Fine tuning the entire network: No freezing done on any of the transformer layers:

Choosing hyperparameters:

- 1. For learning rate, 3 values 1e-3, 1e-4, 1e-5 were tried against a validation set for a single epoch. 1e-3 and 1e-4 did not show any signs of converging, hence 1e-5 was chosen
- 2. Batch size was chosen to be 8 due to GPU RAM size constraints.
- 3. The fine tuning ran for 5 epochs

Result of this network after fine tuning on the test data set ended up being

Predicted

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1814	17	41	28
10	1882	4	4
54	9	1715	122
41	7	106	1746

From this we can calculated the following values:

Label 0 (World): Recall: 0.95 Precision: 0.95 f1: 0.95 Label 1 (Sports): Recall: 0.99 Precision: 0.98 f1: 0.99 Label 2 (Business): Recall: 0.90 Precision: 0.92 f1: 0.91 Label 3 (Sci/Tech): Recall: 0.92 Precision: 0.92 f1: 0.92

Looking at the results, we can see that technology and business news are harder to tell apart compared to world and sports news, sports news in particular being easiest to classify.

Also regarding fine tuning, the learning rates when fine tuning transformer based networks need to be much lower than values that can be used for RNNs and CNNs as with high learning rates, the networks do not converge.