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GENERAL POST OFFICE,

Melbourne, 31st March 1870.

SIR,

In compliance with the provisions of the Post Office Statute, 29 Victoria No. 298, section 57, I have the honor to submit a general Report upon the affairs of the Post Office for the year 1869.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. TURNER,

Deputy Postmaster-General.

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Trade and Customs,

&c., &c., &c.

REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

The Departments of the Post Office and Electric Telegraph having been amalgamated from 1st March 1869, the following Report necessarily appears in a form somewhat different from that in which Reports for previous years have been submitted.

Although the Departments had been for some years previously to the amalgamation under the control of the Postmaster-General, the two establishments were in all other respects distinct, each having its permanent head. At present the duties of the General Superintendent of Electric Telegraph are performed by the Deputy Postmaster-General, and the expenditure for both services is provided for under one head.

The report of the transactions of the Telegraph Department, which has hitherto appeared in a separate form, will therefore be found embodied in this paper; and some of the statements that follow, which in former Reports related solely to matters connected with the Postal Service, will embrace particulars connected with the business of the Electric Telegraph.

STRENGTH AND CONDITION OF THE POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

The following statement shows the strength and distribution of the staff of the Department as at present constituted :—

Office.	Postmasters and Electric Telegraph Managers.	Officers and Clerks.	Sorters.	Line Repairers.	Letter-carriers.	Messengers.	Supernumeraries.	Total.	Remarks.
Melbourne, P.O. ...	...	89	15	...	50	...	69	223	39 additional supernumeraries employed on arrival of English mail.
Melbourne, E.T. ...	...	27	...	5	...	9	3	44	
Albury, Tel., N.S.W.	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Ararat	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	
Avoca	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Bairnsdale... ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Ballarat, P.O. ...	1	5	1	...	6	...	7	20	Also one supernumerary occasionally employed, and 10 on arrival of English mail.
Ballarat, E.T. ...	1	1	...	1	...	5	1	9	
Beaufort	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Beechworth, P.O. ...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	4	
Beechworth, E.T. ...	1	1	...	1	...	...	2	5	
Belfast	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	
Benalla	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	
Bright	*1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	* Extra clerk, acting as postmaster.
Buninyong ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	Acting as postmaster.
Camperdown ...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	
Cape Schanck ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	
Cape Otway ...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	
Carisbrook ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	
Casterton	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Castlemaine, P.O. ...	1	...	1	...	3	...	1	6	
Castlemaine, E.T. ...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	
Chiltern	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Clunes	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	4	
Colac	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	
Coleraine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Collingwood ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	3	
Creswick	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	3.	
Daylesford ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	4	
Dunolly	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Echuca	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	4	
Geelong	1	6	1	1	8	2	2	21	Four additional supernumeraries employed on arrival of English mail.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Officers, &c.—*continued.*

Office.	Postmasters and Electric Telegraph Managers.	Officers and Clerks.	Sorters.	Line Repairers.	Letter-carriers.	Messengers.	Supernumeraries.	Total.	Remarks.
Hamilton	1	...	...	...	1	1	2	5	
Heathcote ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Hexham	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Inglewood ...	*1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	* Extra clerk, acting as postmaster.
Jamieson	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Kerang	...	...	...	*1	...	...	...	1	* Acting postmaster.
Kilmore	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	3	
Kyneton	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Linton	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Longwood ...	...	...	...	*1	...	...	...	1	* Acting postmaster.
Maldon	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	3	
Malmsbury ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Mansfield	...	...	...	*1	...	...	...	1	* Acting postmaster.
Maryborough ...	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	5	
Mornington ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Mortlake	...	...	...	*1	...	...	1	2	* Acting postmaster.
Mount Gambier, S.A.	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Penshurst	...	...	...	*1	...	...	...	1	* Acting postmaster.
Port Albert ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Portland	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	4	
Quartz Reefs ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	The postmaster and electric telegraph manager, also the messenger, transferred from Stawell during December 1869.
Queenscliff ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Rosedale	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	
Rutherglen ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	
Sale	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	
Sandhurst	1	2	2	1	3	3	1	13	Two supernumeraries occasionally employed.
Sandridge	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	
Sebastopol ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Serpentine ...	...	*1	...	...	...	...	...	1	* Acting postmaster.
Seymour	...	...	...	*1	...	...	...	1	* Acting postmaster.
Smythesdale ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	
St. Arnaud ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	
Spring Creek ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	
Stuartmill	...	...	...	...	...	*1	1	2	* Acting postmaster.
Streatham	...	...	...	...	...	*1	...	1	* Acting postmaster.
Swan Hill	...	...	...	*1	...	...	...	1	* Acting postmaster.
Talbot	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	
Taradale	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Tarnagulla	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Wahgunyah ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	
Wangaratta ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	
Warrnambool ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	4	
Williamstown ...	*2	...	...	...	1	...	1	4	* The postmaster doing duty in Melbourne. Two supernumeraries occasionally employed.
Wodonga	...	...	...	...	...	*1	1	2	* Acting as postmaster.
Woodend	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	Railway Telegraph Office.
Wood's Point ...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	
Yackandandah ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	
Total ...	61	136	22	27	82	48	121	497	

Ballarat, Beechworth, and Castlemaine Post and Telegraph Offices are not combined; Cape Otway and Cape Schanck are Telegraph stations only; and at Albury (New South Wales) and Mount Gambier (South Australia) the Post Offices are not under the Victorian Government.

In 1868 the numbers employed in the Departments respectively were:—

Post Office	319
Electric Telegraph	195
Total	514

On the combination of the Departments being effected, the services of Mr. McGowan as General Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs were dispensed with, and that gentleman was appointed Inspector of Postal and Telegraph Service, retaining his position in the service as an officer of the first class, and receiving compensation for loss of original appointment, computed on the principle laid down in the 16th section of the Civil Service Act.

The officer who formerly acted as accountant to the Electric Telegraph Department has been transferred to the General Post Office as cashier.

The services of seventeen officers of the fourth class in the country districts have been dispensed with. Of these, twelve accepted office as fifth-class clerks at the maximum rate of pay, and such of them as were in charge of stations were subsequently allowed an addition of £20 per annum for overtime.

On the 26th May, the Deputy Postmaster-General, having returned to duty, from temporary leave of absence, resumed charge of the Department as permanent head.

Upon the change of Ministry in September last, and until the end of the year, the business of the Department was administered by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.

Captain Bance, Inspector of Postal and Telegraph Service, having been allowed leave of absence for twelve months on medical certificate, to enable him to proceed to Europe, it has been arranged that Mr. James, the manager of the electric telegraph station at Melbourne, shall be appointed to perform inspector's duty during the absence of Captain Bance, and that Mr. Smibert, the cashier at the General Post Office, shall temporarily succeed Mr. James.

It is intended to dispense with the services of the manager at Albury (salary £350 per annum) from 14th January 1870, and steps have been taken in this direction, as it has been ascertained that the duties at the Border station can be equally well carried on at Beechworth. There have hitherto been a manager, at £350, and an operator, at £180, of the Victorian civil service, stationed at Albury, in addition to the staff employed by the New South Wales Government; but it is believed that the contemplated changes will effect a saving of nearly £400 per annum without impairing the efficiency of the service.

The following return of the periods during which officers of the several branches of the General Post Office have been absent on account of sickness during 1869 does not present any extraordinary features, although showing rather a higher percentage than last year in the case of officers employed at indoor duties:—

RETURN of Officers, &c., Absent from duty on account of Illness during 1869.

Branch.	Number of Officers Employed.		Number of Days Absent.	Remarks.
	Number Employed.	Number Absent.		
Correspondence branch	8	...	Nil	
Accounts branch	11	6	137	One officer obtained special leave for 3 months; one absent 32 days.
Mail branch	62	43	310	One officer absent 52 days; one 21 days; and two 19 days each.
Dead-letter branch	4	2	3	
Stamp branch	3	1	1	
Stores and printing	9	4	19	
Money Order and Savings Banks	14	12	168	One officer was absent 3 months (90 days) of this period.
Total	111	68	638	

Out of eleven mail guards, four were absent from sickness during 23 days.

Out of thirty-eight letter-carriers, twenty-two were absent during 166 days. Of this number, two were absent during 21 days each, two during 16 days each, one 14 days, one 13 days, and one 10 days, showing seven letter-carriers absent during 111 days.

One clerk of the fifth class, and one sorter, belonging to the Melbourne establishment, died during the year.

POST OFFICE REVENUE.

The revenue returns for the past year have been satisfactory. The gross amount of collections on account of Postage and Money Order commission during 1869 is in excess of the revenue from these sources for 1868 to the extent of £11,000, or nearly 9½ per cent. This large increase, which is greater than that of any previous year, is to be ascribed almost entirely to the circulation of inland correspondence, as is shown by the tables which appear a little further on in this Report.

The increase of revenue in 1868 over 1867 was £5,019; and in estimating the receipts for 1870 at £135,000, the mean of the gross increase of the years 1868 and 1869 has been taken as a basis for the calculation.

The reduction or abolition of the postage on newspapers has for some time past been agitated. Should this concession be granted to its fullest extent, an immediate loss to the revenue of £15,000 per annum would follow, and it may be expected that a large number of newspapers at present forwarded by other means

would then be sent through the post. The amount to be paid for conveyance of inland mails for 1870 is £67,240 17s., and any large addition to the weight of the very bulky mails that are now forwarded by means of horse-power into the interior would materially increase the expenditure on this account.

It has also been proposed from several quarters to introduce a town rate of one penny for letters posted for delivery within the limits of the city and of the boroughs respectively. Should this proposal be sanctioned, and should correspondence increase as anticipated, a larger number of letter carriers must be employed, or else the delivery of letters generally must be retarded, while it is believed that having two different inland postage rates would prove a fruitful source of errors, occasioning frequent losses, inconvenience, and annoyance to the public.

Looking at the fact that there is a uniform rate of one penny for the delivery of a letter within the United Kingdom, a twopenny uniform rate for this Colony may perhaps be regarded as proportionately low to that charged in the mother country, when the comparative rate of wages and other differences in the means of the people here are taken into consideration; but irrespective of the question of relative cheapness, it is certainly doubtful whether it would be expedient to make any change in the existing inland rate until the population of the Colony shall have so increased as to afford reasonable grounds for making the rate the same as it is in England.

Shortly after the passing of the Act 29 Vic. No. 298, which fixed the inland rate at twopence, attention was drawn by the Department to the charge upon inter-colonial sea-borne letters, and a rate of threepence per half-ounce on this class of correspondence was suggested on the ground that this would cover the inland rate and the gratuity of one penny paid to masters of vessels on all letters despatched by private ship. Recently negotiations have been opened with the respective Governments of New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, and New Zealand, with the object of bringing about an arrangement for the adoption of this threepenny rate generally on all correspondence passing between the Colonies. Should this be carried into effect an immediate loss to the revenue of about £4,000 per annum will ensue; although there is reason to expect that correspondence would be stimulated by the reduction, and that in the course of a few years the revenue from this source would recover itself; but apart from any consideration of the kind, now that the inland rate is only twopence, and the cost of transit by sea one penny, the arguments in favor of the reform are almost irresistible.

An important arrangement has been effected with the authorities of Great Britain and New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Hong Kong, for altering the scale of charges on packets transmitted from and to this Colony. Until this was effected the lowest charge upon a packet was sixpence; now a packet of one ounce can be forwarded to any of the places named for one penny, the charge for larger packets being in the same proportion. This reduction in rates will, it is believed, without causing any serious loss financially, prove of great advantage, and will remove one cause of dissatisfaction and obstruction to business, which arose from the fact of many pamphlets and circulars, which could not be sent legally through the post beyond the seas for a less sum than sixpence, being now transmissible at the newspaper rate.

Telegraph Revenue.

The gross amount collected on account of Telegraph Messages during 1869 was £34,183, or £3,125 (rather more than 9½ per cent.) in excess of the receipts from the same source in 1868. The expenditure cannot, as already explained, be given separately, but is contained in the statement which appears at page 23 of this Report, showing the particulars of the receipts and expenditure of the Post Office and Telegraph Department for 1869.

In December it was determined by the Government that, from the 1st January 1870, a radical change should take effect in the charges to be made on Telegraphic Messages within Victoria, and that, from the date mentioned, there should be a uniform charge, irrespective of distance, of one shilling for every message not exceeding ten words, and one penny for every additional word. It was

confidently believed that this alteration would be followed by a largely increased business, which would soon compensate for any immediate loss,* and that any additional expenditure for operators, messengers, &c., would be covered before the reduced rate had been many months in operation.

Communications have been opened with the Governments of the other Colonies with which Victoria is in telegraphic communication, with the view of bringing about an arrangement by which the minimum charge of each Colony would be one shilling, so that a message from Victoria to New South Wales or South Australia would be two shillings, and to Queensland three shillings; each colony concerned in transmitting the telegram retaining one shilling. It is, however, feared that this proposal will not be entertained to its fullest extent; but probably it may have the effect of introducing a more moderate charge than is at present levied on intercolonial messages. The rates with Tasmania have already been reduced to the minimum charge of one shilling to each colony for use of the land lines, the cable charges being regulated by the company, the management of which is in England.

All things considered, the revenue of the department for the past year must, it is submitted, be regarded as highly satisfactory, and there appears to be reasonable ground for the belief that, notwithstanding the further reductions in charges that are contemplated, the revenue for 1870 will still show an increase over that for the past year.

A statement showing the receipts at the several stations on account of telegraph business during 1869 will be found in Appendix H.

Expenditure.

The gross amount of expenditure on account of Post Office and Telegraph, under the heads Salaries and Wages, Contingencies, and Inland Mail Service, during 1869, was £10,182 less than in the previous year, 1868, and although the proportion due by Victoria for ocean postal service is £4,410 in excess of the amount set down for 1868, the actual amount to be disbursed on this account will show a saving on 1868 of £1,545, credits to the amount of £5,965 having been allowed for overcharges during the years 1866 and 1867, and for excess of penalties over premiums during 1868.

The diminished expenditure under the heads Salaries and Wages (£6,871) is to be chiefly attributed to the reduction of officers from the fourth to the fifth class, the retirement or dismissal of officers who were receiving the maximum of the classes to which they belonged, the appointments being allowed to lapse on the amalgamation of offices, or the vacancies being filled up by juniors at the minimum salaries of £80 per annum.

The saving in contingencies, £1,156, was principally made up in reduced amounts paid for overtime, and that under the head Inland Mails (£2,155) was caused by greater competition for the mail services than took place for those of the previous year.

Inland Correspondence.

There has been a very considerable increase in the inland correspondence during the past year, fully equal to 10 per cent. on the returns for 1868. It is scarcely possible to state with precision the number of inland letters that were posted in the Colony during 1869; but after careful examination of the data mostly to be relied on, the result, as stated in the Return given in the next page, has been arrived at, and it is believed that the figures there given are as closely in accordance with the facts of the case as the nature of the business treated of will admit.

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* The following statement shows the receipts for first quarter of 1869 and 1870 respectively :—

Revenue, 1869.		Revenue, 1870.	
January	£2,749 0 6	January	£2,579 17 3
February	2,521 17 7	February	2,661 4 11
March	2,996 10 10	March	3,053 0 2
	£8,267 8 11		£8,294 2 4

There has also been an increase in the inland newspapers equal to about 2½ per cent., and in the inland packets (according to the returns furnished) of about 15 per cent.

Intercolonial and Foreign Letters.

There has been a falling off during 1869 in the intercolonial correspondence, equal to 4½ per cent. outwards, and 6½ per cent. inwards, and an increase in intercolonial packets despatched of 8 per cent., and 20 per cent. on those received.

In intercolonial newspapers the returns show an increase of 2 per cent. on those despatched, and 4 per cent. on those received.

In British and Foreign letters despatched, the year 1869 shows an increase over 1868 of about 6½ per cent., and of the same class of letters inwards of about 2½ per cent.

Under the head of British and Foreign packets there has been an increase, both inwards and outwards, of rather more than 23 per cent., and of newspapers of 2½ per cent. on those despatched, and 14 per cent. on those received.

Return showing the Number of Letters, Packets, and Newspapers Received and Despatched during 1869.

Number of Post Offices.	Inland Letters.	SHIP LETTERS.				Total Letters.
		Despatched.		Received.		
		Colonial.	British and Foreign.	Colonial.	British and Foreign.	
651	8,759,848	366,624	541,585	372,903	541,751	10,582,711
	Inland Packets.	SHIP PACKETS.				Total Packets.
		Despatched.		Received.		
		Colonial.	British and Foreign.	Colonial.	British and Foreign.	
	314,695	13,444	8,513	6,736	32,651	376,039
	Inland Newspapers.	SHIP NEWSPAPERS.				Total Newspapers.
		Despatched.		Received.		
		Colonial.	British and Foreign.	Colonial.	British and Foreign.	
	2,596,892	347,597	572,042	253,554	1,481,242	5,251,327

Registered Letters.

The number of registered letters for the year 1869 amounts to 104,325, showing an increase over 1868 of 15,992, or 18 per cent. It is, however, obvious that the practice of forwarding money through the post in unregistered letters is still carried on to a very great extent, notwithstanding the repeated cautions that have been written on the subject, and the efforts that have been made to induce the public to take the precaution of making their remittances, when practicable, by means of drafts or money orders; or, in cases when these are not to be obtained, and where cash must be forwarded, of registering all money letters or packets containing valuable enclosures. Notices have been posted conspicuously over all letter boxes, pointing out that letters containing money or valuable enclosures ought not to be posted in the ordinary way, but should be taken to the postmaster to be registered; but this has not been effectual, and very many persons continue to break the regulations of the service on this point, and thus not only endanger their own property, but offer a direct temptation to dishonest practices, which no watchfulness or system of management, consistent with the despatch of Post Office business, can prevent.

Dead Letters.

The following statements show the extent of business transacted in the Dead Letter Office during 1869 :—

Return showing the Number of Letters, &c., that passed through the Dead Letter Branch during the Year 1869.

Year.	Received.				How disposed of.		
	Unclaimed.		Irregularly Posted.	Total.	Returned and Delivered.	Destroyed, &c.	Total.
	Victorian.	Ship.					
1869 ...	65,165	12,370	20,052	97,587	88,325	9,262	97,587

Eight hundred and eighty-two registered letters are included in the above numbers, 188 of which contained valuable enclosures as given below, and 694 were without contents, or the contents of which were unknown to the Department.

Of the "irregularly posted" letters, 196 bore no addresses at all, and 130 imperfect addresses. The remainder were unpaid or insufficiently paid.

In addition to the above number of letters, 3,306 packets were also dealt with during the year, and 9 letters were received in Dead Letter Office during the year that bore obscene or libellous addresses.

Return showing the Number of Registered and Unregistered Letters, containing Value, that passed through the Dead Letter Branch during the Year 1869.

Year.	Registered Letters.		Ordinary Letters.		Total.		Returned to Senders and Delivered.		Amount paid into the Treasury.	On hand.	
	No.	Value of Contents.	No.	Value of Contents.	No.	Value of Contents.	No.	Value of Contents.		No.	Value of Contents.
1869.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash, Notes, &c.	108	165 2 0½	441	481 7 8	549	646 9 8½	423	532 16 1½	57 17 7	37	55 16 0
Cheques, &c.	80	16,659 19 9	657	17,263 14 4	737	33,923 14 1	711	28,315 13 0	...	26	5,608 1 1
	188	16,825 1 9½	1,098	17,745 2 0	1,286	34,570 3 9½	1,134	28,848 9 1½	57 17 7	63	5,663 17 1

New Post and Telegraph Offices.

Twenty-two new Post Offices were opened in 1869, at the undermentioned places :—

Barkstead
Bendoc
Berlin
Cowes
Crossley
Doutta Galla
Ellerslie
Fiddler's Creek
Freeburgh
Garvoc
Gheringhap
Godfrey's Creek
Laanecoorie
Ledcourt
Mulgrave
Narree Warren
Reidford
Spring Creek
Tabilk
Tooliorook
Upper Heyfield
Upper Maffra

Bairnsdale and Stuartmill have been opened as combined Post and Telegraph Offices.

The Post Office at Hoddle's Creek, which was closed in July 1865, was reopened in October 1869.

Five offices were closed in 1869, viz.:—Carrapook, Fernshawe, Launching-place, Ross Creek, and Wurruk-wurruk.

The names of the following offices have been changed:—Geelong Junction, now called Williamstown Junction; Belvoir, now called Wodonga.

Total number of offices on 31st December 1869, 651.

New Buildings.

The telegraph wires having been extended from Market square to the General Post Office, it was found necessary, in order to provide space for the operators, to appropriate to the purpose a portion of the private-box room. More extensive accommodation is, however, absolutely requisite; and this fact, together with the steady increase in every branch of the business which has to be transacted in the building, points to the conclusion that the time is near at hand when the architectural design must be carried out by the completion of the Elizabeth street frontage.

Upon the combination of the Postal and Electric Telegraph Departments the instrument fitters, line repairers, carpenters, &c., were removed from the premises at the rear of the old Telegraph Office in William street to the General Post Office, where all the business of the Stores Branch of the combined Departments is now transacted.

Improved sorting tables, similar to those used in London, have been introduced into the General Post Office with considerable advantage. These, being constructed with open wire lattice work, allow of an uninterrupted view of the work as it proceeds.

The tower clock has now been in operation for some months, and has, it is believed, proved a great convenience to the public. The glass temporarily fixed in the faces has been found defective, and is about to be replaced by glass imported for the purpose, better adapted to assist the illumination. The clock bells have been ordered from England, and may shortly be expected.

The new Post and Telegraph Office at Sandhurst was opened for the transaction of business on the 26th April.

At Beechworth and Maldon new buildings for the combined departments are ready for the fittings, which will be proceeded with as soon as the requisite funds are available.

The Post and Telegraph Office at Clunes has been partially rebuilt, and is again occupied.

A new office at Sale, which had become absolutely necessary, will be ready for occupation about the beginning of July.

In connection with the extension of the electric telegraph to Walhalla, an eligible allotment of land at that place has been purchased, and as there is a temporary building already erected, business can be commenced almost as soon as the wires are completed.

An arrangement has been entered into with the municipal authorities at Richmond, whereby accommodation will shortly be provided in the new Town Hall building for a Post and Telegraph Office in that populous suburb.

Postage Stamps.

The new Stamp Act came into operation on the 1st January 1870. This Act repeals so much of the Post Office Statute as authorized the Postmaster-General to issue licenses for the sale of postage stamps, and vests this power in the Minister who shall administer the Stamp Act. It also reduces the commission to be allowed to licensed vendors from 5 to 2½ per cent., and makes it necessary that not less than ten pounds worth of stamps shall be purchased at one time to entitle the vendor to any commission. It is expected that this alteration in the law will have the effect of reducing the number of persons who sell postage stamps, and the change, therefore, will not, so far as the dealings of the public with this Department are concerned, prove a desirable one.

Stamped newspaper wrappers—value one penny (1d.) each—were first issued on the 8th of September. Envelopes with the twopenny (2d.) stamp embossed were issued on the 1st of November.

No new stamp issued this year.

The color of the threepenny (3d.) stamp was changed from plum to orange on the 12th of June.

The issue of the eightpenny (8d.) stamp was discontinued on the 12th of June.

Fifty-seven additional licenses to sell postage stamps have been granted during the year, making a total of 470.

Amount of commission paid in stamps to licensed vendors in 1869—£3,332 3s. 9d.

DENOMINATION, Number, and Value of Postage Stamps Manufactured during 1869.

Denomination.	Number.	Value. £	s.	d.
Penny newspaper wrappers	320,000	1,333	6	8
Penny postage stamps	2,088,000	8,700	0	0
Twopenny postage stamps	8,518,320	70,986	0	0
Blank envelopes, received from the public and embossed with the twopenny stamp	1,600	13	6	8
Twopenny embossed envelopes, at 2s. 3d. per dozen	41,028	384	12	9
Threepenny postage stamps	121,200	1,515	0	0
Fourpenny postage stamps	156,000	2,600	0	0
Sixpenny postage stamps	1,200,000	30,000	0	0
Tenpenny postage stamps	120,000	5,000	0	0
Two-shilling postage stamps	24,000	2,400	0	0
Five-shilling postage stamps	45,000	11,250	0	0
Totals	12,635,148	134,182	6	1

DENOMINATION, Number, and Value of Postage Stamps Issued during 1869.

Denomination.	Number.	Value. £	s.	d.
Penny newspaper wrappers	49,361	205	13	5
Penny postage stamps	3,452,524	14,385	10	4
Twopenny postage stamps	8,393,840	69,948	13	4
Blank envelopes, received from the public and embossed with the twopenny stamp	1,600	13	6	8
Twopenny embossed envelopes, at 2s. 3d. per dozen	25,116	235	9	3
Threepenny postage stamps	64,627	807	16	9
Fourpenny postage stamps	142,161	2,369	7	0
Sixpenny postage stamps	1,024,533	25,613	6	6
Eightpenny postage stamps	4,989	166	6	0
Tenpenny postage stamps	94,380	3,932	10	0
One-shilling postage stamps	93,381	4,669	1	0
Two-shilling postage stamps	15,787	1,578	14	0
Five-shilling postage stamps	4,586	1,146	10	0
Totals	13,366,885	125,072	4	3

Arrangements have been made by which envelopes can be received from the public and embossed with the twopenny stamp, under the following regulations:—

1st. Not fewer than 500 envelopes of any one size can be received at any time.
2nd. No colored envelopes can be received for stamping, nor any which are too thin to bear the impression of the dies.
3rd. Envelopes provided by the Post Office Department, with the proper stamp thereon, will be substituted for any which may be spoiled in the operation of stamping.
4th. No fee is charged for stamping.

INLAND MAIL SERVICE, 1869.

In accepting contracts for the Inland Mail Service 1869, an arrangement was entered into whereby the South Australian and Victorian mail lines meeting at Penola were made to dovetail with each other, and by these means the time of postal transit between Adelaide and Melbourne was reduced from nearly six days to about 72 hours.

Arrangements were also made during the year for the transmission of mails overland to Sydney, the time occupied being reduced to about 93 hours.

New Mail Services.

The undermentioned additional Mail Services have been established during the past year:—

Crossley and Killarney, six days a week.
Mulgrave and Oakleigh, three days a week.
Geelong West and Cowie's Creek, six days a week.
Ballan and Mount Blackwood, six days a week.
Sale and Maffra, three days a week.
Campbell's Creek and Guildford, six days a week.
Avoca and Fiddler's Creek, six days a week.
Frankston and Cowes (Phillip Island), three days a week.
Sandhurst and Golden Square, six days a week.
Castlemaine and Dunolly, extra, six days a week.
Mount Blackwood and Barry's Reef, six days a week.
Eddington and Laanecoorie, three days a week.
Ballarat and Sebastopol, extra, six days a week.

Toongabbie and Upper Heyfield, three days a week.
Merton and Alexandra, three days a week.
Berlin and Kingower, six days a week.
Lancefield and North Lancefield, six days a week.
Langley and Metcalf *viâ* Green Hills, six days a week.
Buninyong and Ballarat, six days a week.
Bald Hills (Gippsland) and Glencairn, once a fortnight.
Camperdown and Darlington, once a week.
Lake Bolac and Woorndoo, two days a week.
Stawell and Landsborough, three days a week.
Wangaratta and Beechworth, six days a week.
Keilor and Doutta Galla, six days a week.
Berwick and Narree Warren, three days a week.
Buninyong and Buninyong Railway Station, six days a week.
Maffra and Upper Maffra, three days a week.
Devil's Creek and Barkstead, six days a week.

Alterations during 1869 in other Mail Lines, made with a view to secure increased frequency or accelerated speed in the transport of correspondence:—

Harcourt mails conveyed by road (in lieu of by rail, as formerly) from Castlemaine, owing to closing of Harcourt Railway Station.
Moorabool mails conveyed by road (in lieu of by railway, as formerly) from Batesford, in consequence of Moorabool Railway Station being closed.
Woorndoo mails despatched *viâ* Lake Bolac, in lieu of Mortlake.
Darlington mails once a week *viâ* Camperdown, in lieu of Mortlake.
Reid's Creek and Woolshed mails *viâ* Wangaratta, in lieu of Beechworth.
Alexandra mails *viâ* Merton, in lieu of Doon.
Metcalf and Green Hill mails daily, *viâ* Langley, in lieu of three times a week.
Mordialloc mails sent *viâ* St. Kilda Railway Station, in addition to despatch by Mornington line, daily.
Werracknebeal mails forwarded *viâ* Horsham, in lieu of Longerenong, two days a week.
Break-o'-Day mails daily, in lieu of three days a week.
Hastings mails three days a week, in lieu of twice a week.
Lintons mails twice daily, in lieu of daily.
Glengower mails daily, in lieu of three days a week.
Overland mails for Adelaide despatched *viâ* Penola, in lieu of *viâ* Gambierton.
Buninyong mails twice daily, in lieu of six days a week.
Wood's Point line of mails *viâ* Yarra Track despatched from Melbourne at 7 a.m., in lieu of 5 p.m. for a short time.
Extra mail for Mount Jeffcott despatched *viâ* Avon Plains once a week.
Morning mails for Ballarat despatched at 6.30 a.m. per railway, and Castlemaine and Sandhurst mails at 6.45 a.m., owing to earlier despatch of trains for those places.
Extra mail for Kilmore by early morning coach three days a week.
Direct overland mails despatched and received to and from Sydney.
Reid's Creek and Woolshed mails sent *viâ* Beechworth, in lieu of *viâ* Wangaratta as at commencement of year.
Greendale mails daily, in lieu of three days a week.
Wood's Point line of mails *viâ* Yarra Track due at General Post Office at 6 a.m. on two days a week, in lieu of 6 p.m.

The amount paid for conveyance of Inland Mails, 1869 (including the sum of £6,150 paid to the Department of Railways), was £67,240 17s., and the gross number of miles travelled with the mails was 3,048,636, at an average cost of $5\frac{3}{10}$d. per mile.

Extension of Telegraph Lines.

Communication was opened with Tasmania on the 3rd May by means of the submarine telegraph cable, referred to in the Report of the Electric Telegraph Department for 1868.

The extensions that have been completed during the past year are to Flinders from Cape Schanck, to connect with the Tasmanian cable, 11 miles, opened 10th June 1869; from Sale to Bairnsdale, in the Gippsland district, 43 miles, opened 1st July 1869; Ballarat to Sebastopol, 1 mile; Stawell to Quartz Reefs, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Some of the principal wires have been carried from the central office to the General Post Office, at which place telegrams have been received and despatched since the 6th April. This has been a great advantage to the public, as the business done plainly proves, the receipts at the General Post Office having amounted on the average to £50 per week.

Contracts have been taken for extending the line from Rosedale to Walhalla, 32 miles, with which place communication will be established about April next, and for erecting a branch line to Majorca, 7 miles. It is intended to place this last-named place in communication with Maryborough by means of Wheatstone's non-recording alphabetical instruments, by which the expense of maintaining the station will be very considerably reduced. It is believed that this system could be brought

into operation with several other stations* with advantage, as the instrument referred to does not require any special knowledge on the part of the operator, but can be worked with ease by any person of ordinary intelligence after an hour's practice.

The projected extensions for 1870 are—

To Eldorado ... ... 10 miles.
„ Spring Creek ... ... 20 miles.

Full returns relating to the business of the Telegraph will be found appended to this Report.

Steam Postal Communication.

Suez Route.

The estimated proportion of the Colonial moiety of the subsidy to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, due by Victoria on account of the service 1869, is £46,555 16s. 2d., or £4,410 2s. 1d. more than the cost of the same service the previous year. There is, however, £5,965 10s. 1d. credit allowed on adjustment of accounts for 1866 and 1867, and for excess of penalties over premiums for 1868, making the net amount payable by the Colony £40,590 6s. 1d.

The annexed return shows the gross amounts chargeable on the Australian Colonies and New Zealand on account of the Mail Packet Service for the Year 1869:—

Colonies.	Number of Letters Inwards and Outwards in 1868.	Service to Point de Galle.	Service between Point de Galle and King George's Sound.	Service between King George's Sound and Melbourne.	Service between Melbourne and Sydney.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	964,624	13,194 11 10	21,113 14 9	10,224 13 11	...
New South Wales	313,937	4,294 3 11	6,871 9 5	3,327 12 4	4,186 2 8
South Australia	224,695	3,073 10 10	4,918 2 10	...	...
New Zealand	64,445	881 10 6	1,410 11 5	683 1 4	859 6 7
Tasmania	72,438	990 17 1	1,585 10 5	767 2 6	...
Queensland	175,153	2,395 16 10	3,833 15 1	1,856 9 11	2,335 10 9
Western Australia	35,490	485 9 0	776 16 1	...	...
	1,850,782	25,316 0 0	40,510 0 0	16,859 0 0	7,381 0 0

Colonies.	Moiety of Cost of Mail Boxes and Mail Bags.	Moiety of Expense of Naval Agents in charge of Mails.	Proportion of Cost of Special Packets between Dover and Calais.	Estimated Number of Newspapers Inwards and Outwards *viâ* Southampton in 1868.	Egyptian Transit Rate on Newspapers *viâ* Southampton.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	338 15 7	168 1 10	78 3 8	1,624,694	1,437 14 7	46,555 16 2
New South Wales	110 5 3	54 14 3	25 8 10	620,500	549 0 5	19,418 17 1
South Australia	78 18 3	39 3 2	18 4 4	369,153	326 14 7	8,454 14 0
New Zealand	22 12 7	11 4 7	5 4 4	501,129	443 9 11	4,317 1 3
Tasmania	25 8 9	12 12 5	5 17 4	222,616	196 17 10	3,584 6 4
Queensland	61 10 4	30 10 3	14 4 0	264,389	233 19 4	10,761 16 6
Western Australia	12 9 3	6 3 6	2 17 6	70,290	62 3 4	1,345 18 8
	650 0 0	322 10 0	150 0 0	3,672,771	3,250 0 0	94,438 10 0

The estimated receipts are as follow:—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Postage on letters, including registration fee	17,500 0 0	
Newspapers	2,500 0 0	
Packets	320 0 0	
		20,320 0 0
Deficiency		26,235 16 2

* It has already been effected with Mornington, a distance of 36 miles, and has been found to succeed perfectly, the working expenses being only one-third (⅓) of the cost under the old arrangement.

The mail has only been late in arriving at Melbourne on one occasion out of the thirteen voyages during the year (1869), and the steamers have been nine times before time (once as much as four days) during the same period, as shown by the following statement:—

STATEMENT showing the Dates upon which the Royal Mail Steamers were due in Melbourne, and the Dates upon which they arrived; also the Duration of the Voyage from Galle.

Name of Steamer.	Due at Melbourne.	Arrived at Melbourne.	Duration of Voyage from Galle.			Late.	Before appointed time.
			Days.	Hours.	Minutes.	Days.	Days.
Geelong	January 21	January 21	20	16	5	...	...
Avoca	February 18	February 17	20	15	5	...	1
Malta	March 18	March 19	22	19	55	1	...
Geelong	April 15	April 15	21	15	10	...	...
Avoca	May 13	May 12	20	4	0	...	1
Malta	June 10	June 7	19	18	15	...	3
Geelong	July 8	July 6	19	23	40	...	2
Avoca	August 5	August 4	20	12	25	...	1
Malta	September 2	August 29	18	21	20	...	4
Geelong	September 30	September 28	20	7	40	...	2
Avoca	October 28	October 26	20	11	10	...	2
Malta	November 25	November 25	21	0	30	...	...
Geelong	December 23	December 22	20	12	30	...	1

The following return shows the number of letters, packets, and newspapers received and despatched by the Royal Mail Steamers each voyage:—

RETURN showing the Number of Letters, Packets, and Newspapers Received and Despatched by the Royal Mail Steamers in each Month during the Year 1869.

Date of Receipt.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Date of Despatch.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.
January 21st ...	41,992	2,639	106,974	January 5th	33,898	575	42,037
February 17th ...	39,336	2,434	113,218	February 2nd ...	42,287	761	40,639
March 19th	43,225	2,609	115,840	March 2nd	40,325	693	39,097
April 15th	43,495	2,482	110,369	March 30th	40,743	527	45,332
May 12th	38,722	2,310	111,530	April 25th	41,832	713	46,078
June 7th	38,054	2,232	103,218	May 23rd	43,339	650	44,473
July 6th	39,316	2,357	112,299	June 20th	44,380	601	42,449
August 4th	38,655	2,486	115,311	July 18th	43,437	820	44,674
August 29th... ...	40,704	2,226	99,928	August 15th ...	41,912	723	44,522
September 28th ...	40,260	2,622	122,929	September 12th ...	42,140	644	47,046
October 26th ...	40,019	2,700	115,748	October 12th ...	45,581	724	44,891
November 25th ...	42,837	2,554	121,167	November 9th ...	39,894	552	45,637
December 22nd ...	44,356	2,742	130,219	December 7th ...	38,681	488	38,877
Totals	530,971	32,393	1,478,750	Totals ...	538,449	8,471	565,752

Mail Service viâ Cape of Good Hope.

In answer to advertisement, referred to in Report of this Department for 1868, inviting tenders for the conveyance of mails and emigrants once a month between Melbourne and the United Kingdom *viâ* the Cape of Good Hope, several tenders were received through the Agent-General by the mail due here on the 25th November last; but as the Government announced that they were not then in a position to accept any of the offers submitted, it was decided that the particulars should not be made public; nothing further can, therefore, be stated on the subject at present. Indeed the question has hardly assumed such a shape as to call for any particular

remarks in a report of this kind, as it must at present be regarded principally as a scheme for inducing emigration to this Colony, the advantages that would result to the postal service having yet to be made apparent.

Mail Service from Sydney to San Francisco viâ New Zealand and Honolulu.

An arrangement has been entered into by the Postmaster-General of New Zealand with a firm in Sydney, New South Wales, for the conveyance once a month of mails between Sydney and San Francisco, *viâ* New Zealand and Honolulu, and steamers belonging to the Australasian Steam Navigation Company have been chartered for performing that part of the voyage between Sydney and Honolulu, at which latter place a connection will be effected with a line of steamers already running between Japan and the West Coast of the United States of America, in which the mails will be taken to San Francisco, whence it is intended to carry them across the continent by the newly opened railway to New York, and on by steamer to the United Kingdom. It is expected that the voyage between Sydney and San Francisco will be performed in 744 hours, and the authorities of New Zealand have asked this Government to contribute the sum of £6,000 per annum for the privilege of forwarding mails by this route. The details of the scheme for the conveyance of the mails after they reach San Francisco, and the charges to which they will be liable, have not yet been finally settled; but it is confidently stated that there are no difficulties in the way, and that existing conventions provide for the prompt transmission of the mails, as soon as they shall reach the United States, at very moderate charges, to be computed according to the number of letters so conveyed.

Since this arrangement was notified to the Victorian Government, the outline of a scheme for establishing communication by steam between Milford Haven and Sydney *viâ* the United States has been submitted by Messrs. Cummins and Co., of London, the principal features of which are the employment of steamers of from 2,500 to 3,500 tonnage, capable of carrying 150 first-class and 750 second-class passengers; voyages outward and homeward to be performed in forty days to Sydney or forty-three to Melbourne; subsidy to be £1,000 for each voyage out and home; contract to be for seven years. It is, however, understood that neither of these proposals will be accepted until the whole subject has been further considered, and some decision has been arrived at with respect to the route *viâ* Cape of Good Hope.

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH EUROPE AND THE EAST.

Several schemes have been propounded during the past year for establishing communication by telegraph between Australia, India, and Europe, but no definite action has been taken by the Government of Victoria with reference to the various plans that have been submitted. It was understood that the Colonies of New South Wales and Queensland had declared in favor of the proposal of Mr. Fraser of Batavia, for a line by way of East Java to the head of the Gulf of Carpentaria; but it is now stated that this gentleman's terms relative to that portion of the line passing through the Indian territory of the Netherlands have not been approved of by the Dutch Government at the Hague, and that consequently, if the project has not altogether been abandoned, it has received a check which most probably will cause it to give place to an undertaking by a company under the name of "The British Australian Telegraph Company," launched by the Telegraph Construction and Maritime Company, respecting which advices have recently been received, and which has for its object the immediate construction of the necessary cables and land lines for bringing the Australian Colonies in connection with the system which unites India and Europe. The precise details are not yet known, but it is understood that it is intended that the Australian point of junction shall be Port Darwin, and that from thence either a land line will be constructed across the northern territory of South Australia, to meet the Queensland lines now in course of construction, or by cable round the coast from Port Darwin to the head of the Gulf of Carpentaria.

It is stated that Captain Osborne is shortly to arrive in Australia to make the preliminary arrangements in furtherance of the scheme, and it appears, if the expectations of the projectors should be realised, that towards the close of 1871 or the commencement of 1872 this great work will be accomplished.

Money Order and Savings Bank Branch.

The number of Money Orders issued during the year was 82,234, against 73,222 issued in 1868; the difference showing an increase of 9,012, or 12·3 per cent.

The number of Money Orders paid during the year was 69,657, against 61,656 in 1868; the difference showing an increase of 8,001, or 12·97 per cent.

The value of the Money Orders issued during the year was £272,531 9s. 1d., against £247,484 0s. 7d. in 1868; showing an increase of £25,047 8s. 6d., or 10·12 per cent.

The value of the Money Orders paid during the year was £237,844 1s. 10d., against £214,025 15s. 4d. in 1868; showing an increase of £23,818 6s. 6d., or 11·12 per cent.

The number of new Savings Bank accounts opened during the year was 7,501, the number closed 3,991, and the number remaining open on the 31st December 1869 was 17,866.

The total amount of deposits received during the year was £233,412 14s., and the amount repaid was £163,267 4s.

The total amount of interest placed to the credit of the depositors for the year was £7,272 2s. 2d.

The total amount of balances to the credit of the depositors on the 31st December 1869 was £243,478 15s. 6d., and at 31st December 1868 £166,061 3s. 4d.; the difference is an increase of £77,417 12s. 2d., or 46·61 per cent.

The total number of depositors accounts at 31st December 1869 being 17,866, and the amount of the balances being £243,478 15s. 6d., the average balance was £13 12s. 6½d.

Of the 17,866 accounts remaining open on the 31st December—

15,037 did not exceed £20
1,625 were above £20 but did not exceed £50
668 „ £50 „ £100
266 „ £100 „ £150
104 „ £150 „ £200
166 „ £200

The total number of deposits received during the year was 51,528, averaging £4 10s. 7d. each.

The total number of repayments was 16,435, averaging £9 18s. 8d. each.

Of the 17,866 depositors at the close of the year 11,069 were males and 6,797 females.

Twenty-seven new Money Order offices were opened, making the number open at the close of the year one hundred and eighty-one.

Twenty-eight new Savings Banks were opened, making the number open at the close of the year ninety-nine.

Post Office Money Orders.

Return of the Number of Money Order Offices, the Number and Amount of Orders Issued and Paid, in the Colony of Victoria, during the Year 1869, and the amount of Revenue received for Commission.

Number of Money Order Offices in 1869.	Net Revenue Received from Commission on Orders.	Orders Issued.		Orders Paid.		Total Transactions.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
181	3,593 11 5	82,234	272,531 9 1	69,657	237,844 1 10	151,891	510,375 10 11

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Orders Issued and Paid at each Money Order Office in Victoria during the Year 1869.

Office.	Orders Issued.		Orders Paid.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Alexandra ...	644	2,272 19 4	205	802 16 1
Amherst ...	199	848 12 3	47	158 14 1
Ararat ...	585	1,951 3 7	392	1,403 4 0
Ascot ...	36	143 7 0	7	17 6 8
Avenel ...	347	1,787 4 6	19	95 12 9
Avoca ...	727	2,300 10 3	276	913 19 1
Bacchus Marsh	396	1,296 7 11	97	358 7 4
Bairnsdale ...	260	656 11 8	135	493 10 6
Ballan ...	268	999 15 10	88	292 3 9
Ballarat ...	8,838	29,518 12 9	7,948	22,909 16 0
Barry's Reef...	98	308 6 9	2	10 0 0
Beaufort ...	427	1,181 12 11	185	606 19 1
Beechworth ...	1,075	3,708 3 4	822	3,062 9 2
Belfast ...	576	1,591 7 3	349	1,293 1 1
Benalla ...	475	1,951 17 3	368	1,934 7 11
Branxholme ...	90	286 19 3	9	53 1 1
Bright ...	368	1,424 12 4	124	477 9 9
Brighton ...	147	467 6 11	143	462 18 6
Broadford ...	90	360 12 10	32	154 16 0
Brunswick ...	213	735 3 11	168	632 0 1
Buckland ...	180	695 2 9	14	74 4 6
Bungaree ...	33	113 14 6	9	38 1 6
Buninyong ...	410	1,436 1 3	250	1,014 1 9
Campbell's Creek..	73	231 1 8	52	216 5 5
Caniperdown...	433	1,325 8 6	208	850 6 1
Carisbrook ...	301	1,053 2 10	101	394 5 10
Carlton ...	450	1,297 6 10	337	1,046 8 6
Casterton ...	266	1,197 19 5	45	159 9 9
Castlemaine ...	1,787	5,851 11 7	1,702	5,523 4 6
Cheltenham ...	111	316 15 3	29	79 19 6
Chewton ...	181	593 16 1	182	548 14 2
Chiltern ...	378	1,353 3 8	143	543 9 11
Cluncs ...	2,272	6,458 10 9	508	1,810 19 4
Colac ...	349	1,108 19 1	144	637 0 4
Coleraine ...	416	1,414 12 0	59	232 17 5
Collingwood ...	1,275	3,697 16 3	1,557	4,717 3 11
Cranbourne ...	86	474 7 2	17	65 19 10
Cressy ...	61	259 4 11	11	48 0 2
Creswick ...	836	2,755 14 10	259	958 9 2
Dandenong ...	112	421 8 8	54	203 0 3
Daylesford ...	919	2,627 8 3	614	2,194 19 10
Digby ...	122	286 7 7	18	61 12 7
Donnelly's Creek	185	989 4 10	83	547 7 5
Dunkeld ...	121	284 1 10	20	88 18 8
Dunolly ...	727	1,921 6 8	406	1,200 10 2
Eaglehawk ...	568	1,670 10 10	172	498 0 8
Echuca ...	658	2,046 13 4	302	1,042 14 5
Eldorado ...	408	1,421 6 6	59	267 6 1
Eltham ...	24	94 16 1	15	58 8 3
Emerald Hill...	518	1,564 2 9	645	2,248 3 5
Epsom ...	113	255 11 5	67	206 12 0
Footscray ...	45	108 10 11	54	163 3 11
Fryerstown ...	207	722 13 2	120	370 0 3
Gaffney's Creek	227	793 1 1	29	166 8 6
Geelong ...	3,500	10,456 1 10	4,234	14,629 4 7
Gisborne ...	229	770 13 2	145	628 5 7
Grant ...	218	1,089 8 6	66	257 2 10
Guildford ...	137	471 1 6	77	263 11 6
Hamilton ...	606	2,010 2 5	501	1,998 12 7
Happy Valley..	102	305 1 1	25	61 18 11
Hastings ...	39	118 1 7	10	30 6 6
Hawthorn ...	165	522 11 10	73	276 11 11
Heathcote ...	454	1,512 1 5	230	848 13 3
Heidelberg ...	34	95 11 10	38	150 8 6
Hexham ...	67	282 10 11	4	10 0 0
Heywood ...	108	229 11 9	11	44 2 6
Horsham ...	171	677 6 4	30	132 18 0
Hotham ...	349	956 1 1	309	1,049 8 3
Inglewood ...	502	1,585 10 10	276	896 8 4
Inverleigh ...	39	88 7 8	34	158 10 10
Jamieson ...	262	819 5 6	90	296 8 4
Kangaroo Flat	114	357 1 5	32	92 19 6
Keilor ...	30	62 8 4	23	118 0 0
Kerang ...	58	176 10 3	10	56 1 0
Kew ...	87	246 15 6	97	415 7 11
Kilmore ...	559	1,803 2 4	586	2,395 15 8
Kingston ...	169	558 4 9	33	108 9 6
Kororoit ...	144	500 17 8	21	80 13 5
Kyneton ...	1,024	3,492 18 0	516	1,598 18 1
Lancefield ...	248	998 18 10	83	395 19 1
Landsborough	253	544 15 9	61	224 3 3
Learmonth ...	230	815 8 2	68	296 6 7
Lilydale ...	144	657 0 0	19	64 19 4
Lintons ...	183	521 2 0	102	352 15 3
Longwood ...	114	477 13 0	38	183 6 4
Macarthur ...	23	61 5 5	...	...
Majorca ...	447	1,251 14 10	126	407 18 0
Maldon ...	774	2,101 3 5	544	1,807 12 9
Malmsbury ...	335	906 10 0	192	689 15 5
Mansfield ...	365	1,171 4 5	73	309 19 10
Maryborough ..	894	2,567 8 3	434	1,492 6 4
Marysville ...	3	11 12 7	4	12 10 0
Melton ...	90	378 15 10	46	204 16 5
Meredith ...	238	947 8 2	75	448 2 0
Merino ...	188	836 12 5	26	56 16 3
Moonambel ...	48	133 16 9	22	85 9 6
Moonee Ponds	131	394 5 6	35	122 1 6
Mornington ...	251	989 9 10	119	474 15 6
Mortlake ...	389	1,076 6 10	68	318 17 5
Mt. Blackwood	365	1,137 2 5	76	272 10 6
Mt. Egerton ...	61	139 6 0	14	68 14 0
Moyston ...	142	490 9 8	33	184 10 6
Newbridge ...	142	386 15 8	26	113 0 0
Newstead ...	27	68 3 9	10	33 16 1
Oakleigh ...	71	216 6 5	13	40 19 0
Omeo ...	189	833 11 9	43	97 12 3
Penshurst ...	186	644 4 2	44	146 10 3
Pentland Hills..	73	277 0 4	9	26 7 6
Pentridge ...	66	238 0 11	79	296 8 8
Piggoreet ...	325	1,347 13 8	75	275 11 2
Port Albert ...	340	1,123 18 5	182	759 15 6
Portland ...	571	1,782 17 7	490	1,513 1 6
Prahran ...	485	1,561 10 9	584	1,949 4 5
Queenscliff ...	208	839 12 7	144	599 5 4
Redbank ...	137	621 2 5	25	112 14 4
Richmond ...	624	1,782 14 7	870	2,913 5 3
Rokewood ...	436	1,436 10 6	73	312 17 10
Romsey ...	148	558 5 8	33	109 15 0
Rosedale ...	180	609 17 9	55	263 14 11
Rushworth ...	358	1,397 15 11	60	180 9 4
Rutherglen ...	237	839 8 1	58	224 6 8
St. Arnaud ...	359	1,242 16 4	147	528 12 2
St. Kilda ...	540	1,498 7 6	466	1,677 19 1
Sale... ...	565	1,794 9 0	517	2,440 18 7
Sandhurst ...	3,007	10,129 12 2	1,809	5,807 0 7
Sandridge ...	346	1,227 8 1	248	807 12 1
Scarsdale ...	217	714 15 11	63	282 10 10
Sebastopol ...	526	1,639 4 0	279	998 8 8
Seymour ...	348	1,339 4 5	67	300 9 2
Shelford ...	60	237 10 10	24	92 10 0
Skipton ...	213	773 16 3	32	138 9 0
Smeaton ...	161	604 0 9	22	102 11 0
Smythesdale ...	192	554 19 5	292	1,125 15 2
Snake Valley ...	171	507 18 10	75	298 1 3
Snowy Creek...	32	113 6 1	1	1 10 0
South Yarra ...	256	843 19 4	251	841 8 9
Spring Creek...	843	2,558 12 9	189	602 18 3
Stawell ...	1,183	4,201 14 7	518	1,930 7 11
Steiglitz ...	360	1,010 6 7	91	405 1 10
Stratford ...	148	487 0 4	44	195 14 4
Streatham ...	143	525 2 9	27	119 13 6
Swan Hill ...	52	175 11 6	46	242 19 1
Talbot ...	858	2,543 17 11	378	1,283 18 11
Taradale ...	348	1,049 1 9	282	895 14 0
Tarnagulla ...	361	1,142 3 6	215	799 2 0
Terang ...	254	807 14 5	32	126 5 11
Traralgon ...	36	76 9 3	4	16 13 0
Trentham ...	72	173 17 1	20	129 15 10
Tylden ...	104	268 3 8	21	98 9 10
Wahgunyah ...	159	480 12 7	46	196 2 5
Walhalla ...	536	2,094 2 2	105	357 3 10
Wangaratta ...	444	1,559 1 3	179	742 14 8
Warrnambool...	713	2,298 6 4	491	1,890 0 2
Wedderburn ...	102	325 12 11	51	224 17 8
Whroo ...	103	331 5 2	30	116 18 8
Williamstown..	873	3,314 8 5	556	1,937 12 1
Winchelsea ...	129	511 6 7	18	109 4 0
Wodonga ...	283	1,093 12 4	38	164 11 6
Woodend ...	543	1,662 2 9	146	559 17 5
Wood's Point...	657	2,184 5 1	243	940 3 5
Yackandandah..	346	1,101 8 7	154	661 7 10
Yea	223	1,050 2 10	80	383 19 3
	67,463	221,243 1 7	40,600	140,026 2 10
Melbourne ...	14,771	51,288 7 6	29,057	97,817 19 0
TOTALS ...	82,234	272,531 9 1	69,657	237,844 1 10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the various places where the Money Orders issued in Victoria during 1869 and 1868 were made payable.

Place.	1869.		1868.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Victoria	57,407	185,059 10 10	50,242	164,095 2 10
England	12,615	40,010 16 8	11,475	37,270 16 7
Ireland	4,425	17,722 5 7	4,207	17,013 17 2
Scotland	3,027	11,232 11 11	2,780	10,486 14 1
New South Wales	1,680	6,424 1 1	1,465	5,706 17 5
New Zealand	739	3,377 5 3	804	4,113 10 4
South Australia	1,014	3,525 10 8	1,145	3,715 10 4
Queensland	540	1,940 6 5	477	2,212 6 2
Tasmania	764	3,164 13 10	616	2,795 5 5
Western Australia	23	74 6 10	11	74 0 3
Totals	82,234	272,531 9 1	73,222	247,484 0 7

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the various places where the Orders paid in Victoria during 1869 and 1868 were originally issued.

Place.	1869.		1868.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Victoria	57,358	185,195 15 2	50,308	164,435 4 4
England	2,708	11,944 11 1	2,453	10,409 19 3
Ireland	175	742 14 10	167	631 17 4
Scotland	180	690 19 9	198	690 5 5
New South Wales	2,315	8,973 12 5	2,164	9,103 11 5
New Zealand	2,385	15,991 16 3	3,265	15,984 9 0
South Australia	1,404	5,124 2 3	1,411	5,337 18 8
Queensland	639	2,855 19 9	658	2,865 2 7
Tasmania	1,361	5,464 12 9	936	4,042 14 6
Western Australia	132	859 17 7	96	524 12 10
Totals	69,657	237,844 1 10	61,656	214,025 15 4

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

RETURN showing the Names of Places where Post Office Savings Banks have been established, the Dates of their Establishment, the Number of Accounts Opened and Closed, and the Number and Amount of Deposits and Withdrawals during the Year 1869; also the Amount of Balances remaining at the end of the Year.

Name of Post Office Savings Bank.	Date when established.	No. of accounts open at close of 1868.	No. of accounts opened during 1869.	No. of accounts closed during 1869.	No. of accounts open at close of 1869.	Balances on 31st December 1868.	Deposits received, including Interest, during 1869.		Withdrawals paid during 1869.		Balances remaining at the close of 1869.
							No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
						£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Alexandra ..	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	13	..	13	..	35	45 8 9	1	1 0 0	44 8 9
Ararat	1st Jan. 1866 ..	73	22	15	80	655 11 2	108	536 0 7	49	480 2 2	711 9 7
Avenel	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	3	..	3	..	3	6 5 0	..	..	6 5 0
Avoca	6th March 1865..	111	40	16	135	1,901 13 3	199	1,463 9 5	78	709 11 11	2,655 10 9
Bacchus Marsh ..	17th Sept. 1866 ..	34	9	4	39	121 16 0	68	128 9 3	13	94 7 8	155 17 7
Bairnsdale ..	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	4	..	4	..	4	11 1 0	..	..	11 1 0
Ballan	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	11	..	11	..	12	40 1 2	..	..	40 1 2
Ballarat	11th Sept. 1865 ..	936	492	305	1,123	9,292 12 8	2,655	13,770 7 7	1,134	10,141 8 10	12,921 11 5
Beaufort	1st Dec. 1865 ..	25	2	9	18	459 8 10	18	150 9 6	14	360 3 6	249 14 10
Beechworth ..	11th Sept. 1865 ..	411	103	66	448	2,696 13 4	756	3,110 15 9	197	2,192 11 10	3,014 17 3
Belfast	1st Feb. 1866 ..	13	4	3	14	377 6 4	19	150 19 6	14	146 9 2	381 16 8
Benalla	15th April 1867 ..	44	16	13	47	497 11 3	114	455 5 3	26	202 8 3	750 8 3
Bright	1st Feb. 1868 ..	76	34	16	94	504 14 10	150	1,081 3 0	65	757 7 3	828 11 4
Brighton	1st Oct. 1866 ..	13	6	4	15	150 4 3	44	148 3 6	10	173 7 11	124 19 10
Brunswick ..	1st Oct. 1867 ..	76	67	27	116	132 14 11	835	581 12 8	89	346 2 5	368 5 2
Buninyong ..	12th July 1866 ..	108	40	24	124	1,017 10 2	234	1,747 13 11	106	949 10 11	1,815 13 2
Campbell's Creek..	25th March 1869.	..	15	..	15	..	45	346 10 8	9	189 0 0	157 10 8
Camperdown ..	1st Dec. 1865 ..	40	12	6	46	118 14 2	43	175 12 6	19	104 14 5	189 12 3
Carisbrook ..	17th Sept. 1866 ..	98	18	14	102	555 1 0	192	1,088 17 2	56	603 14 3	1,040 4 8
Carlton	1st Oct. 1867 ..	75	96	45	126	410 10 6	978	1,474 10 9	148	983 15 11	901 5 4
Casterton	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	11	..	11	..	19	50 1 7	..	..	50 1 7
Castlemaine ..	11th Sept. 1865 ..	89	40	24	105	1,017 11 5	253	1,266 16 7	84	615 14 6	1,668 13 6
Cheltenham ..	1st Feb. 1868 ..	102	38	20	120	130 6 10	584	689 19 9	52	234 15 7	585 11 0
Chiltern	6 Nov. 1865 ..	46	13	10	49	304 13 9	69	356 9 6	32	253 11 9	407 11 6
Clunes	6th Nov. 1865 ..	146	60	40	166	1,073 19 0	307	984 7 9	68	730 5 11	1,328 0 10
Colac	6th Nov. 1865 ..	35	12	9	38	221 8 4	46	217 1 7	27	151 12 2	286 17 9
Coleraine	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	7	..	7	..	9	16 3 6	1	8 10 0	7 13 6
Collingwood ..	15th Nov. 1865 ..	1,238	736	446	1,528	10,426 5 1	5,405	17,108 7 3	1,396	11,240 11 2	10,294 1 2
Creswick	6th Nov. 1865 ..	109	48	29	128	739 13 0	367	1,075 2 4	70	473 5 9	1,341 9 7

RETURN showing the Names of Places where Post Office Savings Banks have been established, &c.—*continued.*

Name of Post Office Savings Bank.	Date when established.	No. of accounts open at close of 1869.	No. of accounts opened during 1869.	No. of accounts closed during 1869.	No. of accounts open at close of 1869.	Balances on 31st December 1868.	Deposits received, including Interest, during 1869.		Withdrawals paid during 1869.		Balances remaining at the close of 1869.
							No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
						£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Daylesford ..	1st Jan. 1869 ..	..	47	7	40	..	170	841 7 8	18	120 10 5	720 17 3
Dunolly	1st Dec. 1865 ..	87	37	27	97	715 15 1	396	1,645 19 11	74	430 11 0	1,931 4 0
Eaglehawk ..	23rd Nov. 1868 ..	6	20	4	22	33 4 0	96	155 6 4	10	67 3 0	121 7 4
Echuca	1st Feb. 1861 ..	76	34	18	92	392 5 10	205	683 15 11	49	207 14 3	868 7 6
Emerald Hill ..	4th June 1866 ..	201	174	95	280	535 8 7	1,333	1,011 16 9	223	905 19 4	641 6 0
Footscray	1st Oct. 1867 ..	8	3	1	10	14 4 9	30	4 14 4	1	0 7 0	18 12 1
Fryerstown ..	1st Aug. 1867 ..	45	10	4	51	151 5 10	91	254 19 11	18	89 13 0	316 12 9
Geelong	11th Sept. 1865 ..	1,008	340	211	1,137	9,612 4 9	3,081	12,156 0 6	767	6,620 9 0	15,147 16 3
Gisborne	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	8	..	8	..	41	14 6 3	..	..	14 6 3
Guildford	1st Oct. 1867 ..	10	14	7	17	123 0 3	39	266 2 3	19	156 3 4	232 19 2
Hamilton	12th July 1866 ..	22	30	8	44	352 19 4	87	544 5 10	30	452 11 11	744 13 3
Hawthorn	1st Oct. 1867 ..	39	31	6	64	153 7 5	280	567 12 1	32	195 2 10	525 16 8
Heathcote	12th July 1866 ..	109	45	24	130	3,838 9 5	267	4,080 14 11	122	1,747 0 9	6,172 3 7
Heywood	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	2	..	2	..	3	15 16 0	..	..	15 16 0
Horsham	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	9	..	9	..	19	75 17 2	..	..	75 17 2
Hotham	1st Oct. 1867 ..	64	78	23	119	351 13 7	748	907 15 0	116	559 0 9	700 7 10
Inglewood ..	1st Jan. 1866 ..	78	18	11	85	378 6 1	210	582 17 1	56	597 17 2	363 6 0
Jamieson	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	11	..	11	..	17	511 0 11	..	..	511 0 11
Keilor	17th Sept. 1866 ..	12	..	3	9	20 10 5	4	91 9 5	5	18 3 4	93 16 6
Kew	1st Oct. 1867 ..	4	3	3	4	22 19 8	10	102 19 7	5	13 11 0	112 8 3
Kilmore	6th Nov. 1865 ..	61	14	8	67	396 2 2	181	452 3 11	38	223 17 4	624 8 9
Kingston	1st Jan. 1869 ..	..	71	3	68	..	443	172 12 5	10	30 16 8	141 15 9
Kyneton	6th Nov. 1865 ..	65	16	9	72	1,084 19 5	94	1,809 10 1	37	1,340 1 10	1,554 7 8
Learmonth ..	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	1	..	1	..	1	3 0 0	..	..	3 0 0
Macarthur ..	18th Sept. 1869 ..	..	9	..	9	..	18	234 5 6	2	25 0 0	209 5 6
Maldon	6th Nov. 1865 ..	219	24	13	230	836 6 0	252	872 14 10	70	435 4 4	1,273 16 6
Malmsbury ..	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	6	..	6	..	21	2 10 6	..	..	2 10 6
Mansfield	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	4	..	4	..	9	17 17 6	..	..	17 17 6
Maryborough ..	11th Sept. 1865 ..	211	55	61	205	2,003 12 8	371	2,342 4 9	168	1,797 17 0	2,548 0 5
Merino	13th Nov. 1868 ..	3	10	1	12	141 2 2	20	603 13 1	11	156 2 3	588 13 0
Moonee Ponds ..	17th Sept. 1866 ..	54	29	5	78	320 11 0	218	447 6 4	29	92 16 4	675 1 0
Mornington ..	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	6	..	6	..	9	137 14 7	..	..	137 14 7
Mortlake	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	8	..	8	..	16	166 17 6	..	..	166 17 6
Mount Egerton ..	1st Oct. 1869 ..	..	2	..	2	..	2	35 3 0	..	..	35 3 0
Newstead	18th Sept. 1869 ..	..	4	..	4	..	9	10 0 7	..	..	10 0 7
Pentridge	17th Sept. 1866 ..	17	24	4	37	56 4 2	215	295 3 1	28	169 8 10	181 18 5
Piggoreet	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	6	..	6	..	7	87 8 5	..	..	87 8 5
Port Albert ..	1st Dec. 1865 ..	38	16	5	49	1,079 9 3	118	1,045 10 9	22	504 16 5	1,620 3 7
Portland	1st Dec. 1865 ..	9	2	..	11	187 5 8	7	58 14 7	3	46 0 0	200 0 3
Prahran	4th June 1866 ..	317	198	110	405	2,223 14 2	1,844	3,553 3 2	381	2,489 17 6	3,286 19 10
Queenscliff ..	12th July 1866 ..	120	13	25	108	615 16 0	243	412 13 2	67	552 13 8	475 15 6
Richmond	1st Oct. 1867 ..	56	57	23	90	516 13 3	346	1,385 1 11	80	504 6 4	1,397 8 10
Rokewood	15th April 1867 ..	109	31	14	126	3,332 7 3	167	1,809 4 11	86	1,827 16 7	3,373 15 7
Rosedale	16th April 1868 ..	33	17	3	47	61 5 7	352	330 10 9	9	179 12 3	212 4 1
Rushworth ..	13th Nov. 1868 ..	17	48	3	62	86 11 2	547	1,907 12 2	13	215 1 1	1,779 2 3
Rutherglen ..	1st Dec. 1865 ..	26	10	8	28	160 3 5	68	217 0 2	16	108 0 5	269 3 2
St. Arnaud ..	1st Nov. 1867 ..	26	17	4	39	211 8 8	68	285 1 10	15	76 1 3	420 9 3
St. Kilda	4th June 1866 ..	84	77	24	137	765 19 4	395	944 16 10	78	742 8 5	968 7 9
Sale	6th Nov. 1865 ..	93	37	14	116	816 16 9	240	902 8 0	59	549 17 1	1,169 7 8
Sandhurst	11th Sept. 1865 ..	416	185	105	496	4,100 8 8	1,059	4,318 1 0	374	4,116 8 0	4,302 1 8
Sandridge	6th Nov. 1865 ..	99	52	15	136	264 9 9	268	745 8 11	72	281 16 4	728 2 4
Scarsdale	1st Nov. 1867 ..	20	8	3	25	25 15 8	38	138 15 9	9	60 16 1	103 15 4
Sebastopol ..	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	2	..	2	..	2	10 1 0	..	..	10 1 0
Seymour	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	4	..	4	..	4	75 19 11	..	..	75 19 11
Smythesdale ..	1st Dec. 1865 ..	31	8	4	35	273 13 7	62	301 19 7	18	113 9 2	462 4 0
South Yarra ..	1st Jan. 1867 ..	117	62	33	146	839 10 11	633	1,807 19 7	102	685 0 10	1,962 9 8
Spring Creek ..	12th July 1869 ..	..	85	13	72	..	347	1,198 18 10	44	226 17 0	972 1 10
Stawell	1st Dec. 1867 ..	62	26	23	65	444 11 7	127	729 4 5	58	402 14 8	771 1 4
Swan Hill	1st Dec. 1865 ..	27	5	4	28	214 14 10	80	108 17 2	9	28 4 8	295 7 4
Talbot	6th Nov. 1865 ..	142	38	50	130	1,298 0 0	442	1,198 13 7	127	1,198 11 0	1,298 2 7
Taradale	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	11	..	11	..	35	28 19 10	..	..	28 19 10
Tarnagulla ..	6th Nov. 1868 ..	32	18	12	38	302 14 10	63	320 12 0	34	279 4 5	344 2 5
Wangaratta ..	1st Feb. 1866 ..	67	26	8	85	285 16 1	100	646 4 1	25	377 16 0	554 4 2
Warrnambool ..	1st Dec. 1865 ..	31	6	3	34	1,089 19 10	30	194 1 2	29	1,053 3 4	230 17 8
Whroo	1st Feb. 1868 ..	41	13	7	47	161 17 8	76	233 4 8	29	169 9 1	225 13 3
Williamstown ..	11th Sept. 1865 ..	540	209	136	613	9,008 5 8	1,572	8,681 17 11	600	7,670 19 7	10,019 4 0
Woodend	1st Nov. 1869 ..	..	28	..	28	..	116	67 15 8	1	3 0 0	64 15 8
Wood's Point ..	1st Jan. 1869 ..	..	70	5	65	..	334	1,662 9 10	19	235 11 3	1,426 18 7
Yackandandah ..	1st Jan. 1866 ..	71	17	12	76	459 8 7	210	869 2 4	31	469 18 9	858 12 2
		8,921	4,571	2,367	11,125	83,167 11 7	32,586	117,032 16 11	8,116	78,766 17 1	126,433 11 5
Melbourne ..	11th Sept. 1865 ..	5,435	2,930	1,624	6,741	82,893 11 9	18,942	123,651 19 3	8,319	89,500 6 11	117,045 4 1
		14,356	7,501	3,991	17,866	166,061 3 4	51,528	240,684 16 2	16,435	163,267 4 0	243,478 15 6

PROGRESSIVE STATEMENT of the Money Orders System in Victoria for the Decennial Period from 31st December 1859 to 31st December 1869.

Year.	Number of Money Order Offices.	Net Revenue received from Commission on Orders.	Orders Issued.		Orders Paid.		Total Transactions.	
			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1860	25	330 11 10	10,571	41,916 5 7	10,512	41,907 19 0	21,083	83,824 4 7
1861	39	419 16 6	13,704	52,629 6 5	13,578	51,753 0 1	27,282	104,382 6 6
1862	57	1,336 19 2	23,600	93,752 11 9	16,661	62,181 14 6	40,261	155,934 6 3
1863	76	1,977 15 2	31,262	123,838 17 4	26,799	106,629 16 0	58,061	230,468 13 4
1864	88	2,199 16 5	39,026	148,283 13 5	32,341	124,153 0 4	71,367	272,436 13 9
1865	102	2,640 16 6	50,666	186,855 8 5	41,115	153,657 8 1	91,781	340,512 16 6
1866	107	2,888 11 2	60,119	218,850 16 5	50,479	189,261 8 2	110,598	408,112 4 7
1867	141	3,159 7 6	68,714	237,317 9 7	57,787	205,622 18 6	126,501	443,840 8 1
1868	154	3,278 0 10	73,222	247,484 0 7	61,656	214,025 15 4	134,878	461,509 15 11
1869	181	3,593 11 5	82,234	272,531 9 1	69,657	237,844 1 10	151,891	510,375 10 11

PROGRESSIVE STATEMENT of the Post Office Savings Banks in Victoria from the commencement of the system, 11th September 1865, to the 31st December 1869.

Year.	No. of Banks.	Deposits Received.		Repayments.		Interest credited to Depositors.	Depositors' Balances.	Depositors' Account.			Average Balance to each Account.
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Accounts Opened.	Accounts Closed.	Accounts remaining Open.	
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.
1865	31	4,964	18,465 6 6	495	3,058 7 9	61 0 9	15,467 19 6	2,227	101	2,126	7 5 6
1866	50	25,909	85,381 15 7	6,204	43,348 4 11	1,189 0 9	58,690 10 11	5,703	1,055	6,774	8 13 3
1867	66	37,624	124,633 5 0	10,657	83,006 10 0	2,758 4 3	103,075 10 2	6,175	1,831	11,118	9 5 5
1868	72	45,408	184,115 4 6	14,293	125,565 10 7	4,435 19 3	166,061 3 4	6,540	3,302	14,356	11 11 4
1869	99	51,528	233,412 14 0	16,435	163,267 4 0	7,272 2 2	243,478 15 6	7,501	3,991	17,866	13 12 6½

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL in account with the Depositors from the 1st January to 31st December 1869.

Dr. *Cr.*

1869.		£ s. d.	1869.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	To Balance from 1868	166,061 3 4	Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	By Repayments to Depositors during 1869	163,267 4 0
	„ Deposits received during 1869	233,412 14 0		„ Balances due to Depositors	243,478 15 6
	„ Interest due to Depositors for 1869	7,272 2 2			
		406,745 19 6			406,745 19 6

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL in account with the Honorable the Treasurer on account of Savings Bank transactions for the Year 1869.

Dr. *Cr.*

1869.		£ s. d.	1869.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	To Balance, being Deposits received in 1868 and paid into Treasury in January 1869	3,715 14 6	Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	By Amount repaid to Money Order Account, advanced in December 1868 for repayments to Depositors	5,150 9 7
	„ Deposits received during 1869	233,412 14 0		„ Repayments to Depositors in 1869	163,267 4 0
	„ Cash received from Treasury	168,428 10 8		„ Cash paid into the Treasury	233,102 18 9
	„ Interest allowed to Depositors for 1869	7,272 2 2		„ Amount due to Trust Fund for Interest credited to Depositors in 1869	7,272 2 2
	„ Amount drawn from Money Order Account for repayments to Depositors in December 1869, to be reimbursed by Treasury	4,425 2 2		„ Cash in hand awaiting lodgment in Treasury	8,461 9 0
		417,254 3 6			417,254 3 6

STATEMENT of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 1869.

1869.—REVENUE.	£	s.	d.	1869.—EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Revenue, including postage, fees on registered letters, commission on money orders, commission allowed to licensed vendors, also collections on account of other Governments	130,552	12	2	Salaries and wages, occasional assistance, and overtime	104,940	7	1
Electric Telegraph collections, including amount collected on account of other colonies and the Submarine Cable Company	34,183	0	5	Contingencies	14,817	12	10
Deficit	79,392	12	2	Commission to licensed vendors of postage stamps	3,332	3	9
				Mail service inland, including landing and shipping mails	68,416	3	0
				Gratuities to masters of vessels ...	1,534	9	2
				Estimated amount of postal collections on account of other Governments ...	3,485	0	0
				Steam postal communication with Great Britain	46,555	16	2
				Electric Telegraph collections on account of other colonies ... £278 9 3			
				Submarine Cable Company 768 3 6			
					1,046	12	9
	244,128	4	9		244,128	4	9

CONCLUSION.

Having now touched in this Report upon all subjects in connection with the business of the Post Office and Telegraph Department which appear to be of interest, it only remains for me to add that the officers in immediate charge of the several branches, and their subordinates, have generally exhibited a commendable zeal in the performance of their respective duties, which, although considerably increased by the consolidation of the departments referred to in the opening page, have, it is believed, been on the whole discharged to the satisfaction of the public.

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APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

POST OFFICE BRANCH.

STATEMENT SHOWING PARTICULARS OF INLAND MAIL SERVICE PERFORMED IN VICTORIA DURING THE YEAR 1869.

Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
To and from the Keilor-road Railway Station and Bacchus Marsh, by way of Melton	Twice a day ...	Coach ...	19		23,712
to and from Bacchus Marsh and Ballarat, by way of Pentland Hills, Ballan, Gordon's, Mount Egerton, and Dunnstown	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	37		23,088
with a branch mail to and from Pentland Hills and Greendale	Three days a week	Coach ...	6		1,872
to and from Melbourne and Eltham	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	14		8,736
to and from Eltham and Wood's Point, by way of Kangaroo Ground, Yarra Flats, Healesville, Fernshawe, Marysville, and Matlock	Three days a week	Coach ...	115		35,880
to and from Kangaroo Ground and St. Andrew's	Three days a week	Coach ...	8		2,496
to and from Melbourne and Sale, by way of Oakleigh, Springvale, Dandenong, Berwick, Pakenham, Moe, Traralgon, Rosedale, and Wurruk-wurruk	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	130		81,120
to and from Moe and Russell's Creek	Once a week ...	Horseback	38		3,952
to and from Shady Creek and Walhalla, by way of Tangil, Cooper's Creek, and Happy-go-Lucky	Three days a week	Horseback	35		10,920
to and from Shady Creek and Cross-over Diggings	Once a week ...	Horseback	8		832
to and from Rosedale and Walhalla, by way of Toongabbie, Cooper's Creek, and Happy-go-Lucky	Three days a week	Horseback	30		6,240
to and from Sale and Bairnsdale, by way of Stratford and Fernbank	Three days a week	Coach ...	50		15,600
to and from Melbourne and Beechworth, by way of Campbellfield, Somerton, Donnybrook, Beveridge, Wallan-wallan, Kilmore, Broadford, Tullarook, Seymour, Avenel, Longwood, Euroa, Violettown, Benalla, Winton, Wangaratta, and Tarrawingee	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	180		112,320
also the conveyance of a mail from Melbourne to Kilmore	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	37		23,088
to and from Wangaratta and Albury, by way of Docker's Plains, Springs, Chiltern, Barnawartha, and Wodonga	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	50		31,200
to and from Springs and Wahgunyah, by way of Rutherglen	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	17		10,608
to and from Beechworth and Yackandandah ...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	15		9,360
to and from Yackandandah and Albury, by way of Osborne's Flat and Wodonga	Three days a week	Coach ...	22		6,846
to and from Beechworth and Wahgunyah, by way of Chiltern, Indigo, and Rutherglen	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	35		21,840
to and from Beechworth and Growler's Creek, by way of Murmungee, Taylor's Gap, Myrtleford, Black Spring, Porepunka, and Bright	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	45		28,080
to and from Porepunka and Buckland	Three days a week	Coach ...	14		4,368
to and from Murmungee and Bowman's Forest ...	Three days a week	Coach ...	6		1,872
to and from Black Springs and Running Creek ...	Three days a week	Coach ...	7		2,184
to and from Longwood and Jamieson, by way of Merton, Doon, Maindample, and Mansfield	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	75		46,800
to and from Jamieson and Matlock, by way of Mack's Creek, Ten-mile-House, Gaffney's Creek, Castle Reef, and Wood's Point	Three days a week	Horseback	37		11,544
to and from Broadford and Alexandra, by way of Reedy Creek, King Parrot Creek, and Yea	Three days a week	Coach ...	50		15,600
to and from Yea and Ghin-ghin	Three days a week	Horseback	6		1,872
to and from Runnymede and Murchison, by way of Campaspe and Rushworth	Three days a week	Coach ...	45		14,040
to and from Rushworth and Coy's Diggings, by way of Whroo	Three days a week	Coach ...	8		2,496
to and from Sandhurst and Heathcote, by way of Axedale, and Wild-duck Creek Post Office	Three days a week	Coach ...	30		9,360
to and from Sandhurst and Swan Hill, by way of Serpentine Creek, Durham Ox, and Kerang	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	100		20,800
to and from Swan Hill and Wentworth, by way of Pyangil, Narung, Wyrlong, Euston, Tarpallen, Mildura, and the Mission Station	Once a week ...	Coach ...	140		14,560
to and from Sandhurst and Wedderburn, by way of Marong, New Inglewood, and Old Inglewood	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	48	37,500 0 0	29,952

STATEMENT showing Particulars of Inland Mail Service performed in Victoria, 1869—*continued.*

Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
to and from New Inglewood and Wehla, by way of Kingower	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	13		8,112
to and from Marong and Bullock Creek ...	Six days a week ..	Coach ...	3		1,872
to and from Wedderburn and East Charlton ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	18		3,744
to and from East Charlton and Towaninnie, by way of Glenloth and Wycheproof	Once a week ...	Horseback	30		3,120
to and from Castlemaine and Maldon, by way of Muckleford	Twice a day ...	Coach ...	13		16,224
to and from Maldon and Maryborough, by way of Baringhup and Carisbrook	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	17		10,608
to and from Maldon and Dunolly, by way of Eddington and Burnt Creek	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	23		14,352
to and from Castlemaine and Creswick, by way of Green Gully, Newstead, Glengower, Moorookyle, Smeaton, and Kingston*	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	41		25,584
to and from Castlemaine and Daylesford, by way of Yapeen, Guildford, Yandoit, Franklinford, Shepherd's Flat, and Hepburn	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	23		14,352
to and from Hepburn and Dry Diggings ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4		2,496
to and from Malmsbury and Daylesford, by way of Drummond and Glenlyon	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	18		11,232
to and from Kyneton and Heathcote, by way of Langley, Barfold, Redesdale post office, and Mia-mia	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	33		20,592
to and from Dunolly and St. Arnaud, by way of Goldsborough Reef, Bealiba, and Peters	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	42		26,208
to and from St. Arnaud and Morton Plains, by way of Donald and Mount Jeffcott	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	55		11,440
to and from St. Arnaud and East Charlton ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	25		5,200
to and from Dunolly and New Inglewood, by way of Jones's Creek, Tarnagulla, and Maidentown	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	25		15,600
to and from Maryborough and Ararat, by way of Adelaide Lead, Bung Bong, Avoca, Amphitheatre, Elmhurst, Eversley, and Crowlands	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	54		33,696
to and from Crowlands and Landsborough ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9		5,616
to and from Eversley and Mount Cole	Two days a week ...	Horseback	10		2,080
to and from Avoca and Landsborough, by way of Moonambel	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	25		15,600
to and from Moonambel and Navarre, by way of Barkly	Three days a week	Coach ...	20		6,240
to and from Moonambel and St. Arnaud, by way of Redbank, Hinds, and Stuartmill	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	30		18,720
to and from Ararat and Stawell, by way of Armstrongs, Great Western, and Quartz Reefs	Six days a week ...	Coach ..	20		12,480
also, from Stawell to Quartz Reefs	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	1¼		390
to and from Stawell and Horsham, by way of Deep Lead, Little Wimmera, and Boga Lakes	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	48		29,952
to and from Longerenong and Boga Lakes ...	Three days a week	Horseback	8		2,496
to and from Ararat and Ballarat, by way of Dobie's Bridge, Buangor, Shirley, Beaufort, Trawalla, Burrumbeet, Windermere, and Cardigan	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	58		36,192
to and from Ballarat and Maryborough, by way of Mount Rowan, Sulky Gully, Creswick, Glendonald, Clunes, Talbot, and Amherst	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	50		31,200
to and from Talbot and Majorca, by way of Cockatoo	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	7		4,368
to and from Talbot and Avoca, by way of Amherst	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	17		10,608
to and from Ballarat and Daylesford, by way of Mount Rowan, Sulky Gully, Creswick, Newlyn, Mount Prospect, and Deep Creek	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	29		18,096
to and from Ballarat and Avoca, by way of Minersrest, Lake Learmonth, Mount Bolton, Springs, Lexton, and Lamplough	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	45		28,080
to and from Ballarat and Lintons, by way of Smythesdale and Scarsdale	Twice a day ...	Coach ...	16		19,968
to and from Lintons and Hamilton, by way of Skipton, Streatham, Lake Bolac, Wickliffe, Glenthompson, and Dunkeld	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	103		64,272
to and from Hamilton and Portland, by way of Branxholme, Condah, and Heywood	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	55		34,320
to and from Hamilton and Apsley, by way of Cavendish, Balmoral, Harrow, and Edenhope	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	120		24,960
to and from Hamilton and Coleraine, by way of Wannon	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	22		13,728
to and from Coleraine and Penola, by way of Carrapook and Casterton	Three days a week	Coach ...	58		18,096
to and from Coleraine and Merino	Three days a week	Coach ...	12		3,744
to and from Casterton and Portland, by way of Sandford, Merino, Digby, Hotspur, and Heywood	Three days a week	Coach ...	55		17,160

See preceding page.

* New route, formerly *via* Guildford, &c.

STATEMENT showing Particulars of Inland Mail Service performed in Victoria, 1869—*continued.*

Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
to and from Portland and Belfast, by way of Narrawong and Yambuk	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	40		8,320
to and from Belfast and Hamilton, by way of Orford, Macarthur, and Byaduk	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	60		12,480
to and from Belfast and Wickliffe, by way of Koroit, Woolsthorpe, Caramut, and Chatsworth	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	70		14,560
to and from Koroit and Warrnambool, by way of Dennington	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	6		1,248
to and from Wickliffe and Ararat, by way of Kiora	Three days a week	Coach ...	30		9,360
to and from Geelong and Warrnambool, by way of Murgheboluc, Inverleigh, Cressy, Lismore, Darlington, Mortlake, Framlingham, and Woodford*	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	130		27,040
to and from Woodford and Winslow	Two days a week ...	Horseback	5		1,040
to and from Woodford and Yangery	Two days a week ...	Horseback	5		1,040
to and from Geelong and Belfast, by way of Pettavel, Mount Moriac, Winchelsea, Mount Gellibrand, Colac, Larpent, Stony Rises, Camperdown, Terang, Panmure, Allansford, Warrnambool, Dennington, and Killarney	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	146		91,104
to and from Winchelsea and Wordieboluc ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	4		832
to and from Mount Gellibrand and Birregurra ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4		2,496
to and from Birregurra and Dean's Marsh ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	8		1,664
to and from Killarney and Koroit	Four days a week...	Horseback	5¼		2,184
to and from Terang and Hamilton, by way of Mortlake, Hexham, Caramut, Penshurst, Croxton East, and Hochkirch	Three days a week	Coach ...	51		15,912
to and from Leigh-road Railway Station and Smythesdale, by way of Teesdale, Shelford, Rokewood, Junction Diggings, Bulldog Flat, Cape Clear, and Scarsdale	Three days a week	Coach ...	54		16,848
to and from Rokewood and Mount Mercer ...	Three days a week	Horseback	10		3,120
to and from Rokewood and Break-o'-Day ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	2		1,248
to and from Cape Clear and Pitfield	Three days a week	Horseback	3		936
to and from Geelong and Queenscliff, by way of Moolap and Kensington	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	20		12,480
between the post office and landing-places, Queenscliff	... ...	....	...		...
Special trips between Geelong and Queenscliff ...	... ...	Coach ...	...	28 15 0	† 460
also conveyance of English mails between Geelong and Queenscliff	... ...	Coach ...	...	54 0 0	‡ 240
For the conveyance of all mails between the General Post Office and the Wharves at Melbourne and Sandridge, inclusive of the transport of the English mails	... ...	Spring-cart and waggons	30 per diem	550 0 0	9,360
from Melbourne to Sandridge by way of Emerald Hill	Three times a day	Car ...	3	...	2,808
from Sandridge to Melbourne, by way of Emerald Hill, including the conveyance of three letter-carriers from and to Emerald Hill and Melbourne	Four times a day ...	Car ...	...	...	3,744
	Once a day ...	Car ...	...	...	...
To and from Rosedale and Port Albert, by way of Tarraville and Woodside	Three days a week	Horseback	40	214 0 0	12,480
To and from Rosedale and Matlock, by way of Bald Hills, Edwards' Reef, Donnelly's Creek, Violettown, Red Jacket, and Jordan	Two days a week ...	Horseback	80	399 0 0	16,640
To and from Sale and Port Albert, by way of Latrobe Bridge, Woodside, and Tarraville	Once a week ...	Horseback	53	74 0 0	5,512
To and from Stratford and Bulltown, by way of Iguana Creek, Dargo Flat, Grant, and Talbotville	Two days a week ...	Horseback	95	470 0 0	19,760
to and from Iguana Creek and Bairnsdale ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	25		5,200
To and from Bairnsdale and Omeo, by way of Bruthen and Ensay	Once a week ...	Horseback	60	313 0 0	6,240
to and from Omeo and Swift's Creek	Once a week ...	Horseback	14		1,456
To and from Bairnsdale and Delegate, New South Wales, by way of Buchan, Gelantipy, Deduc, Tubbut, Cobanandra, Bonang, and Bendoc	Once a week ...	Horseback	160	325 0 0	16,640
To and from Omeo and Snowy Creek, by way of Wombat and Merrimac	Once a week ...	Horseback	50	150 0 0	5,200
To and from Wodonga and Juniong, by way of Tangambalanga, Bungoonie, Mitta-mitta Crossing, Toolangatta, Bungil, Thologolong, Burrowye, Jingellac, Walwa, Tintaldra, Cudgiewa, Colac-colac, and Gravel Plains	Once a week ...	Horseback	127	159 0 0	13,208
To and from Bright and Harrietville	Three days a week	Horseback	16	264 0 0	4,492
to and from Harrietville and Grant, by way of Upper Dargo and Verdon	Once a week ...	Horseback	61		6,344
To and from Benalla and Cobram, by way of Major Yabba, and Katandra	Once a week ...	Horseback	60	65 0 0	6,240

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* This service was formerly to Belfast. † Being 23 trips. ‡ Being 12 trips.

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
To and from Benalla and Shepparton	Once a week ...	Horseback	40	60 0 0	4,160
To and from Kyneton and Mount Blackwood, by way of Tylden, Trentham, and Newbury	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	24		15,376
to and from Tylden and Spring Hill	Three days a week	Horseback	5	410 10 0	1,560
to and from Mount Blackwood and Barry's Reef...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	3		1,872
To and from Horsham and Lake Hindmarsh, by way of Dimboola	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	50		10,400
to and from Lake Hindmarsh and Nypo ...	Once a week ...	Horseback	20		2,080
to and from Dimboola and Lawloit, by way of Lochiel, Glenlee, Nhill, and Mount Elgin	Two days a week ...	Horseback	57		11,856
to and from Lawloit and Lockhart, by way of Yannock, Bullarook, Bunyip, Yarrack, and Cove	Once a week ...	Horseback	56	605 0 0	5,824
to and from Longerenong and Werracknabeal, by way of Sheep Hill Station and Kewell	Two days a week ...	Horseback	42		8,736
to and from Werracknabeal and Lake Corong ...	Once a week ...	Horseback	40		4,160
To and from Stawell and Longerenong, by way of Glenorchy and Ashens	Three days a week	Coach ...	36	337 0 0	11,232
to and from Glenorchy and Avon Plains, by way of Ayer's, Anderson's, and Banyena Plains stations	Three days a week	Horseback	40		12,480
To and from the General Post Office and the railway station, Batman's Hill, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier or mail-guard	As often as required	Waggon ...			
for the clearance of the post office letter and newspaper boxes in Carlton and Hotham now established, or any that may be opened in the course of the year, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Four times a day ...	Tilbury ...			
and for the conveyance of six letter-carriers from the General Post Office to Hotham and Carlton	Once a day ...	Waggonette			
also the conveyance of mails to and from the General Post Office to Hotham and Carlton	Three times a day ...	Tilbury ...			
for the clearance of the post office letter and newspaper boxes in the city of Melbourne, and that on Wellington parade, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Six times a day ...	Tilbury ...	143 per diem	945 0 0	44,616
for the clearance of the post office letter and newspaper boxes in Fitzroy and Collingwood now established, or any that may be opened in the course of the year, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Four times a day ...	Tilbury ...			
and for the conveyance of seven letter-carriers from the General Post Office to Fitzroy and Collingwood	Once a day ...	Waggonette			
also for the conveyance of mails to and from the General Post Office and Fitzroy and Collingwood; also for the conveyance of extra mails from the post office, Collingwood, to the General Post Office, on the despatch of an English mail	Three times a day ...	Tilbury ...			
From Melbourne to Prahran, by way of South Yarra	Three times a day	Car ...	4		
from Prahran to Melbourne, by way of South Yarra	Four times a day ...	Car ...	...	220 0 0	7,488
including the conveyance of six letter-carriers from and to Prahran and Melbourne	Once a day ...	Car ...	...		
to and from South Yarra and Malvern, by way of Toorak	Twice a day ...	Car ...	4		
From Melbourne to Richmond	Three times a day	Car ...	2		3,744
from Richmond to Melbourne...	Four times a day ...	Car ...	...		
including the conveyance of four letter-carriers from and to Richmond and Melbourne	Once a day ...	Car ...	...	249 0 0	
to and from Richmond and Kew, by way of Hawthorn	Twice a day ...	Car ...	3		3,744
to and from Kew and Ballyshanassy, by way of Camberwell and Hartwell	Six days a week ...	Car ...	4½		1,404
From St. Kilda to Melbourne	Twice a day ...	Car ...	3½		
and from Melbourne to St. Kilda	Once a day ...	Car ...	...	60 0 0	2,184
including the conveyance of four letter-carriers to and from Melbourne and St. Kilda	Once a day ...	Car ...	...		
To and from Melbourne and Brunswick	Twice a day ...	Car ...	2½	80 0 0	3,120
to and from Brunswick and Pentridge	Once a day ...	Car ...	2½		1,560
To and from Keilor-road Railway Station and Doutta Galla, by way of Keilor	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	9		5,616
to and from Yackandandah and Snowy Creek, by way of Sandy Creek	Once a week ...	Horseback	67		6,968
to and from Beechworth and Hillsborough, by way of Stanley	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	12		7,488
to and from Hillsborough and Yackandandah, by way of Twist's Creek and Sutton	Three days a week...	Coach ...	12		3,744

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
to and from Beechworth and Wangaratta, by way of Reid's Creek, Woolshed, and Eldorado	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	30		18,720
to and from Jamieson and Darlingford ...	Three days a week...	Horseback	18		5,616
to and from Darlingford and Alexandra ...	Once a week ...	Horseback	23		782
to and from Gaffney's Creek and Enoch's Point ...	Three days a week...	Horseback	9		2,808
to and from Kilmore and Lancefield, by way of Spring Hill	Three days a week...	Coach ...	13		4,056
to and from Kilmore and Heathcote, by way of Pyalong	Three days a week...	Coach ...	33		10,296
to and from Sandhurst and Eaglehawk, by way of Long Gully and California Gully	Twice a day ...	Coach ..	4		4,992
to and from Eaglehawk and Whipstick, by way of Myers' Flat and Raywood	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	22		13,728
to and from Sandhurst and Strathfieldsaye ...	Three days a week...	Horseback	8		2,496
to and from the post office and railway station, Sandhurst	As often as required	Waggonette	8 per diem		2,496
for the clearance of the letter and newspaper boxes now established, or any that may be opened in the course of the year, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Twice a day ...	Tilbury ...	11 per diem		3,432
to and from Sandhurst and Tarnagulla, by way of Golden Square, Kangaroo Flat, Lockwood, Woodstock-on-Loddon, Newbridge, and Maidentown	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	33		20,592
to, and from Bacchus Marsh and Coimadai Creek	Three days a week...	Horseback	6		3,744
to and from Dunolly and McIntyre's, by way of Inkerman and Moliagul	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	14		8,736
to and from Maryborough and Dunolly, by way of Bet-bet and Havelock	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	15		9,360
to and from Maryborough and Majorca, by way of Mosquito Flat and McCullum's Creek	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	7		1,092
to and from Maryborough and Alma, by way of Chinaman's Flat and Timor	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	7		1,092
including clearance of letter-box at Chinaman's Flat	Six times a week ...	Coach ...			
to and from Avoca and Homebush	Three days a week...	Horseback	4		1,248
to and from Homebush and Natte-Yallock ...	Once a week ...	Horseback	8		832
to and from Ararat and Moyston by way of Cathcart	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	12	11,172 0 0	7,488
to and from Ararat and Tatyoon	Two days a week ...	Horseback	16		3,328
to and from Stawell and Landsborough, by way of Concongella Creek and Green's Creek	Three days a week...	Coach ...			
to and from Ballarat and Anderson's Saw Mills, by way of Black Hill, Little Bendigo, Brown Hill, Leigh Creek, Bullarook, and Devil's Creek	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	20		12,480
to and from Ballarat and Bungaree, by way of Dunnstown and Warrenheip	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	8		4,992
to and from Ballarat and Sago Hill, by way of Redan Bridge, Mount Pleasant, Sebastopol, Cobblers' Gully, and Cambrian Hill *	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	14½		9,048
from Ballarat to Ballarat East	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	1		624
from Ballarat to Newington	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	2		1,248
to and from Ballarat and Alfredton, including the the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	2		1,248
to and from the railway station and the post office, as often as required	... ...	Car ...	3 per diem		936
also the conveyance of two letter-carriers from Ballarat to Newington	Once a day ...	Car ...	...		...
for the clearance of the post office letter and newspaper boxes, in both the Ballarat municipalities, now established, or any that may be opened in the course of the year, and of the post offices at Ballarat East and Newington, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Twice a day ...	Car ...	27 per diem		8,424
to and from Learmonth and Weatherboard Hill ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	2½		1,560
to and from Clunes and Glendaruel, by way of Tourello and Mount Beckworth	Six days a week ...	Horseback	10		6,240
to and from Talbot and Mount Greenock, by way of Rocky Flat	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4		2,496
to and from Talbot and Evansford	Six days a week ...	Horseback	8		4,992
to and from Buninyong and Ballarat, by way of Mount Clear	Six days a week ...	Car ...	10		6,240
to and from Buninyong and Grenville, by way of Durham Lead and Hardie's Hill	Three days a week	Car ...	10		3,120
to and from Buninyong and the Whim Holes ...	Three days a week	Horseback	11		3,432
to and from Buninyong and Napoleon's, by way of Black Lead and Scotchman's Lead	Six days a week ...	Horseback	7		4,368
to and from Smythesdale and Staffordshire Reef, by way of Brown's and Italian Gully	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	9		5,616

* Extended two miles in consequence of removal of Sago Hill office.

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
to and from Smythesdale and Carngham, by way of Snake Valley and Preston Hill	Six days a wee ...	Coach ...	8		4,992
to and from Smythesdale and Happy Valley, by way of Scarsdale and Piggoreet	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	10		6,240
to and from Smythesdale and Ross's Creek ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	5		1,040
to and from Heywood and Lindsay, by way of Dartmoor and East Strathdownie	Once a week ...	Horseback	50		5,200
to and from Portland and Bridgewater	Once a week ...	Buggy ...	12		1,248
to and from Belfast and Penshurst, by way of Kirkstall and Hawkesdale	Once a week ...	Horseback	43		4,472
to and from Lake Bolac and Woorndoo	Two days a week ...	Horseback	10		2,080
to and from the landing-place and post office, Warrnambool	As often as required	Vehicle ...	1¼		325
to and from Camperdown and Cobden	Three days a week	Horseback	10		3,120
to and from Colac and Ondit	Six days a week ...	Horseback	10		6,240
to and from Ondit and Cundare	Two days a week ...	Horseback	4		832
to and from Mount Moriac and Lake Modewarre	Three days a week	... ...	7		2,184
to and from Lal-lal Railway Station and Clarendon	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	3		1,872
to and from Meredith and Dolly's Creek, by way of Morrisons	Six days a week ...	Horseback	8		4,992
to and from Dolly's Creek and Mount Doran ...	Three days a week	Horseback	3		936
to and from Meredith and Steiglitz	Six days a week ...	Coach	6		3,744
to and from Steiglitz and Maude	Three days a week	Horseback	4		1,248
to and from Steiglitz and Stony Creek	Six days a week ...	Horseback	5		3,120
to and from Meredith and Cargerie	Two days a week ...	Horseback	6		1,248
to and from the railway station and post office, Meredith	Twice a day ...	Car ...	½		624
to and from the railway station and the post office, Lethbridge	Twice a day	Car	1		1,248
to and from Inverleigh and Leigh-road Railway Station	Once a week ...	Vehicle ...	9		936
to and from Rokewood and Cressy	Once a week ...	Horseback	10		1,040
to and from Geelong and Sutherland's Creek ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	12		7,488
to and from Sutherland's Creek and Anakies ...	Three days a week	Horseback	8		2,496
to and from Geelong and Batesford, by way of Geelong West	Six days a week ...	Car ...	8		4,992
to and from Geelong and Fyansford	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4½		2,808
to and from Geelong and Port Arlington, by way of Curlewis, Drysdale, and Bellarine	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	22		13,728
to and form Port Arlington and St. Leonards ...	Three days a week	Coach ...	4		1,248
to and from Geelong and Highton, by way of Ceres	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	3		1,872
to and from Highton and Gnarwarre	Three days a week	Horseback	12		3,744
to and from Geelong and Mount Duneed, by way of Belmont and Germantown	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	7		4,368
to and from Mount Duneed and Jan Juc, by way of Freshwater Creek	Three days a week	Horseback	10		3,120
to and from Mount Duneed and Connewarre ...	Three days a week	Horseback	3		936
to and from the railway station and post office, Wyndham	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	¼ per diem		312
to and from Wyndham Railway Station and Derrimut, by way of Mount Cotterell	Three days a week	Spring-cart	14		4,368
to and from Casterton and Lindsay	Three days a week	Horseback	25		7,800
to and from Camperdown and Darlington ...	Once a week ...	Horseback	25		2,600
to and from the post office and railway station, Geelong, as often as required	...	Car ...	½		1,716
for the clearance of the post office letter and newspaper boxes now established, or any that may be opened in the course of the year, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Three times a day ...	Tilbury ...	23 per diem		7,176
to and from Geelong and Point Henry, by way of the Breakwater	Six days a week ...	Horseback	7		4,368
To and from Melbourne and Bulla, by way of Flemington, Moonee Ponds, Essendon, Tullamarine, and Oaklands Junction	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	18	95 0 0	11,232
to and from Mickleham, by way of Broadmeadows	Six days a week ...	Horseback	5		3,120
To and from Melbourne and Merriang, by way of Northcote, Preston, Thomastown, Epping, and Woodstock	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	25		15,600
to and from Preston and Glenvale, by way of Bundoora, Janefield, Morang, and Whittlesea	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	19	470 0 0	11,856
to and from Bundoora and Diamond Creek, by way of Greensborough	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	6		3,744
To and from Melbourne and Templestowe, by way of Alphington and Heidelberg	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	11	120 0 0	6,864
To and from St. Kilda Railway Station and Mordialloc, by way of Cheltenham, Elsternwick, Brighton, East Brighton, Gipsy Village, and South Brighton	Six days a week ...	Spring-cart	15	124 0 0	9,360
to and from St. Kilda and Caulfield	Six days a week ...	Spring-cart	1½		936
to and from East Brighton and Jasper road ...	Six days a week ...	Spring-cart	2½		1,560

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.			Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£	s.	d.	
To and from Footscray Railway Station and Braybrook, by way of Footscray post office and Maidstone	Six days a week ...	Horseback	5	30	0	0	3,120
To and from Kew and Warrandyte, by way of Doncaster	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	12	460	0	0	7,488
to and from Kew and Lillydale, by way of Box Hill	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	18				11,232
to and from Lillydale and MacMahon's Creek, by way of Launching-place	Once a week ...	Horseback	20				2,080
To and from Dandenong and Cranbourne, by way of Lyndhurst	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	9½	144	0	0	5,928
to and from Cranbourne and Clyde	Three days a week	Horseback	3				936
to and from Cranbourne and Bass, by way of Corinella	Two days a week ...	Horseback	48				9,984
To and from Berwick and Harkaway	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3	16	0	0	1,872
to and from Harkaway and Narree Warren	Three days a week	Horseback	...				...
To and from Melbourne and Dromana, by way of Cheltenham, Mordialloc, Frankston, and Mornington	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	47	180	0	0	29,328
To and from Dromana and Tootgarook	Two days a week ...	Horseback	12	72	0	0	2,496
to and from Dromana and Flinders, by way of Cape Schanck	Two days a week ...	Horseback	20				4,160
To and from Frankston and Hastings, by way of Somerville	Three days a week	Horseback	15	93	0	0	4,680
to and from Hastings and Balnarring	Two days a week ...	Horseback	12				2,496
To and from Port Albert and Yarram-yarram, by way of Alberton; extra mail per steamer, six shillings per trip	Three days a week	Horseback	9	38	0	0	1,872
To and from Port Albert and Tarraville, with steamer mails, as often as required	...	Vehicle ...	...	12	0	0	...
To and from Sale and Upper Maffra, by way of Maffra	Three days a week	Horseback	19	90	0	0	5,928
To and from Bairnsdale and Deptford, by way of Boggy Creek	Two days a week ...	Horseback	35	114	0	0	7,280
To and from Tarrawingee and Whorouly ...	Three days a week	Horseback	14	80	0	0	4,368
to and from Wangaratta and Oxley, *viâ* Oxley township	Six days a week ...	Horseback	11	187	4	0	6,864
to and from Oxley and Greta, by way of Moyhu post office	Three days a week	Horseback	21				6,552
To and from Wangaratta and Estcourt	Three days a week	Horseback	10	55	0	0	3,120
To and from Wood's Point and Leviathan Reef (Black River)	Two days a week ...	Horseback	12	90	10	0	2,496
to and from Wood's Point and Gooley's Creek ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	2				416
To and from Seymour and Wahring, by way of Tabilk	Three days a week	Horseback	20	74	0	0	6,240
To and from Wallan-wallan and Darraweit Guim...	Three days a week	Horseback	6	23	10	0	1,872
To and from Heathcote and Rushworth, by way of Costerfield, Redcastle, and Whroo	Three days a week	Coach ..	36	230	0	0	11,232
To and from Echuca and Ulupna West, by way of Lower Moira, Kotupna, and Korimba	Once a week ...	Coach ...	58	160	0	0	6,032
To and from the post office and the railway station, Echuca	Twice a day ...	Car ...	1	40	0	0	1,248
to and from Rochester and Corop	Three days a week	Horseback	8	48	9	5	2,496
To and from Goornong Railway Station and Clare Inn, by way of Goornong post office	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	6	60	0	0	3,744
To and from Sandhurst and Huntly, by way of the White Hills and Epsom	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	8	40	0	0	4,992
To and from Myers' Flat and Myers' Creek Rush...	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	2	60	0	0	1,248
To and from Kangaroo Flat post office and the railway station	Twice a day ...	Foot ...	1 per diem	18	19	0	312
To and from Ravenswood Railway Station and the Big Hill, by way of old Ravenswood post office	Six days a week ...	Horseback	5	35	0	0	3,120
To and from the railway station and the post office, Harcourt	Twice a day ...	Spring-cart	½	65	0	0	624
to and from Harcourt and Preston Vale, by way of Barker's Creek reservoir	Six days a week ...	Spring-cart	7				4,368
To and from the railway station and the post office, Castlemaine, as often as required	...	Car ...	1¼ per diem	380	0	0	390
to and from Castlemaine and Barker's Creek	Six days a week ...	Car ...	3½				2,184
to and from Castlemaine and Golden Point, by way of Chewton	Six days a week ...	Car ...	5				3,120
to and from Castlemaine and Glenluce, by way of Spring Gully road, Fryerstown	Six days a week ...	Horseback	8				4,992
to and from Castlemaine and Tarilta, by way of Campbell's Creek, Strathloddon, and Vaughan	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9				5,616
To and from Barker's Creek and Harcourt ...	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	2½	57	0	0	1,560
To and from Muckleford and Walmer	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3½	24	0	0	2,184
To and from Newstead and Clydesdale, by way of Sandon	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	9	160	0	0	5,616
to and from Newstead and Joyce's Creek ...	Three days a week	Horseback	6				1,872
to and from Newstead and Strangways ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3				1,872

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
To and from Elphinstone and Sutton Grange ...	Three days a week	Horseback	8	60 0 0	2,496
to and from Elphinstone and Faraday	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4		2,496
To and from the railway station and post office, Kyneton	Six times a day ...	Car ...	¾	35 0 0	2,808
for the clearance of the letter-boxes, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Twice a day ...	Car ...	3 per diem		936
To and from Langley and Baynton	Three days a week	Horseback	6	40 0 0	1,872
To and from Woodend and Carlsruhe, by way of Springfield	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6	39 0 0	3,744
To and from Woodend and Lancefield, by way of Newham and Rochford	Six days a week ...	Horseback	14	112 10 0	8,736
to and from Rochford and Hesket	Three days a week	Horseback	5		1,560
To and from Gisborne and Cabbagetree	Three days a week	Horseback	3½	17 5 0	1,092
To and from Gisborne Railway Station and Gisborne,	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	2		1,352
also, the conveyance of a mail on Saturdays from the railway station to Gisborne	Once a week ...	Vehicle ...	...	25 0 0	104
To and from Gisborne and Bullengarook ...	Three days a week	Horseback	7½	24 0 0	2,340
To and from Lancefield-road Railway Station and Lancefield, by way of Duck Holes and Romsey	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	18	57 0 0	11,232
to and from Lancefield and North Lancefield ...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	3		1,872
To and from Sunbury and the Gap	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	3	30 0 0	1,872
To and from Maldon and Welshman's Reef ...	Six days a week ...	Cart ...	5		3,120
to and from Maldon and Porcupine Flat ...	Six days a week ...	Cart ...	3	110 0 0	1,872
to and from Maldon and Nuggety Reef ...	Six days a week ...	Cart ...	4		2,496
To and from Beaufort and Charlton, by way of Raglan	Three days a week	Horseback	11		3,432
to and from Beaufort and Waterloo	Three days a week	Horseback	5		1,560
to and from Beaufort and Sailor's Gully ...	Three days a week	Horseback	6	95 0 0	1,872
to and from Beaufort and Stockyard Hill ...	Three days a week	Horseback	10		3,120
To and from Creswick and Rocky Lead, by way of Dean	Six days a week ..	Vehicle ...	13		8,112
to and from Creswick and Coghill's Creek, by way of Bald Hills and Ascot	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	9	190 0 0	5,616
To and from Moorookyle and Lord Clyde, by way of Ullina and Middle Creek	Six days a week ...	Horseback	11	135 0 0	6,864
to and from Moorookyle and Hit-or-Miss ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6		3,744
To and from Batesford and the post office, Moorabool	Six days a week ...	Horseback	5	20 12 0	3,120
To and from Bald Hills, Gippsland, and Glencairn station, by way of Glenmaggie and Glenfalloch	Once a fortnight ...	Horseback	35	25 0 0	1,820
Clearance of five receiving-boxes, South Yarra ...	Three times a day	Foot	7 per diem	85 0 0	2,184
and conveying mails from Toorak and South Yarra on departure of English mail	Twice a month ...	Car			
To and from Langley and Metcalfe, by way of Green Hill	Six days a week ...	Horseback	18	44 0 0	11,232
To and from Kyneton and Pastoria, by way of Piper's Creek	Three days a week	Horseback	8	73 19 0	2,496
to and from Kyneton and Lauriston	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6		3,744
To and from Doon and Dry Creek	Two days a week ...	Horseback	7	15 0 0	1,456
To and from Daylesford and Leonard's Hill ...	Three days a week	Horseback	6	45 0 0	1,872
To and from Batesford and Gheringhap	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4	20 0 0	2,496
To and from Break-o'-Day and Dereel (Grassy Gully)	Two days a week ...	Horseback	6	34 0 0	1,248
To and from Merton and Alexandra	Three days a week	Horseback	20	149 10 0	6,240
To and from Buninyong and Buninyong Railway Station	Six days a week ...	Car ...	6	89 10 0	3,744
To and from Toongabbie and Upper Heyfield ...	Three days a week	Horseback	3	52 0 0	936
To and from Heathcote and Spring Creek ...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	19	150 0 0	11,856
To and from Melbourne and Brighton, and for clearance of receiving-boxes at Balaclava, Elsternwick, Bay street, and Brighton Beach railway stations, and conveyance of letters from those stations to Melbourne	Twice a day ...	Railway ...	7½ per diem	200 0 0	9,360
Clearance of six receiving-boxes in Richmond ...	Three times a day	Spring-cart	6½ per diem	174 0 0	2,028
To and from the post office and the railway station, Rochester	Twice a day ...	Vehicle ...	1	55 0 0	1,248
Special times in conveyance of Pastoria mails* ...	...	...	...	7 0 0	
To and from Crossley and Killarney, from January 11th†	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3	29 3 10	1,830
To and from Mulgrave and Oakleigh, from February 1st‡	Three days a week	Horseback	6	9 3 4	1,722
To and from Donald's store and Oxley township, from January 25th‖	Six days a week ...	Horseback	1½	29 3 8	879
To and from Berlin, deviation from Wehla road, from February 15th§	Six days a week ...	Vehicle ...	2	13 2 6	1,100
To and from Godfrey's Creek, being deviation Merton and Alexandra road, from March 17th ¶	Three days a week	Horseback	9	92 17 3	2,232
Clearance of letter-box at Pascoevale	Six days a week ...	Foot ...	1	12 0 0	624
Clearing receiving-box, Talbot street, Majorca ...	Six days a week ...	Foot ...	½	5 0 0	312
From Prahran to South Yarra	Six days a week ...	Car ...	...	18 0 0	312
English mails from Prahran to Melbourne ...	Twice a month ...	Car ...	...	3 0 0	72
To and from the post office and railway station, Brighton	Twice a day ...	Foot ...	½	15 12 0	156

* Mileage previously accounted for. † £30 per annum. ‡ £10 per annum. ‖ £31 4s. per annum. § £15 per annum. ¶ £117 10s. per annum.

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
To and from Geelong West and Cowie's Creek, from 1st May	Six days a week ...	Horseback	2½	8 16 3	1,045
Special times, in conveyance of Narree Warren mails, from 6th May	Three days a week	...	...	1 12 7	*
To and from Ballan and Mount Blackwood, from 1st July	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	20	40 0 0	6,320
To and from Sale and Maffra, from 1st July ...	Three days a week	Horseback	...	20 0 0	†1,896
To and from Campbell's Creek and Guildford, *viâ* Yapeen, from 1st July	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4	25 10 0	1,264
To and from Avoca and Fiddler's Creek, from 1st July	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4	15 16 0	1,264
To and from Frankston and Cowes, by way of Sandy Point, from 1st August	Three days a week...	Coach and boat	24	13 4 0	3,147
To and from Sandhurst and Golden Square, from 16th August	Six days a week ...	Car ...	...	13 16 0	‡714
To and from Castlemaine and Dunolly, from 1st October	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	...	25 0 0	‡5,530
To and from Mount Blackwood and Barry's Reef, from 17th November	Six days a week ...	Horseback	...	4 8 0	§234
To and from Eddington and Laanecoorie, from 9th November	Three days a week...	Horseback	6	3 9 4	276
To and from Ballarat and Sebastopol by way of Redan Bridge, from 24th November	Six days a week ...	Car ...	...	3 1 8	‖330
To and from Melbourne, Footscray, and Williamstown	Thrice daily ...	Railway ...	9¼	150 0 0	17,316
To and from Melbourne, Geelong, Geelong West, and Ballarat	Three times daily...	Railway ...	96¼	2,500 0 0	180,180
To and from Melbourne and Sandhurst	Three times daily...	Railway ...	100¾	2,500 0 0	188,604
To and from Sandhurst and Echuca	Twice daily ...	Railway ...	55¼	1,000 0 0	68,952

* Distance previously given. † For period—distance previously given. ‡ Distance already included—second daily mail.
§ £36 per annum—second daily mail. ‖ Additional daily service.

APPENDIX B.

POST OFFICE BRANCH.

LIST OF POST OFFICES IN VICTORIA, WITH NAMES OF THE POSTMASTERS AND THE AMOUNTS OF THEIR SALARIES, FOR 1869.

Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance.	Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Adelaide Lead ...	W. Noller ...	15 0 0	Ballangeich	W. Tomlinson ...	15 0 0
Alberton	N. Christensen ...	10 0 0	Ballarat	W. Thacker ...	485 0 0
Alexandra	J. Peterkin ...	50 0 0	Ballarat East	J. Fussell ...	30 0 0
Alfredton	J. H. Palmer ...	20 0 0	Ballyshanassy... ...	J. Heppel ...	15 0 0
Allansford	J. Anderson ...	25 0 0	Balmoral	B. Lynn ...	35 0 0
Alma	W. Fraser ...	20 0 0	Balnarring	P. Vansuylen ...	10 0 0
Alphington	J. S. Adams ...	20 0 0	Barfold	J. Ryan ...	30 0 0
Amherst	J. P. Smith ...	60 0 0	Baringhup	R. J. Lawrence ...	35 0 0
Amphitheatre ...	R. Walker ...	25 0 0	Barker's Creek ...	E. Homan ...	15 0 0
Anakie	Geo. Belcher ...	20 0 0	Barkly	W. Blair ...	20 0 0
Apsley	M. A. Botterill ...	35 0 0	Barkstead	S. J. Lawrence ...	10 0 0
Ararat	K. L. Murray ...	180 0 0	Barnawartha	M. McKeone ...	25 0 0
Armstrongs	Josiah Kershaw ...	15 0 0	Barry's Reef	W. Straw ...	15 0 0
Ascot	T. Ogilvy ...	20 0 0	Bass	W. Keen ...	20 0 0
Avenel	W. Campion ...	35 0 0	Batesford	H. A. Smith ...	25 0 0
Avoca	P. R. Arkins ...	180 0 0	Baynton	Edward Fay ...	15 0 0
Avon Plains	R. S. Craig ...	20 0 0	Bealiba	G. W. Lyndon ...	35 0 0
Axedale	P. Drake ...	20 0 0	Beaufort	T. Lewis ...	180 0 0
Bacchus Marsh ...	T. Taubman ...	60 0 0	Beechworth	S. B. Byrchall ...	350 0 0
Bairnsdale	W. H. Saxe ...	180 0 0	Belfast	J. A. Lynar ...	350 0 0
Bald Hills	D. Slattery ...	15 0 0	Bellarine	J. P. Burrowes ...	20 0 0
Bald Hills, Gippsland ...	C. Rumpff ...	15 0 0	Belmont	J. Williams, jun....	20 0 0
Ballan	G. Flack ...	60 0 0	Benalla	A. C. Croft ...	180 0 0

List of Post Offices in Victoria, with Names of Postmasters and Amount of Salaries, for 1869—*continued.*

Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.	Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.
Bendoc	J. Stockdale ...	20	0	0	Clarendon	G. McLean	15	0	0
Berlin	H. J. Williams ...	10	0	0	Clifford	H. Cotton ...	10	0	0
Berwick	R. Bain ...	40	0	0	Clunes	J. L. Collier ...	350	0	0
Bet-bet	D. Grant ...	15	0	0	Clyde	J. F. Dumaresq ...	20	0	0
Beveridge	N. Fletcher ...	20	0	0	Clydesdale	E. Sutcliffe ...	10	0	0
Big Hill	P. C. Perry ...	15	0	0	Cobbler's Gully ...	R. Miles ...	35	0	0
Birregurra	B. Wood ...	40	0	0	Cobden	R. H. Roberts ...	20	0	0
Black Forest	R. Stewart ...	25	0	0	Cockatoo	D. Livingstone. ...	15	0	0
Black Hill	Mrs. Ann Turner	20	0	0	Coghill's Creek ...	W. Matthews ...	25	0	0
Black Lead	A. W. Chapman ...	15	0	0	Coimadai Creek ...	D. D. Bower ...	10	0	0
Black Springs	H. Winter ...	10	0	0	Colac	Wm. Western ...	180	0	0
Boggy Creek	G. Allen ...	25	0	0	Coleraine	R. Kennedy ...	146	13	4
Bowman's Forest ...	D. Alexander ...	15	0	0	Collingwood	S. B. Montefiore ...	325	0	0
Box Hill	S. Padgham ...	20	0	0	Condah	R. McLean	20	0	0
Branxholme	J. J. Smith ...	50	0	0	Connewarre	J. Walther ...	15	0	0
Braybrook	J. Dickson ...	15	0	0	Cooper's Creek ...	J. Day	10	0	0
Break-o'-Day	D. E. Thomas ...	25	0	0	Corinella	J. Chinn ...	10	0	0
Breakwater	C. Smith ...	15	0	0	Corop	A. Sternberg ...	25	0	0
Bridgewater	C. Hedditch ...	10	0	0	Costerfield	A. Coster ...	15	0	0
Bridgewater-on-Loddon	R. Boys ...	20	0	0	Cove	D. McLellan ...	15	0	0
Bright	H. J. T. Tymms...	146	13	4	Cowes	John West ...	10	0	0
Brighton	E. Clark ...	135	0	0	Cowie's Creek ...	C. Jones	10	0	0
Brighton South ...	J. G. Reynolds ...	25	0	0	Coy's Diggings ...	E. Mann ...	15	0	0
Brighton East ...	W. Norquay ...	30	0	0	Craigieburn	J. G. Keane ...	30	0	0
Broadford	J. Woolnough ...	50	0	0	Cranbourne	A. Thomson ...	35	0	0
Broadmeadows ...	F. Phillips	30	0	0	Cressy	T. A. Hall ...	30	0	0
Brown Hills	F. Bradbury ...	20	0	0	Creswick	J. Thwaites ...	350	0	0
Brown's Diggings ...	A. Gartside ...	15	0	0	Crossley	J. Hourigan ...	10	0	0
Brunswick	J. George ...	180	0	0	Cross-over Diggings ...	J. Vesey ...	10	0	0
Bruthen	R. McDougall ...	20	0	0	Crowlands	James Thompson..	25	0	0
Buangor	E. Keith	40	0	0	Croxton East	H. Jahn ...	10	0	0
Buckland	J. Mackay ...	35	0	0	Cundare	P. McMahon ...	10	0	0
Bulla	W. Bethel ...	25	0	0	Curlewis	E. O. M. Tobin ...	15	0	0
Bullarook	T. McCabe ...	20	0	0	Dandenong	J. Dobson ...	60	0	0
Bulldog Flat	J. Russell ...	15	0	0	Dargo Flat	J. B. Kelly ...	15	0	0
Bullengarook	P. Barry ...	10	0	0	Darlingford	J. Dunn ...	25	0	0
Bullock Creek ...	Wm. Jones ...	20	0	0	Darlington	S. D. Hodgson ...	40	0	0
Bulltown	Mrs. A. T. Cross...	10	0	0	Darraweit Guim ...	C. Francis ...	15	0	0
Bundoora	W. Emms ...	15	0	0	Dartmoor	G. Greenham ...	15	0	0
Bung-Bong	W. Glover ...	15	0	0	Daylesford	J. H. Woodward	350	0	0
Bungaree	T. Chalmers ...	25	0	0	Dean	C. Maples ...	25	0	0
Buninyong	G. A. Firman ...	148	13	6	Dean's Marsh... ...	J. Schram ...	10	0	0
BuninyongRailwayStation	C. Fuller ...	35	0	0	Deep Creek	Mrs. D. Vanderbilt	25	0	0
Burke's Flat	J. Goullett ...	15	0	0	Deep Lead	M. J. Sweetman	20	0	0
Burnt Creek	J. G. Russell ...	15	0	0	Dennington	J. J. O'Sullivan ...	25	0	0
Burrumbeet	Jeffrey Miller ...	40	0	0	Deptford	H. McKinnon ...	10	0	0
Byaduk	J. Wilton ...	20	0	0	Derell	C. Born ...	10	0	0
Cabbagetree	J. Benson ...	10	0	0	Derrimut	R. Hopkins ...	10	0	0
California Gully ...	T. Jones ...	30	0	0	Devil's Creek	G. Hansen ...	15	0	0
Camberwell	T. Keen ...	15	0	0	Diamond Creek ...	T. F. L. Edmonds	15	0	0
Cambrian Hill ...	D. Williams ...	35	0	0	Digby	R. J. Mercer ...	25	0	0
Campaspe	Mrs. E. M. Barrow	15	0	0	Diggersrest	R. Donnelly ...	20	0	0
Campbellfield	J. Boreham ...	25	0	0	Dimboola	W. H. Lloyd ...	50	0	0
Campbell's Creek ...	C. Tolstrup ...	90	0	0	Dobie's Bridge ...	W. Moloney ...	15	0	0
Camperdown	J. Duigan ...	180	0	0	Docker's Plains ...	H. S. Parfitt ...	15	0	0
Cape Clear	A. L. Gibson ...	25	0	0	Dolly's Creek... ...	B. Nesbitt ...	15	0	0
Caramut	J. Bendall ...	45	0	0	Doncaster	M. H. Hoare ...	15	0	0
Cardigan	J. W. Surman ...	30	0	0	Donnelly's Creek ...	A. Marshall ...	25	0	0
Cargarie	James Hewitt ...	10	0	0	Donnybrook	P. Crichton ...	35	0	0
Carisbrook	D. J. O'Brien ...	148	13	6	Doon	B. R. Jones ...	60	0	0
Carlsruhe	E. Gardiner ...	15	0	0	Doutta Galla	P. Phelan ...	10	0	0
Carlsruhe Railway Station	A. Cobham	15	0	0	Dromana	A. Halden ...	30	0	0
Carlton	C. G. Lawson ...	80	0	0	Drummond	C. M. Roen ...	25	0	0
Carngham	A. Henderson ...	25	0	0	Dry Creek	J. Sherring ...	15	0	0
Casterton	F. L. Merchant ...	180	0	0	Dry Diggings... ...	A. Turner ...	15	0	0
Castlemaine	E. H. Stodart ...	350	0	0	Drysdale	A. Grant ...	30	0	0
Castle Reef	Wm. Daly ...	15	0	0	Duck Holes	E. W. Cryer ...	15	0	0
Cathcart	J. Flattely ...	15	0	0	Duck Ponds	H. Juckes ...	30	0	0
Caulfield	R. Boxill ...	25	0	0	Dunkeld	S. M. Fisher ...	40	0	0
Cavendish	J. Mercer ...	30	0	0	Dunnstown	D. Darcey ...	15	0	0
Ceres	R. McDowall ...	25	0	0	Dunolly	H. F. O'Connell	180	0	0
Charlton	G. Dobie ...	10	0	0	Durham Lead... ...	R. Lamb ...	25	0	0
Chatsworth	S. Wilson ...	15	0	0	Durham Ox	W. H. Argyle ...	35	0	0
Cheltenham	Mrs. Janet Trail...	30	0	0	Eaglehawk	T. J. Tuck ...	70	0	0
Chewton	J. Lamb ...	91	16	0	Echuca	D. W. Forbes ...	350	0	0
Chiltern	E. Banks ...	180	0	0	Eddington	A. H. Tomelty ...	35	0	0
Chinaman's Flat ...	A. Watson ...	20	0	0	Edenhope	G. Thompson ...	30	0	0
Clare Inn	W. Meader ...	20	0	0	Edwards' Reef ...	Thomas Walker ...	15	0	0

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Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.	Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.
Eldorado	Miles Stamp	40	0	0	Hawthorn	C. Nicholls	225	0	0
Ellerslie	R. Whittel	10	0	0	Healesville	L. Flanagan	25	0	0
Elmhurst	H. Spiers	15	0	0	Heathcote	A. L. Sutton	163	6	8
Elphinstone	A. C. Cumberland	45	0	0	Heidelberg	F. P. Dunn	40	0	0
Elsternwick	G. Morris	82	0	0	Hepburn	J. Hill	30	0	0
Eltham	A. Hanniford	25	0	0	Hesket	J. Boyd	10	0	0
Emerald Hill	W. Dempster	126	0	0	Hexham	S. Hannah	35	0	0
Enoch's Point	J. Bain	20	0	0	Heywood	C. H. Badwell	65	0	0
Ensay	H. Johnston	15	0	0	Highton	J. Nicol	20	0	0
Epping	W. Mitchell	20	0	0	Hillsborough	J. Brown	20	0	0
Epsom	R. Sharp	30	0	0	Hinds	J. Egan	10	0	0
Essendon	J. West	10	0	0	Hit-or-Miss	J. James	15	0	0
Estcourt	J. Pratt	10	0	0	Hochkirch	O. Muller	15	0	0
Euroa	J. De Boos	40	0	0	Hoddle's Creek	Thomas Ewart	10	0	0
Evansford	J. C. Sloane	15	0	0	Homebush	A. H. Kenyon	15	0	0
Eversley	H. H. Mansfield	25	0	0	Horsham	J. Langlands	80	0	0
Faraday	H. Bagot	15	0	0	Hotham	J. Macgibbon	70	0	0
Fernbank	J. Scott	20	0	0	Hotspur	A. Bruce	15	0	0
Fiddler's Creek	H. Wise	10	0	0	Huntly	Mrs. B. Cartnell	25	0	0
Flemington	R. Terry	100	0	0	Indigo	J. McCallum	25	0	0
Flinders	Anne Brent	10	0	0	Inglewood	J. H. Kibble	143	13	4
Footscray	D. Mitchell	80	0	0	Inglewood (Old)	T. Power	10	0	0
Framlingham	B. Lee	15	0	0	Inkermann	J. E. Matthews	10	0	0
Franklinford	W. Bumstead	15	0	0	Inverleigh	W. Murrell	35	0	0
Frankston	E. G. Savage	20	0	0	Italian Gully	J. Dowd	10	0	0
Freeburgh	Wm. McKay	10	0	0	Jamieson	W. Andrews	148	13	6
Freshwater Creek	C. Vains	15	0	0	Janefield	J. Peacock	15	0	0
Fryerstown	S. H. Hazlett	40	0	0	Jan-Juc	W. Cook	15	0	0
Fyansford	W. J. S. Kishere	20	0	0	Jasper Road	W. Ward	15	0	0
Gaffney's Creek	J. Weatherhead	45	0	0	Jones's Creek	J. Burns	15	0	0
Gap	T. Foster	10	0	0	Jordan	R. J. Donaldson	20	0	0
Garvoc	J. Glowry	10	0	0	Joyce's Creek	R. Rowe	15	0	0
Geelong	S. C. Vivian	375	0	0	Kangaroo Flat	W. Rogers	35	0	0
Geelong West	C. Vigar	15	0	0	Kangaroo Ground	A. Ross	15	0	0
Germantown	A. Benari	20	0	0	Keilor	R. G. Ely	30	0	0
Gheringhap	H. Irvine	10	0	0	Keilor-road Station	G. Wilmot	25	0	0
Ghin-ghin	M. Kemp	30	0	0	Kensington	R. McWilliams	20	0	0
Gipsy Village	J. Hughes	10	0	0	Kerang	F. O'Connell	148	13	6
Gisborne	R. Haines	50	0	0	Kew	F. B. Fishley	150	0	0
Glendaruel	A. Hockey	15	0	0	Killarney	J. J. Madden	35	0	0
Glendonald	E. Langdon	10	0	0	Kilmore	G. E. Groves	180	0	0
Glengower	W. McKinney	20	0	0	Kingower	P. Ray	35	0	0
Glenluce	A. De Forest	10	0	0	King Parrot Creek	W. Doyle	10	0	0
Glenlyon	J. Macfarlane	35	0	0	Kingston	T. Rossell	45	0	0
Glenorchy	J. Wallace	40	0	0	Kiora	T. Biggin	20	0	0
Glenthompson	J. McLennan	25	0	0	Kirkstall	W. Wilton	15	0	0
Glenvale	W. S. Welsh	15	0	0	Koroit	C. Norman	35	0	0
Gnarwarre	P. Corbett	15	0	0	Kyneton	H. B. Bristow	350	0	0
Godfrey's Creek	E. Simcocks	45	0	0	Laanecoorie	D. B. Ryland	10	0	0
Golden Point	W. Hopper	15	0	0	Lake Bolac	C. Lanniesson	25	0	0
Golden Square	J. Miller	30	0	0	Lake Hindmarsh	R. Simmons	15	0	0
Goldsboro' Reef	T. King	15	0	0	Lal-lal	I. J. Hall	30	0	0
Gooley's Creek	J. Holt	15	0	0	Lamplough	P. McFogarty	15	0	0
Goornong	A. Cross	15	0	0	Lancefield	T. Little	60	0	0
Gordons	J. Robertson	40	0	0	Lancefield-road Station	J. Chapman	35	0	0
Grant	W. Hopkins	40	0	0	Landsborough	J. Johnston	55	0	0
Great Western	R. J. Roberts	25	0	0	Langley	J. Troyford	40	0	0
Greendale	G. H. Roberts	15	0	0	Larpent	J. Connor	20	0	0
Green Gully	T. Laner	15	0	0	Latrobe Bridge	J. Flint	10	0	0
Green Hill	W. Power	15	0	0	Lauriston	J. Crymble	20	0	0
Greensborough	J. Iredale	15	0	0	Lawloit	J. McNevin	20	0	0
Green's Creek	C. Proctor	15	0	0	Learmonth	W. McKay	50	0	0
Grenville	R. Ormrod	10	0	0	Ledcourt	Thos. Dadswell	10	0	0
Greta	S. Ellis	15	0	0	Leigh Creek	J. Mungovan	15	0	0
Growler's Creek	W. Dumphy	35	0	0	Leigh-road Railway Station	J. Cotton	45	0	0
Guildford	J. Sinclair	35	0	0	Leonard's Hill	J. Wilkie	15	0	0
Hamilton	G. Harriott	350	0	0	Lethbridge	A. Ross	25	0	0
Happy-go-Lucky	C. Collins	15	0	0	Leviathan Reef	J. Grant	15	0	0
Happy Valley	J. Power	25	0	0	Lexton	Mrs. Mary Watson	30	0	0
Harcourt	S. Williamson	35	0	0	Lillydale	H. Perrin	35	0	0
Hardie's Hill	W. N. L. Pearse	10	0	0	Lindsay	M. Spring	35	0	0
Harkaway	J. Hessel	15	0	0	Lintons	J. B. Scurfield	163	6	8
Harrietville	H. D. Harkin	25	0	0	Lismore	J. Parry	30	0	0
Harrow	C. K. Tulloh	40	0	0	Little Bendigo	O. Skogland	15	0	0
Hartwell	R. Hurry	10	0	0	Little River	C. Nantes	30	0	0
Hastings	H. Peddle	15	0	0	Lockwood	J. M. Espie	20	0	0
Havelock	J. Rule	10	0	0	Longerenong	W. D. Dinsmore	60	0	0
Hawkesdale	W. Scarlett	20	0	0	Long Gully	P. Pentreath	35	0	0

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Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.
Longwood	F. St. Leger ...	148	13	6
Lord Clyde	Chas. Penny ...	10	0	0
Lyndhurst	P. Walker ...	10	0	0
Macarthur	J. Bulstrode ...	35	0	0
McCullum's Creek ...	J. Amor ...	20	0	0
Mack's Creek	J. Dellar ...	15	0	0
McIntyres	W. Dowson ...	10	0	0
McMahon's Creek ...	J. Ridgell ...	10	0	0
Maffra	W. Campbell ...	35	0	0
Maidentown	A. Black ...	20	0	0
Maidstone	W. Pullar ...	15	0	0
Maindample	H. H. Kitchen ...	30	0	0
Majorca	E. O'Farrell ...	30	0	0
Maldon	T. Reed ...	180	0	0
Malmsbury	J. Fraser ...	180	0	0
Malvern	W. J. Wilson ...	40	0	0
Mansfield	G. W. Newland	148	13	6
Marong	W. Landry ...	30	0	0
Maryborough... ...	J. Fisher ...	350	0	0
Marysville	M. Keppel ...	25	0	0
Matlock	H. Stoffers ...	40	0	0
Maude	Mrs Isabella Meyers	15	0	0
Melton	J. Ferris ...	35	0	0
Meredith	C. L. Nugent ...	70	0	0
Merino	F. Ford ...	40	0	0
Merriang	J. Davies ...	15	0	0
Merrimac	W. T. Oliphant ...	15	0	0
Merton	B. Nolan ...	45	0	0
Metcalf	Jas. Farrant ...	15	0	0
Mia-mia	F. Westblade ...	30	0	0
Mickleham	J. Edis ...	15	0	0
Middle Creek	Donald Fraser ...	10	0	0
Minersrest	J. Blennerhassett	25	0	0
Modewarre	H. Lawrence ...	15	0	0
Moe	J. Miller ...	35	0	0
Moliagul	Robert Leck ...	25	0	0
Moolap	J. Yeoman ...	15	0	0
Moonambel	C. Middleton ...	40	0	0
Moonee Ponds ...	J. T. Hinkins ...	135	0	0
Moorabool	W. Simpson ...	15	0	0
Moorabool Creek ...	G. Stubbs ...	10	0	0
Moorookyle	J. C. Lewis ...	50	0	0
Morang	J. Higgs ...	25	0	0
Mordialloc	E. Saunders ...	20	0	0
Mornington	Miss Fanny Green	180	0	0
Morrison's Diggings ...	G. B. Silvester ...	35	0	0
Mortlake	J. Hayes ...	148	13	6
Morton Plains... ...	C. Mills ...	15	0	0
Mosquito Flat... ...	A. Coles ...	15	0	0
Mount Beckworth ...	T. Dunn ...	15	0	0
Mount Blackwood ...	J. F. Hansen ...	60	0	0
Mount Blowhard ...	F. Gilbert ...	25	0	0
Mount Bolton ...	R. K. Sanderson	30	0	0
Mount Clear	J. Baker ...	20	0	0
Mount Cole	Mrs. Mary Ann Jones	10	0	0
Mount Cotterell ...	T. C. Lowther ...	20	0	0
Mount Doran... ...	W. Montgomery	15	0	0
Mount Duneed ...	W. Landale ...	15	0	0
Mount Egerton ...	R. W. Tanner ...	35	0	0
Mount Gellibrand ...	J. Duncan ...	60	0	0
Mount Greenock ...	J. McLennan ...	15	0	0
Mount Jeffcott ...	J. A. Meyer ...	25	0	0
Mount Mercer ...	W. W. Birrell ...	15	0	0
Mount Moriac ...	C. J. Elden ...	35	0	0
Mount Pleasant ...	J. Campbell ...	20	0	0
Mount Prospect ...	W. S. Jones ...	25	0	0
Mount Rowan ...	R. R. Paton ...	20	0	0
Moyhu	S. M. Staton ...	15	0	0
Moyston	R. Moore ...	40	0	0
Muckleford	E. Thwaites ...	35	0	0
Mulgrave	G. Stott ...	10	0	0
Murchison	W. Barratt ...	30	0	0
Murgheboluc... ...	M. A. Morris ...	15	0	0
Murmungee	G. Thompson ...	25	0	0
Myers' Creek ...	W. Jackson ...	15	0	0
Myers' Flat	S. Dalton ...	25	0	0
Myrtle Creek... ...	J. Blaeketer ...	35	0	0
Napoleons	J. Membry ...	25	0	0
Narrawong	D. McLean ...	15	0	0
Narree Warren ...	G. Rae	10	0	0
Natte Yallock ...	J. Robinson ...	10	0	0
Navarre	D. Pennington ...	20	0	0
Newbridge	J. Newington ...	40	0	0
Newbury	V. J. Pe de Sauty	15	0	0
New Gisborne ...	T. J. Wills ...	60	0	0
Newham	E. Gibbs ...	20	0	0
Newington	R. Goulding ...	35	0	0
Newlyn	L. Rowe ...	20	0	0
Newstead	Miss M. Firman...	75	0	0
Newtown-Scarsdale ...	G. D. Knight ...	25	0	0
Northcote	E. Bastings ...	30	0	0
Nuggety Reef ...	Mrs. J. Moir ...	10	0	0
Oaklands Junction ...	J. Dewar ...	15	0	0
Oakleigh	W. Braithwaite ...	40	0	0
Omeo	E. Selk...	40	0	0
Ondit	A. Gilbert ...	35	0	0
Orford	M. Horan ...	15	0	0
Osborne's Flat ...	J. B. Corkeek ...	15	0	0
Oxley	C. Gardner ...	40	0	0
Pakenham	M. Bourke ...	40	0	0
Panmure	G. Wilson ...	25	0	0
Pastoria	G. Robbie ...	10	0	0
Penshurst	F. W. Rackham...	148	13	6
Pentland Hills ...	H. W. Simmons...	35	0	0
Pentridge	Mrs. S. A. Reid ...	140	0	0
Peter's Diggings ...	S. J. Edelston ...	15	0	0
Pettavel	L. Mermod ...	15	0	0
Piggoreet	H. Dyson ...	40	0	0
Piper's Creek	P. Kellas ...	10	0	0
Pitfield	A. W. Crowe ...	10	0	0
Point Henry	A. Gray ...	15	0	0
Pomborneit	C. H. Bowker ...	10	0	0
Porcupine Flat ...	D. F. Martin ...	10	0	0
Port Albert	J. Ferris ...	180	0	0
Portarlington	J. Calhoun ...	20	0	0
Portland	E. Braim ...	350	0	0
Prahran	A. F. White ...	163	0	0
Preston	E. Wood ...	30	0	0
Preston Hill	S. Franklin ...	30	0	0
Preston Vale	L. Scholtz ...	15	0	0
Purnim	G. Dowie ...	10	0	0
Pyalong	H. Cathery ...	25	0	0
Quartz Reefs	G. Allan, jun. ...	350	0	0
Queenscliff	G. S. Caldwell ...	350	0	0
Raglan	C. Tucker ...	15	0	0
Ravenswood	J. Bond ...	30	0	0
Raywood	H. W. Horsley ...	40	0	0
Redan Bridge ...	C. Giles ...	35	0	0
Redbank	E. Murphy ...	25	0	0
Redcastle	Jas. McKee ...	20	0	0
Redesdale	M. O'Connor ...	20	0	0
Red Jacket	J. Campbell ...	10	0	0
Reedy Creek	G. Davis ...	20	0	0
Reidford	G. Johnston ...	10	0	0
Reid's Creek	E. Gannell ...	10	0	0
Richmond	J. Pyrke ...	90	0	0
Riddell's Creek ...	R. Hutchison ...	35	0	0
Rochester	T. Seward ...	50	0	0
Rochford	H. H. Hennell ...	15	0	0
Rocky Flat	E. Peters ...	15	0	0
Rocky Lead	A. Oldenburg ...	25	0	0
Rokewood	W. H. White ...	60	0	0
Rokewood Junction ...	G. Buttle ...	10	0	0
Romsey	R. T. Beasley ...	40	0	0
Rosedale	S. Baker ...	148	13	6
Running Creek ...	J. Forsyth ...	10	0	0
Runnymede	J. Johns ...	40	0	0
Rushworth	J. H. Roberts ...	55	0	0
Russell's Creek ...	M. E. Gadd ...	15	0	0
Rutherglen	J. Sennett ...	130	0	0
Sago Hill	R. Sims ...	15	0	0
Sailor's Gully	J. Patterson ...	15	0	0
St. Andrew	R. Smith ...	25	0	0
St. Arnaud	J. A. B. Smith ...	180	0	0
St. Kilda	J. Hearne ...	90	0	0
St. Leonards	R. Lloyd ...	10	0	0

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Sale	J. Coverdale	350	0	0	Tourello	D. McDonald	10	0	0
Sandford	C. Swazzenski	15	0	0	Towaninnie	J. Finley	10	0	0
Sandhurst	G. W. B. Vibert	350	0	0	Traralgon	C. Denis	30	0	0
Sandon	A. Kirwan	15	0	0	Trawalla	L. Hamblen	35	0	0
Sandridge	J. F. Hayes	180	0	0	Trentham	G. McPherson	25	0	0
Sandy Creek	C. Woods	15	0	0	Tullamarine	J. Cousens	15	0	0
Scarsdale	W. Hawkridge	60	0	0	Twist's Creek	J. Burke	10	0	0
Scotchman's Lead	W. L. Clarke	25	0	0	Tylden	A. H. Clayton	55	0	0
Sebastopol	F. Dore	180	0	0	Ullina	S. H. Lowry	25	0	0
Serpentine Creek	G. E. Jackson	148	13	6	Ulupna West	J. Gracey	15	0	0
Seymour	P. Orr	148	13	6	Upper Dargo	J. Fairley	25	0	0
Shelford	H. M. Wilson	35	0	0	Upper Heyfield	J. R. W. Williams	10	0	0
Shepherd's Flat	J. J. Garlick	10	0	0	Upper Maffra	F. McKinnell	10	0	0
Shepparton	F. P. Knight	15	0	0	Vaughan	J. Chapman	30	0	0
Shirley	H. Kemmis	25	0	0	Verdon	Wm. M. Forsyth	15	0	0
Skipton	A. M. Elder	40	0	0	Violet-town	J. Fevey	40	0	0
Smeaton	A. Dockery	60	0	0	Wahgunyah	R. Kilborn	350	0	0
Smythesdale	J. Nicol	180	0	0	Wahring	J. Adams	15	0	0
Snake Valley	J. Greig	35	0	0	Walhalla	F. Duval	75	0	0
Snowy Creek	A. French	25	0	0	Wallan-wallan	H. Sinclair	40	0	0
South Yarra	E. B. Taylor	80	0	0	Walmer	D. Corbet	10	0	0
Spring Creek	J. J. Mackenzie	180	0	0	Wangaratta	W. Shields	180	0	0
Springfield	M. Kenny	15	0	0	Wannon	A. Cameron	20	0	0
Spring Gully	J. Malone	15	0	0	Warrandyte	A. McDonald	20	0	0
Spring Hill	G. Knight	15	0	0	Warrenheip	James Day	15	0	0
Springvale	J. Coates	10	0	0	Warrnambool	T. R. Rackham	350	0	0
Springs	W. Barbour	25	0	0	Waterloo	T. R. Morgan	15	0	0
Staffordshire Reef	J. Landles	20	0	0	Weatherboard Hill	J. Nicholson	15	0	0
Stanley	J. Mathieson	30	0	0	Wedderburn	J. R. Gray	45	0	0
Stawell	G. Magnus	60	0	0	Wehla	J. Brown	25	0	0
Steiglitz	W. R. Cooper	60	0	0	Welchman's Reef	M. Morris	15	0	0
Stockyard Hill	R. Kirkpatrick	25	0	0	Werracknebeal	A. Scott	20	0	0
Stony Creek	A. Draper	25	0	0	Whim Holes	S. Ferguson	15	0	0
Stonyford	C. McCallum	20	0	0	Whipstick	J. Bennett	15	0	0
Strangways	W. H. Mulholland	15	0	0	White Hills	T. Gilbert	30	0	0
Stratford	T. Lloyd	45	0	0	Whittlesea	J. N. Cairns	35	0	0
Strathfieldsaye	J. Owen	15	0	0	Whorouly	J. Moore	10	0	0
Strathloddon	P. McHardy	15	0	0	Whroo	J. H. Collin	35	0	0
Streatham	T. W. Newenham	35	0	0	Wickliffe	G. Harriott	70	0	0
Stuartmill	H. E. Cheshire	101	14	6	Wild-duck Creek	G. Murrowood	15	0	0
Sulky Gully	G. Redman	25	0	0	Williamstown	C. M. Maplestone	350	0	0
Sunbury	W. McElwee	45	0	0	Williamstown Junction	C. Stephens	10	0	0
Sutherland's Creek	D. McCallum	15	0	0	Winchelsea	W. Stirling	40	0	0
Sutton Grange	J. K. Waite	20	0	0	Windermere	Robt. Camber	30	0	0
Swan Hill	W. Swann	148	13	6	Winslow	R. F. Chisholm	10	0	0
Swift's Creek	B. Johnson	15	0	0	Winton	Wm. Blackburn	15	0	0
Tabilk	J. Wylie	10	0	0	Wodonga	A. Cheyne	117	7	6
Talbot	J. Colles	350	0	0	Wombat Creek	J. Nicholson	10	0	0
Talbotville	J. P. Lory	10	0	0	Woodend	R. Nicholson	70	0	0
Tallarook	T. Fox	25	0	0	Woodford	J. M. Pattison	30	0	0
Tangil	C. Gadd	10	0	0	Wood's Point	W. P. Hamilton	180	0	0
Tarilta	W. L. Ferrier	15	0	0	Woodside	J. Collins	10	0	0
Tarnagulla	P. K. Tucker	180	0	0	Woodstock	O. Quinn	15	0	0
Taradale	J. B. Matthews	180	0	0	Woodstock-on-Loddon	H. W. Sinnott	15	0	0
Tarraville	A. Hall	40	0	0	Woolshed	J. McConnell Kerr	20	0	0
Tarrawingee	T. Ladson	45	0	0	Woolsthorpe	P. Mackie	15	0	0
Tatyoon	J. Crothers	15	0	0	Woorndoo	G. Nalder	15	0	0
Teesdale	J. Todd	15	0	0	Wordieboluc	H. Reeves	10	0	0
Templestowe	J. Field	15	0	0	Wyndham	R. Heath	35	0	0
Ten-mile House	T. Allan	10	0	0	Yackandandah	H. Salkeld	180	0	0
Terang	A. Anderson	60	0	0	Yambuk	O. Doherty	20	0	0
Thomastown	E. Perry	15	0	0	Yandoit	J. W. Wyett	25	0	0
Timor	S. S. Brown	15	0	0	Yangery	W. T. Chalkley	10	0	0
Tintaldra	W. H. Armstrong	15	0	0	Yapeen	J. Smith	20	0	0
Tooliorook	Milton Cummins	10	0	0	Yarra Flats	J. H. Petty	35	0	0
Toongabbie	J. Bassett	25	0	0	Yarrum-yarrum	T. Colliss	10	0	0
Toorak	J. Worrel	102	0	0	Yea	S. A. Wall	60	0	0
Tootgarook	G. Mitchell	10	0	0	Yowen Hill	J. Flug	45	0	0

APPENDIX C.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

RETURN SHOWING THE INTERRUPTIONS TO TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION IN VICTORIA.

Date.	Designation of Line.	Points of Interruption.	Period of Interruption.	Supposed or ascertained Cause of Interruption.
Jan. 6	Gippsland Line ...	Between Rosedale and Sale ...	3 hours	Bush fires; four posts burnt.
„ 7	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	7 „	„ posts burnt.
„ 14	Cape Otway Line ...	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	1 day	„ „ „
„ 17	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	6 hours	„ „ „
„ 18	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1 day	„ „ „
„ 26	Wood's Point Line ...	„ Jamieson and Wood's Point	5 hours	Tree fell on line.
„ 29	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	10 „	„ „
„ 29	Wood's Point Line ...	„ Mansfield and Jamieson ...	1 day	„ „
„ 29	Ararat Line ...	„ Ararat and Stawell ...	9 hours	„ „
„ 29	Cross-country Line ...	„ Avoca and Moonambel ...	1 day	„ „
„ 30	Wood's Point Line ...	„ Mansfield and Jamieson ...	1 „	„ „
Feb. 11	Cape Otway Line ...	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	11 hours	„ „
„ 19	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	10 „	„ „
„ 20	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	7 „	„ „
„ 22	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	1 day	„ „
„ 22	Cape Otway Line ...	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	1 „	„ „
March 3	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	1 „	„ „
„ 4	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1 „	„ „
„ 25	„ „ ...	„ Kerang and Swan Hill ...	1 „	„ „
June 1	Wood's Point Line ...	„ Jamieson and Wood's Point	1 „	„ „
„ 26	Bright Line ...	„ Beechworth and Bright ...	7 hours	„ „
July 9	Wood's Point Line ...	„ Benalla and Mansfield ...	1 day	„ „
„ 10	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1 „	„ „
Aug. 2	Cape Otway Line ...	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	1 „	„ „
„ 3	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1 „	„ „
„ 16	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1 „	A flaw in wire.
Sept. 6	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	1 „	Tree fell on line.
„ 7	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1 „	„ „
„ 28	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1 „	„ „
„ 29	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1 „	„ „
Nov. 27	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1 „	„ „
Dec. 8	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1 „	„ „

REMARKS.

January 18.—Lines crossed between Camperdown and Colac, afternoon.
January 19.—Line down between Castlemaine and Daylesford; messages sent *vid* Creswick.
January 27.—All lines affected by atmospheric disturbances during afternoon.
January 29.—All lines worked badly; severe storm; several posts blown down.
January 30.—All lines worked badly; atmospheric disturbances.
February 3.—Lines crossed between Kilmore and Seymour.
February 6.—Lines crossed between Warrnambool and Belfast.
February 13.—North-Eastern lines crossed between Beechworth and Wangaratta.
February 23.—Western lines worked badly.
March 24.—Lines crossed occasionally between Castlemaine and Sandhurst.
March 30.—North-Eastern lines crossed between Melbourne and Kilmore.
April 14 to 17.—North-Eastern lines crossed between Benalla and Longwood.
May 18.—Lines crossed between Kilmore and Melbourne, also between Belfast and Portland.
June 3 and 4.—Western lines worked badly west of Warrnambool.
June 7 and 8.—Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
July 21 and 22.—Lines crossed between Benalla and Longwood.
August 16.—Lines crossed between Colac and Camperdown.
September 16.—Lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
October 6 and 7.—Lines crossed between Portland and Mount Gambier.
November 25.—Lines on ground occasionally between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
December 7.—Western lines worked badly west of Portland; heavy rain.

APPENDIX D.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

RETURN SHOWING PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE TRANSMISSION OF REPORTS OF ENGLISH NEWS FROM MOUNT GAMBIER TO MELBOURNE DURING THE YEAR 1869.

Commenced.		Ended.		Average Number of Words per Hour.	Remarks as to Weather, &c.
Date.	Hour and Minute.	Date.	Hour and Minute.		
Jan. 19	9.45 a.m.	Jan. 19	12.55 p.m.	1,200	Lines worked well; weather fine.
Feb. 15	4.30 p.m.	Feb. 15	9 p.m.	1,200	Lines worked well; weather fine.
March 16	10.20 a.m.	March 16	2.17 p.m.	1,200	Lines crossed occasionally between Portland and Mount Gambier.
April 14	2.25 a.m.	April 14	5.40 a.m.	1,200	Lines worked well; weather fine.
May 10	3.10 p.m.	May 10	6.15 p.m.	1,600	Lines worked very well; weather fine.
June 5	2.15 p.m.	June 5	5.10 p.m.	1,500	Lines worked well; weather fine.
July 5	1.45 p.m.	July 5	5.17 p.m.	1,500	Lines worked well; weather fine.
August 2	2.15 p.m.	August 2	5.15 p.m.	1,600	Lines worked very well; weather fine.
August 29 (Sunday)	...	...	....	...	Branch mail steamer broke down; no news received from Adelaide.
Sept. 26	11.15 a.m.	Sept. 26	1.40 p.m.	1,500	Lines worked well; weather fine.
Oct. 24 (Sunday)	11.10 a.m.	Oct. 24	12.59 p.m.	1,600	Lines worked well; weather fine.
Nov. 23	8.10 a.m.	Nov. 23	12.30 p.m.	1,500	Victorian lines worked well; weather fine. Adelaide lines worked badly west of Mount Gambier.
Dec. 21	3.15 p.m.	Dec. 21	7 p.m.	1,500	Victorian lines worked well; weather fine.

APPENDIX E.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

LIST OF POST OFFICES WHERE TELEGRAMS WILL BE RECEIVED AND TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE NEAREST TELEGRAPH STATION.

Alberton
Allansford
Alma
Amphitheatre
Apsley
Ascot
Avenel
Axedale
Alexandra
Avon Plains
Bacchus Marsh
Balmoral
Barfold
Baringhup
Barker's Creek
Bealiba
Branxholme
Break-o'-Day
Bridgewater
Bridgewater-on-Loddon
Broadford
Buangor
Buckland
Bulldog Flat
Bullock Creek
Bungaree
Ballan
Barkly
Bendoc
Boggy Creek
Burnt Creek
Burrumbeet
Byaduk
Bellarine
Birregurra
Bullarook
Bruthen
Berwick
Brighton
Brighton South
Brighton East
Broadmeadows
Brunswick
California Gully
Cambrian Hill
Campbell's Creek
Caramut
Carlsruhe
Castle Reef
Cathcart
Cavendish
Cobden
Cressy
Charlton
Coghill's Creek
Cooper's Creek
Carlton
Caulfield
Darlingford
Darlington
Donnelly's Creek
Doon
Dunkeld
Deptford
Diggersrest
Dandenong
Eddington
Edwards' Reef
Eldorado
Elmhurst
Enoch's Point
Epsom
Estcourt
Evansford
Emerald Hill
Essendon
Framlingham
Franklinford
Fryerstown
Flemington
Footscray
Frankston
Gaffney's Creek
Glendaruel
Glengower
Glenlyon
Glenorchy
Glenthompson
Golden Point
Goldsboro' Reef
Great Western
Gooley's Creek
Growler's Creek
Guildford
Happy-go-Lucky
Happy Valley
Harrietville
Harrow
Hepburn
Heywood
Hillsborough
Hinds
Huntly
Hawthorn
Heidelberg
Indigo
Inverleigh
Jones's Creek
Jordan
Kingower
Kingston
Koroit
Keilor
Kew
Lake Bolac
Lake Hindmarsh
Lancefield
Landsborough
Lauriston
Learmonth
Leviathan Reef, Black River
Lexton
Mack's Creek
Maidentown
Marong
Matlock
Merino
Moliagul
Morton Plains
Mount Blackwood
Mount Bolton
Mount Egerton
Mount Jeffcott
Myers' Creek
Moonee Ponds
Morang, Yan Yean
Mordialloc
Newbridge
Newbury
Natty Yallock
Narrawong
Northcote
Omeo
Ondit
Orford
Piggoreet
Pyalong
Pentridge
Prahran
Raywood
Redbank
Redcastle
Redjacket
Rokewood
Rushworth
Richmond
Sandford
Sandy Creek, Ovens
Shepparton
Skipton
Smeaton
Snowy Creek
Stanley
Stratford
St. Kilda
South Yarra
Tarrawingee
Ten-mile House
Terang
Toongabbie
Traralgon
Tylden
Trentham
Toorak
Upper Dargo
Vaughan
Violettown
Wedderburn
Whipstick
Wickliffe
Wild-duck Creek
Woolshed
Winchelsea
Yambuk
Yandoit
Yea

APPENDIX F.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NAMES OF THE SEVERAL ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH STATIONS AND THE LINES OF TELEGRAPH NOW IN OPERATION IN THE COLONY OF VICTORIA.

Main Lines.	Extent in Miles from the Melbourne Office.	Name of Station.	Branch Line.	Name of Station.	Extent in Miles.
Southern Coast Line ..	137	Melbourne General Post Office Williamstown Geelong Queenscliff Point Lonsdale Sandridge Mornington Cape Schanck Flinders			
Western Coast Line ..	303	Mount Gambier Portland Belfast Warrnambool Camperdown Colac			
Cross-Country Western Line	315	Ballarat	Buninyong Branch ..	Buninyong ..	7 from Ballarat
			Linton Branch	Smythesdale ..	23 from Ballarat
				Lintons	
			Sebastopol Branch ..	Sebastopol	3 from Ballarat
		Raglan	Stawell Branch	Ararat	49 from Raglan
				Stawell	
		Streatham Hexham	Mortlake Branch ..	Mortlake	9 from Hexham
		Penshurst Hamilton	Portland Branch ..	.. .. ..	53 from Hamilton
		Coleraine Casterton			
Cape Otway Line ..	140	Otway			
Cross-Country Line ..	312	Creswick Daylesford Maldon Dunolly Carisbrook Maryborough	Clunes Branch	Talbot	20 from Maryborough
				Clunes	
		Avoca	Majorca Branch	Majorca†	11 from Maryborough
		Stuartmill Moonambel* St. Arnaud			
Swan Hill Line ..	231	Tarnagulla Inglewood Serpentine Kerang Swan Hill			
Northern Line ..	156	Collingwood Kyneton Malmsbury Taradale Castlemaine	Newstead Branch ..	Newstead	10 from Castlemaine
		Sandhurst Echuca			
North-Eastern Line ..	200	Kilmore	Heathcote Branch ..	Heathcote	31 from Kilmore
					25 from Sandhurst
		Seymour Longwood			
		Benalla	Wood's Point Branch ..	Mansfield	85 from Benalla
				Jamieson	
				Wood's Point ..	
		Wangaratta			
		Beechworth	Wahgunyah Branch ..	Yackandandah ..	50 from Beechworth
				Chiltern	
				Wahgunyah ..	
				Rutherglen ..	
			Bright Branch	Bright	36 from Beechworth
		Belvoir (Wodonga) Albury			
Gippsland Line	181	Rosedale	Walhalla Branch ..	Walhalla†	32 from Rosedale
		Sale	Bairnsdale Branch ..	Bairnsdale	43 from Sale
		Port Albert			
		Railway Circuit.			
Northern Line ..	154	Spencer Street Sunbury New Gisborne * Woodend Castlemaine Sandhurst Runnymede Echuca			
Western Line	97½	Williamstown Junction Werribee Little River Geelong Meredith Ballarat West	Special Wires ..	Ballarat Line (1) ..	97
				Williamstown Line (1)	9½
				Melbourne to Albury (1)	200
				Melbourne to Mount Gambier (1) ..	303
				Melbourne to Mornington (1)	35

Showing a total of 94 Stations or Offices; 2,696 miles of line, provided with 3,297 miles of wire.

* Denotes Station closed during 1869.

† Denotes Stations not yet opened.

APPENDIX G.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE COMPARATIVE REVENUE FOR THE YEARS 1868 AND 1869.

Name of Station.	Revenue, 1868.			Revenue, 1869.			Increase, 1869.			Decrease, 1869.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Melbourne	14,411	17	6	13,896	3	0	1,338	17	8	...		
Melbourne, General Post Office (opened 6th April 1869)	...			1,854	12	2						
Ararat	199	0	8	208	12	0	9	11	4	...		
Avoca	112	0	6	139	3	2	27	2	8	...		
Ballarat	4,344	11	11	4,930	5	2	585	13	3	...		
Beaufort	43	0	5	54	16	7	11	16	2	...		
Beechworth	758	2	3	858	7	6	100	5	3	...		
Belfast	532	15	7	438	14	7	...			94	1	0
Belvoir	40	19	11	44	11	8	3	11	9	...		
Benalla	98	12	2	108	9	4	9	17	2	...		
Bright	143	11	8	306	11	11	163	0	3	...		
Buninyong	39	15	7	26	1	2	...			13	14	5
Camperdown	163	11	9	151	0	1	...			12	11	8
Cape Schanck	6	17	4	3	5	0	...			3	12	4
Carisbrook	69	11	0	57	6	2	...			12	4	10
Castlemaine	398	7	1	382	11	11	...			15	15	2
Casterton	111	2	5	80	12	7	...			30	9	10
Chiltern	183	8	7	238	7	8	54	19	1	...		
Clunes	318	6	5	543	5	3	224	18	10	...		
Colac	82	0	3	86	15	0	4	14	9	...		
Coleraine	139	12	7	158	1	11	18	9	4	...		
Collingwood	83	3	7	105	0	0	21	16	5	...		
Creswick	182	10	9	187	7	1	4	16	4	...		
Daylesford	219	11	4	191	5	0	...			28	6	4
Dunolly	133	13	3	165	6	0	31	12	9	...		
Echuca	380	2	0	381	1	1	0	19	1	...		
Geelong	1,368	16	5	1,243	15	5	...			125	1	0
Gisborne	10	4	7	17	4	2	6	19	7	...		
Hamilton	410	10	1	366	13	9	...			43	16	4
Heathcote	72	13	6	84	12	4	11	18	10	...		
Hexham	41	9	0	41	3	10	...			0	5	2
Inglewood	87	1	11	120	10	7	33	8	8	...		
Jamieson	64	7	2	56	10	7	...			7	16	7
Kerang	35	12	3	33	9	0	...			2	3	3
Kilmore	77	9	0	80	17	6	3	8	6	...		
Kyneton	107	18	5	126	2	11	18	4	6	...		
Lintons	9	0	11	32	10	5	23	9	6	...		
Longwood	48	19	7	51	8	11	2	9	4	...		
Maldon	114	15	2	128	5	4	13	10	2	...		
Malmsbury	43	12	3	36	16	9	...			6	15	6
Mansfield	16	14	11	143	1	4	126	6	5	...		
Maryborough	224	10	3	243	6	6	18	16	3	...		
Mortlake	74	12	9	85	7	2	10	14	5	...		
Moonambel	29	16	11	4	10	9	...			25	6	2
Mornington	32	6	2	27	2	10	...			5	3	4
Newstead	26	16	3	25	2	4	...			1	13	11
Penshurst	57	12	9	83	3	6	25	10	9	...		
Portland	325	2	1	293	11	9	...			31	10	4
Port Albert	118	1	11	104	8	1	...			13	13	10
Queenscliff	91	5	1	73	3	9	...			18	1	4
Redbank	14	10	9	...			...			...		
Rosedale	83	10	5	176	8	8	92	18	3	...		
Rutherglen	103	8	8	109	4	4	5	15	8	...		
Sale	409	19	3	523	8	11	113	9	8	...		
Sandhurst	769	17	11	883	1	2	113	3	3	...		
Sandridge	67	19	11	75	12	7	7	12	8	...		
Seymour	55	6	1	47	16	2	...			7	9	11
Smythesdale	92	16	5	94	14	2	1	17	9	...		
Stawell	201	9	7	371	1	0	169	11	5	...		
Streatham	41	12	10	40	7	10	...			1	5	0
St. Arnaud	106	0	5	141	10	8	35	10	3	...		
Swan Hill	85	17	4	68	19	1	...			16	18	3
Talbot	165	12	10	270	6	9	104	13	11	...		
Taradale	56	3	0	41	8	1	...			14	14	11
Tarnagulla	65	19	6	123	1	5	57	1	11	...		
Wahgunyah	234	8	1	255	11	7	21	3	6	...		
Wangaratta	295	15	4	286	15	3	...			9	0	1
Warrnambool	646	5	6	548	14	5	...			97	11	1
Williamstown	169	16	2	199	4	0	29	7	10	...		
Wood's Point	160	10	6	153	15	7	...			6	14	11
Yackandandah	95	3	2	96	10	5	1	7	3	...		

APPENDIX H.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE CASH REVENUE, AND NUMBER OF MESSAGES TRANSMITTED AT EACH OFFICE DURING THE YEAR 1869.

Name of Station.	Total Cash Revenue. £	s.	d.	Number of Messages transmitted.	Date of opening Office.
Melbourne	13,896	3	0	65,372	Mar. 1854
Melbourne, General Post Office	1,854	12	2	11,301	April 1869
Ararat	208	12	0	2,038	Nov. 1858
Avoca	139	3	2	1,419	Mar. 1859
Bairnsdale	91	6	8	655	July 1869
Ballarat	4,930	5	2	37,286	Dec. 1856
Beaufort	54	16	7	706	Mar. 1858
Beechworth	858	7	6	7,078	Jan. 1858
Belfast	438	14	7	3,567	Mar. 1858
Belvoir (Wodonga)	44	11	8	606	Jan. 1858
Benalla	108	9	4	1,323	May 1858
Bright	306	11	11	2,168	Aug. 1867
Buninyong	26	1	2	326	Oct. 1862
Camperdown	151	0	1	1,370	Oct. 1863
Cape Schanck	3	5	0	226	Sept. 1861
Carisbrook	57	6	2	712	Jan. 1861
Castlemaine	382	11	11	4,393	Jan. 1857
Casterton	80	12	7	701	July 1865
Chiltern	238	7	8	2,217	Mar. 1861
Clunes	543	5	3	7,052	Feb. 1861
Colac	86	15	0	907	Aug. 1863
Coleraine	158	1	11	1,359	Aug. 1867
Collingwood	105	0	0	694	Nov. 1865
Creswick	187	7	1	1,954	Aug. 1859
Daylesford	191	5	0	1,911	Aug. 1859
Dunolly	165	6	0	1,974	Aug. 1859
Echuca	381	1	1	2,538	Dec. 1858
Flinders*				2,146	May 1869
Geelong	1,253	15	5	10,422	Dec. 1854
Hamilton	366	13	9	2,928	Mar. 1861
Heathcote	84	12	4	1,150	Oct. 1859
Hexham	41	3	10	307	April 1858
Inglewood	120	10	7	1,137	Oct. 1861
Jamieson	56	10	7	823	June 1865
Kerang	33	9	0	240	Aug. 1863
Kilmore	80	17	6	1,271	Oct. 1857
Kyneton	126	2	11	1,751	April 1857
Lintons	32	10	5	435	Oct. 1868
Longwood	51	8	11	719	Nov. 1857
Maldon	128	5	4	1,311	Aug. 1859
Malmsbury	36	16	9	528	Oct. 1865
Mansfield	143	1	4	1,148	Nov. 1868
Maryborough	243	6	6	2,958	April 1859
Mortlake	85	7	2	642	June 1864
Moonambel	4	10	9	98	June 1863
Mornington	27	2	10	362	Mar. 1861
Newstead	25	2	4	384	Oct. 1863
Penshurst	83	3	6	774	Jan. 1867
Portland	293	11	9	2,277	Feb. 1858
Port Albert	104	8	1	924	Dec. 1864
Queenscliff	73	3	9	5,050	Jan. 1855
Rosedale	176	8	8	1,298	Mar. 1867
Rutherglen	109	4	4	1,305	Aug. 1862
Sale	523	8	11	3,617	Sept. 1864
Sandhurst	883	1	2	6,610	Jan. 1857
Sandridge	75	12	7	510	July 1855
Serpentine	34	6	3	242	Jan. 1869
Seymour	47	16	2	1,154	June 1865
Smythesdale	94	14	2	1,532	June 1863
Stawell	371	1	0	2,628	Oct. 1861
Streatham	40	7	10	346	July 1858
Stuartmill	12	6	1	81	Dec. 1869
St. Arnaud	141	10	8	1,237	Jan. 1865
Swan Hill	68	19	1	718	April 1863
Talbot	270	6	9	3,049	Dec. 1860
Taradale	41	8	1	568	Nov. 1861
Tarnagulla	123	1	5	1,211	Nov. 1860
Wahgunyah	255	11	7	2,296	Feb. 1861
Wangaratta	286	15	3	2,673	July 1858
Warrnambool	548	14	5	4,104	Mar. 1858
Williamstown	199	4	0	2,324	Mar. 1854
Wood's Point	153	15	7	1,134	Oct. 1865
Yackandandah	96	10	5	1,085	Feb. 1861
Albury*	...			14,778	Nov. 1858
Mt. Gambier*	...			6,630	July 1858
Cape Otway †	...			423	Sept. 1859
Point Lonsdale †	...			...	Oct. 1861
Railway Circuit.					
Spencer Street	170	11	0	5,204	Oct. 1861
Williamstown Junction	3	0	2	3,918	April 1862
Werribee	17	5	1	8,037	April 1862
Little River	4	9	7	5,401	Nov. 1862
Geelong	43	2	11	3,275	April 1862
Meredith	25	10	11	1,310	April 1867
Ballarat	25	6	3	948	July 1863
Sunbury	13	8	9	1,041	Feb. 1867
New Gisborne	17	4	2	317	July 1868
Woodend	29	13	8	938	Oct. 1861
Castlemaine	12	9	4	1,067	July 1863
Sandhurst	30	6	6	1,691	July 1863
Runnymede	35	2	2	2,295	June 1865
Echuca	26	10	6	2,286	June 1865
	£34,183	0	5	300,919	

* Boundary Repeating station; no Revenue collected.

† Look-out Shipping station; no Revenue collected.

APPENDIX I.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

TABULAR STATEMENT SHOWING STATISTICS OF BUSINESS FROM 1854 TO 1869 INCLUSIVE.

Year.	Cash Revenue. £	s.	d.	Charge for Government Telegrams. £	s.	d.	Number of Government Telegrams.	Total Number of Telegrams.
1854	223	2	7	1,037	0	5	1,570	3,869
1855	3,162	13	11	3,074	11	8	2,559	12,241
1856	3,225	13	5	2,422	2	3	2,685	13,174
1857	10,024	16	10	3,023	12	2	6,628	60,058
1858	16,474	17	10	10,126	15	10	17,834	131,486
1859	25,249	17	0	21,301	8	7	31,699	197,320
1860	24,955	18	2	21,270	12	2	49,918	167,872
1861	25,217	5	4	8,566	13	11	40,818	184,688
1862	26,834	19	8	15,466	0	9	49,038	211,685
1863	25,768	15	8	18,289	8	2	78,038	234,520
1864	30,601	17	11	14,375	12	0	71,939	256,380
1865	35,767	17	4	11,546	19	3	68,946	279,741
1866	36,178	17	4	12,899	16	0	63,506	277,787
1867	29,148	12	2	6,588	18	0	59,887	235,648
1868	31,058	6	8	9,916	1	11	57,047	276,677
1869	34,183	0	5	10,460	10	7	57,975	227,181
Total	£358,076	12	3	£170,366	3	8	660,087	2,770,327

APPENDIX K.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

EXPENDITURE UNDER CONTROL OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total expenditure for Lines, Stations, &c., as per previous statement, to 31st December 1868	...	267,603 1 5
EXPENDITURE DURING 1869:		
Main extension of lines	6,070 0 0	
New buildings, and repairs to existing buildings	15,000 0 0	
		21,070 0 0
		288,673 1 5
CURRENT EXPENDITURE DURING 1869:		
Rent of chief office and insurance	810 4 0	
Rent of temporary offices	1,116 10 8	
		1,926 14 8

APPENDIX L.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

RETURN SHOWING NET REVENUE FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 1869.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Cash receipts paid into Treasury from 1st January to 31st December 1869 ...	34,183 0 5	
Less amount due to other Colonies on account of intercolonial business for same period:		
New South Wales £201 1 4		
South Australia 164 9 0		
Bass Cable Company 768 3 6		
	1,133 13 10	
		33,049 6 7
Amount due by other Colonies on account of intercolonial business for same period:		
Queensland	46 11 2	
Tasmania	40 9 11	
		87 1 1
Net Revenue	...	33,136 7 8

APPENDIX M.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF BUSINESS TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE BASS STRAITS CABLE,

From the 3rd May to 31st December 1869, *inclusive.*

Date.	Number.	Amount.
From May 3 to December 31	4,479	£2,517 2 1

EXTENSIONS OF TELEGRAPH LINES IN OTHER COLONIES DURING 1869, AND LINES IN PROGRESS.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

No extension during 1869.

Line in course of erection from Roseworthy to Redroth, 72 miles.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Extension of line from Kiama to Jervis Bay, 40 miles.
" " Grafton to Clarence Heads, 41 miles.
" " Eden to Gabo Island, 37¾ miles.
" " Picton to Goulburn, main, 44 miles.
" " " " second wire, 63 miles.
" " Castle Hill to Barranjuly, 30 miles.

Extension of line from Penrith to Bathurst, main, 59 miles.
" " " " second wire, 59 miles.
Proposed line from Bathurst to Cowra.
" " Maitland to Manning River.
" " Grafton to Cassino.

QUEENSLAND.

Extension of line from Gympie to Brisbane, 108 miles.
" " Townsville to Cardwell, 102 miles.
Line in course of erection—Cardwell to Gulf of Carpentaria, 400 miles, to be completed before 1st March 1871.

Proposed line from Clermont to Springsure, 100 miles.
" " Roma to Charlesville, 200 miles.
" " Allora to Goondiwindi, 105 miles.

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