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VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

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OF THE

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS COMMISSIONER

FOR THE

QUARTER ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1897.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT PURSUANT TO THE ACT 54 VICTORIA No. 1135
AND ACT No. 1439.

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REPORT.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS,
4th May, 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 31st March, 1897.

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

Railways.						Quarter ending 31st March, 1896.	Quarter ending 31st March, 1897.
Miles open ...	...	...	...	...	...	3,122	3,129
Revenue—			1896		1897		
Passengers ...	...	...	£281,474	...	£289,757		
Parcels ...	...	...	12,839	...	15,443		
Parcels stamps ...	...	...	11,039	...	12,084		
Horses, carriages, and dogs	...	...	2,927	...	2,771		
Mails ...	...	...	15,020	...	14,096		
Rents ...	...	...	12,565	...	12,300		
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	3,071	...	4,366		
Live stock ...	...	...	30,886	...	33,378		
Goods ...	...	...	256,299	...	301,364		
						£626,120	£685,559
Expenditure ...	...	...	...	...	...	£385,797	£399,339
Train miles run ...	...	...	...	...	...	2,271,510	2,332,551
Revenue per train mile ...	...	...	...	...	...	5s. 6d. 15	5s. 10d. 54
Expenditure per train mile ...	...	...	...	...	...	3s. 4d. 76	3s. 5d. 09
Percentage expenditure to revenue ...	...	...	...	...	...	61.62	58.25
Number of passengers ...	...	...	...	...	...	10,733,467	10,914,926
Tonnage of goods traffic ...	...	...	...	...	...	523,735	598,204
Tonnage of live stock traffic ...	...	...	...	...	...	43,954	44,808

The revenue shows an increase of £59,439, and the expenditure an increase of £13,542, the net result for the quarter being £45,897.

The increased expenditure is largely due to the cessation of percentage reductions, authorized by Parliament, on salaries and wages under £157 per annum, and to increases in pay granted to employés under the new classification.

The business of the Department generally continues to show a marked improvement. The revenue for the nine months of the current financial year is £130,000 in excess of the corresponding period, notwithstanding the fact that the harvest has not realized expectations.

I have now completed my inspection of all the lines in the colony, and am pleased to report that they are generally in good working order.

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, 10th May, 1897.

SIR,

I have the honour to report that during the quarter ending 31st March the way and works of the Victorian Railways were efficiently maintained.

Regrading works were in progress on the South-Western Line between Geelong and Camperdown, also on the Eastern Line between Oakleigh and Warragul.

The relaying of the North-Western Line from Dimboola to Serviceton with 75-lb. rails has progressed satisfactorily, 45 miles 78 chains having been relaid up to the end of the quarter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. E. NORMAN,

Engineer for Existing Lines.

The Railways Commissioner.

Victorian Railways, Chief Mechanical Engineer's Office,
Melbourne, 5th May, 1897.

SIR,

I have the honour to report that the rolling-stock was kept in good order and condition during the quarter ended 31st March, 1897.

During the quarter one iron louvred waggon, "U" class, was built at Newport, and 78 "U's," 10 "T's," and 62 "P's" were received from the contractors.

A pattern corridor car and the balance (50) of the sheep waggons are under construction at Newport.

Plans and specifications for the AD^{AD} cars and material for the corridor cars are in progress.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. H. WOODROFFE,

Chief Mechanical Engineer.

The Railways Commissioner.

APPENDIX II.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.—ACT 1135, SECTION 58.

STATEMENT OF REMOVALS OF EMPLOYEES.

QUARTER ENDING 31st MARCH, 1897.

Name in Full.	Date of Entry.		Date of Leaving.	Branch.	Rank, Grade, or Position.	Salary or Wages.	Remarks.
	Approx.	On or after 1.11.83.					
Angleton, John ...	...	25.6.89	19.1.97	Existing Lines	Gatekeeper ...	5s. 6d. per day	Deceased
Bennett, John Alexander...	...	26.10.87	26.2.97	Traffic ...	Porter ...	7s. "	Resigned
Blackburn, Robert Wilkie	...	6.1.91	6.3.97	Existing Lines	Repairer ...	6s. 6d. "	Dismissed
Brown, George Edward ...	13.12.73	...	27.2.97	Traffic ...	Goods Foreman	8s. "	Retired
Brown, William ...	28.12.75	...	3.3.97	Existing Lines	Labourer ...	7s. "	Dismissed
Buchanan, William Hugh	...	27.11.89	31.1.97	Traffic ...	Shunter ...	6s. "	Resigned
Bullivant, Joseph ...	...	8.2.89	5.1.97	" ...	Porter ...	6s. 6d. "	"
Cain, James ...	...	6.9.86	23.2.97	" ...	Labourer ...	7s. "	Dismissed
Carroll, Francis ...	...	2.7.88	27.3.97	Existing Lines	Gatekeeper ...	5s. "	Resigned
Carroll, William Rudolph	4.9.82	...	3.2.97	Locomotive...	Driver ...	12s. "	Retired
Henry Louis Fritz Wolfe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cherry, John ...	...	13.8.88	20.1.97	" ...	Fireman ...	9s. "	Dispensed with
Clark, Thomas ...	1.7.78	...	20.1.97	Traffic ...	Gate-checkman	8s. "	Retired
Clifton, Henry ...	14.12.74	...	8.1.97	Locomotive...	Driver ...	14s. "	Deceased
Cobb, Joseph ...	14.2.79	...	7.1.97	" ...	Fuelman ...	7s. "	Retired
Comb, Walter George ...	...	8.3.89	11.2.97	Traffic ...	Porter ...	6s. "	Resigned
Cousidine, Terence ...	...	6.2.89	1.3.97	" ...	Labourer ...	6s. 6d. "	Dismissed
Coughlan, Francis ...	...	4.3.89	16.2.97	" ...	Shunter ...	6s. 6d. "	Killed on duty
Davies, David ...	27.9.81	...	10.3.97	Locomotive...	Fitter ...	11s. "	Retired
Deady, John ...	...	10.7.89	17.3.97	Traffic ...	Porter ...	6s. "	Resigned
Dorham, Robert ...	5.5.79	...	6.1.97	Locomotive...	Fitter ...	12s. "	Retired
Fudge, James ...	29.4.78	...	20.1.97	Existing Lines	Piledriver ...	8s. "	"
Gamble, William Graham	1.2.73	...	20.1.97	" ...	Gatekeeper ...	5s. 6d. "	Deceased
Gardiner, John ...	...	24.5.89	31.3.97	" ...	Repairer ...	6s. 6d. "	Dismissed
Goodson, Edwin ...	16.11.82	...	13.2.97	Traffic ...	Pass porter ...	7s. 6d. "	Retired
Halpin, John James ...	9.2.81	...	16.2.97	" ...	Clerk ...	£150 per ann.	Deceased
Handfield, Theodore Louis	...	3.1.88	31.3.97	Secretary's ...	" ...	£97 10s. "	Resigned
Hopton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hicks, Thomas ...	22.1.77	...	14.2.97	Existing Lines	Gatekeeper ...	5s. per day	Deceased
Holland, James Charles ...	...	1.1.91	13.2.97	Existing Lines	Repairer ...	6s. 6d. per day	Deceased
Horan, Lorenzo ...	14.11.82	...	18.2.97	Traffic ...	Closet attendant	7s. "	Retired
Killeen, Thomas ...	—10.76	...	5.3.97	Existing Lines	Repairer ...	6s. 6d. "	Deceased
Lalor, Patrick ...	3.2.77	...	11.1.97	Locomotive...	Pumper ...	8s. 6d. "	"
Macfarlane, William Henry	...	25.4.87	19.3.97	Traffic ...	Clerk ...	£110 per ann.	"
Mahoney, John ...	...	14.10.90	5.3.97	Existing Lines	Repairer ...	6s. 6d. per day	"
Maloney, Peter ...	20.7.83	...	9.2.97	" ...	" ...	6s. 6d. "	"
Moore, Edward ...	...	22.9.90	31.1.97	" ...	" ...	6s. 6d. "	Retired
Myers, James ...	...	1.3.89	16.2.97	" ...	" ...	6s. 6d. "	"
McFarlane, John ...	...	23.9.89	10.3.97	Locomotive...	Labourer ...	5s. 6d. "	"
McGuinness, Patrick ...	10.4.74	...	19.3.97	Existing Lines	Repairer ...	7s. "	Retired
McInnes, Robert ...	9.9.81	...	23.11.96	" ...	Foreman carpenter	11s. 6d. "	"
McKay, Isabella ...	—8.79	...	31.3.97	" ...	Gatekeeper ...	4s. "	"
McLeod, Duncan ...	...	23.12.86	23.12.96	Traffic ...	Labourer ...	7s. "	Dismissed
McRae, Donald Alexander	...	2.1.89	31.3.97	" ...	Porter ...	6s. 6d. "	Resigned
Nesbitt, Thomas ...	...	6.5.89	31.1.97	" ...	" ...	6s. "	"
North, William Henry ...	3.10.83	...	31.1.97	" ...	" ...	7s. "	Retired
Osborne, John Henry ...	...	15.2.86	28.1.97	" ...	" ...	7s. "	Dismissed
Pilbeam, Charles ...	...	26.9.88	26.1.97	Locomotive...	Labourer ...	6s. 6d. "	Deceased
Quinn, Edward John ...	...	23.8.88	31.1.97	Traffic ...	Porter ...	6s. 6d. "	Resigned
Radley, Stanley ...	...	14.5.88	10.2.97	Locomotive...	Labourer ...	6s. "	"
Reynolds, George ...	1.10.76	...	19.1.97	Existing Lines	Gatekeeper ...	5s. 6d. "	Deceased
Robertson, William David	...	6.8.90	19.2.97	Traffic ...	Clerk ...	£80 per ann.	Resigned
Ryan, Patrick ...	26.10.77	...	31.3.97	Existing Lines	Labourer ...	7s. per day	Retired
Sands, James Alexander ...	...	1.12.88	14.1.97	" ...	" ...	6s. 6d. "	Resigned
Simmons, Stephen ...	...	10.10.87	12.1.97	Traffic ...	Carriage cleaner	6s. "	Dismissed
Simpson, Alfred James ...	...	10.8.86	16.3.97	Traffic Audit	Clerk ...	£105 per ann.	Deceased
Tabley, James ...	26.10.75	...	29.3.97	Locomotive...	Driver ...	13s. per day	Dismissed
Thornton, Henry ...	2.8.83	...	18.2.97	Existing Lines	Labourer ...	6s. "	"
Walsh, James ...	...	6.12.88	31.1.97	" ...	Repairer ...	6s. 6d. "	Resigned
Waters, James ...	...	3.1.89	28.3.97	Traffic ...	Carriage cleaner	6s. 6d. "	Deceased
Watt, Jennie ...	9.7.74	...	18.3.97	Existing Lines	Gatekeeper ...	4s. "	Retired
Young, William Hunter	4.2.87	22.1.97	Stores ...	Clerk ...	£90 per ann.	Dismissed

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STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS OF EMPLOYÉS.

QUARTER ENDING 31st MARCH, 1897.

Name in Full.	Date of Birth.	Branch.	Position.	Date of Appointment.	Salary or Wages.	Remarks.
Hunter, Maria	23.2.71	Existing Lines	Office cleaner	13.1.97	20s. per week	By-law 70
Reinke, Bernard	20.3.57	Locomotive ...	Fitter ...	17.2.97	9s. per day	Section 20, Act 1324
Stevenson, David Reid ...	30.3.67	„ ...	Fitter ...	17.2.97	9s. „	Section 20, Act 1324
Williams, Hannah Maria ...	7.12.59	Existing Lines	Office cleaner	4.1.97	20s. per week	By-law 70