1878.

VICTORIA.

REPORT

UPON THE AFFAIRS OF THE

POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH

DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR

1877.

No. 4.

REPORT.

No change in the law relating to the Post Office and Telegraph Department was made during the year 1877; the rates and fees chargeable in both divisions of the service remained, therefore, the same as upon publication of the last Annual Report. The several sources of revenue continue, however, to show a steady advance, and the increase in the general business of the department will be found to be proportionate to that of preceding years.

Towards the end of the year a renewed endeavor was made to conclude a postal convention with the United States for the transmission of direct mails between Melbourne and San Francisco, under an arrangement similar to that entered into by the Government of New South Wales. As Mr. George Collins Levey, Secretary to the Commissioners for the Paris Exhibition, was about to visit America, that gentleman was requested, on behalf of the Victorian Government, to bring the matter specially under the notice of the Postmaster-General, Washington. The result of the negotiation was satisfactory, a postal convention being agreed upon, subject to ratification by the Victorian Government, for a direct exchange of correspondence between Victoria and the United States, and for the transmission of closed mails from Victoria through the United States to other countries.

A copy of the convention will be found in the Appendix to this Report. (*See* pages 37 and 38.)

Arrangements are in progress for the establishment of the Post Office Money Order system between Victoria and the United States and Canada, on the same basis as the system which is at present in force between those countries and the United Kingdom; and the business will be commenced as soon as the necessary preliminaries have been completed.

Further correspondence has taken place respecting the proposal that Victoria (and the other Australian colonies) should join the International Postal Union, under the conditions of the arrangement concluded at Berne on the 27th January 1876. As, however, it was estimated that a loss of revenue to the extent of £1,500 per annum would be occasioned to this colony under the proposed arrangement, and as the Ocean Mail Services connecting with Australia will probably undergo important modifications within the next few years, it was deemed, after due consideration, inadvisable, at least until termination of the present mail contract, to join the International Union.

Early in the year a proposal was received from the Director-General of the Post Office of India, for the extension to Victoria of the Parcel Post system already existing between Europe and that country; and a proposition upon the same subject was subsequently submitted by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, through whose agency parcels are proposed to be conveyed to the port of destination, and thence delivered through the Post Office. An alteration in the Customs Law is necessary before the system could be introduced into this colony, the subject has therefore been deferred with a view to the sanction of the Legislature being obtained, when the conditions under which the Post Office Department will be prepared to conduct the business in question will be notified.

With a view to the establishment of a through Ocean Mail Service *via* the Cape, which should alternate with that *via* Suez, and thereby secure to this colony practically a fortnightly mail, the Agent-General in London was instructed to advertise for tenders for a four-weekly Mail Service to Melbourne direct, by vessels of about 4,000 tons, and full horse-power; the voyage to be made in forty days or less, an additional subsidy being paid for thirty-eight, thirty-seven, thirty-six, and thirty-five

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS.

Additional Wires and Extensions.

In the early part of the year the completion of the line of iron poles from Essendon to Wodonga was effected, and so far the results have been highly satisfactory.

The wires have been extended from Heidelberg to Eltham, and from Wedderburn to East Charlton, and communication also extended to Branxholme, Bridgewater, Glenorchy, Heywood, Portsea, and Toorak.

Along the railway lines, wires have been erected from Geelong to Winchelsea, Ararat to Hamilton and Portland, Oakleigh to Bunyip, Moe to Sale, Sandhurst to Eaglehawk, and between Maryborough and Clunes ; and the following are in progress, viz :—between Bunyip and Moe, Birregurra and Colac, Clunes and Creswick, Maryborough and Avoca.

Under an arrangement with a private firm, a clock-controlling wire has been erected in the City, and availed of by nearly all the banks.

Repairs more or less extensive have been effected or are in progress on all the principal lines originally erected, the Cape Otway and Portland and Mount Gambier sections having been repoled. Temporary repairs are in progress on the Melbourne and Ballarat, and the Melbourne and Sandhurst lines, but as soon as funds are available it is proposed having both these important lines placed in thorough repair.

STATEMENT of Expenditure for Telegraph Lines, Stations, &c., for 1877.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Total Expenditure for Lines, Stations, &c., up to 31st December 1876				464,701	3	11
EXPENDITURE DURING 1877.						
Main Extension of Lines, &c., to 31st December ...	21,939	6	10			
New Buildings and Repairs to existing Buildings ...	18,603	6	3			
				40,542	13	1
				£505,243	17	0
CURRENT EXPENDITURE DURING 1877.						
Rent of Temporary Offices				£3,749	18	7

Local and Intercolonial Business.

STATEMENT showing the Victorian and Intercolonial Business for the Years 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877.

	1869.		1870.		1871.		1872.		1873.	
	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
* Between Victorian Stations	194,591	24,414 7 9	303,352	23,931 18 9	439,200	27,274 14 4	503,617	35,244 15 3	521,489	32,783 16 5
From—										
Victoria to New South Wales	13,349	5,840 1 8	15,724	5,546 5 9	20,493	5,547 8 8	29,148	6,693 8 3	36,864	6,680 13 11
New South Wales to Victoria	15,540	5,750 2 5	14,982	5,086 12 5	24,165	5,056 17 7	29,390	6,769 0 8	37,376	7,834 3 10
Victoria to Queensland	933	389 6 13	1,250	240 1 9	1,607	453 9 4	2,140	1,016 10 13	2,752	1,184 14 9
Queensland to Victoria	1,218	678 16 0	1,541	787 1 8	1,970	794 5 10	2,630	1,367 12 9	3,270	1,627 4 4
Victoria to South Australia	7,061	2,563 7 0	5,939	5,286 14 8	14,940	3,171 19 2	13,831	5,315 19 11	17,206	5,201 9 10
South Australia to Victoria	6,465	5,197 11 0	7,945	5,995 1 9	12,003	3,727 10 2	10,653	3,006 19 10	18,561	3,769 14 3
Victoria to Tasmania	2,387	1,378 13 1	4,485	1,744 9 8	3,751	1,504 11 4	5,259	1,947 19 0	5,440	1,979 8 8
Tasmania to Victoria	2,513	1,306 16 0	4,625	1,940 19 0	4,905	1,302 15 2	5,903	1,561 6 7	4,455	1,423 2 9

	1874.		1875.		1876.		1877.	
	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.	Number of Private Messages.	Revenue.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
* Between Victorian Stations	503,532	30,245 2 1	633,333	33,120 15 9	599,928	35,933 5 8	610,336	39,144 1 2
From—								
Victoria to New South Wales	49,634	7,904 3 8	57,753	8,619 19 3	64,808	9,307 1 0	79,419	10,681 17 2
New South Wales to Victoria	51,355	7,750 6 4	63,310	8,791 18 4	71,601	9,205 4 8	78,936	10,981 8 2
Victoria to Queensland	3,992	1,211 10 4	5,014	1,467 14 0	6,017	1,794 14 8	10,345	2,547 9 11
Queensland to Victoria	7,151	1,367 5 7	5,997	1,593 14 7	10,030	2,538 18 2	13,113	2,597 10 11
Victoria to South Australia	17,151	5,202 6 6	19,325	4,924 3 9	25,992	5,728 0 6	24,727	4,661 9 4
South Australia to Victoria	16,314	3,837 7 6	21,400	5,148 4 8	23,182	6,692 6 10	34,512	6,998 4 5
Victoria to Tasmania	5,805	1,850 7 11	6,705	1,878 4 11	5,993	1,947 19 0	6,723	1,858 6 6
Tasmania to Victoria	4,936	1,329 3 11	4,882	1,573 19 6	5,993	1,847 13 0	5,777	1,847 3 10
Western Australia to Victoria						379	455	102 10 3

* Exclusive of the number and value of messages O.H.M.S.

NOTE.—Victoria ... Reduced rate of 1s. for 10 words came into operation 1st January 1870.
New South Wales ... Reduced rate from 2s. to 9s. for 10 words came into operation 1st November 1873.
Queensland ... Reduced rate from 4s. to 3s. for 10 words came into operation 1st November 1873.
South Australia ... Reduced rate from 4s. to 2s. for 10 words came into operation 1st August 1870.
Tasmania ... Reduced (cable) rate from 3s. to 4s. for 10 words came into operation 1st January 1870.

STATEMENT showing the Extension of Telegraph Lines in the Australian Colonies during 1877, also Lines in progress.

VICTORIA.

Number of miles of wire erected during 1877, 987½ ; number of miles of line erected, 380½ ; total number of miles of wire, 5,199½ ; total number of miles of line, 2,884½ ; 533 miles of wire and 239 miles of line were dismantled during the year ; number of miles of wire in progress, 48 ; number of miles of line in progress, 44 ; 24 new stations were opened and 4 (3 of which belonged to the Railway Circuit) were closed ; total number of stations at the end of 1877, 204.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Number of miles of line erected during 1877, 1,289 ; total number of miles of line erected, 9,694 ; number of stations opened, 94 ; total number of stations, 202 ; lines in progress—Bourke to Wentworth, Bourke to Rutherford's, Hay to Booligal, Bowning to Wagga Wagga and Murrurundi to Tamworth ; additional wires are also being erected from Sydney to Newcastle, Sydney to Bathurst, and Wagga Wagga to Deniliquin.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Number of miles of line erected during 1877, 415 ; number of miles of wire erected, 415½ ; total number of miles of line, 4,061 ; total number of miles of wire, 5,158 ; number of miles of line in progress, 705½ ; number of miles of wire in progress, 1,031 ; stations opened in 1877, 16 ; total number of stations open at end of the year, 136.

QUEENSLAND.

Number of miles of line erected during 1877, 306 ; number of miles of wire, 609¼ ; total number of miles of line erected to 31st December 1877, 5,041 ; total number of miles of wire, 6,480½ ; new stations opened in 1877, 15 ; total number of stations open at the end of the year, 133.

TASMANIA.

Number of miles of wire erected during 1877, 225 ; total number of miles of wire on 31st December 1877, 968 ; miles of wire in progress, 118 ; new stations opened, 6 ; total number of stations, 70.

STATEMENT showing the Australian business transacted with Europe and the East for the Year 1877.

Colony	Received		Transmitted		Total	
	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.	Number of Messages.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Victoria	2,632	33,795 12 4	1,882	23,172 13 3	4,514	55,968 5 7
South Australia	1,003	8,345 2 6	916	8,321 9 7	1,919	16,666 12 1
New South Wales	2,401	18,264 1 4	2,251	21,770 18 5	4,652	40,034 19 7
Queensland	394	2,847 8 8	507	3,372 8 2	901	5,619 10 10
Tasmania	51	347 3 10	54	441 2 0	105	788 5 10
New Zealand	219	5,066 13 5	258	3,994 18 3	477	4,061 11 8
Western Australia	8	62 3 5	3	40 10 8	11	102 14 1
Total	6,708	64,127 19 6	5,871	59,114 0 2	12,479	123,241 19 8

STATEMENT showing the Telegraphic Interruptions which have taken place in the Submarine Cables during the Year 1877.

Cable	Period of Interruption. Days.	Where Interrupted.	Remarks.
India and Australia	4	Between Singapore and Batavia	From Feb. 26 to Mar. 2
"	9	" Penang and Singapore	" July 13 to July 21
"	22	" Singapore and Batavia	" Sep. 26 to Oct. 17
"	11	" Penang and Singapore	" Oct. 18 to Nov. 7
"	39	" Banjoewangie and Port Darwin	" Nov. 7 to Dec. 15
Tasmania and Victoria	15	2 miles from Flinders	" May 25 to June 11
"	8	2½ miles from Low Head	" June 12 to June 25
"	15	2 miles from Flinders	" Aug. 5 to Aug. 19
"	18	2 miles from Flinders	" Oct. 13 to Oct. 17
"	72	2 miles from Low Head	" Nov. 4 to Nov. 15

RETURN showing Net Revenue from 1st January to 31st December 1877.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash receipts paid into Treasury, from 1st January to 31st December 1877			57,429 4 10
Less amount due to other colonies on account of intercolonial business for same period:—			
Rase Cable Company	£909 0 1		
New South Wales	478 18 6	1,387 18 7	
			56,041 6 3
Amount due by other colonies on account of intercolonial business for same period:—			
South Australia	£67 0 7		
Tasmania	226 1 9		
Queensland	327 9 4		
Western Australia	10 1 7	630 13 3	630 13 3
			£56,671 19 6

A Conference on the subject of Duplication of the Telegraph Cable between Australasia and Europe was held in Sydney in January–February 1877, at which the whole of the Australasian Colonies were represented. The Report, Minutes of Proceedings, &c., of the Conference were presented to Parliament (*see* Parliamentary Paper No. 7, 1877).

The following resolutions were adopted at the Conference:—

1. That it is desirable to extend and improve the means of telegraphic communication between Australia and Europe, by the duplication, where necessary, of the cables or lines connecting the same.

2. That any outside or Ocean cables to connect Australia with Europe shall be borne by the several Australian colonies assenting thereto, in proportion to population.

3. That the loss (if any) on competing colonial lines, to connect the cables with the main telegraphic system of each colony, should in like manner be borne by all the colonies concerned.
    NOTE.—Tasmania voted against this resolution; New Zealand, Victoria, and Western Australia did not vote.

4. That inasmuch as it has been decided that it is desirable to extend and improve the means of telegraphic communication between Australia and Europe, by the duplication, where necessary, of the cables connecting the same, and that the subsidy on Ocean cables to connect Australia with Europe be borne by the several colonies assenting thereto in proportion to population :—
    (1.) The several Governments of South Australia, Queensland, and Western Australia be invited to open negotiations for the construction of cables connecting their several colonies with Singapore or Ceylon; and the Government of New Zealand for the construction of a cable from that colony to the United States of America.
    (2.) That in such negotiations the Government of New Zealand enter into communication with the Government of the United States, for the purpose of procuring their consent to contribute to the payment of any subsidy that may be payable in respect of the same; and further, that in all the negotiations of the several Governments the necessity of procuring a reduction of the present tariff rates be especially kept in view, the maximum rate being six shillings per word.

(3.) That in the meantime the South Australian Government be requested, on behalf of the several colonies, to urge upon the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company the necessity of keeping a repairing steamer between Banjoewangie and Port Darwin, to repair any accident to that portion of cable.

5. That having in view the serious annoyance and loss occasioned by the mutilation of messages in transmission through Java, the President of this Conference be requested, on behalf of the Australasian colonies represented, to communicate with the Secretary of State, for the purpose of obtaining permission from the Government of Netherlands-India to employ English operators on the land lines in Java.

6. That the Governments of South Australia and New South Wales be empowered to make arrangements with the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company for a reduction of message tariff to six shillings per word, at a subsidy not exceeding £20,000 per annum, terminable at one year's notice; and that such subsidy be borne by the respective colonies in proportion to population—any colony to be at liberty to withdraw on like notice.

The colonies of New Zealand, Tasmania, and Western Australia refrained from voting on this resolution.

7. That the several colonies agree to allow the necessary official telegrams of H.M. ships to pass over their respective lines free of charge.

8. That the Governments of Queensland and South Australia be requested to circulate among the respective Governments the draft Bills referred to in the resolutions of the Intercolonial Conference held in Sydney, passed on the 10th February 1873, for removing the defects in the law relating to the extradition of criminals, and the absconding of debtors, with a view to the same being submitted to the respective Legislatures as early as practicable.

The following are the resolutions referred to:—

"That the present state of the law in regard to the extradition of criminals escaping from one colony into another is defective. That the Government of Queensland be requested to prepare a Bill on the subject, which the representatives of the several colonies undertake—provided it is approved by their respective law officers —to endeavour to pass into law."

"That the present state of the law in regard to remedies to be had against absconding debtors is defective."

"That the Government of South Australia be requested to prepare a Bill to remedy the defects, and, subject to the approval of their respective law officers, the members of this Conference will endeavour to procure the passing of a similar Bill in their respective Legislatures."

9. That in the opinion of the Conference it is desirable that a uniform-telegraphic code should be adopted by several Australasian colonies.

In regard to resolution No. 4, article 1, a letter has been received from the Chief Secretary of South Australia, intimating that negotiations had been opened with the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, which had resulted in a proposal being submitted to lay a second cable from Singapore direct to Banjoewangie, avoiding the Java lines, and thence direct to Port Darwin, in consideration of an annual subsidy of £32,400.

With reference to resolution 2, a communication has been received from the Colonial Secretary, Wellington, forwarding copies of despatches received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, announcing that Mr. Seward, Acting Secretary of State, Washington, had promised to bring the matter in connection with a telegraph cable between New Zealand and America under consideration of Congress; but it was stated that there could not be much hope that Congress would vote any considerable sum of money towards the completion of such an undertaking.

In accordance with resolution No. 7, arrangements have been made for all official telegrams of Her Majesty's ships to be allowed to pass over the Victorian telegraph lines free of charge.

To mitigate as far as possible the inconvenience that would arise from the suspension of telegraphic communication with Europe through the breaking of either of the submarine cables between Australia and Singapore, a contract was entered into in September last between the Postmaster-General, South Australia, and the Netherlands-India Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of telegraphic despatches and mails to and from Banjoewangie and Port Darwin, in the event of communication by cable between those places being interrupted, upon the following terms and conditions, viz. :—The company to provide a suitable steamship of not less than 400 tons capacity, and to be paid at the rate of £1,250 for each complete trip from Banjoewangie to Port Darwin and return to Banjoewangie. The parties to the contract to be at liberty to terminate the same at any time by giving six months' notice in writing of intention to do so.

A contract, upon similar terms and conditions, was also entered into by the same contracting parties for the conveyance of telegraphic despatches and mails between Batavia and Singapore, in the event of the telegraph cable between those places being interrupted. For this latter service the company is to receive the sum of £1,050 for each complete trip from Batavia to Singapore and return to Batavia. The cost of both services will be borne by all the Australasian Colonies, each colony contributing in proportion to its population.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Cash Revenue for 1876 and 1877, and Number of Messages transmitted from each Office during the Year 1877.

Name of Station	Date of Opening Office	Number of Messages transmitted	Revenue, 1876. £ s. d.	Revenue, 1877. £ s. d.	Increase, 1877. £ s. d.	Decrease, 1877. £ s. d.
Melbourne, Central Office	Mar. 1854	205,855	18,705 11 5	21,382 9 7	2,676 18 2	
" Customs	Aug. 1872	41,478	4,070 7 0	4,185 6 8	114 19 8	
Alexandra	Dec. 1873	1,887	81 15 10	94 15 7	12 19 9	
Ararat	Nov. 1858	7,675	506 11 7	453 10 4		53 1 3
Arenel	Nov. 1874	1,227	56 6 2	63 4 9	6 18 7	
Avoca	Mar. 1859	2,740	132 3 8	152 14 11	20 11 3	
Bacchus Marsh	Oct. 1874	1,680	71 8 0	80 4 8	8 16 8	
Bairnsdale	July 1869	5,608	286 14 9	371 11 2	84 16 5	
Ballan	Sept. 1874	1,366	61 13 4	72 6 11	10 13 7	
Ballarat	Dec. 1856	46,943	3,523 6 6	3,149 17 5		373 9 1
Balmoral	Oct. 1875	1,113	58 15 11	62 17 1	4 1 2	
Beaufort	Mar. 1859	1,680	88 15 0	96 1 5	7 6 5	
Beechworth	Jan. 1858	7,898	489 16 2	483 19 8		5 16 6
Belfast	Mar. 1858	7,621	460 2 7	418 5 11		41 16 8
Benalla	May 1858	3,525	201 16 0	197 8 0		4 8 0
Berwick	Mar. 1873	1,476	75 15 8	81 9 8	5 14 0	
Birregurra	Feb. 1874	2,320	66 19 2	120 10 7	53 11 5	
Branxholme	Nov. 1875	1,257	47 16 2	65 8 11	17 12 9	
Bridgewater on Loddon	June 1877	1,625	New office	54 11 3	54 11 3	
Bright	June 1867	1,652	69 19 4	95 17 4	25 18 0	
Brighton	Nov. 1872	1,539	90 5 3	93 2 9	2 17 6	
Brunswick	Aug. 1872	737	43 17 10	43 10 0		0 7 10
Bulla Bath	Mar. 1877	1,814	New office	88 19 0	88 19 0	
Buninyong	Oct. 1862	851	49 3 11	42 11 3		6 12 8
Camperdown	Oct. 1863	3,789	233 17 9	242 12 4	8 14 7	
Cape Otway	Sept. 1859	873	9 9 5	13 8 4	3 18 11	
Cape Schanck	Sept. 1861	807	4 0 3	6 16 2	2 15 11	
Caramut	Mar. 1874	900	59 12 6	49 16 5		9 16 1
Carisbrook	Jan. 1861	1,353	43 7 1	43 17 1	0 10 0	
Carlton	Feb. 1875	3,713	134 17 4	270 10 10	135 13 6	
Casterton	July 1865	4,149	298 10 0	255 3 9		43 6 3
Castlemaine	Jan. 1857	8,316	445 4 10	443 9 8		1 15 2
Chewton	Oct. 1872	378	21 7 9	21 6 7		0 1 2
Chiltern	Mar. 1861	1,934	113 2 7	106 14 5		6 8 2
Clunes	Feb. 1861	4,659	323 4 9	253 10 10		69 13 11
Coburg	Aug. 1863	491	23 10 5	29 14 6	6 4 1	
Colac	Aug. 1863	5,799	289 0 1	394 13 4	105 13 3	
Coleraine	Aug. 1867	3,624	227 0 3	238 13 9	11 13 6	
Collingwood	Nov. 1865	4,639	317 4 3	331 4 1	13 19 10	
Cranbourne	Feb. 1877	633	New office	35 6 0	35 6 0	
Creswick	Aug. 1859	5,589	269 17 5	301 12 11	31 15 6	
Dandenong	Jan. 1857	1,879	81 11 11	93 7 6	11 15 7	
Daylesford	Aug. 1859	3,834	178 9 6	161 7 5		17 2 1
Dromana	April 1875	769	34 10 5	36 14 11	2 4 6	
Dunolly	Aug. 1859	4,474	199 2 7	221 7 5	22 4 10	
Durham Ox	June 1876	1,412	34 8 1	86 3 5	51 15 4	
Eaglehawk	Oct. 1871	1,212	73 15 4	79 8 3	5 12 11	
Echuca	Dec. 1858	15,761	1,022 5 0	961 1 0		61 4 0
Elaine	April 1876	415	19 14 7	18 13 3		1 1 4
Eldorado	July 1871	615	47 10 1	36 11 7		10 18 6
Eltham	June 1877	128	New office	7 0 3	7 0 3	
Emerald Hill	Feb. 1875	3,598	230 8 5	246 10 0	16 1 7	
Fitzroy	Sept. 1877	779	New office	53 8 8	53 8 8	
Flemington	Dec. 1876	1,118	2 1 10	80 17 7	78 15 9	
Flinders	May 1869	336	11 11 5	10 16 4		0 15 1
Footscray	Oct. 1873	1,209	54 12 8	66 17 10	12 5 2	
Fryerstown	April 1873	684	30 9 4	34 10 0	4 0 8	
Gaffney's Creek	May 1871	580	30 8 10	28 5 1		2 3 9
Geelong	Dec. 1854	24,991	1,603 15 4	1,712 12 9	108 17 5	
Glenorchy	Sept. 1877	197	New office	9 6 2	9 6 2	
Goornong	Sept. 1877	773	New office	21 1 10	21 1 10	
Gordons	Aug. 1873	1,942	54 19 11	90 7 1	35 7 2	
Hamilton	Mar. 1861	12,818	716 19 3	836 9 1	119 9 10	
Harrow	July 1875	3,360	89 12 10	102 10 7	12 17 9	
Hawthorn	July 1872	1,489	97 7 0	94 10 5		2 16 7
Heathcote	Sept. 1859	2,241	95 11 11	131 3 6	35 11 7	
Heidelberg	Aug. 1876	774	18 15 0	46 8 9	27 13 9	
Hexham	April 1858	522	32 15 3	27 6 6		5 8 9
Heywood	Aug. 1877	443	New office	28 9 1	28 9 1	
Horsham	March 1875	9,721	635 11 2	638 10 0	2 18 10	
Hotham	June 1875	3,893	128 15 1	178 11 11	49 16 10	
Inglewood	Aug. 1859	4,094	201 6 7	205 4 5	3 17 10	
Ivanhoe	Jan. 1869	398	5 5 5	25 16 1	20 10 8	
Jamieson	June 1865	1,498	76 18 7	77 8 0	0 9 5	
Kellor Road Station	Nov. 1877	60	New office	2 5 7	2 5 7	
Kerang	Aug. 1863	2,537	75 5 2	132 18 3	57 13 1	
Kew	Feb. 1875	1,489	82 17 10	91 6 9	8 8 11	
Kilmore	Oct. 1857	2,749	125 9 2	130 19 8	5 10 6	
Koroit	Sept. 1873	1,547	88 2 4	93 3 11	5 1 7	
Kyneton	April 1857	5,894	307 3 11	321 5 11	14 2 0	
Lancefield	May 1874	780	45 8 3	41 6 5		4 1 10

* Local collections only.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Cash Revenue for 1876 and 1877, and Number of Messages transmitted from each Office during the Year 1877—*continued.*

Name of Station	Date of Opening Office	Number of Messages Transmitted.	Revenue, 1876. £ s. d.	Revenue, 1877. £ s. d.	Increase, 1877. £ s. d.	Decrease, 1877. £ s. d.
Learmonth	May 1874	896	45 6 7	45 16 4	0 7 9	
Lilydale	July 1876	1,199	34 1 5	69 12 2	35 10 9	
Linton	Oct. 1868	948	52 14 6	50 7 4		2 7 2
Little River	Sept. 1876	281	3 11 5	28 16 6	25 7 1	
Longwood	Nov. 1857	623	22 5 1	30 12 1		1 13 0
Lorne	May 1875	897	25 4 3	47 13 0	22 10 9	
Maffra	July 1875	1,880	98 14 5	111 11 0	12 16 7	
Magpie	April 1870	565	36 3 4	80 0 11		
Maldon	Aug. 1859	3,496	97 17 10	82 7 0		15 10 10
Malmesbury	Oct. 1865	1,213	66 9 5	58 18 1		7 11 4
Malvern	Jan. 1876	211	16 9 9	13 19 8		3 10 1
Mansfield	Nov. 1868	2,805	146 10 10	154 16 5	8 5 7	
Maryborough	April 1859	6,290	359 16 7	368 19 9	9 9 2	
Melton	Sept. 1877	168	New office	8 16 3	8 16 3	
Meredith	April 1875	632	25 19 11	25 11 11		0 8 0
Moe	Jan. 1877	1,566	New office	81 15 8	81 15 8	
Mordialloc	Aug. 1876	478	7 16 9	26 9 10	18 13 1	
Mornington	Mar. 1861	1,461	70 9 3	79 1 0	8 11 9	
Mortlake	June 1864	2,169	139 15 3	120 18 6		18 16 9
Mount Blackwood	Aug. 1875	1,081	56 15 4	58 3 0	1 7 8	
Murchison	Dec. 1874	3,495	103 4 6	107 16 4	4 11 10	
Myrniong	Feb. 1876	467	16 19 2	26 5 4	9 6 2	
Nagambie	Nov. 1874	1,598	95 3 5	55 7 1		39 16 4
New Gisborne	July 1873	630	37 18 3	34 3 11		3 14 4
Newstead	Oct. 1865	701	33 0 1	37 10 10	4 10 9	
Northcote	Aug. 1876	243	6 11 5	15 13 7	9 1 2	
Oakleigh	Sept. 1875	489	16 3 10	29 0 7	12 16 9	
Pakenham	Aug. 1871	343	New office	13 10 10	13 10 10	
Penshurst	Jan. 1867	2,245	133 17 5	133 8 6		20 8 11
Piggoreet	Mar. 1875	374	20 15 2	19 0 1		1 15 0
Port Albert	Dec. 1864	3,509	169 11 9	150 1 4		19 10 5
Portland	Feb. 1858	9,127	473 0 7	560 18 5	88 17 10	
Portsea	Mar. 1877	1,410	New office	79 16 8	79 16 8	
Prahran	Aug. 1872	2,913	157 16 7	187 19 9	33 18 2	
Preston	Aug. 1876	169	3 15 5	10 12 2	6 16 10	
Queenscliff	Nov. 1863	10,055	218 17 10	203 19 10		14 18 0
Richmond	Jan. 1872	2,360	143 13 11	142 15 3		0 18 8
Ditto South Receiving-house	Jan. 1876	728	52 19 7	44 9 7		8 10 0
Rochester	May 1875	3,401	157 3 7	180 5 0	22 18 5	
Rokewood	Sept. 1873	611	33 19 10	33 13 7		0 6 3
Romsey	May 1874	852	40 3 2	46 10 3	6 7 1	
Rosedale	Mar. 1867	2,468	139 9 5	121 17 6		17 11 11
Rushworth	Dec. 1874	3,279	96 16 3	134 19 1	38 2 10	
Rutherglen	Aug. 1869	1,461	76 6 10	82 11 2	6 4 4	
St. Arnaud	Jan. 1865	6,590	340 7 2	343 15 8	3 8 6	
St. Kilda	Sept. 1854	4,706	318 11 8	343 13 2	25 1 6	
Sale	Sept. 1864	11,639	721 18 0	743 17 8	21 19 8	
Sandhurst	Jan. 1855	28,518	2,583 17 9	1,827 11 3		56 6 6
Sandridge	July 1855	3,919	907 4 11	912 7 1	5 2 2	
Stanzdale	Sept. 1872	607	33 10 7	34 7 3	1 16 8	
Sebastopol	Jan. 1870	433	30 12 6	25 6 2		5 7 4
Serpentine Creek	Sept. 1873	1,093	57 4 3	60 15 3	3 10 0	
Seymour	June 1865	1,860	88 13 4	98 15 11	10 2 9	
Shady Creek§	Jan. 1871	173	35 13 0	7 15 0		27 18 0
Skipton	Sept. 1876	867	15 7 2	55 8 6	40 1 0	
Smythesdale	June 1863	1,111	66 13 9	56 15 11		9 6 9
Sorrento	Oct. 1874	1,068	170 0 1	98 1 3		71 18 10
South Yarra	Aug. 1867	3,836	219 2 8	202 15 4		7 7 4
Stawell	Oct. 1861	16,080	849 19 5	1,012 19 5	163 0 0	
Stockyard Creek	April 1873	836	68 0 0	58 13 5		8 6 7
Streatham	May 1873	1,567	84 5 0	80 18 7		3 6 5
Strensham	Dec. 1869	499	38 5 2	34 14 0		3 14 7
Swan Hill	April 1863	2,448	134 13 4	156 10 4	21 17 0	
Sunbury Volunteer Camp†	Mar. 1877	158		7 3 6	7 3 6	
Talbot	Nov. 1861	2,896	167 0 3	143 9 11		23 10 4
Taradale	Nov. 1861	846	43 14 5	40 0 3		3 14 0
Tarnagulla	Nov. 1861	1,076	58 13 9	63 13 0	4 19 3	
Tarraville	June 1871	321	17 9 8	17 11 9	0 2 1	
Tarang	Nov. 1871	1,510	74 4 10	61 8 0		12 16 10
Toorak	May 1877	657	New office	61 2 0	61 2 0	
Traralgon	May 1875	2,150	110 7 5	111 13 6	1 6 1	
Wabdallah	May 1873	1,101	43 0 7	39 9 4		2 11 3
Wahgunyah	Feb. 1861	3,412	123 7 0	140 11 6	17 4 6	
Walhalla	Mar. 1869	5,258	434 13 7	527 15 1	106 17 8	
Wangaratta	July 1858	4,998	270 15 8	274 9 2	5 10 6	
Warrenabool	Mar. 1858	16,989	1,135 19 0	1,148 11 8	12 12 8	
Wedderburn	Jan. 1870	1,396	63 8 7	94 9 0	31 0 5	
Williamstown	Jan. 1858	4,848	328 11 1	307 13 9		20 8 4
Wilson's Promontory‡	April 1875	589				
Winchelsea	Feb. 1874	1,241	64 7 4	65 1 8	1 14 4	
Wodonga	Jan. 1861	3,736	198 9 5	203 12 9	5 10 0	
Wood's Point	Oct. 1865	1,259	83 15 10	91 15 9	9 18 0	
Yackandandah	Feb. 1861	1,066	61 4 8	49 18 0		8 0 8
Point Lonsdale‡	Oct. 1861					

* Includes 4,799 "collect" messages, transmitted in 1877, value £248 16s.   § Shady Creek Telegraph Office was closed in March 1877.
† Sunbury Camp for March and April 1877.   ‡ Look-out Shipping Stations.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Cash Revenue for 1876 and 1877, and Number of Messages transmitted from each Office during the Year 1877—*continued.*

Name of Station.	Date of Opening Office.	Number of Messages Transmitted.	Revenue, 1876.	Revenue, 1877.	Increase, 1877.	Decrease, 1877.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
RAILWAY CIRCUIT.						
Avenel	Dec. 1872	3,074	11 13 6	12 2 8	0 9 2	
Ballarat West	July 1862	7,827	77 5 6	86 5 0	8 16 6	
Beaufort	Aug. 1874	1,633	1 2 10	1 19 9	0 16 11	
Beralla	Aug. 1873	2,949	66 13 6	77 5 2	11 7 11	
Bradford	May 1872	2,435	16 16 6	16 7 8		0 8 10
Broadmeadows [1] ...	Sept. 1871	1,638	New office	0 11 7	0 11 7	
Buryip	Nov. 1877	365	New office	5 11 8	5 11 8	
Castlemaine	July 1863	7,780	47 0 1	55 15 11	8 15 10	
Chiltern	Dec. 1873	2,298	7 10 1	12 4 3	4 14 2	
Craigieburn	Nov. 1877	1,291	New office	0 8 0	0 8 0	
Dunkeld	April 1877	1,711	New office	6 7 9	6 7 9	
Echuca	June 1865	7,504	161 15 3	234 16 3	73 1 0	
Elmore	June 1865	4,071	100 8 8	127 18 11	27 10 11	
Epsinstone	April 1873	6,033	9 9 11	15 10 1	6 0 9	
Euroa	Aug. 1876	2,753	21 9 11	58 2 5	36 19 6	
Geelong	April 1862	5,643	77 19 11	100 8 5	22 8 6	
Kilmore	Sept. 1872	2,000	New office	3 10 10	3 10 10	
Kyneton	July 1876	2,340	6 10 6	16 19 3	9 19 9	
Lancefield Road ...	July 1873	5,287	15 11 7	19 7 11	3 16 4	
Longwood [2]	Dec. 1872	...	12 7 0	...		12 7 0
Macedon	June 1874	5,236	...	19 15 7	19 15 7	
Maryborough	July 1874	2,919	31 16 5	17 0 6		4 6 11
Newmarket	Oct. 1874	1,231	69 10 5	58 18 0		10 12 5
Newstead	July 1874	1,764	3 0 11	1 8 7		1 12 4
Pakenham Railway Station	Nov. 1877	99	New office	0 16 10	0 16 10	
Riddell's Creek ...	July 1876	5,340	8 14 10	25 5 11	16 11 1	
Sandhurst	July 1863	5,369	136 8 2	148 9 11	12 1 9	
Seymour	May 1872	4,895	40 12 1	41 8 2	0 16 1	
Spencer street ...	Oct. 1861	28,468	588 18 8	680 17 11	91 19 3	
Stawell	Dec. 1877	153	New office	3 1 10	3 1 10	
Sunbury	Feb. 1867	6,106	50 1 11	64 17 9	14 15 10	
Tullarook	Nov. 1877	695	New office	3 12 8	3 12 8	
Violettown	Jan. 1877	1,293	Re-opened office	37 16 5	37 16 5	
Wallan Wallan ...	May 1872	5,208	18 6 8	15 6 8		2 19 3
Wandong [2]	Sept. 1867	1,303	New office	2 4 6	2 4 6	
Wangaratta	Nov. 1873	4,747	40 14 3	43 6 5	1 12 0	
Werribee	April 1862	3,153	46 15 10	47 9 2	0 13 4	
Williamstown Pier ...	Jan. 1870	2,818	20 15 5	21 11 2	0 15 9	
Wodonga	Nov. 1873	1,832	20 6 6	14 19 3		5 7 3
Woodend	Oct. 1861	10,300	74 19 10	62 15 2		12 4 8
Yendon	Mar. 1873	4,798	13 2 9	16 2 9	3 0 7	
		919,985	52,467 10 2	57,429 4 10	6,326 17 2	1,365 2 6

[1] The Railway Telegraph Office at Broadmeadows has been closed. [2] Longwood Railway Telegraph Office was closed in May 1876.

[2] Wandong Railway Telegraph Office was closed on 13th November 1877.

MONEY ORDER AND SAVINGS BANK.

The number of Money Orders issued during the year was 131,173, against 123,025 in 1876 ; the difference showing an increase of 8,148, or 6·62 per cent.

The number of Money Orders paid during the year was 133,587, against 125,595 in 1876 ; the difference showing an increase of 7,992, or 6·36 per cent.

The value of the Money Orders issued during the year was £395,829 6s., against £379,570 10s. in 1876 ; the difference showing an increase of £16,258 16s., or 4·28 per cent.

The value of the Money Orders paid during the year was £423,588 8s. 3d., against £403,525 11s. 6d. in 1876 ; the difference showing an increase of £20,062 16s. 9d., or 4·97 per cent.

The number of new Savings Bank accounts opened during the year was 12,057 ; the number closed, 9,217 ; and the number remaining open on the 31st December, 44,361.

The total amount of Deposits received during the year was £430,230 2s. 1d., and the amount repaid, £418,322 17s. 9d.

The total amount of Interest placed to the credit of Depositors for the year was £22,904 15s.

The rate of Interest allowed to Depositors was 4 per cent.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

STATEMENT showing the Revenue and Expenditure and Net Annual Cost of the Post Office and Telegraph Department; also the Number of Inland Letters Posted in the Colony, the Ship Letters Received and Despatched, and the Number of Telegraphic Messages Transmitted in each year from 1862 to 1877 inclusive.

Year.	Number of Offices.	Post Office.						Electric Telegraph.		
		Expenditure.				Total Revenue.	Net Cost.	Total Expenditure.	Total Revenue.	Net Cost.
		Steam Postal Service.	Inland Mail Service.	All Other Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.					
1862	406	£43,524 11 4	£49,392 17 1	£67,311 4 0	£159,168 12 5	£117,155 1 8	£41,658 10 9	£38,340 9 3	£36,834 19 8	£6,505 2 7
1863	437	40,122 17 4	53,854 8 3	68,785 0 11	162,762 6 6	121,212 5 0	41,550 1 6	35,645 11 9	35,708 15 8	9,976 16 1
1864	475	40,122 17 4	39,732 17 8	74,009 0 4	172,924 15 4	129,378 0 7	44,551 14 9	35,976 6 3	30,603 17 11	5,374 8 4
1865	525	40,122 17 4	38,904 8 6	77,984 2 8	177,011 8 0	138,807 0 3	38,304 8 3	37,846 17 5	35,767 17 4	9,079 0 1
1866	555	26,774 16 11	61,012 11 9	85,671 2 11	175,933 11 7	130,558 12 4	44,799 19 3	38,473 2 10	30,178 17 4	2,194 5 6
1867	593	37,997 2 7	66,430 6 9	90,715 16 6	194,443 5 10	114,029 9 9	80,414 3 1	40,462 9 2	29,148 12 2	11,313 17 0
1868	633	43,145 14 1	70,656 15 11	96,379 0 9	209,181 19 3	119,280 4 2	89,871 15 7	41,715 3 4	30,760 19 4	10,954 13 0
1869	660	46,558 16 2	68,415 0 10	129,136 6 7	244,136 4 9	164,730 13 7	79,392 13 2			
1870	640	59,220 5 8	73,764 1 11	120,701 8 2	246,694 15 9	161,191 18 2	85,502 3 7			
1871	711	44,415 5 2	88,530 3 0	137,218 18 3	263,755 6 5	168,533 3 4	98,392 1 1			
1872	741	47,125 15 9	97,588 7 6	147,302 2 9	292,023 6 0	184,308 11 9	108,314 14 3			
1873	794	37,931 13 5	64,697 7 5	186,043 8 11	290,162 6 9	159,384 5 11	96,778 0 10			
1874	802	31,953 0 0	56,737 16 9	171,189 10 6	301,882 7 3	196,903 0 9	104,959 7 1			
1875	855	33,492 11 9	58,458 4 3	177,716 0 1	320,740 16 1	220,389 16 3	100,618 12 4			
1876	866	37,331 16 8	100,958 0 3	184,068 19 8	321,856 16 7	223,389 8 10	98,392 7 9			
1877	948	36,009 8 3	107,368 3 11	192,717 16 3	336,095 8 5	240,637 7 8	95,487 17 9			

Year.	Inland.			Ship—Received and Despatched.			Total.			Number of Telegraphic Messages Transmitted.
	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	
1862	4,345,066	..	2,810,346	1,931,567	..	2,098,873	6,276,633	..	4,909,219	211,685
1863	4,861,169	..	2,164,475	2,035,122	..	2,706,371	6,626,291	..	4,660,846	234,599
1864	4,778,096	40,443	2,763,544	2,012,216	22,489	2,908,061	6,790,344	62,511	5,671,545	256,280
1865	5,689,097	70,871	3,151,365	1,906,711	37,517	2,886,144	7,465,808	107,888	6,037,509	279,741
1866	6,620,000	207,843	3,495,045	1,961,133	47,389	2,948,348	8,531,133	215,305	5,428,388	277,757
1867	7,603,200	228,332	3,485,934	1,904,790	48,421	2,471,865	9,507,990	295,753	4,957,819	235,568
1868	7,508,067	272,342	2,967,549	1,844,649	51,503	2,446,533	9,749,716	324,143	4,974,102	270,077
1869	8,759,848	314,655	2,596,892	1,822,863	61,244	2,654,425	10,582,711	376,320	5,251,357	277,130
1870	9,388,153	344,515	2,697,570	1,845,130	68,771	2,569,902	11,133,293	413,286	5,267,492	454,598
1871	9,900,084	394,898	2,807,501	1,816,102	76,149	2,365,469	11,716,166	469,547	5,172,970	537,396
1872	11,000,000	452,711	2,598,533	1,941,095	103,755	2,492,139	12,941,095	556,486	5,490,772	539,980
1873	12,342,000	594,991	3,024,557	2,133,065	112,725	2,555,150	14,475,065	707,216	5,680,007	718,167
1874	13,050,000	1,116,755	4,123,200	2,488,988	153,047	2,743,718	15,738,988	1,269,822	6,866,918	701,680
1875	14,500,000	1,233,487	4,828,047	2,634,101	155,026	2,784,865	17,134,101	1,388,493	7,552,912	732,869
1876	16,000,000	1,090,000	6,130,000	2,963,503	219,891	2,860,147	18,963,503	1,309,891	8,019,147	801,346
1877	18,000,000	2,280,000	7,000,000	2,910,033	247,504	2,859,054	20,910,036	2,527,504	9,869,054	919,585

In 1869 the Electric Telegraph was amalgamated with the Post Office Department, and from that period the Revenue and Expenditure for both Services appear under one head.

A separate account of packets was not kept previous to the year 1864.

* The cost of construction and repairs of Electric Telegraph lines (viz., £15,519 for 1873, £24,134 for 1874, £20,988 for 1875, £11,507 for 1876 and £31,299 for 1877) is not included in these figures. Previous to the year 1873 expenditure of the kind was borne upon the Estimates of the Public Works Department.

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT showing the names of the several Electric Telegraph Stations and the Lines of Telegraph now in operation in the Colony of Victoria.

Designation of Line.	Extent in Miles (Poles).	Extent in Miles of Wire only	Names of Stations.	Designation of Line.	Extent in Miles (Points).	Extent in Miles of Wire only	Names of Stations.
			Williamstown	HEATHCOTE BRANCH	58	56	Heathcote
SOUTHERN COAST ..	127	137	Geelong				Kilmore
			Queenscliff	RUSHWORTH BRANCH	60	60	Rushworth
			Sandridge				Murchison
			Cape Schanck	ALEXANDRA BRANCH	20	30	Nagambie
			Flinders				Alexandra
			Mount Gambier	WOOD'S POINT BRANCH	85	85	Mansfield
			Portland				Jamieson
WESTERN COAST..	256	606	Belfast				Wood's Point
			Warrnambool	GAFFNEY'S CREEK BRANCH	..	12	Gaffney's Creek
			Terang				Yackandandah
			Camperdown	WAHGUNYAH BRANCH	80	80	Chiltern
			Colac				Rutherglen
			Gordons				Wahgunyah
			Ballan	BRODIE BRANCH	35	35	Bright
NORTH-WESTERN ..	60	70	Bacchus Marsh	WALHALLA BRANCH	35	35	Walhalla
			Myrniong	BAIRNSDALE BRANCH	43	43	Bairnsdale
			Eston				Stratford
			Streatham	TARRAVILLE BRANCH	..	4	Tarraville
			Hexham	HAFFRA BRANCH	7	7	Haffra
			Mortlake	CRANBOURNE BRANCH	..	..	Cranbourne
			Caramut				Hotham
			Penshurst				Carlton
CROSS COUNTRY—WESTERN	288	333	Hamilton				Collingwood
			Coleraine				Fitzroy
			Casterton				Richmond
			Smythesdale				Hawthorn
			Scarsdale				Kew
			Pigeonet	SUBURBAN BRANCH	30½	69¼	South Yarra
			Linton				Prahran
CAPE OTWAY ..	75	140	Birregurra				Emerald Hill
			Lorne				St. Kilda
			Creswick				Footscray
			Daylesford				Northcote
			Talbot				Preston
CROSS COUNTRY ..	216	287	Maryborough				Ivanhoe
			Clunes				Heidelberg
			Avoca	ELTHAM BRANCH	6½	6½	Eltham
			Shaw's Hill				Brunswick
			St. Arnaud	COBURG BRANCH	5	5	Coburg
			Tarnagulla	LILYDALE BRANCH	20	20	Lilydale
			Inglewood				Emerald
			Durham Ox				Sorrento
			Serpentine				Dromana
			Kerang	SORRENTO BRANCH	19	60	Mornington
			Swan Hill				Mordialloc
SWAN HILL ..	155	251	Gisborne				Brighton
			Kyneton				
			Malmsbury	RAILWAY CIRCUITS.			
			Tandale				Spencer street
			Castlemaine				Keilor Road
			Maldon				Sunbury
			Dunolly				Riddell's Creek
NORTHERN ..	155	166	Echuca				Lancefield Road
			Rochester				Macedon
			Seymour				Woodend
			Longwood	NORTHERN ..	..	196	Kyneton
			Benalla				Riplestone
NORTH-EASTERN ..	215	453	Wangaratta				Castlemaine
			Eldorado				Newstead
			Beechworth				Maryborough
			Wodonga	Sandhurst to Inglewood 2nd wire }	..	19½	Carlsbrook
			Albury				Sandhurst
			Oakleigh				Elsternwick
			Dandenong				Rochester
			Berwick				Echuca
			Pakenham				Williamstown Pier
			Bulla Bulla				Werribee
			Moe				Geelong
GIPPSLAND ..	271	271	Traralgon	WESTERN ..	12	145¼	Colac
			Rosedale				Yandoo
			Sale				Ballarat West
			Port Albert				Beaufort
			Stockyard Creek				Stawell
			Wilson's Promontory				Raglan
			Bairnsdale	ARARAT TO PORTLAND, VIA HAMILTON }	68⅞	124⅞	Gordale
BIRREGURRA BRANCH	17	60	Wheelman				Portland
POINT LONSDALE BRANCH	2	4	Point Lonsdale				Dunkeld
EGMONT BRANCH ..	9	9	Kooit				Glen Thompson
BLACKWOOD BRANCH	14	14	Blackwood				Wallan Wallan
BRUNTSONS BRANCH	5	7	Sebastopol				Newmarket
			Buninyong				Broadmeadows
ROKEWOOD BRANCH	20	20	Rokewood				Craigieburn
			Ararat				Kilmore
			Stawell				Wandong
			Horsham	NORTH-EASTERN ..	..	210¼	Broadford
			Learmonth				Tallarook
			Beaufort				Seymour
HORSHAM ..	102	199	Little River				Longwood
			Wahshah				Euroa
			Meredith				Benalla
			Elaine				Wangaratta
			Sandhurst				Chiltern
INGLEWOOD BRANCH	30	60	Inglewood				Wodonga
			Bridgewater	GIPPSLAND ..	28	117	Pakenham
PORTLAND AND HAMILTON BRANCH }	53	53	Branxholme				Bunyip
			Heywood				Oakleigh
HARROW BRANCH ..	56½	56½	Harrow				Moe
			Balmoral				Morwell
EAST CHARLTON AND WEDDERBURN BRANCH }	37½	37½	Wedderburn	SPECIAL WIRES.			Sale
			East Charlton				
MAJORCA BRANCH	11	11	Majorca	Ballarat	..	97	
ROOTEY AND LANCEFIELD BRANCH }	24	24	Rokewood	Williamstown	..	6	
			Lancefield	Ballarat to Maryborough	..	44	
CHEWTON BRANCH	..	..	Chewton	Castlemaine to Sandhurst	..	22	
FRYERSTOWN BRANCH	5	5	Fryerstown	Benalla	..	122	
NEWSTEAD BRANCH	10	10	Newstead	Terang	..	34	
EAGLEHAWK BRANCH	5	5	Eaglehawk	Melbourne to Warrnambool	..	6	
MT. EGERTON BRANCH	7	7	Mt. Egerton	Sandhurst via Kilmore	..	40	

NOTE.—Showing total of 3,884½ miles of line (poles), provided with 5,199½ miles of wire.
* Opened and closed again during year. † Only open for transaction of railway business.