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TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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POST OFFICE:

RETURNS FOR 1876.

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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.*

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	—	—	—

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

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
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	—

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

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
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	—

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

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	1,444,292	48,657	150,416	11,842	—	—

\* 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.

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 1875-76.*

	1875.	1876.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses.....	170	177
Number of Persons employed .....	267	277
Miles of Post Roads .....	1293	1359
Miles of Post Roads travelled.....	486,536	481,512

YEAR.	RECEIVED.										DESPATCHED.											
	LETTERS.			PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			LETTERS.				PACKETS.			NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.		
	<i>Inland stamped.</i>	<i>Franked.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Inland stamped.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Inland.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Letters.</i>	<i>Packets.</i>	<i>News-papers.</i>	<i>Inland stamped.</i>	<i>Town stamped.</i>	<i>Ship stamped.</i>	<i>Franked.</i>	<i>Inland stamped.</i>	<i>Town stamped.</i>	<i>Ship stamped.</i>	<i>Inland.</i>	<i>Ship.</i>	<i>Letters.</i>	<i>Packets.</i>	<i>News-papers.</i>
	1875 ..	888,941	187,535	262,468	34,397	28,635	583,992	249,891	1,338,944	63,032	833,283	881,885	111,991	239,181	199,731	36,142	673	6548	872,570	238,979	1,432,788	43,363
1876 ..	1,050,450	195,880	294,234	43,588	32,578	709,765	264,430	1,540,564	76,166	974,195	1,023,612	120,680	254,808	216,249	47,889	768	7478	950,213	238,071	1,615,349	56,135	1,188,284

	1875.	1876.
Revenue (estimated)* .....	£ s. d. 13,500 0 0	£ s. d. 14,450 0 0
Expenditure .....	20,002 7 11	21,349 18 0

\* 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 1875-76.

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 1875-76.

OFFICE.	Number of Orders issued.		Amount of Orders issued.		Number of Orders paid.		Amount of Orders paid.		Commission.	
	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hobart Town	2301	2427	8938 5 2	9321 17 8	3202	3457	12,151 7 1	12,584 15 2	161 7 6	169 7 6
Bothwell	111	121	315 2 1	398 11 3	30	23	137 4 9	104 0 8	5 4 0	6 7 6
Branxholm <sup>a</sup>	—	19	—	98 10 0	—	1	—	4 8 6	—	1 5 0
Brighton	68	63	235 18 6	220 2 3	29	31	93 4 11	123 10 0	3 7 6	2 18 6
Burnie <sup>b</sup>	—	239	—	1014 10 9	—	15	—	73 13 3	—	11 2 6
Campbell Town	128	137	492 16 4	549 4 4	66	77	140 0 2	327 16 4	8 0 0	7 4 0
Circular Head	237	179	869 16 5	656 4 4	39	68	184 12 6	241 8 3	12 11 0	9 11 6
Deloraine	443	472	1812 0 6	1927 10 0	108	123	522 4 7	573 17 1	18 5 0	19 10 0
Evandale	74	64	230 14 1	163 2 1	35	28	117 17 0	130 9 11	3 13 6	2 7 6
Fingal	99	133	313 12 10	412 14 0	26	45	110 7 6	186 3 2	5 6 0	7 3 0
Franklin	268	267	988 12 7	988 13 5	39	48	84 7 3	151 17 6	9 17 0	10 6 6
George's Bay <sup>c</sup>	—	110	—	387 15 8	—	9	—	38 15 2	—	4 11 6
George Town	165	294	670 0 5	1071 3 8	56	85	210 1 6	401 4 7	9 0 6	14 11 0
Glenorchy	11	12	20 9 10	29 15 7	12	24	47 16 6	62 9 0	0 8 0	0 11 0
Gould's Country <sup>d</sup>	—	160	—	716 14 8	—	—	—	—	—	6 12 6
Green Ponds	76	90	236 12 10	235 3 5	17	23	73 1 3	114 1 11	3 0 6	3 6 0
Hamilton	90	95	269 0 0	236 8 1	20	33	127 3 3	104 0 9	3 2 0	3 3 6
Jerusalem	63	52	211 12 4	129 3 0	17	26	32 3 8	99 2 6	2 0 6	1 8 6
Latrobe	212	251	731 14 8	908 1 0	62	85	223 14 8	312 14 9	8 19 6	10 19 6
Launceston	1420	1584	5572 6 9	5930 0 11	1649	1861	5683 15 5	6565 4 4	90 8 0	96 8 6
Leven	58	102	118 3 1	311 9 6	43	68	27 6 11	196 16 8	2 1 0	3 19 0
Longford	211	191	790 5 0	659 10 7	97	100	319 17 11	312 12 1	11 9 6	10 10 0
Mount Bischoff <sup>e</sup>	—	72	—	329 15 3	—	1	—	0 9 9	—	4 9 6
New-Norfolk	178	235	805 15 9	1011 0 2	106	112	360 19 7	451 10 5	7 9 6	10 7 6
Outlands	172	186	673 9 10	685 17 0	65	66	324 11 0	235 14 9	8 10 0	8 12 6
Ouse <sup>f</sup>	—	20	—	22 15 1	—	—	—	—	—	0 8 0
Penguin Creek <sup>g</sup>	—	5	—	4 5 9	—	—	—	—	—	0 3 0
Perth	28	41	62 2 1	102 16 8	9	22	28 14 5	86 4 11	1 3 0	1 13 0
Port Arthur	76	94	232 13 9	224 3 11	6	12	19 14 6	31 13 6	3 4 0	2 18 6
Port Cygnet	116	79	535 2 1	297 12 10	15	17	63 0 6	64 6 0	4 4 6	2 15 0
Reedy Marsh	124	95	271 10 2	302 8 10	25	14	116 13 0	89 6 6	4 3 6	3 8 6
Richmond	57	69	218 13 4	263 3 4	32	46	99 11 6	173 7 9	2 8 6	3 12 0
Ross	126	143	328 18 2	408 5 1	44	75	190 6 5	323 0 0	5 7 0	7 0 0
Sorell	36	47	76 9 7	106 7 0	43	42	161 12 0	169 13 1	1 3 0	1 8 6
Swansea	73	115	233 2 8	367 13 9	26	31	71 1 9	133 2 0	3 17 6	5 10 6
Three Hut Point	30	23	129 1 8	113 9 6	11	14	69 12 3	19 16 0	1 13 6	1 3 6
Torquay	245	245	792 12 7	645 19 7	101	107	432 17 3	519 17 7	9 11 0	9 3 0
Westbury	142	132	464 5 9	607 7 2	126	123	412 18 7	441 15 7	5 12 6	7 13 0
Wynyard	131	138	474 7 6	567 3 6	23	36	130 10 3	105 6 0	5 16 6	6 6 0
TOTALS	7569	8851	28,115 8 4	32,426 10 7	6179	6953	22,818 9 10	25,559 5 5	422 5 0	478 17 0

<sup>a</sup> Branxholm, opened August, 1876. <sup>b</sup> Burnie, opened July, 1876. <sup>c</sup> George's Bay, opened May, 1876. <sup>d</sup> Gould's Country, opened July, 1876. <sup>e</sup> Mount Bischoff, opened September, 1876. <sup>f</sup> Ouse, opened September, 1876. <sup>g</sup> Penguin Creek, opened November, 1876.

A. C. DOUGLAS, Comptroller.

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and paid in TASMANIA during the Years 1875-76.

Issued.	Number of Orders issued.	Amount.	Paid.	Number of Orders paid.	Amount.
On Tasmania	4077	£ s. d. 13,239 11 10	Issue of Tasmania	4078	£ s. d. 13,365 0 0
New South Wales	403	1584 7 5	New South Wales	625	2957 5 3
New Zealand	235	1235 4 11	New Zealand	476	2157 18 5
Queensland	47	198 18 11	Queensland	109	490 8 5
South Australia	82	344 8 7	South Australia	115	484 15 9
United Kingdom	1256	4563 12 9	United Kingdom	224	987 1 9
Victoria	2745	11,239 6 2	Victoria	1319	5090 6 8
Western Australia	6	21 0 0	Western Australia	7	26 9 2
TOTALS	8851	32,426 10 7	TOTALS	6953	25,559 5 5

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*RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued in TASMANIA during the Year 1876, 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.		
3261	816	2627	891	589	459	57	151	8851	£ 32,426 10 7

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, 1876; 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	25,550 5 5

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