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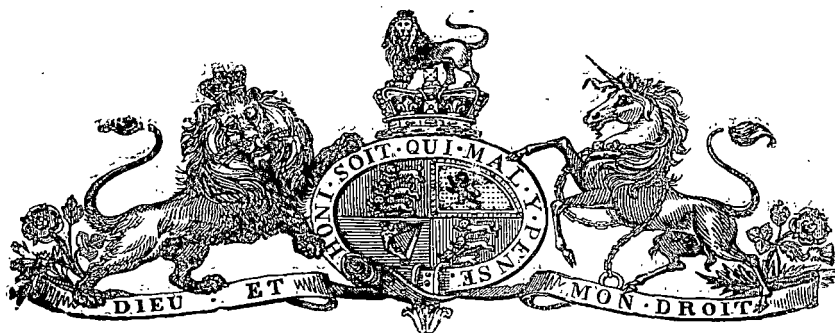
TASMANIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT:

REPORT FOR 1878.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Crowther, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
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Electric Telegraph Department, 21st April, 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish a Report on the working of the Electric Telegraph Department for the year ending the 31st December, 1878.

As compared with the year 1877, the several Returns show a steady progressive increase; viz.—

1. The gross Receipts for 1877 were £9489 10s. 9d., and 59,419 Messages; for 1878 were £12,144 3s. 10d., and 69,197 Messages; being an increase of £2654 13s. 1d., and 9778 Messages.

2. Increased Tasmanian Fees paid into the Treasury for 1878, as compared with 1877, stand thus—

	£	s.	d.
Inter-Tasmanian Messages	456	14	6
Intercolonial Messages	205	15	11
European Messages	3	16	4
Total Increase	£666	6	9

3. Fees to Submarine Cable Company show an increase of £1044 2s. 9d.

4. Fees paid to other Colonies on account of Intercolonial and European business show an increase of £944 3s. 7d.

A Comparative Statement of the Receipts for the last five years is furnished at page 5, from which it will be seen that the gross receipts for 1878, as compared with 1874, are almost doubled.

I think it right to note that the Submarine Cable was interrupted from the 12th to 16th May, and from the 12th to 21st June,—causing an estimated loss of £300. New and heavier shore ends were, however, laid in December last, and will, I hope, prevent further interruption to traffic from the same cause.

The following extensions have been completed during the year; viz.—Huon line as far as Geeves Town, Emu Bay to Mount Bischoff, Longford to Carrick and Bishopsbourne, Deloraine to Chudleigh: total, 147 miles of line,—placing in circuit 13 new Stations.

On the 31st December there were—

Number of miles of poles	692
Number of miles of wire.....	910
Number of Stations in circuit	59
Number of persons employed	76

On the first of August last an arrangement was entered into by the Government with the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company to work the Low Head Telegraph Station for a fixed annual subsidy of £150; and I am glad to be able to state that the office has been worked to my entire satisfaction, and with a desire on the part of the Company to consult the convenience of the separate interests involved in the efficient working of this Station.

I cannot report that, as a whole, the lines have worked satisfactorily. The second wire to Launceston has been frequently interrupted through crossing with the old line,—rendering both almost useless at times; and reference to the weekly returns furnished to you will show that communication on the North-west Coast line has been very uncertain, and that the other lines have been frequently interrupted.

I feel it my duty to draw your particular attention to the means at present employed to effect, promptly, repairs to the lines, as this Department is often unjustly censured for the delay which

occurs in effecting repairs. In some Districts the difficulty of securing, at a moment's notice, a competent repairer to restore communication is very great; and labour has frequently to be obtained at charges in excess of those which some regular system of maintenance would entail. At present the Department is compelled to accept the services of the best labour available to execute *urgent repairs*, which the Department has been asked to attend to in pressing cases; the workmen employed, in many instances, possess no experience whatever as to the proper manner in which the repairs should be executed.

It appears to me to be an absolute necessity that some improved system for the maintenance and repairs of lines should be introduced at as early a date as possible. I am of opinion that sections of the lines should be let by tender, for shorter distances than at present; that, in some cases, a permanent line repairer should be employed; and that an efficient Inspecting Officer should be appointed, whose duty it would be to supervise all repairs and continually inspect and report on the condition of each line of telegraph, with a view to the prevention, as far as possible, of unnecessary interruptions to the lines, by the removal of all defects and faults likely to interfere with the working of the same; or, without awaiting for a break-down, to call attention to the defective state of any line. The Inspecting Officer should be always moving over the lines, and would find ample work to keep him fully employed. Such an Officer is much required, and should be a man of considerable experience to fit him for the important duties to be performed.

I am aware that the branch "Maintenance" is not under my control, and that I am not responsible for the manner in which the work is carried out; but feeling as I do the importance of the subject I cannot refrain from directing particular attention to it. All the efforts of an efficient in-door operating staff must be lost if the lines are not kept in good working order; and I respectfully submit that the community have a right to expect that the Telegraph branch of the Public Service shall be worked so as to secure to them the fullest benefits to arise therefrom.

Since I took charge of the Telegraph Department, on the first of July last, the staffs at Hobart Town and Launceston have undergone considerable re-arrangement, with satisfactory results to the public; and, with the addition of an Assistant Counter Clerk at Hobart Town—an appointment which you have been pleased to provide for in the Supplementary Estimate to be laid before Parliament on Tuesday next—I hope to be able to entirely separate the clerical duties and counter work of the office from the Operators', and to secure more complete control over the Messengers, whom I propose shall take their instructions in future from the Counter Clerks, who will be held solely responsible for the prompt receipt and delivery of all messages. The effect of this arrangement will be that each branch of the staff will have its proper and distinct duties to attend to, and will not be permitted to interfere with other work.

The building at present used as a Telegraph Office is most inconvenient, and quite unsuited to the purpose. The work of the Department having so largely increased during the past few years, and the staff having been so considerably augmented, it is impossible that the work of this important branch of the Public Service can be conducted with any high degree of satisfaction in the limited space available.

I beg earnestly that the subject may engage your serious consideration, with a view to the requisite accommodation being afforded. The position of the present Office is very convenient and central; and if an Operating Room could be added upstairs, taking the whole length of the building, with the ground floor re-arranged so as to give additional accommodation to the public, and provide the necessary rooms for the performance of the work of the Department, further outlay would be unnecessary, as the building would then be suitable for the purpose, and would enable me to assign to each branch its proper position and work. Until something of the kind is done, the work of the Office must continue to be carried on under great disadvantages.

The accommodation provided in Launceston is convenient but insufficient; and some further provision is required in the shape of Rooms for Messengers, Batteries, and Stores.

I trust you will not consider I have unduly pressed matters in this Report. I feel it incumbent on me to make known to you the difficulties which beset the working of this Department; at the same time respectfully submitting suggestions which I believe, if carried out, will tend to make the Department command the confidence of the public.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

ROBERT HENRY, JUN.,
Acting Supt. Telegraphs.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

EXPENDITURE and Revenue of the Electric Telegraph Department for the Year 1878.

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Revenue.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Submarine Cable Subsidy.....	...			4200	0	0	Paid Business between Stations within Tasmania, 53,683 messages.....	3237	12	11			
Salaries	3406	18	0				Ditto between Tasmania and other Colonies, 15,346 ditto....	1029	0	2			
Maintenance and Repairs.....	1837	3	2				Ditto between Tasmania and Europe, 168 ditto.....	9	19	1	4276	12	2
New Instruments, repairs, fittings, &c.....	9	3	0				Unpaid Business for messages on Public Service, 15,116 messages	1357	19	2			
Stationery and Stores.....	327	19	4				Estimated number and value of Shipping Reports, &c., 6000....	500	0	0	1857	19	2
Fuel and Light.....	69	9	9										
Clothing for Messengers	93	8	0										
Conveyance of Stores.....	16	1	7										
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	65	5	6										
Rent of Premises at Cleveland...	20	0	0										
Rent of Premises at Emu Bay...	3	6	8										
Subsidy to Cable Company for working Low Head Station....	47	10	0										
Contribution to Marine Board in aid of Mount Nelson Signal Station.....	73	15	7										
				5970	0	7							
				£10,170	0	7					£6134	11	4

COMPARATIVE Statement of Receipts for the Five Years ended 31st December, 1878.

	1874.		1875.		1876.		1877.		1878.											
	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>No. of Messages.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>No. of Messages.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>No. of Messages.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>No. of Messages.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>No. of Messages.</i>										
	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>					
Tasmanian fees derived from business in the Colony.....	1923	10	7	20,843	1548	9	10	25,017	2236	15	10	37,410	2780	18	5	46,875	3237	12	11	53,683
Intercolonial and Foreign business.....	659	7	2	10,485	690	4	3	11,035	802	3	10	12,552	829	7	0	12,544	1038	19	3	15,514
Total	1982	17	9	31,328	2238	14	1	36,052	3038	19	8	49,962	3610	5	5	59,419	4276	12	2	69,197
Fees paid to Submarine Cable Company.....	2910	16	0	..	3049	19	0	..	3431	17	2	..	3596	9	2	..	4640	11	11	..
Fees paid other Colonies	1642	14	0	..	1471	4	2	..	1435	17	5	..	2232	16	2	..	3226	19	9	..
Gross receipts	6536	7	9	31,328	6759	17	3	36,052	7906	14	3	49,962	9489	10	9	59,419	12,144	3	10	69,197

INTER-TASMANIAN Telegrams, showing Business transacted at each Station during the Year 1878.

Name of Station.	Paid for at this Station.		Paid for at other Stations.		Total Paid Business.		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 Free and Paid Messages.		Total Number of Messages.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Sent.	Received.	Sent.		Received.	Sent.	Received.			
Hobart Town..	739	6	11	971	16	1	1711	3	0	329	18	9	603	0	2	11,961	14,979	4102	4016	16,063	18,995	35,058			
Launceston.....	831	5	8	801	11	4	1632	17	0	225	7	10	549	15	0	11,931	13,447	2568	3410	14,499	16,857	31,356			
Avoca.....	23	9	5	20	14	6	44	3	11	11	3	8	18	15	11	442	372	83	67	525	439	964			
Bishopsbourne ^a	7	0	4	3	14	3	10	14	7	0	6	4	1	8	10	130	65	5	9	135	74	209			
Bothwell.....	44	7	10	33	16	9	78	4	7	14	11	3	18	15	1	681	580	141	111	822	691	1513			
Buckland.....	9	3	4	7	2	3	16	5	7	4	2	6	6	3	1	167	133	50	59	217	192	409			
Campbell Town.....	83	15	3	81	5	7	165	0	10	20	15	6	20	9	11	41	5	5	222	218	1763	1593	3356		
Carrick ^b	12	9	0	9	6	1	21	15	1	6	1	11	7	2	7	13	4	6	213	168	82	103	295	271	566
Chudleigh ^c	2	15	3	1	5	6	4	0	9	1	0	11	0	17	6	41	36	12	17	53	53	106			
Circular Head.....	42	18	5	34	2	1	77	0	6	3	14	1	10	3	0	13	17	1	772	598	58	113	830	711	1541
Cleveland.....	10	16	9	7	6	3	18	3	0	2	7	11	6	19	2	9	7	1	169	149	17	51	206	200	406
Don.....	38	19	1	31	6	9	70	5	10	3	17	4	12	0	9	15	18	1	591	621	44	104	635	725	1360
Emu Bay.....	94	17	10	66	6	3	161	4	1	30	15	5	55	16	1	1582	1136	352	272	1934	1408	3342			
Falmouth.....	8	8	11	6	16	4	15	5	3	1	3	1	5	11	1	6	14	2	136	134	14	40	150	174	324
Fingal.....	52	6	1	39	10	7	91	16	8	7	16	8	17	11	4	25	8	0	915	684	107	187	1022	871	1893
Forth.....	59	4	4	41	0	9	100	5	1	17	18	7	20	7	11	38	6	6	951	766	185	195	1136	961	2097
Franklin ^d	16	19	5	18	2	3	35	1	8	18	19	11	23	9	10	42	9	9	309	342	268	267	577	609	1186
Geeves Town ^e	8	1	7	7	6	11	15	8	6	0	19	1	2	15	2	3	14	3	143	133	13	33	156	166	322
George Town.....	71	13	2	59	19	3	131	12	5	26	14	8	31	16	11	58	11	7	1309	1032	343	351	1652	1383	3035
George's Bay.....	78	5	6	61	14	1	139	19	7	9	15	0	14	10	11	24	5	11	1853	1071	144	161	1497	1232	2729
Green Ponds.....	33	5	0	33	2	9	66	7	9	16	12	8	16	13	7	33	6	3	629	565	127	130	756	695	1451
Hamilton.....	32	4	3	25	16	2	58	0	5	34	12	5	34	4	11	68	17	4	588	469	375	370	963	839	1802
Kingston ^f	5	13	1	6	5	4	11	18	5	1	19	10	3	19	4	5	19	2	93	116	32	47	125	163	288
Latrobe.....	128	18	10	101	1	6	230	0	4	23	15	8	25	0	9	48	16	5	2067	1904	227	266	2294	2170	4464
Leven.....	45	11	10	33	3	3	78	15	1	22	14	9	27	7	8	50	2	5	797	635	259	286	1056	921	1977
Longford.....	30	4	2	35	7	0	65	11	2	10	2	9	12	16	7	22	19	4	561	647	75	111	636	758	1394
Low Heads.....	12	9	7	72	13	3	85	2	10	139	3	7	5	19	1	145	2	8	686	318	1229	81	1915	399	2314
Macquarie Plains.....	29	12	9	17	13	5	47	6	2	14	15	5	14	2	10	28	18	3	504	333	176	141	680	474	1154
Melton Mowbray.....	10	10	7	10	9	6	21	0	1	3	12	5	7	19	4	11	11	9	224	192	32	72	256	264	520
New Norfolk.....	57	0	8	57	7	11	114	8	7	14	19	7	24	7	3	39	6	10	1099	1065	192	239	1291	1304	2595
Nine Mile Springs.....	32	19	6	30	5	4	63	4	10	8	18	5	8	4	8	17	3	1	612	500	103	96	715	596	1311
Outlands.....	59	18	10	54	10	2	114	9	0	60	9	3	27	7	6	87	16	9	1108	960	448	286	1556	1246	2802
Quse.....	22	8	3	14	11	10	37	0	1	11	13	1	12	18	10	24	11	11	369	296	168	171	537	467	1004

Oyster Cove ^s	4 19 3	2 6 7	7 5 10	0 8 9	1 15 10	2 4 7	82	42	6	25	88	67	155
Penguin Creek.....	22 13 9	17 18 0	40 11 9	9 0 5	29 17 10	38 18 3	387	319	85	118	472	437	909
Peppermint Bay ^b	4 5 9	2 9 6	6 15 3	2 2 1	1 6 9	3 8 10	69	47	22	17	91	64	155
Pontville.....	20 5 2	18 10 10	38 16 0	18 13 6	12 11 7	32 5 1	349	334	187	150	536	484	1020
Port Cygnet ^h	28 7 8	24 1 6	52 9 2	17 5 4	12 15 8	30 1 0	506	421	182	172	688	593	1281
Richmond.....	30 1 11	30 10 10	60 12 9	12 1 5	18 12 11	30 14 4	564	576	129	182	693	758	1451
River Cam.....	8 15 9	4 19 1	18 14 10	1 11 7	6 1 2	7 12 9	145	108	28	60	173	168	341
Ross.....	23 13 1	19 19 3	43 12 4	7 2 6	15 16 8	22 19 2	394	377	106	136	500	513	1013
Shipwright's Point ^j	10 14 3	5 12 3	16 6 6	0 18 6	1 4 6	2 3 0	188	124	15	21	203	145	348
Sorell.....	16 7 2	18 3 4	34 10 6	9 4 8	10 13 3	19 17 11	342	278	105	111	447	389	836
Spring Bay.....	32 13 4	26 11 9	59 5 1	11 14 7	12 2 0	23 16 7	560	454	154	156	714	610	1324
St. Mary's.....	26 18 7	16 7 6	43 6 1	5 10 11	5 7 5	10 18 4	447	294	94	50	541	344	885
Swansea.....	22 14 7	19 3 0	41 17 7	5 10 10	10 16 11	16 7 9	413	328	70	108	433	436	919
Table Cape.....	30 15 2	31 0 3	61 15 5	20 10 6	24 0 3	44 10 9	552	555	245	251	797	806	1603
Three Hut Point ^k	8 3 10	6 2 7	14 6 5	0 17 8	1 18 10	2 16 6	141	110	13	23	154	133	287
Torquay.....	55 6 1	53 6 7	108 12 6	66 2 1	53 10 2	119 12 3	1017	923	584	573	1601	1496	3097
Tunbridge.....	6 19 5	7 1 7	14 1 10	5 3 4	9 19 2	15 2 6	128	135	67	94	195	229	424
Victoria ^l	6 18 8	8 10 4	15 9 0	2 15 9	4 5 3	7 1 0	151	137	45	52	196	189	385
Waratah ^m	23 15 0	11 14 6	35 9 6	2 18 2	4 9 6	7 7 8	327	248	37	57	364	305	669
Launceston (L. & W. R.)..	2 7 8	1 18 7	4 6 3	15 8 5	9 15 5	25 3 10	38	37	200	122	238	159	397
Evandale.....	16 14 5	15 9 7	32 4 0	2 10 3	9 2 0	11 12 3	309	278	35	69	344	347	691
Perth.....	8 12 4	13 13 2	22 5 6	1 9 0	5 12 3	7 1 3	164	249	21	36	185	285	470
Longford.....	6 13 8	4 6 1	10 19 9	1 12 9	0 8 2	2 0 11	129	64	18	3	147	67	214
Westbury.....	25 9 2	25 3 6	50 12 8	8 7 8	13 14 1	22 1 9	475	459	94	123	569	582	1151
Deloraine.....	56 5 10	56 1 6	112 7 4	27 18 3	30 1 0	57 19 3	1112	965	321	327	1433	1292	2725
	3237 12 11	3237 12 11	6475 5 10	1357 19 2	1357 19 2	2715 18 4	53,683	53,683	15,116	15,116	68,799	68,799	137,598

New Stations opened—^a and ^b 7th January, ^c 14th September, ^d 22nd February, ^e 28th April, ^f 16th January, ^g 18th July, ^h 1st July, ⁱ 21st February, ^j 27th April, ^k 1st July, ^l 20th February, ^m 1st November.

INTERCOLONIAL TELEGRAMS.

STATEMENT showing the Total Receipts from Messages transmitted by Submarine Cable from 1st January to 31st December, 1878.

DATE.	PAID IN TASMANIA ON ACCOUNT OF					PAID IN AUSTRALIA ON ACCOUNT OF					TOTAL NO. OF MESSAGES.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.
	No. of Mes-sages.	Total Receipts.	Land Lines in Tasmania.	Submarine Cable Co.	Land Lines other Colonies.	No. of Mes-sages.	Total Receipts.	Land Lines other Colonies.	Submarine Cable Co.	Land Lines in Tasmania.		
January	665	£ s. d. 411 6 5	£ s. d. 58 17 1	£ s. d. 258 7 5	£ s. d. 94 1 11	857	£ s. d. 312 16 0	£ s. d. 81 4 10	£ s. d. 187 1 10	£ s. d. 44 9 4	1522	£ s. d. 724 2 5
February	808	467 17 8	68 4 0	303 18 6	95 15 2	809	317 3 3	80 10 7	191 17 8	44 15 0	1617	785 0 11
March	653	449 19 7	63 8 5	279 2 7	107 8 7	964	336 1 11	100 4 0	190 18 8	44 18 3	1617	786 1 6
April	521	357 18 7	47 2 6	217 5 2	93 10 11	794	289 9 6	95 1 11	157 7 6	37 0 1	1315	647 8 1
May	472	341 7 3	47 1 7	207 15 9	86 9 11	661	257 6 7	86 10 6	138 12 1	32 4 0	1133	598 13 10
June	317	239 11 9	32 10 2	144 8 8	62 12 11	466	174 9 2	65 5 10	88 7 6	20 15 10	783	414 0 11
July	550	386 17 11	53 5 5	234 6 4	99 6 2	815	291 12 2	90 13 11	162 14 8	38 3 7	1365	678 10 1
August	563	403 17 10	52 2 2	258 18 8	92 17 0	781	287 8 11	94 14 7	156 7 0	36 7 4	1344	691 6 9
September	514	377 18 2	49 8 9	240 4 2	88 5 3	753	252 9 2	76 3 8	142 15 8	33 9 10	1267	630 7 4
October	497	353 2 1	47 1 4	228 15 11	77 4 10	672	248 6 8	74 17 0	140 11 11	32 17 9	1169	601 8 9
November	453	326 12 9	41 8 10	205 13 7	79 10 4	675	271 1 0	91 11 7	145 6 2	34 3 3	1128	597 13 9
December	442	259 7 4	36 15 4	161 4 10	61 7 2	644	242 8 10	71 4 4	138 14 2	32 10 4	1086	501 16 2
	6455	4375 17 4	597 5 7	2740 1 7	1038 10 2	8891	3280 13 2	1008 2 9	1840 15 10	431 14 7	15,346	7656 10 6

Total paid Submarine Cable Company	£ s. d. 4580 17 5
Ditto Tasmanian Land Lines	1029 0 2
Ditto Land Lines and other Colonies	2046 12 11
	<u>£7656 10 6</u>

The Submarine Cable was interrupted from May 12th to 18th, and from June 12th to 21st: 15 days. Estimated loss on this account about £300.

SUBMARINE CABLE BUSINESS, 1878.

(Showing the business done by each Station.)

STATION.	Paid for at this Station.			Paid for in other Colonies.			TOTAL.			MESSAGES.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Sent.	Received.	TOTAL.
Hobart Town.....	2461	8	7	2027	13	3	4489	1	10	3446	4922	8368
Launceston.....	1563	6	5	840	3	7	2403	10	0	2089	2904	4993
Avoca.....	2	1	8	2	3	6	4	5	2	6	6	12
Bishopsbourne.....	..	..	..	0	19	0	0	19	0	..	3	3
Bothwell.....	5	15	3	6	14	0	12	9	3	18	11	29
Buckland.....	0	6	0	..	..	..	0	6	0	1	..	1
Campbell Town.....	12	15	1	17	16	4	30	11	5	31	43	74
Carrick.....	3	13	1	5	14	9	9	7	10	9	12	21
Circular Head.....	34	16	1	38	7	8	73	3	9	93	94	187
Cleveland.....	5	12	0	12	12	4	18	4	4	15	23	38
Don.....	33	0	9	39	11	2	72	11	11	66	101	167
Emu Bay.....	17	9	3	13	13	5	31	2	8	57	42	99
Falmouth.....	0	7	0	..	..	..	0	7	0	1	..	1
Fingal.....	3	14	0	8	18	9	12	12	9	12	27	39
Forth.....	14	19	2	17	8	8	32	7	10	43	45	88
Franklin.....	0	18	0	0	7	8	1	5	8	2	2	4
George Town.....	15	12	10	11	11	9	27	4	7	45	35	80
George's Bay.....	7	0	2	10	2	11	17	3	1	19	30	49
Green Ponds.....	4	15	3	4	18	8	9	13	11	12	14	26
Hamilton.....	5	15	3	5	5	3	11	0	6	14	14	28
Kingston.....	0	16	8	1	11	0	2	7	8	2	4	6
Latrobe.....	28	18	1	32	6	7	61	4	8	73	93	166
Leven.....	15	15	7	13	5	2	29	0	9	41	39	80
Longford.....	10	14	6	21	6	2	32	0	8	29	50	79
Macquarie Plains.....	3	18	6	7	9	0	11	7	6	5	14	19
Melton Mowbray.....	..	..	..	0	18	0	0	18	0	..	3	3
New Norfolk.....	13	5	9	19	16	6	33	2	3	35	51	86
Nine Mile Springs.....	2	13	3	4	11	2	7	4	5	8	15	23
Oatlands.....	3	8	0	1	16	0	5	4	0	10	6	16
Ouse.....	0	19	0	..	..	..	0	19	0	3	..	3
Penguin Creek.....	5	11	7	4	7	11	9	19	6	15	14	29
Pontville.....	1	19	2	1	13	0	3	12	2	5	6	11
Port Cygnet.....	..	..	..	1	2	8	1	2	8	1	2	3
Richmond.....	1	6	2	3	1	4	4	7	6	5	7	12
River Cam.....	3	1	0	3	10	8	6	11	8	10	10	20
Ross.....	9	5	11	18	4	5	27	10	4	24	37	61
Shipwright's Point.....	2	8	8	3	2	4	5	11	0	7	6	13
Sorell.....	0	19	7	0	6	0	1	5	7	3	1	4
Spring Bay.....	8	6	11	4	3	8	12	10	7	25	13	38
St. Mary's.....	2	5	0	1	10	0	3	15	0	7	5	12
Swansea.....	2	8	2	5	15	10	8	4	0	6	11	17
Table Cape.....	10	1	3	12	4	1	22	5	4	23	25	48
Three Hut Point.....	0	7	8	..	..	..	0	7	8	1	..	1
Torquay.....	12	19	8	12	13	2	25	12	10	36	35	71
Tunbridge.....	2	4	4	3	6	5	5	10	9	7	10	17
Victoria.....	..	..	..	0	17	0	0	17	0	..	1	1
Waratah.....	0	19	2	0	18	0	1	17	2	2	4	6
Launceston—L. & W. R.....	1	16	7	0	18	0	2	14	7	6	3	9
Evandale.....	3	10	9	6	5	5	9	16	2	10	17	27
Perth.....	2	15	2	4	15	9	7	10	11	9	11	20
Longford.....	1	6	0	0	14	9	2	0	9	4	1	5
Westbury.....	12	13	5	12	16	8	25	10	1	30	35	65
Deloraine.....	7	8	10	9	9	4	16	18	2	19	29	48
Hobart Town—T. M. L. R.....	4	5	11	0	13	0	4	18	11	6	1	7
New Norfolk Road.....	0	6	0	..	..	..	0	6	0	1	..	1
Brighton.....	0	12	4	..	..	..	0	12	4	1	..	1
Jerusalem.....	1	14	8	1	1	6	2	16	2	4	4	8
Campbell Town.....	0	15	8	..	..	..	0	15	8	1	..	1
Corners.....	0	6	0	..	..	..	0	6	0	1	..	1
Evandale.....	0	6	7	..	..	..	0	6	7	1	..	1
	4375	17	4	3230	13	2	7656	10	6	6455	8891	15,346

RETURN of European Business for the Year 1878.

Date.	Paid in Tasmania.		Paid elsewhere.		TOTAL.	MESSAGES.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		Sent.	Received.	TOTAL.	
January	97	8 6	30	2 7	127	11 1	6	4	10
February	98	2 8	64	4 6	162	7 2	7	8	15
March	19	4 0	20	5 4	39	9 4	3	4	7
April	55	17 6	76	2 5	131	19 11	7	8	15
May	123	4 0	53	4 3	176	8 3	7	11	18
June	19	4 0	97	0 4	116	4 4	4	10	14
July	44	16 0	41	13 4	86	9 4	8	7	15
August	33	3 8	17	18 6	51	2 2	5	4	9
September	58	7 2	32	8 5	90	15 7	9	6	15
October	52	18 1	62	17 1	115	15 2	10	11	21
November	49	1 6	40	10 8	89	12 2	10	9	19
December	50	2 8	12	3 3	62	5 11	7	3	10
	701	9 9	548	10 8	1250	0 5	83	85	168

OFFICERS of the Telegraph Department on 31st December, 1878.

Office.	Name.	Salary.	Date of present appointment.	First appointment under Government.
Superintendent of Telegraphs, Hobart Town	Henry, R.	£ 300	1 July, 1878	1 Sept. 1852
<i>Hobart Town.</i>				
Accountant and Counter Clerk	Maning, H. T.	125	1 July, 1878	15 Jan. 1867
Operator	M'Donald, J. J.	200	1 June, 1868	21 Nov. 1862
Ditto	Bowden, F. P.	80	1 Jan. 1877	1 April, 1875
Ditto	Hallam, W. P.	80	1 Oct. 1878	25 June, 1872
Ditto	Morley, O.	50	1 Oct. 1878	1 Jan. 1876
Learner	Spong, T. N.	30	1 July, 1878	1 July, 1878
Messenger	Cole, W. H.	35	1 Jan. 1877	1 Jan. 1877
Ditto	Williamson, J. H.	35	1 Jan. 1877	1 Jan. 1877
Ditto	Kingsley, T.	26	7 Oct. 1878	7 Oct. 1878
Ditto	Oldham, A. T.	26	7 Oct. 1878	7 Oct. 1878
<i>Launceston.</i>				
Operator in charge	Chitty, T. S.	250	1 April, 1861	1 July, 1859
Operator	Smart, D.	120	1 Mar. 1873	1 Sept. 1869
Ditto	Allison, F.	80	1 Jan. 1877	1 Mar. 1873
Ditto	Richardson, F.	50	1 Oct. 1878	1 Sept. 1877
Ditto	Hardinge, C.	50	1 Oct. 1878	18 July, 1877
Messenger	Walker, R.	26	1 Jan. 1877	1 Jan. 1877
Ditto	Meyers, R.	26	1 Nov. 1878	1 Nov. 1878
Ditto	Macqueen, S.	26	7 Oct. 1878	7 Oct. 1878
Ditto	O'Sullivan, J.	26	7 Oct. 1878	7 Oct. 1878
<i>Operators—</i>				
Avoca	Densley, C.	40	1 Mar. 1876	1 Mar. 1876
Bishopsbourne	Leeming, J.	40	1 Jan. 1878	1 Jan. 1878
Brighton	Dyer, A. M.	50	1 Mar. 1874	1 Mar. 1874
Bothwell	Arnett, M.	40	1 Oct. 1877	1 Oct. 1877
Buckland	Hallam, M.	40	1 May, 1876	1 Feb. 1876
Campbell Town	Webb, M.	50	1 Sept. 1875	1 Sept. 1875
Carrick	Beck, S.	40	1 Jan. 1878	1 Jan. 1878
Chudleigh	Hayes, W. C.	40	1 Sept. 1875	1 Sept. 1878
Circular Head	Emmett, M. E.	40	19 Jan. 1876	19 Jan. 1876
Cleveland	Webb, G.	50	1 Mar. 1876	1 Mar. 1876
Don	Cummings, J.	40	23 Aug. 1876	1 Jan. 1875
Emu Bay	Cocker, A.	50	1 Nov. 1878	1 Nov. 1878
Falmouth	Holland, M.	40	1 Aug. 1877	1 Aug. 1877
Fingal	Pillgrem, S. A.	40	1 April, 1876	16 Aug. 1875
Forth	Liddle, C. F.	40	1 Dec. 1876	1 Dec. 1876
Franklin	Kennedy, A. H.	40	27 April, 1878	27 April, 1878
Geeves Town	Warburton, J.	40	28 April, 1878	28 April, 1878
George Town	Richardson, F.	40	1 June, 1873	1 June, 1873

<i>Office.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Salary.</i>	<i>Date of present appointment.</i>	<i>First appointment under Government.</i>
		£		
George's Bay	Blacklow, M.	40	1 Sept. 1877	1 Sept. 1877
Green Ponds	Donnelly, J. S.	50	1 Mar. 1870	1 Mar. 1870
Hamilton	Jackson, E. M.	40	1 June, 1877	1 June, 1877
Kingston	Fisher, C.	40	16 Jan. 1878	16 Jan. 1878
Latrobe	Hogg, S.	40	1 April, 1875	1 April, 1875
Leven	Button, A.	40	1 May, 1875	1 Jan. 1875
Longford	Mason, W., jun.	50	18 June, 1863	18 June, 1863
Macquarie Plains	Mathews, E.	40	1 Nov. 1873	1 Nov. 1873
Melton Mowbra	Edwards, F.	40	1 Nov. 1875	1 Nov. 1875
New Norfolk	Clewer, W.	50	1 July, 1871	1 July, 1871
Nine Mile Springs	Miles, J.	40	1 Dec. 1877	1 Dec. 1877
Oatlands	Lynch, H.	50	1 May, 1875	1 May, 1875
Ouse	Higgins, C.	40	1 Jan. 1876	1 Jan. 1876
Oyster Cove	Pybus, F.	40	18 July, 1878	18 July, 1878
Penguin Creek	M'Donald, E.	40	1 Nov. 1878	1 Nov. 1878
Peppermint Bay	Edwards, T. W.	40	1 July, 1878	10 May, 1877
Pontville	Dyer, A. M.	50	1 Mar. 1874	1 Mar. 1874
Port Cygnet	Hill, S.	40	21 Feb. 1878	21 Feb. 1878
Richmond	Nichols, J. W.	40	1 Sept. 1876	8 Sept. 1855
River Cam	Wragge, J.	40	1 July, 1877	1 July, 1877
Ross	Hall, E.	50	1 Mar. 1865	1 Mar. 1865
Shipwright's Point	Hawkins, E. C.	40	27 April, 1878	27 April, 1878
Sorell	Peacock, G.	40	15 Jan. 1876	1 July, 1873
Spring Bay	Robinson, R.	40	1 Mar. 1876	1 Mar. 1876
St. Mary's	Cramp, J. T.	40	1 Nov. 1878	1 Nov. 1878
Swansea	Smith, A. W.	40	1 April, 1876	1 April, 1876
Table Cape	Rudge, A.	40	1 Dec. 1875	1 Jan. 1875
Three Hut Point	Ward, F. H.	40	1 July, 1878	1 July, 1878
Torquay	Cocker, C.	40	1 April, 1875	1 Jan. 1875
Tunbridge	Brain, J.	40	1 Jan. 1877	1 Jan. 1877
Victoria	Short, M.	40	20 Feb. 1878	20 Feb. 1878
Waratah	Dixon, F. J.	40	1 Nov. 1878	1 Nov. 1878
<i>Launceston and Western Railway Telegraph.</i>				
Launceston	Israel, J. W.	160	1 Aug. 1874	1 Aug. 1872
Evandale	Darby, H. E.	120	1 Feb. 1874	1 Aug. 1872
Perth	Galer, C.	100	13 Aug. 1874	1 Aug. 1872
Longford	Ferguson, F.	160	1 Aug. 1874	1 Aug. 1872
Westbury	Clarke, F.	100	10 Nov. 1873	1 Aug. 1872
Deloraine	Harris, C.	150	1 Feb. 1874	1 Aug. 1872