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VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF LAND AND WORKS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER,

1862.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

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REPORT.

Railway Department, Board of Land and Works,
Melbourne, 2nd June, 1864.

SIR,

In pursuance of the provisions of the Railway Construction Act, I have the honor to furnish to your Excellency a report of the proceedings of the Board of Land and Works for the year ending 31st December, 1862.

I beg to observe, that the last report, dated 8th November, 1862, set forth the transactions of the Board in connection with the railways up to that date, and consequently this may be regarded as supplementary to it.

The accounts of construction and revenue therein rendered, however, were only brought down to the 31st August and 30th June respectively, and I now present to your Excellency these returns completed to the 31st December, 1862.

I regret to say, that on the 25th November of that year an accident occurred on the Melbourne and Murray River Line at North Melbourne, occasioned by the train to Sandhurst running into the train to Williamstown. Several persons received bodily injuries, in some cases severe, but fatal in none.

This accident, the first which has occurred since the lines were opened for traffic by which injury to passengers has been sustained, was attributable to neglect on the part of the appointed servants in making the proper signals to protect the Williamstown train, and measures were at once taken against the offenders, and also to ensure vigilance for the future.

The claims for compensation arising out of this unfortunate occurrence amounted to the large sum of £5,330 18s. 5d., including in some cases the cost of legal proceedings.

Returns 1 and 2 show the funds authorised to be raised on loan for construction, the expenditure of same, and the balance available to complete the lines; also the total construction expenditure out of loans and consolidated revenue, and the amount expended of each fund respectively.

From these it appears that the expenditure on construction at 31st December, 1862, charged against the loan, amounted to £7,246,797 16s. 8d.; but to this must be

added £332,140 3s. 8d., being expenditure on construction at that date out of the consolidated revenue, upon which no interest is payable.

The capital now authorised to be funded for construction is £8,368,100, the annual interest upon which, when the whole of the debentures are issued, will be £501,405.

Return No. 3 shows the revenue and working expenses of each line and of the whole of the lines collectively, for the year ending 31st December, 1862.

The general results of these returns, as compared with those of 1861, will I believe be pronounced satisfactory.

The gross revenue of 1862 is double that of 1861, and I would refer to the following dates of the extensions during 1862, as accounting for the increase.

Extension from Woodend to Kyneton, open for Passenger Traffic	25th April, 1862.
" Kyneton to Sandhurst, " "	21st October, 1862.
" Geelong to Ballarat, " "	11th April, 1862.
" Ditto - Ditto " Goods	20th August, 1862.

The opening of these extensions for traffic, before the necessary station accommodation was fully completed, has been accomplished at considerable extra cost in the working expenses; but this could scarcely be avoided in first opening new lines. It was desirable that the earliest possible facilities should be offered for traffic, and the extent to which they were immediately made available by the public has increased the net revenue from £59,780 13s. 9d. in 1861 to £147,788 11s. 8d. in 1862.

The per centage of working expenses upon revenue has also been reduced from 65 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. in 1861 to 54 per cent. in 1862, a result showing that the increased net income has more than kept pace with the extension of the lines, and upon which I may fairly draw the conclusion that the financial position of these national works will continue to improve as they approach to completion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient Servant,

J. M. GRANT,

Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, and
Commissioner of Railways and Roads.

To His Excellency

The Governor in Council.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

No. 1.

No. 45, a

STATEMENT of the FUNDS authorised to be obtained on Loan for the Construction of Victorian Railways, and of the Expenditure on construction charged against the same, to 31st December, 1862.

FUNDS.							EXPENDITURE.											
							£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.		
Loan, 19 Victoria, 15	68,100	0	0	Expenditure on Construction charged against the Railway Loan to 31st December, 1862, including payments on account of purchase of Geelong and Melbourne Railway, Rolling Stock, Stores, Plant, and Material, and Remittances to Colonial Agent-General.				7,246,797 16 8				
„ 21 Victoria, 36	...	...	...	...	...	8,000,000	0	0								
„ 25 Victoria, 150	...	...	...	...	...	300,000	0	0								
Estimated Net Premiums on £8,300,000 at 3¼ per cent.							8,368,100	0	0	Balance available to complete construction of Victorian Railways, and the Purchase of Geelong and Melbourne Line				1,391,052 3 4				
							269,750	0	0									
							£	8,637,850	0	0					£	8,637,850	0	0

Railway Department, Secretary's Office,
Melbourne, 2nd June, 1864.

W. H. WRIGHT, Secretary.
ANTHONY MATHISON, Accountant.

No. 2.

STATEMENT of the COST of CONSTRUCTION of Victorian Railways, at 31st December, 1862, and of the several Funds expended on the same.

COST OF CONSTRUCTION.							FUNDS EXPENDED ON CONSTRUCTION.															
							£	s.	d.							£	s.	d.				
Total Expenditure to 31st December, 1862, on Construction of Victorian Railways, purchase of Geelong and Melbourne Line, Rolling Stock, Stores, Plant, and Material, and remittances to Colonial Agent-General							7,578,938 0 4									68,100 0 0						
																7,150,714 16 5						
Interest on Debentures to 31st December, 1862:—																27,983 0 3						
																7,246,797 16 8						
19 Victoria, 15							22,167 5 6									332,140 3 8						
21 Victoria, 36							869,090 3 11									7,578,938 0 4						
Less:—																762,089 8 7						
Accrued interest and exchange on Treasurer's drafts							891,257 9 5									762,089 8 7						
							129,168 0 10									£			8,341,027	8	11	
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No. 3.

STATEMENT of REVENUE and EXPENDITURE on Victorian Railways for the Year ending 31st December, 1862.

MILEAGE.—Passenger Trains, 419,265 Goods Trains, 213,125 TOTAL MILEAGE, 632,390.

DR.	EXPENDITURE.			Cost per Train Mile.	Per Cent. to Revenue.	REVENUE.				CR.	Revenue per Train Mile.				
		£	s.	d.	s.	d.					£	s.	d.		
To Maintenance, Permanent Way and Works (a) ...		19,208	5	6	0	7.29	6	By TRAFFIC :							
Locomotive Charges (b) ...		60,570	6	2	1	10.91	19	Passengers	...	...	163,904	4	8	
Passenger Traffic Charges (c) ...		40,939	2	9	1	3.53	12½	Parcels	...	...	9,584	19	11	
Goods Traffic Charges (d) ...		44,284	5	2	1	4.81	14	Horses, Carriages, and Dogs	...	...	3,779	19	4	
General Charges (e) ...		7,517	14	9	0	2.85	2½	Mails	...	...	4,044	8	10	
								Rents	...	...	4,796	11	0	
		172,519	14	4	5	5.39	54	Gold Escort	...	...	1,149	5	6	
Balance		147,788	11	8							187,259	9	3	5 11.07	
								Goods							
								Minerals	...	...	131,263	18	9	4 1.82
								Live Stock							
								Net Revenue derived from other Companies, and Hire of				318,523	8	0	10 0.89
								Rolling Stock by Contractors				1,784	18	0	
		£320,308	6	0							£320,308	6	0		

Railway Department, Secretary's Office,
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DETAILED STATEMENT of EXPENDITURE on Revenue Account of Victorian Railways for the Year ending 31st December, 1862.

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MILEAGE.—Passenger Trains, 70,840 Goods Trains, 11,801 TOTAL MILEAGE, 82,641.									
DR.	EXPENDITURE.	Cost per Train Mile.	Per Cent. to Revenue.	REVENUE.				Cr.	Revenue per Train Mile.
	£ s. d.	s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.		s. d.
To Maintenance, Permanent Way and Works (a) ...	2,257 15 9	0 6 56	9	By TRAFFIC:					
Locomotive Charges (b) ...	6,673 17 2	1 7 38	26½	Passengers (165,478) ...	5,457 10 3				
Passenger Traffic Charges (c) ...	8,804 0 6	2 1 57	35¼	Parcels ...	221 16 9				
Goods Traffic Charges (d) ...	12,143 1 4	2 11 26	48½	Horses, Carriages, and Dogs ...	18 2 10				
General Charges (e) ...	1,503 10 8	0 4 36	6	Mails ...	137 10 0				
				Rents ...	67 1 8				
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				Goods (70,412 tons 2 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.) ...		19,103 18 10		4 7 48	
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