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POST OFFICE RETURNS.

1.—*RETURN of the Amounts received at the General Post Office for Stamps sold during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878.*

YEAR.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1870*	15,490	4	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
1871	12,329	17	10	—	—	—	3160	6	11
1872	13,321	5	11	991	8	1	—	—	—
1873	14,657	4	1	1335	18	2	—	—	—
1874	16,975	14	1	2318	10	0	—	—	—
1875	17,524	9	9	548	15	8	—	—	—
1876	19,289	14	6	1765	4	9	—	—	—
1877	21,952	17	4	2663	2	10	—	—	—
1878	23,382	15	8	1429	18	4	—	—	—

2.—*RETURN of the Number of Stamped Letters posted in Tasmania for the United Kingdom and other Places (exclusive of Intercolonial) during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878.*

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
		Letters.	Packets.	Letters.	Packets.
1870	40,020	—	—	—	—
1871	37,893	—	—	2127	—
1872	39,889	1996	—	—	—
1873	42,879	2990	—	—	—
1874	41,340	—	—	1539	—
1875	42,956	1616	—	—	—
1876	43,348	392	—	—	—
1877	44,012	664	—	—	—
1878	46,964	2952	—	—	—

3.—*RETURN of the Number of Intercolonial Stamped Letters (or Letters for the Australian Colonies and New Zealand) posted in Tasmania during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878.*

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
		Letters.	Packets.	Letters.	Packets.
1870	114,053	—	—	—	—
1871	126,523	12,470	—	—	—
1872	142,510	15,987	—	—	—
1873	169,099	26,589	—	—	—
1874	183,962	14,863	—	—	—
1875	206,301	22,339	—	—	—
1876	222,157	15,856	—	—	—
1877	252,587	30,430	—	—	—
1878	274,403	21,816	—	—	—

4.—*RETURN of the Number of Inland and Town Stamped Letters and Packets posted in Tasmania during the Years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878.*

YEAR.	LETTERS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
			Letters.	Packets.	Letters.	Packets.
			1870	446,610	12,188	—
1871	585,024	18,990	138,414	6802	—	—
1872	622,238	21,029	37,214	2039	—	—
1873	773,744	25,673	151,506	4644	—	—
1874	882,252	32,301	108,508	6628	—	—
1875	993,876	36,815	111,624	4514	—	—
1876	1,144,292	48,657	150,416	11,842	—	—
1877	1,250,256	50,896	105,964	2239	—	—
1878	1,415,029	64,324†	164,773	13,428	—	—

* On the 1st November, 1870, the Inland Letter Postage Rate was reduced from Four Pence to Two Pence per Half Ounce, and the Intercolonial Letter Postage Rate from Six Pence to Three Pence per Half Ounce.

† Town Letters posted at Launceston have not been included in Return No. 4 for previous years, consequently the actual increase in 1878 over 1877 is 97,449; the difference in gross increase consisting of 67,919 Town Letters posted at Launceston.

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Secretary.*

POST OFFICE.

RETURN showing the Number of Post Offices, Persons employed, Extent of Post Roads, and Number of Letters, Packets, and Newspapers received and despatched, for the Years 1877-78.

	1877.	1878.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses.....	180	191
Number of Persons employed	290	301
Miles of Post Roads	1460	1719
Miles of Post Roads travelled.....	500,697	621,768

YEAR.	RECEIVED.										DESPATCHED.											
	LETTERS.			PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			LETTERS.				PACKETS.			NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.		
	Inland stamped.	Franked.	Ship.	Inland stamped.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Packets.	News-papers.	Inland stamped.	Town stamped.	Ship stamped.	Franked.	Inland stamped.	Town stamped.	Ship stamped.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Packets.	News-papers.
	1877..	1,203,788	192,515	332,660	47,843	39,533	879,531	296,478	1,728,963	87,376	1,176,009	1,102,211	148,045	287,251	221,915	49,411	1485	8700	1,081,282	241,762	1,759,422	59,596
1878..	1,274,776	220,000	350,003	58,364	47,565	999,783	313,406	1,844,779	105,929	1,313,189	1,250,943	165,806	309,758	237,291	63,086	1238	10,744	1,333,681	275,813	1,963,798	75,068	1,609,494

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	1877.	1878.
Revenue (estimated)*	£ s. d. 16,000 0 0	£ s. d. 17,000 0 0
Expenditure	24,082 15 0	26,221 9 7

* It is impossible to give the actual Post Office Revenue, as Postage Stamps are used on Bills of Exchange, &c. under "The Stamp Act," but the estimated Revenue given above is believed to be as near as possible the actual Post Office Revenue for the years 1877-78.

A. C. DOUGLAS, Secretary.

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS.

A RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Post Office Money Orders issued and paid, and the Amount of Commission collected, at the respective Money Order Offices in Tasmania during the Years 1877-78.

OFFICE.	Number of Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.		Number of Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.		Commission.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart Town	2896	3129	10,700 10 10	11,587 4 1	4227	4597	15,204 18 2	16,229 12 3	197 0 6	205 18 6
Bothwell	120	79	353 12 10	316 1 9	45	50	161 17 0	110 5 2	5 10 6	4 0 6
Bransholme ^a	10	—	49 0 0	—	2	—	12 0 0	—	0 12 0	—
Brandy Creek ^b	—	584	—	1989 12 7	—	59	—	286 3 9	—	26 4 6
Brighton	58	99	190 8 10	348 4 6	51	56	191 6 6	303 5 11	2 15 6	4 4 0
Burnie	289	306	1213 18 8	1203 16 8	26	76	71 1 7	252 9 5	13 12 6	14 6 6
Campbell Town	182	234	458 15 5	662 12 2	86	96	309 18 2	346 13 7	7 13 0	10 5 0
Carrick ^c	—	23	—	33 5 0	—	1	—	3 0 0	—	0 18 0
Circular Head	206	194	833 14 0	724 3 5	60	86	198 3 5	368 3 4	10 17 6	10 2 6
Deloraine	559	646	2126 18 10	2487 1 2	134	166	603 0 2	628 12 7	22 19 0	24 10 6
Evandale	70	99	177 18 0	216 0 1	30	47	86 8 6	146 16 3	2 19 6	3 12 0
Fingal	150	202	340 16 3	584 17 7	59	56	269 7 6	208 12 7	7 2 0	9 6 6
Franklin	265	285	973 9 11	971 17 10	91	100	328 19 1	343 13 7	10 15 6	10 10 0
George's Bay	258	256	830 8 5	817 11 6	25	54	91 0 0	230 2 9	9 9 6	8 19 0
George Town	327	204	1175 8 9	629 6 11	68	62	329 7 4	160 9 7	16 1 0	7 6 0
Glenorchy	16	25	50 7 5	46 17 2	22	37	92 5 2	170 15 0	0 16 6	1 3 0
Gould's Country	725	405	3403 3 5	2131 13 1	19	24	85 15 0	97 18 6	29 14 6	18 10 0
Green Ponds	108	121	288 2 8	384 8 11	30	59	116 3 0	257 14 3	4 7 6	4 18 0
Hamilton	97	135	209 10 4	429 17 2	36	40	145 9 7	118 1 3	3 5 6	4 16 0
Jerusalem	57	96	112 1 1	207 14 9	35	31	111 17 5	93 13 11	1 17 0	3 7 0
Krushka's Bridge ^d	212	498	982 15 1	2228 10 1	3	22	12 13 6	97 13 5	11 9 6	26 15 0
Latrobe	346	370	974 19 7	973 1 8	135	150	509 5 11	471 6 10	14 4 0	15 8 6
Launceston	2198	2283	8300 11 11	8514 19 9	2265	2914	7522 17 6	9598 18 0	130 1 6	135 14 0
Levon	162	231	398 10 11	537 10 9	64	43	169 18 9	169 11 7	5 17 0	8 12 6
Longford	220	277	746 18 1	875 8 8	128	188	407 8 9	671 0 3	13 10 6	14 13 0
Mount Bischoff	451	1162	1961 13 1	4613 8 0	16	25	43 0 3	78 8 10	26 2 6	63 18 0
New Norfolk	266	311	932 18 11	991 14 3	149	139	567 16 3	434 11 9	10 9 6	12 5 0
Nine Mile Springs ^e	782	559	3001 15 3	1947 2 1	28	31	119 12 3	106 16 4	42 4 0	28 11 0
Oatlands	184	178	381 9 11	390 19 4	107	80	315 11 10	293 3 7	6 12 6	7 11 6
Ouse	45	74	136 7 4	238 4 4	4	3	10 17 9	4 7 9	1 6 0	3 0 6
Penguin Creek	44	85	92 6 7	284 17 5	14	13	40 6 0	58 7 0	1 11 6	3 6 6
Perth	54	54	115 18 8	154 12 4	25	35	101 7 6	114 12 9	2 8 6	1 18 0
Port Arthur ^f	48	—	142 9 10	—	4	—	7 5 0	—	1 10 6	—
Port Cygnet	146	199	554 4 6	700 5 10	58	24	264 4 3	84 7 0	4 12 0	6 13 0
Reedy Marsh	172	194	547 19 0	609 5 7	19	13	93 2 5	39 8 6	6 15 0	7 6 0
Richmond	83	77	304 9 4	264 11 1	58	63	201 18 5	205 16 3	4 3 6	3 4 6
Ross	156	133	380 19 5	356 14 6	43	61	132 17 11	196 4 0	7 3 0	5 15 0
Ruby Flat ^g	98	—	476 9 9	—	—	—	—	—	5 12 6	—
Sorell	77	76	211 1 1	218 15 10	45	40	152 0 0	219 19 6	3 0 0	2 15 6
Spring Bay ^h	44	38	202 9 6	121 9 8	11	38	69 0 10	239 10 5	2 5 0	1 9 6
St. Mary's ⁱ	38	92	146 14 11	340 16 8	10	16	36 6 10	81 15 1	2 4 0	3 18 6
Swansea	124	126	337 4 11	397 3 0	47	33	213 8 5	168 13 0	5 9 0	5 6 0
Thomas's Plains ^j	35	395	179 4 3	2189 7 0	3	11	12 12 6	40 19 6	1 15 0	20 6 0
Three Hut Point	5	16	23 5 0	43 3 3	9	11	46 6 6	36 17 0	0 7 6	0 16 6
Torquay	328	289	986 18 7	883 7 1	105	143	454 8 8	573 0 7	13 1 6	10 16 6
Westbury	173	174	616 15 3	599 12 2	108	137	453 18 10	493 1 11	8 3 0	9 14 6
Wynyard	184	224	648 15 8	712 3 6	40	53	209 17 11	282 8 4	8 2 0	9 2 6
TOTALS	13,068	15,237	47,273 12 0	54,909 10 2	8544	9983	30,577 2 4	35,117 2 10	687 9 6	781 15 0

^a Bransholme closed 31st March, 1877. ^b Brandy Creek (Beaconsfield) opened 1st May, 1878. ^c Carrick opened 1st January, 1878. ^d Krushka's Bridge opened 1st July, 1877. ^e Nine Mile Springs opened 1st February, 1877. ^f Port Arthur closed 31 December, 1877. ^g Ruby Flat closed 31st December, 1877. ^h Spring Bay opened 1st June, 1877. ⁱ St. Mary's opened 1st May, 1877. ^j Thomas's Plains opened 1st June, 1877.

A. C. DOUGLAS, Comptroller.

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and paid in TASMANIA during the Year 1878.

Issued.	Number of Orders issued.	Amount.	Paid.	Number of Orders paid.	Amount.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
On Tasmania	6763	21,633 12 0	Issue of Tasmania	6802	21,737 9 6
New South Wales	720	2495 3 5	New South Wales	633	2727 5 0
New Zealand	244	1241 15 4	New Zealand	438	2098 16 5
Queensland	111	607 10 9	Queensland	157	858 1 4
South Australia	151	621 9 2	South Australia	149	617 6 8
United Kingdom	1434	4937 6 8	United Kingdom	258	1259 7 1
Victoria	5813	23,363 12 10	Victoria	1544	5810 11 10
Western Australia	1	3 0 0	Western Australia	2	8 5 0
TOTALS	15,237	54,909 10 2	TOTALS	9983	35,117 2 10

A. C. DOUGLAS, Comptroller.

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS—*continued.*

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Year 1878, classified according to the Rates of Commission charged thereon.

Inland.		Intercolonial.		United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.				Total.	Amount.
£5 and under.	Between £5 and £10.	£5 and under.	Between £5 and £10.	£2 and under.	Between £2 and £5.	Between £5 and £7.	Between £7 and £10.		
5455	1308	5483	1557	722	485	68	159	15,237	£ 54,909 s. 10 d. 2

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Comptroller.*

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, 1878; together with the Amount of Commission collected on Orders issued in the Colony.

Period.	Number of Orders issued.	Amount of Commission.	Amount of Orders issued.	Number of Orders paid.	Amount of Orders paid.
1865	1201	£ s. d. 85 18 6	£ s. d. 4485 1 2	741	£ s. d. 2824 10 7
1866	2856	192 10 6	11,274 19 3	2030	8669 11 5
1867	3319	214 0 0	11,729 0 11	2412	10,332 17 5
1868	3376	221 10 0	13,070 1 9	2512	10,719 1 9
1869	4398	270 2 0	16,667 10 1	3135	12,990 16 4
1870	5193	315 19 0	19,337 17 7	3722	14,550 10 7
1871	5685	322 13 6	21,015 19 3	4411	16,467 13 7
1872	5820	317 6 6	21,171 0 3	5102	19,025 1 9
1873	6572	359 3 6	24,192 19 10	5534	21,108 3 5
1874	7131	396 10 0	27,063 4 5	5908	22,667 7 7
1875	7569	422 5 0	28,115 8 4	6179	22,218 9 10
1876	8851	478 17 0	32,426 10 7	6953	25,559 5 5
1877	13,068	687 9 6	47,273 12 0	8544	30,577 2 4
1878	15,237	781 15 0	54,909 10 2	9983	35,117 2 10

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Comptroller.*

POST OFFICE.

RETURN showing the Number of Inland Letters, Packets, 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 Year 1878.

LETTERS.			PACKETS.			NEWSPAPERS.			REVENUE.*	EXPENDITURE.
<i>Inland,</i> (including Town Letters.)	<i>Ship.</i>		<i>Inland,</i> (including Town Packets.)	<i>Ship.</i>		<i>Inland,</i> (including Town Newspapers.)	<i>Ship.</i>			
	Received.	Despatched.		Received.	Despatched.		Received.	Despatched.		
1,654,040	350,008	309,758	64,324	47,565	10,744	1,333,681	313,406	275,813	£ 17,000	s. d. 0 0
									£	s. d.
									26,221	9 7

N.B.—Of the Letters and Packets dealt with, 1,801,575 were stamped, 237,291 were franked.

* It is impossible to give the exact Post Office Revenue, the same description of Stamps being used for the purposes of the Post Office and of the Stamp Act; but the estimate given above is believed to be as near the actual Revenue as possible.

A. C. DOUGLAS, *Secretary.*

JAMES BARNARD,
GOVERNMENT PRINTER, TASMANIA.