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OF THE

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS COMMISSIONER

FOR THE

QUARTER ENDING 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1897.

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# REPORT.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS,  
Melbourne, 4th November, 1897.

*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, 1897.

For comparative purposes the figures relating to the corresponding quarter of 1896 are also given.

	Quarter ending 30th September, 1896.		Quarter ending 30th September, 1897.	
Miles open ...	...	...	...	...
Revenue—	1896		1897	
Passengers ...	£244,317	...	£242,987	...
Parcels ...	12,251	...	15,812	...
Parcels stamps ...	11,478	...	6,993	...
Horses, carriages, and dogs ...	2,796	...	2,954	...
Mails ...	14,096	...	14,333	...
Rents ...	12,779	...	12,343	...
Miscellaneous ...	2,319	...	2,232	...
Live stock ...	36,929	...	33,980	...
Goods ...	240,527	...	254,984	...
	£577,492		£586,618	
Working expenditure (including pensions, gratuities, &c.) ...	£385,645		£415,898	
Train miles run ...	2,231,863		2,257,209	
Revenue per train mile ...	5s. 2d. 10		5s. 2d. 37	
Expenditure per train mile ...	3s. 5d. 47		3s. 8d. 22	
Percentage expenditure to revenue ...	66.78		70.90	
Number of passengers ...	10,277,181		10,534,707	
Tonnage of goods traffic ...	497,391		508,693	
Tonnage of live stock traffic ...	46,290		47,949	

The revenue shows an increase of £9,126, and the expenditure an increase of £30,253. A large proportion of the increased expenditure is due to concessions granted to employes, percentage refunds, increases of pay, &c.

There has also been an increased expenditure on repairs and renewals of rolling-stock.

The ratio of increase will, however, largely diminish during the latter half of the financial year. The results for the first quarter cannot therefore be taken as a gauge of the year's work.

I attach reports from the Engineer for Existing Lines *re* 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.

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## APPENDIX I.

Railway Department, Office of Engineer for Existing Lines,  
Melbourne, 26th October, 1897.

SIR,

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

The regrading of lines is being vigorously pushed on with. This work was completed during the quarter on the lines from Essendon to Wallan, Wangaratta to Wodonga, and Gordons to Warrenheip, and is still in hand on the undermentioned lines, having been commenced on the dates shown :—

Hawthorn and Lilydale Line	...	...	Commenced 12th July.
Castlemaine and Maryborough Line	...	...	Commenced 26th July.
Colac towards Geelong	...	...	Commenced 10th August.
Creswick and Daylesford Line	...	...	Commenced 13th September.
Caulfield and Mordialloc Line	...	...	Commenced 16th September.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

C. E. NORMAN,

Engineer for Existing Lines.

The Commissioner.

Victorian Railways, Chief Mechanical Engineer's Office,  
Melbourne, 1st November, 1897.

SIR,

I have the honour to report that the rolling-stock was kept in good order and condition during the quarter ending 30th September, 1897.

During the quarter fifty (50) iron sheep waggons, "L" class, were completed at Newport, and 118 "I's" were received from the contractors, and fitted with the Westinghouse brake at Newport.

Labour contracts have been let for constructing 6 Av, 6 Bv, and 6 ADAD cars, and the work is being pushed on with very rapidly. The 6 ADAD cars are nearly completed, and contracts for painting them have been let.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. H. WOODROFFE,

Chief Mechanical Engineer.

## APPENDIX II.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.—ACT 1135, SECTION 58.

## STATEMENT OF REMOVALS OF EMPLOYÉS.

QUARTER ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1897.

Name in Full.	Date of Entry.		Date of Leaving.	Branch.	Rank, Grade, or Position.	Salary or Wages.	Remarks.
	Approx.	On or after 1.11.88.					
Adams, Andrew Jas. ...	...	28.8.88	2.7.97	Traffic ...	Porter ...	6s. per day	Resigned
Atkinson, Joseph ...	—.6.75	...	17.8.97	Existing Lines	Repairer ...	7s. "	Retired
Bailey, Kenneth ...	1.10.83	...	31.8.97	Traffic ...	Porter ...	7s. "	Resigned
Balfour, John ...	...	6.9.89	14.8.97	Locomotive ...	Labourer ...	6s. 6d. "	Dismissed
Boyd, John Cameron ...	1.8.82	...	17.8.97	Existing Lines	Ganger ...	9s. "	Retired
Boyd, William John ...	1.7.78	...	26.8.97	Traffic ...	Labourer ...	10s. "	"
Bremner, George Eustace ...	...	10.8.87	3.8.97	Accountant...	Clerk ...	£110 per ann.	Dismissed
Boyle, Richard ...	1.6.80	...	17.8.97	Existing Lines	Repairer ...	7s. per day	Retired
Brown, Christopher ...	21.1.82	...	28.6.97	" ...	Painter ...	8s. "	"
Brown, David Hamilton ...	...	5.1.88	21.7.97	Traffic ...	Tally porter ...	7s. "	Resigned
Brown, Wm. Comber ...	...	15.3.87	31.7.97	Existing Lines	Repairer ...	6s. 6d. "	"
Cannon, James ...	20.5.76	...	"	" ...	Gateman ...	5s. "	Retired
Churchill, Job ...	1.6.76	...	29.9.97	" ...	Ganger ...	9s. "	"
Copplestone, Charles ...	14.11.81	...	27.9.97	Locomotive...	Carriage-builder	9s. 6d. "	Deceased
Crabtree, Jephtha ...	19.10.74	...	28.8.97	" ...	Driver ...	14s. "	"
Dillon, Patrick ...	11.4.80	...	5.7.97	Traffic ...	Porter ...	7s. "	Resigned
Docura, Thomas ...	1.7.78	...	24.9.97	" ...	Guard ...	9s. "	Deceased
Doherty, Edward ...	1.12.82	...	3.8.97	Existing Lines	Gateman ...	5s. "	Resigned
Dorey, Henry ...	—4.61	...	17.8.97	" ...	" ...	6s. "	Retired
Dwyer, Michael ...	23.7.77	...	19.8.97	" ...	" ...	5s. "	"
Francis, William ...	20.4.83	...	21.7.97	Locomotive...	Labourer ...	6s. "	Dismissed
Gamble, George ...	...	30.5.87	13.7.97	Traffic ...	Porter ...	7s. "	Resigned
Gardiner, Thomas ...	1.10.73	...	7.9.97	Existing Lines	Ganger ...	9s. "	Retired
Goodridge, Robert Henry...	8.6.82	...	14.8.97	" ...	Repairer ...	7s. "	"
Greene, James ...	27.7.71	...	17.8.97	" ...	Gateman ...	6s. "	"
Greig, James ...	1.7.78	...	18.9.97	" ...	" ...	6s. "	"
Hackett, Samuel ...	...	1.10.85	16.8.97	Locomotive...	Labourer ...	7s. "	Dismissed
Heilbroun, Walter ...	...	28.10.87	31.8.97	" ...	Cleaner ...	6s. "	Resigned
Hunter, James ...	11.11.76	...	18.9.97	Existing Lines	Foreman Labourer	7s. "	Deceased
Hutchinson, Thomas ...	...	25.2.86	15.7.97	Locomotive...	Fireman ...	10s. "	Dismissed
Hynes, Patrick Wm. John ...	24.4.74	...	10.8.97	Traffic ...	Station-master	£200 per ann.	Deceased
Kelly, Martin ...	1.3.75	...	17.8.97	Existing Lines	Repairer ...	7s. per day	Retired
Leonard, Thomas ...	—6.82	...	27.9.97	" ...	Ganger ...	9s. 6d. "	Deceased
Litchfield, Charles Henry ...	...	16.3.85	"	Telegraph ...	Lamp repairer	9s. 6d. "	"
Logan, Robert ...	...	1.8.90	27.7.97	Traffic ...	Porter ...	6s. "	Dismissed
Loneragan, Edmond ...	...	27.12.86	9.9.97	Locomotive...	Fireman ...	10s. "	Name struck off
Maddox, Charles ...	17.11.74	...	31.8.97	Existing Lines	Gateman ...	5s. "	Retired
Major, Philip ...	1.3.75	...	"	" ...	Pile driver ...	8s. "	"
Mason, Christopher ...	—12.81	...	"	" ...	Ganger ...	10s. "	"
Molloy, Michael... ..	17.2.79	...	28.8.97	Locomotive...	Fireman ...	10s. "	Deceased
Mulqueeny, John ...	14.2.83	...	7.7.97	Existing Lines	Gateman ...	5s. "	Resigned
Murray, John Donald ...	...	20.11.83	3.8.97	Locomotive...	Striker ...	7s. "	Dismissed
McCarthy, Eugene ...	...	26.8.89	29.7.97	Traffic ...	Point cleaner...	6s. "	"
McClelland, John ...	...	14.5.89	8.9.97	Locomotive...	Cleaner ...	6s. 6d. "	Resigned
McDonald, Liston Paul ...	13.6.81	...	16.9.97	Traffic ...	Clerk ...	£150 per ann.	Retired
McGrath, John ...	...	1.8.90	31.7.97	" ...	Porter ...	6s. per day	Resigned
McKay, William ...	1.4.63	...	17.8.97	Existing Lines	Ganger ...	9s. "	Retired
McLellan, John A. ...	27.4.70	...	28.8.97	Locomotive...	Driller ...	8s. "	"
McMahon, Sarah Jane ...	2.9.74	...	31.7.97	Existing Lines	Gatewoman ...	4s. "	"
Nickle, John ...	6.3.83	...	7.9.97	Traffic ...	Porter ...	7s. "	Deceased
Phillips, John ...	—7.61	...	17.8.97	Existing Lines	Ganger ...	9s. "	Retired
Ramsay, Peter* ...	...	19.9.87	28.6.97	Traffic ...	Porter ...	7s. "	Dismissed
Rogers, James ...	11.11.74	...	17.8.97	Existing Lines	Ganger ...	9s. "	Retired
Rothenberg, Frederick ...	1.10.75	...	16.9.97	" ...	" ...	9s. "	"
Ryan, Andrew Maliche ...	1.4.79	...	19.8.97	" ...	" ...	9s. "	"
Schultz, Bruno Edwin ...	...	6.1.91	30.9.97	" ...	Repairer ...	6s. 6d. "	Resigned
Johannes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Short, John William ...	...	7.11.83	5.7.97	Locomotive...	Labourer ...	6s. 6d. "	Dismissed
Slaven, John ...	19.10.76	...	21.8.97	Existing Lines	Repairer ...	7s. "	Retired
Sloan, Nathaniel... ..	1.5.75	...	17.8.97	" ...	" ...	6s. 6d. "	"
Smith, Alexander ...	13.9.75	...	"	" ...	" ...	7s. "	"
Stokes, Mark* ...	...	13.5.89	28.6.97	Traffic ...	Porter ...	6s. "	Dismissed
Toohey, Patrick... ..	19.10.76	...	19.8.97	Existing Lines	Gateman ...	5s. "	Retired
Turner, Isaac ...	8.5.74	...	30.6.97	Locomotive...	Fireman ...	10s. "	"
Vaughan, Cornelius ...	...	1.9.85	17.7.97	Stores ...	Clerk ...	£150 per ann.	Resigned
Wallin, Patrick ...	1.12.81	...	17.8.97	Existing Lines	Carpenter ...	9s. per day	Retired
Walsh, Thomas ...	3.4.63	...	"	" ...	Ganger ...	9s. "	"
Watson, William Penrose	28.1.78	...	25.8.97	Locomotive...	Labourer ...	7s. "	"
White, John ...	...	11.2.89	28.7.97	" ...	" ...	6s. 6d. "	Dismissed
Willis, Thomas ...	...	3.1.88	12.9.97	Existing Lines	Gateman ...	5s. "	Deceased
Young, Charles Arthur ...	...	13.2.86	30.7.97	Traffic ...	Car cleaner ...	6s. 6d. "	Dismissed

\* Omitted from previous list.

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STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS OF EMPLOYÉS.

QUARTER ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1897.

Name in Full.	Date of Birth.	Branch.	Position.	Date of Appointment or Reinstatement.	Salary or Wages.	Remarks.
Agg, Herbert Mosley ...	30.6.69	Existing Lines	Draughtsman	1.7.97	9s. per day ...	Act 1324, section 20
Brown, Arthur Alexander	12.2.72	" ...	" ...	"	9s. " ...	Ditto
Brown, Harold John ...	27.7.70	" ...	" ...	"	9s. " ...	Ditto
Long, Samuel Alfred ...	21.4.72	" ...	Clerk ...	12.7.97	£110 per ann.	Ditto
McGuinness, Patrick ...	20.12.63	" ...	Repairer ...	8.9.97	7s. per day ...	Reinstated