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ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

REPORT FOR 1873.

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Electric Telegraph Department, 16th June, 1874.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward the Annual Telegraph Report for presentation to Parliament, which, compared with the Returns of former years, presents the following very gratifying results :—

1. *Tasmanian Land Line Business.*—The Report for 1873 showed an increase over 1872 of 3213 Telegrams and £159 12s. in Receipts. 1874 shows an increase on 1873 of 3162 Telegrams and £156 5s. 6d. in Receipts.
2. *Tasmanian Land Line Business derived from Intercolonial Business.*—1873 showed an increase on 1872 of 298 Telegrams and £13 0s. 1d. in Receipts. 1874 shows an increase on 1873 of 1803 Messages and £111 5s. in Receipts.
3. *Intercolonial Business.*—1873 showed an increase on 1872 of 298 Telegrams and £227 0s. 2d. in Receipts. 1874 shows an increase on 1873 of 1803 Messages and £705 in Receipts.
4. *Total Business.*—1873 showed an increase on 1872 of 6352 Messages (free and paid) and £386 13s. 2d. in Receipts. 1874 shows an increase on 1873 of 5126 Messages and £913 7s. 9d. in Receipts. Making an increase of 11,478 Messages and £1300 0s. 11d. in Receipts in the two years ended 30th April, 1874.
5. As stated in last year's Report, the value of the *Public Service Telegrams*, added to the Paid Business, again places the income of the Department very greatly in excess of its expenditure. The number of Messages in this section shows but a small increase (167) on last year,—the indiscriminate, and in many instances most unnecessary, use of the Lines having been prohibited by the Government, to the great convenience of Paid Messages, the prompt transmission of which has hitherto been most seriously affected by Messages of unnecessary length and of but small importance, which, as stated in the Government Notice, should properly be forwarded in the ordinary way through the Post Office. It is impossible to over-estimate the great advantages secured to Paid Business by the introduction of this prohibition.

As stated in my Report for last year, to enable comparative statements of business to be presented, it has been necessary to adopt the twelve months ending 30th April as the financial year of the Department; the 1st of May being the anniversary of the establishment of Intercolonial communication in 1869, and of the adoption in 1870 of a reduced Tariff from 2s. 6d. for 10 words and 2d. each additional word to 1s. for 10 words and 1d. each additional word on the Victorian Lines; a similar reduction having been made on the Tasmanian Lines since 20th May, 1869. (Appendices A. and B.)

Comparative statements for the ordinary financial year ending 31st December are furnished as before (Appendices C. D. E. F.).

Seventy Messages were transmitted between Europe and Tasmania during the twelve months ending 30th April, 1874, at a cost of £906 15s. 6d.; but this in only a small degree represents the actual European business transacted, many Telegrams being sent to and from Tasmania through cipher agencies in Melbourne.

It is satisfactory to record that, out of the 39,606 messages transmitted, only some eight or ten complaints of errors or delays have been officially registered. There may have been others, but they have not been brought under my notice officially, and we cannot, therefore, be expected to take cognizance of them. In one of the Reports of Sir W. O. S. Brooke, F.R.S.; Superintendent of Telegraphs in India, he states :—"105,893 messages contained 2,342,812 words, of which 1982 were erroneous, being one word erroneous in 1182. The true wonder is so few mistakes occur. The sufferer by such blunders generally appeals to the press, and cites his case as a specimen of the bad working of the Department. The conclusion is not just. Nothing is heard or known of the 1182 words which have been sent correctly, while loud indignation is naturally expressed for the one error in that number." Mr. Charles Todd, C.M.G., Superintendent of Telegraphs, South

Australia, writing on this subject, says :—" It must be remembered that every message has to run the chance of being sent incorrectly by the transmitting operator, who at a busy instrument has often no opportunity of previously reading the messages he transmits, which, by the by, are frequently badly written ; and secondly, of being wrongly rendered by the receiving clerk, who writes it at dictation of the instrument, the utterances of which are affected by the state of the weather, &c. * * * One operator at a busy station will, with every care, be certain to make mistakes through the pressure of business. Another operator, who may perhaps be really less careful and painstaking, yet, having less to do, and more time to do it in, will be, from that circumstance, more exempt from errors." Errors, delays, &c. should be officially reported to me, and they will always be promptly enquired into. It is manifestly most unfair for persons to complain outside the office without first affording us an opportunity of giving an explanation which might exonerate the Department from all blame.

The Lines have been maintained in remarkably good working order throughout the year, at a saving of nearly One hundred Pounds under the amount voted for repairs, &c. The internal arrangements of the offices have been greatly improved by the erection of modern instruments of the very best description, in place of old ones of comparatively obsolete pattern which could no longer be relied on.

During the past twelve months several of our most experienced operators have left us to join the Telegraph Departments in other Colonies at salaries which our own Department is not able to offer. Possibly on the opening of new Lines opportunities may arise for combining the local Post and Telegraph Offices, and so juniors may be promoted as Station Masters, and the services of well-trained operators be retained in this service.

I may perhaps be permitted to place on record that, on my recommendation, wire of smaller gauge will be introduced on the new Circular Head, Sorell, Fingal, and other Lines, which will result in a saving to the Colony of some thousands of pounds.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

F. A. PACKER, *Superintendent of Telegraphs.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

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ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH—TASMANIA.

LAND AND CABLE LINES. *Vide* APPENDICES A. & B.

RETURN showing the Amount of Fees paid on account of all Messages transmitted by the TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT, including those on account of the Submarine Cable, from the 1st of May, 1873, to the 30th April, 1874, inclusive.

<i>Period.</i>	<i>Amount paid to Tasmania.</i>	<i>Amount paid to other Colonies.</i>	<i>Amount paid to Submarine Cable Company.</i>	<i>Total Receipts.</i>	<i>Total No. of Messages.</i>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1 May, 1873, to 30 April, 1874, inclusive.....	1759 18 2	922 10 1	2726 5 6	5408 13 9	27,165
Value of Free Messages				1643 11 5	
Value of Free Messages reporting Shipping				700 0 0	
Add number of Free Telegrams to Total Paid Messages....				—	12,441
<i>Total Business of Department</i>				7752 5 2	39,606

LAND LINES ONLY. *Vide* APPENDIX A.

AMOUNT paid into the Colonial Treasury, Tasmania, from the Telegraph Department, being the Total Receipts from all sources for the use of the Land Lines, for the Twelve Months ending 30th April, 1874; viz.—

	£ s. d.
For Messages by the Land Lines in Tasmania, exclusive of the Submarine Cable and less the amount paid over to Longford (£77 8s. 2d.) and L. W. Railway Company (£54 16s. 2d.)	1007 15 8
Proportion due to Tasmania for Messages by the Land Lines in connection with the Submarine Cable.....	619 18 2
<i>Total net Receipts</i>	<u>£1627 13 10</u>

CABLE BUSINESS ONLY. *Vide* APPENDIX B.

FOR the Twelve Months ending 30th April, 1874.

Total Receipts	£4268 13s. 9d.
Number of Messages	9944

GENERAL. *Vide* APPENDICES A. & B.

Total Receipts from all sources (exclusive of Free business)	£5408 13s. 9d.
Total Number of Messages (Paid and Free).....	39,606

ELECTRIC TELEGRPH—TASMANIA.

APPENDIX A.

LAND LINES.

STATEMENT showing the Business of the LAND LINES of Telegraph in Tasmania, from 1st May, 1873, to the 30th April, 1874, inclusive, and being exclusive of the Submarine Cable Business for that period.

Month.		No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.		
			£	s.	d.
May.....		1259	78	1	3
June.....		1195	83	10	6
July.....		1116	92	6	9
August.....		1038	68	0	2
September.....		1053	73	15	7
October.....		1322	94	15	4
November.....		1338	85	1	6
December.....		1561	100	14	1
January.....		2027	131	8	11
February.....		2009	131	7	6
March.....		1703	106	6	2
April.....		1600	94	12	3
		17,221	£1140	0	0

VALUE OF BUSINESS.				NUMBER OF MESSAGES.			
Receipts.	Free Telegrams.	Free Shipping Telegrams.	TOTAL.	Paid Telegrams.	Free Telegrams.	Shipping Telegrams reporting Arrivals and Departures at the Ports of Hobart Town & Launceston.	TOTAL.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
1140 0 0*	1643 11 5	700 0 0	3483 11 5	17,221	10,441	2000	29,662

LIST of Telegraph Stations in Tasmania.

1. Hobart Town (Chief Office.)

2. Launceston.

3. Low Head.

4. Longford.

5. Campbell Town.

6. Ross.
7. Oatlands.

8. Melton Mowbray.

9. Bothwell.

10. Green Ponds.

11. Brighton.

12. New Norfolk.
13. Mount Nelson.

14. Port Arthur by Semaphore and Telegraph.

15. Hamilton.

16. Macquarie Plains.

17. George Town.

18. Ouse (be opened shortly).

STATIONS on the Launceston and Western Railway.

19. Launceston.

20. Longford.
21. Perth.

22. Westbury.
23. Evandale.

24. Deloraine.

	Miles.
Hobart Town to Launceston and Low Heads	161
Hobart Town to Mount Nelson.....	4
Green Ponds to Bothwell.....	21
Hobart Town to New Norfolk and Hamilton	46
Launceston to Longford	14
Launceston to Deloraine.....	45

Total Number of Miles of Telegraph in Tasmania 291

* Subject to the usual payment to the District of Longford, being £77 8s. 2d. for this period, and of £54 16s. 2½d. to the L. & W. R. Co., being the Company's quota of Receipts for the Twelve Months ending 30th April, 1874.

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT showing the Total Receipts from Messages transmitted by SUBMARINE CABLE from 1st May, 1873, to 30th April, 1874, inclusive.

PAID ON ACCOUNT IN TASMANIA.						PAID ON ACCOUNT IN AUSTRALIA.					TOTAL NUMBER OF MESSAGES.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.
Date.	No. of Mes- sages.	Total Receipts.	Land Lines in Tasmania.	Submarine Cable Co.	Land Lines in other Colonies.	No. of Mes- sages.	Total Receipts.	Land Lines in other Colonies.	Submarine Cable Co.	Land Lines in Tasmania.		
1873.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
May.....	394	185 17 2	28 0 5	121 10 6	36 6 3	521	211 10 6	45 12 5	135 6 0	30 12 1	915	397 7 8
June	325	154 8 11	22 18 3	99 0 0	32 10 8	423	162 18 10	38 1 11	101 16 0	23 0 11	748	317 7 9
July.....	308	165 1 2	24 7 1	105 13 6	35 0 7	406	160 9 8	39 18 5	98 11 0	22 0 3	714	325 10 10
August	346	172 15 0	25 3 2	109 6 0	38 5 10	395	163 14 6	41 0 2	100 6 0	22 8 4	741	336 9 6
September	335	182 17 1	26 3 8	114 18 0	41 15 5	435	171 13 1	44 16 6	103 19 0	22 17 7	770	354 10 2
October	354	172 13 6	24 14 2	106 15 0	41 4 4	442	177 0 2	46 3 0	106 17 0	24 0 2	796	349 13 8
November	292	136 0 4	20 10 8	88 6 0	27 3 8	389	145 14 8	31 8 1	93 13 0	20 13 7	681	281 15 0
December	358	160 6 7	24 5 0	104 9 0	31 12 7	464	182 18 7	38 13 10	117 12 0	26 12 9	822	343 5 2
1874.												
January	424	188 10 11	28 8 0	124 8 6	35 14 5	555	221 12 11	43 17 4	145 17 0	31 18 7	979	410 3 10
February	452	187 5 6	28 7 10	123 1 0	35 16 8	485	206 1 4	41 9 10	134 10 0	30 1 6	937	393 6 10
March	463	203 11 8	30 12 2	132 10 6	40 9 0	573	222 8 1	47 13 4	142 8 0	32 6 9	1036	425 19 9
April	351	169 2 0	25 10 10	110 16 6	32 14 8	454	164 1 7	35 1 2	104 16 0	24 4 5	805	333 3 7
	4402	2078 9 10	309 1 3	1340 14 6	428 14 1	5542	2190 3 11	493 16 0	1385 11 0	310 16 11	9944	4268 13 9

£ s. d.
 Total paid to Submarine Cable Company..... 2726 5 6
 Ditto Tasmanian Land Lines..... 619 18 2
 Ditto Land Lines in other Colonies 922 10 1

£4268 13 9

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH—TASMANIA.

APPENDIX C.

SUBMARINE CABLE BUSINESS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, &c., Comparative Statement since the opening of the Line in May, 1869, to 30th April, 1874.

1869.			1870.		1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.							
	£	s. d.	Messages	£	s. d.	Messages	£	s. d.	Messages	£	s. d.	Messages	£	s. d.	Messages			
January .....	..	..	..	343	5 4	739	387	9 7	898	372	10 4	829	392	19 0	918	410	3 10	979
February .....	..	..	..	312	18 3	673	356	5 2	803	347	2 10	835	427	13 6	975	393	6 10	937
March .....	..	..	..	328	10 1	829	350	3 3	805	315	9 10	737	305	4 9	935	425	19 9	1036
April .....	..	..	..	412	10 3	814	290	1 7	700	227	6 1	565	325	0 5	759	333	3 7	805
May	198	2 11	327	429	17 9	976	273	15 7	670	231	4 4	553	397	7 8	915			
June	318	19 7	583	369	2 11	735	247	18 0	568	231	4 10	530	317	7 9	748			
July	330	2 7	594	360	14 10	740	253	13 9	582	242	14 6	545	325	10 10	714			
August	360	12 0	633	432	0 10	651	288	7 8	691	256	13 3	601	336	9 6	741			
September	340	19 4	638	381	18 8	754	245	2 5	612	222	7 7	524	354	10 2	770			
October	312	19 2	569	332	9 5	726	275	16 11	623	245	17 10	544	349	13 8	796			
November	341	14 9	609	322	15 1	700	210	17 2	492	245	9 9	551	281	15 0	681			
December	384	3 5	534	321	3 4	725	267	14 4	639	313	5 4	709	343	5 2	822			
	2587	13 9	4487	4347	6 9	9062	3447	15 5	8083	3251	6 6	7523	4156	17 5	9774	1562	14 0	3757

RECAPITULATION.

	£	s.	d.	Messages.
Eight months of 1869.....	2587	13	9	4487
Twelve months ending 30th December, 1870...	4347	6	9	9062
Ditto 1871	3447	15	5	8083
Ditto 1872	3251	6	6	7523
Ditto 1873	4156	17	5	9774
Four months of 1874	1562	14	0	3757
	<u>£19,353</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>42,686</u>

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH—TASMANIA.

APPENDIX D.

LAND LINES.

COMPARATIVE Statement of Receipts, &c. for 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, to 30th April, 1874.

1869			1870		1871		1872		1873		1874	
	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.	Receipts.	No. of Paid Messages.
January ..	£ 62 5 11	297	£ 61 4 5	937	£ 70 15 6	987	£ 86 3 6	1247	£ 85 10 6	1281	£ 131 8 11	2027
February...	51 1 0	343	57 16 0	727	92 0 3	1163	87 7 3	1280	101 11 4	1556	131 7 6	2009
March	60 5 3	303	68 13 5	982	78 0 11	990	80 2 5	1082	121 3 0	1641	106 6 2	1703
April	57 8 0	270	70 15 5	1002	61 2 6	844	72 2 3	1011	90 1 0	1405	94 12 3	1600
May	48 12 11	283	97 14 0	1274	48 17 10	608	69 7 3	956	78 1 3	1279	—	—
June.....	48 13 10	560	69 17 6	1054	50 4 6	744	72 4 7	1013	83 10 6	1195	—	—
July	56 19 6	730	67 0 4	922	48 19 1	719	71 2 4	866	92 6 9	1116	—	—
August	50 7 9	632	77 19 6	968	54 8 0	771	68 15 4	946	68 0 2	1038	—	—
September..	66 1 6	740	66 19 11	785	65 12 3	892	68 4 3	1044	73 15 7	1053	—	—
October....	70 13 1	840	61 3 5	812	60 19 8	838	78 16 7	1079	94 15 4	1322	—	—
November..	54 5 11	733	54 12 11	756	59 7 6	708	67 3 5	1015	85 1 6	1338	—	—
December..	43 17 1	746	82 6 2	1135	73 17 4	946	89 14 11	1258	100 14 1	1561	—	—
	670 11 9	6477	836 3 0	11,354	764 5 4	10,210	911 4 1	12,797	974 11 0	15,785	463 14 10	7339

LAND LINES.

APPENDIX E.

COMPARATIVE Statement of the Tasmanian proportion of Receipts derived from Submarine Cable Telegrams, from 1st May, 1869, to 30th April, 1874.

1869			1870		1871		1872		1873		1874	
	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
January ..	—	—	739	48 7 6	898	57 18 1	829	55 10 11	918	57 11 7	979	60 6 7
February..	—	—	673	45 0 4	803	54 7 3	835	25 6 3	975	61 8 10	937	58 9 4
March	—	—	829	55 0 3	805	52 0 1	737	46 3 2	935	59 10 8	1036	62 18 11
April.....	—	—	814	57 12 11½	700	44 8 7	565	33 0 1	759	47 2 4	805	49 15 3
May.....	327	43 15 11	976	64 4 6	670	41 12 3	553	33 2 8	915	58 12 6	—	—
June	583	39 13 8	735	52 8 1	568	35 19 11	530	32 15 10	748	45 19 5	—	—
July	594	39 3 5	740	53 1 3	582	37 15 9	545	33 13 4	714	46 7 4	—	—
August.....	633	43 17 1	651	66 6 8	691	42 12 1	601	37 11 7	741	47 11 6	—	—
September	638	41 10 1	754	54 14 8	612	37 0 3	524	32 14 2	770	49 1 3	—	—
October ...	569	38 5 7	726	50 12 6	623	40 4 9	544	33 16 8	796	48 14 4	—	—
November..	609	40 13 6	700	48 15 2	492	32 1 0	551	34 10 11	681	41 4 3	—	—
December..	534	34 4 11	725	48 11 11	639	40 16 8	709	43 7 1	822	50 17 9	—	—
	4487	321 4 2	9062	644 15 9½	8083	516 16 8	7523	441 12 8	9774	614 1 9	3757	231 5 1

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

APPENDIX F.

RETURN showing the Number of Messages transmitted by the ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH in the Year 1873, and the Moneys received for the same.

	No. of Paid Messages.	Amount of Paid Messages, 1 Jan. to 31 Dec. 1873.	Fees paid to Tasmania on Inter-colonial Business.	Fees paid to other Colonies on Inter-colonial Business.	Fees paid to Cable Company on Inter-colonial Business.	No. of Free Messages, O.P.S.O.	Value of Free Messages.	Shipping Messages, Enquiries, &c.	Value of Shipping Messages.	Total No. of Messages.	Total Value of Messages.
Land Line Messages	15,785	£ s. d. 974 11 0	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	9722	£ s. d. 1410 13 4	4000	£ s. d. 1000 0 0 ^a	29,507	£ s. d. 3319 12 5
Intercolonial Messages	9774	4257 17 5	614 1 6	951 18 5	2691 17 6	—	—	—	—	9774	4257 17 5
TOTAL.....	25,559	5232 8 5	614 1 6	951 18 5	2691 17 6	9722	1410 13 4	4000	1000 0 0	39,281	7577 9 10

^a Estimated.

EXPENDITURE on account of the Telegraph, and the Number of Persons employed.

	£ s. d.
Salaries.....	1238 1 8
Repairs, &c. to Line	216 14 11
New Instruments, Repairs, &c.....	132 17 8
Stationery and Stores	108 9 9
Fuel and Light.....	51 14 5
Conveyance of Stores	11 9 0
Clothing for Messengers.....	19 16 0
Submarine Cable Subsidy	4200 0 0
Contribution to Marine Board in aid of Mount Nelson Line	72 2 6

TOTAL EXPENDITURE..... £6051 5 11

Number of Stations..... 24 ^a
Number of Persons employed..... 30 ^b

^a Hobart Town (chief Office), Launceston, Tamar Heads, Oatlands, Campbell Town, Ross, Melton, Green Ponds, Bothwell, Brighton, Longford, Mount Nelson, New Norfolk, Hamilton; Railway Circuit (Launceston), Longford, Perth, Westbury, Evandale, Deloraine.

^b Including one Officer whose salary is paid by the District of Longford, one Officer whose salary is paid by the Marine Board of Hobart Town, and one Officer whose salary is partly paid by the Marine Board of Launceston; but it does not include the men who are occasionally employed in repairing the Lines.

APPENDIX G.
EUROPEAN BUSINESS.
October, 1872, to April, 1874.

	1872.		1873.		1874.	
	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.	Messages.	Receipts.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
January .....	...	..	4	38 6 0	9	84 1 6
February .....	..	..	7	110 10 3	2	19 13 0
March .....	..	..	5	56 12 3	6	73 15 9
April .....	..	..	11	176 18 0	8	78 1 3
May .....	..	..	4	46 0 9		
June .....	..	..	4	44 4 3		
July .....	..	..	2	19 13 0		
August .....	..	..	8	78 16 0		
September ...	..	..	2	19 13 0		
October, (Line opened)	7	78 15 0	1	14 14 9		
November ...	3	54 2 3	4	39 8 0		
December	5	49 4 6	11	211 16 0		
	15	182 1 9	63	856 12 3	25	255 11 6

APPENDIX H.

YEAR.	RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1857	264 15 2	
1858	644 3 0	
1859	697 18 2	
1860*	1194 18 0	
1861	679 1 3	
1862	738 18 3	
1863	654 1 6	
1864	765 13 5	
1865	635 6 1	1570 9 1
1866	637 10 0	1915 11 5
1867	601 14 2	1607 2 7
1868	626 11 11	1700 2 11
1869†	859 18 7	1497 8 10
1870†	1573 15 7	†2977 3 3
1871†	1055 18 10	†2053 19 10
1872†	1378 11 9	1930 15 4
1873, (both Land-line and Cable business)	5232 8 5	6051 5 11

* Including Tasmanian proportion of Receipts of first Cable.

† Including Land Line proportion derived from Cable Messages.

‡ Including extensive repairs to Main Line.

In consequence of the heavy clerical labour it would impose on the Treasury, a statement of expenditure from 1857 to 1864 is not included in this Return.

No credit is taken for Free Business in the above Return.

APPENDIX I.

RETURN showing the Business transacted by each Telegraph Station during the Year 1873.

Station.	Paid Business.			No. of Messages (Paid and Free), exclusive of Shipping Reports.
	£	s.	d.	
Hobart Town.....	3034	13	2	20,592
Launceston	2324	8	11	18,940
Tamar Heads (Repeating Station for Cable Messages)	4268	13	9	9944
Campbell Town.....	135	14	11	2547
Oatlands	105	1	6	2294
Longford.....	151	17	10	1888
New Norfolk	76	0	8	1766
Bothwell	40	1	11	1350
Ross	54	9	6	1205
Green Ponds	40	1	11	1058
Melton	48	7	9	979
Pontville	22	10	4	961
Hamilton	27	12	9	738
George Town (7 months).....	26	19	10	309
Port Arthur	9	3	5	206
Macquarie Plains (2 months)	2	7	11	56

APPENDIX J.

MESSAGES transmitted between the Stations of the Launceston and Western Railway during the Twelve Months ended 30th April, 1874.

	PAID MESSAGES.			FREE MESSAGES.		
	No. of Messages.	Receipts.			No. of Messages.	Value of Messages.
		£	s.	d.		
May	45	2	8	8	3	0 9 7
June	33	1	13	10	3	0 3 3
July	33	1	14	1	4	0 15 6
August	30	1	10	6	3	0 5 11
September	46	2	8	3	2	0 3 9
October	32	1	14	5	2	0 2 0
November	35	1	15	7	3	0 3 9
December	47	2	12	0	0	—
January	37	1	18	1	13	1 8 7
February	39	2	0	3	8	0 15 8
March	46	2	10	1	18	1 14 7
April	56	3	0	8	3	0 5 3
TOTAL.....	479	£25	6	5	62	£6 7 10

Paid Business	479 Messages	£ 25 6 5	Receipts.
Free Business	62 Messages	6 7 10	Value.
TOTAL	541 Messages	£31 14 3	Receipts and Value.

APPENDIX K.

OFFICERS of the Department—30th April, 1874.

Office.	Name.	Date of present Appointment.	Salary.	First Appointment under Government.	Service under Government.
Superintendent of Telegraphs	F. A. Packer	1 Aug., 1873	£ 230	1 Feb. 1859	15 years 2 months
Operator	John Macdonald	1 June, 1868	130	21 Nov. 1862	11 years 5 months
Assistant Operator	A. H. Packer	1 Nov. 1873	50	1 Nov. 1873	8 months
Messenger	William Hallam	1 April, 1874	26 ^d	25 June, 1872	1 year 10 months
Messenger	T. W. F. Marsden	1 May, 1874	26 ^d	1 May, 1874	—
Clerk and Operator, Launceston	T. S. Chitty	1 April, 1861	195 ^a	1 July, 1859	14 years 9 months
Assistant Operator	D. Smart	1 March, 1873	70	1 Sept. 1869	4 years 9 months
Junior Operator	R. Baird	1 Sept. 1873	50	1 March, 1873	1 year 2 months
Messenger	W. Bain	1 Sept. 1873	26 ^d	1 Sept. 1873	9 months
Clerk and Operator, Low Heads	R. Henry, junior	1 Feb. 1860	150 ^e	1 July, 1859	14 years 9 months
Assistant Operator	F. Huxtable	1 April, 1874	60	1 April, 1874	1 month
Operator, Oatlands	John Ryan, (Post Office)	10 Jan. 1861	50	10 Jan. 1861	13 years 4 months
Operator, Campbell Town	Emma J. Palliser	10 Jan. 1861	50	10 Jan. 1861	13 years 4 months
Operator, Ross	Emma Hall, (Post Office)	1 March, 1865	50	1 March, 1865	9 years 2 months
Operator, Melton Mowbray	T. Kirwan, (Post Office)	1 Jan. 1866	40	1 Jan. 1866	8 years 5 months
Operator, Green Ponds	J. S. Donnelly, (Post Office)	1 March, 1870	40	1 March, 1870	4 years 2 months
Operator, Bothwell	Sarah Robinson, (Post Office)	1 March, 1870	40	1 March, 1870	4 years 2 months
Operator, Brighton	Agnes M. Dyer, (Post Office)	1 March, 1874	40	1 March, 1874	2 months
Operator, Hamilton	W. P. Latham	1 April, 1872	40	1 April, 1872	2 years 2 months
Operator, Longford	W. Mason, (Post Office)	18 June, 1863	60 ^b	18 June, 1863	11 years
Operator, New Norfolk	W. Clewer, (Post Office)	1 July, 1871	40	1 July, 1871	2 years 10 months
Operator, Macquarie Plains	Lizzie Mathews	1 Nov. 1873	26	1 Nov. 1873	6 months
Operator, Mount Nelson	J. Duffy	1 July, 1858	100 ^{ce}	1 July, 1858	15 years 10 months
Operator, George Town	Fanny Richardson	1 June, 1873	25	1 June, 1873	11 months
Launceston Railway Station	W. Douglas	1 Aug. 1871	165	1 Aug. 1872	1 year 8 months
Evandale ditto	C. Darby	1 Aug. 1872	100	1 Aug. 1872	1 year 8 months
Perth ditto	W. H. Lovett	1 April, 1874	100	7 Jan. 1870	4 years 4 months
Longford ditto	Leonard Dowling	1 Aug. 1872	160	1 Aug. 1872	1 year 8 months
Westbury ditto	F. Clarke	1 Aug. 1872	100	1 Aug. 1872	1 year 8 months
Deloraine ditto	C. Harris	1 Aug. 1872	150	1 Aug. 1872	1 year 8 months

^a £25 being from L. & W. R. Co. for Inspecting their Stations.

^b Paid by District of Longford.

^c Paid by Marine Board of Hobart Town.

^d And uniform.

^e And quarters.