

Appointment of officers.

14. The Minister may appoint, for any period not extending six months beyond the date on which the line shall be declared open for traffic, all such officers as he thinks necessary for the purposes of the construction or working of the Railway, and may authorize the employment of any persons for those purposes.

Wages and conditions of employment.

15.—(1.) In any contract relating to the construction of the Railway provision shall be made for the payment by the contractor of not less than the prescribed minimum rates of wages and for the observance of the prescribed conditions of employment and also for the recovery of penalties for non-payment of the prescribed rates of wages or for non-compliance with the prescribed conditions of employment.

(2.) The minimum rates of wages and the conditions of employment shall be prescribed by the Minister and shall be set forth in a schedule to the contract.

Receipts to go to Consolidated Revenue Fund.

16. All moneys received in respect of the Railway shall be paid to and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Commonwealth.

Appropriation of moneys.

17. All moneys necessary for the payment of the cost of construction of the Railway up to and including the time of the opening of the Railway for traffic shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund or out of any moneys standing to the credit of the Loan Fund, according to appropriations made by Parliament for that purpose.

TASMANIA GRANT.

No. 22 of 1913.

An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Four hundred thousand pounds for the purposes of further Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

[Assented to 19th December, 1913.]

Preamble.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, for the purpose of appropriating the grant originated in the House of Representatives, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Tasmania Grant Act 1913*.

Appropriation of £400,000 for further financial assistance to Tasmania.

2. Subject to this Act, there shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, for the purposes of further financial assistance to the State of Tasmania, the sum of Four hundred thousand pounds.

3.—(1.) Payments of the said sum of Four hundred thousand pounds shall extend over a period of nine years according to the scale in the Schedule so that in each financial year mentioned in the first column of the Schedule there shall be paid the sum set opposite to that financial year in the second column of the Schedule.

Payments to extend over period of nine years.

(2.) The amount payable in any year shall be paid in equal monthly instalments.

THE SCHEDULE.

Financial Year.	Amount Payable.
	£
1913-14	5,000
1914-15	15,000
1915-16	25,000
1916-17	35,000
1917-18	45,000
1918-19	55,000
1919-20	65,000
1920-21	75,000
1921-22	80,000

POST AND TELEGRAPH.

No. 23 of 1913.

An Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act* 1901-1912 and the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902-1911.

[Assented to 19th December, 1913.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Act* 1913. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Post and Telegraph Act* 1901-1912, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Act* 1901-1913.

(3.) The *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902-1911, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902-1913.