6 11	194 19 1	52 7 10
	5795	74,757 10 0	3152 12 4	2628 15 6	523 16 10
<i>Northern Division—</i>					
Emu Bay	1193	18,067 0 0	677 11 9	484 17 9	192 14 0
George Town	913	11,017 15 0	413 15 0	321 4 2	92 10 10
Port Sorell	3079	41,999 0 0	1575 0 1	1103 19 11	471 0 2
Russell	370	6568 0 0	244 4 7	193 4 2	51 0 5
Selby	1280	27,142 0 0	1017 19 6	649 7 9	368 11 9
	6835	104,793 15 0	3928 10 11	2752 13 9	1175 17 2
<i>Southern Division</i>	5795	74,757 10 0	3152 12 4	2628 15 6	523 16 10
<i>Northern Division</i>	6835	104,793 15 0	3928 10 11	2752 13 9	1175 17 2
TOTALS	12,630	179,551 5 0	7081 3 3	5381 9 3	1699 14 0