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REPORT

OF THE

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE

QUARTER ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1884.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT 47 VICT. No. 767, SEC. 57.

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VICTORIAN RAILWAYS,
Melbourne, August 14th, 1884.

To the Honorable the Minister of Railways.

SIR,

We beg to submit, in accordance with the 57th section of *The Victorian Railways Commissioners Act (767)*, the requisite information with respect to the state of the traffic returns, the approximate cost and earnings per train mile of goods and passengers, the general condition of the lines and accommodation for the traffic, the issue of any special rates and the reasons for the same, and a statement of appointments and removals of employés, with the circumstances attending each, for the quarter ending 30th June, 1884.

The actual receipts and expenditure for this quarter are as follows:—

RETURN OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 30TH JUNE.

	1883.	1884.
Revenue from all sources	£418,859	£530,362
Expenditure „ „	£340,642	£348,627
Per cent. of Expenditure to Revenue	81.32	65.73
Number of passengers conveyed	5,973,300	6,910,697
Tons of goods conveyed	440,477	483,035
Ditto of live stock	14,930	15,204
Train miles run	1,349,644	1,707,897
Revenue per train mile	6s. 2.48d.	6s. 2.53d.
Expenditure „ „	5s. 0.57d.	4s. 0.99d.

Excess of compensation paid in 1883 over 1884, £56,893.

HALF-YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE.

	1883.	1884.
Revenue from all sources	£917,483 10s. 6d.	£1,117,326 14s. 5d.
Expenditure „ „	£639,078 8s. 3d.	£679,826 12s. 1d.
Per cent. of Expenditure to Revenue	69.66	60.84
Number of passengers conveyed	12,750,089	15,740,432
Tons of goods	934,269	1,043,293
Ditto of live stock	30,025	31,993
Train miles run	2,785,716	3,614,771
Revenue per train mile	6s. 7.04d.	6s. 2.18d.
Expenditure „ „	4s. 7.06d.	3s. 9.14d.

Excess of compensation paid in 1883 over 1884, £57,962.

The expenditure in the quarter ending June, 1883, was excessively heavy, but was in a large measure owing to the amount brought into the account for that quarter for compensation for personal injuries.

A comparison of the receipts and expenditure, for the purpose of forming an opinion upon the position of the Railways, cannot be made with advantage until an account for the whole year is under review, as items of revenue and expenditure may be brought into one quarter's account, and for the corresponding year may be in that of another quarter with which it does not compare.

To bring the accounts down to the latest period, and for the full term we have been in office, the revenue and expenditure for the half-year ending 30th June, 1884, is also given.

The Commissioners have, since their last Report, inspected the lines between Ballarat, Dimboola, and Portland; and they hope in a short time to complete the inspection of the remainder.

The railways are well maintained, considerable renewals having been carried out during the last three years, but there is still some portion of the original iron road requiring attention, and provision for that will have to be made in due course.

Estimates have already been furnished to you of the amount required for the year ending June, 1885, for works for the accommodation of the traffic on the existing lines, and for increasing the facilities for dealing with it at those points where, comparing the means of handling it, the concentration is the greatest; and the Commissioners hope, as soon as the amount is placed at their disposal, to meet the various and growing demands for additional accommodation.

Not the least important is the provision of better accommodation for the repair and renewal of locomotive and carriage and waggon stock. The present means available are altogether inadequate, and in consequence past years have not borne the expenditure they would otherwise have done if renewals could have been carried out as required.

A complete arrangement of workshops, with all modern appliances, is absolutely required to keep pace with the necessities of the rolling-stock now under the supervision of the Department, and its provision, as asked for on our Estimates, will enable this part of our work to be carried on in a manner much more satisfactory than is possible with the existing means at our disposal.

Attached is a list of special rates made during the quarter, with the reasons for the same.

No new appointments were made during the past quarter, but the regulations under which appointments have to be made having been approved, steps were taken to advertise for additional men. A very large number of applications, greatly in excess of the number required, were received, but many of the applicants failed to pass the Examiners, so that when the final ballot occurred the total requisitions were not quite satisfied. Generally, however, the successful applicants were of a good standard, and with some modification of the educational tests by the Examiners, the Commissioners see no reason at present for recommending an alteration in the regulations approved by the Governor in Council.

The successful candidates did not enter upon their probationary service until July, so that they do not appear on the list for the June quarter.

A list is appended of the removal of employés for the quarter, with particulars of the circumstances attending each.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

R. SPEIGHT,
ALFRED J. AGG,
R. FORD.

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STATEMENT of Removals of Employés during Quarter ending 30th June, 1884, with the circumstances attending each.

Date.	Name.	Position.	Rate of Pay.	Remarks.
1884.				
<i>Engineer-in-Chief's Branch.</i>				
April 30	J. Tulloch ...	Asst. engineer ...	£365 per ann. and £200 for equipment	Dispensed with; work completed
" "	L. F. Cussen ...	Surveyor ...	17/6 per day, and £200 for equipment	Dispensed with; work completed
May 2	J. Carr ...	Inspector of permanent way	9/ per day	Dismissed
" 31	J. Young ...	Inspector ...	15/ "	Dispensed with; services no longer required
July 18	J. Buchanan ...	Asst. engineer ...	20/ "	Resigned
<i>Engineer for Existing Lines Branch.</i>				
April 4	J. Allan ...	Repairer ...	6/6 per day	Dispensed with; ill health
" 30	R. Dermoudy ...	" ...	6/6 "	Resigned
" "	M. Toohey ...	" ...	6/6 "	"
May 24	H. E. Overton ...	Gatekeeper ...	4/ "	Deceased
" 31	D. Powell ...	Repairer ...	6/6 "	Dispensed with; ill health
June 3	R. L. Macmurdo ...	Gatekeeper ...	6/ "	Deceased
" 4	A. Cleary ...	Repairer ...	6/6 "	Dispensed with; insolvency
" 8	E. Downey ...	Gatekeeper ...	3/ "	Deceased
" 30	R. Ross ...	Repairer ...	6/6 "	Resigned
" "	G. Wilding ...	Gatekeeper ...	4/ "	Retired with compensation
<i>Traffic Branch.</i>				
April 1	W. Davies ...	Acting porter ...	6/ per day	Resigned
" 3	T. Biddle ...	Station-master ...	£162 10/ 4/ ann.	Dismissed
" 4	F. Weller ...	" ...	£162 10/ "	Deceased
" 18	J. Madden ...	Labourer ...	6/ per day	Resigned
" "	C. Magee ...	Carriage cleaner ...	6/ "	Dismissed for general carelessness
" 26	P. Millar ...	Guard ...	8/6 "	"
" 28	Mrs. Wiseman ...	Gatekeeper ...	3/ "	Dispensed with; services no longer required
" 29	J. G. Spillacy ...	Acting porter ...	5/ "	Resigned
May 1	F. W. Wigg ...	Clerk ...	£100 per ann.	"
" 7	W. Hughes ...	Labourer ...	10/ per day	Dispensed with; no longer required
" 9	T. Milmoie ...	Cooper ...	9/ "	Deceased
" 13	G. W. Read ...	Shunter ...	7/ "	Retired with compensation
" 22	J. Holloway ...	Labourer ...	7/ "	Dispensed with; no longer required
" "	C. Baird ...	" ...	6/ "	"
June 1	O. Gray ...	Clerk ...	5/ "	Resigned
" 9	J. Stewart ...	Gatekeeper ...	4/ "	Retired with compensation
" 19	G. Davies ...	Caller-up ...	7/ "	Deceased
" 23	J. Bohain ...	Acting porter ...	5/ "	Dispensed with; no longer required
" 30	W. G. Patterson ...	Clerk ...	£100 per ann.	Resigned
<i>Secretary's Branch.</i>				
April 9	F. N. Stone ...	Clerk ...	2/6 per day	Resigned
" 30	T. Boler ...	" ...	2/6 "	"
May 31	W. M. Cairncross ...	Chief store clerk ...	£445 per ann.	Transferred to Defence Department
<i>Accountant's Branch.</i>				
April 30	D. Kirk ...	Clerk ...	£100 per ann.	Retired with compensation

STATEMENT of Removals of Employés during Quarter ending 30th June 1844, with the circumstances attending each—*continued.*

Date.	Name.	Position.	Rate of Pay.	Remarks.
1884.				
<i>Locomotive Branch.</i>				
April 2	J. Craik	... Driver ...	15/ per day	Deceased
" "	T. C. Kitchen	... " ...	13/ "	"
" 3	R. Hutchison	... Fireman ...	9/ "	"
March 2	N. McCann	... Labourer ...	7/ "	Resigned (omitted from last statement)
May 1	E. S. Tijon	... Driver ...	11/ "	Dismissed
" 5	W. Craig	... Boilermaker ...	10/ "	"
" 19	G. Burrows	... Driver ...	14/ "	Retired with compensation
April 23	W. Seath	... " ...	14/ "	" "
May 30	A. Gillespie	... Carriage fitter ...	10/ "	Deceased
" 31	T. A. House	... " builder ...	8/6 "	Resigned
June 2	J. T. Gaylard	... Cleaner and fireman ...	5/6 & 8/4 ^p day	Deceased
" 5	P. Isbeler	... Striker ...	8/ "	"
" 11	H. R. Summers	... Driver ...	12/ "	"
" 16	J. H. Burridge	... Coppersmith ...	9/ "	"

Telegraph Branch.

Nil.

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RETURN of Special Goods Rates for Quarter ending June 30th, 1884.

Furnished in accordance with Section 57 of Act 47 Vict. No. 767.

Date.	No.	Particulars of Special Rates.	Reasons for Making such Special Rates.
1884. April 1	20/1342	Salt, Colonial, from Dimboola to Ballarat, 25s. per ton	The highest rate the traffic will bear.
May 29	21/647	Flagging and Slates, from Avoca to Melbourne, 14s. per ton	For a special quantity of 1,500 tons.
June 19	21/527	Sawn Timber, from Gordons to Geelong, 28s. 9d. per truck of 5 tons, exclusive of terminal	The railway route is circuitous, and the rate is fair under the circumstances.