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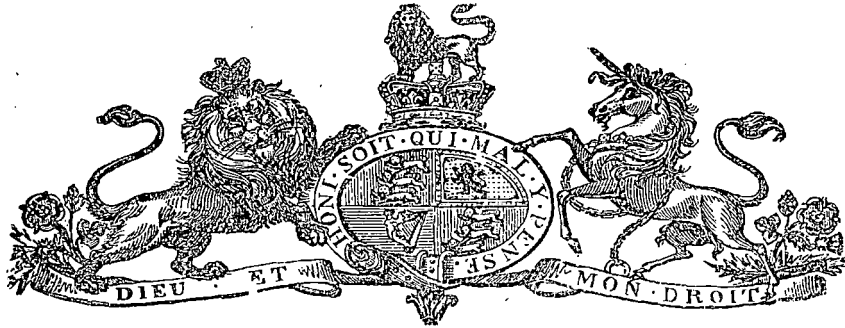
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT:

REPORT FOR 1897.

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POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

General Post Office, Hobart, 5th May, 1898.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to place before you a Report on the Post and Telegraph Department of Tasmania for the year 1897, showing its receipts and expenditure, and the general working of its several branches. I am pleased to say that the receipts for 1897 exceed those of the previous year by £3427 7s. 3½d. For the purposes of comparison the figures for 1896 are shown in brackets.

Revenue.—The amount collected under this head was £85,013 17s. 7½d. [£81,586 10s. 4d.], thus apportioned:—Postage, £52,847 12s. 1d. [£51,521 13s. 2d.]; revenue stamps, £8000; money order commission, £2971 7s. 11d. [£2674 12s. 6d.]; profit earned under item Savings Banks, £1083 7s. 11d. [£1048 0s. 10d.]; private boxes, mail bags, fines, &c., £762 0s. 1d. [£696 5s. 6d.]; poundage on postal notes, £292 19s. 10½d. [£212 14s. 8½d.]; telegraph receipts, £15,529 18s. 9d. [£14,051 8s. 3½d.]; telephone rentals, £3526 11s. 0d. [£3381 15s. 4d.].

The number of stamps sold were:—Adhesive, 7,196,280; post cards, 249,696; embossed envelopes, 16,392; registration envelopes, 2172; and value of impressed, £14,527 19s. 11d.; 22,448 exchanges were made, representing £296 19s. 10d. This latter amount did not enhance the revenue.

The above shows an increase in the aggregate of stamps, post cards, and embossed and registration envelopes of 330,144.

Expenditure.—The expenditure amounted to £65,268 9s. 7d. [£61,314 0s. 10d.], made up of salaries and allowances, £30,814 12s. 10d. [£29,089 2s. 0d.]; conveyance of mails, £24,278 1s. 0d. [£21,940 14s. 2d.]; miscellaneous, £3476 15s. 3d. [£3226 6s. 0d.]; cable subsidies, £2095 3s. 1d. [£2144 4s. 3d.]; additions, repairs, and maintenance of lines, £4603 17s. 5d. [£4913 14s. 5d.].

Parcels Post.—8395 inland parcels were posted during the year 1897, an increase of 1468 over 1896, and 2059 ship parcels were posted, an increase of 422 over 1896.

There was also collected £2742 13s. 0d. on account of Customs dues on 12,838 packets and parcels, valued at £15,517 19s. 11d., which were received from the United Kingdom and Colonies, which amount went to credit of Customs Department.

Mail Matter.—Under this head 4,605,542 [4,444,300] inland letters were despatched, an increase of 161,242 on previous year; 3,300,964 [2,876,040] ship letters received and despatched, an increase of 424,924; 257,878 [231,451] post cards; 2,273,082 [2,343,550] packets were dealt with; and it is estimated that 5,095,792 [4,861,893] newspapers passed through the office. Of these letters and packets, 1,059,507 [1,029,401] were franked, and consequently did not contribute to the revenue.

Dead Letter Branch.—65,996 [37,789] unclaimed letters (219 registered) were disposed of, inclusive of some 1800 [1700] “special request.”

Post Offices opened during 1897.—Thirteen (including two old offices re-opened).

Post Offices closed.—Five.

Number of Miles of Post Roads at end of year, 2718 [2495], and 1,272,545 [1,200,530] miles were travelled during the year.

Inland Mail Service.—Very satisfactorily carried out, contractors giving little or no trouble to the Department. The majority of the mail services which were reduced in 1894 were restored during the year 1897.

Intercolonial Mail Service.—The contract is being very satisfactorily performed by the Union Steamship Company.

Money Orders.—During the year 102,775 [89,091] orders for £204,510 10s. 9d. [£179,301 3s. 10d.] were issued; 209,518 [186,320] for £307,611 15s. 4d. [£278,926 12s. 5d.] were paid. The commission collected on issues was £2461 5s. 6d. [£2176 15s. 9d.]

Post Office Savings Banks.—£106,665 16s. 2d. [£86,547 12s. 3d.] was received as deposit during the year, including £4025 1s. 5d. [£3395 19s. 3d.] apportioned to the depositors as interest; £84,804 17s. 10d. [£67,652 15s. 1d.] was withdrawn, leaving a balance of £155,750 6s. 6d. [£133,889 8s. 2d.] to credit of investors; 3578 accounts were opened, 2591 were closed, and 9163 remained open at close of year, as against 8176 in 1896.

Postal Notes.—41,435 [30,411] were sold, aggregating £12,805 9s. 6d. [£9688 6s. 8½d.] 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.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	No. of Messages.	Amount.	No. of Messages.	Amount.
Gross Receipts from—			£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Inter-Tasmanian business	170,162	185,134	10,697 1 6	11,918 9 3	14,972	1221 7 9	...	...
Inter-Colonial business...	105,421	112,021	15,874 5 4½	17,361 16 5	6600	1487 11 0½	...	...
Inter-National business..	1246	2057	2986 2 8	3326 11 4	811	340 8 8	...	...
Telephone rentals .....	...	...	3381 15 4	3526 11 0	...	144 15 8	...	...
	276,829	299,212	32,939 4 10½	36,133 8 0	22,383	3194 3 1½	...	...
Net Receipts from—								
Inter-Tasmanian business	170,162	185,134	10,697 1 6	11,918 9 3	14,972	1221 7 9	...	...
Inter-Colonial business...	105,421	112,021	3295 3 11½	3548 13 10	6600	253 9 10½	...	...
Inter-National business..	1246	2057	59 2 10	62 15 8	811	3 12 10	...	...
Telephone rentals.....	...	...	3381 15 4	3526 11 0	...	144 15 8	...	...
	276,829	299,212	17,433 3 7½	19,056 9 9	22,383	1623 6 1½	...	...
Net Submarine Cable Receipts—								
Inter-Colonial business...	105,421	112,021	6818 14 5	7412 9 6	6600	593 15 1	...	...
Inter-National business..	1246	2057	273 9 6	301 19 0	811	28 9 6	...	...
	106,667	114,078	7092 3 11	7714 8 6	7411	622 4 7	...	...

Extension of lines during the year are:—Glenora to Fentonbury and Ellendale, 12 miles; Parattah to Rumney Huts, 7 miles; Falmouth to Scamander, 6 miles; Zeehan to Montezuma, 15 miles; Rosevears to Frankford, Winkleigh, and Glengarry, 17½ miles. *Under construction*—Montezuma to Rosebery and Lake Dora, 17 miles.

Stations opened.—Bismarck, Ellendale, Fentonbury, Rumney Huts, Scamander, Montezuma, Frankford, Glengarry, Winkleigh.

Stations closed.—Dundas Junction and Heazlewood.

Cable Subsidies.—Tasmania's liability was £2045 3s. 1d., as against £2094 4s. 5d. for the previous year.

I have the honour 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 1893 to 1897, inclusive.

YEAR.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
† 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							
† 1897—Postage Stamps	52,847	12	1	60,847	12	1	1325	18	11	—
Revenue Stamps	8000	0	0							

† 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 1873 to 1892, 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 1893 to 1897, inclusive.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1893	123,385	—	8285
1894	121,080	—	2305
1895	119,184	—	1896
1896	146,824	27,640	—
1897	138,604	—	8220

N.B.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1873 to 1892, 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 1893 to 1897, inclusive.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF LETTERS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1893	634,909	—	98,851
1894	648,102	13,193	—
1895	679,484	31,382	—
1896	2,432,670	1,753,186	—
1897	2,740,828	308,158	—

N.B.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1873 to 1892, inclusive.

RETURN of the Number of Inland and Town Stamped Letters, Post Cards, and Packets posted in Tasmania during the Years 1893 to 1897, inclusive.

YEAR.	LETTERS.	POST CARDS.	PACKETS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
				Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.
1893	3,152,643	166,323	777,304	—	—	—	95,287	64	33,974
1894	3,153,933	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	—	—	—
1897	3,557,517	257,878	883,993	130,029	26,427	37,800	—	—	—

N.B.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1873 to 1892, 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 1893-94-95-96-97.

NOTE.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1886 to 1892, inclusive.

	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
Post Offices and Receiving Houses	337	327	327	328	336
Number of Persons employed	610	580	649	653	709
Miles of Post Roads	2904½	2848	2426	2495	2718
Miles of Post Roads travelled	1,411,375	1,403,203	1,171,415	1,200,530	1,272,545

YEAR.	RECEIVED.											
	LETTERS.			POST CARDS.	PACKETS.		NEWSPAPERS.		TOTALS.			
	Inland stamped.	Franked.	Ship.		Inland stamped.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Post Cards.	Packets.	Newspapers.
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 ..	2,555,504	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
1897 ..	2,873,412	845,016	1,436,261	220,384	858,183	367,878	4,314,495	1,415,717	5,154,689	220,384	1,226,061	5,730,212

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.
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 ..	2,501,184	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	723,400	995,904	202,332	759,328	26,819	75,259	2,873,926	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	390,661	6,010,773	231,451	1,871,803	3,547,088
1897 ..	2,805,960	751,557	1,853,221	1,059,507	257,878	840,602	43,391	1,026,211	3,238,958	441,117	6,470,245	257,878	1,910,204	3,680,075

REVENUE and Expenditure for the Years 1893-94-95-96-97.

	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
Revenue	£ s. d. 50,563 5 10	£ s. d. 48,381 2 10	£ s. d. 64,537 1 9½	£ s. d. 81,586 10 4*	£ s. d. 85,013 17 7½
Expenditure (actual payments to date)	49,098 0 10	46,973 17 8½	61,971 16 5	61,314 0 10	65,268 9 7

* In addition to this sum, the following amount has been received :—Customs Duty on Parcels received, £2742 13s. 0d.

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 1893-94-95-96-97.

NOTE.—Paper No. 43, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1882 to 1892, inclusive.

	LETTERS.			PACKETS.			POST CARDS.	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.						
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	s. 5	d. 10	£ 49,098	s. 0	d. 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
1897	4,605,542	1,436,261	1,864,703	883,993	367,878	1,026,211	257,878	3,238,958	1,415,717	441,117	85,013	17	7½	65,268	9	7

N.B.—1893. Of the Letters and Packets posted, 4,668,241 were stamped, 957,540 were franked.

1894.	"	"	"	4,687,300	"	956,840	"
1895.	"	"	"	4,808,725	"	995,994	"
1896.	"	"	"	6,853,175	"	1,029,401	"
1897.	"	"	"	7,320,942	"	1,059,507	"

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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, 1897; 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	45,666	6 9
1874	7131	396	10 0	27,063	4 5	5908	22,667	7 7	50,127	2 0
1875	7559	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	61,152	10 8	11,024	37,382	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	100,576	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	59,225	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	157,469	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	278,926	12 5	440,404	12 0
1897	102,775	2461	5 6	204,510	10 9	200,518	307,611	15 4	514,583	11 7

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

STATEMENT of Accounts of the Post Office Savings Bank from 1st January to 31st December, 1897.

Balance, 31st December, 1896	£	s.	d.	Warrants paid	£	s.	d.
Deposits received during 1897	134,266	5	6	Balance	84,584	9	5
Interest on Deposits	102,640	14	9		156,347	12	3
	4025	1	5				
	£240,932	1	8		£240,932	1	8

Assets and Liabilities.

Investments	£	s.	d.	Balance due Depositors	£	s.	d.
Accrued Interest	145,290	0	0	Profit and Loss, Balance earned	156,347	12	3
Cash Credit, Post Office Savings Bank	1830	4	10		1083	7	11
Due from Money Order Account	9626	12	2				
	634	3	2		£157,431	0	2
	£157,431	0	2		£157,431	0	2

Profit and Loss.

Interest allotted Depositors	£	s.	d.	Balance, 31st December, 1896	£	s.	d.
Salary	4025	1	5	Accrued Interest on Investments	1048	0	10
Consolidated Revenue Account	16	13	4		5125	2	8
Balance	1048	0	10				
	1083	7	11		£6173	3	6
	£6173	3	6		£6173	3	6

H. V. BAYLY, *Secretary.*

OCT. LORD, *Superintendent.*

Examined and certified to be correct.

J. W. ISRAEL, *Auditor-General.*

5th May, 1898.

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 1897.

ISSUED IN TASMANIA.			PAYABLE IN TASMANIA.		
Where payable.	Number.	Amount.	Where issued.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Tasmania	80,132	143,717 1 9	Tasmania	80,132	143,617 1 9
Canada	17	75 16 6	Canada	57	109 10 2
Cape of Good Hope	35	159 3 6	Cape of Good Hope	593	3089 13 9
Ceylon	3	6 18 0	Ceylon	145	135 6 0
Germany	62	175 3 8	Germany	12	61 1 8
Hong Kong	124	394 19 8	Hong Kong	88	127 15 9
India	86	282 6 6	India	387	615 7 1
Mauritius	3	3 0 0	Mauritius	1	1 10 0
New South Wales	3885	9984 3 1	New South Wales	14,818	20,242 9 6
New Zealand	983	3655 17 8	New Zealand	43,185	44,483 15 4
Queensland	267	998 18 10	Queensland	12,446	16,868 10 5
South Australia	456	1266 18 6	South Australia	12,375	13,013 1 4
Straits Settlements	2	4 12 6	Straits Settlements	82	108 17 7
United Kingdom and Foreign	2709	7361 6 8	United Kingdom and Foreign	1632	4619 11 3
United States of America	290	688 6 3	United States of America	139	424 10 8
Victoria	13,470	34,997 13 4	Victoria	23,375	20,010 5 9
Western Australia	251	1338 4 4	Western Australia	20,921	31,739 17 11
TOTALS	102,775	204,510 10 9	TOTALS	210,388	308,260 5 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.
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
1897.....	3578	2591	9163	21,151	106,665 16 2	9211	84,804 17 10	155,750 6 6

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Telegraph Business, &c. for each Year from 1893 to 1897.

NOTE.—Paper No. 11, Journals of Parliament, Volume XXXI., 1894, supplies years 1879 to 1892, 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.	£ s. d.
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
1897..	1484½	2446½	160	"	32,606 17 0	299,212	11,918 9 3	3548 13 10	62 15 8	15,529 18 9

	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.	
1893..	4870 13 6	3920 3 0	2526 5 0	11,317 1 6	157,166	73,937	1287	232,390	5427 19 6	49,234
1894..	4613 17 11	3787 15 2	1806 18 6	10,208 11 7	140,032	70,986	904	211,922	5011 19 2	47,544
1895..	5351 17 10	4405 12 1	2477 17 0	12,235 6 11	151,518	81,741	1107	234,366	3940 5 4	37,749
1896..	6818 14 5	5760 7 0	2926 19 10	15,506 1 3	170,162	105,421	1246	276,829	3822 2 4	38,341
1897..	7714 8 6	6450 19 7	2911 10 2	17,076 18 3	185,134	112,021	2057	299,212	4441 13 7	43,421

* A number of staff now interchangeable.

RETURN of Exchanges and Telephone Lines in existence on 31st December, 1897.

Number of Exchanges..... 4

	Number of Lines.		Length Wire in Miles.		Annual Value of Rental.		Rental received.	
	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.	1896.	1897.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Private Lines	96	64	208 $\frac{3}{8}$	110 $\frac{3}{4}$	732 15 0	436 17 6	689 14 4	408 6 9
Exchange Lines	456	537	212 $\frac{3}{4}$	231 $\frac{7}{8}$	2937 16 3	3140 0 0	2662 1 0	2898 10 6
Exchange Extension Lines	—	34	—	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	197 7 6	—	197 6 5
Public Service Lines.....	150	152	129 $\frac{1}{4}$	140 $\frac{3}{8}$	915 5 0	927 0 0	—	—
Trunk Lines	20	23	27	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 0 0	23 0 0	30 0 0	22 7 4
TOTAL.....	722	810	577$\frac{3}{8}$	570	4615 16 3	4724 5 0	3381 15 4	3526 11 0

PARCELS Post.

Year.	Inland Parcels Posted.	INTERCOLONIAL AND FOREIGN PARCELS.			
		Despatched.	Received.	Value of Parcels received.	Customs Duty collected.
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	11,902 15 3	1952 3 0
1897.....	8395	2059	12,838	15,517 19 11	2742 13 0