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1876.

TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

REPORT FOR 1875.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 12, 1876.



Telegraph Department, 11th September, 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor of forwarding my Annual Telegraph Report for presentation to Parliament.

These Returns are now made out for the ordinary financial year terminating on 31st December, as the Cable Company now adopt that more convenient course.

Comparative statements for former years, terminating 30th April and 31st December respectively, can be found by referring to Parliamentary paper H.A., No. 36, 27th July, 1875.

The Report is again most encouraging, presenting the following results as compared with 1874:—

1. *Tasmanian Lines*.—An increase of 4174 Messages, and £224 19s. 3d. Receipts.
2. *Tasmanian Lines*.—*Fees derived from Intercolonial Business*.—An increase of 628 Messages, and £53 16s. 1d. Receipts.
3. *Tasmanian Lines*.—*Fees derived from European Business*.—A decrease of 26 Messages, and £5 11s. Receipts (attributable to the greater proportion of Tasmanian Messages to and from Europe being transmitted through Victorian agencies).
4. *Intercolonial Business*.—An increase of 628 Messages, and £265 13s. 4d. in Receipts.
5. *Messages "on Public Service only"*.—A decrease of 65 Messages, and £102 1s. in money value.
6. *Launceston and Western Railway Business*.—Shows a slight decrease on 1874: 498 Paid Messages, £26 6s. 9d.; 88 Messages "on Public Service only," £8 9s. 10d.; Service Messages, &c., £750. For this information I am again indebted to the courtesy of Mr. Lord, the Manager of the Line.
7. *Total Business*.—An increase of 5711 Messages, and £223 19s. 6d. Receipts.

The improvement shown above can scarcely be attributed to the establishment of additional Stations, as the only important changes in that respect were made at a subsequent period.

With the exception of the North West Coast section the Lines have all worked satisfactorily; and with improvements now being made in their insulation, and the introduction of better battery arrangements, they will soon be placed in a more efficient state than they have ever been. It is greatly to be regretted that the North West Coast section has never yet been placed on a fair footing. This Line is a most important branch, but it is quite impossible to realise the extent of its work until it can be placed uninterruptedly at the service of the public.

The Fingal and East Coast Sections, opened early in the current year, have worked well from the first, and reflect much credit on the operators and repairing contractors; as, through their combined exertions, these sections have been singularly free from interruptions usually experienced on new branch Lines worked by inexperienced operators.

Great inconvenience is still experienced for want of a second wire between Hobart Town and Launceston (alluded to in my Report for last year), and serious inconvenience and unavoidable delays must constantly arise in the transmission of important Messages until it is erected. The matter is of vital importance, involving a comparatively small expenditure of £1000 or less.

The duplicate Line which (in accordance with the suggestion made in my Report for last year) has been erected on the Launceston and Western Railway posts from Launceston to Deloraine has proved of the greatest service, placing the Railway Telegraph Line at the sole disposal of the Railway Authorities for the important work of that Department, and enabling ordinary Telegraph business to and from the North West Coast to be sent forward without unnecessary delay.

I have the satisfaction of stating that the officers of the Department have discharged their duties with courtesy, efficiency, and zeal. The number of officially-reported complaints referring to the transmission, delivery, &c. of Messages has been smaller than in any other year,—in no case affecting the unstained integrity of the office with regard to the inviolability of secrecy. In placing these satisfactory facts upon record I would most humbly venture to draw special attention to the inadequate manner in which Telegraph operators in Tasmania are remunerated, and to point out that most of the salaries of our Telegraph Department were fixed before the establishment of Telegraphic communication with Victoria, but that immediately on the opening of the Bass's Straits Cable the office hours were doubled, although no compensatory allowance was made on existing salaries. The duties of a Telegraphist require special skill, constant and careful attention, and involve peculiar responsibility and sacred trust; and yet there are numerous instances in our own Department in which country operators, including ladies of good education, fulfil all these conditions in a highly satisfactory manner, receiving for unremitting attendance from 8.30 A.M. to 9 P.M. a salary yielding a fraction over 1s. 5d. per diem.

Since the publication of last Report a very useful Map showing the Telegraph Circuits of the Colony (ably prepared by Mr. Albert Reid) has been issued from the Lands and Works Department, which will be issued to persons desirous of procuring copies.

Time-gun Signal is still transmitted to all stations at one o'clock every day, and arrangements are now being completed for placing clocks similar to those used in the English Telegraph Offices over the more important of our own country stations, which will doubtless prove a great boon to residents.

On the 21st February last direct communication was established between New Zealand and Australia, a work of great importance to the mercantile community of Tasmania.

The subject of a duplication of the Telegraph Line between Australia and Europe is now occupying the attention of the several Colonial Governments, and its grave importance has been opportunely forced on the notice of commercial communities in consequence of numerous and continued interruptions on the existing Line.

Propositions for the immediate laying of the duplicate Line have been submitted by Captain Audley Coote on behalf of Messrs. Siemens Bros., of London, and also by the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company; and it is earnestly to be hoped that one or other will be adopted immediately.

The Financial Statement of the Tasmanian and Victorian Submarine Cable for the year 1875 is forwarded herewith.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

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

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

INTER-TASMANIAN Return, 1875, showing Business transacted at each Station during the Year.

| 1875. Station. | Paid for at this Station. | | Paid for at other Stations. | | Total paid. | | Value of Free Messages sent from this Station. | | Value of Free Messages received at this Station. | | Total Value of Free Messages. | | Paid Messages. | | Free Messages. | | Messages, Free and Paid. | | Total. | Dates Stations opened. | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|----|-----------------------------|------|-------------|----|------------------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|----|----------------|----|----------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|--------|------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|--------|--------|----------------------------------------|--|--|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | Sent. | Received. | Sent. | | | Received. | Sent. | Received. | | | | | |
| Hobart Town..... | 433 | 14 | 0 | 451 | 14 | 5 | 885 | 8 | 5 | 212 | 16 | 10 | 189 | 12 | 11 | 402 | 9 | 9 | 6158 | 7310 | 2485 | 2292 | 8643 | 9602 | 18,245 | | | |
| Launceston | 433 | 3 | 10 | 462 | 12 | 9 | 895 | 16 | 7 | 160 | 17 | 4 | 322 | 15 | 8 | 483 | 13 | 0 | 6613 | 7149 | 2051 | 2568 | 8664 | 9717 | 18,381 | | | |
| Low Heads..... | 14 | 1 | 10 | 52 | 9 | 7 | 66 | 11 | 5 | 120 | 18 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 1 | 132 | 16 | 5 | 467 | 288 | 1178 | 141 | 1645 | 429 | 2074 | | | |
| George Town..... | 34 | 16 | 11 | 37 | 11 | 11 | 72 | 8 | 10 | 26 | 18 | 0 | 28 | 19 | 2 | 55 | 17 | 2 | 658 | 595 | 270 | 291 | 928 | 886 | 1814 | | | |
| Longford..... | 35 | 7 | 2 | 27 | 0 | 8 | 62 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 18 | 9 | 5 | 565 | 539 | 56 | 100 | 621 | 639 | 1260 | | | |
| Launceston (L. & W. R.) | 9 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 16 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 24 | 16 | 8 | 162 | 58 | 220 | 103 | 382 | 161 | 543 | | | |
| Perth | 9 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 18 | 9 | 20 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 174 | 200 | 45 | 78 | 219 | 278 | 497 | | | |
| Longford | 8 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 17 | 8 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 159 | 168 | 20 | 25 | 179 | 193 | 372 | | | |
| Evandale | 14 | 13 | 6 | 16 | 2 | 8 | 30 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 17 | 8 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 270 | 286 | 14 | 54 | 284 | 340 | 624 | | | |
| Westbury | 20 | 11 | 2 | 18 | 8 | 1 | 38 | 19 | 3 | 14 | 10 | 2 | 14 | 18 | 5 | 29 | 8 | 7 | 373 | 333 | 134 | 137 | 507 | 470 | 977 | | | |
| Deloraine | 43 | 4 | 0 | 42 | 18 | 3 | 86 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 4 | 23 | 2 | 5 | 33 | 19 | 9 | 821 | 766 | 142 | 222 | 963 | 988 | 1951 | | | |
| Latrobe | 47 | 3 | 1 | 42 | 12 | 6 | 89 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 17 | 10 | 14 | 19 | 5 | 21 | 17 | 3 | 817 | 753 | 69 | 145 | 886 | 898 | 1784 | Opened Feb. 1875. 11 months' work. | | |
| Torquay | 27 | 19 | 7 | 20 | 16 | 9 | 48 | 16 | 4 | 19 | 6 | 11 | 23 | 7 | 7 | 42 | 14 | 6 | 445 | 406 | 199 | 227 | 644 | 633 | 1277 | Opened April, 1875. 9 months' work. | | |
| Forth | 17 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 18 | 6 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 307 | 201 | 45 | 57 | 352 | 258 | 610 | Opened April, 1875. 9 months' work. | | |
| Leven | 26 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 9 | 39 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 7 | 6 | 384 | 257 | 63 | 64 | 447 | 321 | 768 | Opened May, 1875. 8 months' work. | | |
| Don | 14 | 4 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 5 | 26 | 18 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 222 | 213 | 5 | 24 | 227 | 237 | 464 | Opened April, 1875. 9 months' work. | | |
| Emu Bay | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table Cape..... | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 0 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 55 | 43 | 16 | 13 | 71 | 56 | 127 | Opened Nov. 1875. 2 months' work. | | |
| Circular Head | 1 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 14 | 9 | 0 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 18 | 7 | 1 | 17 | 6 | 21 | 25 | 7 | 10 | 28 | 35 | 63 | Opened Dec. 1875. 1 month's work. | | |
| Campbell Town..... | 68 | 11 | 3 | 61 | 12 | 11 | 130 | 4 | 2 | 22 | 7 | 3 | 24 | 18 | 3 | 47 | 5 | 6 | 1182 | 1044 | 214 | 210 | 1396 | 1254 | 2650 | | | |
| Ross | 28 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 10 | 7 | 48 | 12 | 0 | 16 | 5 | 6 | 25 | 12 | 7 | 41 | 18 | 1 | 526 | 357 | 129 | 175 | 655 | 532 | 1187 | | | |
| Oatlands..... | 54 | 16 | 9 | 54 | 18 | 10 | 109 | 15 | 7 | 25 | 6 | 3 | 29 | 17 | 7 | 55 | 3 | 10 | 957 | 987 | 228 | 245 | 1185 | 1232 | 2417 | | | |
| Melton Mowbray | 22 | 16 | 1 | 17 | 6 | 11 | 40 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 18 | 9 | 399 | 301 | 36 | 57 | 435 | 358 | 793 | | | |
| Green Ponds | 24 | 0 | 5 | 22 | 8 | 6 | 46 | 8 | 11 | 18 | 16 | 4 | 21 | 9 | 0 | 40 | 5 | 4 | 442 | 424 | 116 | 151 | 558 | 575 | 1133 | | | |
| Bothwell | 40 | 5 | 8 | 32 | 19 | 3 | 73 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 6 | 4 | 22 | 12 | 1 | 37 | 18 | 5 | 714 | 596 | 140 | 155 | 854 | 751 | 1605 | | | |
| Brighton..... | 18 | 18 | 4 | 11 | 13 | 8 | 30 | 12 | 0 | 17 | 16 | 0 | 22 | 5 | 5 | 40 | 1 | 5 | 335 | 208 | 115 | 119 | 450 | 327 | 777 | | | |
| Ouse | 1 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 27 | 19 | 6 | 8 | 33 | 27 | 60 | Opened Nov. 1875. 2 months' work. | | |
| Hamilton..... | 21 | 11 | 7 | 19 | 13 | 11 | 41 | 5 | 6 | 21 | 19 | 5 | 20 | 15 | 4 | 42 | 14 | 9 | 401 | 342 | 195 | 189 | 596 | 531 | 1127 | | | |
| Macquarie Plains | 18 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 19 | 4 | 29 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 12 | 0 | 327 | 191 | 65 | 85 | 392 | 276 | 668 | | | |
| New Norfolk | 42 | 18 | 11 | 42 | 19 | 6 | 85 | 18 | 5 | 7 | 16 | 3 | 22 | 5 | 3 | 30 | 1 | 6 | 794 | 785 | 94 | 180 | 888 | 965 | 1853 | | | |
| Port Arthur | 6 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 11 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 9 | 17 | 9 | 5 | 120 | 79 | 162 | 109 | 282 | 183 | 470 | | | |
| Sorell | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 37 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 40 | 12 | 52 | Opened Dec. 1875. 1 month's work. | | |
| Nine Mile Springs | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 9 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 85 | 105 | 40 | 42 | 125 | 147 | 272 | Four months' work. | | |
| | 1548 | 9 | 10 | 1544 | 10 | 8 | 3093 | 0 | 6 | 786 | 1 | 2 | 909 | 8 | 4 | 1695 | 9 | 6 | 25,017 | 25,039 | 8562 | 8277 | 33,579 | 33,316 | 66,895 | | | |

STATEMENT showing the Total Receipts from Messages transmitted by Submarine Cable from 1st January, 1875, to 31st December, 1875, inclusive.

| DATE. | PAID IN TASMANIA ON ACCOUNT OF | | | | | PAID IN AUSTRALIA ON ACCOUNT OF | | | | | TOTAL NUMBER OF MESSAGES. | TOTAL RECEIPTS. |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | 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. | | |
| | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. |
| January | 474 | 198 5 11 | 29 18 3 | 129 0 4 | 39 7 4 | 524 | 222 15 3 | 46 2 11 | 144 15 0 | 31 17 4 | 998 | 421 1 2 |
| February | 504 | 222 14 5 | 33 8 4 | 146 11 0 | 42 15 1 | 580 | 246 16 10 | 51 5 5 | 160 13 6 | 34 17 11 | 1084 | 469 11 3 |
| March | 453 | 228 12 0 | 34 10 1 | 148 15 0 | 45 6 11 | 656 | 233 6 1 | 50 17 10 | 148 9 0 | 33 19 3 | 1109 | 461 18 1 |
| April | 433 | 215 12 10 | 32 2 1 | 141 7 4 | 42 3 5 | 570 | 214 17 3 | 48 4 1 | 135 10 4 | 31 2 10 | 1003 | 430 10 1 |
| May | 416 | 210 9 6 | 31 4 5 | 136 7 0 | 42 18 1 | 547 | 209 8 4 | 45 10 2 | 133 15 0 | 30 3 2 | 963 | 419 17 10 |
| June | 382 | 175 0 10 | 26 2 11 | 114 12 0 | 34 5 11 | 521 | 207 15 2 | 45 0 7 | 132 6 4 | 30 8 3 | 903 | 382 16 0 |
| July..... | 330 | 166 10 6 | 25 2 7 | 111 1 0 | 30 6 11 | 514 | 186 7 0 | 38 10 0 | 120 12 0 | 27 5 0 | 844 | 352 17 6 |
| August | 440 | 215 10 4 | 32 5 8 | 142 3 0 | 41 1 8 | 509 | 180 12 2 | 37 4 7 | 116 10 0 | 26 17 7 | 949 | 396 2 6 |
| September | 420 | 204 10 1 | 30 11 3 | 135 2 8 | 38 16 2 | 526 | 197 14 0 | 39 16 2 | 128 10 0 | 29 7 10 | 946 | 402 4 1 |
| October | 404 | 199 0 1 | 29 16 6 | 130 9 0 | 38 14 7 | 535 | 194 18 3 | 42 0 7 | 124 4 0 | 28 13 8 | 939 | 393 18 4 |
| November | 366 | 183 6 11 | 27 11 5 | 120 5 0 | 35 10 6 | 499 | 174 3 0 | 36 18 10 | 111 14 6 | 25 9 8 | 865 | 357 9 11 |
| December | 186 | 92 7 7 | 13 14 1 | 61 1 0 | 17 12 6 | 246 | 90 17 6 | 17 11 4 | 59 12 0 | 13 14 2 | 432 | 183 5 1 |
| | 4808 | 2312 1 0 | 346 7 7 | 1516 14 4 | 448 19 1 | 6227 | 2359 10 10 | 499 2 6 | 1516 11 8 | 343 16 8 | 11,035 | 4671 11 10 |

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| Total paid Submarine Cable Company | £ s. d. |
| Ditto Tasmanian Land Lines | 3033 6 0 |
| Ditto Land Lines and other Colonies .. | 690 4 3 |
| | 948 1 7 |
| | <u>£4671 11 10</u> |

SUBMARINE CABLE BUSINESS, 1875.

(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 | 1335 | 7 | 3 | 1329 | 11 | 11 | 2664 | 19 | 2 | 2542 | 3388 | 5930 |
| Launceston | 749 | 2 | 6 | 750 | 15 | 9 | 1499 | 18 | 3 | 1657 | 2139 | 3796 |
| George Town | 13 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 8 | 22 | 17 | 6 | 35 | 30 | 65 |
| Longford | 16 | 19 | 6 | 24 | 19 | 6 | 41 | 19 | 0 | 47 | 61 | 108 |
| Launceston—L. & W. R. | 2 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| Evandale | 2 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 18 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 18 |
| Perth | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Longford | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Westbury | 6 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 14 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 21 | 37 |
| Deloraine | 6 | 14 | 2 | 12 | 19 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 6 | 22 | 33 | 55 |
| Latrobe | 32 | 5 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 9 | 78 | 5 | 9 | 82 | 123 | 205 |
| Torquay | 15 | 8 | 6 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 30 | 1 | 4 | 41 | 41 | 82 |
| Forth | 8 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 19 | 9 | 23 | 16 | 39 |
| Leven | 37 | 8 | 4 | 27 | 6 | 3 | 64 | 14 | 7 | 100 | 70 | 170 |
| Don | 26 | 8 | 9 | 38 | 6 | 1 | 64 | 14 | 10 | 62 | 84 | 146 |
| Emu Bay | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Table Cape | 1 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Campbell Town | 22 | 15 | 4 | 30 | 13 | 8 | 53 | 9 | 0 | 50 | 79 | 129 |
| Ross | 6 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 11 | 15 | 7 | 9 | 21 | 21 | 42 |
| Oatlands | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 4 | 7 | 19 | 6 | 8 | 13 | 21 |
| Melton | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Green Ponds | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Bothwell | 3 | 17 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| Brighton | 5 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 1 | 16 | 18 | 34 |
| Ouse | 0 | 8 | 0 | .. | .. | .. | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | .. | 1 |
| Hamilton | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 11 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 18 |
| Macquarie Plains | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| New Norfolk | 6 | 15 | 5 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 16 | 5 | 18 | 36 | 54 |
| Nine Mile Springs | 0 | 12 | 0 | .. | .. | .. | 0 | 12 | 0 | 2 | .. | 2 |
| Sorell | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | £2312 | 1 | 0 | £2359 | 10 | 10 | £4671 | 11 | 10 | 4798 | 6236 | 11,084 |

RETURN of European Messages during the Year 1875.

| 1875. | RECEIPTS. | MESSAGES. | | TOTAL. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| | | Sent. | Received. | |
| January | £ 19 13 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| February | 71 4 1 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| March | 78 7 6 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| April | 39 6 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| May | | .. | .. | .. |
| June | 19 13 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| July | 58 16 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| August | 83 11 3 | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| September | 27 0 6 | .. | 3 | 3 |
| October | 63 18 3 | .. | 6 | 6 |
| November | 46 19 6 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| December | 36 17 6 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Totals | 545 6 7 | 23 | 29 | 52 |

RETURN showing the Number of Messages transmitted by the Electric Telegraph in the Year 1875, and the Moneys received for the same.

| | No. of Paid Messages. | Amount of Paid Messages, 1 Jan. to 31 Dec. 1875. | | | Fees paid to Tasmania on Inter-colonial and European Business. | | | Fees paid to other Lines on Inter-colonial and European Business. | | | Fees paid to Cable Company on Inter-colonial and European Business. | | | No. of Free Messages, O.P.S.O. | Value of Free Messages, O.P.S.O. | | | Shipping Messages, Enquiries, Railway Memos., Time Signals, &c. | Value of Shipping Messages, Enquiries, Railway Memos., Time Signals, &c. | | | Total No. of Messages. | Total Value of Messages. | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----|----|----------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------|------------------------|--------------------------|----|----|
| | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| Land Line Messages. | 25,017 | 1548 | 9 | 10 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8522 | 783 | 17 | 2 | 23,000 | 4200 | 15 | 4 | 56,539 | 6533 | 2 | 4 | |
| Intercolonial Messages | 11,035 | 4671 | 11 | 10 | 690 | 4 | 3 | 948 | 1 | 7 | 3033 | 6 | 0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 11,035 | 4671 | 11 | 10 | |
| European Messages | 52 | 545 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 523 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 13 | 0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 52 | 545 | 6 | 7 | |
| | 36,104 | 6765 | 8 | 3 | 695 | 15 | 3 | 1471 | 4 | 2 | 3049 | 19 | 0 | 8522 | *783 | 17 | 2 | 23,000 | 4200 | 15 | 4 | 67,626 | 11,750 | 0 | 9 |

* By a clerical error the value of Free for 1874 was set down at £1771 16s. 4d. instead of £885 18s. 2d.

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

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Salaries | £ | s. | d. |
| Repairs, &c. to Line and Offices | 1622 | 5 | 2 |
| New Instruments and repairs to others | 479 | 4 | 8 |
| Stationery and Stores | 92 | 18 | 6 |
| Clothing for Messengers | 264 | 6 | 1 |
| Submarine Cable Subsidy | 41 | 1 | 0 |
| Contribution to Marine Board in aid of Mount Nelson Line | 4200 | 0 | 0 |
| Fuel and Light | 47 | 1 | 11 |
| Expenses in connection with Nine Mile Springs and incidental expenses | 68 | 8 | 11 |
| Conveyance of Stores | 53 | 6 | 6 |
| | 8 | 11 | 6 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £6877 | 4 | 3 |

Number of Stations 30^a
 Number of Persons employed 51^b

^a Hobart Town (Chief Office), Launceston, Tamar Heads, Oatlands, Campbell Town, Ross, Melton Mowbray, Green Ponds, Bothwell, Brighton, Longford, Mount Nelson, Sorell (one month), New Norfolk, Hamilton, Nine Mile (3 months, now closed), George Town, Macquarie Plains; Ouse (1 month), Latrobe, Torquay, Forth, Don, Table Cape, Circular Head, 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 not including the men who are occasionally employed in repairing the Lines.

OFFICERS of the Department—September, 1876.

| Office. | Name. | Date of present Appointment. | First appointment under Government. | Service under Government. | Salary. |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Superintendent of Telegraphs | F. A. Packer | 1 Aug. 1873 | 1 Feb. 1859 | 17 years 7 months | £ 250 |
| Operator | John J. McDonald | 1 June, 1868 | 21 Nov. 1862 | 13 years 10 months | 130 |
| Assistant Operator | A. H. Packer | 1 Nov. 1873 | 1 Nov. 1873 | 2 years 10 months | 70 |
| Messenger | Frank Bowden | 1 April, 1875 | 1 April, 1875 | 1 year 5 months | 36 ^d |
| Messenger | Charles Richardson | 1 April, 1875 | 1 April, 1875 | 1 year 5 months | 26 ^d |
| Messenger | Otto Morley | 1 Jan. 1876 | 1 Jan. 1876 | 9 months | 26 |
| Messenger | William Cole | 1 Jan. 1876 | 1 Jan. 1876 | 9 months | 26 |
| Clerk and Operator, Launceston | T. S. Chitty | 1 April, 1861 | 1 July, 1859 | 16 years 2 months | 225 ^a |
| Assistant Operator | D. Smart | 1 March, 1873 | 1 Sept. 1869 | 6 years 2 months | 90 |
| Junior Operator | R. Baird | 1 Sept. 1873 | 1 March, 1873 | 3 years 7 months | 70 |
| Messenger | T. Thompson | 1 Jan. 1876 | 1 Jan. 1876 | 9 months | 26 ^d |
| Messenger | F. Croft | 1 Nov. 1875 | 1 Nov. 1875 | 11 months | 26 ^d |
| Clerk and Operator, Low Heads | R. Henry, jun. | 1 Feb. 1860 | 1 Sept. 1852 | 24 years | 150 ^c |
| Assistant Operator | F. Huxtable | 1 April, 1874 | 1 April, 1874 | 2 years 6 months | 60 |
| Operator, Oatlands | Miss H. Lynch | 1 May, 1875 | 1 May, 1875 | 1 year 4 months | 50 |
| Operator, Campbell Town | Miss M. Webb | 1 Sept. 1875 | 1 Sept. 1875 | 1 year | 50 |
| Operator, Ross | Miss Emma Hall (Post Office) | 1 March, 1865 | 1 March, 1865 | 11 years 7 months | 40 |
| Operator, Melton Mowbray | Miss F. Edwards (Post Office) | 1 Nov. 1875 | 1 Nov. 1875 | 11 months | 40 |
| Operator, Green Ponds | J. S. Donnelly (Post Office) | 1 March, 1870 | 1 March, 1870 | 6 years 7 months | 40 |
| Operator, Bothwell | Miss C. F. Whiteway (Post Office) | 1 Oct. 1875 | 1 May, 1875 | 1 year 4 months | 40 |
| Operator, Brighton | Miss Agnes M. Dyer, (Post Office) | 1 March, 1874 | 1 March, 1874 | 2 years 7 months | 40 |
| Operator, Hamilton | W. P. Latham (Post Office) | 1 April, 1872 | 1 April, 1872 | 4 years 7 months | 40 |
| Operator, Longford | W. Mason (Post Office) | 18 June, 1863 | 18 June, 1863 | 13 years 5 months | 60 ^b |
| Operator, New Norfolk | W. Clewer (Post Office) | 1 July, 1871 | 1 July, 1871 | 4 years 3 months | 50 |
| Operator, Macquarie Plains | Miss Lizzie Matthews (Post Office) | 1 Nov. 1873 | 1 Nov. 1873 | 2 years 11 months | 26 |
| Operator, Mount Nelson | J. Duffy | 1 July, 1858 | 1 July, 1858 | 17 years 3 months | 100 ^{cc} |
| Operator, George Town | Miss Fanny Richardson (Post Office) | 1 June, 1873 | 1 June, 1873 | 2 years 4 months | 26 |
| L. & W. Railway. { Launceston Railway Station | J. W. Israels | 1 Aug. 1874 | 1 Aug. 1872 | 2 years 1 month | 160 |
| Evandale ditto | H. E. Darby | 1 Feb. 1874 | 1 Aug. 1872 | 2 years 7 months | 120 |
| Perth ditto | C. Galer | 13 Aug. 1874 | 1 Aug. 1872 | 2 years 1 month | 100 |
| Longford ditto | F. Ferguson | 1 Aug. 1874 | 1 Aug. 1872 | 2 years 1 month | 160 |
| Westbury ditto | F. Clarke | 10 Nov. 1873 | 1 Aug. 1872 | 2 years 10 months | 100 |
| Deloraine ditto | C. Harris [Office] | 1 Feb. 1874 | 1 Aug. 1872 | 2 years 7 months | 150 |
| Operator, Latrobe | Miss Sarah Hogg (Post Office) | 1 April, 1875 | 1 April, 1875 | 1 year 6 months | 30 |
| Operator, Forth | Miss M. A. Liddle (ditto) | 23 April, 1875 | 1 April, 1875 | 1 year 5 months | 26 |
| Operator, Don | Mrs. Cummings (ditto) | 23 April, 1875 | 1 Jan. 1875 | 1 year 5 months | 30 |
| Operator, Leven | Miss Alsa Button (ditto) | 1 May, 1875 | 1 Jan. 1875 | 1 year 4 months | 26 |
| Operator, Torquay | Miss Clara Cocker (ditto) | 1 April, 1875 | 1 Jan. 1875 | 1 year 6 months | 26 |
| Operator, Emu Bay | Mrs. Beavan (ditto) | 1 March, 1876 | 20 May, 1875 | 7 months | 26 |
| Operator, Table Cape | Miss L. Rudge (ditto) | 1 Dec. 1875 | 1 Jan. 1875 | 9 months | 30 |
| Operator, Circular Head | Mrs. Emmett | 19 Jan. 1876 | .. | 9 months | 40 |
| Operator, Richmond | J. W. Nicholls (ditto) | 1 Feb. 1876 | 8 Sept. 1855 | 21 years | 26 |
| Operator, Buckland | Miss M. G. Hallam | 1 May, 1876 | 1 Feb. 1876 | 4 months | 26 |
| Operator, Spring Bay | R. Robinson | 1 March, 1876 | 1 March, 1876 | 7 months | 26 |
| Operator, Swansea | A. W. Smith (ditto) | 1 April, 1876 | 23 May, 1875 | 1 year 4 months | 26 |
| Operator, Sorell | Geo. Peacock (ditto) | 15 Jan. 1876 | 1 July, 1873 | 3 years 2 months | 26 |
| Operator, Avoca | Miss Densley | 1 March, 1876 | .. | 6 months | 26 |
| Operator, Fingal | Mrs. Pilgrim (ditto) | 1 April, 1876 | 16 Aug. 1875 | 1 year | 26 |
| Operator, St. Mary's | Miss Babington | 1 March, 1876 | .. | 6 months | 26 |
| Operator, Cleveland | Mrs. Webb | 1 March, 1876 | 1 March, 1876 | 7 months | 40 |
| Operator, Ouse | Chas. Higgins (ditto) | 1 Jan. 1876 | 1 Jan. 1854 | 22 years 9 months | 26 |

* Appointed under Company.

^a £25 being from L. & W. Railway for inspecting Stations on that line.^b Paid by District of Longford.^c Paid by Marine Board of Hobart Town.^d And uniform.^e And quarters.

TASMANIA AND VICTORIA SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1875.

| Revenue. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------|--|-------|----|----|-------------|----|----|
| From Messages | | 3059 | 17 | 6 | | | |
| Government Subsidy | | 4200 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Working Flinders Station | | 150 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | <hr/> | | | 7409 | 17 | 6 |
| Expenditure. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Salaries and Wages | | 1682 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Rent | | 46 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Loss on Remittances | | 42 | 10 | 6 | | | |
| Office and Petty Expenses | | 85 | 15 | 8 | | | |
| Maintenance | | 26 | 0 | 4 | | | |
| Horse Allowance | | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| London Management | | 250 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Repairs to Cable | | 311 | 4 | 4 | | | |
| | | <hr/> | | | 2494 | 0 | 10 |
| Nett Profits | | | | | £4915 | 16 | 8 |
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8th June, 1876.