

1856-7.

VICTORIA.

RAILWAY CONTRACTS.

RETURN to an Order of the *Legislative Assembly*,
Dated the 27th May, 1857, for—

1. Names of all contractors who have had contracts accepted.
2. The nature of the contract accepted, and date.
3. The amount of each contract and name of contractor, with names of sureties and amount for which they are liable.
4. The several contracts completed.
5. The contracts still progressing.
6. The contracts and names of contractors in which a failure has taken place in completing, stating how much of the contract has been completed, and amount paid contractor during progress of work, and what remains to be completed, and probable cost of completion.
7. The time, naming the months and year, within which each contract was to be completed, specifying contract.
8. The reason why any contract has failed in being completed.
9. Specify each contract, with the amount payable to the contractor, wherein the failure has been on the side of the Government.

(*Mr. Horne.*)

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VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Particulars of all Contracts entered into by the Railway Trustees.

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Names of all Contractors.	Nature of the Contracts accepted.	Date.	Amount of Contract.	Names of Sureties.	Amount of Sureties' Liability.	Contracts complete or progressing.	Contracts in which a failure has taken place in completion; Amount paid, &c.	Time for completion of Contract.	Why Contract has failed in being completed.	Contracts wherein the failure has been on the side of Government.
Dalgety, Cleve, and Hammill	Importation from England of Railway Plant, viz., rails, chairs, keys, switches, pipes, &c., and the iron work for the Saltwater River and Stony Creek Bridges	21st June, 1856	£ s. d. 2 per cent. on actual outlay	Contractors own bond	£ s. d. 10,000 0 0	Progressing	Failed to complete within time specified	1st June, 1857	By terms of contract the contractors are allowed such extra time as may be certified to be necessary by the Inspecting Engineer in England.	
John Nicol ...	Alterations and additions to offices at Batman's Hill	29th July, 1856	1,598 0 0	Josèph Green and Josèph Bedford	500 0 0	Complete	...	30th Sept., 1856		
Thos. Miles and Co.	Earthworks on a portion of the Williamstown Railway, commencing at a point 2 m. 42 ch. 36 lks. from Melbourne, terminating at a point 6 m. 39 ch. 74 lks., being a distance of 3 m. 77 ch. 38 lks.	20th Aug., 1856	20,826 7 4	Thomas Davies and Edward Perkins	2,000 0 0	Not complete	Failed to complete. Amount of work done is £16,259 14s. 5d. The amount paid to the contractor is £14,820 16s. 5d. The remainder of the work to be done is £14,566 12s. 11d. Cost of completion uncertain.	31st Mar., 1857	Want of means	
De Pass Brothers ...	Importation from England of locomotive, goods and passenger engines, carriages, goods waggons, vans; mail, bullion, and convict waggons; and iron work for carriages to be made in the Colony	25th Sept., 1856	One-half per cent. on outlay	Robert FitzStubbs and Robert Clowes	10,000 0 0	Progressing	...	1st Sept., 1857		
De Pass Brothers ...	Importation from England of rails, chairs, keys, switches and crossings traversers, weighing machines, turntables, hoisting cranes, water cranes, &c. &c.	26th Sept., 1856	Contractors pay a bonus of 100 guineas	Thomas Norton and Thomas McComas	15,000 0 0	Progressing	...	31st Dec., 1857, for rails, &c.; 1st Oct., 1857, for the machinery		
William Liddle McKay	Fencing the main line from Melbourne to Sunbury, distance 20 miles	29th Oct., 1856	9,588 10 0	Richard B. Martin and Frèderick Major Pingree	500 0 0	Vide (A), column 9	...	30th June, 1857	...	(A). On the 3rd February Mr. McKay agreed to erect the fencing on any line which might be sanctioned by the Legislature, at a price to be determined by the Engineer-in-chief, himself, and an umpire. Mr. McKay has made a claim for breach of contract on the part of the Government.

John Bourne ...	Earthworks of portion of the Williamstown line, between Melbourne and Saltwater River, 1 m. 64 ch. 19 lks.	28th Oct., 1856	22,399 7 5	Crawford Maine and Henry Gibb	2,000 0 0	Progressing	Failed to complete within time	1st May, 1857	Delayed by want of materials.
William Robertson	For 40,000 sleepers for the Williamstown branch	25th Oct., 1856	17,524 8 0	Richard Evans Hill & Benj. Hutchinson	300 0 0	Progressing	Failed to complete within time	28th Feb., 1857	Delayed by unavoidable contingencies.
William Robertson	For 56,000 sleepers for the main line to Mount Alexander	25th Oct., 1856	26,197 10 0	Same	500 0 0	Progressing	...	30th June, 1857	
Thomas Hamilton and Peter Mitchell	For 14,000 sleepers for the main line to Mount Alexander	20th Oct., 1856	7,280 0 0	John Mitchell and Edward Lawrie	300 0 0	Completed	...	30th June, 1857	
William Grant ...	For 4 first-class carriages, 16 second-class ditto, 60 waggons, and 2 luggage vans	2nd Jan., 1857	14,864 0 0	Matthew Murray and Roderick McKenzie	1,000 0 0	Progressing	...	31st Dec., 1857	Time extended, on recommendation of Engineer-in-chief, to 1st July, 1858.
William Robertson and Peter Le Page	Transfer of above contract of W. Robertson for 40,000 sleepers, same terms and conditions	24th Dec., 1857	...	William Abercrombie and William Williams	...	...	} See above		
William Robertson and Peter Le Page	Ditto of W. Robertson's contract for 56,000 sleepers, same terms and conditions	24th Dec., 1857	...	Ditto	...	...	
Thomas Miles & Co.	Ballasting 3 m. 77 ch. 38 lks. of Williamstown Railway	5th Jan., 1857	11,205 12 0	Thomas Davies and Frederick Cooper	1,000 0 0	...	Failed to complete	1st May,	Notice given of default
Pierce and Dalziel	Foundations for a bridge over the Saltwater River	26th Jan., 1857	31,737 0 0	Thomas Rae and Alexander Sloane	5,000 0 0	Progressing	Failed to complete in time given	31st May, 1857	Time extended, on recommendation of Engineer-in-chief, to 30th June, 1857.
Grant and McLean	Earthworks, excavations, &c., station ground, Batman's Hill	17th Mar., 1857	3,050 13 2	Chs. B. Dawson and Adam G. Gibb	1,000 0 0	Progressing	Ditto	1st June, 1857	Notice has been given of default.
Cornish and Co. ...	Workshops, &c. on station ground at Batman's Hill	2nd April, 1857	5,967 6 0	Jacob Cleal and Jas. Burgoyne	1,000 0 0	Progressing	Ditto	1st June, 1857	Notice has been given of default.
Evans, Merry, & Co.	Timber pier at Williamstown	27th April, 1857	33,230 8 9	Robt. Clowes and J. R. Pascoe	6,000 0 0	Progressing	...	1st Nov., 1857	

Railway Department,
4th June, 1857.

RICHARD WOOLLEY,
Secretary.

PARTICULARS REQUIRED IN AMENDMENT OF THE RETURN FURNISHED 4TH JUNE, 1857.

No. 1.

An Alphabetical List of all Contractors who have had Contracts with the Government.

Names.	Residence.	Names.	Residence.
Bourne, John	Melbourne.	Hamilton and Mitchell	Melbourne.
Cornish and Company	"	McKay, William Liddle	"
Dalgety, Cleve, and Hammill	"	Miles, Thomas, and Co.	"
De Pass Brothers	"	Nicol, John	"
Evans, Merry, and Company	"	Pierce and Dalziel	"
Grant, William	"	Robertson, William	"
Grant and McLean	"	Robertson and LePage	"

RICHARD WOOLLEY,

10th June, 1857.

Secretary.

No. 6.

The Contracts and Names of Contractors in which a failure has taken place in completing, showing how much of the Contract has been completed, and the amount paid to the Contractors during the progress of the works, what remains to be completed, and the probable cost of completion.

Names of Contractors.	How much of Contract completed.	Amount paid to Contractor during progress of work.	What remains to be completed.	Probable cost of Completion.
Bourne, John	£ s. d. 7,748 0 11	£ s. d. 6,586 1 6	£ s. d. 14,651 6 6	£14,651 6s. 6d.
Cornish and Co.	No Certificate passed	Nil	...	Contract amount £5,967 6s.
Dalgety, Cleve, and Hammill (A)	9,802 12 0	See below (B)	...	Original Estimate.
Grant and McLean	2,238 11 0	1,902 14 10	1,812 2 2	£1,812 2s. 2d.
McKay, William L.	374 19 0	374 19 0	9,213 11 0	£9,213 11s.
Miles, Thomas, and Co., Contract for Earthworks	16,259 14 5	14,820 16 5	4,566 12 11	Uncertain.
Miles, Thomas, and Co., Contract for Ballasting	No Certificate passed	Nil	...	Contract amount £11,205 12s.
Pierce and Dalziel	3,530 0 0	3,000 0 0	28,207 0 0	£28,207.
Robertson and Le Page, sleepers for the Williamstown Line	8,133 2 6	6,099 17 3	9,391 6 6	£9,391 6s. 6d.

(A.) This amount covers the goods actually delivered in the Colony, but advices of eleven subsequent shipments have been received, which have not yet arrived.

(B.) The whole of the estimated amount of this Contract has been remitted to England, but no advice of the payments made has been received from the Colonial Agent-General.

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No. 7.

The time, naming the months and year, within which each Contract was to be completed, specifying Contract.

NAMES OF CONTRACTORS, &c.	Date of Contract.	When to be Completed.
	1856.	1857.
Dalgety, Cleve, and Hammill Importation of plant from England.	21 June ...	1 June.
Nicol, John Alterations and additions to offices, Batman's Hill.	29 July ...	1856. 30 September
Miles, Thomas and Co. Earthworks on Williamstown line.	20 August ...	1857. 31 March.
De Pass Brothers First Contract for Importation of Plant from England.	25 September...	1 September.
De Pass Brothers Second Contract for Ditto.	26 September...	1 October for a part, 31 December for remainder.
McKay, William L. Fencing 20 miles Main line.	29 October ...	30 June.
Bourne, John... .. Earthworks on the Williamstown line.	28 October ...	1 May.
Robertson, William 40,000 sleepers for the Williamstown line.	25 October ...	28 February.
Robertson, William 56,000 sleepers for the Main line. N.B.—The above two last named contracts were, on the 24th December, 1856, transferred to— Robertson and Le Page.	25 October ...	30 June.
Hamilton and Mitchell 14,000 sleepers, Main line.	20 October ...	30 June.
	1857.	
Grant, William For Rolling Stock.	2 January ...	31 December:
Miles, Thomas and Co. For Ballasting.	5 January ...	1 May.
Pierce and Dalziel Foundations of Saltwater River Bridge.	26 January ...	31 May, extended to 30 June.
Grant and McLean Excavations, &c., at Station ground.	17 March ...	1 June.
Cornish and Company... .. Workshops, &c., on Station ground.	2 April ...	1 June.
Evans, Merry and Company Timber Pier at Williamstown.	27 April ...	1 November.

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No. 9.

Reasons why the contracts have not been completed, namely :—

Bourne, John	This contract has been delayed for want of materials, which could not be procured in the Colony. The works are progressing.
Cornish and Co. ... ..	...	...	Reasons are not known.
Dalgety, Cleve, and Hammill	...	...	Delay in the appointment of the Inspecting officer in England.
Grant and McLean ... ..	...	...	Difficulty of obtaining a supply of the stone required.
McKay, Wm. L. ... ..	...	...	The Government could not give this contractor possession of the ground, in consequence of which the arrangement stated in the original return was entered into with him.
Miles, Thos. and Co. ... ..	...	...	Want of sufficient means.
Contract for Earthworks.			
Miles, Thos. and Co. ... ..	...	...	Non-completion of preceding contract upon which this was dependant.
Contract for Ballasting.			
Pierce and Dalziel	Time of completion extended one month, in consequence of delay on the part of Government in finally accepting the tender of these gentlemen.

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