

GUARANTEE.

Colony.	Population based on 1885 Statistics.*	Amount to be made up, exclusive of Subsidies, if Traffic increased by			
		25 per Cent.	50 per Cent.	75 per Cent.	100 per Cent.
		£	£	£	£
Victoria... ..	991,869	19,029	14,552	10,074	5,597
New South Wales ...	957,914	18,379	14,055	9,730	5,406
South Australia ...	313,423	6,012	4,597	3,183	1,768
Western Australia ...	35,186	676	517	358	199
New Zealand ...	575,226	11,035	8,439	5,842	3,246
Queensland ...	315,489	6,050	4,626	3,203	1,779
Tasmania ...	133,791	2,569	1,964	1,360	755
Total ...	3,322,898	63,750	48,750	33,750	18,750

* These are the most recent statistics in the company's possession, but the latest ascertained populations would, of course, form the basis of the calculations.

If the subsidies were pooled, and distributed over all the colonies according to population, the result would be as follows :—

SUBSIDIES.

Colony.	Existing Contributions in respect of Duplicate Cable on 1881 Census.	Contributions in respect of New Zealand and Tasmanian Cables.	Contributions if Subsidies spread over all Colonies on Basis of Population, 1885.
	£	£	£
Victoria	14,479	...	13,164
New South Wales	12,617	2,500	12,714
South Australia	4,805	...	4,159
Western Australia	499	...	467
New Zealand ... ..	...	5,000	7,634
Queensland ... ..	...	...	4,185
Tasmania ... ..	...	4,200	1,777
Total	32,400	11,700	44,100

The following table shows the contribution of each colony if subsidies and guarantee combined and distributed over all colonies according to population on basis of 1885 statistics :—

SUBSIDIES AND GUARANTEE COMBINED.

Colony.	25 per Cent.	50 per Cent.	75 per Cent.	100 per Cent.
	£	£	£	£
Victoria	32,193	27,716	23,239	18,760
New South Wales	31,093	26,769	22,444	18,121
South Australia	10,170	8,756	7,341	5,926
Western Australia	1,143	984	825	666
New Zealand	18,669	16,072	13,476	10,879
Queensland	10,235	8,811	7,388	5,965
Tasmania	4,347	3,742	3,137	2,533
Total	107,850	92,850	77,850	62,850

PRESENT TRAFFIC, SHOWING PROPORTIONS AT 4s. TARIFF.

Class of Traffic.	Number of Words.	Companies' Proportion of 4s. Tariff.	Out-payments.	Total Tariff.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Ordinary	489,000	2 5½	1 6½	4 0
Government	41,000	2 5	1 6½	3 11½
Press	70,000	1 11	0 9	2 8
Local (including India)	54,000	3 0	1 0	4 0
Total	654,000	...	...	...