

## PART VII.—INTERCHANGE.

374. In the *Victorian Year-Book*, 1875, and in the *Statistical Register* for the same year, the names of the articles imported and exported were, for the first time, arranged according to a system of classification recommended by the Intercolonial Statistical Conference, of which mention has several times been made,\* in lieu of the alphabetical arrangement adopted in former years. This classification, which has met with the approval of eminent statisticians in Europe and elsewhere, but, I regret to say, has not been carried out in the records of the other colonies represented at the Conference, is continued on the present occasion.

Classification  
of Customs  
entries.

375. Subjoined is an alphabetical index, by means of which the position of any article imported or exported in 1876 may be readily found. This index is immediately followed by the list of imports and exports to which it relates:—

Imports and  
exports,  
1876.

## INDEX OF ARTICLES IMPORTED AND EXPORTED.

\*\* This index refers to the tables of imports and exports which immediately follow it.

Entries.	Order.	Entries.	Order.	Entries.	Order.
Acid—acetic, other ...	14	Bark ...	25	Bran bags ...	20
Aerated waters ...	23	Barley ...	22	Brandy ...	23
Agricultural — imple- ments, machinery ...	9	Bass ...	25	Brassware ...	32
Air-bricks ...	12	Bath bricks... ..	29	Bricks—air, clay, fire	12
Ale and porter ...	23	Beans ...	22	„ bath ...	29
Alkali ...	14	Bêche de mer ...	21	Bristles ...	24
Almond oil ...	26	Beef—salted ...	21	Broadcloths, &c. ...	15
Almonds ...	22	Beer ...	23	Broom corn ...	25
Alum ...	14	Beeswax ...	24	Brooms—hair, brush- ware ...	35
Anchors ...	11	Birds ...	33	Brownware ...	29
Angora wool ...	24	Biscuits ...	22	Brushware, brooms ...	35
Animal food ...	21	Bitters ...	23	Building materials ...	12
„ substances ...	24	Black oil ...	26	Butter ...	21
Animals and birds ...	33	Blankets ...	15	Canary seed ...	25
Antimony—crude, ore, regulus ...	32	Blasting powder ...	8	Candles ...	24
Apparel ...	19	Blue ...	25	Canes ...	25
Arms and ammunition ...	8	Boats ...	11	Cannons ...	8
Arrowroot ...	22	Boilers, steam ...	9	Canvas ...	20
Arsenic ...	14	Bolts and nuts ...	32	Caps and hats—felt, silk, straw, &c. ...	19
Artificial flowers ...	19	Bone-dust ...	24	Caps, percussion ...	8
Asphalte ...	14	Bones ...	24	Cards, playing ...	1
Axle—arms, boxes ...	10	Bonnets ...	19	Carpeting ...	15
Axles ...	10	Books, printed ...	1	Carriages, carriage ma- terials ...	10
Bacon ...	21	Boots ...	19	Cartridges, cartridge cases ...	8
Bagging ...	20	Boot-webbing ...	20	Carts, waggons, &c. ...	10
Bags, sacks ...	20	Borax ...	14		
„ paper ...	25	Bottled fruit ...	22		
		Bottles ...	29		
		Bran ...	25		

\* See Parliamentary Paper No. 11, Session 1875, page 6, paragraph 16; page 9, resolution 6; and page 12, Appendix A; also *Victorian Year-Book*, 1875, paragraphs 96 to 99 and footnotes.

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Entries.	Order.	Entries.	Order.	Entries.	Order.
Carving, figures, &c....	4	Eggs ...	21	Grindery ...	35
Casks ...	25	Electro-plated ware ...	32	Grindstones... ..	29
Castor oil ...	26	Engine-packing ...	20	Guano ...	14
Cattle ...	33	Engines, steam ...	9	Gum ...	25
Cement ...	12	Engravings ...	3	Gun caps ...	8
Chaff ...	25	Essences & essential oils	14	Guncotton ...	8
Chain cables ...	11	Explosives ...	8	Gunnybags ...	20
Cheese ...	21	Fancy goods ...	35	Gunpowder ...	8
Chemicals ...	14	Feathers ...	24	Guttapercha goods ...	25
Chicory ...	23	"    ornamental ...	19	Haberdashery ...	18
China matting ...	20	Felt ...	20	Hair—curled, seating	24
"    ware ...	29	Fencing wire ...	32	Hams ...	21
Chinese oil ...	26	Fibre ...	25	Hardware ...	35
Chocolate ...	23	Firearms ...	8	Hares ...	33
Cider ...	23	Firebricks ...	12	Harmoniums ...	2
Cigars ...	23	Fireworks ...	5	Harness ...	10
Clay tobacco pipes ...	4	Fish—fresh, preserved,		Hats and caps—felt,	
Clocks ...	6	salted ...	21	silk, straw, &c. ...	19
Clover seed ...	25	"    ova ...	33	Hatters' materials ...	19
Coal ...	28	Flannels—piece ...	15	Hay ...	25
Cocoa beans ...	23	Flax ...	25	Hemp ...	25
Cocoanut fibre ...	25	"    manufactures ...	17	Hides ...	24
"    oil ...	26	Flock ...	24	Holloware ...	35
Cocoanuts ...	22	Floorcloth ...	20	Honey ...	21
Cod, cod liver oil ...	26	Flour ...	22	Hoofs ...	24
Coffee ...	23	"    sacks ...	20	Hops ...	23
Coir and other matting	20	Flowers, artificial ...	19	Horned cattle ...	33
Coke ...	28	Food, animal ...	21	Horns ...	24
Colors ...	14	"    vegetable ...	22	Horses ...	33
Colza oil ...	26	Fresh fish, meat ...	21	Hosiery ...	19
Combs ...	24	Fruit—bottled, dried,		Ice ...	30
Confectionery ...	22	green, currants, rai-		Implements, agricul-	
Copaiba oil ...	26	sins ...	22	tural ...	9
Copper—ore, ware, wire	32	Fuel ...	28	Indefinite articles ...	36
"    specie ...	31	Furniture, furniture		Indiarubber goods ...	25
Copra ...	25	springs ...	13	Ink—printing, writing	14
Cordage ...	20	Furs ...	19	Instruments, musical... ..	2
"    iron, steel ...	32	Fuse ...	8	"    optical ...	6
Cordials ...	23	Galvanized iron—cord-		"    scientific ...	6
Cork and corks cut ...	25	age, buckets, tubs,		"    surgical ...	7
Cornsacks ...	20	guttering, sheet, ware	32	Iron—bar, castings, gal-	
Cotton and flax manu-		Gin ...	23	vanized, hoop, ores,	
factures ...	17	Ginger, ground ...	23	pig, pipes, plate, rod,	
Cotton—piece goods,		Glass—bottles, plate,		scrap, sheet, ware,	
waste, wick	17	window, ware ...	29	wire, &c. ...	32
"    raw ...	25	Gloves ...	19	Ironmongery ...	35
Curiosities ...	36	Glue, glue pieces ...	24	"    saddlers' ...	10
Currants ...	22	Glycerine ...	14	Isinglass ...	21
Cutlery ...	9	Goat skins ...	24	Jams and preserves ...	22
Dogs ...	33	Goats ...	33	Jewellery ...	31
Doors ...	12	Gold—leaf, plate, spe-		Jute ...	25
Drapery ...	18	cie ...	31	Kangaroos ...	33
Dress ...	19	Goods manufactured,		"    skins ...	24
Dried fruit ...	22	unenumerated ...	36	Kerosene oil ...	26
Drinks and stimulants	23	Grain ...	22	"    shale ...	28
Druggeting... ..	15	Gram ...	22	Lamps and lampware	13
Drugs ...	14	Grass seeds... ..	25	Lard ...	21
Dyes ...	14	Grates and stoves ...	32	"    oil ...	26
Dynamite ...	8	Grease ...	24	Lead—ore, pig, pipe,	
Earthenware ...	29	Greasy wool ...	24	sheet ...	32

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Entries.	Order.	Entries.	Order.	Entries.	Order.
Leather, leatherware...	24	Muslins ...	17	Pipes, tobacco ...	4
Leeches ...	33	Must ...	23	Pistols ...	8
Lime ...	12	Mustard ...	23	Pitch ...	25
Limejuice ...	23	Nails ...	32	Plants ...	34
Linen piece goods ...	17	Naphtha ...	14	Plaster of paris ...	29
Linseed meal ...	25	Natural history, speci-		Platedware ...	32
„ oil ...	26	mens of ...	36	Plumbago ...	32
Liquorice ...	22	Neatsfoot oil ...	26	Pollard ...	25
Lithofracteur ...	8	Nets and netting ...	20	Porcelain ...	29
Live animals ...	33	Nut oil ...	26	Pork, salted... ..	21
Lubricating oil ...	26	Nuts ...	22	Potatoes ...	22
Lustrine oil... ..	26	Oakum ...	25	Poultry ...	33
Macaroni ...	22	Oars ...	11	Powder — blasting,	
Machinery — agricultu-		Oatmeal ...	22	sporting ...	8
ral, weaving and spin-		Oats ...	22	Precious stones ...	31
ning ...	9	Oilcake ...	25	Preserved fish, meats	21
Machines, tools, and		Oilcloth ...	20	„ milk ...	23
implements ...	9	Oilmen's stores ...	35	„ vegetables... ..	22
Maize ...	22	Oils of all kinds ...	26	Preserves ...	22
Maizena ...	22	„ in bottles ...	26	Printing ink ...	14
Malt ...	22	Olive oil ...	26	„ materials ...	35
Manufactured articles		Onions ...	22	„ paper ...	25
of cotton, woollens,		Opium ...	14	Prints, pictures, &c. ...	3
silks, &c. ...	18	Opossum skins ...	24	Provisions, preserved	
Manufactures of fibrous		Optical instruments ...	6	and salted ...	21
materials ...	20	Ordnance stores ...	35	Pulse ...	22
„ mixed metals ...	32	Ore — antimony, cop-		Pulu ...	25
Manures ...	14	per, iron, lead, tin	32	Putty ...	29
Marble ...	29	„ bags ...	20	Quartz ...	29
Matches ...	14	Ores, mineral earths,		Quicksilver ...	32
Materials, building ...	12	clays, &c....	32	Rabbits ...	33
„ carriage ...	10	Organs ...	2	„ skins ...	24
„ hatters' ...	19	Ornamental feathers ...	19	Rags ...	25
„ printing ...	35	Paintings ...	3	Railway rails, chairs, &c.	32
„ telegraphic ...	35	Paints ...	14	Raisins ...	22
„ watchmakers' ...	6	Palm oil ...	26	Ratans ...	25
Mats ...	20	Paper—bags, hanging,		Raw cotton ...	25
Matting—china, coir ...	20	printing, wrapping,		„ sugar ...	22
Meal, linseed ...	25	writing ...	25	Refined sugar ...	22
„ oat ...	22	Papier-maché goods ...	13	Regulus ...	32
Meats—fresh, preserved	21	Parasols ...	19	Resin ...	25
Medicinal oil ...	26	Patent leather ...	24	Ribbons ...	16
„ roots ...	14	„ medicines ...	14	Rice ...	22
Medicines, patent ...	14	Peanuts ...	22	Rock salt ...	23
Meerscham pipes ...	4	Pearl barley ...	22	Roots, medicinal ...	14
Metals, other than gold		„ shell ...	24	Rope ...	20
and silver ...	32	Peas ...	22	Rugs ...	20
Methylated spirits ...	14	Pepper ...	23	Rum ...	23
Milk, preserved ...	23	Perfumed spirits ...	23	Rye ...	22
Millet ...	25	Perfumery ...	23	Sacks, bags ...	20
Millinery ...	19	Perry ...	23	Saddlery ...	10
Millstones ...	29	Personal effects ...	36	Saddlers' ironmongery	10
Mineral earths, clays,		Phormium, N. Z. ...	25	Sago ...	22
&c. ...	32	Photographic goods ...	35	Salad oil ...	26
Miscellaneous articles		Pianofortes... ..	2	Salt ...	23
of trade ...	35	Pickles ...	23	Salted beef, pork, fish	21
Molasses ...	22	Pigs ...	33	Saltpetre ...	23
Mortars ...	8	„ skins ...	24	Sashes ...	12
Mouldings ...	4	Pine oil ...	26	Sauces ...	23
Musical instruments... ..	2	Pipes—iron, lead ...	32	Sausage skins ...	24

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Entries.	Order.	Entries.	Order.	Entries.	Order.
Scientific instruments	6	Steam boilers, engines	9	Upholstery ...	13
Scoured wool ...	24	Steel, cordage ...	32	Utensils ...	9
Screws ...	32	Stimulants ...	23	Varnish ...	25
Seeds—canary, clover, grass ...	25	Stone, clay, earthen- ware, and glass	29	Vegetable food ...	22
Sewing machines ...	9	„ grind, mill, ware, &c. ...	29	„ oil ...	26
Shale ...	28	Stoves ...	32	„ substances ...	25
Sheep ...	33	Straw ...	25	Vegetables—fresh, pre- served ...	22
„ skins ...	24	„ hats ...	19	Vermicelli ...	22
Shell—pearl, tortoise	24	Sugar—candy, raw, re- fined ...	22	Vestas ...	14
Shellfish ...	21	Sulphur ...	14	Vinegar ...	23
Ships, boats, &c. ...	11	Surgical instruments...	7	Waggons ...	10
Shoes ...	19	Tackle for sports and games ...	5	Walnuts ...	22
Shot ...	8	Tallow ...	24	Washed wool ...	24
Silk—manufactures, mixtures; silks ...	16	„ oil ...	26	Watches ...	6
Silver—plate, specie...	31	Tanks, iron ...	32	Water ...	30
Skins ...	24	Tapioca ...	22	Watchmakers' materials	6
Slate slabs ...	29	Tar ...	25	Weaving and spinning machinery ...	9
Slates, roofing ...	12	Tares ...	25	Whalebone ...	24
Slops ...	19	Tea ...	23	Wheat ...	22
Snuff ...	23	Telegraphic materials	35	Whiskey ...	23
Soap ...	24	„ wire ...	32	Whiting ...	29
Soda—ash, bicarbonate, caustic, crystals, ni- trate, silicate ...	14	Timber, all kinds ...	25	Wickerware ...	25
Specie ...	31	Tin—block, foil, ore, plates, ware ...	32	Wine ...	23
Specimens of natural history ...	36	Tobacco ...	23	„ spirits of ...	23
Spelter ...	32	„ pipes ...	4	Wire netting ...	32
Sperm oil ...	26	Tools ...	9	Wooden tobacco pipes	4
Spices ...	23	Tortoise shell ...	24	Woodenware ...	25
Spinning and weaving machinery ...	9	Toys ...	5	Wool ...	24
Spirits, methylated ...	14	Travellers' samples ...	35	„ and worsted manu- factures ...	15
„ other ...	23	Turnery ...	4	Woollen piece goods ...	15
Split peas ...	22	Turpentine ...	14	Woolpacks ...	20
Sponges ...	24	Tweeds ...	15	Works of art ...	3
Starch ...	25	Twine ...	20	Writing paper ...	25
Stationery ...	1	Umbrellas ...	19	Yarn ...	15
		Unserviceable cordage	20	Zinc—ingots, sheet, perforated ...	32

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1876.

\*\* For the position of any article, see Index ante.

Articles.	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£
<b>CLASS I.—ART AND MECHANIC PRODUCTIONS.</b>		
<i>Order 1.—Books, &amp;c.</i>		
Books, printed ...	155,525	42,611
Cards, playing ...	1,244	811
Stationery ...	58,292	49,032
<i>Order 2.—Musical Instruments.</i>		
Instruments, musical—harmoniums ...	2,335	605
„ „ organs ...	11,057	3,098
„ „ pianofortes ...	48,875	11,616
„ „ undescribed ...	8,467	2,101

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1876—*continued.*

Articles.	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£
<b>CLASS I.—ART AND MECHANIC PRODUCTIONS—<i>continued.</i></b>		
<i>Order 3.—Prints, Pictures, &amp;c.</i>		
Paintings and engravings	22,090	1,696
Works of art	2,518	16
<i>Order 4.—Carving, Figures, &amp;c.</i>		
Mouldings	1,845	437
Pipes, tobacco—clay	2,493	217
"    "    meerschaum	8,409	642
"    "    wooden, &c.	8,420	2,717
Turnery	176	718
<i>Order 5.—Tackle for Sports and Games.</i>		
Fireworks	1,541	68
Toys	12,816	1,912
<i>Order 6.—Watches, Philosophical Instruments, &amp;c.</i>		
Clocks	12,490	2,184
Instruments, optical	6,908	108
"    scientific	8,044	837
Watches	46,966	3,694
Watchmakers' materials	3,182	10
<i>Order 7.—Surgical Instruments.</i>		
Instruments, surgical	4,615	70
<i>Order 8.—Arms, Ammunition, &amp;c.</i>		
Arms, army and military	2,288	121
"    cannon and mortars	15	4
"    pistols, &c.	898	171
"    sporting	9,018	805
"    undescribed	210	...
Ammunition, &c., caps	1,731	257
"    cartridges	1,447	203
"    cartridge cases	456	4
"    dynamite	2,067	2,011
"    fuse	5,705	1,324
"    gun-cotton	668	120
"    lithofracteur	6,383	8,132
"    powder, blasting	20,124	3,064
"    "    sporting	5,925	2,471
"    shot	7,222	1,053
"    undescribed	150	630
<i>Order 9.—Machines, Tools, and Implements.</i>		
Agricultural implements	6,973	13,260
Boilers, steam	5,683	8,410
Cutlery	52,820	3,310
Engines, steam	16,325	14,473
Machinery, agricultural	6,952	7,929
"    weaving and spinning	11,058	140
"    undescribed	53,216	44,740
Sewing machines	50,479	32,704
Tools and utensils	57,686	2,888

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1876—continued.

Articles.	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£
<b>CLASS I.—ART AND MECHANIC PRODUCTIONS—continued.</b>		
<i>Order 10.—Carriages, Harness, &amp;c.</i>		
Axles and arms ... ..	6,232	1,173
Axle-boxes ... ..	897	142
Carriages ... ..	11,530	11,107
Carriage materials ... ..	10,790	2,585
Carts, waggons, &c. ... ..	1,024	2,056
Saddlery and harness ... ..	7,495	14,935
Saddlers' ironmongery ... ..	17,416	128
<i>Order 11.—Ships and Boats, and matters connected therewith.</i>		
Anchors ... ..	768	139
Boats ... ..	800	264
Chain cables ... ..	1,183	332
Oars ... ..	592	68
<i>Order 12.—Building Materials. (See also Order 29 post.)</i>		
Bricks, air ... ..	146	...
„ clay ... ..	...	167
„ fire ... ..	1,859	884
Cement ... ..	20,513	1,455
Doors ... ..	19,863	2,718
Lime ... ..	2,310	1,368
Sashes, window ... ..	10	2,408
Slates, roofing ... ..	26,511	959
<i>Order 13.—Furniture.</i>		
Furniture and upholstery ... ..	54,311	33,635
Furniture springs ... ..	735	...
Lamps and lampware ... ..	1,809	145
Papier-maché goods ... ..	67	...
<i>Order 14.—Chemicals.</i>		
Acid, acetic ... ..	3,751	774
„ undescribed ... ..	9,917	1,164
Alkali, soda ash ... ..	2,339	41
„ „ bicarbonate ... ..	2,129	95
„ „ caustic ... ..	9,288	480
„ „ crystals ... ..	7,736	918
„ „ nitrate ... ..	2,474	...
„ „ silicate ... ..	1,739	79
Alum ... ..	1,045	31
Arsenic ... ..	133	5
Asphalte ... ..	...	66
Borax ... ..	166	15
Drugs and chemicals ... ..	65,608	21,245
Dyes ... ..	8,178	314
Essences and essential oils ... ..	4,843	2,261
Glycerine ... ..	1,118	79
Guano ... ..	23,896	1,821
Ink, printing ... ..	5,409	1,575
„ writing ... ..	3,836	25
Manures, undescribed ... ..	11	4,067
Matches and vestas ... ..	55,719	9,293
Medicines, patent ... ..	5,758	746



IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1876—*continued.*

Articles.	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£
<b>CLASS I.—ART AND MECHANIC PRODUCTIONS—<i>continued.</i></b>		
<i>Order 14.—Chemicals—continued.</i>		
Medicinal roots, &c. ... ..	3,291	3
Naphtha ... ..	545	...
Opium ... ..	104,561	8,195
Paints and colors ... ..	37,259	6,074
Spirits, methylated ... ..	243	62
Sulphur ... ..	2,500	370
Turpentine ... ..	6,779	286
<b>CLASS II.—TEXTILE FABRICS AND DRESS.</b>		
<i>Order 15.—Wool and Worsted Manufactures.</i>		
Blankets ... ..	64,886	11,707
Carpeting and druggeting ... ..	54,771	3,621
Flannels, piece ... ..	114,803	9,772
Woollen piece goods, broad and narrow cloths, tweeds, &c. ... ..	286,620	55,931
"    "    mixed with cotton (wool predominating) ... ..	89,710	2,767
"    "    women's dress goods and shirting (all wool) ... ..	225,595	16,321
Rugs ... ..	7,569	2,113
Yarn ... ..	1,926	4
<i>Order 16.—Silk Manufactures.</i>		
Silks ... ..	186,116	17,185
" (mixed with other material) ... ..	16,791	935
" ribbons ... ..	55,547	8,042
<i>Order 17.—Cotton and Flax Manufactures.</i>		
Cotton piece goods (all cotton) ... ..	614,449	35,332
"    "    (cotton predominating) ... ..	34,248	1,622
" waste ... ..	5,827	95
" wick ... ..	3,862	200
Linen piece goods ... ..	46,639	1,277
Muslins ... ..	3,933	99
<i>Order 18.—Drapery and Haberdashery.</i>		
Haberdashery ... ..	203,161	21,400
Manufactured articles of cotton, woollens, silk, &c. ... ..	59,079	4,635
<i>Order 19.—Dress.</i>		
Apparel and slops ... ..	304,044	205,837
Bonnets, straw, untrimmed ... ..	153	4
" fancy straw, trimmed ... ..	1,356	152
Boots and shoes ... ..	200,040	82,496
Feathers, ornamental ... ..	15,271	101
Flowers, artificial ... ..	13,812	560
Furs ... ..	479	276
Gloves ... ..	62,925	4,981
Hats and caps, straw ... ..	54,316	3,805
"    "    silk ... ..	1,301	122
"    "    felt, &c. ... ..	72,740	15,090
Hatters' materials ... ..	8,358	10
Hosiery ... ..	135,243	20,380
Millinery ... ..	16,239	525
Umbrellas and parasols ... ..	27,510	2,853

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1876—continued.

Articles.	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£
<b>CLASS II.—TEXTILE FABRICS AND DRESS—continued.</b>		
<i>Order 20.—Manufactures of Fibrous Materials.</i>		
Bagging	20	254
Bags and sacks, bran bags	6,001	225
"    "    corn and flour sacks	86,218	14,778
"    "    gunny bags	16,247	2,053
"    "    ore bags	100	672
"    "    woolpacks	43,036	17,147
"    "    undescribed	9,624	758
Boot webbing	17,364	...
Canvas	18,493	2,615
Cordage	6,405	13,916
"    unserviceable	294	...
Engine packing	896	75
Felt	1,168	214
Mats	3,782	377
Matting, china	9,425	576
"    coir and other	7,295	698
Nets and netting	461	...
Oil and other floor-cloths	17,720	2,036
Twine and lines	15,006	3,230
<b>CLASS III.—FOOD, DRINKS, ETC.</b>		
<i>Order 21.—Animal Food.</i>		
Bacon	186	1,946
Bêche de mer	49	90
Beef, salted	284	2,186
Butter	1,028	38,165
Cheese	994	15,948
Eggs	16,278	185
Fish, fresh	871	...
"    preserved	64,906	22,480
"    salted	23,176	2,722
"    shell	22,343	153
Hams	7,829	1,893
Honey	9	25
Isinglass	5,222	1,164
Lard	28	86
Meats, fresh	119	16
"    preserved	2,788	166,570
Pork, salted	1,795	1,365
<i>Order 22.—Vegetable Food.</i>		
Arrowroot	2,167	394
Biscuit	165	17,689
Confectionery	13,945	16,472
Flour	8,117	22,375
Fruit, bottled	2,708	966
"    dried	15,027	4,291
"    "    currants	61,096	8,565
"    "    raisins	36,194	10,872
"    green	31,811	5,940
Grain and pulse, barley	36,260	942
"    "    beans and peas	1,938	703
"    "    gram	1,704	...
"    "    maize	120,741	2,790



## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1876—continued.

Articles.	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£
<b>CLASS III.—FOOD, DRINKS, ETC.—continued.</b>		
<i>Order 22.—Vegetable Food—continued.</i>		
Grain and pulse, malt ... ..	92,408	24,007
„ „ oats ... ..	138,499	26,069
„ „ pearl barley ... ..	3,272	447
„ „ rice ... ..	113,138	43,530
„ „ rye ... ..	8	...
„ „ split peas ... ..	1,505	474
„ „ wheat ... ..	87,725	478
Jams and preserves ... ..	15,695	9,245
Liquorice ... ..	3,017	224
Macaroni and vermicelli ... ..	811	221
Maizena ... ..	7,230	2,242
Molasses ... ..	6,606	683
Nuts ... ..	2,078	576
„ almonds ... ..	6,324	428
„ cocoanuts ... ..	882	11
„ peanuts ... ..	130	...
„ walnuts ... ..	461	85
Oatmeal ... ..	4,621	4,360
Onions ... ..	10	8,969
Potatoes ... ..	434	65,242
Sago ... ..	6,622	813
Sugar candy ... ..	62	...
„ raw ... ..	415,839	13,647
„ refined ... ..	663,806	231,145
Tapioca ... ..	2,761	333
Vegetables, fresh ... ..	274	4,151
„ preserved, salted, &c. ... ..	2,668	1,271
<i>Order 23.—Drinks and Stimulants.</i>		
Aerated and mineral waters ... ..	1,027	2,775
Beer (ale and porter), bottled ... ..	122,183	29,173
„ „ draught ... ..	35,919	3,796
Chicory ... ..	2,638	840
Chocolate and cocoa ... ..	18,151	2,661
Cider and perry ... ..	65	79
Cocoa beans ... ..	2,064	...
Coffee ... ..	73,322	30,884
Ginger ... ..	4,504	1,235
„ ground ... ..	58	...
Hops ... ..	82,793	18,193
Limejuice ... ..	1,463	554
Milk, preserved ... ..	4,909	3,553
Mustard ... ..	14,206	2,307
Pepper ... ..	11,261	2,437
Perfumery (not alcoholic) ... ..	4,822	1,486
Pickles ... ..	17,132	4,240
Salt ... ..	28,369	3,149
„ rock ... ..	3,048	1,807
Saltpetre ... ..	3,699	43
Sauces ... ..	5,905	1,631
Spices ... ..	8,207	739
Spirits, brandy, bottled ... ..	156,180	34,339
„ „ bulk ... ..	160,988	52,652
„ cordials and bitters ... ..	3,385	3,706
„ gin ... ..	38,331	11,011

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1876—continued.

Articles.	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£
<b>CLASS III.—FOOD, DRINKS, ETC.—continued.</b>		
<i>Order 23.—Drinks and Stimulants—continued.</i>		
Spirits of wine ... ..	1,836	770
„ perfumed ... ..	11,042	446
„ rum ... ..	28,499	9,408
„ whiskey, bottled ... ..	15,805	5,624
„ „ bulk ... ..	57,197	9,585
„ undescribed ... ..	34,078	9,140
Tea ... ..	672,883	251,116
Tobacco (manufactured) ... ..	168,203	156,474
„ (unmanufactured) ... ..	34,208	7,627
„ cigars ... ..	87,795	48,671
„ snuff ... ..	860	102
Vinegar ... ..	12,746	3,129
Wine ... ..	125,516	56,525
„ must ... ..	...	45
„ sparkling ... ..	53,651	12,006
<b>CLASS IV.—ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.</b>		
<i>Order 24.—Animal Substances.</i>		
Beeswax ... ..	385	724
Bones ... ..	425	2,765
Bonedust ... ..	650	13,756
Bristles ... ..	2,960	...
Candles ... ..	28,435	62,161
Combs ... ..	9,738	1,308
Feathers (not ornamental) ... ..	189	78
Flock ... ..	212	174
Glue ... ..	1,425	242
„ pieces ... ..	2	538
Grease ... ..	1,855	215
Hair ... ..	2,356	592
„ curled ... ..	3,996	507
„ seating ... ..	3,523	121
Hides... ..	69,062	2,996
Horns and hoofs ... ..	258	3,733
Ivory... ..	672	...
Leather ... ..	11,143	194,033
„ cut into shapes ... ..	15,886	2,004
„ imitation ... ..	7,042	90
„ patent, &c. ... ..	60,606	80
Leatherware ... ..	25,673	3,385
Sausage skins ... ..	1,656	1,226
Shell, pearl ... ..	305	255
„ tortoise ... ..	65	...
Skins, goat ... ..	51	...
„ kangaroo ... ..	2,691	4,546
„ opossum ... ..	2,496	6,798
„ pig ... ..	25	...
„ rabbit ... ..	3,146	6,711
„ sheep, with wool... ..	22,141	33,604
„ „ without wool ... ..	144	4,397
„ undescribed ... ..	1,161	...
Soap, common ... ..	75	6,492
„ fancy ... ..	3,128	459
Sponges ... ..	3,407	255
Tallow ... ..	8,772	174,507

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1876—continued.

Articles.	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£
<b>CLASS IV.—ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES—continued.</b>		
<i>Order 24.—Animal Substances—continued.</i>		
Whalebone ... ..	64	...
Wool,* greasy ... ..	1,548,037	3,147,341
„ scoured ... ..	332,851	984,125
„ washed ... ..	298,296	2,282,133
„ angora ... ..	...	155
<i>Order 25.—Vegetable Substances.</i>		
Bark ... ..	2,151	60,386
Bass ... ..	956	...
Blue ... ..	5,923	999
Bran ... ..	299	3,822
Canes and ratans ... ..	1,596	2
Casks ... ..	1,491	1,887
Copra ... ..	46	...
Cork ... ..	420	16
Corks, cut ... ..	24,213	3,091
Cotton, raw ... ..	76	...
Fibre, cocoanut ... ..	116	23
„ undescribed ... ..	2,754	25
Flax ... ..	212	...
„ “phormium,” N. Z. ... ..	9,756	187
Gum ... ..	9,073	1,754
Gutta-percha goods ... ..	184	...
Hay and chaff ... ..	441	56,498
Hemp ... ..	40,207	...
Indiarubber goods ... ..	15,936	941
Jute ... ..	6,723	...
Meal, linseed ... ..	866	66
Millet, broom corn, &c. ... ..	3,410	...
Oakum ... ..	229	44
Oilcake ... ..	820	6
Paper bags ... ..	1,439	4,659
„ printing ... ..	116,314	4,148
„ wrapping ... ..	12,887	5,311
„ writing ... ..	27,852	313
„ „ cut ... ..	757	...
„ undescribed ... ..	8,559	278
„ „ cut ... ..	622	...
Paperhangings ... ..	23,897	923
Pitch and tar ... ..	2,293	685
Pollard ... ..	177	349
Pulu ... ..	644	124
Rags ... ..	235	4,185
Resin ... ..	5,072	1,089
Seeds, canary ... ..	5,142	172
„ clover ... ..	3,995	32
„ grass ... ..	7,914	892
„ undescribed ... ..	16,898	3,794
Starch ... ..	19,291	1,361
Straw ... ..	12	26
Tares ... ..	463	...

\* The quantity of wool imported amounted to 46,831,787 lbs., valued at £2,179,184, of which all but 2,401,602 lbs., valued at £140,175, was brought overland from New South Wales. The quantity of wool exported amounted to 106,265,867 lbs., valued at £6,413,754, of which 28,994,465 lbs., valued at £1,561,266, was entered as the produce of places outside Victoria.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1876—*continued.*

Articles.	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£
<b>CLASS IV.—ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES—<i>continued.</i></b>		
<i>Order 25.—Vegetable Substances—continued.</i>		
Timber ... ..	324,189	36,191
Varnish ... ..	9,454	2,833
Wickerware ... ..	2,740	425
Woodenware ... ..	44,769	15,481
<i>Order 26.—Oils.*</i>		
Almond ... ..	95	...
Black ... ..	1,094	30
Castor ... ..	25,069	23,329
Chinese ... ..	8,986	674
Cocanut ... ..	2,126	51
Cod ... ..	4,217	25
Codliver ... ..	2,120	104
Colza ... ..	4,862	3,562
Copaiba ... ..	15	...
Kerosene ... ..	58,467	32,827
Lard ... ..	49	87
Linseed ... ..	16,495	6,236
Lubricating ... ..	990	...
Lustrine ... ..	1	...
Medicinal ... ..	692	...
Neatsfoot ... ..	66	1,173
Nut ... ..	74	...
Olive ... ..	4,842	1,133
Palm ... ..	964	44
Pine ... ..	51	...
Salad ... ..	17,014	844
Sperm ... ..	394	60
Tallow ... ..	...	6,795
Oils in bottles ... ..	...	1,786
<b>CLASS V.—MINERALS AND METALS.</b>		
<i>Order 27.—Articles connected with Mining.†</i>		
<i>Order 28.—Coal, &amp;c.</i>		
Coal ... ..	277,531	605
Coke, &c. ... ..	3,978	12
Kerosene shale ... ..	6,048	...
<i>Order 29.—Stone, Clay, Earthenware, and Glass.</i> (See also Order 12 ante.)		
Bricks, bath ... ..	230	9
Brownware ... ..	1,956	1,533
Chinaware and porcelain ... ..	18,452	1,531
Earthenware ... ..	65,570	10,519
Glass, bottles ... ..	14,669	2,193
„ plate ... ..	15,705	796
„ window ... ..	16,770	2,129
Glassware ... ..	46,650	14,543

\* It being undesirable to separate the different kinds of oil, mineral as well as animal and vegetable oils are included under this head. For essential oils, see Order 14 ante.

† The Customs returns of 1876 did not distinguish any mining materials. No doubt machinery, tools, &c., specially intended for use in mining operations, were landed during the year, and possibly some such articles were exported; but their connection with mining was not shown by the entries.

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1876—continued.

Articles.	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£
<b>CLASS V.—MINERALS AND METALS—continued.</b>		
<i>Order 29.—Stone, Clay, Earthenware, and Glass—continued.</i>		
Marble, wrought	6,546	3,175
„ unwrought	3,284	111
Plaster of paris	63	78
„ „ American	4,784	23
Putty	796	25
Quartz	143	...
Slate slabs	476	...
Stones, grind	991	269
„ mill	371	355
„ unwrought	1,763	1,871
„ wrought	1,630	1,113
Stoneware	1,231	891
Whiting	4,431	300
<i>Order 30.—Water.*</i>		
Ice	...	2
<i>Order 31.—Gold, Silver, Specie, and Precious Stones.</i>		
Gold	553,821	2,103,591
Gold-leaf	1,127	32
Jewellery	43,233	5,218
Plate, gold	131	...
„ silver	5,678	330
Precious stones, cameos, &c.	5,004	...
Silver	...	3,308
Specie, copper	835	...
„ gold	10,000	1,587,104
„ silver	3,275	7,239
<i>Order 32.—Metals other than Gold and Silver.</i>		
Antimony, crude	...	7,767
„ ore	482	9,757
„ regulus	...	24,209
Brassware	19,061	792
Copper	9,190	473
„ ore	82	60
„ wire	301	...
Copperware	2,462	435
Electro-plated ware	9,761	199
Grates and stoves	2,512	97
Iron, bar and rod	74,838	13,852
„ bolts and nuts	6,425	191
„ castings	8,159	3,159
„ galvanized buckets and tubs	171	852
„ „ cordage	977	342
„ „ guttering, &c.	21	5,412
„ „ sheet	156,415	56,167
„ hoop	10,464	1,463
„ ore	6	...

\* Water has been placed in the class "Minerals," &c., in accordance with the grouping adopted in the English census returns of 1851, 1861, and 1871.

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1876—continued.

Articles.	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£
<b>CLASS V.—MINERALS AND METALS—continued.</b>		
<i>Order 32.—Metals other than Gold and Silver—</i>		
<i>continued.</i>		
Iron, pig ... ..	23,937	1,001
„ pipes, cast ... ..	25,813	3,703
„ „ wrought ... ..	21,712	2,179
„ plate ... ..	19,027	1,537
„ railway chairs ... ..	...	5,142
„ „ rails, &c. ... ..	140,062	14,279
„ scrap ... ..	537	3,089
„ sheet ... ..	10,822	1,159
„ tanks ... ..	5,263	5,704
„ wire, fencing ... ..	118,822	64,337
„ „ telegraphic ... ..	1,077	912
„ „ undescribed ... ..	15,221	65
Ironware, galvanized ... ..	285	178
Lead, ore ... ..	8,891	31
„ pig ... ..	1,087	2,012
„ pipe ... ..	72	894
„ sheet ... ..	5,770	1,976
Metal, manufactures of ... ..	72,595	45,683
„ yellow ... ..	7,806	2,908
Metals, undescribed ... ..	470	18
Metalware, mixed ... ..	5,818	237
Nails ... ..	52,546	12,896
Ores, mineral earths, clays, &c. ... ..	2,103	3,783
Platedware ... ..	24,333	6,343
Plumbago ... ..	3	...
Quicksilver ... ..	15,509	2,109
Screws ... ..	5,916	1,241
Spelter ... ..	20	4,386
Steel ... ..	20,055	1,002
„ cordage ... ..	474	...
Tin, block ... ..	9,681	5,671
„ foil ... ..	1,809	214
„ ore ... ..	1,525	173
„ plates ... ..	40,827	1,548
Tinware ... ..	6,752	1,338
Wire netting ... ..	828	36
Zinc, ingots ... ..	296	144
„ perforated ... ..	521	55
„ sheet ... ..	2,937	552

## CLASS VI.—LIVE ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

*Order 33.—Animals and Birds.*

Birds ... ..	776	143
Dogs ... ..	420	57
Fish ova ... ..	400	...
Goats ... ..	...	30
Hares ... ..	...	30
Horned cattle* ... ..	615,617	31,262
Horses* ... ..	82,333	80,740
Kangaroos ... ..	2	...
Leeches ... ..	...	10
Pigs ... ..	8,941	5

\* For numbers of cattle and horses imported overland, see table following paragraph 440 post.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1876—*continued.*

Articles.						Imports.	Exports.
						£	£
<b>CLASS VI.—LIVE ANIMALS AND PLANTS—<i>continued.</i></b>							
<i>Order 33.—Animals and Birds—continued.</i>							
Poultry	...	...	...	...	...	67	6
Rabbits	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Sheep *	...	...	...	...	...	496,759	40,987
<i>Order 34.—Plants.</i>							
Plants	...	...	...	...	...	2,820	1,620
<b>CLASS VII.—MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.</b>							
<i>Order 35.—Miscellaneous Articles of Trade, &amp;c.</i>							
Brushware and brooms, hair	...	...	...	...	...	9,041	3,747
„ undescrbed	...	...	...	...	...	9,894	1,376
Fancy goods	...	...	...	...	...	40,200	11,807
Grindery	...	...	...	...	...	15,766	3,063
Hardware and ironmongery, undescrbed	...	...	...	...	...	86,257	46,378
Holloware	...	...	...	...	...	8,250	900
Oilmen's stores	...	...	...	...	...	17,272	11,960
Ordnance stores, undescrbed	...	...	...	...	...	7,758	...
Photographic goods	...	...	...	...	...	2,014	245
Printing materials	...	...	...	...	...	17,593	6,527
Telegraphic materials (except wire)	...	...	...	...	...	6,937	1,312
Travellers' samples	...	...	...	...	...	34,089	48,449
<i>Order 36.—Indefinite Articles.</i>							
Curiosities	...	...	...	...	...	135	100
Goods manufactured, undescrbed	...	...	...	...	...	10,566	8,458
Personal effects	...	...	...	...	...	28,549	20,407
Specimens of natural history	...	...	...	...	...	547	269
Total						15,705,354	14,196,487

376. In 1876, the total declared value of the imports having been £15,705,354, and that of the exports £14,196,487, the excess of imports over exports was £1,508,867, and the total value of the external trade was £29,901,841. Imports, exports, and trade, 1876.

377. In twenty-two out of the forty years ended with 1876 the value of imports exceeded that of exports, but in the other eighteen years the value of exports was the greater. The following is a statement of the amounts by which the imports exceeded the exports in those years in which the excess was in favor of the former, and the amounts by which the exports exceeded the imports in those years in which the excess was in the opposite direction; also the net excess of imports during the whole period:— Excess of imports over exports, &c., 1837 to 1876.

\* For numbers of sheep imported overland, see table following paragraph 440 *post.*



## IMPORTS IN EXCESS OF EXPORTS AND THE CONTRARY, 1837 TO 1876.

Year.	Imports in Excess of Exports.	Exports in Excess of Imports.	Year.	Imports in Excess of Exports.	Exports in Excess of Imports.
	£	£		£	£
1837 ...	103,201	...	1861 ...	...	296,154
1838 ...	45,232	...	1862 ...	448,365	...
1839 ...	127,038	...	1863 ...	552,431	...
1840 ...	306,507	...	1864 ...	1,076,431	...
1841 ...	164,094	...	1865 ...	106,789	...
1842 ...	78,644	...	1866 ...	1,882,165	...
1843 ...	...	66,446	1867 ...	...	1,050,347
1844 ...	...	105,785	1868 ...	...	2,273,328
1845 ...	...	215,304	1869 ...	444,636	...
1846 ...	...	109,640	1870 ...	...	14,256
1847 ...	...	230,815	1871 ...	...	2,215,825
1848 ...	...	301,683	1872 ...	...	179,873
1849 ...	...	275,495	1873 ...	1,231,402	...
1850 ...	...	296,871	1874 ...	1,512,876	...
1851 ...	...	366,472	1875 ...	1,918,900	...
1852 ...	...	3,381,807	1876 ...	1,508,867	...
1853 ...	4,781,093	...	Total ...	29,354,313	13,392,991
1854 ...	5,883,847	...	Deduct	} 13,392,991	}
1855 ...	...	1,485,399	excess of		
1856 ...	...	527,491	exports		
1857 ...	2,176,697	...	Net excess	} 15,961,322	}
1858 ...	1,119,040	...	of imports		
1859 ...	1,755,032	...			
1860 ...	2,131,026	...			

Excess of imports over exports in forty years.

378. It will be observed that, in the forty years of which mention is made in the table, the imports exceeded the exports to the extent of about £16,000,000, or an average of £400,000 per annum, that the greatest excess of imports over exports was in 1854, and the greatest excess of exports over imports was in 1852.\*

Imports and exports, 1875 and 1876.

379. The value of the imports was not so great in 1876 as in 1875 by £980,520; the value of the exports was also less in 1876 than in 1875 by £570,487.

Imports and exports, 1876 and former years.

380. The value of the imports in 1876 was exceeded in the three previous years and in 1857 and 1854; the value of the exports in 1876 was also exceeded in the three previous years, and in 1871, 1868, 1857, and 1856.

Imports and exports per head.

381. The value of exports per head of the population was less in 1876 than in any year since that of separation from New South Wales; the total value of trade per head was less than in any of those years except 1870, and the value of imports per head was less than in any

\* Mr. Stephen Bourne, F.S.S., in a paper read by him before the Statistical Society of London, on the 19th December 1876, states that the imports of the United Kingdom in the previous twenty years had exceeded the exports by £1,200,000,000. He points out, however, that this sum would be reduced one-half if the amount paid for freight should be deducted from the imports, and the value of ships built for foreigners and the cost of victualling, ships' stores, and coals for the use of steamers, be added to the exports. (See Journal of the Statistical Society, vol. xl., part i., p. 28.)

of those years except 1867, 1870, 1871, and 1872. The following table shows the values per head in each year, commencing with that in which Victoria became an independent colony :—

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS PER HEAD,\* 1851 TO 1876.

Year.	Value per Head of the Population of—								
	Imports.			Exports.			Both.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1851	12	3	4	16	7	9	28	11	1
1852	30	12	5	56	1	4	86	13	9
1853	81	1	9	56	12	4	137	14	1
1854	66	0	11	44	0	10	110	1	9
1855	35	9	10	39	17	8	75	7	6
1856	39	5	6	40	13	3	79	18	9
1857	40	2	0	35	0	10	75	2	10
1858	31	4	6	28	18	3	60	2	9
1859	30	4	1	26	16	3	57	0	4
1860	27	19	8	24	0	8	52	0	4
1861	25	0	3	25	11	3	50	11	6
1862	24	11	10	23	15	6	48	7	4
1863	25	3	0	24	3	4	49	6	4
1864	25	8	4	23	11	10	49	0	2
1865	21	10	2	21	6	8	42	16	10
1866	23	5	11	20	6	7	43	12	6
1867	17	19	4	19	11	8	37	11	0
1868	19	16	11	23	4	8	43	1	7
1869	19	19	2	19	6	5	39	5	7
1870	17	10	11	17	11	4	35	2	3
1871	16	14	2	19	14	2	36	8	4
1872	17	19	10	18	4	7	36	4	5
1873	21	3	9	19	12	2	40	15	11
1874	21	4	7	19	6	8	40	11	3
1875	20	9	6	18	2	4	38	11	10
1876	18	18	1	17	1	10	35	19	11

382. The value of the imports of articles entered as being the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, of other British dominions, and of Foreign States, and the value of the exports of articles entered as being the produce or manufacture of the same countries and of Victoria, also the percentage of such values to the total value of imports and exports in 1876, will be found in the following table :—

Imports and exports the produce of various countries.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS THE PRODUCE OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, 1876.

Articles the Produce or Manufacture of—	Imports.		Exports.	
	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.
	£		£	
Victoria	...	...	10,155,916	71·54
The United Kingdom	7,027,138	44·74	1,293,670	9·11
Other British possessions	5,756,090	36·65	1,990,726	14·02
Foreign States	2,922,126	18·61	756,175	5·33
Total	15,705,354	100·00	14,196,487	100·00

\* For total value of imports and exports in each year, see Statistical Summary (first folding sheet) ante. For the mean population of each year, see the table following paragraph 281 ante.

Exports of  
imported  
wool and  
gold.

383. In 1876, as in 1875, over 71 per cent. of the exports were entered as being the produce or manufacture of Victoria. I mentioned last year\* that there is reason to believe that the entries in this respect are often loosely made, and that articles are set down as the produce of this colony which were really produced elsewhere. To prove this I instanced the two articles wool and gold, the quantities of which imported should, as the articles are generally brought here merely for convenience of shipment, be about equal to the exports of the same articles the produce of places outside Victoria. This, however, according to the entries of 1875, was not the case, as much as 20,000,000 lbs. of imported wool, valued at £900,000, and 30,000 oz. of imported gold, valued at £120,000, not having been accounted for in the export entries of articles produced in foreign places. In 1876 similar discrepancies appeared, but to a somewhat less extent, the imported wool unaccounted for amounting to about 18,000,000 lbs., valued at £618,000; and the imported gold unaccounted for amounting to 4,000 oz., valued at £15,400. The probability is that nearly the whole of these quantities were entered for export as the produce of this colony. The following are the calculations, by means of which these results were arrived at in the two years:—

EXPORTS OF IMPORTED WOOL AND GOLD, 1875 AND 1876.

Article.	1875.		1876.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	lbs.	£	lbs.	£
Wool imported ... ..	41,417,925	2,310,477	46,831,787	2,179,184
Wool exported entered as not produced in Victoria	21,408,617	1,402,819	28,994,465	1,561,266
Difference ... ..	20,009,308	907,658	17,837,322	617,918
	oz.	£	oz.	£
Gold exported entered as not produced in Victoria	84,229	336,868	19,285	77,138
Non-Victorian gold received at Melbourne Mint†	102,948	411,792	115,320	461,280
Total non-Victorian gold accounted for	187,177	748,660	134,605	538,418
Gold imported ... ..	216,666	869,419	138,555	553,821
Difference ... ..	29,489	120,759	3,950	15,403

Exports of  
colonial  
products,  
1870 to  
1876.

384. The following table is a condensed abstract of a return dated 5th July 1877, prepared and laid before Parliament on the motion of the Hon. Sir John O'Shanassy, showing the value of exports of articles entered as the produce of Victoria during the seven years ended with 1876. A note to this return, stating "it is believed the exporters are

\* See *Victorian Year-Book*, 1875, paragraphs 105 and 106.

† Estimated at £4 per oz.

not strictly correct in their descriptions, and that the actual value of Victorian wool exported would be on the average about £800,000 less each year than that shown by the returns," confirms the opinion respecting the occasional looseness of the entries expressed in the last paragraph :—

EXPORTS OF ARTICLES ENTERED AS THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF VICTORIA, 1870 TO 1876.

Articles.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.*	1874.*	1875.	1876.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gold—bullion	4,891,781	5,423,687	4,644,434	4,632,941	3,617,261	2,841,037	2,026,453
"    specie ...	...	...	411,767	1,098,015	1,354,751	1,479,016	1,587,104
Wool † ...	3,119,899	4,287,011	4,260,801	4,809,205	4,996,748	4,694,139	4,852,333
Tallow ...	358,863	469,069	353,358	233,091	199,564	203,243	174,507
Preserved meats	151,113	355,161	257,448	240,674	175,774	134,297	166,570
Hides ...	11,508	4,795	4,951	6,137	3,923	2,754	2,996
Skin — sheep, &c.	22,141	34,995	44,218	46,266	52,459	45,855	56,056
Bones ...	1,457	3,808	4,222	4,788	2,830	2,017	2,765
Bone-dust ...	22,691	19,802	17,010	7,186	8,081	11,983	13,743
Leather ...	111,707	159,866	215,143	218,424	190,199	244,027	194,035
Horned cattle	2,277	1,402	9,911	24,169	11,789	21,456	31,262
Horses ...	31,683	41,059	49,389	61,561	69,933	97,998	80,740
Sheep ...	6,990	6,400	16,335	17,817	24,699	27,175	40,987
Horns and hoofs	1,442	2,774	2,397	4,702	3,783	3,153	3,733
Glue pieces ...	260	1,085	770	556	505	70	538
Butter, cheese	3,510	18,999	9,494	5,881	7,544	19,281	53,857
Hams, bacon, lard	1,076	2,730	1,460	977	964	1,312	3,025
Beef and pork, salted	2,192	4,775	9,626	1,345	2,736	1,979	2,261
Oil—neatsfoot, and ex tallow	14	175	...	799	5,157	2,359	7,968
Manure ...	10,303	5,410	4,970	20,745	15,049	4,946	4,067
Flour ...	35,698	3,853	11,255	40,666	39,022	15,011	11,457
Grain and pulse	9,616	703	23,685	2,934	2,611	7,623	10,615
Bran and pollard	3,132	361	971	1,396	1,923	1,697	4,171
Fruit ...	123	37	532	179	2,059	3,944	5,940
Hay and chaff	9,811	8,643	7,986	9,785	7,474	22,101	56,524
Jams and pre- serves	1,986	1,921	393	3,500	1,178	1,216	4,794
Oatmeal ...	4,137	1,751	1,049	410	190	377	4,360
Onions ...	794	1,504	2,155	3,062	1,233	5,939	8,969
Potatoes ...	30,243	19,859	43,525	27,938	40,891	63,483	65,242
Plants ...	599	596	803	1,285	1,022	1,235	1,620
Seeds ...	2,101	1,707	1,125	524	1,103	2,479	4,275
Vegetables ...	350	491	89	65	710	1,227	4,151
Wine ...	2,645	3,013	3,206	3,630	2,681	4,812	4,705
Bark and timber	7,411	9,493	22,291	14,818	17,864	59,596	80,845
Minerals, metals, &c., exclusive of gold	26,466	34,982	40,415	31,998	26,177	37,098	53,440
Agricultural implements	6,807	5,615	4,529	6,258	7,322	17,703	10,475
Apparel & slops	20,951	8,323	62,589	75,545	123,611	106,463	125,460
Biscuit ...	5,327	5,946	9,807	12,483	15,752	19,039	17,689
Boots and shoes	668	1,335	4,521	8,411	13,208	14,151	21,436
Confectionery	2,895	2,274	1,822	5,378	9,626	8,840	12,104
Cordage ...	6,748	8,068	6,683	8,456	8,468	10,761	11,304
Furniture ...	6,522	5,857	6,292	9,307	12,315	17,534	23,464

\* Exclusive of Border traffic from 1st June 1873 to 31st January 1874.

† It is believed that a portion of this wool was produced outside Victoria. See last two paragraphs.

EXPORTS OF ARTICLES ENTERED AS THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE  
OF VICTORIA, 1870 TO 1876—*continued.*

Articles.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.*	1874.*	1875.	1876.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hardware and manufactures of metals	795	901	858	1,176	10,212	13,637	10,366
Machinery ...	15,959	26,057	18,608	45,599	21,673	30,660	40,675
Saddlery and harness	1,398	1,386	2,100	3,444	5,724	8,576	12,582
Woollens and woollen piece goods	1,788	3,256	5,997	8,920	5,609	8,742	15,347
Sugar, refined, and molasses	92,723	113,995	100,121	85,739	171,022	120,628	102,796
Other articles of Victorian produce	52,679	35,570	49,205	49,680	76,841	90,454	148,181
Total ...	9,101,279	11,150,500	10,750,316	11,897,865	11,371,270	10,533,123	10,177,985

Trade with various countries, 1876.

385. Nearly half the imports are from the United Kingdom, and more than a quarter from New South Wales. The latter consist chiefly of wool and live stock. Fully half the exports are to the United Kingdom, after which the countries to which the greatest value of goods are sent, are those grouped under the head of "Other British possessions," which receive 22 per cent. of the whole exports; the articles being chiefly gold and specie sent to Ceylon, intended generally, no doubt, for further shipment to the United Kingdom. Next to these countries, the best customer for Victorian exports is New South Wales, which received, in 1876, 14 per cent. of the whole. The value of the imports from and the exports to the different countries, and the percentage of such values to the total imports and exports, are given in the following table:—

IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, 1876.

Countries.	Imports therefrom.		Exports thereto.	
	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.
	£		£	
The United Kingdom ...	7,303,271	46·50	7,128,841	50·22
New South Wales ...	4,094,414	26·07	1,987,199	14·00
Queensland ...	21,573	·14	62,166	·44
South Australia ...	403,118	2·57	454,072	3·20
Western Australia ...	10,939	·07	49,265	·34
Tasmania ...	251,255	1·60	420,132	2·96
New Zealand ...	696,448	4·43	838,251	5·90
Other British possessions ...	1,300,444	8·28	3,136,165	22·09
The United States ...	414,996	2·64	113,832	·80
Other Foreign States ...	1,208,896	7·70	6,564	·05
Total ...	15,705,354	100·00	14,196,487	100·00

Trade with various countries, 1866, 1871, and 1876.

386. The next table shows the value of imports from and exports to the same countries in 1876, and in the first year of the two previous

\* Exclusive of Border traffic from 1st June 1873 to 31st January 1874.

quinquenniads. It will be observed that the imports from the United Kingdom fell off considerably as between the first and middle period, but at the last period again stood at nearly the same amount as at the first. The exports to the United Kingdom were lowest at the first, and highest at the middle period. As between the first period and the last, the imports from New South Wales, Western Australia, and New Zealand increased, whilst those from Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania diminished; and the exports to all the neighboring colonies except New Zealand increased, whilst those to that colony fell off 33 per cent. It should be remarked that the value of imports from New Zealand, at the middle period, was more than seven times as great as it was at the first, and more than twice as great as it was at the last:—

IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, 1866, 1871, AND 1876.

Countries.	Imports therefrom.			Exports thereto.		
	1866.	1871.	1876.	1866.	1871.	1876.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
The United Kingdom ...	7,846,828	4,992,603	7,303,271	6,754,536	8,529,603	7,128,841
New South Wales ...	2,524,414	2,321,407	4,094,414	1,379,734	1,106,288	1,987,199
Queensland ...	32,321	16,001	21,573	21,223	46,432	62,166
South Australia ...	473,963	469,454	403,118	251,851	214,099	454,072
Western Australia ...	1,194	1,403	10,939	10,989	41,996	49,265
Tasmania ...	328,290	331,788	251,255	304,132	305,554	420,132
New Zealand ...	208,732	1,583,368	696,448	1,255,039	847,880	838,251
Other British possessions	1,250,535	1,355,013	1,300,444	2,882,762	3,279,716	3,136,165
The United States ...	947,546	409,840	414,996	2,253	165,064	113,832
Other Foreign States ...	1,157,888	861,118	1,208,896	27,027	21,188	6,564
Total ...	14,771,711	12,341,995	15,705,354	12,889,546	14,557,820	14,196,487

NOTE.—At the last period, the imports from and the exports to New South Wales are inclusive of Border traffic.

387. A steady increase will be observed at each successive period in the imports from the neighboring colonies; also a decrease in the exports to the same colonies between the first period and the second, but an increase more than commensurate with this decrease between the second period and the third. The excess was at each period considerably in favor of the imports, but this excess was least at the first period, and greatest at the middle period. The following are the amounts at the three periods:—

Trade with neighboring colonies.

IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO THE NEIGHBORING COLONIES, 1866, 1871, AND 1876.

Year.	Imports from the Neighboring Colonies.	Exports to the Neighboring Colonies.	Excess in favor of Imports.
	£	£	£
1866 ...	3,568,914	3,222,968	345,946
1871 ...	4,723,421	2,562,249	2,161,172
1876 ...	5,477,747	3,811,085	1,666,662



388. In 1876, 78 per cent. of the imports were landed, and 89 per cent. of the exports were shipped, at the port of Melbourne. About a fifth of the imports entered the colony at the Murray ports, but only about a fortieth of the exports were sent away therefrom. The chief of these ports is Echuca, at which 13 per cent. of the total imports were landed. The only important port of shipment in Victoria, except Melbourne, is Geelong, from which, in 1876,  $7\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. of the total exports were sent away. The following table gives the names of the various ports, and the value of the goods imported and exported at each during that year:—

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS AT EACH PORT, 1876.

Ports.	Imports.		Exports.	
	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.
	£		£	
Melbourne ... ..	12,235,235	77·90	12,686,345	89·36
Geelong ... ..	199,077	1·27	1,099,401	7·75
Portland ... ..	4,078	·03	22,776	·16
Port Fairy ... ..	2,738	·02	12,407	·09
Port Albert ... ..	1,213	·01	3	...
Warrnambool ... ..	25,729	·16	28,313	·20
Cowana ... ..	1,700	·01	3,174	·02
Echuca ... ..	2,069,723	13·18	175,088	1·23
Narung ... ..	21,394	·14	1,988	·01
Swan Hill ... ..	86,850	·55	10,388	·07
Tocumwall ... ..	53,333	·34	5,335	·04
Wahgunyah ... ..	321,706	2·05	40,311	·28
Wodonga ... ..	518,159	3·30	107,427	·76
Howlong ... ..	14,904	·09	3,531	·03
At stations ... ..	149,515	·95	...	...
Total ... ..	15,705,354	100·00	14,196,487	100·00

389. As I pointed out last year, it is to be borne in mind that each port gets credit for the imports of such goods only as are landed thereat direct from other countries, or on which the duty has not been paid elsewhere in Victoria, and in like manner a port gets credit for the export of such goods only as are shipped therefrom direct to other countries. Besides the foreign trade, however, there exists a coastwise traffic, by means of which the outports receive goods of which the duty has been paid in Melbourne, and send away goods to Melbourne for ultimate shipment there. No return can be given of the imports coastwise at any of the ports, but the Customs returns for 1875 and 1876 contain a statement of the exports coastwise from three of the ports with the following results:—

## VALUE OF EXPORTS COASTWISE FROM THE FOLLOWING PORTS, 1875 AND 1876.

	1875.	1876.
Warrnambool ... ..	£257,953	£293,971
Port Fairy (Belfast) ... ..	270,114	467,162
Portland ... ..	228,015	378,453

Imports and exports at each port.

Exports coastwise from three ports.



390. A considerable increase will be noticed in the returns of each of these ports, especially Port Fairy. The chief item of coastwise exports in both years was wool, the value of which, in 1876, shipped from Warrnambool was £158,558, from Port Fairy £408,417, and from Portland £340,802. After wool, the principal articles appearing in the coastwise export returns of 1876 were—butter and cheese, grain, leather, live stock, potatoes, and tallow from Warrnambool; grain, potatoes, and skins from Port Fairy; and bark, flour, grain, leather, and skins from Portland.

Chief articles  
exported  
coastwise.

391. The values of sixty of the principal articles imported in 1876 and in the first year of each of the two previous quinquenniads are placed side by side in the following table. The names of the articles are arranged according to the same classification as that used in respect to the returns of imports and exports in 1876, and therefore the index following paragraph 375 *ante* will be found serviceable in discovering the place of any particular article. In comparing the values, it must be borne in mind that at the first and second periods the wool coming across the Murray from New South Wales was not included in the returns of imports, and at the first period the gold from the adjacent colonies, being transhipped in bond to avoid the export duty, was also not included :—

Imports of  
principal  
articles,  
1866, 1871,  
and 1876.

IMPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, 1866, 1871, AND 1876.

Order.	Articles.	Value of Imports.		
		1866.	1871.	1876.
		£	£	£
1	Books ... ..	105,129	79,272	155,525
	Stationery ... ..	187,228	47,193	58,292
2	Musical instruments ... ..	29,227	27,643	70,734
6	Watches, clocks, and watchmakers' materials	16,363	16,410	62,638
9	Cutlery ... ..	20,372	22,544	52,820
	Machinery ... ..	153,854	50,826	93,234
	Tools and utensils ... ..	55,866	61,716	57,686
13	Furniture and upholstery ... ..	70,257	30,818	54,311
14	Drugs and chemicals ... ..	80,133	57,190	65,608
	Matches and vestas ... ..	42,027	26,760	55,719
	Opium ... ..	77,880	94,455	104,561
	Paints and colors ... ..	30,631	30,484	37,259
15	Carpeting and druggeting ... ..	45,843	26,912	54,771
	Woollens and woollen piece goods ... ..	876,330	601,007	789,183
16	Silks ... ..	131,148	179,524	258,454
17	Cottons ... ..	550,557	318,853	648,697
	Linen piece goods ... ..	87,344	32,895	46,639
19	Apparel and slops ... ..	517,157	249,403	304,044
	Boots and shoes ... ..	358,083	249,811	200,040
	Gloves ... ..	44,169	31,151	62,925

IMPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, 1866, 1871, AND 1876—*continued.*

Order.	Articles.	Value of Imports.		
		1866.	1871.	1876.
		£	£	£
19	Haberdashery ... ..	198,636	119,025	203,161
	Hats, caps, and bonnets ... ..	183,132	90,484	129,866
	Hosiery ... ..	158,990	81,582	135,243
	Millinery ... ..	81,193	74,437	16,239
20	Bags and sacks (including woolpacks)	170,278	59,484	161,226
21	Butter and cheese ... ..	166,358	14,870	2,022
	Fish ... ..	139,718	93,178	111,296
	Meats—fresh, preserved, and salted ...	124,373	12,696	13,001
22	Flour and biscuit ... ..	259,466	88,315	8,282
	Fruit (including currants and raisins)	203,342	141,152	146,836
	Grain—oats ... ..	145,811	151,981	138,499
	wheat ... ..	433,119	297,010	87,725
	other (including rice) ... ..	607,347	377,638	370,974
	Sugar and molasses ... ..	810,098	1,017,420	1,086,251
23	Beer, cider, and perry ... ..	300,878	149,104	158,167
	Coffee ... ..	81,190	62,339	73,322
	Hops ... ..	70,263	67,251	82,793
	Spirits ... ..	380,644	355,263	507,341
	Tea ... ..	576,262	510,055	672,883
	Tobacco, cigars, and snuff ... ..	247,663	204,418	291,066
	Wine ... ..	241,132	64,766	179,167
24	Candles ... ..	190,325	116,908	28,435
	Hides, skins, and pelts ... ..	8,477	31,906	100,917
	Leather, leatherware, and leathern cloth	39,844	39,757	120,350
	Wool ... ..	321,354*	218,703*	2,179,184
25	Paper (including paper bags) ... ..	...	99,054	168,430
	Timber ... ..	341,203	172,802	324,189
26	Oil of all kinds ... ..	221,550	263,565	148,683
28	Coal ... ..	146,734	179,681	277,531
29	Earthenware, brownware, & chinaware	33,321	34,926	85,978
	Glass and glassware ... ..	44,095	45,268	93,793
31	Gold (exclusive of specie) ... ..	3,790†	1,317,018	553,821
	Jewellery... ..	44,290	37,834	43,233
	Specie ... ..	1,130,035	1,191,852	14,110
32	Iron and steel (exclusive of railway rails, &c.)	453,654	254,073	513,351
	Nails and screws ... ..	56,576	31,250	58,462
33	Live stock ... ..	614,955	695,388	1,203,650
35	Fancy goods ... ..	8,950	34,977	40,200
	Hardware and ironmongery ... ..	259,661	72,230	86,257
	Oilmen's stores ... ..	129,673	43,651	17,272
	<b>Total</b> ... ..	<b>13,107,978</b>	<b>11,148,178</b>	<b>13,866,346</b>

\* Not including the value of wool imported into Victoria across the Murray.

† At this period, gold from the adjacent colonies was transhipped under bond, and therefore did not appear in the returns of imports and exports.

392. The exports of thirty-nine of the principal articles are in like manner given for the same three years. It will be noticed that the total value was least at the first period, and greatest at the middle period :—

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, 1866, 1871, AND 1876.

Order.	Articles.	Value of Exports.		
		1866.	1871.	1876.
		£	£	£
1	Books ... ..	37,258	10,219	42,611
	Stationery ... ..	38,613	24,829	49,032
9	Machinery ... ..	38,814	38,339	75,692
15	Woollens and woollen piece goods ...	33,538	22,197	98,611
19	Apparel and slops ... ..	78,838	26,959	205,837
	Boots and shoes ... ..	92,606	42,676	82,496
21	Butter and cheese ... ..	14,719	21,419	54,113
	Meats—preserved ... ..	1,906	355,273	166,570
	„ salted ... ..	33,014	9,202	7,390
22	Flour and biscuit ... ..	81,711	32,014	40,064
	Grain—oats ... ..	14,689	312	26,069
	„ wheat ... ..	6,361	5,850	478
	„ other (including rice) ... ..	55,796	43,626	72,893
	Potatoes ... ..	63,056	19,877	65,242
	Sugar ... ..	121,991	167,063	244,792
23	Coffee ... ..	29,839	20,910	30,884
	Spirits ... ..	109,475	86,805	136,681
	Tea ... ..	126,022	196,463	251,116
	Tobacco, cigars, and snuff ... ..	180,545	146,651	212,874
	Wine ... ..	60,870	33,904	68,576
24	Bones and bone dust ... ..	1,639	23,610	16,521
	Candles ... ..	16,813	16,477	62,161
	Hides ... ..	42,715	4,795	2,996
	Horns and hoofs ... ..	1,355	2,774	3,733
	Leather and leatherware ... ..	65,852	160,862	199,592
	Skins and pelts ... ..	13,085	35,063	56,056
	Soap ... ..	13,826	3,542	6,951
	Tallow ... ..	6,599	469,069	174,507
	Wool* ... ..	3,196,491	4,702,164	6,413,754
25	Bark ... ..	12,144	6,155	60,386
	Hay and chaff ... ..	11,334	8,665	56,498
26	Oil of all kinds ... ..	70,395	63,208	78,760
31	Gold (exclusive of specie) ... ..	5,909,987	6,590,962	2,103,591
	Specie—gold ... ..	961,493	347,513	1,587,104
	„ silver ... ..	6,800	4,935	7,239
32	Antimony—ore, regulus, &c. ... ..	1,530	17,412	41,733
	Tin, tin ore, and black sand ... ..	6,095	19,100	7,392
33	Live stock ... ..	68,258	48,921	152,994
35	Hardware and ironmongery (including galvanized ironware)	87,841	40,159	46,556
	Total ... ..	11,713,913	13,869,974	13,010,545

Exports of principal articles, 1866, 1871, and 1876.

393. The total value and value per head of population of imports and exports are given in the following table for each of the Australasian

Imports and exports of each Australasian colony.

\* Wool from across the Murray is included in the export returns of all the years. It was not included in the import returns until 1872.

colonies; the returns for Victoria being for the four years ended with 1876, those for the other colonies being for the three years ended with 1875:—

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

Colony.	Year.	Imports.			Exports.				
		Total Value.	Value per Head.		Total Value.	Value per Head.			
		£	£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.
Victoria ...	1873	16,533,856	21	3	9	15,302,454	19	12	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
	1874	16,953,985	21	4	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	15,441,109	19	6	8
	1875	16,685,874	20	9	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	14,766,974	18	2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1876	15,705,354	18	18	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14,196,487	17	1	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
New South Wales	1873	11,088,388	20	3	5	11,815,829	21	9	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1874	11,293,739	19	14	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	12,345,603	21	11	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1875	13,490,200	22	13	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	13,671,580	22	19	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Queensland ...	1873	2,885,499	20	11	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	3,542,513	25	5	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1874	2,962,439	19	2	0	4,106,462	26	9	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
	1875	3,328,009	19	6	0 $\frac{3}{4}$	3,857,576	22	7	6
South Australia ...	1873	3,841,100	19	13	8	4,587,859	23	10	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
	1874	3,983,290	19	15	8	4,402,855	21	17	4
	1875	4,203,802	20	5	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,805,051	23	3	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Western Australia	1873	297,328	11	11	0	265,217	10	6	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1874	364,263	14	0	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	428,837	16	10	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
	1875	349,840	13	4	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	391,217	14	15	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tasmania ...	1873	1,107,167	10	13	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	893,556	8	12	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1874	1,257,785	12	1	5	925,325	8	17	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
	1875	1,185,942	11	8	3	1,085,976	10	9	0
New Zealand ...	1873	6,464,687	22	9	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	5,610,371	19	9	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
	1874	8,121,812	25	9	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	5,251,269	16	9	4
	1875	8,029,172	22	7	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	5,828,627	16	4	10

NOTE.—For the imports and exports of the neighboring colonies during 1876, see General Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) *ante*.

Imports in excess of exports, &c.

394. According to the returns of 1875, the value of imports exceeded that of exports in Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand, but the reverse was the case in the four other colonies.

Comparison of trade in Australasian colonies.

395. According to the returns of the same year, the total value of imports and exports was higher in Victoria than in any of the other colonies. It must, however, be borne in mind that, in the returns of the Victorian imports from the neighboring colonies, wool was represented by a value of over £2,000,000, and gold by a value of about £870,000; and there is no doubt that most of this wool and gold was afterwards included in the list of Victorian exports. The colony in which the total value of imports and exports was lowest was Western Australia. The following is the order in which the colonies stood in regard to the total value of imports and exports:—

ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO TOTAL VALUE OF IMPORTS  
AND EXPORTS.

- |                     |  |                       |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Victoria.        |  | 5. Queensland.        |
| 2. New South Wales. |  | 6. Tasmania.          |
| 3. New Zealand.     |  | 7. Western Australia. |
| 4. South Australia. |  |                       |

396. New South Wales stood in 1875 at the head of the list showing the order of the colonies in regard to the value of imports per head of population, and South Australia at the head of that showing the order of the colonies in regard to the value of exports per head. Victoria stood third in the first and fourth on the second list. Tasmania stood at the bottom of both lists. The following are the lists referred to:—

ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO VALUE OF IMPORTS PER HEAD.

- |                     |  |                       |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1. New South Wales. |  | 5. Queensland.        |
| 2. New Zealand.     |  | 6. Western Australia. |
| 3. Victoria.        |  | 7. Tasmania.          |
| 4. South Australia. |  |                       |

ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO VALUE OF EXPORTS PER  
HEAD.

- |                     |  |                       |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1. South Australia. |  | 5. New Zealand.       |
| 2. New South Wales. |  | 6. Western Australia. |
| 3. Queensland.      |  | 7. Tasmania.          |
| 4. Victoria.        |  |                       |

397. The following table shows the value of goods transhipped in Victorian ports without being landed during the seven years ended with 1876. These goods are not included in the lists of imports and exports. The transhipments have been much greater in the last three years than formerly, in consequence of heavy transhipments having taken place from and to the mail steamers on the Suez route *viâ* Point de Galle, the terminus of which is Melbourne:—

TRANSHIPMENTS IN VICTORIAN PORTS, 1870 TO 1876.

Value of Transhipments.			Value of Transhipments.		
1870	...	£1,145,882	1874	...	£3,527,461
1871	...	1,191,169	1875	...	4,280,798
1872	...	1,292,656	1876	...	3,193,644
1873	...	1,827,842			

398. The principal articles transhipped in 1876 were — specie £1,034,149, wool £378,135, drapery £328,321, copper £289,487, tin £88,121, sugar £59,286, grain and pulse £56,696, tea £48,182, coal £46,665, spirits £43,276, nickel ore £42,932, bags and sacks £39,688, flour £38,014, boots and shoes £33,670, and jewellery £33,586.

399. The countries from which goods were received for transhipment, and to which they were transhipped in 1876, also the value of the goods received from and transhipped to each country in the same year, are given in the following table:—

## TRANSHIPMENTS FROM AND TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, 1876.

Countries.	Value of Goods.	
	Received therefrom for Transhipment.	Transhipped thereto.
	£	£
United Kingdom ... ..	651,757	808,160§
New South Wales ... ..	1,375,730*	382,811
New Zealand ... ..	26,338	346,020
Queensland ... ..	136	26,483
South Australia ... ..	606,146†	178,006
Tasmania ... ..	175,689‡	240,749
Western Australia ... ..	7,608	7,859
Fiji ... ..	105	12
Cape Town ... ..	20	...
Natal ... ..	615	...
Mauritius ... ..	39,612	14
India ... ..	181,836	1,201,421
China ... ..	51,962	24
Callao ... ..	...	50
France ... ..	7,059	...
Japan ... ..	10	...
Java ... ..	17,165	15
Guam ... ..	...	150
Manilla ... ..	330	...
Malden Island ... ..	5,020	1,762
United States ... ..	46,506	108
<b>Total</b> ... ..	<b>3,193,644</b>	<b>3,193,644</b>

Customs re-  
venue.

400. The Customs revenue in 1876 exceeded that in 1875 by £39,104. A decrease will be noticed under four, of the heads, but a net increase is shown in the total. The following are the figures for the two years :—

## CUSTOMS REVENUE, 1875 AND 1876.

Head of Receipt.	Year ended 31st December.	
	1875.	1876.
	£	£
Import duties ... ..	1,583,552	1,629,776
Wharfage and harbor rates ... ..	108,032	103,439
Duties on spirits distilled in Victoria ¶	32,726	34,223
Ports and harbors **	22,171	20,042
Fees ... ..	7,068	7,133
Fines and forfeitures ... ..	1,511	218
Miscellaneous ... ..	9,149	8,482
<b>Total</b> ... ..	<b>1,764,209</b>	<b>1,803,313</b>

\* Includes gold coin, £1,030,526; copper, £128,392; tin, £34,881; nickel ore, £42,932.

† Includes copper, £160,656; wool, £360,722.

‡ Includes tin, £49,973; wool, £177,293.

§ Includes copper, £162,700; tin, £33,556; nickel ore, £42,932; wool, £378,135.

|| Includes gold coin, £1,030,526; copper, £126,370; gold bullion, £11,262.

¶ A portion of the amounts of this line was not paid to the Customs but direct into the Treasury.

\*\* The amounts in this line are made up of tonnage rates at 1s. per ton, and pilotage at outports. The former amounted to £21,810 in 1875, and to £19,623 in 1876; the latter amounted to £361 in 1875, and to £419 in 1876.



401. The pilotage rates not included in the Customs revenue amounted in 1875 to £21,463, and in 1876 to £19,223. Pilotage rates.

402. The value of dutiable goods exported for drawback in 1876 was slightly higher than in 1875, but much higher than in the three previous years. The following are the values of such goods, and the amounts of drawback paid thereon, during the five years ended with 1876 :— Drawbacks.

EXPORTS FOR DRAWBACK, 1872 TO 1876.

Year.					Value of Goods Ex-ported for Drawback.	Amount Paid.
					£	£
1872	...	...	...	...	461,559	29,083
1873	...	...	...	...	522,752	43,685
1874	...	...	...	...	753,033	62,895
1875	...	...	...	...	831,799	79,055
1876	...	...	...	...	832,292	81,915

403. In 1876 the number of vessels entering and leaving Victorian ports was less than in 1875, 1873, or 1872, but slightly greater than in 1874. The aggregate tonnage of such vessels was slightly less than in 1875, but greater than in any of the other three years named. The crews of such vessels exceeded in number those in any of the four previous years. The following are the figures for the five years referred to ; the number, tonnage, and crews of the vessels inwards being distinguished from those of the vessels outwards :— Vessels inwards and outwards.

VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED, 1872 TO 1876.

Year.	Vessels Entered.			Vessels Cleared.		
	Number.	Tons.	Men.	Number.	Tons.	Men.
1872	2,104	666,336	33,551	2,234	694,426	35,353
1873	2,187	756,103	36,307	2,226	762,912	36,216
1874	2,100	777,110	36,834	2,122	792,509	36,472
1875	2,171	840,386	38,681	2,223	833,499	38,454
1876	2,086	810,062	38,960	2,150	847,026	39,600

404. Of the vessels inwards and outwards during 1876, 82 per cent., embracing 60 per cent. of the tonnage, were Colonial ; 14 per cent., embracing 34 per cent. of the tonnage, were British ; and 4 per cent., embracing 6 per cent. of the tonnage, were Foreign. Of the crews entering and leaving Victorian ports in 1876, 68 per cent. were attached to Colonial, 29 per cent. to British, and 3 per cent. to Foreign vessels. The following are the figures from which these proportions have been derived :— Nationality of vessels.



## NATIONALITY OF VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED, 1876.

Nationality.	Vessels Entered.			Vessels Cleared.		
	Number.	Tons.	Men.	Number.	Tons.	Men.
Colonial ...	1,722	490,339	26,399	1,752	503,726	27,000
British ...	277	269,538	11,421	312	293,757	11,509
Foreign ...	87	50,185	1,140	86	49,543	1,091
Total ...	2,086	810,062	38,960	2,150	847,026	39,600

Foreign vessels.

405. The following are the nationalities of the Foreign vessels, the numbers entered and cleared of each nationality being shown. In 1876, as in the two previous years, the greatest number of Foreign vessels visiting Victorian ports have been American, the next French, and the next German :—

## FOREIGN VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED, 1876.

Country.	Vessels Entered.	Vessels Cleared.
United States ...	37	36
France ...	28	26
Germany ...	8	9
Norway ...	7	6
Sweden ...	4	6
Denmark ...	2	3
Holland ...	1	...
Total ...	87	86

Crews, and proportion to tonnage.

406. The following figures show the proportion of crews to tonnage in Colonial, British, and Foreign vessels during the last three years. It will be observed that Colonial vessels are, numerically, the best manned, and Foreign vessels much the worst. It is to be remembered, however, that most of the Colonial, and many of the British vessels, are steamers, whilst very nearly all the Foreign ones are sailing vessels; and as steamers must have one crew to attend to the engines and another to the sails and cargo, they necessarily carry more hands in the aggregate than sailing vessels :—

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Colonial vessels had 1 man to 19 tons ...	19 tons ...	19 tons ...	19 tons ...
British " " 24 " ...	21 " ...	25 " ...	25 " ...
Foreign " " 41 " ...	46 " ...	45 " ...	45 " ...
All " " 21 tons ...	22 tons ...	21 tons ...	21 tons ...

Steamers and sailing vessels.

407. The steamers and sailing vessels which entered Victorian ports in 1876, together with their tonnage and crews, were as follow. It

will be observed that, whilst the former had one man to every 15 tons, the latter had but one man to every 34 tons :—

### STEAMERS AND SAILING VESSELS INWARDS, 1876.

Description of Vessels.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.
Steamers ... ..	1,012	403,101	26,920
Sailing vessels ... ..	1,074	406,961	12,040
Total ... ..	2,086	810,062	38,960

408. Ninety-five per cent. of the vessels, embracing 98 per cent. of the tonnage, in 1876 arrived with cargoes. In the same year, 69 per cent. of the vessels, embracing 72 per cent. of the tonnage, left with cargoes. The following are the numbers and percentage of the vessels and of their tonnage which arrived and departed with cargoes and in ballast during the year :—

Vessels with cargoes and in ballast.

### VESSELS WITH CARGOES AND IN BALLAST, 1876.

Inwards.				
Arriving—	Vessels.		Tons.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
With cargoes ... ..	1,978	94·82	797,055	98·39
In ballast ... ..	108	5·18	13,007	1·61
Total ... ..	2,086	100·00	810,062	100·00

Outwards.				
Departing—	Vessels.		Tons.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
With cargoes ... ..	1,487	69·16	610,045	72·02
In ballast ... ..	663	30·84	236,981	27·98
Total ... ..	2,150	100·00	847,026	100·00

409. In the same year, 79 per cent. of the vessels inwards, embracing 91 per cent. of the tonnage, were entered at Melbourne, and 77 per cent. of the vessels outwards, embracing 89 per cent. of the tonnage, were cleared at the same port. Next to Melbourne, most vessels were entered and cleared at Echuca, on the Murray, but their aggregate tonnage differed very slightly from that of those entered and cleared at Geelong. After Echuca, the greatest number of ships were entered and cleared at Swan Hill, another of the Murray ports. The following

Vessels at each port.

table shows the number and tonnage of vessels entered and cleared at each port in Victoria during the year :—

## SHIPPING AT EACH PORT, 1876.

Ports.	Inwards.		Outwards.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Melbourne ... ..	1,648	737,504	1,663	754,342
Geelong ... ..	75	25,229	77	28,173
Portland ... ..	9	3,462	11	4,574
Port Fairy ... ..	7	1,268	24	6,907
Port Albert ... ..	5	541	6	843
Warrnambool ... ..	29	5,083	51	12,568
Wahgunyah ... ..	8	1,131	9	1,314
Echuca ... ..	179	25,972	185	28,573
Swan Hill ... ..	90	6,620	90	6,620
Cowana ... ..	36	3,252	34	3,112
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>810,062</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>847,026</b>

Shipping in  
Australasian  
colonies.

410. The following table shows the number and tonnage of vessels entered and cleared in Victoria in the four years ended with 1876, and in the other Australasian colonies in the three years ended with 1875 :—

## SHIPPING IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

Colony.	Year.	Inwards.		Outwards.	
		Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria ... ..	1873	2,187	756,103	2,226	762,912
	1874	2,100	777,110	2,122	792,509
	1875	2,171	840,386	2,223	833,499
	1876	2,086	810,062	2,150	847,026
New South Wales ... ..	1873	2,161	874,804	2,212	887,674
	1874	2,217	1,016,369	2,168	974,525
	1875	2,376	1,109,086	2,294	1,059,101
Queensland ... ..	1873	582	176,172	569	176,352
	1874	713	302,825	657	269,925
	1875	868	395,234	831	368,948
South Australia ... ..	1873	799	265,437	732	250,203
	1874	720	265,899	720	268,651
	1875	844	316,823	790	294,558
Western Australia ... ..	1873	137	69,669	150	70,568
	1874	144	65,351	153	67,476
	1875	154	66,919	151	67,242
Tasmania ... ..	1873	661	118,353	681	119,759
	1874	607	119,706	620	119,801
	1875	631	129,102	664	133,107
New Zealand ... ..	1873	739	289,297	704	281,847
	1874	856	399,296	822	385,533
	1875	926	416,727	940	417,820

Order of  
colonies in  
respect to  
shipping.

411. The number and tonnage of vessels entered and cleared in New South Wales are in excess of the number and tonnage of those entered

and cleared in Victoria. This is doubtless owing to the large amount of shipping in the former colony engaged in the coal trade. With this exception the shipping entering and leaving Victorian ports is much greater both in regard to numbers and tonnage than that of any other colony of the group. According to the returns of the last year named in the foregoing table the following is the order in which the respective colonies stand in regard to the amount of shipping which enters and leaves their ports:—

**ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO AMOUNT OF SHIPPING  
ENTERED AND CLEARED.**

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| 1. New South Wales.<br>2. Victoria.<br>3. New Zealand.<br>4. Queensland. |  | 5. South Australia.<br>6. Tasmania.<br>7. Western Australia. |
|--|--|--|

412. The vessels built and registered in Victoria during 1876 were as follow. It will be noticed that the vessels built were all small, their average size being only 44 tons. The vessels registered were also many of them small, the average size of the whole being no more than 202 tons:—

**VESSELS BUILT AND REGISTERED, 1876.**

Vessels Built.			Vessels Registered.			
Description.	No.	Tons.	Description.	No.	Tons.	Men.
Barge ...	1	80	Barge ...	1	80	4
Cutter ...	1	16	Barques ...	5	2,228	51
Ketches ...	3	78	Barquantine ...	1	192	7
Schooners ...	8	483	Brig ...	1	239	10
Steamers ...	10	356	Brigantine ...	1	108	4
			Cutter ...	1	16	2
			Ketches ...	3	78	6
			Schooners ...	11	692	50
			Ships ...	2	2,503	59
			Steamers ...	16	2,348	194
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>Total ...</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>8,484</b>	<b>387</b>

413. The vessels on the register at the end of 1876 have not been returned by the Customs; at the end of 1875 they numbered 458, viz., 61 steamers and 397 sailing vessels. The former in the aggregate measured 12,656 tons and carried 865 men; and the latter measured 61,228 tons and carried 2,564 men.

414. The lighters licensed in 1876 numbered 147, and the boats licensed, 552. The former were to be employed in the conveyance of goods. Of the latter, 6 were to be employed in oyster-fishing, and 546 for ferry, passenger, and other purposes.

Postal  
returns.

415. A satisfactory increase in the business of the Post Office took place during 1876, as is shown by the following figures:—

## POSTAGE, 1875 AND 1876.

Year.	Number of Post Offices.	Number Despatched and Received of—			
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Packets.	Total.
1875 ...	855	17,134,101	7,552,912	1,528,493	26,215,506
1876 ...	886	18,963,503*	9,010,147	1,909,391	29,883,041
Increase...	31	1,829,402	1,457,235	380,898	3,667,535

Registered  
letters.

416. The letters registered in Victoria have numbered as follow in the last two years:—

## REGISTERED LETTERS.

1875 ...	...	...	...	160,787
1876 ...	...	...	...	177,598
Increase	...	...	...	<u>16,811</u>

Post cards.

417. Post cards were introduced on the 1st April 1876, at which date the Post Office Amendment Act 1876 (39 Vict. No. 528) came into operation. From that period to the end of the year, 695,761 post cards, of the value, at 1d. each, of £2,899, were issued to the public.

Dead letters.

418. The dead and irregularly posted letters numbered, in 1875, 129,824, or 1 in every 132; and in 1876, 132,783, or 1 in every 143. In the former year, 1,226, and in the latter year, 1,354, contained articles of value. The total value of such articles was, in 1875, £13,462, for £12,707 of which, or 94 per cent., owners were found during the year. In 1876 the value of articles found in letters was £16,903, for £16,665 of which, or 98½ per cent., owners were in like manner found. In 1875, 1,330, or 1 in every 12,882 letters posted, and in 1876, 994, or 1 in every 19,078 letters posted, were without addresses or were imperfectly addressed; 61 in the former and 141 in the latter year bore obscene or libellous addresses. Of the latter, 90 were post cards.

Disposal of  
dead letters.

419. The dead and irregularly posted letters were dealt with as follows in the two years:—

DISPOSAL OF DEAD AND IRREGULARLY POSTED LETTERS,  
1875 AND 1876.

Returned, delivered, &c.	...	...	1875.	...	1876.
Destroyed or on hand	...	...	117,599	...	120,039
	...	...	12,225	...	12,744
Total	...	...	<u>129,824</u>	...	<u>132,783</u>

\* Including post cards during the last nine months of 1876.

420. Money order offices in connection with the Post Office had been established in 234 places up to the end of 1876. Besides the issue and payment of money orders at these places, such orders are issued in favor of Victoria, and Victorian orders are paid at places in Great Britain and Ireland, New South Wales, New Zealand, South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania. The following is a comparative statement of the business in the last two years. An increase will be observed in all the items:—

## MONEY ORDERS, 1875 AND 1876.

Year.	Number of Money Order Offices.	Money Orders Issued.		Money Orders Paid.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1875 ...	224	121,094	£ 373,436	121,924	£ 393,383
1876 ...	234	123,025	379,570	125,595	403,525
Increase	10	1,931	6,134	3,671	10,142

421. Telegraphic communication exists in Victoria between 181 stations within her own borders. Her lines are connected besides with the lines of New South Wales, and, by means of them, with Queensland and New Zealand. They are also connected with the lines of South Australia, and, by their means, with the Eastern Archipelago, Asia, Europe, and America. They are likewise united with a submarine cable to Tasmania. The lines were extended during the year by 114 miles, and 235 miles of wire were added to that previously existing. The increase of business during the year is shown in the following table:—

## ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS, 1875 AND 1876.

Year.	Number of Stations.	Number of Miles of—	
		Line (poles).	Wire.
1875 ...	164	2,629	4,510
1876 ...	181	2,743	4,745
Increase ...	17	114	235

Year.	Number of Telegrams.			Amount Received.
	Paid.	Unpaid.	Total.	
1875 ...	623,514	109,355	732,869	£46,995
1876 ...	682,684	119,262	801,946	52,468
Increase ...	59,170	9,907	69,077	£5,473

422. The following table shows the number of miles of electric telegraph open in each of the Australasian colonies, according to the returns for Victoria of the four years ended with 1876, and for the other colonies of the three years ended with 1875:—

## ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

Colony.	Year.	Miles of Telegraph Open on 31st December.
Victoria ...	1873	2,295
	1874	2,467
	1875	2,629
	1876	2,743
New South Wales (miles of wire) ...	1873	6,521
	1874	7,449
	1875	8,012
Queensland ...	1873	3,059
	1874	3,616
	1875	3,956
South Australia ...	1873	3,807
	1874	3,900
	1875	3,904
Western Australia ...	1873	900
	1874	763
	1875	766
Tasmania ...	1873	291
	1874	291
	1875	396
New Zealand ...	1873	2,389
	1874	2,632
	1875	3,156

NOTE.—For number of miles of electric telegraph open in the neighboring colonies at the end of 1876, see Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) *ante*.

Order of colonies in respect to miles of telegraph.

423. The returns of New South Wales are not comparable with those of the other colonies, for, although all were asked to supply statements of the number of miles of *line*, or the length along which continuous lines of poles extend, that colony has each year returned the number of miles of *wire* instead, which are always much greater than the number of miles of *line*. Excluding New South Wales therefore, the following is the order in which the respective colonies stood at the end of 1875 in regard to the number of miles of telegraph open in each :—

ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO LENGTH OF TELEGRAPH LINE OPEN.

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Queensland.      | 4. Victoria.          |
| 2. South Australia. | 5. Western Australia. |
| 3. New Zealand.     | 6. Tasmania.          |

Post Office revenue and expenditure.

424. The electric telegraphs being incorporated with the Post Office, the accounts of the two departments are kept together. It will be observed that, whilst an increase of £14,000 has taken place in the income of the joint department, the expenditure in 1876, as compared with that in 1875, shows a diminution of £1,200 :—



## POST OFFICE.—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1875 AND 1876.

Year.	Post Office, including Electric Telegraphs.	
	Income.	Expenditure.*
1875	£ 206,388	£ 291,945
1876	220,344	290,740
Increase	13,956	...
Decrease	...	1,205

425. At the end of 1876, 719 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles of railway were open in Victoria, of which 702 $\frac{1}{4}$ —viz., 163·3 miles of double and 538·95 miles of single line—belonged to the State, and 17—viz., 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of double and 7 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles of single line—were the property of the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay United Railway Company. All the lines are constructed upon a gauge of 5 feet 3 inches, which is also the national gauge of South Australia, but not of New South Wales, in which colony a 4 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches gauge has been adopted. The private line of railway, however, between Moama and Deniliquin, in New South Wales, which is connected with the Victorian line from Sandhurst to Echuca, has been constructed upon a 5 feet 3 inches gauge. The following figures show the names, lengths, and cost of construction of the different lines, and the distance travelled on Government and on private lines during 1876:—

Railways opened.

## RAILWAYS.—LENGTH, COST, AND DISTANCE TRAVELLED, 1876.

Name of Line.	Length Open on 31st Dec. 1876.	Cost of Construction.		Distance Travelled in the Year.
		Total	Average per Mile.	
<b>GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.</b>	miles.	£	£	miles.
Murray ...	156 $\frac{1}{4}$	5,417,885	34,674	} 2,399,748
Williamstown ...	6†	386,538	64,423	
Ballarat ...	93 $\frac{1}{2}$ †	2,704,304	28,923	
North-Eastern ...	187‡	1,607,261	8,595	
Ballarat and Ararat ...	57	301,783	5,294	
Castlemaine and Dunolly ...	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	276,435	5,820	
Ballarat and Maryborough ...	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	248,698	5,852	
Ararat and Stawell... ..	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	104,435	5,570	
Wangaratta and Beechworth	23	145,605	6,331	
Sandhurst and Inglewood ...	30	139,338	4,645	
Maryborough and Avoca ...	15	50,413	3,361	
Geelong and Colac... ..	25 $\frac{3}{4}$ ‡	175,100	6,800	
Total carried forward ...	702 $\frac{1}{4}$	11,557,795§	16,458	

\* Exclusive of the cost of steam postal communication with Great Britain.

† The lengths of the Williamstown and North-Eastern lines are given from the Footscray Junction and the Essendon Junction. These are points on the Murray line distant from the Melbourne railway terminus 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles respectively. The Ballarat line starts from a point on the Williamstown line called the Williamstown Junction, distant 6 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles from the same terminus.

‡ Length of extent opened to the end of 1876, being the portion between Geelong and Winchelsea. The cost of this section has been estimated at £6,800 per mile, which was the average amount per mile authorized to be expended over the whole line.

§ In addition to this total, the cost of preliminary surveys, sheds, workshops, machinery, charges on plant, &c., amounted to £481,695, and the cost of rolling-stock, &c., amounted to £1,050,223, making in all £13,089,713. The total amount expended on railways from their commencement to the 30th June 1876, was, according to the table following paragraph 124 *ante*, £14,197,067.

**RAILWAYS.—LENGTH, COST, AND DISTANCE TRAVELLED, 1876—**  
*continued.*

Name of Line.	Length Open on 31st Dec. 1876.	Cost of Construction.		Distance Travelled in the Year.
		Total.	Average per Mile.	
	miles.	£	£	miles.
Total Government railways brought forward ...	702 $\frac{1}{4}$	11,557,795	16,458	2,399,748
<b>PRIVATE RAILWAYS.</b>				
Melbourne and St. Kilda ...	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	} 866,363 *	50,963	472,323
Melbourne and Sandridge ...	2 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Melbourne and Windsor ...	3 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Windsor and Brighton ...	5 $\frac{1}{4}$			
Richmond and Hawthorn ...	2			
Total Government and private railways	719 $\frac{1}{4}$	12,424,158	17,274	2,872,071

Railways in progress.

426. At the end of 1876 the following lines were in course of construction. Their cost up to that date had amounted to £620,260. Their proposed total length is 259 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles, which, added to the length of the completed lines, makes a grand total of 961 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles :—

**RAILWAYS IN PROGRESS, 1876.**

Name of Line.	Proposed Total Length.
	miles.
Gippsland (say) ...	115 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ararat and Hamilton ...	66
Winchelsea and Colac† ...	24 $\frac{3}{4}$
Portland and Hamilton ...	53
<b>Total</b> ...	<b>259<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></b>

Rolling-stock.

427. The quantity of rolling-stock on Government and private lines, and its total cost, were as follow at the end of the same year :—

**ROLLING-STOCK, 1876.**

—	Number of—						Total Cost of Rolling-stock.
	Loco-motives.	First Class and Composite Carriages.	Second and Third Class Carriages.	Sheep and Cattle Trucks.	Goods Trucks, Waggon, &c.	Guard Vans and other Vehicles.	
							£
Government lines	124	108	102	175	1,870	149	1,050,223
Private lines ...	17	87	15	...	202	12	142,434
<b>Total</b> ...	<b>141</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>2,072</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>1,192,657</b>

Passenger rates.

428. The passenger rates per mile were as follow in the same year. It appears by the figures that the rates are somewhat higher on Government than on private lines :—

\* This represents the cost to the present company ; the original cost was much greater.

† This is the uncompleted portion of the Geelong and Colac Railway. The first section of 25 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles, viz., the portion between Geelong and Winchelsea, was opened on the 25th November 1876, and is included in the last table.

## PASSENGER RATES (SINGLE) PER MILE, 1876.

First class, Government lines ...	$2\frac{d}{d}$	Second class, Government lines ...	$1\frac{d}{d}$
„ private lines ...	$1\frac{d}{d}$	„ private lines ...	$1\frac{d}{d}$

429. The following is a statement of the number of miles open and the number travelled on Government lines and on private ones during 1875 and 1876. As regards the Government lines, it must be borne in mind that in both years only a portion of the extent set down as open was so during the whole year\* :—

## RAILWAYS.—MILES OPEN AND TRAVELLED, 1875 AND 1876.

Year.	Government Lines.		Private Lines.		Total.	
	Extent Open.	Distance Travelled.	Extent Open.	Distance Travelled.	Extent Open.	Distance Travelled.
	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.
1875... ..	586†	2,051,710†	17	451,128	603	2,502,838
1876... ..	702‡	2,399,748	17	472,323	719‡	2,872,071
Increase ...	116‡	348,038‡	...	21,195	116‡	369,233

430. The returns of 1876, as compared with those of the previous twelve months, show that a considerable increase took place in the passenger traffic, both on Government and on private lines. As regards the former, the increase is to a certain extent accounted for by the fact that  $33\frac{1}{2}$  miles of additional line had been opened between the periods :—

## RAILWAYS.—NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED, 1875 AND 1876. §

Year. §	Government Lines.	Private Lines.	Total.
1875 ... ..	2,699,519	3,465,557½	6,165,076½
1876 ... ..	2,978,138	3,669,729	6,647,867
Increase ... ..	278,619	204,171½	482,790½

431. The same reason would also partially account for the greater weight of goods carried on Government lines in 1876 than in 1875. As regards the goods traffic on private lines, a falling off was noted both in 1875 and 1874,|| but an increase to the extent of 18,000 tons took place in 1876 :—

\* The Murray, Williamstown, Ballarat, North-Eastern, Ballarat and Ararat, Castlemaine and Dunolly, and Ballarat and Maryborough lines were opened for traffic prior to the 30th June 1875. The remaining portions were opened as follow :—The Wangaratta and Beechworth line as far as Everton,  $12\frac{3}{4}$  miles, on the 7th July 1875, and on to Beechworth,  $10\frac{1}{4}$  miles, on the 30th September 1876. The Ararat and Stawell line as far as Scallan's Hill,  $17\frac{3}{4}$  miles, on the 15th February 1876, and on to Stawell, 1 mile, on the 14th April of the same year. The Sandhurst and Inglewood line as far as Bridgewater,  $25\frac{3}{4}$  miles, on the 19th September 1876, and on to Inglewood,  $4\frac{1}{4}$  miles, on the 18th November of the same year. The whole of the Maryborough and Avoca line, 15 miles in length, on the 21st October 1876. The Geelong and Colac line as far as Winchelsea,  $25\frac{3}{4}$  miles, on the 25th November 1876.

† During the year ended 30th June 1875. The other returns both of 1875 and 1876 are for the year ended 31st December.

‡ Increase in eighteen months.

§ The years referred to end, so far as figures relating to Government lines are concerned, with the 30th June, but, as regards the figures relating to private lines, with the 31st December.

|| See *Victorian Year-Book*, 1874, paragraph 359, and same work, 1875, paragraph 148.

## RAILWAYS.—WEIGHT OF GOODS CARRIED, 1875 AND 1876.\*

Year.*				Government Lines.	Private Lines.	Total.
				tons.	tons.	tons.
1875	...	...	...	732,772	206,674	939,446
1876	...	...	...	928,300	224,718	1,153,018
Increase	...	...	...	195,528	18,044	213,572

Receipts,  
&c., on  
Government  
lines.

432. On Government lines the receipts in 1875-6 were 8 per cent. above those in 1874-5, but the working expenses were less than 4 per cent. above those in that year. The following table shows that the working expenses amounted to 50 per cent. of the receipts in 1875-6, but to 52 per cent. of the receipts in 1874-5 :—

RECEIPTS AND WORKING EXPENSES ON GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS,  
1875 AND 1876.

Year ended 30th June.				Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Proportion of Working Expenses to Receipts.
				£	£	per cent.
1875	...	...	...	920,008	481,717	52·36
1876	...	...	...	994,767	499,407	50·20
Increase	...	...	...	74,759	17,690	...
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	2·16

Receipts, &c.,  
on private  
lines.

433. On private lines the receipts in 1876 were 6½ per cent., but the working expenses only 1 per cent. higher than those in 1875. The working expenses amounted to 49½ per cent. of the receipts in 1876, and to 52 per cent. in 1875. The following were the receipts and working expenses in the two years :—

RECEIPTS AND WORKING EXPENSES ON PRIVATE RAILWAYS,  
1875 AND 1876.

Year ended 31st December.				Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Proportion of Working Expenses to Receipts.
				£	£	per cent.
1875	...	...	...	171,930	89,761	52·21
1876	...	...	...	183,306	90,698	49·48
Increase	...	...	...	11,376	937	...
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	2·73

Working  
expenses  
compared  
with re-  
ceipts.

434. By comparing the fourth column of the last two tables, it will be found that in the first year named the working expenses of the Government lines bore about the same proportion to the receipts of those lines as the working expenses of the private lines bore to their receipts; but in the latter year the working expenses on private lines were, in proportion to the receipts, nearly 1 per cent. less than those on Government lines.

\* The years referred to end, so far as the figures relate to Government lines, with the 30th June, but, so far as they relate to private lines, with the 31st December.

435. The following table shows the number of miles of railway open in each of the Australasian colonies at the end of the years named:—

Railways in Australasian colonies.

### RAILWAYS IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

Colony.	Year.	Miles of Railway Open on the 31st December.
Victoria	1873	458
	1874	605
	1875	617
	1876	702½
New South Wales	1873	401
	1874	401½
	1875	437
Queensland	1873	218
	1874	249
	1875	265
South Australia	1873	202
	1874	234
	1875	274
Western Australia	1873	30
	1874	38
	1875	38
Tasmania	1873	45
	1874	45
	1875	150
New Zealand	1873	145
	1874	209
	1875	542

NOTE.—For miles of railway open in the neighboring colonies at the end of 1876, see Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) *ante*.

436. It will be observed that, notwithstanding Victoria has a smaller area than any of the other colonies except Tasmania, she is, in point of railway construction, the foremost colony of the group. The following is the order in which the respective colonies stand in regard to the lengths of their lines of railway:—

Order of colonies in respect to length of railways.

#### ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO LENGTH OF RAILWAYS.

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Victoria.        | 5. Queensland.        |
| 2. New Zealand.     | 6. Tasmania.          |
| 3. New South Wales. | 7. Western Australia. |
| 4. South Australia. |                       |

437. The following table contains a statement of the average rates of wages paid in Melbourne in 1876 and in the first year of each of the two previous quinquennials. It will be observed that wages were, upon the whole, higher at the last period than at either of the others. The rates of wages in country districts are generally somewhat higher than those in the metropolis. Throughout Victoria the recognised working day for artisans and general laborers is eight hours:—

Wages.

## WAGES IN MELBOURNE, 1866, 1871, AND 1876.

Description of Labor.	1866.	1871.	1876.
<b>AGRICULTURAL LABOR.*</b>			
Farm laborers ... per week, with rations	12s. to 20s.	12s. to 20s.	15s. to 20s.
Ploughmen ... " "	15s. to 20s.	15s. to 20s.	18s. to 22s.
Reapers ... per acre, "	15s. to 30s.	7s. 6d. to 15s.	12s. to 15s.
Mowers ... " "	4s. 6d. to 5s.	3s. to 5s.	4s. to 7s.
Threshers... per bushel, "	6d. to 10d.	4d. to 6d.	6d. to 1s.
<b>PASTORAL LABOR.*</b>			
Shepherds ... per annum, with rations	£30 to £35	£25 to £35	£35 to £52
Stockkeepers ... " "	£50 to £60	£35 to £45	£40 to £60
Hutkeepers ... " "	£25 to £30	£20 to £30	£25 to £40
Generally-useful } men on stations } per week, "	14s. to 18s.	12s. to 20s.	15s. to 20s.
Sheepwashers ... " "	12s. to 15s.	15s. to 20s.	15s. to 25s.
Shearers ... per 100 sheep sheared, "	13s. to 15s.	12s. to 15s.	11s. to 18s.
<b>ARTISAN LABOR.</b>			
Masons ... per day, without rations	8s. to 10s.	8s. to 10s.	10s. to 12s.
Plasterers ... " "	8s. to 10s.	8s. to 10s.	10s.
Bricklayers ... " "	8s. to 10s.	8s. to 10s.	10s.
Carpenters ... " "	8s. to 10s.	8s. to 10s.	10s.
Blacksmiths ... " "	8s. to 10s.	8s. to 10s.	10s. to 13s.
<b>SERVANTS—MALES AND MARRIED COUPLES.</b>			
Married couples, } per annum, with board } without family } and lodging }	£50 to £55	£50 to £60	£50 to £80
Married couples, } with family } " "	£40 to £45	£40 to £50	£40 to £50
Men cooks, on } farms and stations } " "	£40 to £60	£40 to £55	£40 to £52
Grooms ... " "	£30 to £60	£40 to £50	£40 to £52
Gardeners ... per week, "	20s. to 30s.	20s. to 35s.	20s. to 40s.
<b>SERVANTS—FEMALES.</b>			
Cooks ... { per annum, with board } and lodging }	£30 to £40	£30 to £40	£30 to £45
Laundresses ... " "	£25 to £35	£25 to £35	£30 to £40
General servants ... " "	£20 to £30	£25 to £35	£26 to £36
Housemaids ... " "	£20 to £30	£25 to £35	£30 to £36
Nursemaids ... " "	£10 to £20	£10 to £25	£25 to £35
<b>MISCELLANEOUS LABOR.</b>			
General laborers ... per day, without rations	4s. to 6s.	5s. to 6s.	6s. to 7s.
Stonebreakers { per cubic yard, without } rations }	2s. 6d. to 3s.	2s. to 4s.	1s. 8d. to 4s.
Seamen ... per month, with rations	£4 to £6	£4 to £4 10s.	£5 to £6
Miners ... per week, without rations	£2 5s. to £3	£2 5s. to £3	£2 to £2 10s

Prices.

438. Prices in Melbourne were quoted as follow at the same three periods. In country districts the cost of groceries, tobacco, wine, coal, &c., is naturally higher, and that of agricultural and grazing produce, firewood, &c., naturally lower than in Melbourne:—

\* See also paragraphs 308 and 309 ante.



## PRICES IN MELBOURNE, 1866, 1871, AND 1876.

Articles.	1866.	1871.	1876.
<b>AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.*</b>			
Wheat ... .. per bushel	4s. 6d. to 9s. 6d.	4s. 9d. to 7s. 6s.	4s. 9d. to 6s. 9d.
Barley ... .. "	4s. 9d. to 5s. 6d.	3s. to 4s. 6d.	2s. 10d. to 5s. 6d.
Oats ... .. "	3s. 9d. to 5s. 6d.	3s. to 3s. 9d.	2s. 7d. to 3s. 6d.
Maize ... .. "	4s. 2d. to 6s.	3s. 10d. to 4s. 11d.	4s. 3d. to 5s. 4d.
Bran ... .. "	1s. 2d. to 2s.	1s. to 1s. 1d.	1s. to 1s. 6d.
Hay ... .. per ton	£8 10s. to £9 5s.	£3 5s. to £4 5s.	£4 to £8
Flour, first quality ... .. "	£12 to £21	£12 10s. to £17 10s.	£11 10s. to £14
Bread ... .. per 4lb. loaf	6d. to 9d.	6d. to 7d.	7d.
<b>GRAZING PRODUCE.</b>			
<b>Horses—</b>			
Draught... .. each	£8 to £40	£10 to £37	£14 to £48
Saddle and harness .. "	£3 to £30	£5 to £50	£5 to £60
<b>Cattle—</b>			
Fat ... .. "	£3 to £17 10s.	£4 to £12 17s. 6d.	£5 10s. to £19 15s.
Milch cows ... .. "	£5 to £10	£7 10s. to £8 10s.	£3 10s. to £12 10s.
Sheep, fat ... .. "	7s. to 23s.	5s. to 17s.	3s. 6d. to 25s.
Lambs, fat ... .. "	3s. 6d. to 18s. 6d.	5s. to 11s.	2s. to 13s.
<b>Butchers' meat—</b>			
Beef, retail ... .. per lb.	4d. to 9d.	4d. to 8d.	4d. to 9d.
Mutton .. .. "	3d. to 8d.	2½d. to 4d.	1½d. to 6d.
Veal .. .. "	7d. to 8d.	5d. to 6d.	5d. to 6d.
Pork .. .. "	9d. to 11d.	7d. to 8d.	8d. to 10d.
Lamb .. .. per quarter	3s. to 4s.	2s. to 2s. 6d.	2s. to 2s. 6d.
<b>DAIRY PRODUCE.</b>			
<b>Butter—</b>			
Colonial, retail ... .. per lb.	10d. to 3s.	6d. to 10d.	10d. to 2s. 3d.
Imported, salt, } .. "	10½d. to 2s. 2d.	7d. to 9d.	10d. to 1s.
wholesale } .. "			
<b>Cheese—</b>			
Colonial, retail ... .. "	1s. to 2s.	8d. to 1s.	8d. to 1s. 2d.
Imported, wholesale .. "	1s. to 1s. 7d.	1s. to 1s. 2d.	1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d.
Milk ... .. per quart	6d. to 8d.	6d.	4d. to 6d.
<b>FARM-YARD PRODUCE.</b>			
Geese ... .. per couple	7s. to 12s.	7s. to 11s.	7s. to 10s.
Ducks ... .. "	4s. to 8s.	3s. 6d. to 6s.	3s. 6d. to 7s. 6d.
Fowls ... .. "	3s. 6d. to 6s. 6d.	3s. to 5s.	4s. 6d. to 7s.
Rabbits ... .. "	2s. to 6s.	1s. 6d. to 4s.	1s. to 3s.
Pigeons ... .. "	2s. to 3s. 6d.	1s. 6d. to 3s.	1s. 6d. to 3s.
Turkeys ... .. each	5s. to 15s.	4s. to 10s.	5s. to 15s.
Sucking pigs ... .. "	7s. to 18s.	5s. to 12s.	10s. to 18s.
Bacon ... .. per lb.	1s. to 1s. 9d.	1s.	10d. to 1s. 2d.
Ham ... .. "	1s. to 1s. 9d.	1s. to 1s. 3d.	1s. 1d. to 1s. 4d.
Eggs ... .. per doz.	1s. 2d. to 3s.	9d. to 1s. 6d.	1s. to 2s. 8d.
<b>GARDEN PRODUCE.</b>			
<b>Potatoes—</b>			
Wholesale ... .. per ton	£4 to £6 15s.	£2 to £3	£3 10s. to £5
Retail ... .. per lb.	¾d. to 1d.	¾d. to 1d.	½d. to 1d.
Onions, dried ... .. per cwt.	6s. to 34s.	3s. 6d. to 15s.	3s. 9d. to 12s.
Carrots ... .. per dozen bunches	6d. to 1s. 6d.	6d. to 9d.	4d. to 9d.
Turnips ... .. "	4d. to 3s. 6d.	4d. to 9d.	4d. to 1s.
Radishes ... .. "	3d. to 9d.	3d. to 6d.	4d. to 9d.
Cabbages ... .. per doz.	9d. to 12s.	4d. to 2s.	6d. to 5s.
Cauliflowers ... .. "	1s. to 14s.	1s. to 6s.	1s. to 5s.
Lettuces ... .. "	3d. to 3s.	3d. to 9d.	3d. to 1s.
Green peas ... .. per lb.	...	...	1d. to 4d.

\* See also paragraph 303 ante.



## PRICES IN MELBOURNE, 1866, 1871, AND 1876—continued.

Articles.	1866.	1871.	1876.
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.</b>			
Tea (duty paid) ... per lb.	7d. to 3s. 6d.	7d. to 2s. 7d.	7d. to 2s. 7½d.
Coffee (in bond) ... "	8½d. to 11½d.	6d. to 9½d.	11½d. to 1s. 2d.
Sugar (duty paid) ... per ton	£26 to £60	£27 to £52	£30 to £48
Rice ... "	£18 to £30	£16 10s. to £24 10s.	£16 to £24
Tobacco (in bond) ... per lb.	6d. to 2s. 6d.	6d. to 1s. 6d.	9d. to 3s.
Soap—Colonial ... per ton	£29 to £36	£29	£20 to £30
Candles—			
Tallow ... per lb.	5d. to 7d.	4½d. to 4½d.	4d. to 5½d.
Sperm ... "	10½d. to 1s. 7d.	10¼d. to 1s. 0½d.	7d. to 11½d.
Salt ... per ton	£3 10s. to £7	£3 12s. 6d. to £5 10s.	£3 5s. to £5
Coals ... "	24s. to 30s.	20s. to 21s. 6d.	30s. to 36s.
Firewood ... "	9s. to 14s.	8s. to 12s.	13s.
<b>WINES, SPIRITS, ETC.</b>			
Ale (duty paid) ... per hhd.	£5 10s. to £8	£6 to £8 10s.	£7 to £9 10s.
" " ... per doz.	7s. 6d. to 10s.	7s. to 10s. 6d.	7s. to 11s.
Porter " ... per hhd.	£6 10s. to £8	£5 5s. to £6	£5 10s. to £6 10s.
" " ... per doz.	8s. to 14s.	7s. 6d. to 11s.	7s. to 11s.
Brandy (in bond) ... per gall.	4s. 6d. to 9s.	4s. 3d. to 9s.	3s. 3d. to 11s. 6d.
Rum " ... "	3s. to 4s.	2s. 10½d. to 4s. 3d.	3s. to 6s. 9d.
Whiskey " ... "	2s. 9d. to 4s. 9d.	3s. 6d. to 5s. 9d.	4s. 3d. to 7s. 6d.
Hollands " ... "	2s. to 3s. 3d.	2s. 9d. to 4s.	2s. 9d. to 4s.
Port wine " ... per pipe	£20 to £100	£20 to £100	£16 to £100
" (duty paid) ... per doz.	24s. to 50s.	24s. to 50s.	24s. to 50s.
Sherry (in bond) ... per butt	£20 to £120	£20 to £120	£20 to £130
" (duty paid) ... per doz.	40s. to 56s.	20s. to 75s.	20s. to 85s.
Claret ... "	15s. to 60s.	11s. 6d. to 100s.	10s. to 80s.
Champagne ... "	30s. to 80s.	30s. to 85s.	20s. to 86s.

Price of gold.

439. The price of gold in 1876 ranged from £3 to £4 3s. 9d. per oz. Its purity, and consequently its value, varies in different districts. In the last quarter of 1876 the lowest price quoted (£3 per oz.) was in the Beechworth district, but some gold in the same district was stated to have realised as much as £4 2s. 6d. per oz. The highest average was in the Ballarat district, in which the prices ranged from £3 17s. to £4 3s. 9d. The lowest average was in the Gippsland district, in which the prices ranged from £3 8s. to £4.

Imports of live stock overland.

440. The numbers of live stock imported overland, as recorded by the inspectors of stock, always differ slightly from those recorded by the officers of the Customs. In 1876 the returns of the former showed larger numbers, as regards horses and sheep, but smaller numbers as regards cattle, than those of the latter. The following are the imports of these descriptions of stock, according to the returns of both authorities:—

## IMPORTS OF LIVE STOCK OVERLAND, 1876.

	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.
According to returns of stock inspectors	7,193	77,864	1,058,073
" " Customs	5,680	81,113	1,014,041

441. According to the returns of the stock inspectors, the pigs imported overland in 1876 numbered 1,029. According to the Customs returns, the total number of pigs imported in the same year numbered 5,235, but it is not stated how many were imported by land and how many by sea. Imports of pigs.

442. The weights and measures used in Victoria are in every respect similar to those in use in the United Kingdom. Weights and measures.

**PART VII.—LAW, CRIME, ETC.**

443. The system whereby persons acquiring possession of land, either by transfer, inheritance, or other means, may receive a title thereto direct from the Crown, was first introduced into Victoria in the year 1862, and continues in force to the present period. Transfer of Land Statute.

444. All lands alienated from the Crown since the introduction of the system have come at once under its provisions; and lands alienated prior to its inauguration can be brought under them, provided a clear title be produced, or a title containing only a slight imperfection. In the latter case the title is given subject to such imperfection, which is noted on the deed. Lands under the Statute.

445. The assurance and indemnity fund established under this Act to secure the Government against possible losses is formed chiefly by the payment by each person bringing property under the Transfer of Land Statute of an amount equal to one halfpenny in the pound of the value of such property. The balance to the credit of this fund at the end of 1876 was £41,598 18s., of which £23,000 had been invested in Government stock. Three claims have been made upon the fund since its first formation, and £718 0s. 4d. has been paid to claimants. Assurance fund.

446. The following is a statement of the transactions which took place under the Transfer of Land Statute in 1875 and 1876. A general increase will be observed in the items:— Transactions under the Statute, 1875 and 1876.

**TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE, 1875 AND 1876.**

			1875.		1876.
Applications to bring land under the Act	...	number	1,032	...	1,128
Extent of land included	...	acres	31,019	...	44,339
Value of land included	...	£	900,594	...	1,018,626
Certificates of title issued	...	number	9,535	...	10,045
Transfers, mortgages, leases, releases, surrenders, &c.	...	"	11,912	...	13,638
Registering proprietors	...	"	47	...	30
Other transactions	...	"	11,584	...	13,769
Forms sold	...	"	720	...	635
Fees received	...	£	20,262	...	22,150