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VICTORIA.

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FOR THE YEAR

1870.

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General Post Office,

Melbourne, 31st March 1871.

Sir,

As required by the 57th section of the Post Office Statute, 29 Victoria No. 298, I have the honor to submit a General Report upon the affairs of the Post Office for the year 1870.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. TURNER,

Deputy Postmaster-General.

The Honorable

The Commissioner of Trade and Customs,

&c., &c., &c.

REPORT.

Although the business of the Department has increased considerably during the past year, the Revenue Returns are not so satisfactory as those for 1869.

The gross amounts collected in 1870 were—Postage and Money Order Commission, £126,596 ; Telegraphic Messages, £33,145.

This shows a falling off from the receipts for 1869 on postage, &c., of £624 and on telegraphic messages of £1038, which is to be accounted for by the reduction that has taken place as hereinafter mentioned in the rates of postage on intercolonial ship letters and on telegraphic messages ; and, to some extent, by the operation of the Stamp Statute, which has greatly decreased the facilities afforded to the public for the purchase of postage stamps by diminishing the number of licensed vendors. It should also be noticed in connection with the Stamp Statute, as affecting the revenue for 1870, that from the date it came into force (1st January 1870), the commission allowed to licensed vendors was reduced from 5 per cent. to 2½ per cent. Very large purchases were made in the last few days of December 1869, amounting, at least, to £1500 more than would otherwise have been the case ; and, consequently, the sum named was credited in the accounts of 1869 instead of appearing as part of the receipts of 1870, to which it fairly belonged.

But for these circumstances the revenue of the Post Office for 1870 would have shown an excess over the collections for 1869 equal to that of 1868 over 1867, or, say (£5000) five thousand pounds.

The rates on ship letters to New Zealand, New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania, were reduced from sixpence to threepence per half-ounce on the 27th May, 1st July, 1st August, and 1st November respectively.

The rates on local telegraphic messages were reduced to the uniform charge of one shilling for ten words on the 1st January 1870, and on intercolonial messages on the following dates, viz. :—South Australia, 1st August ; New South Wales and Queensland, 8th August.

The charges on intercolonial messages were fixed at a minimum of 2s. with South Australia, 3s. with New South Wales, except to Albury and Deniliquin, to which places the charge was made 2s., and 6s. with Queensland ; this Department receiving on a message to South Australia one-half, on a message to New South Wales, at 2s. rate one-half, and at 3s. rate one-third ; and on a message to Queensland one-third.

The extraordinary increase in the number of telegrams in the early part of 1870, gave promise of a business that would not only prevent any falling off in revenue but would compensate for the additional outlay occasioned by the appointment of junior operators and messengers, which the largely increased transactions that immediately followed the reduction in rates made necessary.

The failure of these expectations is, no doubt, due to the depression in business generally throughout the colony during the latter part of the past year, but more particularly to the extreme dulness that prevailed in the mining districts.

Number of Victorian Messages in 1869	256,723
„ „ „ 1870	423,591
Cash receipts on account of Victorian Messages in 1869	£24,154 6s. 9d.
„ „ „ „ 1870	£22,811 19s. 7d.
Number of Intercolonial Messages in 1869	23,747
„ „ „ 1870	31,007
Cash receipts on account of Intercolonial Messages in 1869 ...	£10,028 13s. 8d.
„ „ „ „ „ 1870 ...	£10,333 10s. 9d.
Monthly average of Intercolonial Messages, *before* reduction in rates, for seven months to 31st July 1870	2,150 per month
Monthly average of Intercolonial Messages, *after* reduction in rates, for five months from 1st August to 31st December 1870 ...	3,191 per month
Cash receipts for Intercolonial Messages, *before* reduction of rates, for seven months to 31st July 1870	£871 11s. 0d. per month
Cash receipts for Intercolonial Messages, *after* reduction of rates, for five months to 31st December 1870	£846 10s. 9d. per month

Expenditure.

The gross amount of expenditure on account of the Post Office and Telegraph under the heads Salaries and Wages, Contingencies, and Inland Mail Service, during 1870, was £14,325 in excess of that for 1869, which is to be ascribed to the appointment of additional assistant operators and telegraph messengers, £3254; annual increments allowed by law, and additional allowances to country postmasters in consequence of increased business and overtime, £1475; manufacture of stamps under Stamp Statute, £1,046; Inland Mail Service, £7347.

The amount charged against the colony of Victoria on account of Steam Postal Communication, 1870, is £35,529 5s. 8d.

An account of the revenue and expenditure will be found at page 21 of this Report.

Inland Correspondence.

According to the statement on the next page, which has been carefully compiled from the returns received from the various country post offices, and checked by the best means at the disposal of the officers of this Department, the increase in the inland correspondence in the year 1870 over that for 1869 may be estimated at six (6) per cent.

As explained in previous Reports, there are almost insuperable difficulties in the way of arriving at the exact number of inland letters that have circulated throughout the colony during any given period; nevertheless, from the various tests applied in computing the percentage of increase, that now given may be taken as closely approximating to fact.

There has also been an increase in the inland packets of nine (9) per cent., and in the inland newspapers of nearly four (4) per cent.

Intercolonial and Foreign Letters, etc.

There has been an increase in Intercolonial letters despatched since the reduction in the rate of postage at the rate of 1000 per month; the percentage of increase for 1870 over 1869 being about $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

On Intercolonial packets despatched during the same period the increase has been nearly 25 per cent., and on intercolonial newspapers six (6) per cent.

In British and Foreign ship letters, packets, and newspapers outwards, there has been an increase in letters $1\frac{3}{4}$, in packets a fraction, and in newspapers 2 per cent.

Of Intercolonial letters and packets received there has been an increase, very trifling in the letters, and about $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in packets.

In Intercolonial newspapers received there has been a falling off of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Of British and Foreign letters, packets, and newspapers received there has been a very slight increase in the letters and packets, under 1 per cent. in each case; and in newspapers a decrease of rather more than 6 per cent.

Newspapers.

Complaints are frequently made of the miscarriage of newspapers posted in England for transmission to Victoria by the English mail, and the persons who do not receive the papers which they feel certain have been forwarded for them almost invariably assume that the blame rests with the Colonial Post Office. There is, however, good reason to believe that in most cases where such complaint is made the missing newspapers have never been despatched from England, but have been detained in the London office on account of some irregularity in the posting. According to the English law the terms upon which newspapers can be forwarded by post are much more restrictive than those necessary to be observed in this colony.

The following are the heads of the leading indispensable conditions enforced in the London office:—

Newspapers must be posted within 8 days of publication.

Newspaper postage must be prepaid in full, one penny for every 4 ounces or fraction of 4 ounces.

There must be no writing or other mark on a newspaper but the name and address of the person to whom it is addressed. (The initials of the sender would lead to detention.)

Many of the persons who apply at this office for newspapers which they think they ought to have received give particulars which have been sent to them by their friends of the manner of posting the newspapers, which at once account for their not having reached this office. For instance, it is sometimes stated that the senders, for greater security, invariably write their initials in some part of the paper or wrapper, or that four weekly papers have been posted in one bundle, and there can be no reasonable doubt that, in the majority of instances in which newspapers do not reach their intended destination, the senders have failed to observe some of the regulations, the neglect of which has led to the detention of the newspapers posted by them.

Newspapers are received by the English mails without any addresses, or with the addresses partially destroyed, having been mutilated in transit, the bags in which they are conveyed and the rough handling they receive during the various transhipments between England and Australia exposing them to such violent friction as to cause nearly a sack-full to be received by each mail in the condition described. Every effort is used to deliver these to the proper owners, but not always with success; and those who are in this way deprived of their newspapers are apt, with others whose papers are not received here at all, to ascribe their loss and disappointment to dishonest practices on the part of some of the officers of this Department, on whom imputations are thus cast which are altogether undeserved.

RETURN showing the Number of Letters, Packets, and Newspapers Received and Despatched during 1870

Number of Post Offices.	Inland Letters.	SHIP LETTERS.				Total Letters.
		Despatched.		Received.		
		Colonial.	British and Foreign.	Colonial.	British and Foreign.	
677	9,288,153	375,767	550,046	374,611	544,706	11,133,283
	Inland Packets.	SHIP PACKETS.				Total Packets.
		Despatched.		Received.		
		Colonial.	British and Foreign.	Colonial.	British and Foreign.	
	344,515	16,707	8,751	7,287	36,026	413,286
	Inland Newspapers.	SHIP NEWSPAPERS.				Total Newspapers.
		Despatched.		Received.		
		Colonial.	British and Foreign.	Colonial.	British and Foreign.	
	2,697,579	368,449	582,340	247,097	1,392,017	5,287,482

REGISTERED LETTERS.

The number of registered letters posted in Victoria during the year 1870 amounted to 114,198, showing an increase in this class of letters of about 9½ per cent. over the year 1869.

DEAD LETTERS.

The following statements show the extent of business transacted in the Dead Letter Office during 1870 :—

RETURN showing the Number of Letters that passed through the Dead Letter Branch during the Year 1870.

Year.	Received.				How disposed of.			Remarks.
	Unclaimed.		Irregularly Posted.	Total.	Returned and Delivered.	Destroyed, &c.	Total.	
	Victorian.	Ship.						
1870	65,856	12,074	19,242	97,172	86,702	10,470	97,172	See below.

Seven hundred and eighty-eight registered letters are included in the above numbers; 126 contained valuable enclosures as given below, and 662 were without contents, or the value of the contents was not known to the Department.

Fifteen letters were received in Dead Letter Office during the year that bore obscene or libellous addresses.

Of the "Irregularly Posted" letters, 181 did not bear any address at all, and 424 but imperfect addresses. These could not be forwarded to intended destinations in consequence; the remainder were either totally or insufficiently prepaid. Notwithstanding that the rates of postage upon letters for New South Wales, New Zealand, South Australia, and Tasmania, had been reduced one-half during the year, there appears but a nominal falling off in the number of underpaid letters received as against the year 1869.

In addition to above number of letters, 2888 packets were also dealt with during the year.

RETURN showing the Number of Registered and Unregistered Letters containing Value, that passed through the Dead Letter Branch during the Year 1870.

Year 1870.	Received.									How dealt with.								
	Registered.			Ordinary.			Total.			Returned to Senders and Delivered.			Paid into Treasury from 55 Letters.			On hand.		
	No.	Value of Contents.		No.	Value of Contents.		No.	Value of Contents.		No.	Value of Contents.					No.	Value of Contents.	
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.				£ s. d.	
Cash, Notes, and Stamps	71	94 8 6		378	364 9 9		449	458 18 3		357	393 5 9		47 17 4			37	17 15 2	
Cheques, &c. ...	55	394 10 0		596	14,191 12 11½		651	14,586 2 11½		632	13,709 7 5½		...			19	876 15 6	
Totals ...	126	488 18 6		974	14,556 2 8½		1,100	15,045 1 2½		989	14,102 13 2½		47 17 4			56	894 10 8	

NEW POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES.

Thirty-one new Post Offices were opened in 1870, at the undermentioned places :—

Bontherambo	Dunnach (Mount	Mitta-mitta	Ormond
Brown's Plains	Greenock South)	Moolort	Oxley Plains
Bungaree Springs	Glenrowan	Morwell	Porepunka
Canterbury	Golden Lake	Murroon	Somerville
Chepstowe	Goldie	Muskvale	Strathmore
Cobram	Heyfield	Nareen	Upper Macedon
Coongulmerang	Lingham's Flat	Nagambie	Wareek
Cunninghame	Merrijig	Opossum Gully	Watgania.

Beechworth, Majorca, Sebastopol, and Walhalla, have been opened as combined Post and Telegraph Offices.

The Telegraph Office at Serpentine Creek was closed on the 3rd February 1870.

Five Post Offices were closed, viz. :—Hinds, Myers' Creek, Preston Vale, Reidford, and Verdon.

The names of the following offices have been changed :—Black Forest to "Macedon ;" Black Springs to "Eurobin ;" Mount Jeffcott to "Donald ;" Pentridge to "Coburg ;" Quartz Reefs to "Stawell ;" Spring Creek to "Graytown ;" Stawell to "Stawell West ;" Stony Creek to Durdidwarrah ;" Tootgarook to "Rye ;" and Upper Heyfield to "Cowwarr."

Post Office Savings Banks have been opened at the following places :—

Drysdale	Majorca	Steiglitz	Vaughan
Jasper Road	Nagambie	Stuartmill	Winchelsea.
Landsborough	Omeo	Sunbury	
Linton's	Penshurst	Toorak	

Money Order Offices have been established at the following places :—

Berlin	Jasper Road	Ondit	Vaughan
Caramut	Kingower	Stuartmill	Wickliffe
Drysdale	Maffra	Sunbury	Yowen Hill.
Edenhope	Nagambie	Toorak	

Total number of Post Offices, on the 31st December 1870—677.

BUILDINGS.

General Post Office Building.

It having been found necessary to provide for the increasing business of the Electric Telegraph in this building, extended accommodation has been secured for the purpose by enlarging the room previously used. This, however, has had the effect of restricting, to a somewhat inconvenient degree, the space required for sorting the English mail ; and for this reason, and with a view to the consolidation of the Department, as well as on the score of economy, it is highly desirable that other arrangements should shortly be made for removing the staff of operators now engaged at Market square to the General Post Office.

The clock bells ordered from England have arrived, and are, with the requisite machinery for striking the hours and chiming the quarters, now being hung in the tower. Glass of an improved description, intended to replace that previously used for the illuminated dials, has also been received. It is expected that the whole will be completed by the beginning of May.

The following particulars as to the dimensions, weight, and cost of the bells are given as a matter of present interest to some and for future reference :—

Particulars.	Weight.	Amount.
	cwt. qrs. lbs.	£ s. d.
Set of five bells, and fixings for same, for the General Post Office, Melbourne, viz. :—		
One 54 inch bell, E flat	32 1 3	
„ 36½ „ B flat	10 0 26	
„ 30 „ E flat	6 1 2	
„ 28 „ F	5 2 3	
„ 25 „ G	4 0 15	
At 126s. per cwt.	58 1 21	368 3 1
54 in. 36½ in. 30 in. 28 in. 25 in.		
Clappers for bells, £3 10s. £2 5s. £1 15s. £1 10s. 0d. £1 5s.		10 5 0
Iron fixings „ £2 5s. £1 10s. £1 5s. £1 2s. 6d. £1 0s.		7 2 6
		385 10 7
Less 1¼ per cent. discount		4 16 5
		380 14 2
Freight per *Clanranald*		7 4 4
Insurance		4 11 6
Shipping charges and commission		0 6 8
Total		392 16 8

Other Buildings.

In consideration of the sum of £1500 contributed by the Government, the east wing of the municipal building at Richmond has been built with special reference to its use as a post office, and on 1st September last the postal business was transferred there, and placed in charge of a Government officer.

At Walhalla, the telegraph wires having been extended from Rosedale, and the building purchased for the purpose having undergone the necessary alterations and repairs, the postal and telegraph business was placed under the charge of a Government officer from the 4th November.

The new buildings at Beechworth, Maldon, and Sale have been completed and occupied. In the first case, improved accommodation has admitted of the postal and telegraph branches being combined under the charge of one officer.

The branch telegraph line from Maryborough to Majorca having been erected, the combined postal and telegraph business is now conducted in a portion of the municipal buildings.

Repairs and alterations, more or less extensive, have been effected to the buildings in Ararat, Camperdown, Cape Schanck, Chiltern, Echuca, Hamilton, Rutherglen, Streatham, Tarnagulla, Wahgunyah, Wodonga, and Williamstown.

At the last-named place the telegraph branch has been removed to the post office building, the telegraph manager acting also as postmaster. Consequent on this arrangement, the building hitherto used as a telegraph station has been handed over to the Public Works Department.

New offices are in course of erection at Kyneton and Heathcote, and contracts have been entered into for new buildings at Beaufort and Dunolly.

Three iron receiving pillars have been erected at Sebastopol, and one at East St. Kilda. Five pillars have also been provided for Geelong, and two additional ones for Richmond, making a total of 120 iron receiving pillars now erected in Melbourne and the country.

Postage Stamps.

No change has been made in any of the stamps, and no new stamp has been issued this year.

The opinion expressed in the Report for 1869, page 12, as to the probable effect of the new Stamp Statute in reducing the number of licensed vendors of postage stamps, has been confirmed : the number of persons licensed under *The Post Office Statute* was 470 ; under the law now in force for the sale of stamps there are but 234 licensed vendors.

This must occasion considerable public inconvenience, and to some extent check correspondence in quarters where facilities for the purchase of stamps are no longer to be found ; and it is on these grounds recommended that a return should be made without delay to the old system, under which a more liberal allowance was made for commission on sales effected, and a license could be obtained for the sale of postage stamps by any respectable person carrying on a suitable business, without the conditions imposed by the new Stamp Statute.

DENOMINATION, Number, and Value of Postage Stamps Manufactured at the General Post Office during the Year 1870.

Denomination.	Number.	Value. £	s.	d.
One-penny stamps	3,642,000	15,175	0	0
One-penny stamped newspaper wrappers	Nil	Nil		
Twopenny stamps	9,594,000	79,950	0	0
Twopenny stamped envelopes	10,820	90	3	4
Twopence-farthing stamped envelopes	10,632	99	13	6
Threepenny stamps	720,000	9,000	0	0
Fourpenny stamps	168,000	2,800	0	0
Sixpenny stamps	660,000	16,500	0	0
Tenpenny stamps	120,000	5,000	0	0
One-shilling stamps	240,000	12,000	0	0
Two-shilling stamps	12,000	1,200	0	0
Five-shilling stamps	Nil	Nil		
Totals	15,177,452	141,814	16	10

DENOMINATION, Number, and Value of Postage Stamps Issued during the Year 1870.

Denomination.	Number.	Value. £	s.	d.
One-penny stamps	3,324,998	13,854	3	2
One-penny stamped newspaper wrappers	200,800	836	13	4
Twopenny stamps	8,623,458	71,862	3	0
Twopenny stamped envelopes	10,820	90	3	4
Twopence-farthing stamped envelopes	13,776	129	3	0
Threepenny stamps	220,584	2,757	6	0
Fourpenny stamps	132,144	2,202	8	0
Sixpenny stamps	816,078	20,401	19	0
Tenpenny stamps	89,246	3,718	11	8
One-shilling stamps	83,689	4,184	9	0
Two-shilling stamps	13,599	1,359	18	0
Five-shilling stamps	5,309	1,327	5	0
Totals	13,534,501	122,724	2	6

INLAND MAILS.

The amount paid for conveyance of Inland Mails, 1870 (including the sum of £6150 paid to the Department of Railways) was £74,579 11s. 1d., and the gross number of miles travelled with the Mails was 3,212,555, at an average cost of 5$\frac{4}{7}$d. per mile.

Additional Mail Services.

Extra daily mail to and from Geelong and Queenscliff during the summer season—14th February to 30th April—resumed 19th December.
To and from Belfast and Penshurst, additional mail, once a week.
To and from Ararat and Opossum Gully, daily.
To and from Crossover Diggings and Shady Creek, once a week extra on previous arrangement.
To and from Meredith and Cargarie, once a week extra.
To and from Stawell to Quartz Reefs, daily, 21st March to 16th July.
To and from Chiltern and Howlong *viâ* Brown's Plains, three days a week.
To and from Koroit and Warrnambool, two days a week.
To and from Springfield and Goldie, three days a week.
To and from Carisbrook and Moolort, three days a week.
To and from Macedon and Upper Macedon, daily.
To and from Bambra and Murroon, once a week.
To and from Nareen between Coleraine and Harrow, two days a week.
To and from Main Lead and Beaufort, three days a week.
To and from Canterbury, three days a week.
To and from Bonyeo, two days a week.
To and from Marong and Hazelglen, three days a week.
To and from Horsham and Apsley, two days a week.

To and from Piggoreet and Golden Lake, six days a week.
To and from Gordon's and Ormond, three days a week.
To and from Brown Hills and Bungaree Springs, daily.
To and from Coleraine and Casterton, three days a week.
To and from Moyston and Watgania, two days a week.
To and from Chepstowe, daily.
To and from Clunes and Glengower *viâ* Lord Clyde and Middle Creek, six days a week.
To and from Muskvale, three days a week.
To and from Burrumbeet and Weatherboard Hill, in lieu of to and from Learmonth.
To and from Wareek, daily.
To and from Welshman's Reef and Newstead, six days a week.
To and from Donnelly's Creek and Walhalla *viâ* Edwards' Reef, three days a week.
To and from Rosedale and Bald Hills, two days a week.
To and from Ballarat and Clunes, *viâ* Minersrest, Mount Blowhard, and Ascot, six days a week.
To and from Terang and Mortlake, three days extra a week (making a daily mail to Mortlake, the Darlington and Mortlake mail having been discontinued).
To and from Melbourne and Heidelberg, twice a day, in lieu of six days a week as formerly.
To and from Harkaway and Narree Warren, daily, in lieu of three days a week.
To and from Hastings and Balnarring, three days a week, in lieu of bi-weekly.
To and from Boggy Creek and Merrijig, once a week.
To and from Merton and Godfrey's Creek, six days a week, in lieu of three days a week.

Alterations in Mail Lines with a view to increased frequency, &c.

Russell Creek mails forwarded *viâ* Tangil, in lieu of *viâ* Moe.
Donnelly's Creek and Edwards' Reef mails forwarded *viâ* Walhalla three days a week, in lieu of by Rosedale and Matlock.
Bruthen mails forwarded *viâ* Bairnsdale two days a week.
Green's Creek mails forwarded daily *viâ* Avoca, in lieu of Quartz Reefs.
Longerenong mails forwarded three days a week by way of Glenorchy, in lieu of by Boga Lakes.
Clunes and Ascot mails twice daily to and from Melbourne, in lieu of once a day.
Casterton mails daily *viâ* Hamilton, in lieu of three days a week.
Mortlake mails daily *viâ* Terang, in consequence of mail service twice a week between Darlington and Mortlake being dispensed with.
Crossley and Koroit mails daily.
Heidelberg and Alphington mails twice a day, in lieu of six days a week.
Narree Warren mails daily, in lieu of three days a week.
Balnarring mails three days a week, in lieu of bi-weekly.
Godfrey's Creek mails daily, in lieu of thrice weekly.
Golden Square mails twice a day, in lieu of daily.
Lord Clyde and Middle Creek mails despatched *viâ* Clunes, in lieu of *viâ* Moorookyle.
Sebastopol and Redan Bridge mails twice a day, in lieu of daily.
Malvern morning mail received here by train from South Yarra 10.15 a.m.
Prahran and South Yarra mails received here by train at 10.15 a.m.
St. Kilda mail received here by train at 9.40 a.m.
Caramut mails forwarded *viâ* Wickliffe on Monday and Friday, in lieu of *viâ* Terang on those days.
Moorabool mails conveyed by train from Geelong, in lieu of *viâ* Batesford.
Stratford mails received at this office at 6 a.m. on day of closing English mails at this office on Saturday, for six months of the year, in addition to the thrice weekly despatch from that office.
Kensington, Moolap, and Queenscliff mails twice a day, instead of six days a week, from the 14th February to 30th April, and from the 19th December until close of summer season.
Crossover Diggings mails bi-weekly, in lieu of weekly.
Swan Hill, Wentworth, &c., lines of mails were altered as to days of departure hence to meet New South Wales postal arrangements.
The Hamilton and Penola line of mails were despatched from Ballarat at 5 a.m. on Sunday, in lieu of midnight of that day, and same with regard to mails from Hamilton for Ballarat, by which course the transmission of overland South Australian correspondence was considerably expedited.
Cargarie mails thrice weekly, in lieu of bi-weekly.
Kirkstall and Hawkesdale mails thrice weekly, in lieu of bi-weekly.
Howlong mails despatched *viâ* Chiltern, in lieu of *viâ* Albury, three days a week.
Weatherboard Hill mails forwarded *viâ* Burrumbeet, in lieu of *viâ* Learmonth.
Dromana and Mornington line of mails due here at noon, being half an hour earlier.
Donnelly's Creek mails forwarded hence *viâ* Matlock on Thursdays and Saturdays, at 5 p.m., in addition to Walhalla route.

From the 1st July considerable alterations took place in departure of trains on the Victorian Railways, but this merely affected mail services in immediate connection with the Ballarat and Castlemaine and Sandhurst lines of railway, and the following month times approaching the original hours were reverted to.

Owing to the flooded state of some portions of the country during the winter, very bad time was kept on various lines, and in one or two instances night services had to be dispensed with for a time. Considering the very heavy state of the roads throughout the colony, the inland mail service was as efficiently carried out as could be expected under the circumstances.

Extension of Telegraph Lines, etc.

The undermentioned extensions have been completed during the past year :—

Rosedale to Walhalla	32 miles
Maryborough to Majorca	7 miles
Melbourne to St. Kilda	3 miles

Projected extensions for 1871 are—

To Eldorado	10 miles
„ Wilson's Promontory ...	about 70 miles

Full particulars relating to the business of the Telegraph will be found in the statements appended to this Report.

Arrangements are in progress under which, when completed, the Department will undertake the despatch of telegrams to Point de Galle for transmission thence to Europe and the East, collecting the fees due thereon in Melbourne, and accounting for them to the proper authorities in Ceylon.

Steam Postal Communication.

The estimated proportion of the colonial moiety of the subsidy to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, and of the cost of the service to and from Point de Galle, with incidental expenses, due by Victoria for 1870, is £35,529 5s., showing a decrease on the amount for 1869 of £11,026 11s. 2d.

This difference is attributable to the cessation in January 1869 of the Mail Service *viâ* Panama ; the effect of which has been to increase the amounts chargeable to New Zealand and New South Wales and to diminish the proportion to the other colonies.

The following return shows the gross amounts chargeable to the Australian Colonies and New Zealand on account of the Mail Packet Service for the year 1870 :—

Return showing the Amounts Chargeable on the Australian Colonies and New Zealand on account of the Mail Packet Service for the Year 1870.

Colonies.	Number of Letters Inwards and Outwards in 1869.	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	990,164	10,144 17 7	16,233 11 6	7,542 10 2	...
New South Wales	414,446	4,246 5 1	6,794 14 10	3,157 0 3	2,655 15 4
South Australia	221,936	2,273 17 8	3,638 12 2	...	...
New Zealand	559,046	5,727 14 11	9,165 7 9	4,258 9 10	3,582 7 3
Tasmania	71,206	729 7 1	1,167 1 10	542 8 2	...
Queensland	178,351	1,827 6 2	2,924 0 3	1,358 11 7	1,142 17 5
Western Australia	35,774	366 11 6	586 11 8	...	...
Totals	2,470,923	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, &c., Inwards and Outwards, *viâ* Suez.	Egyptian Transit Rate on Newspapers, &c., *viâ* Suez.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	120 4 5	129 4 8	50 1 10	1,871,923	1,308 15 6	35,529 5 8
New South Wales	50 6 5	54 1 10	20 19 4	702,447	491 2 2	17,470 5 3
South Australia	26 18 11	28 19 4	11 4 7	404,791	283 0 10	6,262 13 6
New Zealand	67 17 6	72 19 4	28 5 7	1,098,465	768 0 2	23,671 2 4
Tasmania	8 12 10	9 5 10	3 12 0	219,508	153 9 4	2,613 17 1
Queensland	21 13 1	23 5 7	9 0 5	277,865	194 5 8	7,501 0 2
Western Australia	4 6 10	4 13 5	1 16 3	73,369	51 6 4	1,015 6 0
Totals	300 0 0	322 10 0	125 0 0	4,648,368	3,250 0 0	94,063 10 0

There is also in the account for 1870 a further debit of £12,132 against the colonies collectively for the service between England and Point de Galle during the years 1868 and 1869 ; this being the proportionate sum stated to be due by the Australian Colonies on account of the additional subsidy claimed by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company in virtue of clause 30 of the contract of the 19th November 1867, which is as follows.

CLAUSE 38.

"Provided also that if in any year during the continuance of this contract the entire fund accruing from all sources whatsoever and applicable to the payment of dividends on the capital employed by the company in performance of the before-mentioned services (which capital for the purposes of this agreement is now allowed to be £2,670,000) after taking into account the said sum of £400,000 and the entire revenue obtained by the company from all other sources in the performance of the before-mentioned services during such year and any balance that may have been left available for future dividends on the like capital after the last declaration of a dividend during the preceding year shall by reason or in consequence of any cause or causes not within the control of the company be less than the sum of £160,000 then and in every such case the Postmaster-General shall out of such aids and supplies as aforesaid pay to the company in respect of such year and in addition to the said subsidy of £400,000 such a sum of money as will make up the said sum of £160,000: Provided nevertheless that the total sum payable by the Postmaster-General by virtue of this clause in addition to the said subsidy of £400,000 shall not in respect of any one year exceed the sum of £100,000."

The sum in question appears to have been debited to the colonies in proportion to the number of letters carried for each colony during the years 1868 and 1869 respectively.

The estimated receipts by Victoria on account of this service during 1870 are—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Postage on letters, including registration fee ...	17,535	15	9			
Newspapers	2,426	1	9			
Packets	313	8	4			
				20,275	5	10
Showing on the year a deficiency of				£15,253	19	2

The Mail Steamers have performed the service in a very satisfactory manner, and have arrived before their time on eleven voyages out of the thirteen performed during the year, having been late only on one occasion, 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.
Avoca	January 20th ...	January 20th ...	21 3 50	...	...
Malta	February 17th ...	February 16th ...	21 9 15	...	1
Geelong	March 17th ...	March 16th ...	21 4 15	...	1
Avoca	April 14th ...	April 13th ...	20 23 10	...	1
Malta	May 12th ...	May 11th ...	20 17 15	...	1
Geelong	June 9th ...	June 5th ...	19 6 45	...	4
Malta	July 7th ...	July 6th ...	(*See* foot note)	...	1
Avoca	August 4th ...	August 6th ...	21 7 30	2	...
Geelong	September 1st ...	August 30th ...	20 18 35	...	2
Malta	September 29th ...	September 25th ...	18 8 0	...	4
Avoca	October 27th ...	October 25th ...	21 5 5	...	2
Geelong	November 24th ...	November 23rd ...	20 14 30	...	1
Rangoon	December 22nd ...	December 21st ...	20 13 25	...	1

NOTE.—The "Malta," which conveyed the outward June mails, was compelled, owing to an accident to her machinery, to return to Melbourne, after taking on board, at King George's Sound, the inward mails conveyed by the "Avoca." The time occupied by the "Avoca" from Galle to the Sound was 14 days 16 hours and 15 minutes, and the time occupied by the "Malta" from the Sound to Melbourne was 5 days 9 hours and 15 minutes, making a total of 20 days 1 hour and 30 minutes.

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 1870.

Date of Receipt.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Date of Despatch.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.
January 21st	45,244	2,460	133,394	January 4	35,439	507	44,776
February 16th	40,831	2,842	132,572	February 1	46,026	795	43,442
March 16th	45,320	2,773	133,670	March 1	44,267	789	42,423
April 13th	44,361	2,954	120,164	March 29	44,632	684	41,225
May 11th	42,997	3,097	136,177	April 24	37,533	661	37,592
June 5th	38,345	3,141	62,211	May 22	45,524	718	43,434
July 6th	39,353	3,112	65,567	June 19	46,194	662	49,351
August 6th	36,600	2,727	94,426	July 17	40,554	645	56,292
August 30th	38,394	2,040	89,696	August 14	40,390	781	49,787
September 25th ...	38,215	2,466	100,460	September 11	44,758	697	48,717
October 25th	40,115	2,458	107,818	October 11	46,131	813	45,269
November 23rd	42,491	2,451	105,476	November 8	38,035	806	39,332
December 21st	42,869	2,317	100,802	December 6	40,423	698	40,621
Totals	535,135	34,838	1,382,433	Totals	549,906	9,256	582,261

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

In accordance with the arrangements referred to at page 17 of the Post Office Report for 1869, steamers were employed under contract with the New Zealand Government early in 1870 in the conveyance of mails between Sydney and San Francisco; and mails for this colony were conveyed by these vessels from March to July inclusive. Owing, however, to the Government of New Zealand requiring a contribution at the rate of £6000 per annum towards the maintenance of the line for this privilege, and declining to accept the offer made by the Government of this colony to pay according to the weight of the correspondence forwarded from Victoria, the despatch of mails from Melbourne was discontinued after an experience of five months, during which the correspondence conveyed by the new route was but trifling, as is evidenced by the amount, £85 16s. 6d., collected on this account for postage, and remitted to New Zealand.

Telegraphic Communication with Europe and the East.

The latest information on this subject is that the steamers "Hibernia" and "Edinburgh" with the deep-sea section, and the "Investigator" with the shore end, &c., were appointed to leave England in June; and it is confidently anticipated by those engaged in carrying out the undertaking that the cables will be laid between Port Darwin and Java early in December.

Considering the satisfactory progress at present made by the South Australian Government with the construction of their overland line from Port Augusta to Port Darwin, there appears reason to believe that telegraphic communication will be established between Australia and Europe in the early part of the year 1872.

Money Order and Savings Bank Branch.

The number of Money Orders issued during the year was 91,002, against 82,234 in 1869; the difference showing an increase of 8768, or 10·66 per cent.

The number of Money Orders paid during the year was 79,191, against 69,657 in 1869; the difference showing an increase of 9534, or 13·68 per cent.

The value of the Money Orders issued during the year was £291,626 3s. 5d., against £272,531 9s. 1d. in 1869; the difference showing an increase of £19,094 14s. 4d., or 7 per cent.

The value of the Money Orders paid during the year was £261,871 15s. 0d., against £237,844 1s. 10d. in 1869; the difference showing an increase of £24,027 13s. 2d., or 10·10 per cent.

The number of new Savings Bank accounts opened during the year was 7973; the number closed, 4662; and the number remaining open on the 31st December was 21,177.

The total amount of Deposits received during the year was £242,192 3s. 6d.; and the amount repaid was £215,603 4s. 2d.

The total amount of Interest placed to the credit of the depositors for the year was £9,482 9s. 6d.

The total amount of Balances to the credit of the depositors on the 31st December 1870 was £279,550 4s. 4d., and at 31st December 1869 £243,478 15s. 6d.; the difference showing an increase of £36,071 8s. 10d., or 14·81 per cent.

The total number of depositors' accounts at 31st December 1870 being 21,177, and the amount of the balances being £279,550 4s. 4d., the average balance was £13 4s.

Of the 21,177 accounts remaining open on the 31st December :—

17,767	did not exceed	£20.		
1,962	were above	£20	but did not exceed	£50
854	„	£50	„	£100
297	„	£100	„	£150
132	„	£150	„	£200
165	„	£200		

The total number of deposits received during the year was 57,236, averaging £4 4s. 7½d. each.

The total number of repayments was 20,611, averaging £10 9s. 2½d. each.

Of the 21,177 depositors at the close of the year, 12,617 were males, and 8560 females.

Fifteen new Money Order Offices were opened, making the number open at the close of the year 195.

Thirteen new Savings Banks were opened, making the number open at the close of the year 112.

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 1870, and the Amount of Revenue Received for Commission.

Number of Money Order Offices in 1870.	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.
195	3,883 1 11	91,002	291,626 3 5	79,191	261,871 15 0	170,193	553,497 18 5

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Orders Issued and Paid at each Money Order Office in Victoria during the Year 1870.

Office.	Orders Issued.		Orders Paid.		Office.	Orders Issued.		Orders Paid.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Alexandra ...	563	1,813 17 8	176	691 8 5	Emerald Hill	602	1,609 12 1	751	2,682 13 6
Amherst ...	175	703 3 4	55	186 19 11	Epsom ...	128	353 11 7	51	155 8 0
Ararat ...	722	2,234 9 10	442	1,580 16 3	Footscray ...	56	168 16 9	68	275 19 0
Ascot ...	27	102 12 6	—	—	Fryerstown ...	259	846 5 7	102	304 0 8
Avenel ...	289	1,341 14 6	24	122 10 11	Gaffney's Creek	227	591 18 8	52	187 12 10
Avoca ...	743	2,380 14 7	280	881 2 7	Geelong ...	3,600	10,385 7 5	4,178	14,210 15 6
Bacchus Marsh	407	1,291 16 0	144	512 2 10	Gisborne ...	329	1,004 0 5	197	629 0 6
Bairnsdale ...	392	1,288 11 1	195	698 12 0	Grant ...	188	900 5 5	23	143 19 11
Ballan ...	274	960 11 10	117	320 17 6	Graytown ...	481	1,288 13 7	292	789 10 11
Ballarat ...	7,919	26,019 13 3	9,227	25,891 8 10	Guildford ...	184	627 8 8	87	270 1 0
Barry's Reef ...	204	630 15 4	23	70 6 6	Hamilton ...	769	2,491 10 0	642	2,301 6 1
Beaufort ...	476	1,406 10 5	178	558 5 7	Happy Valley	135	467 19 7	16	39 2 8
Beechworth ...	1,080	3,665 15 7	860	2,894 12 2	Hastings ...	49	226 2 1	13	98 18 6
Belfast ...	638	1,907 16 3	382	1,231 17 8	Hawthorn ...	171	505 3 6	92	346 4 11
Benalla ...	456	1,702 8 11	346	1,487 19 4	Heathcote ...	549	1,867 1 4	285	950 12 1
Berlin ...	250	977 2 9	97	390 18 5	Heidelberg ...	46	150 11 7	34	88 11 1
Branxholme ...	105	443 13 4	34	146 6 1	Hexham ...	72	233 19 9	15	79 19 6
Bright ...	397	1,412 16 9	98	420 18 7	Heywood ...	193	519 19 9	28	99 12 6
Brighton ...	139	428 7 5	149	537 8 6	Horsham ...	145	484 16 11	41	167 15 7
Broadford ...	153	489 11 2	28	106 15 10	Hotham ...	461	1,332 18 0	376	1,237 7 11
Brunswick ...	243	678 17 4	166	527 6 10	Inglewood ...	447	1,304 6 7	276	874 10 0
Buckland ...	186	864 3 0	14	85 10 0	Inverleigh ...	77	282 6 1	26	100 9 3
Bungaree ...	120	377 5 11	6	15 4 6	Jamieson ...	344	1,092 1 1	77	238 3 11
Buninyong ...	376	1,182 12 0	237	832 8 1	Jasper Road ...	4	14 10 0	—	—
Campbell's Creek	91	218 0 6	138	391 1 10	Kangaroo Flat	183	600 6 3	55	183 11 2
Camperdown ...	572	1,830 12 1	301	1,299 10 10	Keilor ...	41	126 10 9	15	72 10 0
Caramut ...	68	148 10 5	11	12 17 9	Kerang ...	39	98 1 0	22	121 9 4
Carisbrook ...	315	1,067 9 2	93	341 12 10	Kew ...	169	526 12 6	90	337 14 1
Carlton ...	499	1,490 17 2	522	1,699 0 8	Kilmore ...	688	1,785 10 6	625	2,648 8 8
Casterton ...	340	1,310 11 11	77	246 5 7	Kingower ...	59	187 7 1	21	75 16 0
Castlemaine ...	1,916	6,082 14 3	1,605	4,941 9 3	Kingston ...	200	744 11 8	32	122 19 8
Cheltenham ...	123	380 13 0	47	132 7 6	Koroit ...	142	424 18 6	24	91 17 6
Chewton ...	247	626 2 11	251	760 19 4	Kyneton ...	1,335	4,456 17 8	685	2,069 6 7
Chiltern ...	407	1,277 15 3	179	696 19 0	Lancefield ...	294	1,134 6 1	69	279 18 9
Clunes ...	1,961	5,107 11 4	652	1,890 5 9	Landsborough	189	412 14 0	59	172 4 9
Coburg ...	154	537 6 6	78	326 5 1	Learmonth ...	232	802 15 2	83	316 12 11
Colac ...	499	1,510 1 3	197	723 5 2	Lillydale ...	210	783 2 1	41	170 7 4
Coleraine ...	444	1,461 9 4	97	349 8 1	Linton's ...	303	935 13 9	114	340 19 2
Collingwood ...	1,261	3,735 11 7	1,866	5,568 14 1	Longwood ...	93	314 2 0	33	117 7 6
Cranbourne ...	67	323 18 4	20	80 12 0	Macarthur ...	129	346 16 3	28	139 3 0
Cressy ...	61	243 1 9	14	54 18 7	Maffra ...	49	194 14 0	15	61 5 2
Creswick ...	765	2,287 18 10	361	1,150 19 0	Majorca ...	453	1,273 5 9	160	618 7 2
Dandenong ...	115	354 2 4	82	235 14 2	Maldon ...	827	2,304 9 3	641	1,889 8 6
Daylesford ...	1,134	3,280 19 2	644	2,249 6 9	Malmsbury ...	317	985 12 7	173	598 1 3
Digby ...	115	292 6 7	21	88 1 10	Mansfield ...	443	1,356 4 6	97	414 9 5
Donnelly's Creek	138	480 13 5	62	384 18 3	Maryborough	1,015	3,063 14 5	463	1,550 9 6
Drysdale ...	48	164 19 7	22	95 3 4	Melton ...	78	221 11 2	34	152 14 9
Dunkeld ...	138	354 12 10	15	88 19 0	Meredith ...	334	1,210 16 2	83	389 18 9
Dunolly ...	771	1,945 17 5	433	1,236 18 11	Merino ...	231	862 16 1	62	322 8 10
Eaglehawk ...	811	2,225 5 11	193	588 6 0	Moonambel ...	89	256 14 3	35	120 18 0
Echuca ...	775	2,320 19 6	401	1,520 11 0	Moonee Ponds	120	310 8 1	70	185 3 6
Edenhope ...	57	161 7 5	2	11 8 0	Mornington ...	230	874 0 4	126	539 13 8
El Dorado ...	354	1,086 12 2	85	319 2 4	Mortlake ...	438	1,280 7 8	87	253 13 4
Eltham ...	44	300 5 6	12	69 10 0	Mt. Blackwood	328	834 5 1	56	188 16 8

RETURN showing the Number and Amount of Orders Issued and Paid at each Money Order Office in Victoria during the Year 1870—*continued.*

Office.	Orders Issued.				Orders Paid.				Office.	Orders Issued.				Orders Paid.			
	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.				No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mt. Egerton ...	306	785	15	9	102	309	17	9	Stawell ...	1,229	3,660	3	11	606	1,898	13	4
Moyston ...	147	566	6	10	48	180	3	3	Steiglitz ...	366	1,060	2	3	88	260	7	4
Nagambie ...	71	385	11	3	5	23	2	6	Stratford ...	122	327	15	10	40	153	11	10
Newbridge ...	133	480	6	4	25	130	13	0	Streatham ...	158	623	7	3	21	76	16	6
Newstead ...	161	385	12	10	55	217	16	8	Stuartmill ...	108	356	10	10	32	100	18	0
Oakleigh ...	62	151	13	8	13	23	1	6	Sunbury ...	164	623	3	3	35	130	16	10
Omeo ...	268	1,244	3	6	22	116	17	6	Swan Hill ...	83	255	10	8	61	338	0	6
Ondit ...	117	410	18	5	9	37	17	6	Talbot ...	1,053	2,926	8	9	407	1,398	0	11
Penshurst ...	235	748	6	2	52	182	9	8	Taradale ...	492	1,428	10	11	279	828	19	5
Pentland Hills	99	308	16	9	12	40	18	0	Tarnagulla ...	397	1,337	6	1	204	612	3	5
Piggoreet ...	361	1,271	2	3	88	327	5	0	Terang ...	258	920	5	9	45	192	15	10
Port Albert ...	297	879	8	11	183	662	8	6	Toorak ...	88	265	0	10	8	19	2	8
Portland ...	697	2,219	9	4	500	1,683	15	1	Traralgon ...	66	182	5	7	3	21	16	10
Prahran ...	560	1,694	6	9	532	1,743	12	11	Trentham ...	81	193	6	0	25	75	11	5
Queenscliff ...	241	953	12	9	150	577	5	3	Tylden ...	67	167	13	8	16	73	4	0
Redbank ...	74	205	13	7	33	133	19	8	Vaughan ...	63	179	13	3	27	53	5	9
Richmond ...	564	1,590	18	8	843	2,528	11	11	Wahgunyah ...	229	723	17	6	68	217	13	9
Rokewood ...	400	1,398	0	9	91	290	13	5	Walhalla ...	818	3,264	14	11	169	724	9	7
Romsey ...	173	566	1	7	38	138	5	1	Wangaratta ...	500	1,614	13	2	256	1,090	1	0
Rosedale ...	222	713	9	1	77	347	2	7	Warrnambool	954	3,103	19	11	623	2,286	19	4
Rushworth ...	426	1,630	10	8	79	231	19	8	Wedderburn ...	89	376	10	5	44	137	13	4
Rutherglen ...	235	837	3	1	96	394	10	11	Whroo ...	90	277	12	3	18	78	8	0
St. Arnaud ...	419	1,440	11	7	149	520	12	6	Wickliffe ...	101	434	12	10	16	59	15	10
St. Kilda ...	667	1,799	2	8	558	1,903	1	9	Williamstown	721	2,597	6	0	497	1,814	5	3
Sale	645	2,086	14	4	544	2,085	6	10	Winchelsea ...	243	785	14	5	70	451	1	5
Sandhurst ...	4,395	13,795	16	8	1,989	6,477	17	6	Wodonga ...	311	1,111	15	11	55	200	6	10
Sandridge ...	372	1,227	12	4	264	1,007	12	11	Woodend ...	597	1,847	14	3	156	678	3	9
Scarsdale ...	222	588	12	1	81	283	5	2	Wood's Point	671	2,199	7	6	213	913	7	5
Sebastopol ...	493	1,372	15	11	393	1,087	14	2	Yackandandah	355	1,133	17	8	168	639	7	1
Seymour ...	365	1,301	14	6	111	410	5	1	Yea ...	254	1,201	0	7	58	260	2	0
Shelford ...	55	160	18	5	27	95	3	2	Yowen Hill ...	7	22	5	0	1	2	0	0
Skipton ...	225	721	8	7	26	97	1	7									
Smeaton ...	230	703	3	1	30	109	12	6		74,901	236,823	7	10	45,792	151,294	2	10
Smythesdale ...	322	903	3	2	361	1,427	0	5	Melbourne ...	16,101	54,802	15	7	33,399	110,577	12	2
Snake Valley ...	199	643	4	7	59	186	3	5									
Snowy Creek ...	30	88	4	10	10	72	1	6									
South Yarra ...	280	988	9	10	249	856	17	10	Totals ...	91,002	291,626	3	5	79,191	261,871	15	0

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the various Places where the Money Orders issued in Victoria during the Years 1870 and 1869 were made payable.

Place.	1870.				1869.			
	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Victoria	65,547	203,160	19	1	57,407	185,059	10	10
England	13,141	40,880	14	2	12,615	40,010	16	8
Ireland	4,348	17,454	6	7	4,425	17,722	5	7
Scotland	3,013	11,033	0	11	3,027	11,232	11	11
New South Wales	1,726	6,129	2	7	1,680	6,424	1	1
New Zealand	719	3,486	5	4	739	3,377	5	3
South Australia	1,319	4,436	17	11	1,014	3,525	10	8
Queensland	287	1,149	1	0	540	1,940	6	5
Tasmania	886	3,841	17	10	764	3,164	13	10
Western Australia	16	53	18	0	23	74	6	10
Totals	91,002	291,626	3	5	82,234	272,531	9	1

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT showing the various Places where the Orders paid in Victoria during the Years 1870 and 1869 were originally issued.

Place.	1870.				1869.			
	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Victoria	65,478	203,227	11	10	57,358	185,195	15	2
England	2,873	12,635	12	6	2,708	11,944	11	1
Ireland	228	861	12	8	175	742	14	10
Scotland	213	700	3	9	180	690	19	9
New South Wales	2,852	11,549	14	8	2,315	8,973	12	5
New Zealand	3,862	17,943	3	8	3,385	15,991	16	3
South Australia	1,404	5,058	11	8	1,404	5,124	2	3
Queensland	584	2,763	1	9	639	2,855	19	9
Tasmania	1,548	6,299	10	7	1,361	5,464	12	9
Western Australia	149	832	11	11	132	859	17	7
Totals	79,191	261,871	15	0	69,657	237,844	1	10

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 1870; 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 1869.	No. of accounts opened during 1870.	No. of accounts closed during 1870.	No. of accounts open at close of 1870.	Balances on 31st December 1869.	Deposits received in 1870, including Interest.		Withdrawals paid during 1870.		Balances remaining at close of 1870.
							No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
						£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Alexandra ..	1st Nov. 1869 ..	13	15	8	20	44 8 9	108	175 18 1	12	93 10 9	126 16 1
Ararat	1st Jan. 1866 ..	80	23	6	97	711 9 7	103	615 10 3	39	403 10 10	923 9 0
Avenel	1st Nov. 1869 ..	3	6	2	7	6 5 0	8	51 11 8	9	49 5 1	8 11 7
Avoca	6th Nov. 1865 ..	135	28	13	150	2,655 10 9	163	1,528 14 0	90	1,388 7 6	2,795 17 3
Bacchus Marsh ..	17th Sept. 1866 ..	39	4	3	40	155 17 7	53	70 4 11	10	49 19 10	176 2 8
Bairnsdale ..	1st Nov. 1869 ..	4	12	7	9	11 1 0	36	80 5 10	14	49 16 3	41 10 7
Ballan	1st Nov. 1869 ..	11	8	2	17	40 1 2	36	149 4 4	8	58 5 10	130 19 8
Ballarat	11th Sept. 1865 ..	1,123	416	327	1,212	12,921 11 5	2,389	13,122 8 10	1,274	10,604 14 3	15,439 6 0
Beaufort	1st Dec. 1865 ..	18	7	2	23	249 14 10	20	113 17 8	5	30 16 11	332 15 7
Beechworth ..	11th Sept. 1865 ..	448	110	90	468	3,614 17 3	768	3,154 2 6	253	2,774 4 3	3,994 15 6
Belfast	1st Feb. 1866 ..	14	1	1	14	381 16 8	18	524 9 4	12	259 1 10	647 4 2
Benalla	15th April 1867 ..	47	13	14	46	750 8 3	75	406 5 1	28	292 1 9	864 11 7
Bright	1st Feb. 1868 ..	94	15	25	84	828 11 4	81	300 1 9	59	574 10 4	554 2 9
Brighton	1st Oct. 1866 ..	15	8	2	21	124 19 10	68	255 0 9	5	5 16 8	374 3 11
Brunswick ..	1st Oct. 1867 ..	116	52	21	147	368 5 2	838	602 1 1	101	386 10 0	583 16 3
Buninyong ..	12th July 1866 ..	124	24	12	136	1,815 13 2	266	1,289 19 3	95	1,154 12 1	1,951 0 4
Campbell's Creek	25th March 1869	15	6	2	19	157 10 8	18	82 2 6	11	182 7 6	57 5 8
Camperdown ..	1st Dec. 1865 ..	46	22	10	58	189 12 3	109	224 1 1	20	158 2 7	255 10 9
Carisbrook ..	17th Sept. 1866 ..	102	21	11	112	1,040 4 8	193	751 19 10	51	421 3 8	1,371 0 10
Carlton	1st Oct. 1867 ..	126	118	46	198	901 5 4	1,315	1,653 2 10	234	1,386 11 11	1,167 16 3
Casterton	1st Nov. 1869 ..	11	11	3	19	50 1 7	37	186 1 9	5	20 10 7	215 12 9
Castlemaine ..	11th Sept. 1865 ..	105	19	19	105	1,668 13 6	229	1,015 9 0	80	825 3 1	1,858 19 5
Cheltenham ..	1st Feb. 1868 ..	120	26	13	133	585 11 0	428	327 13 3	65	224 19 7	688 4 8
Chiltern	6th Nov. 1865 ..	49	11	14	46	407 11 6	63	509 16 9	40	352 2 9	565 5 6
Clunes	6th Nov. 1865 ..	166	77	52	191	1,328 0 10	343	1,384 17 9	145	1,365 1 7	1,347 17 0
Coburg	17th Sept. 1866 ..	37	25	5	57	181 18 5	178	305 16 6	31	193 9 7	294 5 4
Colac	6th Nov. 1865 ..	38	11	2	47	286 17 9	35	245 2 8	17	123 12 1	408 8 4
Coleraine	1st Nov. 1869 ..	7	21	3	25	7 13 6	67	188 12 3	4	11 19 3	184 6 6
Collingwood ..	15th Nov. 1865 ..	1,528	721	492	1,757	16,294 1 2	6,053	16,645 4 7	1,840	15,914 8 11	17,024 16 10
Creswick	6th Nov. 1865 ..	128	47	26	149	1,341 9 7	352	1,214 18 1	132	1,288 5 2	1,268 2 6
Daylesford ..	1st Jan. 1869 ..	40	35	7	68	720 17 3	213	602 15 10	57	300 7 6	1,023 5 7
Drysdale ..	1st Jan. 1870 ..	..	12	1	11	..	40	269 6 6	3	24 8 0	244 18 6
Dunolly	1st Dec. 1865 ..	97	31	22	106	1,931 4 0	339	860 1 0	97	1,045 18 11	1,745 6 1
Eaglehawk ..	23rd Nov. 1868 ..	22	12	6	28	121 7 4	91	145 7 3	22	136 1 2	130 13 5
Echuca	1st Feb. 1866 ..	92	62	25	129	868 7 6	331	925 1 9	97	920 10 9	872 18 6
Emerald Hill ..	4th June 1866 ..	280	211	109	382	641 6 0	1,909	1,436 10 4	352	1,133 17 1	933 19 3
Footscray	1st Oct. 1867 ..	10	8	1	17	18 12 1	46	27 6 2	2	5 5 8	40 12 7
Fryerstown ..	1st Aug. 1867 ..	51	9	5	55	316 12 9	112	185 9 8	12	219 1 10	293 0 7
Geelong	11th Sept. 1865 ..	1,137	366	247	1,256	15,147 16 3	3,042	10,684 11 10	939	8,799 7 8	17,033 0 5
Gisborne	1st Nov. 1869 ..	8	16	1	23	14 6 3	291	128 7 8	6	36 3 3	106 10 8
Graytown ..	12th July 1869 ..	72	34	31	75	972 1 10	237	823 5 5	131	823 1 8	972 5 7
Guildford ..	1st Oct. 1867 ..	17	6	4	19	232 19 2	37	78 19 8	16	139 4 3	172 14 7
Hamilton	12th July 1866 ..	44	25	20	49	744 13 3	101	953 12 4	44	588 4 6	1,110 1 1
Hawthorn ..	1st Oct. 1867 ..	64	48	4	108	525 16 8	338	933 14 11	73	493 3 9	966 7 10
Heathcote ..	12th July 1866 ..	130	44	16	158	6,172 3 7	216	3,134 19 5	108	2,772 17 2	6,534 5 10
Heywood	1st Nov. 1869 ..	2	7	1	8	15 16 0	20	82 7 0	3	23 13 0	74 10 0
Horsham	1st Nov. 1869 ..	9	11	1	19	75 17 2	32	295 16 9	5	96 2 8	275 11 3
Hotham	1st Oct. 1867 ..	119	139	42	216	700 7 10	1,269	1,435 8 4	205	971 14 9	1,164 1 5
Inglewood ..	1st Jan. 1866 ..	85	30	11	104	363 6 0	195	513 9 7	43	230 6 7	646 9 0
Jamieson	1st Nov. 1869 ..	11	19	9	21	511 0 11	57	462 14 5	12	200 19 6	772 15 10
Jasper Road ..	8th Aug. 1870 ..	..	3	..	3	..	5	41 18 1	..	..	41 18 1
Keilor	17th Sept. 1866 ..	9	..	..	9	93 16 6	..	3 13 0	..	..	97 9 6
Kew	1st Oct. 1867 ..	4	7	7	4	112 8 3	25	107 5 11	11	175 6 8	44 7 6
Kilmore	6th Nov. 1865 ..	67	15	9	73	624 8 9	174	700 17 7	45	383 11 5	941 14 11
Kingston	1st Jan. 1869 ..	68	16	11	73	141 15 9	163	158 2 4	40	157 10 0	142 8 1
Kyneton	6th Nov. 1865 ..	72	26	9	89	1,554 7 8	152	825 10 1	47	1,238 17 11	1,140 19 10
Landsborough ..	1st Jan. 1870 ..	..	27	3	24	..	411	81 14 3	5	22 1 8	59 12 7
Learmonth ..	1st Nov. 1869 ..	1	3	3	1	3 0 0	4	12 14 0	5	15 1 0	0 13 0
Linton's	1st Jan. 1870 ..	..	20	..	20	..	41	36 15 10	..	..	36 15 10
Macarthur ..	18th Sept. 1869 ..	9	13	6	16	209 5 6	58	364 12 3	15	292 1 2	281 16 7
Majorca	2nd May 1870 ..	..	10	1	9	..	28	109 15 3	3	35 15 5	73 19 10
Maldon	6th Nov. 1865 ..	230	33	23	240	1,278 16 6	304	1,106 18 6	99	934 8 11	1,446 6 1
Malmsbury ..	1st Nov. 1869 ..	6	11	1	16	2 10 6	59	143 11 3	6	49 0 3	97 1 6
Mansfield	1st Nov. 1869 ..	4	43	2	45	17 17 6	165	241 12 2	14	51 17 10	207 11 10
Maryborough ..	11th Sept. 1865 ..	205	64	48	221	2,548 0 5	341	2,473 8 7	186	2,781 11 5	2,239 17 7
Merino	13th Nov. 1868 ..	12	7	3	16	588 13 0	17	360 16 0	19	488 5 8	451 3 4
Moonee Ponds ..	17th Sept. 1866 ..	78	24	12	90	675 1 0	262	705 13 7	54	626 17 6	753 17 1

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 1870.	No. of accounts closed during 1870.	No. of accounts open at close of 1870.	Balances on 31st December 1869.	Deposits received in 1870, including Interest.		Withdrawals paid during 1870.		Balances remaining at close of 1870.
							No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
						£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mornington	1st Nov. 1869	6	5	..	11	137 14 7	33	302 6 9	4	25 0 0	475 1 4
Mortlake	1st Nov. 1869	8	12	2	18	166 17 6	52	299 1 8	7	61 9 0	404 10 2
Mount Egerton	1st Oct. 1869	2	14	8	8	35 3 0	38	529 12 8	7	83 0 0	481 15 8
Newstead	18th Sept. 1869	4	7	2	9	10 0 7	22	54 8 11	4	8 0 4	56 9 2
Omeo	1st Jan. 1870	..	16	1	15	..	18	733 1 0	1	10 1 4	722 19 8
Penshurst	1st Jan. 1870	..	2	..	2	..	2	45 18 4	..	..	45 18 4
Piggoreet	1st Nov. 1869	6	16	2	20	87 8 5	50	208 9 11	6	66 0 4	289 18 0
Port Albert	1st Dec. 1865	49	16	7	58	1,620 3 7	106	508 2 7	32	517 6 3	1,610 19 11
Portland	1st Dec. 1865	11	4	1	14	200 0 3	13	130 19 4	3	9 19 0	321 0 7
Prahran	4th June 1866	405	207	122	490	3,286 19 10	1,593	3,445 1 11	392	2,927 11 11	3,804 9 10
Queenscliff	12th July 1866	108	14	8	114	475 15 6	196	352 11 1	28	282 12 3	545 14 4
Richmond	1st Oct. 1867	90	117	29	178	1,397 8 10	542	1,617 10 8	155	1,624 0 10	1,390 18 8
Rokewood	15th April 1867	126	18	19	125	3,373 15 7	114	1,623 16 8	102	2,153 14 5	2,843 17 10
Rosedale	16th April 1868	47	14	14	47	212 4 1	389	273 16 9	23	164 7 7	321 13 3
Rushworth	13th Nov. 1868	62	27	6	83	1,779 2 3	519	2,015 12 7	50	1,760 0 2	2,034 14 8
Rutherglen	1st Dec. 1865	28	5	3	30	269 3 2	46	136 18 7	15	246 9 4	159 12 5
St. Arnaud	1st Nov. 1867	39	12	5	46	420 9 3	118	276 3 3	30	165 3 8	531 8 10
St. Kilda	4th June 1866	137	88	29	196	968 7 9	535	1,360 13 8	171	969 8 1	1,359 13 4
Sale	6th Nov. 1865	116	44	16	144	1,169 7 8	205	1,275 16 1	67	968 13 2	1,476 10 7
Sandhurst	11th Sept. 1865	496	242	156	582	4,302 1 8	1,464	5,877 15 9	452	4,466 10 7	5,713 6 10
Sandridge	6th Nov. 1865	136	75	32	179	728 2 4	555	1,019 0 8	137	839 10 1	907 12 11
Scarsdale	1st Nov. 1867	25	1	3	23	103 15 4	17	149 15 8	10	55 8 0	198 3 0
Sebastopol	1st Nov. 1869	2	28	6	24	10 1 0	72	443 2 6	18	186 17 6	266 6 0
Seymour	1st Nov. 1869	4	4	2	6	75 19 11	9	59 12 5	5	30 5 11	105 6 5
Smythesdale	1st Dec. 1865	35	9	5	39	462 4 0	62	544 4 11	26	207 0 3	799 8 8
South Yarra	1st Jan. 1867	146	73	42	177	1,962 9 8	553	1,172 17 5	156	1,422 7 6	1,712 19 7
Stawell	1st Dec. 1867	65	76	30	111	771 1 4	319	1,246 8 9	63	461 6 6	1,556 3 7
Steiglitz	1st Jan. 1870	..	16	3	13	..	63	239 10 6	11	108 5 10	131 4 8
Stuartmill	1st April 1870	..	11	2	9	..	17	130 9 7	7	80 18 0	49 11 7
Sunbury	2nd May 1870	..	30	..	30	..	112	144 4 7	2	7 15 0	136 9 7
Swan Hill	1st Dec. 1865	28	8	2	34	295 7 4	89	174 0 5	5	37 1 2	432 6 7
Talbot	6th Nov. 1865	130	71	43	158	1,298 2 7	418	1,726 8 11	124	1,167 1 5	1,857 10 1
Taradale	1st Nov. 1869	11	44	4	51	28 19 10	424	309 12 10	15	51 1 6	287 11 2
Tarnagulla	6th Nov. 1868	38	16	8	46	344 2 5	59	191 18 0	27	259 19 9	276 0 8
Toorak	17th Jan. 1870	..	32	3	29	..	264	221 11 10	8	18 9 1	203 2 9
Vaughan	17th Jan. 1870	..	16	..	16	..	35	249 0 1	11	43 0 0	206 0 1
Wangaratta	1st Feb. 1866	85	30	9	106	554 4 2	123	556 12 3	59	623 5 3	487 11 2
Warrnambool	1st Dec. 1865	34	25	7	52	230 17 8	84	772 14 0	19	421 19 8	581 12 0
Whroo	1st Feb. 1868	47	5	7	45	225 13 3	62	205 12 3	18	149 1 0	282 4 6
Williamstown	11th Sept. 1865	613	145	94	664	10,019 4 0	1,480	8,015 5 5	521	8,014 12 3	10,019 17 2
Winchelsea	9th May 1870	..	29	4	25	..	51	237 8 9	10	39 1 1	198 7 8
Woodend	1st Nov. 1869	28	32	9	51	64 15 8	678	435 10 0	21	88 11 6	411 14 2
Wood's Point	1st Jan. 1869	65	32	26	71	1,426 18 7	200	1,372 19 4	77	1,680 7 5	1,119 10 6
Yackandandah	1st Jan. 1868	76	18	18	76	858 12 2	95	434 16 5	55	558 10 1	734 18 6
		11,125	5,031	2,723	13,433	126,483 11 5	37,471	119,889 14 4	10,419	99,917 2 11	146,386 2 10
Melbourne	11th Sept. 1865	6,741	2,942	1,939	7,744	117,045 4 1	19,770	131,804 18 8	10,203	115,686 1 3	133,164 1 6
	Totals	17,866	7,973	4,662	21,177	243,478 15 6	57,241	251,674 13 0	20,622	215,603 4 2	279,550 4 4

PROGRESSIVE STATEMENT of the Money Order System in Victoria for the Decennial Period from 31st December 1860 to 31st December 1870.

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.
1861	39	419 16 6	13,704	52,629 6 5	13,578	51,753 0 4	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
1870	195	3,883 1 11	91,002	291,626 3 5	79,191	261,871 15 0	170,193	553,497 18 5

PROGRESSIVE STATEMENT of the Post Office Savings Banks in Victoria from the commencement of the system, 11th September 1865, to the 31st December 1870.

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
1870	112	57,241	242,192 3 6	20,622	215,603 4 2	9,482 9 6	279,550 4 4	7,973	4,662	21,177	13 4 0

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL in account with the Depositors from the 1st January to 31st December 1870.

Dr. *Cr.*

1870.		£ s. d.	1870.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31	To Balance from 1869 ...	243,478 15 6	Jan. 1 to Dec. 31	By Repayments to Depositors during 1870	215,603 4 2
	„ Deposits received during 1870	242,192 3 6		„ Balance due to Depositors...	279,550 4 4
	„ Interest due to Depositors for 1870	9,482 9 6			
		495,153 8 6			495,153 8 6

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL in account with The Honorable the Treasurer on account of Savings Bank transactions for the Year 1870.

Dr. *Cr.*

1870.		£ s. d.	1870.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31	To Balance, being Deposits received in 1869, and paid into Treasury in January 1870	8,461 9 0	Jan. 1 to Dec. 31	By Balance, being amount due by Treasury for repayments to Depositors during 1870	4,425 2 2
	„ Deposits received during 1870	242,192 3 6		„ Repayments to Depositors in 1870	215,603 4 2
	„ Cash received from Treasury	224,459 5 4		„ Cash paid into the Treasury	250,433 16 2
	„ Interest allowed to Depositors for 1870	9,482 9 6		„ Amount due to Trust Fund for Interest credited to Depositors in 1870... ...	9,482 9 6
	„ Balance due from Treasury, to replace money drawn from Money Order Account to repay Depositors ...	2,841 3 2		„ Cash in hand awaiting lodgment in Treasury ...	7,491 18 6
		487,436 10 6			487,436 10 6

CHANGES IN AND PRESENT STRENGTH OF THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The services of the Telegraph Manager at Albury were dispensed with on the 14th January 1870, and on the 31st October the Victorian operators were altogether withdrawn from that station, an agreement having been entered into with the New South Wales Government to conduct the business for this Colony, in consideration of a contribution towards the maintenance of the Telegraph station at Albury of £200 per annum. The saving effected by this change is shown at page 7 of the Report for 1869.

The extension of the facilities for telegraphic communication, through the reduction of the rates formerly charged, rendered necessary a considerable increase in the staff of Telegraphic Messengers, and, in consequence, those messengers who had served satisfactorily for one year as supernumeraries have been provided for on the 3rd Schedule, and their places filled up as the augmentation of business demanded.

Within the year 1870 eight officers resigned their appointments; one officer (5th Class) was superannuated; three officers retired from ill-health; two died; and three were dismissed.

The following Statements show the number of officers and others employed in the Post and Telegraph Department, and of those absent on account of sickness, during 1870 :—

STATEMENT showing the Number of Officers, &c., employed in the Post and Telegraph Department in 1870.

Office.	Postmasters and Telegraph Managers.	Officers, Clerks, and Operators.	Sorters.	Instrument Fitters.	Mail Guards and Letter-carriers.	Line Repairers and Signalmen.	Printer's Assistants.	Mail Master and Boatmen.	Office Keepers and Messengers.	Carpenters, Gas Engineer, Night Watchman, and Constables.	Supernumeraries.	Total.	Remarks.
Melbourne, P.O.	...	102	15	...	83	...	7	5	4	7	43	266	25 Supernumeraries employed on the arrival of the English mail.
Melbourne, E.T.	2	24	...	4	...	4	...	...	22	...	...	56	
Albury, Telegr., N.S.W.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	This station was discontinued 30th November 1870, and two officers of the New South Wales staff are paid an allowance on account of the business of this colony.
Ararat ...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	4	
Avoca ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Bairnsdale ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Ballarat, P.O....	1	5	1	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	12 Supernumeraries employed on the arrival of the English mail.
Ballarat, E.T....	1	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	7	...	...	13	
Beaufort ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Beechworth ...	1	1	1	...	2	1	...	...	2	...	...	8	
Belfast ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	4	
Benalla ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Bright ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Brighton ...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Buninyong ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Camperdown ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	
Cape Schanck...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Cape Otway ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Carisbrook ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Casterton ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Castlemaine, P.O.	1	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Castlemaine, E.T.	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	4	
Chiltern ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Clunes ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	4	
Colac ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Coleraine ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Collingwood ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	4	
Creswick ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	
Daylesford ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	5	
Dunolly ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	
Echuca ...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	
Flinders ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Geelong ...	1	7	1	...	9	1	...	...	4	...	...	23	4 Supernumeraries employed on the arrival of the English mail.
Graytown ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Hamilton ...	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	5	
Heathcote ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	
Hexham ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Inglewood ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Jamieson ...	...	1*	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Kerang ...	...	...	...	...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	1	2	* Acting Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Kilmore ...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Kyneton ...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	
Linton's ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Longwood ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Majorca ...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	* Postmistress, paid out of allowances to country postmasters.
Maldon ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	
Malmsbury ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Mansfield ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Maryborough...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	5	
Mornington ...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	* Postmistress, paid out of allowances to country postmasters.
Mortlake ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Mount Gambier, S.A.	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Newstead ...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	* Postmistress, paid out of allowances to country postmasters.
Penshurst ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Port Albert ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Portland ...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	4	
Queenscliff ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	
Richmond ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Rosedale ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Rutherglen ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Sale	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	4	

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

Office.	Postmasters and Telegraph Managers.	Officers, Clerks, and Operators.	Sorters.	Instrument Fitters.	Mail Guards and Letter-carriers.	Line Repairers and Signalmen.	Printer's Assistants.	Mail Master and Boatmen.	Office Keepers and Messengers.	Carpenters, Gas Engineer, Night Watchman, and Constables.	Supernumeraries.	Total.	Remarks.
Sandhurst ...	1	2	2	...	5	1	...	...	4	...	...	15	One Supernumerary occasionally employed.
Sandridge ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Sebastopol ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	
Seymour ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Smythesdale ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
St. Arnaud ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Stawell ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	
Stuartmill ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Streatham ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Swan Hill ...	...	...	...	...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	1	* Acting Postmaster.
Talbot ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	
Taradale ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Tarnagulla ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Wahgunyah ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Walhalla ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Wangaratta ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	
Warrnambool...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	5	
Williamstown...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	5	One Supernumerary occasionally employed.
Wodonga ...	...	1*	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	* Assistant Operator acting as Postmaster and Telegraph Manager.
Woodend ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	Railway Telegraph Station.
Wood's Point...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Yackandandah	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Totals ...	59	167	24	4	141	19	7	5	102	7	49	584	

This list includes additional Telegraph Messengers and Assistant Letter-carriers appointed in 1870, and fourteen of the Supernumeraries included in the column of "Remarks" in return at page 5 of Report for 1869.

RETURN of Officers, &c., Absent from duty on account of Illness during 1870.

Branch.	Number of Officers, &c., Employed.		Number of days Absent.	Remarks.
	Number Employed.	Number Absent.		
Correspondence branch	8	2	33	One officer absent 29 days, and one absent 4 days.
Accounts branch	10	4	60	One officer absent 47 days.
Mail branch	57	37	238	One officer absent 67 days, one 27 days, one 26 days, and four 59 days, showing seven officers absent during 179 days.
Dead-letter branch	4	2	15	One officer absent during 14 days.
Stores and Printing	26	10	25	
Money Order and Savings Banks ...	16	10	99	One officer absent during 51 days.
Stamp branch	4	2	13	One officer absent during 12 days.
Totals	125	67	483	

Out of eleven mail-guards, four were absent from sickness during 21 days.
Out of thirty-six letter-carriers, twenty-three were absent during 226 days. Of this number one was absent during 42 days, one 35 days, one 24 days, one 21 days, and one 20 days, showing five letter-carriers absent during 142 days.
Two letter-carriers belonging to the Melbourne establishment died during the year.

STATEMENT of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 1870.

1870.—REVENUE.	£	s.	d.	1870.—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	128,046	1	10	Salaries and wages, occasional assistance, and overtime	110,872	6	6
Electric Telegraph collections, including amount collected on account of other colonies, and the Submarine Cable Company	33,145	10	4	Contingencies	15,863	13	11
Deficit	85,803	3	7	Commission to licensed vendors of postage stamps	1,449	12	6
				Mail service inland, including landing and shipping mails	75,764	1	11
				Gratuities to masters of vessels ...	1,476	14	9
				Estimated amount of postal collections on account of other Governments ...	3,817	12	10
				Steam postal communication with Great Britain	35,529	5	8
				Electric Telegraph collections on account of other colonies ... £1,019 16 0			
				Submarine Cable Company 1,201 11 8			
					2,221	7	8
	246,994	15	9		246,994	15	9

Conclusion.

It now only remains to be added that the officers of the Department have, as a rule, maintained the character for zeal and efficiency in the performance of their duties which has been recorded in their favor in previous Reports.

W. TURNER.

General Post Office,
31st March 1871.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

POST OFFICE BRANCH.

STATEMENT showing Particulars of Inland Mail Service performed in Victoria during the Year 1870.

Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
To and from Keilor-road Railway Station and Bacchus Marsh, by way of Melton	Twice a day ...	Coach ...	19		23,712
to and from Bacchus Marsh and Buninyong Railway Station, by way of Pentland Hills, Ballan, Gordon's, Mount Egerton, and Dunnstown	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	37		23,088
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, Shady Creek, Moe, Traralgon, and Rosedale	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	130		81,120
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 Tangil and Russell's Creek ...	Once a week ...	Horseback	8		2,496
to and from Shady Creek and Crossover Diggings	Once a week ...	Horseback	8		2,496
to and from Oakleigh and Mulgrave	Three days a week	Horseback	6		1,872
to and from Rosedale and Walhalla, by way of Toongabbie and Happy-go-Lucky ...	Three days a week	Horseback	30		6,240
to and from Sale and Bairnsdale, by way of Stratford (telegraph line)	Three days a week	Coach ...	50		15,600
with a branch mail to and from Fernbank ...	Three days a week	Horseback	6		1,248
to and from Melbourne and Beechworth, by way of Campbellfield, Somerton, Donnybrook, Beveridge, Wallan-wallan, Kilmore, Broadford, Tallarook, 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 Springs, 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	Horseback	6		1,872
to and from Black Springs and Running Creek ...	Three days a week	Horseback	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 Doon and Dry Creek	Two days a week ...	Horseback	7		1,456
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	44,580 0 0	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

STATEMENT showing Particulars of Inland Mail Service performed in Victoria, 1870.—*continued.*

Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
to and from Sandhurst and Wedderburn, by way of Marong, Inglewood, and Old Inglewood	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	48		29,952
to and from Inglewood and Wehla, by way of Kingower and Tyler's Rush	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	20		12,480
to and from Marong and Bullock Creek ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3		1,872
to and from Burke's Flat and Wehla	Three days a week	Horseback	8		2,496
to and from Wedderburn and East Charlton ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	18		3,744
to and from East Charlton (Yowen Hill) and Towaninnie, by way of Glenloth and Whycheproof	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, Sandon, Glengower, Moorookyle, Smeaton, and Kingston	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	43		26,832
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 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		1,560
to and from Mount Blackwood and Barry's Reef...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	3		1,872
to and from Mount Blackwood and Ballarat, by way of Greendale and Ballan	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	42		26,208
to and from Dunolly and St. Arnaud, by way of Goldsboro' 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 Eversley and Mount Cole	Two days a week ...	Horseback	10		2,080
to and from Avoca and Stawell, by way of Moonambel and Landsborough	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	46		28,704
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 Armstrong's, Great Western, and Quartz Reefs	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	20		12,480
to and from Stawell and Horsham, by way of Deep Lead, Ledcourt Bridge, and Boga Lakes	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	48		29,952
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, Yarrock, and Cove	Once a week ...	Horseback	56		5,824
to and from Horsham and Werracknebeal, by way of Sheep Hill Station and Kewell	Two days a week ...	Horseback	48		9,984
to and from Werracknebeal and Lake Corong ...	Once a week ...	Horseback	40		4,160
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 Avoca, by way of Amherst	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	17		10,608
to and from Talbot and Majorca, by way of Cockatoo	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	7		4,368
to and from Ballarat and Clunes, by way of Minersrest, Mount Blowhard, and Ascot	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	21		13,104
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

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
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 Linton's, by way of Smythesdale and Scarsdale	Twice a day ...	Coach ...	16		19,968
to and from Linton's 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 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 Lindsay	Three days a week	Horseback	25		7,800
to and from Coleraine and Harrow	Two days a week ...	Horseback	36		7,488
to and from Casterton and Portland, by way of Sandford, Merino, Digby, Hotspur, and Heywood	Three days a week	Coach ...	55		17,160
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, McArthur, 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 Wickliffe and Ararat, by way of Kiora	Three days a week	Coach ...	30		9,360
to and from Geelong and Darlington, by way of Murgheboluc, Inverleigh, Cressy, Lismore, and Tooliorook	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	78		16,224
to and from Mortlake and Warrnambool, by way of Ellerslie, Ballangeich, Framlingham, and Woodford	Two days a week ...	Coach ...	38		7,904
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, Clifford, Mount Moriac, Winchelsea, Mount Gellibrand, Colac, Larpent, Pomborneit, 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, by way of Crossley	Six days a week ...	Horseback	5¼		3,276
to and from Terang and Mortlake [a]	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	15		9,360
to and from Mortlake and Hamilton, by way of Hexham, Caramut, Penshurst, Croxton East, and Hochkirch	Three days a week	Coach ...	36		11,232
to and from Leigh-road Railway Station and Smythesdale, by way of Teesdale, Shelford, Rokewood, Rokewood Junction, Bulldog Flat, Cape Clear, and Scarsdale [b]	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 Break-o'-Day and Dereel	Two days a week ...	Horseback	6		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, whenever required					
Conveyance of English mails from Queenscliff to Geelong [c]	Every four weeks ...	American waggon	...	65 0 0	260
Conveyance of special mails between Geelong and Queenscliff [d]	... ...	... ...	...	37 10 0	500
Conveyance of all mails between the General Post Office and the Wharves at Melbourne and Sandridge, inclusive of the transport of the English mails	... ...	... ...	40 per diem		12,480
from Melbourne to Sandridge, by way of Emerald Hill	Twice a day ...	Spring-cart & horseback	3	530 0 0	1,872
from Sandridge to Melbourne, by way of Emerald Hill, including the conveyance of the letter-carriers to and from Sandridge, Emerald Hill, and Melbourne	Three times a day...	Spring-cart & horseback	...		2,808
	Once a day ...	Spring-cart or cab			

See preceding page.

(*a*) Frequency between Terang and Mortlake, increased from three to six days a week, in consideration of the service between Darlington and Mortlake being discontinued.—(*b*) During the winter months, upon times being modified, the service between Smythesdale and Rokewood was performed daily without extra cost to the Department.—(*c*) £5 per trip, being thirteen trips.—(*d*) £1 10s. per trip, being twenty-five trips.

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
To and from Rosedale and Port Albert, by way of Tarraville and Woodside	Three days a week	Horseback	40		12,480
to and from Sale and Port Albert, by way of La Trobe Bridge, Woodside, and Tarraville	Once a week ...	Horseback	53	280 0 0	5,512
To and from Matlock and Donnelly's Creek, by way of Jordan, Red Jacket, and Violettown	Two days a week ...	Horseback	26		5,408
to and from Donnelly's Creek and Walhalla, by way of Edwards' Reef	Three days a week	Horseback	22	455 0 0	6,862
to and from Rosedale and Bald Hills	Two days a week ...	Horseback	18		3,744
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		6,240
to and from Omeo and Swift's Creek	Once a week ...	Horseback	14	468 0 0	1,456
to and from Bairnsdale and Delegate by way of Bruthen, Buchan, Gelantipy, Deduc, Tubbut, Cobanandra, Bonang, and Bendoc	Once a week ...	Horseback	160		16,640
To and from Omeo and Snowy Creek by way of Wombat Creek and Merrimac	Once a week ...	Horseback	50	144 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	149 0 0	13,208
To and from Bright and Harrietville	Three days a week	Horseback	16	325 0 0	4,492
to and from Harrietville and Grant, by way of the 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	59 10 0	6,240
To and from Benalla and Shepparton	Once a week ...	Horseback	40	60 0 0	4,160
To and from the General Post Office and Spencer street Railway Station, including the conveyance of a mail-guard or letter-carrier	As often as required	Waggonette	79 per diem	570 0 0	21,840
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	Five times a day ...	Tilbury ...			
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	Three times a day	Tilbury ...			
and for the conveyance of the 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 and Carlton and Hotham	Twice a day ...	Tilbury ...			
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	Three times a day	Tilbury ...	55 per diem		17,160
for the conveyance of the letter-carriers from the General Post Office to Fitzroy and Collingwood	Once a day ...	Waggonette			
for the conveyance of mails to and from the General Post Office and Fitzroy and Collingwood	Twice a day ...	Tilbury ...			
also for the conveyance of an extra mail from the Post Office, Collingwood, to the General Post Office on the despatch of an English mail	... ...	... ...			
to and from Keilor-road Station and Doutta Galla, by way of Keilor	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9		5,616
to and from Melbourne and Dromana, by way of Cheltenham, Mordialloc, Frankston, and Mornington	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	47		29,328
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	Horseback	12		3,744
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		2,392
to and from Merton and Godfrey's Creek ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	7	12,055 10 0	4,368
to and from Godfrey's Creek and Alexandra ...	Three days a week	Horseback	15		3,120
to and from Gaffney's Creek and Enoch's Point ...	Three days a week	Horseback	9		2,808

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
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 the Post Office and Railway Station, Echuca	Twice a day ...	Car ...	1		1,248
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 Myer's Flat and Raywood	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	22		13,728
to and from Myer's Flat and Myer's Flat Rush...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	2		1,248
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	Car ...	8 per diem		2,496
for the clearance of the letter and newspaper boxes now established, or any that may be opened at Sandhurst 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 Maiden-town	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	33		20,592
to and from Sandhurst and Golden Square ...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	4½		2,808
to and from Castlemaine and Dunolly, by way of Maldon and Eddington [a]	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	...		18,096
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 Havelock and Bet-bet	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, including the clearance of letter-box at Chinaman's Flat daily	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	7		1,092
to and from Avoca and Homebush	Three days a week	Horseback	4		1,248
to and from Homebush and Nattie Yallock ...	Once a week ...	Horseback	8		832
to and from Avoca and Fiddler's Creek ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6		3,744
to and from Ararat and Moyston, by way of Cathcart	Six days a week ...	Horseback	12		7,488
to and from Ararat and Tatyoon	Two days a week ...	Horseback	16		3,328
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 Haddon (Sago Hill), by way of Redan Bridge, Mount Pleasant, Sebastopol, Cobbler's Gully, and Cambrian Hill	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	14½		9,048
from Ballarat to Ballarat East	Twice a day ...	Car ...	1		624
from Ballarat to Newington	Twice a day ...	Car ...	2		1,248
to and from Ballarat and Alfred Town, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Twice a day ...	Car ...	2		1,248
to and from the Railway Station and the Post Office	As often as required	Waggonette	3 per diem		936
also the conveyance of two letter-carriers from Ballarat to Newington [b]	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 [c]	Twice a day ...	Tilbury ...	27 per diem		8,424
to and from Burrumbeet and Weatherboard Hill	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6		7,488
to and from Daylesford and Leonard's Hill ...	Three days a week	Horseback	6		3,744
to and from Clunes and Glendaruel, by way of Tourello and Mount Beckworth	Six days a week ...	Horseback	10		6,240
to and from Clunes and Glengower, by way of Lord Clyde and Middle Creek	Six days a week ...	Horseback	15		9,360
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 Ballarat and Buninyong, by way of Mount Clear	Six days a week ...	Cab ...	10		6,240
to and from Buninyong and the Buninyong Railway Station	Six days a week ...	Cab ...	6		3,744
to and from Buninyong and Grenville, by way of Durham Lead and Hardie's Hill	Three days a week	Coach ...	10		3,120

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(*a*) Distance twenty-nine miles, already included. (*b*) Distance previously stated. (*c*) Included in clearance of boxes.

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
to and from Buninyong and the Whim Holes ...	Three days a week	Coach ...	11		3,432
to and from Buninyong and Napoleon's, by way of Black Lead and Scotchman's Lead	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	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
to and from Smythesdale and Chepstowe, by way of Snake Valley, Preston Hill, and Carngham	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	16		9,984
to and from Smythesdale and Ross's Creek ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	5		1,040
to and from Heywood and Dartmoor	Once a week ...	Horseback	36		3,744
to and from Portland and Bridgewater ...	Once a week ...	Horseback	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 the Landing Place and Post Office, Warrnambool (a)	As often as required	Car ...	1¼		425
to and from Woorndoo and Lake Bolac ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	10		2,080
to and from Camperdown and Darlington ...	Once a week ...	Horseback	20		2,080
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	Coach ...	7		2,184
to and from Lal-lal Railway Station and Clarendon	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	3		1,872
to and from Meredith and Dolly's Creek, by way of Morrison's	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	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 ...	Coach ...	5		3,120
to and from Meredith and Cargarie	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 Post Office, Lethbridge	Twice a day ...	Car ...	1		1,248
to and from Inverleigh and Leigh-road Railway Station	Once a week ...	Coach ...	9		936
to and from Rokewood and Cressy	Once a week ...	Horseback	10		1,040
to and from Steiglitz-road Railway Station and Post Office, Moorabool	Twice a day ...	Horseback	1½		312
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 Gheringhap, by way of Geelong West and Batesford	Six days a week ...	Horseback	11		6,864
to and from Geelong and Fyansford	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4½		2,808
to and from Geelong and Portarlington, by way of Curlewis, Drysdale, and Bellarine	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	22		13,728
to and from Portarlington and St. Leonard's ...	Three days a week	Coach ...	4		1,248
to and from Geelong and Highton, by way of Ceres	Six days a week ...	Horseback	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 ...	Horseback	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 Post Office and Railway Station, Wyndham	Twice a day ...	Horseback	¼ per diem		312
to and from Wyndham Railway Station and Derrimut, by way of Mount Cotterell	Three days a week	Horseback	14		4,368
to and from Geelong and Point Henry, by way of Breakwater	Six days a week ...	Horseback	7		4,368
to and from the Post Office and Railway Station, Geelong	As often as required	Waggonette	½		1,716
and 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
From Melbourne to Prahran, by way of South Yarra	Twice a day ...	Car ...	4		
from Prahran to Melbourne, by way of South Yarra	Three times a day...	Car ...	...		
including the conveyance of four letter-carriers from and to Prahran and Melbourne	Once a day ...	Car ...	...	200 0 0	7,488
to and from South Yarra and Malvern, by way of Toorak	Twice a day ...	Car ...	4		
From Melbourne to Richmond	Twice a day ...	Car ...	2		3,744
and from Richmond to Melbourne	Three times a day...	Car ...	...		
including the conveyance of three letter-carriers from and to Richmond and Melbourne	Once a day ...	Car ...	...		
to and from Richmond and Kew, by way of Hawthorn	Twice a day ...	Car ...	3	245 0 0	3,744
to and from Kew and Ballyshanassy, by way of Camberwell and Hartwell	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4½		1,404

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(a) About 340 trips.

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Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
From St. Kilda to Melbourne	Twice a day ...	Car ...	3½	50 0 0	2,184
and from Melbourne to St. Kilda	Once a day ...	Car ...	...		
including the conveyance of the letter-carriers to and from Melbourne and St. Kilda	Once a day ...	Car ...	...		
To and from Melbourne and Brunswick	Twice a day ...	Car ...	2½	60 0 0	3,120
to and from Brunswick and Pentridge	Once a day ...	Car ...	2½		1,560
To and from Melbourne and Bulla, by way of Flemington, Moonee Ponds, Essendon, Tullamarine, and Oaklands Junction	Six days a week ...	Car ...	18	89 0 0	11,232
with a branch mail to and from Mickleham, by way of Broadmeadows	Six days a week ...	Car ...	5		3,120
To and from Melbourne and Merriang, by way of Northcote, Preston, Thomastown, Epping, and Woodstock	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	25	470 0 0	15,600
to and from Preston and Glenvale, by way of Bundoora, Janefield, Morang, and Whittlesea	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	19		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 Heidelberg, by way of Alphington	Twice a day ...	Coach ...	8	150 0 0	9,984
to and from Heidelberg and Templestowe ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3		1,872
To and from St. Kilda Railway Station and Mordialloc, by way of Elsternwick, Brighton, Brighton East, Beaumaris, Brighton South, and Cheltenham	Six days a week ...	Spring-cart	15	107 0 0	9,360
to and from St. Kilda and Caulfield	Six days a week ...	Horseback	1½		936
to and from East Brighton and Jasper road ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	2½		1,560
To and from Footscray Railway Station and Braybrook, by way of Footscray Post Office and Maidstone	Six days a week ...	Horseback	5	26 0 0	3,120
To and from Kew and Warrandyte, by way of Doncaster	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	12	500 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 McMahon's Creek, by way of Hoddle's Creek	Once a week ...	Horseback	20		2,080
To and from Dandenong and Cranbourne, by way of Lyndhurst	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9½	218 0 0	5,928
to and from Cranbourne and the 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	14 0 0	1,872
to and from Harkaway and Narree Warren ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	2		1,248
To and from Frankston and Hastings, by way of Somerville	Three days a week	Coach ...	15	160 0 0	4,680
to and from Hastings and Balnarring	Three days a week	Horseback	12		3,744
to and from Frankston and Cowes (Phillip Island), by way of Sandy Point	Three days a week	Coach and boat	24		7,488
To and from Dromana and Tootgarook	Two days a week ...	Horseback	12	66 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 Port Albert and Yarram-yarram, by way of Alberton; and for extra mails per steamer, five shillings per trip [a]	Three days a week	Horseback	9	18 9 0	1,872
To and from Port Albert and Tarraville with steamer's mails, as often as required [b]	... ...	Horseback	4	14 0 0	424
To and from Sale and Maffra	Six days a week ...	Horseback	12	135 0 0	7,488
to and from Maffra and Upper Maffra	Three days a week	Horseback	8		2,496
To and from Toongabbie and Upper Heyfield ...	Three days a week	Horseback	3	40 0 0	936
To and from Bruthen and Cuninghame (Lakes entrance)	Once a week ...	Horseback	16	30 0 0	1,664
To and from Bairnsdale and Deptford, by way of Boggy Creek	Two days a week ...	Horseback	35	130 0 0	7,280
to and from Boggy Creek and Merrijig ...	Once a week ...	Horseback	16		1,664
To and from Tarrawingee and Whorouly ...	Three days a week	Horseback	14	90 0 0	4,368
To and from Wangaratta and Oxley, by way of Oxley township	Six days a week ...	Horseback	12½	175 0 0	7,800
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	40 0 0	3,120
To and from Wood's Point and Leviathan Reef ...	Two days a week ...	Horseback	12	65 0 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	80 0 0	6,240
To and from Wallan-wallan and Darraweit Guim ...	Three days a week	Horseback	6	18 0 0	1,872
To and from Heathcote and Rushworth, by way of Costerfield, Redcastle, and Whroo	Three days a week	Coach ...	36	205 0 0	11,232
To and from Heathcote and Spring Creek ...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	19	130 0 0	11,856

(*a*) None despatched (*b*) Fifty-three mails despatched.

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			Miles.	£ s. d.	
To and from Echuca and Ulupna West, by way of Lower Moira, Kotupna, and Karimba [a]	Once a week ...	Coach ...	58	144 0 0	6,032
To and from the Post Office and Railway Station Rochester	Twice a day ...	Car ...	1	55 0 0	1,248
To and from Rochester and Corop	Three days a week	Horseback	8	39 18 0	2,496
To and from Goornong Railway Station and Clare Inn, by way of Goornong Post Office	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6	72 0 0	3,744
To and from Sandhurst and Huntly, by way of the White Hills and Epsom	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	8	40 0 0	4,992
To and from Kangaroo Flat Post Office and 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	32 0 0	3,120
To and from Castlemaine and Preston Vale, by way of Barker's Creek, Harcourt, and Barker's Creek Reservoir [b]	Six days a week ...	Horseback	10½		6,552
to and from the Railway Station and Post Office, Castlemaine	As often as required	Spring-cart & horseback	1¼ per diem		390
to and from Castlemaine and Golden Point, by way of Chewton, including the clearance of the letter-boxes at Chewton	Six days a week ...	Spring-cart	5	519 0 0	3,120
to and from Castlemaine and Glenluce, by way of Spring Gully and Fryerstown	Six days a week ...	Horseback	8		4,992
to and from Castlemaine and Vaughan, by way of Campbell's Creek, Yapeen, Strathloddon, Guildford, and Tarilta	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9		5,616
To and from Muckleford and Walmer	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3½	24 0 0	2,184
To and from Newstead and Clydesdale	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9		5,616
to and from Newstead and Joyce's Creek ...	Three days a week	Horseback	6	150 0 0	1,872
to and from Newstead and Strangways	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3		1,872
To and from Elphinstone and Sutton Grange ...	Three days a week	Horseback	8	56 0 0	2,496
to and from Elphinstone and Faraday	Three days a week	Horseback	4		1,248
To and from Langley and Metcalfe, by way of Geen Hills	Six days a week ...	Horseback	18	44 0 0	11,232
To and from Langley and Baynton	Three days a week	Horseback	6	39 19 0	1,872
To and from the Railway Station and Post Office, Kyneton	Six times a day ...	Car ...	¾		2,808
for the clearance of the letter-boxes, including the conveyance of a letter-carrier	Twice a day ...	Car ...	3 per diem	65 0 0	936
to and from Kyneton and Pastoria, by way of Piper's Creek	Three days a week	Horseback	8		2,496
to and from Kyneton and Lauriston	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6		3,744
To and from Woodend and Carlsruhe, by way of Springfield	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6	36 8 0	3,744
To and from Woodend and Lancefield, by way of Newham and Rochford	Six days a week ...	Horseback	14	120 0 0	8,763
to and from Rochford and Heskett	Three days a week	Horseback	5		1,560
To and from Gisborne and Cabbagetree ...	Three days a week	Horseback	3½	25 0 0	1,092
To and from Gisborne Railway Station and Gisborne	Six days a week ...	Car ...	2	23 10 0	1,352
also, the conveyance of a mail on Saturday from the Railway Station to Gisborne	... ...	... ...	...		104
To and from Gisborne and Bullengarook	Three days a week	Horseback	7½	36 0 0	2,340
To and from Lancefield-road Railway Station and North Lancefield, by way of Duck Holes, Romsey, and Lancefield	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	21	45 0 0	13,104
To and from Sunbury and the Gap	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3	30 0 0	1,872
To and from Maldon and Newstead, by way of Welshman's Reef	Six days a week ...	Spring-cart	13		8,112
to and from Maldon and Porcupine Flat	Six days a week ...	Spring-cart	3	150 0 0	1,872
to and from Maldon and Nuggety Reef	Six days a week ...	Spring-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	84 0 0	1,560
to and from Beaufort and Sailor's Gully ...	Three days a week	Horseback	6		1,872
to and from Beaufort and Stockyard Hill	Three days a week	Horseback	10		3,120
To and from Creswick and Dean, by way of Rocky Lead	Six days a week ...	Horseback	13		8,112
to and from Creswick and Coghill's Creek, by way of Bald Hills and Ascot	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9	220 0 0	5,616
To and from Moorookyle and Ullina	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3½		2,184
to and from Moorokyle and Hit-or-Miss ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	6	70 0 0	3,744
to and from Stawell and Longerenong, by way of Glenorchy and Ashen's	Three days a week	Coach ...	36		11,232
To and from Glenorchy and Donald, by way of Ayer's, Anderson's, Creswick's Stations, and Avon Plains	Two days a week ...	Horseback	58	480 0 0	12,064
To and from Smythesdale and Happy Valley, by way of Newtown and Piggoreet	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	10	*See* next page.	6,240
to and from Piggoreet and Golden Lake ...	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	2		1,248

(a) During flooded state of country by steamer and canoe. (b) The service between Preston Vale and Harcourt was discontinued from 1st September.

STATEMENT showing Particulars of Inland Mail Service performed in Victoria, 1870.—*continued.*

Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
to and from Gordon's and Ormond	Three days a week	Horseback	5		1,560
to and from Brown Hills and Bungaree Springs ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4	545 0 0	2,496
to and from Coleraine and Casterton [a]	Three days a week	Coach ...	...		6,240
to and from Geelong and Cowie's Creek ...	Six days a week ...	Horseback	4½		2,808
to and from Ballarat and Sebastopol, by way of Redan Bridge	Six days a week ...	Car ...	3¾		2,340
To and from Mount Blackwood and Barry's Reef [b]	Six days a week ...	Horseback	...	30 0 0	1,872
To and from Eddington and Laanecoorie ...	Three days a week	Horseback	6	38 0 0	1,872
To and from Moyston and Watgania	Two days a week ...	Horseback	14	50 0 0	2,912
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
Conveyance of English mail from Prahran to Melbourne	Every four weeks...	Car ...	...	1 10 0	72
Conveyance of mails to and from the Post Office and the Railway Station, Brighton	Twice a day ...	Foot ...	¼ per diem	15 12 0	78
To and from South Yarra Railway Station and Melbourne	Six days a week ...	Railway ...	3	25 0 0	1,872
To and from Melbourne and Sandridge, by way of Emerald Hill, from 8th January to 31st December 1870 [c]	Once a day ...	Horseback	...	35 6 5	1,872
From Richmond to Melbourne, from 8th January [d]	Once an day ...	Car ...	...	29 8 8	1,224
From Stratford to Sale with English mail, during period of R. M. S. steamers leaving Hobson's Bay on Sunday, from April to September, inclusive [e]	Every four weeks...	Horseback	...	3 0 0	132
To and from Geelong and Queenscliff, additional service once a day during summer season, from 14th February to 30th April [f]	Once a day ...	Coach ...	...	32 11 5	2,600
To and from Belfast and Penshurst, by way of Hawkesdale and Kirkstall, from 19th February [g]	Once a week ...	Horseback	...	44 17 7	3,874
To and from Ararat and Opossum Gully, from 14th March	Six days a week ...	Horseback	9	15 19 4	4,518
To and from Crossover Diggings and Shady Creek, from 23rd February [h]	Once a week ...	Horseback	...	29 15 10	713
From Prahran to South Yarra Railway Station, from 8th January [i]	Six days a week ...	Car ...	1¾	15 6 0	1,071
Clearance of five receiving-boxes at South Yarra ...	Three times a day...	Foot ...			
conveyance of English mail from Toorak and South Yarra on outgoing mail days	Twice a month ...	Car ...	10 per diem	100 0 0	3,120
also conveyance of a mail from South Yarra Post Office to South Yarra Railway Station [j]	Daily	...			
To and from Meredith and Cargerie, from 10th March [k]	Once a week ...	Horseback	...	8 1 9	496
Conveyance of two additional letter-carriers (one to South Yarra and one to Prahran) from Melbourne, from February 7th [l]	Daily	Car ...	...	10 15 8	...
From Stawell to Quartz Reefs, from March 21st to July 16th [m]	Once a day ...	Car ...	1½	10 4 0	306
To and from Chiltern and Howlong, N.S.W., by way of Brown's Plains, from April 1st [n]	Three days a week	Coach ...	14	99 0 0	3,276
Clearing six receiving-boxes in Richmond, from January 1st	Three times daily...	Car ...	6½ per diem	174 0 0	2,028
Clearing three receiving-boxes on Emerald Hill and twice additionally on outgoing mail days	Three times daily...	On foot ...	4	36 0 0	3,744
Clearing two receiving-boxes in Hawthorn ...	Twice daily ...	On foot ...	2½	30 0 0	1,560
Clearing a receiving-box at Pascoevale	Daily	On foot ...	1 per diem	12 0 0	312
Clearing a receiving-box at Prahran	Three times a day...	On foot ...	2½	47 0 0	2,340
Clearing a receiving-box at East Leigh	Daily	On foot ...	1	10 0 0	312
Clearing receiving-box at Talbot street, Majorca ...	Daily	On foot ...	½	5 0 0	156
Clearing three receiving-boxes at Brunswick ...	Daily	On foot ...	3	30 0 0	936
To and from Koroit and Warrnambool, from April 11th	Two days a week ...	Horseback	6	26 10 0	905
To and from Springfield and Goldie, from April 13th	Three days a week	Horseback	2½	10 15 0	570
From Prahran to South Yarra, from January 1st 1870	Twice daily	Car ...	1½	18 0 0	312
Conveyance of additional letter-carriers to and from St. Kilda [o]	Once a day	Car ...	...	14 2 0	...
To and from Carisbrook and Moolart, from June 1st [p]	Three days a week	Horseback	6	10 0 0	1,100
To and from Melbourne, Footscray, and Williamstown, from January 1st	Twice daily	Railway ...	9¼	150 0 0	17,316

(*a*) Distance twenty miles, previously included.——(*b*) Distance three miles, previously included.——(*c*) Distance three miles, previously stated.——(*d*) Distance two miles, previously included.——(*e*) Distance eleven miles, previously included.——(*f*) £3 per week.——(*g*) Additional mail forty-three miles, previously included.——(*h*) Additional mail eight miles, previously included in distance.——(*i*) Being extra mail from Prahran to Melbourne.——(*j*) Being extra mail for Melbourne.——(*k*) Distance six miles, previously included.——(*l*) Distance and gross mileage already included.——(*m*) At 12s. per week.——(*n*) £132 per annum.——(*o*) 1s. per diem.——(*p*) For period.

STATEMENT showing Particulars of Inland Mail Service performed in Victoria, 1870.—*continued.*

Service.	Frequency.	Mode of Conveyance.	Distance.	Amount.	Gross Mileage.
			Miles.	£ s. d.	
To and from Melbourne, Geelong, Geelong West, and Ballarat	Thrice daily ...	Railway ...	96¼	2,500 0 0	180,180
To and from Melbourne and Sandhurst	Thrice 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
To and from Black Forest Post Office and Upper Macedon, from July 18th [a]	Six days a week ...	Horseback	3½	8 18 11	996
To and from Bambra and Murroon, from August 6th [b]	Once a week ...	Horseback	4	9 10 8	168
Clearing receiving-box at Coburg, from January 1st	Daily	On foot ...	1	10 0 0	624
Conveyance of mails to and from Narreen, from July 1st [c]	Two days a week ...	Horseback	3	20 0 0	312
To and from Main Lead, Beaufort, from January 1st [d]	Three days a week	Horseback	1½	26 0 0	468
Conveyance of an additional letter-carrier from Melbourne to Richmond, from May 1st [e]	Once a day ...	Car ...	...	5 5 0	...
To and from Canterbury (Sandy Creek), by way of Barkly, from November 22nd [f]	Three days a week	Horseback	4	5 14 3	144
Conveyance of loose bag to and from Bonyo, from April 23rd [g]	Two days a week ...	Horseback	1½	9 0 8	216
To and from Morang and Hazelglen, from December 8th [h]	Three days a week	Horseback	6	1 14 3	108
To and from Horsham and Apsley, by way of Vectis, St. Mary's Lake, Spring Hill, Spring Bank, Pleasant Bank, Rose Bank, Lemon Springs, and Bringalbert, from November 5th [i]	Two days a week ...	Buggy ...	65	33 8 10	2,080
To and from Geelong and Queenscliff, from December 19th [j]	Six days a week ...	Coach ...	...	6 0 0	480
Deviation of mail route consequent upon removal of Avon Plains Post Office to another site, from March 14th	Two days a week ...	Horseback	...	30 0 0	...
Deviation consequent upon conveyance of loose bag to and from Yawong Springs, from January 1st [k]	Two days a week ...	Horseback	1½	7 16 0	312
Special train from Sandhurst to Melbourne on September 11th, owing to flooded state of country	.. ..	... ...	...	37 17 6	...
For conveyance of various special mails during the year	As occasion required	... ...	...	54 0 4	...

(*a*) 7s. 6d. per week.—(*b*) At rate of £12 10s. for period from June 21st.—(*c*) For period.—(*d*) 10s. per week.—(*e*) 3s. per week; distance and mileage previously stated.—(*f*) £1 per week.—(*g*) 5s. per week.—(*h*) 10s. per week.—(*i*) £215 per annum.—(*j*) £3 per week, being additional service during summer season.—(*k*) Per annum.

APPENDIX B.

POST OFFICE BRANCH.

LIST of Post Offices in Victoria, with Names of the Postmasters and the Amounts of their Salaries, for 1870.

Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance.	Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Adelaide Lead ...	Caroline Noller ...	15 0 0	Bald Hills	D. Slattery ...	15 0 0
Alberton	N. Christensen ...	15 0 0	Bald Hills (G.L.) ...	C. Rumpff ...	15 0 0
Alexandra	J. Peterkin ...	60 0 0	Ballan	G. Flack ...	60 0 0
Alfredton	J. H. Palmer ...	20 0 0	Ballangeich	W. Tomlinson ...	15 0 0
Allansford	J. Anderson ...	25 0 0	Ballarat	Wm. Thacker ...	485 0 0
Alma	B. Wilds ...	20 0 0	Ballarat East	J. Fussell ...	30 0 0
Alphington	J. S. Adams ...	20 0 0	Ballyshanassy	B. Trail ...	15 0 0
Amherst	J. P. Smith ...	40 0 0	Balmoral	B. Lyon ...	40 0 0
Amphitheatre	Anne Hardie ...	25 0 0	Balnarring	P. Vansuylen ...	15 0 0
Anakie	G. Belcher ...	20 0 0	Barfold	J. Ryan ...	30 0 0
Apsley	M. A. Botterill ...	35 0 0	Baringhup	R. J. Lawrence ...	35 0 0
Ararat	K. L. Murray ...	180 0 0	Barker's Creek ...	E. Homan ...	15 0 0
Armstrong's	J. Kershaw ...	15 0 0	Barkly	W. Blair ...	20 0 0
Ascot	T. Ogilvy ...	20 0 0	Barkstead	S. J. Lawrence ...	15 0 0
Avenel	W. Campion ...	35 0 0	Barnawartha	M. McKeone ...	30 0 0
Avoca	P. R. Arkins ...	180 0 0	Barry's Reef	W. Shaw ...	25 0 0
Avon Plains	H. Stratford ...	20 0 0	Bass	W. Keen ...	20 0 0
Axedale	P. Drake ...	20 0 0	Batesford	H. A. Smith ...	25 0 0
Bacchus Marsh ...	T. Taubman ...	60 0 0	Baynton	E. Fay	15 0 0
Bairnsdale	W. H. Saxe ...	180 0 0	Bealiba	G. W. Lyndon ...	35 0 0

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Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.
Beaufort	Thos. Lewis	180	0	0
Beechworth	R. B. Hodgson	350	0	0
Belfast	J. A. Lynar	350	0	0
Bellarine	W. Andrews	25	0	0
Belmont	J. Williams, junior	20	0	0
Benalla	A. C. Croft	180	0	0
Bendoc	J. Stockdale	15	0	0
Berlin	H. J. Williams	50	0	0
Berwick	R. Bain	50	0	0
Bet Bet	M. Grant	10	0	0
Beveridge	N. Fletcher	20	0	0
Big Hill	P. C. Perry	15	0	0
Birregurra	B. Wood	50	0	0
Black Hill	A. Turner	20	0	0
Black Lead	A. W. Chapman	15	0	0
Bontherambo	Jane Cozens	10	0	0
Bowman's Forest	D. Alexander	15	0	0
Box Hill	S. Padgham	20	0	0
Branxholme	J. J. Smith	40	0	0
Braybrook	J. Dickson	15	0	0
Break-o'-Day	D. E. Thomas	30	0	0
Breakwater	C. Smith	15	0	0
Bridgewater-on-Loddon	R. Boys	25	0	0
Bright	H. J. Tymms	180	0	0
Brighton	E. Clark	135	0	0
Brighton South	J. G. Reynolds	25	0	0
Brighton East	W. Norquay	30	0	0
Broadford	G. Abbott	45	0	0
Broadmeadows	F. Phillips	30	0	0
Brown Hills	F. Bradbury	25	0	0
Brown's Diggings	A. Gartside	15	0	0
Brown's Plains	H. G. Brown	10	0	0
Brunswick	J. George	150	0	0
Bruthen	R. McDougall	15	0	0
Buangor	E. Keith	40	0	0
Buckland	J. Mackay	35	0	0
Bulla	W. Bethell	25	0	0
Bullarook	J. T. Ham	20	0	0
Bulldog Flat	J. Russell	15	0	0
Bullengarook	P. Barry	15	0	0
Bullock Creek	E. Young	10	0	0
Bull Town	A. F. Cross	10	0	0
Bulumwaal	G. Allen	25	0	0
Bundoora	W. Emms	15	0	0
Bung Bong	W. Glover	15	0	0
Bungaree	T. Chalmers	25	0	0
Bungaree Springs	J. J. Glenn	10	0	0
Buninyong	G. A. Firman	180	0	0
Buninyong Railway Station	C. Fuller	35	0	0
Burke's Flat	J. O. Goullet	15	0	0
Burnt Creek	J. G. Russell	20	0	0
Burrumbeet	J. Miller	40	0	0
Byaduk	J. Wilton	20	0	0
Cabbagetree	J. Benson	10	0	0
California Gully	J. Jones	35	0	0
Camberwell	T. Keen	20	0	0
Cambrian Hill	D. Williams	40	0	0
Campaspe	J. O'Brien	15	0	0
Campbellfield	I. Boreham	20	0	0
Campbell's Creek	C. Tolstrup	90	0	0
Camperdown	J. Duigan	180	0	0
Canterbury	M. Wall	10	0	0
Cape Bridgewater	C. Hedditch	10	0	0
Cape Clear	A. L. Gibson	30	0	0
Caramut	J. Bendall	60	0	0
Cardigan	J. W. Surman	30	0	0
Cargarie	J. Hewitt	15	0	0
Carisbrook	D. J. O'Brien	150	0	0
Carlsruhe	E. Gardiner	15	0	0
Carlsruhe Railway Station	A. Cobham	20	0	0
Carlton	C. G. Lawson	80	0	0
Carngham	J. Crowther	25	0	0
Casterton	F. L. Merchant	180	0	0
Castlemaine	E. H. Stodart	350	0	0
Castle Reef	Sarah Brady	15	0	0
Cathcart	T. Flattely	15	0	0
Caulfield	R. Boxill	70	10	0
Cavendish	J. Mercer	30	0	0
Ceres	R. McDowall	25	0	0
Charlton	G. Dobie	15	0	0
Chatsworth	S. Wilson	15	0	0
Cheltenham	J. Trail	30	0	0
Chepstowe	W. B. Wilson	10	0	0
Chewton	J. Lamb	91	16	0
Chiltern	Edmund Banks	180	0	0
Chinaman's Flat	A. Watson	25	0	0
Clare Inn	J. Wells	20	0	0
Clarendon	A. McDonald	15	0	0
Clifford	S. H. Sleator	15	0	0
Clunes	J. L. Collier	350	0	0
Clyde	J. F. Dumaresq	20	0	0
Clydesdale	E. Sutcliffe	10	0	0
Cobbler's Gully	R. Miles	30	0	0
Cobden	R. H. Roberts	20	0	0
Cobram	E. McPherson	10	0	0
Coburg	S. A. Reid	130	0	0
Cockatoo	D. Livingston	15	0	0
Coghill's Creek	W. Matthews	25	0	0
Coimadai Creek	D. D. Bower	10	0	0
Colac	G. E. Jackson	140	0	0
Coleraine	R. Kennedy	180	0	0
Collingwood	S. B. Montefiore	350	0	0
Condah	R. McLean	25	0	0
Connewarre	J. Walther	15	0	0
Coongulmerang	J. Whitbourne	10	0	0
Cooper's Creek	J. Day	10	0	0
Corinella	J. Chinn	10	0	0
Corop	A. Sternberg	25	0	0
Costerfield	F. Field	20	0	0
Cove	D. McLellan	15	0	0
Cowes	J. West	30	0	0
Cowie's Creek	M. Jones	10	0	0
Cowwarr	T. Gibhardt	15	0	0
Coy's Diggings	E. Mann	15	0	0
Craigieburn	J. E. Keane	30	0	0
Cranbourne	A. Thomson	35	0	0
Cressy	T. A. Hall	30	0	0
Creswick	J. Thwaites	350	0	0
Crossley	J. Hourigan	10	0	0
Crossover Diggings	J. Veysey	15	0	0
Crowlands	S. J. Wilkinson	25	0	0
Croxton East	H. Jahn	10	0	0
Cundare	P. McMahon	10	0	0
Cunninghame	W. Roadknight	10	0	0
Curlewis	E. O'M. Tobin	15	0	0
Dandenong	J. Dobson	60	0	0
Dargo Flat	J. B. Kelly	20	0	0
Darlingford	J. Dunn	25	0	0
Darlington	S. D. Hodgson	40	0	0
Darraweit Guim	M. A. Francis	15	0	0
Dartmoor	A. McDonald	15	0	0
Daylesford	J. H. Woodward	350	0	0
Dean	C. Naples	25	0	0
Dean's Marsh	J. Schram	15	0	0
Deep Creek	D. Vanderbilt	25	0	0
Deep Lead	M. J. Sweetman	20	0	0
Dennington	Annie O'Sullivan	25	0	0
Deptford	H. McKinnon	10	0	0
Dereel	C. Bown	15	0	0
Derrimut	R. Hopkins	10	0	0
Devil's Creek	G. Hansen	15	0	0
Diamond Creek	J. F. L. Edwards	20	0	0
Digby	M. Townsend	25	0	0
Diggers' Rest	R. Donnelly	10	0	0
Dimboola	W. H. Lloyd	45	0	0
Dobie's Bridge	W. Moloney	10	0	0
Docker's Plains	H. S. Parfitt	15	0	0
Dolly's Creek	B. Nesbitt	15	0	0
Donald	J. A. Meyer	35	0	0
Doncaster	M. H. Hoare	15	0	0
Donnelly's Creek	A. Marshall	25	0	0
Donnybrook	P. Crichton	35	0	0
Doon	M. Jones	30	0	0
Doutta Galla	P. Phelan	10	0	0
Dromana	A. Haldan	35	0	0
Drummond	C. M. Rowe	20	0	0
Dry Creek	J. Sherring	15	0	0
Dry Diggings	R. Turner	15	0	0

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Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.	Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.
Drysdale	A. Grant	30	0	0	Green Hill	W. Power	15	0	0
Duck Holes	E. W. Cryer	15	0	0	Greensborough	J. Iredale	15	0	0
Duck Ponds	H. Jukes	30	0	0	Green's Creek	C. Proctor	10	0	0
Dunach	W. Meincke	10	0	0	Grenville	R. Ormrod	10	0	0
Dunkeld	S. Fisher	40	0	0	Greta	S. Ellis	15	0	0
Dunnstown	D. Darcey	15	0	0	Growler's Creek	W. Dunphy	35	0	0
Dunolly	H. F. O'Connell	180	0	0	Guildford	J. Sinclair	35	0	0
Durdidwarrah	T. C. Knox	25	0	0	Hamilton	Geo. Harriott	350	0	0
Durham Lead	R. Lamb	25	0	0	Happy-go-Lucky	C. Collins	15	0	0
Durham Ox	W. H. Argyle	35	0	0	Happy Valley	J. Power	25	0	0
Eaglehawk	T. J. Tuck	70	0	0	Harcourt	S. Williamson	35	0	0
Echuca	D. W. Forbes	350	0	0	Hardie's Hill	W. N. L. Pearse	10	0	0
Eddington	A. Gray	35	0	0	Harkaway	J. Hessell	15	0	0
Edenhope	G. Thomson	35	0	0	Harrietville	H. L. Harkin	25	0	0
Edwards' Reef	T. Walker	15	0	0	Harrow	C. R. Tulloh	40	0	0
Eldorado	M. Stamp	60	0	0	Hartwell	R. Hurry	10	0	0
Ellerslie	R. Whittett	10	0	0	Hastings	H. Peddle	20	0	0
Elmhurst	H. Spiers	15	0	0	Havelock	J. Rule	10	0	0
Elphinstone	G. Sims	40	0	0	Hawkesdale	W. Scarlett	20	0	0
Elsternwick	G. Morris	82	0	0	Hawthorn	C. Nicholls	195	0	0
Eltham	A. Hunniford	30	0	0	Hazelglen	A. Smith	10	0	0
Emerald Hill	W. Dempster, jun.	90	0	0	Healesville	L. Flanagan	25	0	0
Enoch's Point	Jno. Bain	20	0	0	Heathcote	A. L. Sutton	180	0	0
Ensay	H. Johnston	15	0	0	Heidelberg	F. P. Dunn	40	0	0
Epping	W. Mitchell	20	0	0	Hepburn	J. Hill	25	0	0
Epsom	R. Sharp	35	0	0	Hesket	J. Boyd	10	0	0
Essendon	J. West	10	0	0	Hexham	S. Hannah	35	0	0
Estcourt	J. Pratt	10	0	0	Heyfield	A. Crooks	10	0	0
Euroa	J. DeBoos	40	0	0	Heywood	C. H. Badnall	65	0	0
Eurobin	S. Winter	15	0	0	Highton	J. Nicholls	20	0	0
Evansford	J. C. Sloane	15	0	0	Hillsborough	J. Brown	25	0	0
Eversley	H. H. Mansfield	30	0	0	Hit-or-Miss	J. James	15	0	0
Faraday	J. Boyle	10	0	0	Hochkirch	O. Müller	15	0	0
Fernbank	J. Scott	25	0	0	Hoddle's Creek	T. Ewart	15	0	0
Fiddler's Creek	H. Wise	35	0	0	Homebush	J. Agnew	15	0	0
Flemington	R. Terry	100	0	0	Horsham	J. Langlands	80	0	0
Flinders	A. Brent	15	0	0	Hotham	J. MacGibbon	70	0	0
Footscray	D. Mitchell	80	0	0	Hotspur	J. McEachern	15	0	0
Framlingham	B. Lee	15	0	0	Huntly	B. Cartmell	30	0	0
Franklinford	W. Bumstead	15	0	0	Indigo	M. McCallum	25	0	0
Frankston	E. G. Savage	30	0	0	Inglewood	J. H. Kibble	180	0	0
Freeburgh	W. McKay	10	0	0	Inglewood (Old)	T. Power	10	0	0
Freshwater Creek	C. Vains	15	0	0	Inkerman	J. E. Matthews	10	0	0
Fryerstown	S. H. Hazlitt	40	0	0	Inverleigh	W. Murrell	35	0	0
Fyansford	W. J. S. Kishere	15	0	0	Italian Gully	J. Dowd	10	0	0
Gaffney's Creek	J. Weatherhead	40	0	0	Jamieson	W. Andrews	150	0	0
Gap	J. Murphy	10	0	0	Janefield	J. Peacock	15	0	0
Garvoc	J. Glowrey	20	0	0	Jan Juc	W. Cook	15	0	0
Geelong	S. C. Vivian	393	6	8	Jasper Road	W. Ward	15	0	0
Geelong West	C. Vigar	20	0	0	Jones's Creek	J. Burns	10	0	0
Germantown	A. Benari	15	0	0	Jordan	R. J. Donaldson	20	0	0
Gheringhap	M. Irwin	15	0	0	Joyce's Creek	R. Rowe	15	0	0
Ghin-ghin	M. Kemp	15	0	0	Kangaroo Flat	W. Rogers	40	0	0
Gipsy Village	J. Hughes	10	0	0	Kangaroo Ground	W. McLaughlen	15	0	0
Gisborne	R. Haines	50	0	0	Keilor	R. J. Ely	30	0	0
Glendaruel	A. Hockey	15	0	0	Keilor-road Station	A. C. Cumberland	25	0	0
Glendonald	E. Good	10	0	0	Kensington	R. McWilliams	25	0	0
Glengower	W. McKinney	20	0	0	Kerang	Frank O'Connell	148	13	6
Glenluce	C. Helder	10	0	0	Kew	F. B. Fishley	150	0	0
Glenlyon	J. MacFarlane	35	0	0	Killarney	J. J. Madden	40	0	0
Glenorchy	J. Wallace	45	0	0	Kilmore	G. E. Groves	180	0	0
Glenrowan	R. Liddle	10	0	0	Kingower	P. Roy	60	0	0
Glenthompson	J. McLennan	30	0	0	King Parrot Creek	W. Doyle	10	0	0
Glenvale	W. S. Walsh	15	0	0	Kingston	T. Rossell	45	0	0
Gnarwarre	P. Corbett	15	0	0	Kiora	T. Biggin	20	0	0
Godfrey's Creek	G. E. Simcocks	50	0	0	Kirkstall	W. Wilton	15	0	0
Golden Lake	C. Werner	10	0	0	Koroit	C. Norman	40	0	0
Golden Point	Eliz. Hopper	15	0	0	Kyneton	H. B. Bristow	350	0	0
Golden Square	J. Miller	35	0	0	Laanecoorie	D. B. Ryland	10	0	0
Goldie	J. Douglas	10	0	0	Lake Bolac	C. Louisson	40	0	0
Goldsboro' Reef	T. N. King	20	0	0	Lake Hindmarsh	R. Simmons	15	0	0
Gooley's Creek	J. Holt	10	0	0	Lal Lal	J. J. Hall	30	0	0
Goornong	A. Cross	15	0	0	Lamplough	P. M. Fogarty	15	0	0
Gordon's	J. Robertson	45	0	0	Lancefield	J. W. Beasley	50	0	0
Grant	W. Hopkins	40	0	0	Lancefield-road Station	J. Chapman	35	0	0
Graytown	J. J. Mackenzie	180	0	0	Landsborough	J. Johnston	60	0	0
Great Western	R. J. Roberts	20	0	0	Langley	J. Twyford	60	0	0
Greendale	M. Cassidy	15	0	0	Larpent	A. McKay	15	0	0
Green Gully	F. Lauer	15	0	0	La Trobe Bridge	J. Flint	10	0	0

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Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.
Lauriston	J. Crymble	20	0	0
Lawloit	J. McNevin	20	0	0
Learmonth	M. McKay	55	0	0
Ledcourt	T. W. Dadswell	20	0	0
Leigh Creek	J. Mungovan	15	0	0
Leigh-road Railway Station	J. Cotton	45	0	0
Leonard's Hill	J. E. Wilkie	15	0	0
Lethbridge	A. Ross	25	0	0
Leviathan Reef	J. Grant	10	0	0
Lexton	M. Watson	30	0	0
Lillydale	H. Perrin	40	0	0
Lindsay	M. Spring	35	0	0
Lingham's Flat	R. N. Williams	10	0	0
Linton's	P. R. Challen	110	0	0
Lismore	J. Parry	35	0	0
Little Bendigo	O. Skogland	15	0	0
Little River	C. Nantes	30	0	0
Lockwood	S. Espie	20	0	0
Longerenong	W. D. Dinsmore	25	0	0
Long Gully	P. Pentreath	35	0	0
Longwood	F. St. Leger	150	0	0
Lord Clyde	H. R. Gill	10	0	0
Lyndhurst	P. Walker	10	0	0
Macarthur	J. Bulstrode	35	0	0
Macedon	R. Stewart	25	0	0
McCullum's Creek	T. Robinson	25	0	0
Mack's Creek	J. Dellar	10	0	0
McIntyre's	W. Dawson	10	0	0
Maffra	W. Campbell	40	0	0
Maidentown	A. Black	30	0	0
Maidstone	W. Pullar	15	0	0
Maindample	H. H. Kitchen	20	0	0
Majorca	Sarah H. Gearing	60	0	0
Maldon	Thos. Reed	180	0	0
Malmsbury	Fanny Green	180	0	0
Malvern	W. J. Wilson	40	0	0
Mansfield	G. W. Newland	150	0	0
Marong	H. Palmer	30	0	0
Maryborough	Jas. Fisher	350	0	0
Marysville	M. Keppell	25	0	0
Matlock	J. Stoffers	40	0	0
Maude	T. Biles	15	0	0
Melton	J. Ferris	35	0	0
Meredith	C. L. Nugent	70	0	0
Merino	F. Ford	50	0	0
Merriang	J. Davies	15	0	0
Merrijig	G. Barnes	10	0	0
Merrimac	W. Haire	15	0	0
Merton	R. Nolan	50	0	0
Metcalfe	J. Farrant	20	0	0
Mia Mia	F. Westblade	30	0	0
Mickleham	J. Edis	15	0	0
Middle Creek	D. Fraser	15	0	0
Minersrest	J. Blennerhassett	25	0	0
Mitta Mitta	M. Thompson	10	0	0
Modewarre	H. Lawrence	15	0	0
Moe	H. Miller	35	0	0
Moliagul	R. Lock	25	0	0
Moolap	J. Yeoman	15	0	0
Moolort	W. W. Liddell	10	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	Sarah Higgs	25	0	0
Mordialloc	E. Saunders	25	0	0
Mornington	Jane Constable	55	0	0
Morrison's Diggings	G. B. Silvester	35	0	0
Mortlake	John Hayes	180	0	0
Morton Plains	C. Mills	15	0	0
Morwell	P. J. Smith	10	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. Davidson	20	0	0
Mount Cole	M. A. Jones	10	0	0
Mount Cotterell	T. C. Lowther	20	0	0
Mount Doran	W. Montgomery	15	0	0
Mount Duneed	C. Lamond	15	0	0
Mount Egerton	R. W. Tanner	50	0	0
Mount Gellibrand	J. Duncan	60	0	0
Mount Greenock	J. McLennan	10	0	0
Mount Mercer	W. W. Birrell	15	0	0
Mount Moriac	C. J. Elder	35	0	0
Mount Pleasant	J. Campbell	15	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	45	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
Murroon	G. K. Prime	10	0	0
Muskvale	J. Hatton	10	0	0
Myer's Flat	S. Dalton	20	0	0
Myrtleford	J. Blacketer	40	0	0
Nagambie	W. Sheehan	10	0	0
Napoleon's	J. Membrey	30	0	0
Nareen	A. Grant	10	0	0
Narrawong	D. McLean	15	0	0
Narree Warren	G. Rae	10	0	0
Navarre	D. Pennington	20	0	0
Newbridge	J. Newington	40	0	0
Newbury	J. Jack	15	0	0
New Gisborne	T. J. Wills	45	0	0
Newham	E. Gibb	25	0	0
Newington	J. A. Wine	25	0	0
Newlyn	W. Collingwood	25	0	0
Newstead	Margaret Howson	75	0	0
Newtown-Scarsdale	G. D. Knight	30	0	0
Northcote	E. Bastings	65	0	0
Nuggety Reef	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	40	0	0
Opossum Gully	E. C. Webb	10	0	0
Orford	W. Horan	15	0	0
Ormond	J. Harrington	10	0	0
Osborn's Flat	J. B. Carkeek	15	0	0
Oxley	D. Donald	10	0	0
Oxley Plains	C. Gardner	45	0	0
Pakenham	M. Bourke	40	0	0
Panmure	G. Wilson	25	0	0
Pastoria	J. Donovan	10	0	0
Penshurst	F. W. Rackham	180	0	0
Pentland Hills	W. W. Simmons	35	0	0
Peter's Diggings	S. J. Edelston	15	0	0
Pettavel	L. Mermod	15	0	0
Piggoreet	F. Blythman	40	0	0
Piper's Creek	P. Kellas	10	0	0
Pitfield	A. W. Crowe	15	0	0
Point Henry	A. Gray	15	0	0
Pomborneit	C. H. Bowker	15	0	0
Porcupine Flat	D. F. Martin	10	0	0
Pore-Punka	W. Hooper	10	0	0
Port Albert	J. Ferris	180	0	0
Portarlington	J. Calhoun	20	0	0
Portland	Edwin Braim	350	0	0
Prahran	A. F. White	106	0	0
Preston	E. Wood	30	0	0
Preston Hill	S. Franklin	30	0	0
Purnim	G. Dowie	15	0	0
Pyalong	H. Cathery	25	0	0
Queenscliff	G. S. Caldwell	350	0	0
Raglan	C. Tucker	15	0	0
Ravenswood	J. Bond	25	0	0
Raywood	H. W. Horsley	40	0	0
Redan Bridge	C. Giles	35	0	0
Redbank	E. Murphy	25	0	0
Redcastle	J. McKee	20	0	0
Redesdale	J. McNiff	25	0	0
Red Jacket	J. Campbell	10	0	0
Reedy Creek	G. Davis	20	0	0
Reid's Creek	E. Gannell	10	0	0

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Office.	Name.	Salary or Allowance. £	s.	d.
Richmond	E. Mackenzie	180	0	0
Riddell's Creek	R. Hutchison	40	0	0
Rochester	T. Seward	55	0	0
Rochford	H. H. Hennell	15	0	0
Rocky Flat	E. Peters	25	0	0
Rocky Lead	A. Oldenburg	20	0	0
Rokewood	W. H. White	60	0	0
Rokewood Junction	J. Gladstone	15	0	0
Romsey	R. T. Beasley	45	0	0
Rosedale	Saml. Baker	180	0	0
Running Creek	J. Forsyth	25	0	0
Runnymede	J. Johns	40	0	0
Rushworth	J. H. Roberts	60	0	0
Russell's Creek	M. E. Gadd	15	0	0
Rutherglen	E. S. Outtrim	180	0	0
Rye	G. Mitchell	15	0	0
Sago Hill	R. Sims	20	0	0
Sailor's Gully	J. Patterson	10	0	0
St. Andrew	R. Smith	20	0	0
St. Arnaud	J. A. B. Smith	180	0	0
St. Kilda	J. Hearne	90	0	0
St. Leonard's	R. Smiley	10	0	0
Sale	J. Coverdale	350	0	0
Sandford	C. Swarzenike	20	0	0
Sandhurst	G. W. B. Vibert	350	0	0
Sandon	A. Kirwan	15	0	0
Sandridge	J. F. Hayes	180	0	0
Sandy Creek	H. Briddon	15	0	0
Scarsdale	W. Hawkridge	60	0	0
Scotchman's Lead	W. L. Clarke	25	0	0
Sebastopol	Fredk. Dore	180	0	0
Serpentine Creek	C. Hutton	30	0	0
Seymour	Peter Orr	180	0	0
Shelford	H. M. Wilson	35	0	0
Shepherd's Flat	J. J. Garlick	10	0	0
Shepparton	F. P. Knight	15	0	0
Shirley	H. Kemmis	25	0	0
Skipton	A. McK. Elder	40	0	0
Smeaton	A. Dockery	40	0	0
Smythesdale	John Nicol	180	0	0
Snake Valley	J. Greig	35	0	0
Snowy Creek	A. Trench	20	0	0
Somerville	A. C. Dawson	10	0	0
South Yarra	Jno. Turner, jun.	80	0	0
Springfield	M. Kenny	15	0	0
Spring Gully	J. Malone	15	0	0
Spring Hill	G. Knight	15	0	0
Springvale	J. Coates	15	0	0
Springs	W. Barbour	25	0	0
Staffordshire Reef	J. Landles	20	0	0
Stanley	J. Mathieson	35	0	0
Stawell	Geo. Allan, jun.	350	0	0
Stawell West	G. Magnus	80	0	0
Steiglitz	W. R. Cooper	60	0	0
Stockyard Hill	B. H. Stuart	25	0	0
Stonyford	C. McCallum	25	0	0
Strangways	W. H. Mulholland	15	0	0
Stratford	T. Lloyd	50	0	0
Strathfieldsaye	J. Owen	20	0	0
Strathloddon	P. McHardy	15	0	0
Strathmore	J. Spruhan	10	0	0
Streatham	F. W. Newenham	120	0	0
Stuartmill	H. E. Cheshire	120	0	0
Sulky Gully	G. Redman	20	0	0
Sunbury	W. McElwee	45	0	0
Sutherland's Creek	D. McCallum	15	0	0
Sutton Grange	J. K. Wait	15	0	0
Swan Hill	W. T. Swann	180	0	0
Swift's Creek	B. Johnson	15	0	0
Tabilk	J. Wylie	25	0	0
Talbot	James Colles	350	0	0
Talbotville	J. P. Lory	10	0	0
Tallarook	T. Fox	25	0	0
Tangil	C. Gadd	20	0	0
Tarilta	W. L. Ferrier	15	0	0
Tarnagulla	P. K. Tucker	180	0	0
Taradale	J. B. Mathews	180	0	0
Tarraville	A. Hall	40	0	0
Tarrawingee	T. Ladson	40	0	0
Tatyoon	J. Crothers	15	0	0
Teesdale	J. Todd	15	0	0
Templestowe	J. Field	20	0	0
Ten-mile House	T. Allen	10	0	0
Terang	A. Anderson	80	0	0
Thomastown	E. Perry	10	0	0
Timor	S. G. Brown	20	0	0
Tintaldra	W. H. Armstrong	20	0	0
Tooliorook	M. Cummings	10	0	0
Toongabbie	J. Bassett	30	0	0
Toorak	J. Worrell	102	0	0
Tourello	D. McDonald	10	0	0
Towaninnie	J. Finley	10	0	0
Traralgon	C. Denis	30	0	0
Trawalla	L. Hamblin	35	0	0
Trentham	G. McPherson	30	0	0
Tullamarine	J. Cousins	15	0	0
Twist's Creek	J. Burke	10	0	0
Tylden	A. H. Clayton	50	0	0
Ullina	S. H. Lowry	35	0	0
Ulupna West	J. Gracey	10	0	0
Upper Dargo	J. Fairley	20	0	0
Upper Macedon	A. de Forest	10	0	0
Upper Maffra	J. McKinnell	15	0	0
Vaughan	J. Chapman	30	0	0
Violet Town	J. Fivey	40	0	0
Wahgunyah	R. Kilborn	350	0	0
Wahring	J. Adams	15	0	0
Walhalla	W. B. Payter	75	0	0
Wallan-wallan	H. Sinclair	40	0	0
Walmer	D. Corbett	10	0	0
Wangaratta	Wm. Shields	180	0	0
Wannon	A. Cameron	20	0	0
Wareek	C. Fitzgerald	10	0	0
Warrandyte	A. McDonald	20	0	0
Warrenheip	J. Day	15	0	0
Warrnambool	T. R. Rackham	350	0	0
Waterloo	T. R. Morgan	15	0	0
Watgania	A. Glen	10	0	0
Weatherboard Hill	J. Nicholson	15	0	0
Wedderburn	J. R. Gray	45	0	0
Wehla	J. Brown	30	0	0
Welshman's Reef	M. Morris	15	0	0
Werracknebeal	A. Scott	20	0	0
Whim Holes	S. Ferguson	15	0	0
Whipstick	L. Marsden	15	0	0
White Hills	G. S. Butter	35	0	0
Whittlesea	J. W. Cairns	35	0	0
Whorouly	J. Moore	10	0	0
Whroo	J. H. Collier	35	0	0
Wickliffe	G. Harriott	70	0	0
Wild Duck Creek	G. Murrowood	15	0	0
Williamstown	C. M. Maplestone	350	0	0
Williamstown Junction	C. Stephens	10	0	0
Winchelsea	W. Stirling	45	0	0
Windermere	R. Comber	25	0	0
Winslow	R. T. Chisholm	10	0	0
Winton	Geo. Chandler	15	0	0
Wodonga	A. Cheyne	120	0	0
Wombat Creek	J. Nicholson	10	0	0
Woodend	R. Nicholson	70	0	0
Woodford	J. M. Patison	30	0	0
Woodside	J. Collins	15	0	0
Wood's Point	Jas. Sennett	146	13	4
Woodstock	O. Quinn	15	0	0
Woodstock-on-Loddon	H. W. Sinnott	15	0	0
Woolshed	J. McC. Kerr	15	0	0
Woolsthorpe	P. Mackie	15	0	0
Woorndoo	G. Nalder	15	0	0
Wordieboluc	H. Reeves	10	0	0
Wyndham	F. Schultze	35	0	0
Yackandandah	H. Salkeld	180	0	0
Yambuc	O. Doherty	20	0	0
Yandoit	J. W. Wyett	25	0	0
Yangery	W. J. Chalkley	10	0	0
Yapeen	J. Smith	20	0	0
Yarra Flats	J. H. Petty	35	0	0
Yarram-yarram	C. Devonshire	10	0	0
Yea	S. A. Wall	55	0	0
Yowen Hill	J. Flug	30	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.
1870.				
Jan. 22 ...	Bright Line	Between Beechworth and Bright ...	7 hours...	Tree on line
Feb. 7 ...	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale	1 day ...	„ „
„ 9 ...	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1 „ ...	„ „
„ 12 ...	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1 „ ...	„ „
„ 16-18	Otway Line	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	2 days ...	„ „
„ 16 ...	Wood's Point Line ...	„ Jamieson and Wood's Point ...	5 hours...	„ „
„ 17 ...	„ „ ...	„ Mansfield and Jamieson ...	1 day ...	Bush fires
„ 22-23	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	1½ days...	Tree on line
„ 22-23	North-Eastern Lines ...	„ Longwood and Benalla ...	2 hours...	„ „
March 4-5	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	1½ days...	„ „
„ 9-11	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	2 days ...	„ „
„ 22 ...	Queenscliff Line ...	„ Geelong and Queenscliff ...	10 hours	Pole blown down
„ 23-25	Otway Line	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	2½ days ...	Tree on line
April 11-12	„ „	„ „ „ ...	2 days ...	„ „
„ 22 ...	„ „	„ „ „ ...	7 hours...	„ „
„ 25 ...	Bright Line	„ Beechworth and Bright ...	8 „ ...	„ „
„ 29 ...	Swan Hill Line ...	„ Inglewood and Kerang ...	5 „ ...	Pole blown down
May 13 ...	Bright Line	„ Beechworth and Bright ...	1 day ...	Floods
„ 14-15	Gippsland Line ...	„ Sale and Port Albert ...	1½ days...	Decayed pole blown down
„ 19 ...	Wahgunyah Line ...	„ Beechworth and Chiltern ...	3 hours...	Tree on line
„ 23 ...	Majorca Line ...	„ Maryborough and Majorca ...	5 „ ...	„ „
„ 27 ...	Mornington Line ...	„ Melbourne and Mornington ...	1 day ...	„ „
June 4 ...	Swan Hill Line ...	„ Inglewood and Kerang ...	1½ hours	Pole blown down
„ 9 ...	Bright Line	„ Beechworth and Bright ...	7 hours...	Tree on line
„ 11-13	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	2 days ...	„ „
„ 11 ...	Wood's Point Line ...	„ Benalla and Mansfield ...	3½ hours	„ „
„ 14 ...	Ballarat Lines ...	„ Meredith and Ballarat ...	8 hours...	„ „
„ 23 ...	Bright Line	„ Beechworth and Bright ...	7 „ ...	„ „
„ 28-30	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	2½ „ ...	„ „
„ 28-29	Otway Line	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	1½ days...	„ „
„ 29 ...	Mornington Line ...	„ Melbourne and Mornington ...	1 day ...	„ „
July 8-9	Heathcote Line ...	„ Sandhurst and Heathcote, and Heathcote and Kilmore	1½ days...	Floods
„ 22 ...	Wahgunyah Line ...	„ Yackandandah and Chiltern ...	3½ hours	Tree on line
„ 28 ...	Wood's Point Line ...	„ Benalla and Mansfield ...	5 hours...	„ „
Aug. 8-10	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	2 days ...	„ „
„ 9 ...	Bupinyong Line ...	„ Ballarat and Buninyong ...	5 hours...	Pole blown down
„ 16 ...	North-Eastern Lines ...	„ Beechworth and Wodonga ...	2 „ ...	Tree on line
„ 18 ...	Maryborough Line ...	„ Maryborough and Avoca ...	3 „ ...	Pole washed away
„ 18-19	Otway Line	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	2 days ...	Poles washed away
Sept. 8 ...	North-Eastern Lines ...	„ Seymour and Longwood ...	1 day ...	Floods
„ 12 ...	Swan Hill Line ...	„ Kerang and Swan Hill ...	9 hours...	„
„ 12-13	Bright Line	„ Beechworth and Bright ...	1½ days...	„
„ 21 ...	Coast Line	„ Melbourne and Cape Schanck	4 hours...	Pole blown down
„ 21 ...	Western Lines ...	„ Portland and Mount Gambier	1 day ...	Pole blown down; heavy storms
„ 23 ...	Wood's Point Line ...	„ Mansfield and Jamieson ...	1 „ ...	Tree on line
„ 24 ...	Western Lines ...	„ Portland and Mount Gambier	4½ hours	Fall of dead tree
Oct. 3 ...	Wood's Point Line ...	„ Jamieson and Wood's Point ...	6½ „	Tree on line
„ 20-22	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	2 days ...	„ „
„ 27 ...	Otway Line	„ Geelong and Cape Otway ...	1 day ...	Pole blown down
„ 29 ...	Swan Hill Line ...	„ Maldon and Dunolly ...	1 „ ...	„ „
„ 29 ...	Wood's Point Line ...	„ Mansfield and Jamieson ...	5½ hours	„ „
„ 31 ...	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	6 hours...	„ „
Nov. 3 ...	Wahgunyah Line ...	„ Yackandandah and Chiltern ...	5 „ ...	Tree on line
„ 3 ...	Gippsland Line ...	„ Rosedale and Walhalla ...	2 „ ...	„ „
„ 9-11	„ „ ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	2 days ...	„ „
„ 12 ...	Swan Hill Line ...	„ Kerang and Swan Hill ...	1 day ...	Line on wet ground
„ 19-21	Mornington Line ...	„ Melbourne and Mornington ...	1 „ ...	Tree on line
„ 23-24	Gippsland Line ...	„ Melbourne and Rosedale ...	1½ days...	„ „
Dec. 12-13	„ „ ...	„ „ „ ...	1½ „ ...	„ „
„ 27 ...	Swan Hill Line ...	„ Tarnagulla and Inglewood ...	2 hours...	Line off three poles
„ 27 ...	„ „ ...	„ Kerang and Swan Hill ...	1 day ...	Line broken by dray

REMARKS.

January 3.—Lines crossed between Benalla and Wangaratta, and all lines affected by atmospheric electricity.
January 6.—No. 2 line down between Longwood and Benalla.
January 13.—Lines crossed between Castlemaine and Sandhurst, and also between Portland and Mount Gambier; severe storms.
January 14.—Line down between Castlemaine and Daylesford.
January 18.—Nos. 1, 2, and 3 crossed between Melbourne and Castlemaine.
January 22.—Lines crossed between Kilmore and Seymour.
January 25.—All lines affected by atmospheric electricity.
January 31.—Line down between Daylesford and Ballarat.
February 2-3.—Nos. 2 and 3, Western lines, crossed between Melbourne and Geelong in different places.
February 7.—No. 1 line on ground between Benalla and Wangaratta.
February 14.—No. 2 line on ground between Benalla and Wangaratta; and Western lines crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
February 18.—Nos. 4 and 6 crossed between Melbourne and Geelong.
February 20.—North-Eastern lines crossed between Longwood and Benalla.
February 25.—North-Eastern lines on ground between Seymour and Longwood.
March 1.—Western lines crossed.
March 10.—All lines working badly; boisterous weather.
March 12-14.—Western lines working badly; messages sent *via* Hamilton.
March 15.—All Western lines working badly.
March 21.—All lines working badly; wet weather.
March 29.—Western lines down all day; business transacted *via* Casterton.
April 1.—North-Eastern lines crossed between Longwood and Benalla.
April 2.—Nos. 4, 5, and 6 crossed near Ballarat.
April 7-8.—All coast lines affected by atmospheric electricity.
April 16.—Western lines working very hard; stormy wet weather.
May 5.—No. 3, Western line, down between Hexham and Penshurst.
May 7.—Western line crossed between Camperdown and Warrnambool.
May 12.—Western line crossed between Belfast and Portland; and line on ground between Portland and Hamilton.
May 18.—Otway line on ground.
May 31.—North-Eastern lines crossed between Beechworth and Belvoir; and line down between Daylesford and Creswick.
June 2.—Western lines crossed between Warrnambool and Belfast.
June 4.—Lines crossed between Belfast and Portland.
June 7.—Western lines working badly; heavy rains over the district.
June 9.—No. 3 line on ground between Raglan and Streatham.
June 15.—Northern lines crossed between Sandhurst and Echuca.
June 16.—No. 3, Western line, down between Hexham and Penshurst.
June 24.—Nos. 1 and 2, Western lines down between Camperdown and Warrnambool; messages sent *via* Hamilton.
June 25.—North-Eastern lines crossed between Melbourne and Kilmore, and near Beechworth
July 12.—North-Eastern lines on ground between Longwood and Benalla; business transacted *via* Deniliquin.
July 27.—All lines working badly; heavy rains.
August 1.—North-Eastern lines crossed between Wangaratta and Beechworth, and between Kilmore and Seymour.
August 6.—Nos. 3 and 4 lines down near Ballarat.
August 15.—North-Eastern lines on ground, caused by the fall of an enormous dead tree.
August 15-16.—Flinders line interrupted; trouble found in test-box at Brighton.
August 17.—Heavy thunderstorms, affecting all lines.
September 20.—North-Eastern lines down between Seymour and Longwood; business sent *via* Deniliquin.
October 10.—Swan Hill and St. Arnaud lines crossed; heavy floods in district.
October 13.—Northern lines crossed between Melbourne and Taradale.
October 26.—North-Eastern lines down between Seymour and Longwood; business sent *via* Deniliquin.
October 29.—All lines affected by heavy rains.
November 3-5.—No. 6 line interrupted between Junction and Werribee.
November 11.—All lines affected by atmospheric electricity.
November 21.—Western lines working very badly.
December 5.—No. 2, North-Eastern line, broken near Seymour.
December 19.—All lines working badly with exception of Western lines.
December 24.—Lines crossed between Geelong and Ballarat.
December 29.—All lines affected by atmospheric electricity.
December 31.—North-Eastern lines down between Melbourne and Kilmore, caused by dead tree falling across line.
December 31.—No. 4 line affected by atmospheric electricity.

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 1870.

Commenced.		Finished.		Average Number of Words per Hour.	Remarks as to the Weather, &c.
Date.	Hour and Minute.	Date.	Hour and Minute.		
1870.		1870.			
Jan. 19	4.40 p.m.	Jan. 19	7.37 p.m.	1,700	Lines worked well. Weather fine.
Feb. 15	12.5 a.m.	Feb. 15	4.10 a.m.	1,500	No. 1 line worked well; other lines very hard.
March 15	7.40 a.m.	March 15	1.40 p.m.	1,000	Lines nearly unworkable; reports received with great difficulty.
April 11	5.25 p.m.	April 11	9.50 p.m.	1,200	Victorian lines working well. South Australian and New South Wales direct lines down; all their business repeated through Melbourne. South Australian lines working badly.
May 9	2.25 p.m.	May 9	5.25 p.m.	1,700	All lines working well.
June 4	12.25 p.m.	June 4	7.40 p.m.	800	Lines worked badly; crossed between Belfast and Portland; South Australian lines in similar condition.
July 2	8.20 p.m.	July 2	11.55 p.m.	1,600	Lines worked well.
August 3	7.30 p.m.	Aug. 3	11.56 p.m.	1,400	Lines worked fairly.
August 28	1.45 p.m.	Aug. 28	7.35 p.m.	1,500	Lines worked well.
Sept. 24	2.57 p.m.	Sept. 24	6.15 p.m.	1,800	Lines worked well.
Oct. 24	10.37 a.m.	Oct. 24	2.50 p.m.	1,600	Lines worked well.
Nov. 21	10.52 a.m.	Nov. 21	7 p.m.	1,000	Lines worked with great difficulty.
Dec. 19	1.45 p.m.	Dec. 19	7.15 p.m.	1,500	Lines worked well.

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
Bairnsdale
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
Macarthur
Mack's Creek
Maidentown
Marong
Matlock
Merino
Moliagul
Morton Plains
Mount Blackwood
Mount Bolton
Mount Egerton
Mount Jeffcott
Myer's 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
Walhalla
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 Cape Schanck Flinders			
WESTERN COAST LINE ..	309	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
				Linton	
			Sebastopol Branch ..	Sebastopol	3 from Ballarat
		Beaufort	Stawell Branch	Ararat	49 from Beaufort
				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	
			Majorca Branch	Majorca	11 from Maryborough
		Avoca Stuartmill 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			
				Yackandandah	
				Chiltern	
		Beechworth	Wahgunyah Branch ..	Wahgunyah	50 from Beechworth
				Rutherglen	
			Bright Branch	Bright	36 from Beechworth
		Wodonga Albury			
GIPPSLAND LINE	181	Shady Creek†			
		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 Pier 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
				St. Kilda† (1)	3

Showing a total of 96 stations or offices; 2,696 miles of line, provided with 3,300 miles of wire.

* Denotes station closed during 1870.

† Denotes stations not yet opened.

APPENDIX G.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

STATEMENT showing the Comparative Revenue for the Years 1869 and 1870.

Name of Station.	Revenue, 1869.			Revenue, 1870.			Increase, 1870.			Decrease, 1870.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Melbourne	13,896	3	0	10,972	15	7	...			2,923	7	5
Melbourne, General Post Office*	1,854	12	2	3,649	7	11	1,794	15	9			
Ararat	208	12	0	231	17	5	23	5	5			
Avoca	139	3	2	129	16	3	...			9	6	11
Bairnsdale	4	0	0	238	12	3						
Ballarat	4,930	5	2	3,585	2	10	...			1,345	2	4
Beaufort	54	16	7	63	5	6	8	8	11			
Beechworth	858	7	6	808	14	0	...			49	13	6
Belfast	438	14	7	393	9	11	...			45	4	8
Benalla	108	9	4	121	2	0	12	12	8			
Bright	306	11	11	159	17	9	...			146	14	2
Buninyong	26	1	2	26	6	1	0	4	11			
Camperdown	151	0	1	246	4	2	95	4	1			
Cape Schanck	3	5	0	4	7	5	1	2	5			
Carisbrook	57	6	2	50	10	6	...			6	15	8
Casterton	80	12	7	111	15	8	31	3	1			
Castlemaine	382	11	11	461	4	10	78	12	11			
Chiltern	238	7	8	161	14	4	...			76	13	4
Clunes	543	5	3	402	17	11	...			140	7	4
Colac	86	15	0	120	13	1	33	18	1			
Coleraine	158	1	11	158	15	11	0	14	0			
Collingwood	105	0	0	115	12	9	10	12	9			
Creswick	187	7	1	216	15	10	29	8	9			
Daylesford	191	5	0	411	12	9	220	7	9			
Dunolly	165	6	0	160	19	10	...			4	6	2
Echuca	381	1	1	493	4	11	112	3	10			
Geelong	1,243	15	5	1,264	10	8	20	15	3			
Hamilton	366	13	9	449	3	11	82	10	2			
Heathcote	84	12	4	82	19	9	...			1	12	7
Hexham	41	3	10	36	4	3	...			4	19	7
Inglewood	120	10	7	131	4	1	10	13	6			
Jamieson	56	10	7	90	12	9	34	2	2			
Kerang	33	9	0	38	9	3	5	0	3			
Kilmore	80	17	6	120	4	1	39	6	7			
Kyneton	126	2	11	201	15	2	75	12	3			
Linton's	32	10	5	39	1	0	6	10	7			
Longwood	51	8	11	55	7	4	3	18	5			
Majorca	...			50	12	5	New office, 1870.					
Maldon	128	5	4	102	14	1	...			25	11	3
Malmsbury	36	16	9	43	18	6	7	1	9			
Mansfield	143	1	4	136	10	11	...			6	10	5
Maryborough	243	6	6	287	9	4	44	2	10			
Mornington	27	2	10	33	4	1	6	1	3			
Mortlake	85	7	2	95	3	4	9	16	2			
Newstead	25	2	4	29	12	1	4	9	9			
Penshurst	83	3	6	68	19	6	...			14	4	0
Port Albert	104	8	1	98	11	5	...			5	16	8
Portland	293	11	9	308	13	8	15	1	11			
Queenscliff	73	3	9	89	2	4	15	18	7			
Rosedale	176	8	8	121	6	0	...			55	2	8
Rutherglen	109	4	4	89	5	8	...			19	18	8
St. Arnaud	141	10	8	98	15	4	...			42	15	4
Sale	523	8	11	506	8	8	...			17	0	3
Sandhurst	883	1	2	1,154	10	5	271	9	3			
Sandridge	75	12	7	74	3	10	...			1	8	9
Sebastopol	...			26	14	5	New office, 1870.					
Serpentine†	...			3	5	0	Closed, 1870.					
Seymour	47	16	2	72	0	8	24	4	6			
Smythesdale	94	14	2	107	18	4	13	4	2			
Stawell	371	1	0	355	17	10	...			15	3	2
Streatham	40	7	10	48	11	7	8	3	9			
Stuartmill	...			135	0	6	New office, 1870.					
Swan Hill	68	19	1	75	1	9	6	2	8			
Talbot	270	6	9	271	8	3	1	1	6			
Taradale	41	8	1	51	10	3	10	2	2			
Tarnagulla	123	1	5	135	13	1	12	11	8			
Wahgunyah	255	11	7	224	19	8	...			30	11	11
Walhalla	...			61	10	7	New office, 1870.					
Wangaratta	286	15	3	303	2	5	16	7	2			
Warrnambool	548	14	5	763	5	3	214	10	10			
Williamstown	199	4	0	182	15	1	...			16	8	11
Wodonga	44	11	8	83	11	11	39	0	3			
Wood's Point	153	15	7	163	11	10	9	16	3			
Yackandandah ...	96	10	5	96	7	1	...			0	3	4

* Opened 6th April 1869. † Serpentine Station closed 3rd February 1870.

APPENDIX H.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

STATEMENT showing the Cash Revenue and Number of Messages Transmitted at each Office during the Year 1870.

Name of Station.	Total Cash Revenue.	Number of Messages Transmitted.	Date of Opening Office.	Name of Station.	Total Cash Revenue.	Number of Messages Transmitted.	Date of Opening Office.
	£ s. d.				£ s. d.		
Melbourne ...	10,972 15 7	88,278	Mar. 1854	Portland	308 13 8	4,797	Feb. 1858
Melbourne, General Post Office ...	3,649 7 11	46,107	April 1869	Queenscliff ...	89 2 4	6,124	Jan. 1855
Ararat	231 17 5	4,473	Nov. 1858	Rosedale	121 6 0	1,796	Mar. 1867
Avoca	129 16 3	2,233	Mar. 1859	Rutherglen ...	89 5 8	1,597	Aug. 1862
Bairnsdale ...	238 12 3	3,530	July 1869	St. Arnaud ...	98 15 4	1,522	Jan. 1865
Ballarat	3,585 2 10	50,454	Dec. 1856	Sale	506 8 8	6,639	Sept. 1864
Beaufort	63 5 6	1,093	Mar. 1858	Sandhurst ...	1,154 10 5	17,258	Jan. 1857
Beechworth ...	808 14 0	9,590	Jan. 1858	Sandridge... ...	74 3 10	793	July 1855
Belfast	393 9 11	7,075	Mar. 1858	Sebastopol ...	26 14 5	471	Jan. 1870
Benalla	121 2 0	2,565	May 1858	Serpentine Creek†...	3 5 0	58	Jan. 1869
Bright	159 17 9	2,467	Aug. 1867	Seymour	72 0 8	1,345	June 1865
Buninyong ...	26 6 1	517	Oct. 1862	Smythesdale ...	107 18 4	2,065	June 1863
Camperdown ...	246 4 2	3,197	Oct. 1863	Stawell	355 17 10	5,273	Oct. 1861
Cape Otway* ...	...	680	Sept. 1859	Streatham ...	48 11 7	854	July 1858
Cape Schanck ...	4 7 5	463	Sept. 1861	Stuartmill ...	135 0 6	1,936	Dec. 1869
Carisbrook ...	50 10 6	898	Jan. 1861	Swan Hill... ...	75 1 9	1,326	April 1863
Casterton... ...	111 15 8	1,569	July 1865	Talbot	271 8 3	4,592	Dec. 1860
Castlemaine ...	461 4 10	7,530	Jan. 1857	Taradale	51 10 3	1,002	Nov. 1861
Chiltern	161 14 4	2,458	Mar. 1861	Tarnagulla ...	135 13 1	2,356	Nov. 1860
Clunes	402 17 11	5,848	Feb. 1861	Wahgunyah ...	224 19 8	3,814	Feb. 1861
Colac	120 13 1	1,858	Aug. 1863	Walhalla	61 10 7	893	Nov. 1870
Coleraine ...	158 15 11	2,229	Aug. 1867	Wangaratta ...	303 2 5	5,234	July 1858
Collingwood ...	115 12 9	1,687	Nov. 1865	Warrnambool ...	763 5 3	10,789	Mar. 1858
Creswick	216 15 10	3,265	Aug. 1859	Williamstown ...	182 15 1	2,218	Mar. 1854
Daylesford ...	411 12 9	6,644	Aug. 1859	Wodonga	83 11 11	1,200	Jan. 1858
Dunolly	160 19 10	2,742	Aug. 1859	Wood's Point ...	163 11 10	2,814	Oct. 1865
Echuca	493 4 11	6,761	Dec. 1858	Yackandandah ...	96 7 1	1,507	Feb. 1861
Flinders*	...	108	May 1869	RAILWAY CIRCUIT.			
Geelong	1,264 10 8	16,925	Dec. 1854	Spencer street ...	201 4 6	8,346	Oct. 1861
Hamilton	449 3 11	6,895	Mar. 1861	Ballarat West ...	20 16 4	919	July 1863
Heathcote... ...	82 19 9	1,415	Oct. 1859	Castlemaine ...	19 3 1	1,518	July 1863
Hexham	36 4 3	622	April 1858	Echuca	57 15 10	3,560	June 1865
Inglewood ...	131 4 1	2,273	Oct. 1861	Geelong	40 11 8	3,011	April 1862
Jamieson	90 12 9	1,962	June 1865	Little River ...	13 18 4	4,538	Nov. 1862
Kerang	38 9 3	575	Aug. 1863	Meredith	35 2 6	1,276	April 1867
Kilmore	120 4 1	2,619	Oct. 1857	New Gisborne ...	24 11 4	580	July 1868
Kyneton	201 15 2	4,130	April 1857	Ravenswood‡ ...	0 10 8	13	
Linton's	39 1 0	704	Oct. 1868	Runnymede ...	56 6 8	3,049	June 1865
Longwood ...	55 7 4	1,094	Nov. 1857	Sandhurst ...	37 0 2	2,144	July 1863
Majorca	50 12 5	848	April 1870	Sunbury	13 17 11	985	Feb. 1867
Maldon	102 14 1	1,625	Aug. 1859	Werribee	20 6 0	6,935	April 1862
Malmsbury ...	43 18 6	930	Oct. 1865	Williamstown Junction	3 4 8	3,699	April 1862
Mansfield... ...	136 10 11	2,387	Nov. 1868	Williamstown, Railway Pier ...	10 0 6	731	Jan. 1870
Maryborough ...	287 9 4	4,819	April 1859	Woodend	33 3 5	1,070	Oct. 1861
Mornington ...	33 4 1	622	Mar. 1861				
Mortlake	95 3 4	1,485	June 1864	Point Lonsdale ‖ ...	...	...	Oct. 1861
Newstead	29 12 1	751	Oct. 1863				
Penshurst... ...	68 19 6	1,184	Jan. 1867				
Port Albert ...	98 11 5	1,767	Dec. 1864		£33,145 10 4	454,598	

* The collections included in Melbourne return.

† Serpentine Station closed 3rd February 1870.

‖ Look-out Shipping Station; no revenue collected.

‡ Ravenswood Station closed in March 1870.

APPENDIX I.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

TABULAR Statement showing Statistics of Business from 1854 to 1870, inclusive.

Year.	Cash Revenue.	Charge for Government Telegrams.	Number of Government Telegrams.	Total Number of Telegrams.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
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
1870	33,145 10 4	5,996 12 9	60,634	454,598
Total ...	391,222 2 7	176,362 16 5	720,721	3,224,925

APPENDIX K.

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

EXPENDITURE under control of Public Works Department.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total expenditure for Lines, Stations, &c., as per previous statement, to 31st December 1869	...	288,673 1 5
EXPENDITURE DURING 1870.		
Main extension of lines	4,000 0 0	
New buildings and repairs to existing buildings	7,200 0 0	
		11,200 0 0
		299,873 1 5
CURRENT EXPENDITURE DURING 1870.		
Rent of chief office and insurance	810 4 0	
Rent of temporary offices	1,174 10 8	
		1,984 14 8

APPENDIX L.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

RETURN showing Net Revenue from 1st January to 31st December 1870.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Cash receipts paid into Treasury from 1st January to 31st December 1870 ...	33,145 10 4	
Less amount due to other Colonies on account of intercolonial business for same period:		
New South Wales £1,026 6 9		
South Australia 171 1 1		
Bass Cable Company 1,201 11 8		
	2,398 19 6	
		30,746 10 10
Amount due by other Colonies on account of intercolonial business for same period:		
Queensland	88 16 2	
Tasmania	88 15 8	
		177 11 10
		30,924 2 8

APPENDIX M.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

STATEMENT showing Amount of Business Transmitted through the Bass's Straits Cable.

From 1st January to 31st December 1870.

Date.	Number of Messages.	Value.
1st January to 31st December 1870 ...	9,310 ...	£4,422 6*s.* 9*d.*

APPENDIX N.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH BRANCH.

EXTENSIONS of Telegraph Lines in other Colonies during 1870, and Lines in progress.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Extension of line from Grafton to Clarence Heads, 41 miles.
" " Kiama to Jervis Bay, 40 miles.
" " Bathurst to Carcoar, 30¼ miles.
" " Grafton to Casino, 35 miles.
" " Eden to Gabo Island, 36 miles.

Proposed line from Narrabri to Fort Bourke, 250 miles.
" " Maitland to Manning River, 55 miles.
" additional wire from Maitland to Armidale.

QUEENSLAND.

Line in course of erection from Cardwell to Gulf of Carpentaria, 350 miles—65 miles completed from Cardwell, and 65 miles completed on Western Section. The whole line is expected to be finished early in July 1871.

Proposed line from Warwick to Goondiwindi, 150 miles.
" " Clermont to Springswie, 112 miles.

TASMANIA.

New Stations opened at Brighton and Nine-mile Springs.

It is proposed to open New Norfolk during 1871; also offices at all stations on Launceston and Deloraine Railway.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Extension of line from Roseworthy to Burra Burra, 70 miles.

* Extension in progress upon the Overland line from Port Augusta, South Australia, to Port Darwin, North Australia, 1,800 miles.

* The present state of this work is as follows:—From Port Augusta poles planted for 200 miles, and poles cut and distributed for another 150 miles, wire being carted for 325 miles. This is for the first section (by contract) of 500 miles. The second (central) section, from latitude 27° to 19° 30′, is being carried out by five Government parties, and two, if not three, of the parties are now at work, each having 120 miles of line to erect. Wire, insulators, other materials, and rations for the whole of the parties are now seven to eight hundred miles north of Port Augusta. The third or northern section, from 19° 30′ to Port Darwin, is being erected by contract. The first pole planted at Port Darwin 17th September last, and, by advices dated 8th November 1870, 90 miles of line reported finished, and by this time (February 1871) 150 miles would have been completed, and in working order. Constant communication is kept up by telegraph between Port Darwin and the working party as the line progresses.

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