

STATISTICAL RETURN, NEW SOUTH WALES, 1897.

Number of Telegraph Stations (including Public Telephone Offices).....	800
Miles of Line-wire.....	33,072
Miles of Line.....	12,745
Total cost of construction to 31st December, 1897.....	£920,036

Inland and Intercolonial.

Number of Messages received and transmitted	2,133,298
Revenue (including £17,521 14s. 6d. value of O.H.M.S. business)	£142,774 6s. 1d.

International.

Messages transmitted—		
Number		25,199
Value (including O.H.M.S. business £1101 19s. 8d.).....	£71,705	0s. 4d.
Messages received—		
Number		17,494
Value	£52,565	11s. 6d.
Net Revenue to New South Wales.....	£5645	10s. 5d.

Telephones.

Number	6726
Amount of Revenue received in 1897.....	£39,613

*Postal and Electric Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Sydney, 25th March, 1898.*

VICTORIA.

On 31st December, 1897—

Total Mileage, Telegraph Lines	3823	
" " Wires	9378	
Total Number Staff Post and Telegraph Offices	209	
" Contract " 	184	} 791
" Railway " 	398	
Nett Telegraphic Revenue, 1896-7	£101,605	6s. 10d.

J. GAVAN DUFFY, *Postmaster-General.*