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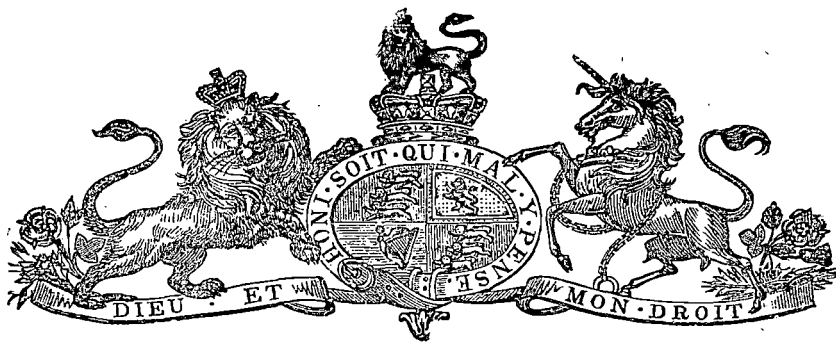
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT:

REPORT FOR 1896.

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POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

General Post Office, Hobart, 6th May, 1897.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to place before you a Report on the Post and Telegraph Department of Tasmania for the year 1896, showing its receipts and expenditure, and the general working of its several branches. I am pleased to say that the receipts for 1896 exceed those of the previous year by £17,049 8s. 7d., and that a further saving in expenditure of £657 15s. 7d., as compared with 1895, was effected. For the purposes of comparison the figures for 1895 are shown in brackets.

Revenue.—The amount collected under this head was £81,586 10s. 4d. [£64,537 1s. 9d.], thus apportioned:—Postage, £51,521 13s. 2d. [£37,905 15s. 2d.]; revenue stamps, £8000; money order commission, £2674 12s. 6d. [£1988 4s. 6d.]; profit earned under item Savings Banks, £1048 0s. 10d. [£530 0s. 2d.]; private boxes, mail-bags, fines, &c., £696 5s. 6d. [£623 1s. 10d.]; poundage on postal notes, £212 14s. 8½d. [£167 18s. 3d.]; telegraph receipts, £14,051 8s. 3½d. [£12,273 5s. 7d.]; telephone rentals, £3381 15s. 4d. [£3048 16s. 3d.].

The number of stamps sold were:—Adhesive, 6,895,920; post cards, 226,428; embossed envelopes, 10,488; registration envelopes, 1560; and value of impressed, £14,837 12s. 8d.; 10,641 exchanges were made, representing £240 5s. 10d. This latter amount did not enhance the revenue.

The above shows an increase in the aggregate of stamps, post cards, and embossed envelopes, of 1,248,228, and a decrease in registration envelopes of 204. The large increase in number of adhesive stamps used is explained by the fact that telegrams are now paid for by means of stamps.

Parcels Post.—6927 inland parcels were posted during the year 1896, an increase of 946 over 1895, and 1637 ship parcels were posted, an increase of 173 over 1895.

There was also collected £1952 3s. 9d. on account of Customs dues on 10,922 packets and parcels valued at £11,902 15s. 3d., which were received from the United Kingdom and Colonies, which amount went to credit of Customs Department.

Expenditure.—The expenditure amounted to £61,314 0s. 10d. [£61,971 16s. 5d.], made up of salaries and allowances, £29,089 2s. 0d. [£27,859 7s. 6d.]; conveyance of mails, £21,940 14s. 2d. [£23,447 2s. 1d.]; miscellaneous, £1217 9s. 2d. [£1291 5s. 1d.]; stationery and stores, £2008 16s. 10d. [£1451 8s. 1d.]; cable subsidies, £2144 4s. 3d. [£2371 10s. 10d.]; additions, repairs, and maintenance of lines, £4913 14s. 5d. [£5551 2s. 10d.].

Mail Matter.—Under this head 4,444,300 [4,206,347] inland letters were despatched, an increase of 237,953 on previous year; 2,876,040 [1,486,029] ship letters received and despatched, an increase of 1,390,011; 231,451 [202,332] post cards; 2,343,550 [1,351,551] packets were dealt with; and it is estimated that 4,861,893 [4,506,191] newspapers passed through the Office. Of these letters and packets, 1,029,401 [995,994] were franked, and consequently did not contribute to the revenue.

Dead Letter Branch.—37,789 [28,395] unclaimed letters (122 registered) were disposed of, inclusive of some 1700 [1500] "special request."

Post Offices opened during 1896.—Eight (including one old office re-opened).

Post Offices closed.—Seven.

Number of Miles of Post Roads at end of year, 2495 [2426]; and 1,200,530 [1,171,415] miles were travelled during the year.

Inland Mail Service.—Very satisfactorily carried out, contractors giving little or no trouble to the Department.

Federal Mail Service.—This service expired 31st January, 1896, but was extended on same terms for a further period of two years. The terms of the new contract were agreed to in Sydney in January, 1896, and the tenders of the Peninsular and Oriental Company and the Orient Company, both for seven years, have been accepted by United Kingdom at a saving of £20,000 on the price formerly paid (£435,000) for the India, China, and Australian services. It is possible, therefore, that a considerable saving will be effected in the amount which this Colony pays for this service.

Intercolonial Mail Service.—The third year of contract has been very satisfactorily carried out by the Union Steamship Company, and a new contract for a further term has now been arranged.

Money Orders.—During the year 89,091 [84,116] orders for £179,301 3s. 10d. [£165,040 10s. 10d.] were issued; 186,320 [71,606] for £258,926 12s. 5d. [£146,702 2s.] were paid. The commission collected on issues was £2176 15s. 9d. [£2091 4s.]

Post Office Savings Banks.—£86,547 12s. 3d. [£78,717 7s. 1d.] was received as deposit during the year, including £3395 19s. 3d. [£3447 8s. 2d.] apportioned to depositors as interest; £67,652 15s. 1d. [£62,784 14s. 2d.] was withdrawn, leaving a balance of £133,889 8s. 2d. [£114,994 11s.] to credit of investors; 3302 accounts were opened, 1911 were closed, and 8176 remained open at close of year, as against 6785 in 1895.

Postal Notes.—30,411 [23,696] were sold, aggregating £9688 6s. 8½d. [£7871 2s. 4½d.] in amount.

TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

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

	NUMBER OF MESSAGES.		AMOUNT.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.
Gross Receipts from—			£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Inter-Tasmanian business	151,518	170,162	9667 11 2	10,697 1 6	18,644	1029 10 4	...	...
Inter-Colonial business...	81,741	105,421	12,315 5 4	15,874 5 4½	23,680	3559 0 0½	...	...
Inter-National business..	1107	1246	2524 16 0	2986 2 8	139	461 6 8	...	...
Telephone rentals.....	...	...	3048 16 3	3381 15 4	...	332 19 1	...	...
	234,366	276,829	27,556 8 9	32,939 4 10½	42,463	5382 16 1½	...	...
Net Receipts from—								
Inter-Tasmanian business	151,518	170,162	9667 11 2	10,697 1 6	18,644	1029 10 4	...	...
Inter-Colonial business...	81,741	105,421	2557 15 5	3295 3 11½	23,680	737 8 6½	...	...
Inter-National business..	1107	1246	47 19 0	59 2 10	139	11 3 10	...	...
Telephone rentals.....	...	...	3048 16 3	3381 15 4	...	332 19 1	...	...
	234,366	276,829	15,322 1 10	17,433 3 7½	42,463	2111 1 9½	...	...
Net Submarine Cable Receipts from—								
Inter-Colonial business...	81,741	105,421	5351 17 10	6818 14 5	23,680	1466 16 7	...	...
Inter-National business..	1107	1246	234 1 6	273 9 6	139	39 8 0	...	...
	82,848	106,667	5585 19 4	7092 3 11	23,819	1506 4 7	...	...

Stations opened.—Beltana, Forest, Glenlusk, Kellevie, Mangana, Queenstown..

Stations closed.—Comstock, Penghana, Remine.

Extensions of lines during the year are—Fingal to Mangana, 5 miles; Gormanston to Queenstown, 5 miles; Stanley to Forest, 5 miles; Coppington to Kellevie, 3 miles; Berriedale to Glenlusk, 6 miles. *Under construction.*—Glenora to Ellendale, 12 miles.

Tasmania's liability in respect of cable subsidies and traffic guarantees continues to be still further reduced, the amount paid for year ended 30th April, 1896, being £2094 4s. 5d., as against £2321 11s. for previous year. The New Zealand cable was the only one on which the receipts were less than the guaranteed revenue, this Colony's proportion of the loss being £169 17s. 5d.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. V. BAYLY,

Secretary and Superintendent.

The Hon. the Treasurer.

RETURN of the Amounts received at the General Post Office for Stamps during the Years 1892 to 1896, inclusive.

YEAR.				AMOUNT RECEIVED.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
† 1892—	Postage Stamps	41,798	4 8	50,798	4	8	—			1992	18	8
	Revenue Stamps	9000	0 0									
† 1893—	Postage Stamps	39,276	1 11	47,276	1	11	—			3522	2	9
	Revenue Stamps	8000	0 0									
† 1894—	Postage Stamps	37,349	6 2	45,349	6	2	—			1926	15	9
	Revenue Stamps	8000	0 0									
† 1895—	Postage Stamps	37,905	15 2	45,905	15	2	556	9	0	—		
	Revenue Stamps	8000	0 0									
† 1896—	Postage Stamps	51,521	13 2	59,521	13	2	13,615	18	0	—		
	Revenue Stamps	8000	0 0									

NOTE.—Rates of Postage on Intercolonial Letters reduced from 3d. to 2d. from 1 January, 1881.

† Estimated.—The actual Post Office Revenue cannot be given, as postage stamps are used for Revenue Stamp purposes, and vice versa.

N.B.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1872 to 1891 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 1892 to 1896, inclusive.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1892	131,670	13,077	—
1893	123,385	—	8285
1894	121,080	—	2305
1895	119,184	—	1896
1896	146,824	27,640	—

N.B.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1872 to 1891, 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 1892 to 1896, inclusive.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1892	733,760	11,530	—
1893	634,909	—	98,851
1894	648,102	13,193	—
1895	679,484	31,382	—
1896	2,432,670	1,753,186	—

N.B.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1872 to 1891, inclusive.

RETURN of the Number of Inland and Town Stamped Letters, Post Cards, and Packets posted in Tasmania during the Years 1892 to 1896, inclusive.

YEAR.	LETTERS.	POST CARDS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
				Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.
1892	3,247,930	166,387	811,278	325	2640	13,562	—	—	—
1893	3,152,643	166,323	777,304	—	—	—	95,287	64	33,974
1894	3,153,983	186,960	764,135	1340	20,637	—	—	—	13,169
1895	3,223,910	202,332	786,147	69,927	15,372	22,012	—	—	—
1896	3,427,488	231,451	846,193	203,578	29,119	60,046	—	—	—

N.B.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1872 to 1891, 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 1892-93-94-95-96.

NOTE.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1886 to 1891 inclusive.

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses	345	337	327	327	328
Number of Persons employed	615	610	580	649	653
Miles of Post Roads	2940½	2904½	2848	2426	2495
Miles of Post Roads travelled	1,421,841	1,411,375	1,403,203	1,171,415	1,200,530

YEAR.	RECEIVED.											
	LETTERS.			POST CARDS.	PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			
	Inland stamped.	Franked.	Ship.		Inland stamped.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.
1892 ..	2,611,252	760,949	893,315	139,817	749,031	305,178	2,466,101	1,340,039	4,265,516	139,817	1,054,209	3,806,140
1893 ..	2,543,818	782,454	765,769	135,250	732,613	444,064	2,649,717	1,335,648	4,092,041	135,250	1,176,677	3,985,365
1894 ..	2,577,696	768,258	732,212	157,013	730,636	447,339	4,030,031	1,335,949	4,078,166	157,013	1,177,975	5,365,980
1895 ..	2,555,604	780,890	749,063	163,399	734,922	493,145	3,922,295	1,279,650	4,085,457	163,399	1,228,076	5,201,945
1896 ..	2,649,432	804,965	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

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.	Newspapers.
1892 ..	2,571,275	676,655	769,764	986,152	166,387	787,172	24,106	95,666	2,904,572	448,065	5,003,846	166,387	906,944	3,352,637
1893 ..	2,529,617	623,026	679,689	957,540	166,323	753,514	23,790	78,605	2,520,326	375,894	4,789,872	166,323	855,909	2,896,220
1894 ..	2,539,184	614,799	693,872	956,840	186,960	744,452	19,683	75,310	2,727,004	384,666	4,804,695	186,960	839,445	3,111,670
1895 ..	2,526,793	697,117	723,409	995,994	202,332	759,328	26,819	75,259	2,873,026	353,515	4,943,313	202,332	861,406	3,226,541
1896 ..	2,656,815	770,673	1,553,884	1,029,401	231,451	813,873	32,320	1,025,610	3,156,427	390,601	6,010,773	231,451	1,871,803	3,547,088

REVENUE and Expenditure for the Years 1892-93-94-95-96.

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Revenue	£ s. d. 54,736 7 4	£ s. d. 50,563 5 10	£ s. d. 48,381 2 10	£ s. d. 64,537 1 9½	£ s. d. 81,586 10 4*
Expenditure (actual payments to date)	54,025 10 5	49,098 0 10	46,973 17 8½	61,971 16 5	61,314 0 10

* In addition to this sum, the following amount has been received :—Customs Duty on Parcels received, £1952 3s. 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 1892-93-94-95-96.

NOTE.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1882 to 1891 inclusive.

	LETTERS.			PACKETS.			POST CARDS.	NEWSPAPERS.			REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.		
	Inland, (including Town Letters.)	Ship.		Inland, (including Town Packets.)	Ship.			Inland, (including Town Newspapers.)	Ship.							
		Received.	Despatched.		Received.	Despatched.			Received.	Despatched.						
1892	4,216,289	893,315	787,557	811,278	305,178	95,666	166,387	2,904,572	1,340,039	448,065	£ 54,736	s. 7	d. 4	£ 54,025	s. 10	d. 5
1893	4,098,252	765,769	691,620	777,304	444,064	78,605	166,323	2,520,326	1,335,648	375,894	50,563	5	10	49,098	0	10
1894	4,097,040	732,212	707,655	764,135	447,339	75,310	186,960	2,727,004	1,335,949	384,666	48,381	2	10	46,973	17	8½
1895	4,206,347	749,063	736,966	786,147	493,145	75,259	202,332	2,873,026	1,279,650	353,515	64,537	1	9½	61,971	16	5
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	81,586	10	4	61,314	0	10

N.B.—1892. Of the Letters and Packets posted, 4,924,638 were stamped, 986,152 were franked.

1893.	"	"	"	4,668,241	"	957,540	"
1894.	"	"	"	4,687,300	"	956,840	"
1895.	"	"	"	4,808,725	"	995,994	"
1896.	"	"	"	6,853,175	"	1,029,401	"

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, 1896; 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	34,204 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 3	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	22,067 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	61,162 10 8	11,024	37,982 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	100,570 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	235,718 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	167,469 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	258,926 12 5	440,404 12 0

NOTE.—Reduced Rates of Commission on Inland Money Orders came into operation on 1st October, 1881.

THE Trustees of Post Office Savings Bank in Account with the Depositors from 1st January to 31st December, 1896.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance, 31st December, 1895	115,645 5 8	Warrants paid	67,926 12 5
Deposits received during 1896	83,151 13 0	Balance due Depositors 31st December, 1896	134,266 5 6
Interest on Deposits	3395 19 3		
	<u>£202,192 17 11</u>		<u>£202,192 17 11</u>

Assets and Liabilities.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Investments	126,200 0 0	Balance due Depositors	134,266 5 6
Accrued Interest	1685 10 10	Profit and Loss, Balance earned	1048 0 10
Cash Credit, Post Office Savings Bank	6396 15 4		
Due from Money Order Account	1032 0 2		
	<u>£135,314 6 4</u>		<u>£135,314 6 4</u>

Profit and Loss.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Interest allotted Depositors	3395 19 3	Balance, 31st December, 1896	530 0 2
Salary Account	16 13 4	Accrued Interest on Investments	4460 13 5
Consolidated Revenue Account	530 0 2		
Balance	1048 0 10		
	<u>£4990 13 7</u>		<u>£4990 13 7</u>

H. V. BAYLY, Secretary.

OCT. LORD, Superintendent Money Order and Savings Bank Branch.

Examined and certified to be correct.

J. W. ISRAEL, Auditor-General.

23rd April, 1897.

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 1896.

ISSUED IN TASMANIA.			PAYABLE IN TASMANIA.		
Where payable.	Number.	Amount.	Where issued.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Tasmania	68,011	122,818 8 10	Tasmania	68,011	122,818 8 10
Cape of Good Hope	19	93 15 2	Cape of Good Hope	655	4247 1 6
Ceylon	2	6 7 6	Ceylon	107	115 11 0
Hong Kong	156	615 6 3	Hong Kong	88	222 11 6
India	60	189 4 4	India	442	723 10 1
New South Wales	3573	9388 5 8	New South Wales	16,508	23,369 13 7
New Zealand	938	3092 19 1	New Zealand	35,674	38,193 10 0
Queensland	256	961 3 0	Queensland	12,889	16,887 15 11
South Australia	402	1238 16 7	South Australia	8865	10,098 12 3
Straits Settlements	1	5 0 0	Straits Settlements	67	115 0 10
United Kingdom and Foreign	2881	7010 8 2	United Kingdom and Foreign	1676	5085 18 1
United States of America	263	557 8 2	United States of America	151	483 19 1
Victoria	12,354	32,431 10 9	Victoria	23,813	29,179 19 5
Western Australia	175	892 10 4	Western Australia	17,471	28,924 17 10
TOTALS	89,091	179,301 3 10	TOTALS	186,507	280,466 9 11

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.	
					£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1892.....	2252	2167	4748	11,920	81,516 10 9	6813	79,363 0 11	83,522 4 0
1893.....	1817	1600	4965	10,593	75,623 15 1	6538	68,234 7 11	90,911 11 2
1894.....	1702	1431	5236	10,463	65,900 13 7	6123	57,750 6 8	99,061 18 1
1895.....	3174	1625	6785	14,736	78,717 7 1	6834	62,784 14 2	114,994 11 0
1896.....	3302	1911	8176	20,241	86,547 12 3	7339	67,652 15 1	133,889 8 2

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Telegraph Business, &c. for each Year from 1892 to 1896.

NOTE.—Paper No. 11, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1879 to 1891, inclusive.

	No of Miles of 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.	£ s. d.
1892..	1470	2432	153	249	28,369 19 7	279,622	11,035 9 4	2993 17 0	63 18 8	14,093 5 0
1893..	1398	2360	145	234	23,818 8 1	232,390	9843 0 0	2320 19 4	60 11 9	12,224 11 1
1894..	1403	2365	152	225	21,238 5 4	211,922	8600 14 5	2192 16 8	40 14 8	10,894 5 9
1895..	1403	2365	151	218	24,507 12 6	234,366	9667 11 2	2557 15 5	47 19 0	12,273 5 7
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

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.	
1892..	6244 6 7	5146 15 5	2507 11 10	13,898 13 10	181,610	96,515	1497	279,622	5126 5 0
1893..	4870 13 6	3920 3 0	2526 5 0	11,317 1 6	157,166	73,937	1287	232,390	5427 19 6
1894..	4613 17 11	3787 15 2	1806 18 6	10,208 11 7	140,032	70,986	904	211,922	5011 19 2
1895..	5351 17 10	4405 12 1	2477 17 0	12,235 6 11	151,518	81,741	1107	234,366	3940 5 4
1896..	6818 14 5	5760 7 0	2926 19 10	15,506 1 3	170,162	105,421	1246	276,829	3822 2 4

RETURN of Exchanges and Telephone Lines in existence on 31st December, 1896.

Number of Exchanges..... 4

	Number of Lines.		Length Wire in Miles.		Annual Value of Rental.		Rental received.			
	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.		
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Private Lines	88	96	193 $\frac{1}{2}$	208 $\frac{3}{4}$	686 7 6	732 15 0	624 10 0	689 14 4		
Exchange Lines	404	456	184 $\frac{3}{4}$	212 $\frac{3}{4}$	2559 15 0	2937 16 3	2406 2 5	2662 1 0		
Public Service Lines.....	120	150	120 $\frac{1}{2}$	129 $\frac{1}{4}$	710 5 0	915 5 0	—	—		
Trunk Lines	15	20	22	27	21 15 0	30 0 0	18 3 10	30 0 0		
TOTAL	627	722	520 $\frac{3}{4}$	577 $\frac{3}{4}$	3978 2 6	4615 16 3	3048 16 3	3381 15 4		

PARCELS Post.

Year.	Inland Parcels Posted.	INTERCOLONIAL AND FOREIGN PARCELS.			
		Despatched.	Received.	Value of Parcels received.	Customs Duty collected.
1892.....	2090	1205	6605	£ s. d. 7941 6 10	£ s. d. 1116 0 8
1893.....	2737	1392	6768	7576 18 11	1344 17 5
1894.....	3546	1421	10,130	7849 3 8	1379 4 3
1895.....	5981	1464	9535	9223 9 11	1509 16 0
1896.....	6927	1637	10,922	11,002 15 3	1952 3 9