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VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

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OF THE

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS COMMISSIONER

FOR THE

QUARTER ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1896.

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VICTORIAN RAILWAYS,
Melbourne, 4th November, 1896.

To the Honorable the Minister of Railways.

SIR,

In accordance with the provisions of the 58th section of the Railways Act, No. 1135, I have the honour to submit my Report for the quarter ending 30th September, 1896.

For comparative purposes the figures relating to the corresponding quarter of 1895 are also given.

Railways.	Quarter ending 30th September, 1895.	Quarter ending 30th September, 1896.
Miles open	3,120	3,122
Revenue—	1895	1896
Passengers	£230,662	£244,317
Parcels	10,240	12,251
Parcels stamps	10,832	11,478
Horses, carriages, and dogs	2,423	2,796
Mails	15,109	14,096
Rents	12,942	12,779
Miscellaneous	3,855	2,319
Live stock	33,290	36,929
Goods	236,969	240,527
	£556,322	£577,492
Working Expenditure, (including pensions, gratuities, &c.)	£388,384	£389,137
Train miles run	2,215,298	2,231,863
Revenue per train mile	5s. 27	5s. 2d. 10
Expenditure per train mile	3s. 6d. 08	3s. 5d. 84
Percentage expenditure to revenue	69.81	67.38
Number of passengers	10,000,809	10,277,181
Tonnage of goods traffic	474,285	497,391
Tonnage of live stock traffic	42,725	46,290

The revenue shows an increase of £21,170, and the expenditure an increase of £753, the net increase for the quarter being £20,417.

It is gratifying to note that the passenger traffic shows an increase, but there has not yet been any substantial improvement in the goods business.

As I only entered upon my duties on the 1st July, I have not been able to visit more than comparatively few of the country lines. I have, however, been able to travel over the whole of the suburban system.

The lines which I have inspected appear generally to have been well maintained. I noticed, however, that additional accommodation was necessary in some places, and that a number of station buildings required painting and repairs. I also recognised the necessity for better passenger vehicles on some lines, and that the lighting of the carriages required improvement.

The whole of these works are now being proceeded with as rapidly as possible.

Amongst the other important matters to which I have had to give earnest consideration during the quarter, I may mention the revision of the fares and freights, the classification and general regrading of the staff, and the re-organization of the stores and other branches of the service.

I attach reports from the Engineer for Existing Lines on the general condition of the way and works, and from the Chief Mechanical Engineer on the state of the rolling-stock.

Returns relating to the staff, &c., are also submitted herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN MATHIESON,
Railways Commissioner.

APPENDIX I.

Railway Department, Office of Engineer of Existing Lines,
Melbourne, 4th November, 1896.

SIR,

I have the honour to report that, during the quarter ending 30th September, 1896, the way and works of the Victorian Railways were efficiently maintained.

The work of improving the gradients was in progress during the quarter on the lines from Ballarat to Ararat, Seymour to Wangaratta, and Geelong to Colac, whilst that from Dimboola to Wail was completed on the 8th July.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. E. NORMAN,

Engineer for Existing Lines.

The Victorian Railways Commissioner.

Victorian Railways, Chief Mechanical Engineer's Office,
Melbourne, 5th November, 1896.

SIR,

I have the honour to report that the rolling-stock was kept in good running order and condition during the quarter ended 30th September, 1896. Contracts were let for 150 louvre waggons, U class; 10 insulated trucks, T class; and 100 medium waggons, I class.

The workshops at Newport and Port Melbourne have been on full time since 6th July last; 22 iron sheep trucks, L class, have been turned out during the quarter.

The deliveries under the above contracts will commence in about a fortnight's time.

Tenders have been called for 200 iron medium waggons, I class.

The drawings, &c., are in preparation for the new car stock.

I have, &c.,

T. H. WOODROFFE,

Chief Mechanical Engineer.

The Victorian Railways Commissioner.

APPENDIX II.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.—ACT 1135, SECTION 58.

STATEMENT OF REMOVALS OF EMPLOYÉS.

QUARTER ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1896.

Name in Full.	Date of Entry.		Date of Leaving.	Branch.	Rank, Grade, or Position.	Salary or Wages.	Remarks.
	Approx.	On or after 1.11.83.					
Adams, Wm. Squire ...	11.2.79	...	20.8.96	Locomotive ...	Pumper ...	8s. 6d. per day	Retired
Anderson, John ...	—2.60	...	11.9.96	Existing Lines	Inspector ...	£270 per ann.	"
Archer, Richard ...	—7.62	...	18.7.96	"	Ganger ...	9s. per day	"
Armstrong, Thomas ...	17.11.80	...	31.8.96	Traffic ...	Labourer ...	7s. "	"
Barrett, John ...	1.6.66	...	30.9.96	"	Weighbridge attendant	7s. "	"
Birnie, Norman ...	27.1.77	...	7.9.96	Existing Lines	Assistant engineer	£330 per ann.	To Board of Land & Works
Bodycomb, Geo. Edwd. ...	...	12.3.85	8.8.96	Traffic ...	Clerk ...	£140 "	Dismissed
Bruce, George Marriatt ...	...	15.2.86	7.9.96	"	Signalman ...	7s. 6d. per day	"
Buckley, Daniel ...	...	16.11.83	8.9.96	"	Goods foreman ...	8s. "	Killed on duty
Byrne, Wm. Jno. ...	...	15.2.86	3.9.96	"	Shunter ...	7s. "	Dismissed
Campbell, John ...	...	21.7.84	31.8.96	"	Lampman ...	7s. "	Resigned
Carrington, Thos. Henry ...	...	1.3.86	17.8.96	Locomotive ...	Fireman ...	10s. "	Dismissed
Cunningham, James ...	6.9.78	...	31.8.96	Traffic ...	Luggage porter	7s. 6d. "	Retired
Darcy, Michael ...	1.8.63	...	31.7.96	Existing Lines	Assistant inspector	£212 per ann.	"
Davies, Cornelius ...	1.4.83	...	31.8.96	Traffic ...	Porter ...	7s. per day	"
Deakin, George ...	8.5.82	...	29.9.96	Locomotive ...	Carriage builder	9s. 6d. "	Deceased
Dickinson, Francis ...	29.9.78	...	15.7.96	"	Labourer ...	6s. 6d. "	Retired
Egan, John ...	15.9.81	...	8.7.96	Existing Lines	Gatekeeper ...	5s. "	Deceased
Ely, Martha Ann ...	...	22.2.95	8.8.96	"	Office cleaner ...	3s. 4d. "	Resigned
Evans, Ernest Augustus ...	...	11.8.90	31.8.96	Traffic ...	Clerk ...	£90 per ann.	"
George, Richard ...	...	20.9.86	22.8.96	Locomotive ...	Fireman ...	10s. per day	"
Goff, Wm. Henry ...	12.10.76	...	31.7.96	"	Driver ...	14s. "	Retired
Gore, Thos. Harry ...	...	23.5.87	30.8.96	"	Cleaner ...	6s. "	Deceased
Heaney, Patrick ...	1.12.78	...	11.9.96	Traffic ...	Porter ...	7s. "	"
Jones, Richd. Henry ...	15.11.62	...	28.9.96	Locomotive ...	Driver ...	15s. "	"
Kennedy, John ...	1.9.82	...	17.7.96	Existing Lines	Ganger ...	9s. "	Retired
Kennedy, Thomas ...	3.10.83	...	16.9.96	Locomotive ...	Fireman ...	9s. "	"
Kenny, James ...	...	22.2.86	3.8.96	Traffic ...	Porter ...	7s. "	Dismissed
Kirby, Fredk. George ...	23.12.82	...	30.9.96	"	Station-master	8s. "	Retired
Kirby, Joseph ...	...	9.4.87	27.9.96	"	Porter ...	7s. "	Deceased
Lee, John ...	10.5.71	...	17.8.96	Locomotive ...	Driver ...	14s. "	Retired
Leitch, Mary ...	...	8.2.93	19.7.96	Existing Lines	Gatekeeper ...	4s. "	Deceased
Lewis, Charles ...	3.3.73	...	31.7.96	Traffic ...	Guard ...	10s. 6d. "	Retired
Main, John Clerk ...	23.1.82	...	22.8.96	Locomotive ...	Driver ...	12s. "	"
Mitchell, James Henry ...	...	25.8.85	23.9.96	Traffic ...	Shunter ...	8s. "	Resigned
Moore, Jamieson Sheppard ...	7.7.73	...	30.9.96	Accountant's	Clerk ...	£315 per ann.	Retired
Morris, Alfred Charles ...	...	5.1.87	1.8.96	Traffic ...	Porter ...	7s. per day	Resigned
Moschetti, Bartholomew ...	...	20.12.87	28.7.96	"	Clerk ...	£87 10s. per ann.	Dismissed
McHutchison, Duncan ...	...	1.9.87	13.7.96	Existing Lines	Clerk ...	£118 per ann.	Deceased
McKever, John Francis ...	23.5.83	...	20.7.96	Traffic ...	Guard ...	8s. per day	Retired
McPherson, Donald ...	13.12.81	...	19.8.96	Locomotive ...	Driver ...	13s. "	Deceased
O'Callaghan, Thomas ...	...	17.4.88	31.7.96	Traffic ...	Shunter ...	5s. 6d. "	Dismissed
Oxley, Thomas ...	...	8.11.83	27.7.96	"	Labourer ...	7s. "	"
Paull, Henry ...	18.1.78	...	22.8.96	Locomotive ...	Labourer ...	6s. 6d. "	Retired
Peach, Geo. Fredk. ...	...	1.9.87	11.7.96	"	Cleaner ...	6s. "	To Penal Department
Phillips, John ...	—4.63	...	24.8.96	Existing Lines	Ganger ...	9s. "	Retired
Price, Edwin ...	...	1.6.89	11.8.96	Traffic ...	Porter ...	6s. "	Dismissed
Price, John ...	...	13.1.84	3.9.96	Existing Lines	Ganger ...	9s. "	"
Rees, Mary Ann ...	26.4.83	...	30.9.96	"	Gatekeeper ...	4s. "	Retired
Richards, John ...	...	27.3.85	3.9.96	Traffic ...	Signalman ...	8s. 6d. "	Deceased
Roberts, Foulkes Menai ...	...	27.5.89	28.9.96	"	Clerk ...	£100 per ann.	Resigned
Rowell, William ...	29.10.81	...	1.8.96	Existing Lines	Ganger ...	9s. per day	Retired
Ryan, William ...	...	10.2.86	26.7.96	Traffic ...	Guard ...	8s. "	Deceased
Sage, Mary ...	...	14.11.88	31.7.96	Existing Lines	Gatekeeper ...	4s. "	Resigned
Sanders, Michael ...	...	25.4.88	10.7.96	Traffic ...	Shunter ...	6s. 6d. "	Dismissed
Scheele, Henry ...	10.1.75	...	23.7.96	Existing Lines	Ganger ...	9s. "	Retired
Scott, David ...	...	9.10.85	1.8.96	Locomotive ...	Cleaner ...	5s. 6d. "	Dismissed
Sleswick, John Ernest ...	24.10.79	...	21.9.96	"	Driver ...	12s. "	"
Smith, Alexander ...	13.9.75	...	3.8.96	Existing Lines	Repairer ...	7s. "	Retired
Smith, George ...	—1.66	...	14.8.96	"	Ganger ...	9s. "	"
Syder, James* ...	1.7.61	...	30.6.96	Traffic ...	Traffic Manager	£775 per ann.	"
Trueman, Richard ...	...	27.5.89	31.8.96	"	Clerk ...	£97 10s. "	Resigned
Vaile, John Chas. Harold ...	...	26.8.89	5.7.96	"	"	£95 "	"
Ward, Charles ...	13.6.77	...	31.7.96	Existing Lines	Ganger ...	9s. per day	Retired
White, Henry George	19.2.89	29.9.96	Locomotive ...	Blacksmith ...	8s. "	Dismissed

* Omitted from previous list.

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STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS OF EMPLOYEES.

QUARTER ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1896.

Name in Full.	Date of Birth.	Branch.	Position.	Date of Appointment or Reinstatement.	Salary or Wages.	Remarks.
Chessell, Arthur	7.2.74	Existing Lines	Clerk ...	2.7.96	4s. per day	Act 1439, Sec. 22
Maddox, Frederick	28.6.36	„ ...	Carpenter ...	28.9.96	10s. „	Retired 27.6.96 and reinstated