

1888.
VICTORIA.

MONEY PAID BY RAILWAY DEPARTMENT
FOR FIRE CLAIMS.

RETURN to an Order of the *House*,
Dated 11th July, 1888, for—

A RETURN showing—

- (1.) The amount of money paid by the Railway Department for fire claims since the Spark-Arrester Board sent in their report dated 29th October, 1883.
- (2.) The amount of damage done to railway rolling-stock by fires caused by locomotives.
- (3.) The cost of fitting locomotive engines with spark-catchers, and if they were of the best design, as required by law.
- (4.) The number of miles run by engine No. 148 since she has been fitted with a spark-arrester, her consumption of fuel per mile; also the number of miles she ran in twelve months previous to being fitted, and the quantity of fuel she then consumed per mile.

(*Mr. Peirce.*)

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| (1.) The amount paid by the Railway Department for fire claims, from 1st November, 1883, to 30th June, 1888, was | | £9,609. |
| (2.) Seventeen trucks, damaged by fire, have been repaired at Williamstown since October, 1883, at a total cost of about | | £250. |
| (3.) The cost of making and fitting spark-catchers of the best design to engines is | | £3 each. |
| (4.) Number of miles run by engine No. 148, since being fitted with spark-catcher | | 97,097 miles. |
| Total quantity of coal consumed | | 19,083 $\frac{3}{4}$ tons. |
| Average consumption of coal per mile | | 22 lbs. |
| Number of miles run by engine No. 148 during the twelve months before being fitted with spark-catcher | | 23,160 miles. |
| Total quantity of coal consumed | | 4,893 tons. |
| Average consumption per mile | | 23·6 lbs. |

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