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Mr. J.C. Rodaughan
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Dear Mr. Rodaughan

I refer to your recent enquiry concerning the costs incurred in building East Ringwood station in 1924/5.

Our records do not spell out the detail you wanted but as Mr. Dawes informed you on 13 June 1985, the Annual Report for 1924/25 does have some information about the matter.

... I have enclosed an extract of the relevant page of the Annual Report and hope it assists you in your endeavours.

Yours sincerely

K.C. Brown

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Group Manager
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VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

REPORT

OF THE

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1925.

New Stations.

Four new stations were constructed during 1924-25, viz.:—Hughesdale, on the Oakleigh line; Ringwood East, on the Lilydale line; Tecoma, on the Gembrook line; and Pental, on the Swan Hill line; portion of the cost of the three former stations being contributed by owners of adjacent lands.

The growth of population in the metropolis, and the facilities provided by electric traction for settlement in the outer suburbs, have been followed by many applications for the erection of new stations. Owing to the fact that a new railway station greatly enhances the value of surrounding land, and is a source of profit to the property-owners concerned, it is considered entirely appropriate, under certain circumstances, for the latter to contribute towards the cost of construction. It was accordingly decided that—

- (1) where there was very little settlement, and most of the land in the vicinity was in large or unoccupied holdings, the parties interested should be required to pay either the whole cost or a large proportion of the cost of construction;
- (2) where there was some settlement, but the establishment of a station would involve the Department in appreciable loss for a time, a reasonable contribution should be asked for; and
- (3) where the proposed station was likely to be a payable proposition from the outset, the Department would pay the whole cost of its erection.

Every application is, of course, thoroughly investigated, and, in any case, new stations are only provided when it is clear that a payable traffic will be gradually developed.

