

1873.
VICTORIA.

STATISTICS
OF
THE COLONY OF VICTORIA,
FOR THE YEAR
1872.

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LAW, CRIME, ETC.

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA, 1872.

LAW, CRIME, ETC.

TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE.—TRANSACTIONS AND FEES.

RETURN showing the Transactions which occurred, and the Amount of Fees received, under the Transfer of Land Statute, during the Year 1872.

Transactions.	Number.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.
Applications	1,076			
Assurance Fees ... ..	...	1,409	1	9
Indemnity (secs. 31 and 32) ... ..	...	728	0	6
Hearing Applications ... ..	...	1,432	15	0
Certificates of Title	7,318	7,318	0	0
" " Friendly Societies	866	433	0	0
Transfers	5,763	2,881	10	0
" Friendly Societies	852	213	0	0
Mortgages	2,148	1,074	0	0
Leases	112	56	0	0
Extra Memorials	4,375	437	10	0
Surrender of Leases	13	6	10	0
Discharge of Mortgages	910	455	0	0
Registering Proprietors	154	154	0	0
Caveats	216	108	0	0
" Withdrawal of	85	21	5	0
Entries of Foreclosure	2	2	0	0
Searches	4,937	493	14	0
" General	303	75	15	0
Maps Deposited	12	3	0	0
Documents Declaratory of Trusts	17	8	10	0
Writs, Commissioner's, or Supreme Court Orders	132	66	0	0
Acknowledgments of Married Women	63	15	15	0
Orders Dispensing with Duplicate Grants	2	1	0	0
Copies or Extracts of Documents	137	3	8	6
Exhibition or Return of Documents	62	15	10	0
Certified Copy, First Folio	44	11	0	0
" Subsequent Folios	871	29	0	8
" Maps	25	2	10	0
Affidavits or Statutory Declarations, or Entering Satisfaction of Writ	62	3	2	0
Commissions to Perpetual Commissioner	8	8	0	0
" Special Commissioner	5	3	15	0
Statement of Grounds under Section 135	5	2	10	0
Entry of Executors, &c.	149	74	10	0
" Survivors	29	14	10	0
" Husband				
Forms	1,658	38	9	0
Extras on Applications	112	0	4	8
Total ... ..	...	£17,599	16	1

NOTE.—This Return is exclusive of fees received on Crown Grants, &c., which amounted during the year to £273 15s. 1d.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE.—LAND APPLIED FOR AND BROUGHT UNDER THE ACT.

RETURN of the Extent and Value of Land applied to be brought under the Transfer of Land Statute, and of the Land brought under that Act by application, during the Year 1872.

Land included in applications to bring Land under the Act received in 1872.				Land brought under the Act by application during 1872.			
Area.			Value.	Area.			Value.
A.	R.	P.	£ s. d.	A.	R.	P.	£ s. d.
31,595	1	10 ³ / ₂₀	773,892 18 1	25,830	2	22 ¹ / ₂	602,265 7 3

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

REAL PROPERTY ACT AND TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE.—TRANSACTIONS.*—
DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Applications to bring Land under the Act.			Certificates of Title issued.	Transfer, Mortgage, Lease, Transfer or Discharge of Mortgage, Transfer or Surrender of Lease.	Registering Proprietors.	Transfers and Certificates (Friendly Societies).	Other Transactions.	Forms sold.				
	Number.	Extent of Land included.†								Value of Land included.†			
		A.	R.							P.	£	s.	d.
1863	157	7,266	0	21 ³ / ₂₀	78,400	15	0	299	3,100	...	...	79	3,433
1864	347	24,768	1	7 ³ / ₈	206,297	2	2	4,646	3,445	24	...	2,161	6,147
1865	353	15,240	2	11 ³ / ₂₀	298,820	3	0	9,368	4,439	76	...	4,777	6,465
1866	291	8,526	3	35 ³ / ₈	290,641	8	6	5,132	4,296	62	120	6,784	6,998
1867	372	15,159	2	29 ³ / ₈	228,057	2	10	2,905	3,450	85	320	5,623	1,949
1868	493	32,747	2	2 ¹ / ₁₀	437,370	12	4	3,456	3,781	136	598	5,212	1,325
1869	698	67,483	3	38 ³ / ₁₀	901,281	4	3	4,345	4,697	185	1,025	7,518	1,704
1870	777	30,778	1	7 ¹ / ₁₀	547,877	6	5	4,895	5,954	184	1,088	9,441	1,809
1871	919	36,075	1	37 ³ / ₂₀	594,697	11	10	5,599	6,957	226	1,287	11,457	1,889
1872	1,076	31,595	1	10 ³ / ₂₀	773,892	18	1	7,318	8,946	154	1,718	13,541	1,658

* The Real Property Act was in force until the 1st August 1866, and was repealed by the Transfer of Land Statute, which supplied its place from that date.

† The amounts in these two columns, although approximating very closely to the correct figures, may not, perhaps, in every instance, be strictly accurate.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

REAL PROPERTY ACT AND TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE.—FEES RECEIVED.—
DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Assurance and Indemnity Fund.	Hearing Applications.	Certificates of Title.	Transfer, Mortgage, Lease, Transfer or Discharge of Mortgage, Transfer or Surrender of Lease.	Registering Proprietors.	Transfers and Certificates (Friendly Societies).	Other Transactions.	Sale of Forms.	Total Amount of Fees Received.																		
										£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.								
										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
1863	163	6	8 ¹ / ₂	137	4	9 ¹ / ₂	299	0	0	1,550	0	0	...	25	1	8	85	16	6	2,260	9	8					
1864	448	7	5 ¹ / ₂	356	15	0	4,646	0	0	1,722	10	0	24	0	0	258	2	8	143	13	6	7,599	8	7 ¹ / ₂			
1865	772	2	0	419	5	0	9,368	0	0	2,219	10	0	76	0	0	...	539	7	4	139	2	6	13,533	6	10		
1866	1,326	1	8	357	15	0	5,132	0	0	2,148	0	0	62	0	0	41	15	0	810	9	0	144	11	6	10,022	12	2
1867	764	5	10 ¹ / ₂	476	0	0	2,905	0	0	1,725	0	0	85	0	0	121	10	0	674	6	0	43	14	6	6,794	16	4 ¹ / ₂
1868	843	5	4	619	0	0	3,456	0	0	1,890	10	0	136	0	0	224	10	0	650	4	5	30	2	6	7,849	12	3
1869	1,638	13	6	972	0	0	4,345	0	0	2,348	10	0	185	0	0	385	5	0	919	12	8	36	12	0	10,830	13	2
1870	1,823	3	9 ¹ / ₂	1,018	0	0	4,895	0	0	2,977	0	0	184	0	0	409	10	0	1,184	0	4 ¹ / ₂	39	14	6	12,530	8	8
1871	2,222	11	1	1,126	15	0	5,599	0	0	3,478	10	0	226	0	0	482	0	0	1,360	14	2	42	14	6	14,538	4	9
1872	2,137	2	3	1,432	15	0	7,318	0	0	4,473	0	0	154	0	0	646	0	0	1,400	5	2	38	9	0	17,599	16	1

* Of this amount £61 was paid to the Lands Titles Commissioners, whose office was abolished on the 9th September 1863. Since that date the fees for hearing applications have been paid into the general revenue.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

REAL PROPERTY ACT AND TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE.—EXTENT AND VALUE OF
LAND UNDER THE ACT.

RETURN of the Extent and Value of Land brought under the Real Property Act and Transfer of Land Statute, from the first commencement of the system, in October 1862, to the end of 1872, distinguishing the Amounts in each Year.

Year.	Land brought under the Act.																	
	By Application.					By Grant and Purchase from the Crown.					Total.							
	Quantity.			Value.		Quantity.			Value.*		Quantity.		Value.					
	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
1862	...	...	...	...	...	584,109	0	6	593,025	2	6	584,109	0	6	593,025	2	6	
1863	3,267	5	2	64,224	15	0	295,226	3	28 ³ / ₁₀	450,645	13	3 ¹ / ₂	298,494	2	30 ³ / ₁₀	514,870	8	3 ¹ / ₂
1864	14,333	5	1 ⁹ / ₁₀	114,406	6	0	260,283	1	4 ³ / ₈	522,601	10	9 ¹ / ₂	274,616	4	6 ¹ / ₁₀	637,007	16	9 ¹ / ₂
1865	12,472	5	20 ¹ / ₂	192,240	7	8	139,794	2	20 ¹ / ₁₀	295,455	18	8	152,267	2	1 ⁷ / ₁₀	487,696	6	4
1866	10,754	3	26 ¹ / ₂	280,388	12	6	221,585	2	68 ³ / ₁₀	380,240	6	6	232,340	1	33 ³ / ₁₀	660,628	19	0
1867	4,975	2	3 ¹ / ₂	98,368	18	3	129,358	2	38 ³ / ₁₀	214,077	6	6	134,334	1	11 ¹ / ₁₀	312,446	4	9
1868	30,617	0	0 ¹ / ₁₀	289,047	17	0	275,709	0	13 ¹ / ₁₀	359,702	12	7	306,326	0	14	648,750	9	7
1869	68,780	2	9 ¹ / ₁₀	597,541	0	0	725,166	0	18	794,542	11	2	793,946	2	27 ⁸ / ₁₀	1,392,083	11	2
1870	29,652	0	28 ³ / ₁₀	582,428	3	9	337,527	2	19	463,820	10	4	367,179	3	7 ⁸ / ₁₀	1,046,248	14	1
1871	43,097	2	17 ³ / ₁₀	571,279	12	4	378,634	0	32	528,119	5	11	421,731	3	9 ⁷ / ₁₀	1,099,398	18	3
1872	25,830	2	22 ¹ / ₂	602,265	7	3	752,481	1	30	859,141	10	10	778,312	0	12 ¹ / ₂	1,461,406	18	1
Total	243,782	3	13 ⁶ / ₁₀	3,392,190	19	9	4,099,876	2	17 ⁸ / ₁₀	5,461,372	9	1	4,343,659	1	31 ¹ / ₁₀	8,853,563	8	10

* This column presents a statement of the amount realised for lands sold, but the value of the few acres granted in each year without purchase is not included.

NOTE.—This Table only includes the alienated land under the Act, but not that held under lease from the Crown.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

EQUITY, ETC.—TRANSACTIONS.

DECENNIAL RETURN of the Principal Business transacted in the Department of the Master-in-Equity.

Year.	EQUITY.												ECCLESIASTICAL.				
	Suits by Bill.	Petitions ex. p. filed.	Commissions in Lunacy filed.	Other Commissions.	Decrees issued.	Orders issued.	Reports issued.	Writs of Injunction issued.	Writs of Ne exeat Colonia issued.	Conveyances settled by Master.	Leases settled by Master.	Recognizances entered into.	Rolls filed.	Probates issued.*		Letters of Administration.	
														Number.	Property Sworn under.	Number.	Property Sworn under.
															£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1863	72	22	4	...	46	136	87	8	...	...	...	3	26	141	513,073 0 0	164	243,899 0 6
1864	81	25	12	...	42	176	90	10	1	6	6	10	41	158	298,895 5 6	234	136,330 19 5
1865	88	25	7	...	42	184	72	15	...	1	1	4	31	234	501,806 19 6	291	180,024 7 11
1866	90	22	1	...	34	178	84	10	...	1	4	5	34	259	469,830 0 0	319	231,218 9 6
1867	89	15	...	19	44	200	82	23	...	2	1	8	43	214	425,537 0 0	312	290,506 15 10
1868	96	17	...	7	52	222	90	23	...	2	1	3	52	275	733,100 0 0	332	241,581 19 8
1869	103	18	...	25	56	208	108	18	...	7	2	11	55	293	810,280 0 0	337	217,947 5 7
1870	100	9	...	9	42	201	111	16	1	5	3	6	41	351	474,405 5 4	456	263,196 12 4
1871	71	12	...	11	41	192	122	10	...	4	...	12	38	337	494,708 1 9	462	227,676 13 9
1872	74	25	...	10	49	179	99	12	1	...	1	6	51	392	1,229,579 1 11	429	365,198 15 10

DIVORCE.

Year.	Petitions for Dissolution of Marriage.	Petitions for Judicial Separation.	Petitions for Alimony.	Appearances entered.	Answers filed.	Affidavits filed.	Citations filed.	Replications filed.	Rolls for hearing.	Orders to set down Causes for hearing.	Decrees dismissing Petitions.	Decrees for Dissolution of Marriage.	Decrees for Judicial Separation.	Decrees for Alimony.	Orders to protect Wife's Earnings.	Orders for Substitution of Service.	Orders to examine Witnesses under Commission.	Other Orders.	Orders to proceed in forma pauperis.	Orders for Service out of jurisdiction.	Orders dismissing Petitions on application.	Subpoenas.	Commissions to examine Witnesses.	Records of Issues.	Appeals to full Court.	Attachments issued.	Petitions for restitution of Conjugal Rights.	Orders on Appeal.	Orders allowing Attorney General to Intervene.	Orders staying Proceedings.	Master's Certificates.	
1863	17	4	5	12	13	125	17	3	11	10	2	4	3	4	...	2	...	39	1	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1864	15	6	11	20	22	169	30	4	20	22	2	8	5	11	...	5	3	36	1	2	2	33	3	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1865	10	3	4	7	8	52	14	4	5	9	1	6	5	3	...	...	...	24	...	...	1	9	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1866	17	2	4	7	6	113	24	1	9	10	...	5	1	1	...	...	...	14	1	2	2	16	...	1	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...
1867	13	6	4	11	19	111	29	2	13	16	...	6	2	5	...	1	1	23	...	1	...	19	1	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
1868	14	10	6	14	15	123	32	1	13	12	2	5	2	2	...	2	1	36	...	...	1	16	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1869	17	5	8	11	13	120	27	1	21	23	...	12	3	1	...	2	2	36	...	...	1	43	2	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
1870	13	5	10	9	14	112	23	6	13	18	...	8	1	6	...	1	5	28	...	2	...	21	4	1	1	4	...	1	1	2	9	...
1871	11	6	6	5	6	89	21	...	12	16	1	7	...	3	...	3	3	16	...	1	2	26	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1872	18	8	9	22	24	130	25	10	14	15	1	2	...	2	...	3	3	27	1	1	...	24	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...

* The property administered to by the Curator of Intestate Estates is included in the amounts entered in this column.

FREDERICK WILKINSON, Master-in-Equity.

EQUITY, ETC.—FEES.

DECENNIAL RETURN of the Fees collected in the Department of the Master-in-Equity.

Year.	Duties on Estates of Deceased Persons.			Equity		Ecclesiastical.		Divorce.		Miscellaneous.		Total.	
	£	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1863	1,116	0 0	1,938	2 8	140	8 6	...	...	3,194	11 2
1864	1,077	9 6	1,914	8 2	143	16 0	...	...	3,135	13 8
1865	1,053	5 4	2,332	4 2	67	12 6	...	...	3,453	2 0
1866	881	11 2	2,620	13 4	75	3 2	...	...	3,577	7 8
1867	924	10 8	2,567	19 8	109	14 8	31	12 6	3,663	17 6
1868	1,126	6 6	2,965	14 10	105	9 6	30	6 6	4,227	17 4
1869	1,236	16 8	3,155	0 6	114	17 10	5	12 7	4,512	7 7
1870	1,216	2 6	4,134	15 0	111	7 2	0	10 6	5,462	15 2
1871	17,068	18	1	1,203	8 0	787	5 6	79	19 6	15	8 4	19,154	19 5
1872	37,642	17	8	1,052	10 4	690	5 2	97	17 0	1	11 0	39,485	1 2

FREDERICK WILKINSON, Master-in-Equity.

LUNACY TRANSACTIONS.

RETURN for Five Years of the Business transacted in the Department of the Master-in-Lunacy.

Year.	Drunkards.—Section 17.*																		
	Number of Applications.			Filing every Affidavit or other Document—1s.	Signing every Summons—5s.	Every Order of Detention—1s.	Settling Bond or Recognizance—10s.	Attesting every Obligor or Cognizor—5s.	Every Warrant or Appointment—3s.	Affixing Seal of Court to any Commission or Document—5s.	Filing every Petition—5s.	Filing every Affidavit or other Document—1s.	Searches.		Inspection of Proceedings or taking Extracts—per hour, 3s. 4d.	Copies (office or other)—per folio of 90 words, 6d.	Settling down Petition or Matter for hearing—1s.	Settling down Motion or other Application—5s.	Signing and sealing every Subpoena—7s. 6d.
Compulsory.	Voluntary.	Total.	In Proceedings pending—1s.										In Proceedings concluded—2s. 6d.						
1868	3	7	10	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1869	8	5	13	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1870	5	5	10	11	1	5	...	...	1	1	...	18	5	...	2	...	...	...	...
1871	6	3	9	15	3	7	4	5	2	3	2	107	12	...	21	49	1	5	3
1872	1	4	5	20	2	4	4	4	1	2	4	134	22	1	9	...	4	4	...

Year.	Signing every Summons—5s.	Signing and sealing any other Writ—10s.	For every Order of Court—10s.	Entering name—per folio of 90 words, 6d.	Every Master's Report—20s.	Entering name—per folio, 6d.	Master's Certificate (other than income and percentage)—10s.	Signing every Grant—20s.	Settling Bond or Recognizance—10s.	Attesting every Obligor or Cognizor—5s.	Settling Deed or Lease—per folio of 72 words, 1s.	Passing Accounts of Committee or Receiver—5s.	Taxing Costs—4d per cent. on amount allowed.	Certificate of Taxation—10s.	Every Warrant or Appointment—3s.	Master sitting as Commissioner.	For first hearing—5s.	Each adjourned meeting—3s.	Depositing Deeds in Court—10s. 6d.	Every Oath administered—1s.	Documents produced in Court—10s. 6d.	Settling Conditions of Sale—21s.
1868	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1869	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1870	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	6	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
1871	6	1	20	67	6	85	1	3	5	16	30	5	12	1	31	2	...	1	2	1	...	
1872	4	1	19	68	8	99	1	1	2	6	...	10	15	2	49	2	...	...	...	...	1	

* This section has been repealed by section 2 of the Inebriates Act, No. 499, dated 17th December 1872.

W. K. HUGHES, Chief Clerk.

FREDERICK WILKINSON, Master-in-Lunacy.

LUNACY FEES.

RETURN for Five Years of the Moneys collected in the Department of the Master-in-Lunacy.

Year.	Amounts collected on behalf of Lunatic Patients.		Amount of Percentage paid into Treasury.		Amount paid into Treasury on account of Maintenance.		Fees collected.		Miscellaneous Receipts.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1868	4,486	11 9	454	18 0	2,780	13 0	38	16 6	53	2 6	7,814	1 9
1869	2,776	11 6	332	13 2	3,334	9 4	8	0 0	12	7 3	6,464	1 3
1870	2,214	3 8	220	3 5	3,590	18 6	12	19 8	4	4 0	6,042	9 3
1871	1,792	3 11	254	17 6	3,465	2 1	87	11 0	...	...	5,599	14 6
1872	4,372	7 4	631	10 9	3,401	11 2	88	11 6	...	...	8,494	0 9

NOTE.—The fees payable under the 183rd section of the Lunacy Statute were fixed by the Governor in Council in March 1870.

FREDERICK WILKINSON, Master-in-Lunacy.

INSOLVENCIES.

RETURN of the Number of Insolvencies in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1872.

Districts.	Number of Insolvencies.			Amount of Liabilities, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Amount of Assets, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Amount of Deficiency.	Number of Trustees elected by Creditors.	Amount of Court Fees paid into the Treasury, collected under the Act.
	Voluntary.	Compulsory.	Total.					
Ararat ...	17	1	18	£ 11,897 8 0	£ 7,006 8 3	£ 4,890 19 9	1	£ 71 6 4
Ballarat ...	76	7	83	29,119 11 10½	8,015 15 3	21,103 16 7½	4	*
Beechworth ...	26	...	26	9,235 1 7½	3,481 16 10½	5,753 4 9	...	116 15 4
Castlemaine ...	44	...	44	18,231 6 5	8,884 4 3¼	9,347 2 1¾	10	168 6 9
Geelong ...	24	1	25	10,037 11 0½	4,453 12 3	5,583 18 9½	3	*
Gippsland ...	16	1	17	2,735 16 10½	802 2 3	1,933 14 7½	...	63 3 0
Maryborough ...	23	1	24	7,090 15 10	4,186 0 9	2,904 15 1	4	102 13 9
Melbourne ...	360	40	400	559,192 13 8	171,934 10 9½	387,258 2 10½	21	1,606 18 1
Sandhurst ...	101	7	108	31,683 15 5	8,391 12 6	23,292 2 11	9	346 15 0
Warrnambool ...	7	...	7	1,565 13 10½	145 5 0	1,420 8 10½	2	19 10 6
Western ...	51	1	52	16,078 10 0	5,468 11 0	10,609 19 0	5	*
Total ...	745	59	804	696,868 4 7½	222,769 19 2¼	474,098 5 5¼	59	2,495 8 9

* In these cases no account has been furnished of the amount of court fees paid into the Treasury, but merely a statement that such fees have been paid in stamps.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

INSOLVENCIES.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Insolvencies.			As shown by the Insolvents' Schedules.						Number of Assignees or Trustees elected by Creditors.	Amount of Court Fees paid into the Treasury.	
	Voluntary.	Compulsory.	Total.	Liabilities.		Assets.		Deficiency.				
				£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
1863	922	17	939	426,049	18 0	208,691	18 11	217,357	19 1	4	2,544	17 8
1864	1,098	27	1,125	570,309	15 4	284,810	4 3½	285,499	11 0½	2	2,807	9 4
1865	1,260	31	1,291	474,665	11 8½	265,782	18 5	208,882	13 3½	2	3,196	3 3
1866	1,077	26	1,103	585,898	1 10	297,159	3 8	288,738	18 2	5	2,671	13 11
1867	989	11	1,000	677,083	6 8	258,997	11 11	418,085	14 9	9	2,589	13 2
1868	840	23	863	617,763	18 10	167,225	12 3	450,538	6 7	5	2,127	11 9
1869	802	16	818	653,614	3 5¼	194,251	0 1	459,363	3 4¼	8	2,462	9 7
1870	974	22	996	479,490	12 7¼	150,169	10 5	329,321	2 2¼	4	3,132	13 2
1871	571	60	631	444,116	14 7¼	217,841	5 1½	226,275	9 5¾	23	1,996	4 7
1872	745	59	804	696,868	4 7½	222,769	19 2¼	474,098	5 5¼	59	2,495	8 9

NOTE.—This Return does not include any transactions in the Geelong District Insolvent Court prior to the year 1864. The Beechworth Insolvent Court was not established until October 1866. The Ballarat and Sandhurst Insolvent Courts were established in 1871. The Ararat, Castlemaine, Gippsland, Maryborough, Warrnambool, and Western District Insolvent Courts were established in 1872.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

INTESTATE ESTATES.

RETURN of Intestate Estates dealt with by the Curator during the Year 1872, and of the Amounts Received and Paid.

Sex of Intestate.	Estates dealt with by the Curator during the Year.							
	Fresh Estates.				Estates remaining from former years.			
	Number.	Estimated Value.	Actual Receipts.	Actual Payments.	Number.	Receipts.	Payments.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Males ...	164	78,095 4 1	32,248 0 6	12,520 1 7	163	3,512 9 3	9,754 8 7	
Females ...	10	3,202 0 7	2,656 2 8	2,118 9 4	5	Nil	82 12 5	
Total ...	174	81,297 4 8	34,904 3 2	14,638 10 11	168	3,512 9 3	9,837 1 0	

THEYRE WEIGALL, Curator.

INTESTATE ESTATES.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Intestate Estates dealt with by the Curator.			Amount received by the Curator.		Amount paid by the Curator.	
	Number.		Estimated Value of Fresh Estates.	On Fresh Estates.	On Estates remaining from former years.	On Fresh Estates.	On Estates remaining from former years.
	Fresh Estates.	Estates remaining from former years.					
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
1863	264	...	...	14,088	1 1	6,863	6 2
1864	264	...	...	15,385	16 6	...	...
1865	234	...	...	15,781	4 5	...	...
1866	321	...	...	15,179	3 9	...	...
1867	258	91	6,863 17 6	5,266 18 8	1,165 13 4	2,361 3 4	6,916 2 1
1868	292	93	14,028 10 4	13,120 13 8	1,073 0 3	4,728 9 8	3,780 12 1
1869	237	59	8,815 13 9	8,009 15 4	643 19 10	3,875 6 0	6,633 10 9
1870	151	127	21,732 19 8	16,652 17 3	3,026 11 11	8,173 3 9	5,496 5 9
1871	201	130	24,654 13 1	17,715 14 9	3,755 9 0	6,163 4 7	7,758 11 10
1872	174	168	81,297 4 8	34,904 3 2	3,512 9 3	14,638 10 11	9,837 1 0

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

APPREHENSIONS, COMMITMENTS, CONVICTIONS, ETC.

RETURN showing the Number of Males and Females taken into Custody by the Victorian Police during the Year 1872, and the Offences with which they were charged; also the Numbers discharged by the Magistrates, the Numbers Summarily Convicted or held to Bail, the Numbers Committed for Trial, the Numbers Convicted and Sentenced, the Numbers Acquitted, and the Numbers Not Prosecuted.

Offence.	Taken into Custody.			Discharged by the Magistrates.		Summarily Convicted or held to Bail.		Committed for Trial.		Convicted and Sentenced.		Acquitted.		Not Prosecuted, &c.	
	Both Sexes.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<i>Offences against the Person.</i>															
Murder	29	22	7	11	3	...	...	11	4	9	1	1	2	1	1
„ Attempt to	5	4	1	2	1	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Administering Poison with intent, &c.	4	2	2	...	1	...	...	2	1	...	1	1	...	1	...
Shooting at, Stabbing, Wounding, &c.	67	65	2	25	1	...	...	40	1	26	1	11	...	3	...
Manslaughter	29	29	...	12	...	...	...	17	...	11	...	5	...	1	...
Feloniously attempting to procure Abortion	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Concealing Birth of Infants	4	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...
Sodomy	6	6	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Assaults with intent to commit Sodomy	5	5	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Rape	13	13	...	8	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Assaults with intent to commit Rape Carnally knowing Girls under Ten Years of Age, &c.	26	26	...	14	...	...	...	12	...	7	...	4	...	1	...
Indecent Assaults	6	6	...	2	...	...	...	4	...	3	...	1	...	...	...
Abduction	30	30	...	9	...	5	...	16	...	8	...	7	...	1	...
Bestiality	4	4	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Bigamy	12	12	...	4	...	...	...	8	...	3	...	3	...	2	...
Child Dropping	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assaults and inflicting Bodily Harm Common Assault	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Assaults on Police	59	55	4	21	2	27	1	7	1	1	1	5	...	1	...
Rescue from Custody, and Attempt to Obstructing Police Constables on Duty	905	794	111	251	25	536	86	7	...	7	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to commit Suicide	224	223	1	39	...	184	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rescue from Custody, and Attempt to Obstructing Police Constables on Duty	14	14	...	7	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to commit Suicide	258	249	9	34	3	215	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to commit Suicide	72	50	22	38	20	7	2	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Offences against Property committed with Violence.</i>															
Burglary	36	35	1	11	1	...	...	24	...	11	...	7	...	6	...
Breaking into a Dwelling-house and Stealing	63	62	1	16	...	7	1	39	...	22	...	8	...	9	...
„ into a Dwelling-house, with intent to Steal	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
„ into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	6	...	1	...	1	...
Robbery	65	60	5	25	5	...	...	35	...	24	...	10	...	1	...
Assault with intent to Rob	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Offences against Property committed without Violence.</i>															
Cattle Stealing	44	39	5	13	...	...	...	26	5	13	3	10	...	3	2
Horse Stealing	67	65	2	25	1	5	1	35	...	27	...	8	...	...	...
Sheep Stealing	12	12	...	4	...	1	...	7	...	1	...	5	...	1	...
Illegally using Horses and Cattle	20	20	...	9	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny in a Dwelling to the value of £5	104	71	33	18	9	36	22	17	2	6	1	7	1	4	...
„ in a Dwelling	524	412	112	130	46	220	58	62	8	43	5	12	2	7	1
„ from the Person	230	134	96	67	67	43	12	24	17	12	4	11	10	1	3
„ by Servants	6	5	1	1	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ from Letters containing Bank Notes, &c.	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
„ from a Ship	6	6	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Simple	1,507	1,288	219	419	86	809	127	60	6	35	...	20	5	5	1
Misdemeanor with intent to Steal	56	53	3	19	1	34	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Embezzlement	51	51	...	22	...	18	...	11	...	9	...	2	...	...	...
Receiving Stolen Property	44	36	8	13	6	12	1	11	1	3	...	6	...	2	1
Fraud	228	204	24	81	10	73	13	50	1	32	1	9	...	9	...
Conspiracy with intent to Defraud	5	5	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Possession of Goods	12	12	...	5	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dog Stealing	7	7	...	3	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Malicious Offences against Property.</i>															
Arson	23	19	4	13	2	...	...	6	2	3	1	3	1	...	...
Feloniously Wounding and Killing Cattle, &c.	12	12	...	5	...	...	...	7	...	3	...	4	...	...	...
Wilful Damage	626	503	123	127	24	375	99	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Forgery and Offences against the Currency.</i>															
Forgery and Uttering Forged Instrument	43	41	2	12	2	...	...	29	...	21	...	6	...	2	...
Coin (Counterfeit), putting off, uttering, having, &c.	10	9	1	4	1	1	...	4	...	3	...	1	...	...	...
Coining	4	3	1	3	1	2	1	1

APPREHENSIONS, COMMITMENTS, CONVICTIONS, ETC.—continued.

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Offence.	Taken into Custody.			Discharged by the Magistrates.		Summarily Convicted or held to Bail.		Committed for Trial.		Convicted and Sentenced.		Acquitted.		Not Prosecuted.	
	Both Sexes.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<i>Other Offences not included in the above Clauses.</i>															
Absconding from Bail	3	2	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Apprentice, Runaway	51	51	...	31	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Being Unlawfully on the Premises	214	181	33	96	25	85	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Breach of Corporate and Municipal Bye-Laws	91	90	1	13	...	77	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Breach of Ticket-of-Leave Regulations	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Commitment in Default of Paying a Penalty	183	142	41	7	...	135	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Contempt of Court	210	178	32	75	22	103	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Crown Lands, Illegal Occupation of	31	31	...	2	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cruelty to Animals	42	42	...	6	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deserters, Military and Naval ...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" from Merchant Service	14	14	...	5	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deserting their Families	184	169	15	82	13	87	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Disorderly Characters	10	9	1	3	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Prostitutes	195	...	195	...	41	...	154	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Drunk and Disorderly	9,407	7,755	1,652	2,370	594	5,385	1,058	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Drunkenness	1,159	900	259	452	97	448	162	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furious Driving	55	55	...	7	...	47	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Keeping a Gambling-house	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gambling and found in Gambling-houses	146	145	1	111	1	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecently Exposing the Person ...	166	153	13	43	...	110	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Keeping a Common Brothel	5	2	3	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Libel	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Lunacy	579	418	161	112	23	306	138	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous Offences under—															
Carriers Act	12	12	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Distillation Act	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dog Acts	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Electoral Act	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fisheries and Game Statute ...	4	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gaols Statute	29	29	...	14	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hawkers and Pedlers Statute ...	8	8	...	3	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Imprisonment for Debt Acts ...	180	172	8	2	...	170	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Insolvency Statute	3	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Licensed Butchers and Abattoirs Statute	3	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Local Government Act (Roads)...	5	5	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Masters and Servants Statute ...	61	57	4	30	3	27	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Neglected and Criminal Children Act	673	388	285	78	61	310	224	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Pawnbrokers Statute	6	5	1	2	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Police Offences Statute	1,599	1,149	450	287	118	862	331	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Police Regulation Statute	5	5	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Post Office Statute	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Prevention of Diseases of Animals Statute	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Public Health Statute	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Public Works Statute	6	6	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Railway Acts	6	6	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Seamen Statute	249	249	...	90	...	159	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wines, Beer, and Spirits Sale Statute	25	23	2	1	...	22	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Negligence causing Bodily Harm ...	4	3	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuisances	3	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Obscene Language	739	525	214	57	29	468	185	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perjury and Subornation of Perjury	22	19	3	4	3	...	...	15	...	4	...	7	...	4	...
Personation at Elections	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Personating a Police Constable ...	5	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prison-breaking and Escape from Legal Custody	5	5	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Riot, Breach of the Peace, Pound Breach, &c.	204	192	12	57	4	135	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Selling or Exposing Obscene Prints for Sale	3	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Threatening Language	496	409	87	131	32	276	55	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Vagrancy	994	601	393	230	130	371	263	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	23,705	19,031	4,674	5,956	1,517	12,442	3,102	633	55	385	22	179	24	69	9

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

AGE AND DEGREE OF INSTRUCTION OF CRIMINALS.

RETURN showing the Ages and Degree of Instruction of Males and Females taken into Custody by the Victorian Police, of those Summarily Convicted or held to Bail by Magistrates, and of those Tried and Convicted, during the Year 1872.

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	Total.			Ages.																Degree of Instruction.									
				Under 10 Years.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 40.		40 and under 50.		50 and under 60.		60 and upwards.		Unable to Read.		Read only, or Read and Write imperfectly.		Read and Write well.		Superior Instruction.	
	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Taken into Custody ...	23,705	19,031	4,674	224	200	463	137	1,082	259	1,885	494	2,339	664	5,598	1,530	4,226	865	2,223	356	991	169	3,048	1,393	10,729	2,404	5,127	872	127	5
Summarily disposed of or held to Bail	15,544	12,442	3,102	156	159	269	88	699	152	1,244	325	1,544	444	3,633	1,065	2,787	577	1,508	213	602	76	1,996	934	7,005	1,597	3,366	569	75	2
Tried and Convicted ...	407	385	22	...	...	1	...	37	...	53	...	57	4	116	8	66	9	39	1	16	...	65	9	196	6	118	7	6	...

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

COUNTRY AND RELIGION OF CRIMINALS.

RETURN showing the Country and Religion of Males and Females taken into Custody by the Victorian Police, of those Summarily Convicted or held to Bail by Magistrates, and of those Tried and Convicted, during the Year 1872.

	Total.			COUNTRY.												RELIGION.																	
				United Kingdom.								Victoria.		Other British Colonies and Possessions.		United States.		France.		Germany.		Spain.		Italy.		China.		Other Foreigners.		Aboriginals.		Unknown.	
	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.	England.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Wales.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Taken into Custody ...	23,705	19,031	4,674	6,507	1,071	6,135	2,187	2,000	432	232	27	1,726	586	732	309	270	24	87	7	294	8	9	3	48	...	547	1	388	6	54	13	2	...
Summarily disposed of or held to Bail	15,544	12,442	3,102	4,314	724	4,053	1,460	1,342	271	148	17	1,075	382	450	207	185	17	54	6	192	5	4	3	30	...	308	1	267	6	19	3	1	...
Tried and Convicted ...	407	385	22	139	12	72	7	40	1	4	...	43	...	31	2	5	9	1	...	29	...	11	...	1	

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AGE AND SENTENCE OF CRIMINALS.

RETURN showing the Age and Sentence of Males and Females Tried and Convicted during the Year 1872.

Ages.	Total.			Death.		Death Recorded.		Hard Labor on Roads or Public Works.										Imprisonment.										Held to Bail.		Fined.			
								Life.		15 Years.		10 Years and under 14 Years.		7 Years and under 10 Years.		4 Years and under 7 Years.		2 Years and upwards.		12 Months and upwards.		6 Months and under 12.		1 Month and under 6.		Under 1 Month.						Awaiting pleasure of Crown.	
	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	Under 10 Years
10 to 15 "	1	1
15 to 20 "	37	37	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	7	...	10	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20 to 25 "	53	53	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	10	...	23	...	9	...	3	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
25 to 30 "	61	57	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	19	1	14	2	6	...	4	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
30 to 40 "	124	116	8	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	5	...	15	...	44	1	18	3	10	2	13	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...
40 to 50 "	75	66	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	10	1	27	5	11	2	5	...	6	...	2	...	1	1	1	...	...
50 to 60 "	40	39	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	20	...	5	1	6	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
60 Years and upwards	16	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	10	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	407	385	22	9	...	3	6	...	10	...	57	1	153	7	67	8	36	2	27	1	12	2	2	1	1	...	2	...

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

APPREHENSIONS, COMMITMENTS, ETC.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Years.	Taken into Custody.	Discharged by the Magistrates.	Summarily Convicted or held to Bail.	Committed for Trial.	Convicted and Sentenced.	Acquitted.	Not Prosecuted.
1863	22,255	6,872	14,302	1,081	653	344	84
1864	23,493	7,572	14,890	1,031	620	323	88
1865	25,499	7,813	16,519	1,167	697	336	134
1866	24,811	8,117	15,654	1,040	635	326	79
1867	23,721	8,191	14,573	957	553	310	94
1868	24,384	8,154	15,329	901	543	282	76
1869	24,770	7,730	16,198	842	507	256	79
1870	23,790	7,204	15,678	908	568	270	70
1871	22,800	6,950	15,069	781	478	213	90
1872	23,705	7,473	15,544	688	407	203	78

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PERSONS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Offences.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
<i>Offences against the Person.</i>										
Murder	61	28	44	32	16	28	28	43	23	29
" Attempt to	18	12	8	4	6	3	3	1	5	5
Administering Poison with intent to Injure, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	2	4	1	2	3	4
Shooting at, Stabbing, Wounding, with intent to Maim	66	58	56	50	51	51	46	52	54	67
Manslaughter	22	20	18	20	27	22	36	15	14	29
Feloniously attempting to procure Abortion ... ..	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	1
Concealing Birth of their Infants	6	7	5	4	15	6	5	3	2	4
Sodomy	7	2	8	4	5	6	4	4	4	6
Assault with intent to commit Sodomy ... ..	...	2	3	1	5	4	7	3	2	5
Rape	29	31	29	9	19	16	19	21	20	13
Assault with intent to commit Rape	34	36	35	26	16	30	20	45	35	26
Accessory to Assault with intent to commit Rape ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carnally knowing a Girl under Ten Years ... ..	...	...	...	4	6	4	4	5	15	6
Procuring the Defilement of Girls ... ..	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...
Indecent Assault	18	21	23	28	24	22	14	15	18	30
Abduction	8	11	9	5	6	4	1	9	1	4
Bestiality	11	10	4	1	4	8	11	8	12	12
Bigamy	1	3	7	8	2	8	2	5	2	2
Child Dropping	2	1	5	5	1	2	5	3	1	2
" Stealing	1	...	1	...	3	3	4	1	2	...
Feloniously demanding Money with Menaces ... ..	...	2	3	1	2	...	...	...	1	...
Threatening a Witness ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assaults and inflicting Bodily Harm	91	94	200	179	163	121	112	119	93	59
" Common	659	641	583	644	657	880	961	1,029	930	905
" on Police	208	230	275	266	240	225	280	247	228	224
Rescue from Custody, and Attempt to	24	18	19	14	15	19	10	17	31	14
Obstructing Police Constables on Duty	144	125	119	149	168	149	194	227	147	258
Attempt to commit Suicide	41	50	51	50	61	58	76	79	79	72
Feloniously throwing over the Person a Corrosive Fluid ... ..	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Offences against Property committed with Violence.</i>										
Burglary	44	57	117	61	53	73	37	80	67	36
" attended with Violence to Persons	3	3	4	3	...	3	...	...	...	...
Breaking into a Dwelling-house and Stealing	30	25	49	54	48	72	46	52	49	63
" into a Dwelling-house with intent to Steal	2	4	11	4	10	...	1	6	3	2
" into Shops, Warehouses, Counting-houses, &c.	48	29	43	34	31	5	21	23	24	8
" into a Church and Stealing ... ..	...	...	...	...	4	8	2	...	...	...
Robbery	133	150	152	73	83	96	91	74	72	65
" Accessory after the fact ... ..	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Accessory before the fact ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assault with intent to Rob	19	15	24	29	21	12	17	8	7	1
Feloniously Breaking into a Church and Stealing ... ..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Offences against Property committed without Violence.</i>										
Cattle Stealing	60	49	87	96	56	39	30	44	34	44
Horse Stealing	83	127	105	102	94	92	83	85	78	67
Sheep Stealing	10	14	17	27	17	21	14	14	9	12
Illegally using Horses and Cattle	28	15	32	38	28	31	25	25	27	20
Larceny in a Dwelling to the value of £5 ... ..	...	...	124	121	122	47	23	22	42	104
" in a Dwelling	484	624	580	568	420	479	465	610	472	524
" from the Person	382	341	349	313	293	247	294	269	198	230
" by Servants ... ..	...	3	22	40	47	33	45	26	42	6
" from Letters containing Bank Notes, &c. ... ..	...	3	9	12	5	5	4	...	...	2
" from a Ship ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
" of Written Instruments ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Simple	1,892	1,769	1,838	2,040	1,695	1,845	1,771	1,485	1,496	1,507
Misdemeanor with intent to Steal	20	8	11	9	19	30	25	46	43	56
Embezzlement	55	69	85	64	45	47	69	67	43	51
Receiving Stolen Property	84	72	116	84	91	99	91	58	46	44
Frauds	181	199	200	260	220	182	175	217	195	228
Conspiracy with intent to Defraud ... ..	...	20	14	8	7	2	6	21	6	5
Unlawful Possession of Goods	50	46	42	70	27	31	9	20	17	12
Dog Stealing	4	15	10	9	20	17	15	17	6	7
<i>Malicious Offences against Property.</i>										
Arson	31	36	31	26	41	34	30	42	31	23
Feloniously Wounding Cattle	2	6	14	14	6	13	7	1	7	12
Wilful Damage	734	701	694	810	641	717	703	661	581	626
<i>Forgery and Offences against the Currency.</i>										
Forgery and Uttering Forged Instrument	65	71	97	103	120	88	96	91	73	43
Coin (Counterfeit), putting off, having, uttering, &c.	4	10	16	7	6	5	7	10	8	10
Coining ... ..	...	5	2	...	2	2	2	2	1	4
<i>Other Offences not included in the above Clauses.</i>										
Absconding from Bail ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	6	7	3
Accessory to Felony before the fact ... ..	...	...	7	1	3	8	1	7	2	...
" to Felony after the fact	31	26	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apprentice, Runaway ... ..	...	20	20	12	12	6	10	38	19	51
Being unlawfully on the Premises	214	192	190	210	193	219	225	228	233	214
Breach of Corporate and Municipal Bye-Laws	17	22	75	103	42	33	30	62	88	91
" of Chinese Regulations	118	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" of Gunpowder Act ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" of Mining Regulations	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

PERSONS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.—DECENNIAL RETURN—continued.

Offences.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
<i>Other Offences, &c.—continued.</i>										
Breach of Ticket-of-Leave Regulations ...	51	38	15	9	6	7	4	1	1	2
Bribery ...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Commitment in default of paying a Penalty ...	...	...	...	...	19	105	123	106	153	183
Compounding a Felony ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Contempt of Court ...	204	255	262	244	199	194	226	196	238	210
Crown Lands — Illegal occupation of, Cutting Timber on, &c. ...	50	47	55	80	36	33	29	18	55	31
Cruelty to Animals ...	34	35	28	23	44	27	22	22	39	42
Deserters, Military and Naval ...	15	16	12	20	17	24	48	35	4	1
" from Merchant Service ...	201	150	67	72	48	61	98	31	17	14
Deserting their Families ...	186	223	229	235	179	187	185	192	173	184
Disorderly Characters ...	293	60	195	104	74	75	65	50	24	10
" Prostitutes ...	246	229	243	323	259	230	184	192	195	...
Drunk and Disorderly Characters ...	2,326	3,008	3,492	3,779	4,482	5,205	7,573	9,520	8,875	9,407
Drunkenness ...	6,791	6,336	6,133	5,588	4,869	4,538	3,074	1,083	1,093	1,159
Endeavoring to obtain a Situation by False Characters ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furious Driving ...	79	82	75	56	71	74	64	73	62	55
Keeping a Gambling-house ...	...	9	44	8	5	14	9	3	2	1
Gambling, and found in Gambling-houses ...	59	227	309	194	126	162	140	75	83	146
Indecently Exposing the Person ...	232	272	273	182	215	218	210	209	184	166
Inhumanity ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Keeping a Common Brothel ...	40	32	31	31	47	28	26	7	16	5
Libel ...	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	1
Lunacy ...	525	681	650	616	657	634	585	582	556	579
Miscellaneous Offences under—										
Carriers Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
County Court Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Distillation Act ...	14	8	9	11	8	5	1	...	4	1
Dog Act ...	...	...	4	8	8	3	2	1	...	1
Electoral Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fire (Prevention of careless use of) Act ...	12	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fisheries and Game Statute ...	5	11	14	9	12	9	2	2	8	4
Foreign Enlistment Act ...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gaols Statute ...	...	...	18	12	18	8	14	21	20	29
Gunpowder Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Hawkers and Pedlers Statute ...	46	47	61	13	18	8	14	7	26	8
Imprisonment for Debt Acts ...	...	...	529	189	223	166	140	141	180	180
Influx of Criminals Prevention Act ...	...	15	15	...	2	3	1	2	3	...
Insolvency Statute ...	5	7	11	3	7	2	4	9	10	3
Licensed Butchers Statute ...	2	2	...	5	2	1	...	...	11	3
Licensed Carriages Statute ...	29	50	13	4	13	...	...	...	...	...
Licensed Theatres Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Local Government Act (Roads, &c.) ...	...	...	6	1	4	...	2	4	6	5
Marriage and Matrimonial Causes Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Masters and Servants Statute ...	145	90	100	74	88	84	91	77	54	61
Medical Practitioners Statute ...	...	...	2	2	4	...	1	...	...	...
Mining Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
Municipal Institutions Act ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Neglected and Criminal Children Act ...	...	211	1,031	890	676	867	693	681	753	673
Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute ...	...	...	...	4	23	14	16	10	5	2
Pawnbrokers Statute ...	13	2	12	12	5	4	10	...	2	6
Police Offences Statute ...	380	377	431	372	386	437	1,382	1,449	1,576	1,599
Police Regulation Statute ...	10	12	11	6	3	2	2	2	8	5
Post Office Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	1
Pounds Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...
Prevention of Diseases of Animals Statute ...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	2	...	2
Printers and Newspaper Regulation Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Public Health Statute ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1
Public Works Statute ...	...	...	...	...	26	36	27	18	15	6
Railway Acts ...	23	39	23	40	...	...	...	...	...	6
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Statute... ...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scab Act ...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Seamen Statute ...	371	334	192	280	171	236	267	202	261	249
Shipping Acts ...	...	...	26	21	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Debts Act ...	286	449	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whistle Prevention Statute ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Wines, Beer, and Spirits Sale Statute ...	13	36	78	64	60	23	36	54	42	25
Mutiny ...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...
Negligence causing Bodily Harm ...	1	11	10	1	7	8	2	4	6	4
Nuisances ...	22	33	7	4	7	2	2	2	5	3
Obscene Language ...	806	890	921	865	904	801	844	755	647	739
Perjury and Subornation of Perjury ...	26	29	32	30	25	23	30	36	32	22
Personation at Elections ...	5	2	2	3	2	4	2	...	3	2
Personating a Police Constable ...	11	9	10	6	11	13	9	14	6	5
Prison-breaking and Escape from Legal Custody, &c. ...	33	38	63	62	57	24	65	31	14	5
Riot, Breach of the Peace, Pound Breach ...	397	891	893	1,113	1,201	1,361	350	274	233	204
Selling and Exposing Obscene Prints for Sale ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	3
Sending a Threatening Letter ...	...	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	1	...
Smuggling ...	5	3	6	4	7	5	...	2	1	...
Threatening Language ...	418	480	512	500	569	564	420	458	452	496
Vagrancy ...	1,550	1,548	1,581	1,789	1,707	1,502	1,295	769	886	994
Witness refusing to enter into Recognizance to Appear ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Total ...	22,255	23,493	25,499	24,811	23,721	24,384	24,770	23,790	22,800	23,705

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

TRADE OR OCCUPATION OF CRIMINALS.

RETURN showing the Trade or Occupation of Persons of both Sexes taken into Custody by the Victorian Police during the Year 1872.

Trade or Occupation.	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.	Trade or Occupation.	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.
Actors	14	14	...	Masons	226	226	...
Architects	10	10	...	Medical Men	42	42	...
Artists	6	6	...	Milliners and Dressmakers	60	...	60
Bakers	229	229	...	Miners	2,031	2,031	...
Barbers	25	25	...	Moulders	17	17	...
Brewers	23	23	...	Musicians	51	51	...
Bricklayers	138	138	...	Painters	163	163	...
Brickmakers	80	80	...	Pawnbrokers	2	2	...
Brokers and Dealers	245	241	4	Plasterers	80	80	...
Butchers	262	262	...	Printers	77	77	...
Carpenters	599	599	...	Prostitutes	1,753	...	1,753
Carters	284	284	...	Publicans	129	123	6
Carriers	11	11	...	Seamen	1,208	1,208	...
Clerks	283	283	...	Saddlers	66	66	...
Coach and Cabmen	306	306	...	Servants	45	45	390
Coachbuilders	23	23	...	Shepherds	48	48	...
Constables	5	5	...	Shoemakers	684	684	...
Cooks	213	202	11	Smiths	393	393	...
Drapers	62	62	...	Soldiers ... ..	...	...	...
Engineers	141	141	...	Splitters and Sawyers	165	165	...
Farmers	539	539	...	Storekeepers	102	102	...
Gardeners	137	137	...	Tailors	210	192	18
Grocers	27	27	...	Teachers	37	36	1
Grooms	197	197	...	Watchmakers	55	55	...
Hawkers	225	212	13	Watermen	5	5	...
Horsedealers	24	24	...	Other Occupations	1,298	1,262	36
Housekeepers	151	...	151	No Occupations	3,308	1,166	2,142
Laborers	6,678	6,678	...				
Laundresses	88	...	88				
Lawyers	35	35	...	Total	23,705	19,031	4,674

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LITIGATION.

RETURN of Civil Cases Tried in the Supreme Court, Melbourne, and in the various Circuit Courts of the Colony of Victoria, during the Year 1872.

Name of Courts.	Causes Entered.		Amount of Damages laid in Declaration.	Number of Causes Tried.				Verdicts returned for—		Amount awarded by Jury.	Nonsuits.	Writs of Summons Issued.		
	For Assessment of Damages.	For Trial.		Juries of Four.		Juries of Twelve.		Plaintiff.	Defendant.					
				Defended.	Undefended.	Defended.	Undefended.							
Ararat ... ..	...	...	£ s. d.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	} 4,101	
Ballarat	17	16,984	17 9	12	...	3	...	9	5	2,024	1 10		1	
Beechworth	1	1,000	0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...
Belfast	6	1,902	0 0	3	...	2	...	3	2	536	1 9		...	
Castlemaine	1	120	0 0	1	...	...	...	1	...	99	17 6		...
Geelong	9	6,380	0 0	3	...	3	...	5	1	360	12 4		...	
Maryborough ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...
Melbourne	5	207	147,168	5 11	107	2	36	1	92	52	19,270		1 3	2
Sale
Sandhurst	15	7,104	13 5	5	...	4	...	5	3	729	3 4	1		
Total	5	256	180,659	17 1	131	2	48	1	115	63	23,019	18 0	4	

JOHN A. PORTER, Prothonotary.

LITIGATION.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places at which Courts were held.	Causes Entered.		Amount of Damages laid in Declaration. £ s. d.	Number of Causes Tried.				Verdicts returned for—		Amount awarded by Jury. £ s. d.	Non-suits.	Writs of Summons Issued.				
		For Assessment of Damages.	For Trial.		Juries of Four.		Juries of Twelve.		Plaintiff.	Defendant.							
					Defended.	Undefended.	Defended.	Undefended.									
1863	9	8	246	213,032	19	7	141	4	34	3	139	35	40,917	19	8	8	2,773
1864	9	2	293	56,453	5	2	160	1	37	...	140	51	30,619	16	2	7	3,343
1865	9	...	227	306,492	2	0	166	...	30	...	142	46	49,592	16	0	8	3,933
1866	9	2	273	457,008	0	5	127	2	28	...	109	37	194,416	7	0	11	5,277
1867	10	1	310	154,931	3	5	181	1	18	...	144	50	27,379	1	3	5	4,542
1868	10	3	221	135,336	1	11	122	3	26	...	116	35	40,906	12	4	...	3,629
1869	10	2	287	220,049	5	9	144	3	38	...	142	39	33,517	2	5	4	4,064
1870	10	2	235	154,296	5	0	138	1	25	1	133	29	29,297	17	6	3	5,583
1871	10	3	261	313,124	13	1	135	1	28	...	125	34	71,667	5	3	5	4,563
1872	10	5	256	180,659	17	1	131	2	48	1	115	63	23,019	18	0	4	4,101

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

SUPREME COURT.—CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

RETURN of Cases Tried and the Number of Convictions in the Supreme Court, Melbourne, and the various Circuit Courts of the Colony of Victoria, during the Year 1872.

Name of Courts.	Number of Courts held.	Total Duration of Courts. Days.	Number of Cases Tried.			Number of Convictions.		
			Felonies.	Misdemeanors.	Total.	Felonies.	Misdemeanors.	Total.
Ararat ...	2	2	4	2	6	2	2	4
Ballarat ...	4	18	30	9	39	22	7	29
Beechworth ...	2	4	16	3	19	13	3	16
Belfast ...	2	4	15	3	18	11	3	14
Castlemaine ...	4	8	16	8	24	7	8	15
Geelong ...	2	6	10	4	14	7	3	10
Maryborough ...	2	5	10	11	21	7	3	10
Melbourne ...	11	82	178	48	226	131	34	165
Sale ...	2	3	6	3	9	6	2	8
Sandhurst ...	4	9	38	9	47	29	8	37
Total ...	35	141	323	100	423	235	73	308

JOHN A. PORTER, Prothonotary.

SUPREME COURT.—CRIMINAL SESSIONS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places at which Courts were held.	Number of Convictions.		Total.
		For Felony.	For Misdemeanors.	
1863	9	284	91	375
1864	9	259	71	330
1865	9	264	69	333
1866	9	235	69	304
1867	10	247	56	303
1868	10	170	51	221
1869	10	195	58	253
1870	10	257	64	321
1871	10	252	77	329
1872	10	235	73	308

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

COURTS OF GENERAL SESSIONS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places where Courts were held.	Number of Courts held.	Total Duration of Courts.		Total Number of Cases Tried.	Total Number of Convictions.	Total Number of Appeals.
			Days	hours.			
1863	17	57	103	1	458	309	117
1864	21	70	118	4	384	237	69
1865	24	79	137	0	483	342	96
1866	26	91	138	0	520	335	88
1867	26	86	116	1	407	263	86
1868	26	94	137	10½	462	305	72
1869	24	80	125	6	370	233	87
1870	25	82	131	10	378	252	127
1871	26	84	113	1	291	182	86
1872	27	85	99	1	206	122	74

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

COUNTY COURTS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places where Courts were held.	Number of Courts held.	Total Duration of Courts.		Total Number of Causes tried.	Aggregate Amount Sued for.		Aggregate Amount Recovered.		Aggregate Amount of Costs awarded to—				Fees paid to Revenue.		Fees paid to Bailiff.							
			Days	hrs.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Plaintiff.		Defendant.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
												£	s.	d.	£							s.	d.
1863	40	167	510	3½	16,737	331,642	9	3	131,116	19	5½	15,617	5	6	4,070	6	6	4,475	15	3	4,463	10	8
1864	40	165	456	4	16,587	303,597	3	9	116,353	0	7	14,478	9	6	3,385	16	5	3,723	17	9	4,087	0	2
1865	50	193	498	0	19,201	319,403	3	3½	120,946	4	10	14,661	9	5	3,882	3	4	4,175	0	4	4,346	5	5
1866	50	205	567	0	18,120	328,022	14	1½	115,004	16	9½	14,175	9	2	3,247	11	6	3,808	14	11	3,515	16	3
1867	50	195	540	1	14,433	276,372	7	6	105,346	11	10	13,660	12	9	3,367	10	4	3,022	6	6	3,011	0	0
1868	51	203	446	11½	11,711	215,511	3	10	78,595	2	0½	10,797	9	6	3,279	6	5	2,427	8	4	2,188	3	8
1869	54	209	441	4¼	11,944	217,209	9	4¼	76,188	14	5½	9,658	9	2	2,777	10	4	2,698	5	2	2,276	10	4
1870	58	219	510	0	11,866	277,236	6	9¼	102,822	0	1¼	13,814	12	8	4,267	16	4	3,357	17	8	2,548	16	11
1871	59	223	531	10	13,473	376,198	11	11¼	83,701	12	5¼	11,454	2	8	4,713	14	11	2,891	6	10	2,169	10	0
1872	59	218	532	2	10,705	268,369	7	2½	92,597	10	4	13,216	0	2½	4,443	14	9	3,390	2	0	2,233	14	10

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

COURTS OF MINES.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places where Courts were held.	Number of Courts held.	Total Duration of Courts.		Total Number of Suits.	Aggregate Amount or Value of Demand.		Aggregate Amount of Costs awarded to—				Fees paid to Revenue.		Fees paid to Bailiff.						
			Days	hours.		£	s.	d.	Plaintiff.		Defendant.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
									£	s.	d.	£							s.	d.
1863	29	108	206	0½	278	26,089	1	10	1,734	0	5	1,584	4	2	547	11	6	188	8	0
1864	27	100	175	0	219	56,231	5	9	1,654	9	0	1,447	1	11	649	18	2	137	1	0
1865	32	109	170	0	289	58,195	1	11	1,421	17	8	1,542	3	8	669	10	9	166	9	0
1866	34	124	229	0	308	105,101	16	0	1,624	11	10	1,350	14	6	560	10	1	92	4	0
1867	33	126	158	7½	203	50,096	18	1	1,348	13	4	786	4	8	337	7	6	88	3	0
1868	32	111	150	1½	188	335,408	5	6	879	5	6½	1,026	11	6	932	12	5	75	6	0
1869	34	116	117	0	148	93,599	2	6	1,250	11	4	456	16	4	208	10	6	30	1	0
1870	35	103	83	4	155	29,846	9	9	262	8	0	497	7	0	698	5	10	18	5	4
1871	38	107	96	6	137	24,422	9	10	369	8	0	483	15	6	1,439	4	6	45	14	0
1872	33	96	102	0	122	105,745	10	10	397	3	0	538	15	0	189	19	2	36	19	0

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COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places where Courts were held.	Indictable Offences.					Summary Jurisdiction.							Other Cases not included in the foregoing columns.								
		Against the Person.	Against Property.	Other Offences.	Total Cases heard.	Persons Committed or held to Bail for Trial.	Offences.					Civil Cases.		Appeals against Rates.	Licenses and Certificates.	Examination of Lunatics.	Cases at Revision Court.					
							Against the Person.	Against Property.	Other Offences.	Total Cases heard.	Con- victions.	Number of Cases heard.	Aggregate Amount of Debts or Dam- ages claimed.					Aggregate Amount awarded.				
																			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1863	141	1,185	2,527	495	4,207	1,265	5,781	6,742	29,725	42,248	23,466	31,395	173,095	13	2¼	78,440	11	4¼	..	14,285	..	..
1864	146	946	2,888	612	4,446	1,101	5,904	6,265	31,467	43,636	25,660	31,300	150,512	19	1	77,715	0	11¼	..	16,870	..	..
1865	165	643	2,750	864	4,257	1,531	5,405	4,967	38,429	48,801	27,887	39,490	215,849	19	11½	104,482	7	8¼	..	11,662	..	..
1866	173	575	2,301	467	3,343	1,159	4,720	5,510	35,623	45,853	27,613	41,690	305,831	5	0	141,181	14	2	..	10,100	..	..
1867	173	367	1,784	319	2,470	1,082	3,302	3,919	32,644	39,865	25,379	27,693	194,633	13	2	108,350	1	4	..	10,400	..	..
1868	177	330	1,576	244	2,150	978	4,086	4,121	32,140	40,350	26,465	25,094	186,621	11	9½	94,934	8	10	..	10,350	..	..
1869	168	403	2,001	307	2,711	1,085	3,829	2,972	31,833	38,634	24,540	23,518	152,461	16	10¼	78,933	6	1½	..	9,797	..	..
1870	176	397	2,097	313	2,807	1,332	4,265	3,045	31,130	38,440	24,430	27,722	190,242	1	9	105,086	4	1¼	124	8,457	308	494
1871	175	332	1,660	220	2,212	1,094	4,278	3,137	32,323	39,738	24,453	28,520	99,566	1	10	109,391	13	6¼	594	9,243	509	380
1872	179	373	1,554	183	2,110	721	4,311	3,398	35,979	41,618	26,390	29,850	170,043	2	1½	97,769	8	0	995	8,972	570	255

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

WRITS.

RETURN of the Number of Writs received by the Sheriff of Victoria and the several Sheriffs throughout the Colony during the Year 1872.

Name of Place.	Queen's Writs against Person and Property.	Subjects' Writs.		Total.
		Against the Person.	Against Property.	
Ararat	1	...	47	48
Ballarat	1	4	78	83
Beechworth	2	...	61	63
Belfast ... ..	...	2	65	67
Geelong ... ..	...	...	38	38
Maryborough ... ..	...	...	43	43
Melbourne... ..	10	84	1,045	1,139
Sale ... ..	...	...	25	25
Sandhurst and Castlemaine	9	2	206	217
Total	23	92	1,608	1,723

W. H. WRIGHT, Sheriff.

CRIMINALS EXECUTED.

RETURN of the Number of Criminals Executed in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1872.

Date.	Place of Execution.	Name.	Age.	Sex.	Where Born.	Religion.	Offence.	Bond or Free.
1872.								
May. 15	Melbourne	Edward Feeney ...	38	Male	Ireland	Roman Catholic...	Murder	Free
May 20	Castlemaine	James Wilkie ...	25	Male	Scotland	Presbyterian ...	Murder	Free

W. H. WRIGHT, Sheriff.

CRIMINALS EXECUTED.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Persons Executed.	Year.									
	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
Total Number	6*	4	6	3	5	3	3	5	2	2
Birthplace—										
Australian Colonies (not Victoria)	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
England	2*	4	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...
Wales ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ireland	3	...	1	1	2	3	2	3	2	1
Scotland ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Belgium ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
United States of America	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
China	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Religion—										
Church of England	2*	4	2	2	3	...	...	...	...	...
Roman Catholic	4	...	4	...	2	3	2	3	2	1
Presbyterian ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Wesleyan ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Pagan ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Offence—										
Murder	6*	2	6	3	4	3	3	5	2	2
Attempt at Murder ... ..	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rape ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sodomy on a Child ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Bond ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Free	6*	4	6	3	5	3	3	5	1	2

* One of these was a female. This is the only instance of a female being executed in Victoria since the first settlement of the Colony.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

RETURN of Gaols and of the Number of Prisoners confined therein for the Year ending 31st December 1872.

Name of Gaol.	Number of Prisoners for whom there is Accommodation.		Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the Commencement of the Year.														Number of Prisoners Received during the Year.																				
	In separate Cells, intended for only one Prisoner.	In Wards or Cells adapted for more than one Prisoner.	Total.	Debtors.	Lunatics.			For Felony.				For Misdemeanors.				For other Offences.		Total.		Debtors.	Lunatics.			For Trial and Remanded.		In Transitu.		Sentenced to—								Total.	
								Tried.		Untried.		Tried.		Untried.														Death.	Hard Labor.		Imprisonment.		Solitary Confinement.				
					M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.		F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Ararat ...	28	8	36	13	1	...	1	3	...	19	2	...	3	17	...	8	11	23	1	28	6	79	18	
Ballarat ...	56	18	74	...	...	...	48	1	...	18	8	...	2	...	70	11	...	...	...	...	265	82	4	...	...	77	2	428	120	3	1	777	205	
Beechworth ...	67	12	79	...	...	...	35	2	4	...	3	...	...	...	19	6	61	8	6	...	92	4	...	...	1	...	95	9	102	29	...	...	296	42
Castlemaine ...	66	54	120	...	...	...	20	...	4	1	31	15	4	...	14	...	73	16	9	...	21	1	53	8	1	...	174	30	61	18	1	...	320	57
Geelong ...	34	40	74	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	10	9	6	2	5	...	24	12	...	17	6	103	32	...	...	48	10	124	38	...	...	292	86	
Kilmore ...	4	26	30	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	4	...	14	...	3	...	15	1	...	...	...	...	44	1	113	11	...	...	181	13
Maryborough ...	43	...	43	...	...	...	1	...	10	2	8	5	4	1	1	24	9	...	...	...	56	13	2	...	...	62	5	61	22	...	...	181	40	
Melbourne ...	212	276	488	1	2	...	79	37	8	4	64	46	11	1	82	82	247	170	19	3	...	1,388	404	...	1	...	781	293	1,461	826	17	...	3,667*	1,526*			
Portland ...	6	60	66	...	...	...	21	...	1	...	16	1	...	...	...	38	1	...	...	...	11	...	1	...	...	85	2	26	2	...	...	123	4	
Sandhurst ...	47	43	90	36	2	4	1	25	21	9	...	74	24	1	1	...	280	136	2	...	238	60	283	43	804	240		
Total ...	563	537	1,100	1	3	1	256	43	37	9	185	105	25	6	137	89	644	253	41	4	32	7	2,239	672	68	19	5	1,627	413	2,687	1,115	21	1	6,720	2,231		

Name of Gaol.	Number of Prisoners Discharged during the Year.																		Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the end of the Year.																	
	Debtors.		Lunatics.				Pardoned.		On Remission of Sentence.		At Expiration of Sentence.		Transferred to another Gaol or Penal Establishment.		Absconded and not retaken.		Executed.	Died.	Total.		Debtors.	Lunatics.			For Felony.				For Misdemeanors.				For other Offences.		Total.	
			Transferred to Lunatic Asylum.		Discharged altogether.																				Tried.		Untried.		Tried.		Untried.					
			M.	F.	M.	F.																M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	M.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.
Ararat ...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	21	1	55	7	12	11	1	...	1	...	94	19	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	1
Ballarat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	8	673	194	41	1	2	...	1	...	794	203	...	...	30	2	6	1	17	10	...	...	...	...	53	13
Beechworth ...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	5	201	39	26	...	...	...	3	1	297	45	...	...	25	...	8	...	8	...	6	...	13	5	60	5
Castlemaine ...	8	...	4	1	...	...	...	72	12	216	45	15	2	...	1	2	318	61	1	...	28	1	4	...	29	6	...	1	13	4	75	12	
Geelong ...	...	...	1	1	16	5	...	30	16	242	59	7	5	...	...	1	...	297	86	...	...	11	5	1	...	5	7	2	...	...	19	12	
Kilmore ...	3	...	4	...	12	1	1	13	1	140	11	12	...	...	...	1	...	186	13	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	...	1	...	1	...	9	...
Maryborough ...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	29	2	123	38	14	1	...	...	1	...	169	43	...	...	21	2	1	...	13	4	1	...	...	36	6	
Melbourne ...	19	3	12	3	...	...	1	369	140	2,868	1,360	265	24	...	1	3	5	3,538	1,535	1	...	92	35	12	1	55	10	3	1	92	102	255	149	
Portland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	4	52	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	103	4	...	...	44	1	...	...	13	...	1	...	...	58	1	
Sandhurst ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	98	24	646	217	58	4	...	...	2	1	806	248	...	...	26	1	7	1	23	13	8	1	8	...	72	16
Total ...	40	4	24	6	28	6	3	2	816	213	5,216	1,970	453	48	4	2	16	8	6,602	2,257	2	280	47	41	3	169	50	22	3	127	112	641	215	

* These totals include 121 males and 12 females who are shown twice, first for trial and afterwards for sentence.

STATISTICS OF VICTORIA, 1872.—LAW, CRIME, ETC.

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

RETURN of Gaols and of the Number of Prisoners confined therein for the Year ending 31st December 1872—continued.

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Name of Gaol.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners Employed during the Year at—								Daily Average Number of Prisoners not Employed on Working Days.		Punishment for Offences committed within the Prison during the Year.							
	Hard Labor in the Prison.		Hard Labor without the Prison.		Employments not Hard Labor.		Total.				Irons.		Solitary Confinement.		Other Punishments.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Ararat	2'29	...	5'82	...	3'05	2'16	11'16	2'16	2'94	0'36	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...
Ballarat	16'54	7'10	...	...	13'94	1'01	30'48	8'11	41'93	4'50	3	...	46	...	2	...	51	...
Beechworth	12'24	2'44	13'90	...	16'15	2'28	42'29	4'72	3'77	1'00	...	...	93	1	5	1	98	2
Castlemaine	17'05	3'46	49'51	...	3'18	5'94	69'74	9'40	1'58	...	...	...	210	28	34	2	244	30
Geelong	10'01	3'20	4'60	...	4'10	5'69	18'71	8'89	2'44	2'10	...	...	3	...	1	...	4	...
Kilmore	3'96	...	0'39	...	3'36	0'33	7'71	0'33	5'93	0'44	...	...	5	...	1	...	6	...
Maryborough	5'00	2'34	8'67	...	9'35	0'63	23'02	2'97	14'14	4'16	1	...	17	...	1	1	19	1
Melbourne	103'46	80'10	10'58	...	31'68	17'85	145'72	97'95	98'40	58'92	...	...	107	193	21	17	128	210
Portland	6'09	...	22'83	...	9'32	0'49	38'24	0'49	16'00	...	1	...	22	...	17	...	40	...
Sandhurst	5'08	1'09	23'40	...	18'68	9'62	47'16	10'71	20'00	4'00	...	...	23	3	5	...	28	3
Total	181'72	99'73	139'70	...	112'81	46'00	434'23	145'73	207'13	75'03	5	...	529	225	87	21	621	246

Name of Gaol.	Number of Prisoners Committed before.								Number of Prisoners—								Number of Cases of Sickness.				Greatest Number in Confinement at one time during the Year.	
	Once.		Twice.		Three or more times.		Total.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		Total.		Greatest at any one time.		Total during the Year.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Ararat	7	2	4	2	3	1	14	5	48	5	7	4	43	11	98	20	2	1	33	3	21	3
Ballarat	14	3	18	4	37	22	69	29	590	106	36	25	221	85	847	216	4	1	103	21	79	10
Beechworth	55	5	22	3	20	17	97	25	319	34	25	10	13	6	357	50	7	1	83	18	81	7
Castlemaine	40	8	16	2	72	21	128	31	252	36	14	17	127	20	393	73	3	1	159	29	95	11
Geelong	113	37	39	13	68	22	220	72	124	28	131	44	61	26	316	98	2	2	60	25	26	11
Kilmore	30	4	10	...	19	2	59	6	164	10	5	...	26	3	195	13	4	...	42	...	22	1
Maryborough	39	5	5	1	22	9	66	15	123	20	9	13	73	16	205	49	7	4	33	10	40	6
Melbourne	471	200	240	146	654	711	1,365	1,057	2,856	256	516	1,338	421	90	3,793	1,684	42	38	1,067	1,007	339	184
Portland	21	1	10	1	23	...	54	2	132	2	7	...	22	3	161	5	9	...	76	...	78	1
Sandhurst	78	19	26	7	25	30	129	56	747	139	44	67	87	58	878	264	5	7	253	117	81	24
Total	868	284	390	179	943	835	2,201	1,298	5,355	636	794	1,518	1,094	318	7,243	2,472	85	55	1,909	1,230	862	258

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Gaols.	Number of Prisoners they can contain in separate Cells.	Number of Prisoners they can contain where more than one sleeps in a Cell.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the commencement of the Year.	Number of Prisoners Received during the Year.	Number of Prisoners Discharged during the Year, including Deaths.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the end of the Year.	Number of Prisoners Employed during the Year.	Number of Punishments for Offences within the Prison during the Year.	Number of Prisoners Committed before.			Number of Cases of Sickness during the Year.	Number of Deaths during the Year.	Greatest Number in Confinement at any one time during the Year.
										Once.	Twice.	Three times or more.			
1863	12	626	1,139	754	9,405	9,340	819	3,054	180	1,503	632	968	2,359	32	1,169
1864	11	653	1,000	762	9,569	8,947	831	3,152	226	1,779	883	645	2,630	21	1,007
1865	10	620	876	832	11,111	10,519	841	3,172	268	2,124	1,171	867	2,909	26	1,172
1866	10	633	838	846	10,849	10,295	833	2,984	283	2,093	1,034	974	2,814	53	1,096
1867	10	599	712	831	10,188	9,766	767	3,159	287	1,969	1,126	808	2,861	40	1,102
1868	10	597	710	768	9,521	9,381	905	3,394	404	1,635	567	591	2,841	24	1,045
1869	10	545	493	902	9,095	9,249	748	3,300	569	1,684	787	845	2,333	31	1,016
1870	10	545	493	747	8,848	8,611	984	3,625	595	1,228	608	1,997	2,581	18	1,101
1871	10	506	677	984	8,247	8,334	897	3,258	905	1,029	480	1,677	3,439	24	1,145
1872	10	563	537	897	8,951*	8,859	856	580†	867	1,152	569	1,778	3,139	24	1,120

* These figures include 133 prisoners who were received twice during the year, first for trial and afterwards for sentence.

† These figures represent the daily average number of prisoners employed during the year.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HULK.

RETURN of the Penal Establishments at Pentridge and Williamstown, and of the Hulk *Sacramento*, and of the Number of Prisoners confined therein, for the Year ending 31st December 1872.

Name of Penal Establishment.	Number of Prisoners for whom there is Accommodation.			Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the Commencement of the Year.				Number of Prisoners Received during the Year.			Number of Prisoners Discharged during the Year.						
	In Separate Cells, intended for only one prisoner.	In Wards or Cells adapted for more than one prisoner.	Total.	For Felony.	For Misde-meanors.	For other Offences.	Total.	Sentenced to—		Total.	Transferred to Lunatic Asylum.	Absconded and not re-taken.	On Remission of Sentence.	At Expiration of Sentence.	Transferred to another Gaol or Penal Establishment.	Died.	Total.
								Hard Labor.	Imprisonment.								
Penal Establishment, Pentridge ...	600	...	600	536	52	18	606	281	20	301	1	...	92	40	196	7	336
Penal Establishment, Williamstown ...	...	30	30	29	...	...	29	102	...	102	...	...	98	12	4	...	114
Hulk <i>Sacramento</i> , Hobson's Bay ...	18	103	121	82	9	...	91	303	3	306	...	1	66	114	103	1	285
Total ...	618	133	751	647	61	18	726	686	23	709	1	1	256	166	303	8	735

NOTE.—All the prisoners in the Penal Establishments and Hulk during the year 1872 were males.

PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HULK.

RETURN of the Penal Establishments at Pentridge and Williamstown, and of the Hulk *Sacramento*, and of the Number of Prisoners confined therein, for the Year ending 31st December 1872—*continued.*

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Name of Penal Establishment.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the end of the Year.				Daily Average Number of Prisoners Employed during the Year at—				Daily Average Number of Prisoners not employed on working days.	Punishment for Offences committed within the Prison during the Year.			
	For Felony.	For Misdemeanors.	For other Offences.	Total.	Hard Labor in the Prison.	Hard Labor without the Prison.	Employments not Hard Labor.	Total.		Irons.	Solitary Confinement.	Other Punishments.	Total.
Penal Establishment, Pentridge	504	54	13	571	475.77	0.62	86.16	562.55	26.49	14	448	669	1,131
Penal Establishment, Williamstown	17	...	...	17	23.98	...	1.00	24.98	...	...	...	1	1
Hulk <i>Sacramento</i> , Hobson's Bay	86	26	...	112	15.43	67.87	7.12	90.43	14.28	4	11	71	86
Total ...	607	80	13	700	515.18	68.49	94.28	677.96	40.77	18	459	741	1,218

Name of Penal Establishment.	Number of Prisoners Convicted before.				Number of Prisoners—				Number of Cases of Sickness.		Greatest Number in Confinement at one time during the Year.
	Once.	Twice.	Three or more times.	Total.	Able to Read and Write.	Able to Read only.	Unable to Read.	Total.	Greatest at any one time.	Total during the Year.	
Penal Establishment, Pentridge	290	101	200	591	714	74	119	907	43	728	620
Penal Establishment, Williamstown	8	14	20	42	89	11	31	131	1	11	35
Hulk <i>Sacramento</i> , Hobson's Bay	40	16	70	126	291	38	68	397	7	183	121
Total ...	338	131	290	759	1,094	123	218	1,435	51	922	776

NOTE.—All the prisoners in the Penal Establishments and Hulk during the year 1872 were males.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HULKS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Penal Establishments.	Number of Prisoners they can contain in separate Cells.	Number of Prisoners they can contain where more than one sleeps in a Cell.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the commencement of the Year.	Number of Prisoners Received during the Year.	Number of Prisoners Discharged during the Year, including Deaths.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the end of the Year.	Number of Prisoners Employed during the Year.	Number of Punishments for Offences within the Prison during the Year.	Number of Prisoners Convicted before.			Number of Cases of Sickness during the Year.	Number of Deaths during the Year.	Greatest Number in Confinement at any one time during the Year.
										Once.	Twice.	Three times or more.			
1863	4	571	787	1,055	1,429	1,443	1,041	1,025	2,317	423	245	429	723	6	1,216
1864	5	542	904	1,041	1,188	1,341	888	982	2,846	413	217	368	719	11	1,180
1865	6	549	1,168	888	1,239	1,070	1,057	951	2,650	442	234	435	558	6	1,206
1866	6	677	1,168	1,057	1,138	1,120	1,075	1,079	2,748	460	232	418	651	9	1,243
1867	5	665	965	1,075	977	1,039	1,013	992	2,910	368	210	451	500	7	1,136
1868	4	659	771	1,013	869	1,062	820	984	2,818	324	194	549	578	10	1,153
1869	2	617	471	820	970	1,016	774	790	2,542	346	190	411	577	6	950
1870	3	621	497	774	870	902	742	798	2,720	271	162	382	786	8	906
1871	3	618	133	742	805	821	726	679	1,980	341	168	304	779	9	776
1872	3	618	133	726	709	735	700	678	1,218	338	131	290	922	8	776

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.—BIRTHPLACES AND RELIGIONS OF PRISONERS.

RETURN of the Birthplaces and Religions of Prisoners in the various Gaols throughout the Colony of Victoria for the Year ending 31st December 1872.

No. 71.

Religions of Prisoners.	Total Number of Prisoners.	Birthplaces of Prisoners in Confinement for—																											
		Felony.							Misdemeanors.							Minor Offences.						Debt or Lunacy.							
		Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries.	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries.	China.
Church of England	4,160	395	825	106	46	27	39	..	194	534	106	38	16	19	..	337	1,181	150	41	19	44	..	4	35	4	..	..	..	..
Presbyterians	852	51	10	18	168	3	..	..	23	9	27	127	2	1	..	33	11	27	323	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wesleyans	261	36	58	2	4	1	..	..	30	25	4	2	1	4	..	35	37	7	5	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Independents	47	2	4	..	1	..	..	..	4	13	..	1	1	..	..	3	14	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Baptists	35	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	1	..	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Protestants	165	12	17	2	..	6	40	..	4	4	..	..	..	29	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roman Catholics	3,597	300	137	487	14	9	61	..	198	82	622	11	7	21	..	321	126	1,077	14	16	62	..	5	4	17	..	..	..	..
Jews	36	2	10	..	..	..	3	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pagans	529	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Persuasions	20	3	..	..	..	9	3	240	3	..	..	..	14	6	163	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
No Religion	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Religion unknown	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	*9,715	808	1,079	615	233	55	150	240	459	688	760	179	51	82	164	735	1,399	1,261	388	49	145	84	11	44	21	7	1	5	2

* Seven Aborigines are included in this total.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HULK.—BIRTHPLACES AND RELIGIONS OF PRISONERS.

RETURN of the Birthplaces and Religions of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments and Hulk in the Colony of Victoria for the Year ending 31st December 1872.

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Religions of Prisoners.	Total Number of Prisoners.	Birthplaces of Prisoners in Confinement for—																											
		Felony.							Misdemeanors.							Minor Offences.													
		Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Foreign Countries.	China.								
Church of England	697	67	363	40	20	15	34	..	1	103	1	5	2	13	..	9	22	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Presbyterians	100	4	10	4	40	4	2	1	..	1	1	28	1	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wesleyans	166	29	86	9	1	4	11	..	2	12	2	4	2	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Baptists	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Protestants	11	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roman Catholics	359	48	48	136	8	6	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	3	2	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jews	16	1	9	3	..	..	..	..	3	20	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pagans	82	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Persuasions	2
Total	1,435	149	517	192	69	30	66	76	7	138	48	38	9	33	5	13	27	11	1	2	4								

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REFORMATORY SCHOOLS.—BIRTHPLACES AND RELIGIONS.

RETURN of the Birthplaces and Religions of Inmates of the various Reformatory Schools throughout the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1872.

Religions.	Total.			Birthplaces.																	
				Australian Colonies.			England and Wales.			Ireland.			Scotland.			At Sea.			Birthplaces unknown.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Church of England ...	23	13	36	18	13	31	4	...	4	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Presbyterians ...	7	1	8	7	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wesleyans ...	6	3	9	6	3	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baptists ...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Protestants and Protestants un-	24	7	31	24	7	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
specified ...	52	31	83	48	28	76	1	...	1	2	...	2	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	2	2
Roman Catholics ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	168	...	...	156	...	...	5	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...

GEO. O. DUNCAN.

SUICIDES.—(I.)

RETURN of the Number of Persons of both Sexes who committed Suicide in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1872, distinguishing the Modes of Death and the Number in each Month.

Month.	Cause of Death.												Total.			
	Wounds.				Poisoning.		Drowning.		Hanging.		Otherwise.					
	Gunshot.		Cut, Stab, &c.		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
January ...	...	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	...	6
February ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
March ...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	5	2	7
April ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
May ...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
June ...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	5	1	6
July ...	...	...	1	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	5	1	6
August ...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	5	1	6
September ...	2	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	1	7
October	2	...	3	2	7	...	7
November ...	1	...	2	1	2	...	2	...	1	...	1	9	1	10
December	1	1	1	...	3	5	1	6
Total ...	4	...	14	3	18	1	8	3	16	1	2	1	...	62	9	71

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SUICIDES.—(II.)

RETURN of the Number and Ages of Persons of both Sexes who committed Suicide in the Coast, Rural, and Goldfields Districts of the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1872.

Districts.	Ages.																Total.												
	15 to 20 years.		20 to 25 years.		25 to 30 years.		30 to 35 years.		35 to 40 years.		40 to 45 years.		45 to 50 years.		50 to 55 years.					55 to 60 years.		60 to 65 years.		65 to 70 years.		70 to 75 years.		Un-specified.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.
Coast { Melbourne and Suburbs	...	1	3	1	3	...	...	2	1	1	...	5	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	3	21
Exclusive of Melbourne and Suburbs	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
Rural	2	...	3	1	...	1	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	16	
Goldfields	1	1	...	1	...	2	...	5	...	8	1	4	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	3	29	
Total	2	5	1	7	...	5	1	7	1	10	1	9	1	12	...	3	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	9	71	

NOTE.—This and the preceding Table have been compiled from the registrations of deaths. The number of suicides shown by them differs from that given in the Table of Inquests (post), according to which the number of persons who committed suicide in 1872, including three who died from "self-inflicted wounds," appears to have been 72, viz., 61 males and 11 females.

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SUICIDES.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Persons who committed Suicide.			Year.	Number of Persons who committed Suicide.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
1863	56	7	63	1868	59	11	70
1864	55	11	66	1869	62	15	77
1865	61	14	75	1870	60	14	74
1866	68	13	81	1871	69	21	90
1867	55	8	63	1872	62	9	71

NOTE.—In most of the years, the number of suicides in this Table, which has been compiled from the registrations of deaths, differs from that given in the Decennial Return of Inquests (*post*), which see.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

INQUESTS.

RETURN of the Number of Inquests held, and the Verdicts returned, throughout the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1872.

Verdicts returned.	Number of Inquests.			Verdicts returned.	Number of Inquests.		
	On Males.	On Females	Total.		On Males.	On Females	Total.
Abscess ...	6	1	7	Effects of amputation ...	2	...	2
Accidental burns ...	6	21	27	Effects of opium ...	...	1	1
Accidental drowning ...	146	28	174	Effusion on the brain ...	5	5	10
Accidental falls ...	9	1	10	Effusion on the chest ...	...	2	2
Accidental injuries ...	10	2	12	Embolism ...	...	1	1
Accidental poisoning ...	6	2	8	English cholera ...	1	...	1
Accidental scalds ...	10	7	17	Enlargement of the heart ...	3	...	3
Accidental strangulation ...	1	...	1	Enlargement of the liver ...	1	...	1
Accidental suffocation ...	16	9	25	Enteritis ...	2	1	3
Accidental wounds ...	1	...	1	Epilepsy ...	6	...	6
Accidentally killed ...	4	...	4	Exhaustion ...	3	1	4
Accidentally overlain ...	2	3	5	Explosion of a blast ...	4	...	4
Accidentally shot ...	6	1	7	Explosion of a boiler ...	3	...	3
Alcoholic poisoning ...	6	6	12	Exposure ...	5	1	6
Aneurism of the aorta ...	9	2	11	Fall down a cellar ...	...	1	1
Apoplexy ...	20	7	27	Fall down a cutting ...	2	...	2
Asphyxia ...	3	1	4	Fall down a hole ...	1	...	1
Atrophy ...	3	...	3	Fall down a shaft ...	28	2	30
Bite of a bandicoot ...	1	...	1	Fall down stairs ...	2	1	3
Bite of a snake ...	1	...	1	Fall from a buggy ...	5	...	5
Blood poisoning ...	...	2	2	Fall from a cart ...	10	1	11
Bronchitis ...	2	...	2	Fall from a dray ...	12	...	12
Burnt to death ...	...	4	4	Fall from a horse ...	33	1	34
Bursting of an abscess ...	1	1	2	Fall from a scaffold ...	2	...	2
Cab passing over him ...	1	...	1	Fall from a tree ...	2	...	2
Cancer of the stomach ...	2	1	3	Fall from a truck ...	1	...	1
Cancer of the womb ...	...	2	2	Fall from a waggon ...	5	...	5
Cardiac syncope ...	...	1	1	Fall of a branch ...	5	2	7
Childbirth ...	...	9	9	Fall of a brick ...	1	...	1
Choked by a piece of bone ...	1	...	1	Fall of a building ...	1	...	1
Choked by a piece of bread ...	1	...	1	Fall of a bucket ...	3	...	3
Choked by a piece of meat ...	1	...	1	Fall of a cage down a shaft ...	1	...	1
Cold ...	1	...	1	Fall of a dray ...	1	...	1
Coma ...	1	...	1	Fall of earth in a claim ...	35	1	36
Compression of the brain ...	1	...	1	Fall of an embankment ...	1	...	1
Concussion of the brain ...	3	...	3	Fall of a gate ...	1	...	1
Congestion of the brain ...	19	12	31	Fall of stone in a claim ...	8	...	8
Congestion of the lungs ...	9	5	14	Fall of stone in a quarry ...	1	...	1
Congestive apoplexy ...	4	1	5	Fall of a tree ...	14	...	14
Consumption ...	2	...	2	Fall of wood down a shaft ...	1	...	1
Convulsions ...	4	4	8	Fall on board ship ...	1	...	1
Croup ...	1	2	3	Fall on a knife ...	1	...	1
Debility ...	2	4	6	Fall through a skylight ...	1	...	1
Delirium tremens ...	1	1	2	Fever ...	2	1	3
Dentition ...	1	...	1	Flooding ...	...	6	6
Diarrhoea ...	5	...	5	Found dead ...	22	3	25
Diphtheria ...	...	1	1	Found drowned ...	55	6	61
Disease of the bowels ...	4	1	5	Fracture of the leg ...	2	...	2
Disease of the brain ...	42	12	54	Fracture of the skull ...	4	1	5
Disease of the heart ...	64	17	81	Fracture of the spine ...	3	...	3
Disease of the kidneys ...	2	2	4	Gangrene of the arm ...	2	...	2
Disease of the larynx ...	1	...	1	Gangrene of the bowels ...	...	1	1
Disease of the liver ...	7	...	7	Gangrene of the ilium ...	1	...	1
Disease of the lungs ...	16	6	22	Gangrene of the lungs ...	1	...	1
Disease of the windpipe ...	1	...	1	General disease ...	1	...	1
Dislocation of the neck ...	1	...	1	Heat of the weather ...	8	...	8
Dray wheel passing over them ...	6	1	7	Hæmorrhage from the stomach ...	1	2	3
Dropsy ...	1	1	2	Horse falling on him ...	1	...	1
Dysentery ...	4	2	6	Hydatids ...	1	...	1

INQUESTS.

RETURN of the Number of Inquests held, and the Verdicts returned, throughout the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1872—continued.

Verdicts returned.	Number of Inquests.			Verdicts returned.	Number of Inquests.		
	On Males.	On Females	Total.		On Males.	On Females	Total.
Hydrothorax ...	1	...	1	Remains found ...	2	...	2
Improper feeding ...	4	1	5	Run over by an engine ...	1	...	1
Inflammation of the bladder ...	1	...	1	Run over by a railway train ...	4	...	4
Inflammation of the bowels ...	5	3	8	Rupture of an aneurism ...	16	3	19
Inflammation of the brain ...	1	1	2	Rupture of a blood-vessel ...	8	4	12
Inflammation of the heart ...	1	...	1	Rupture of the aorta ...	2	...	2
Inflammation of the kidneys ...	1	...	1	Rupture of the bowels ...	2	...	2
Inflammation of the liver ...	1	...	1	Rupture of the heart ...	8	3	11
Inflammation of the lungs ...	8	3	11	Rupture of the liver ...	1	...	1
Inflammation of the stomach ...	2	3	5	Rupture of the lungs ...	2	...	2
Inflammation of the throat ...	...	1	1	Rupture of the spleen ...	1	...	1
Inflammation of the windpipe ...	1	...	1	Rupture of the stomach ...	...	1	1
Injuries at birth ...	...	3	3	Rupture of the uterus ...	...	2	2
Injuries from machinery ...	5	...	5	Rupture of the womb ...	...	1	1
Injuries in a claim ...	6	...	6	Sanguineous apoplexy ...	10	9	19
Intemperance ...	9	3	12	Self-inflicted wounds ...	3	...	3
Internal disease ...	1	...	1	Serous apoplexy ...	27	10	37
Internal injuries ...	3	...	3	Softening of the brain ...	3	1	4
Jaundice ...	1	...	1	Spasms of the heart ...	1	...	1
Judicial hanging ...	2	...	2	Spinal disease ...	...	1	1
Kick from a horse ...	12	2	14	Starvation ...	3	...	3
Killed by a horse ...	6	...	6	Still-born ...	4	4	8
Killed in a quarry ...	1	...	1	Strangulated hernia ...	4	1	5
Killed on a railway ...	2	1	3	Stricture of the bladder ...	1	...	1
Log falling on her ...	...	1	1	Struck by lightning ...	3	1	4
Malformation ...	...	1	1	Struck by a pick ...	1	...	1
Mania ...	...	1	1	Struck by a quoit ...	1	...	1
Murder ...	...	3	3	Struck by a railway engine ...	1	...	1
Natural causes ...	14	7	21	Suffocated by foul air ...	1	...	1
Neglect ...	2	...	2	Suicide by cutting of throat ...	11	3	14
No evidence to show ...	...	1	1	Suicide by drowning ...	4	4	8
Not specified * ...	22	8	30	Suicide by hanging ...	17	...	17
Old age ...	3	1	4	Suicide by poison ...	16	3	19
Overdose of chloral ...	1	...	1	Suicide by shooting ...	9	...	9
Overdose of chloroform ...	1	...	1	Suicide by strangulation ...	...	1	1
Overdose of morphia ...	...	1	1	Suicide by throwing himself down a shaft ...	1	...	1
Overdose of opium ...	3	...	3	Sunstroke ...	6	...	6
Obstruction to the circulation ...	1	...	1	Syncope of the heart ...	...	1	1
Obstruction to the respiration ...	...	1	1	Tetanus ...	1	...	1
Paralysis ...	3	...	3	Thrush ...	1	...	1
Pericarditis ...	3	1	4	Tubercular consumption ...	4	2	6
Peritonitis ...	2	1	3	Typhoid fever ...	1	...	1
Phthisis ...	4	1	5	Upsetting of vehicles ...	14	2	16
Pleurisy ...	3	...	3	Waggons passing over them ...	3	...	3
Pleuro-pneumonia ...	6	1	7	Want of medical attendance ...	...	1	1
Pneumonia ...	5	4	9	Want of nourishment ...	2	2	4
Poisoned ...	...	1	1	Want of proper attention ...	3	...	3
Premature birth ...	1	...	1	Wheels passing over them ...	8	...	8
Puerperal mania ...	...	1	1	Whooping cough ...	...	1	1
Pulmonary apoplexy ...	6	3	9				
Pulmonary consumption ...	6	1	7				
				Total ...	1,167	345	1,512

* The depositions in these cases are in the hands of the Crown Solicitor.

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INQUESTS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Total Number of Inquests held.	Causes of Death, as gathered from the Verdicts returned.							Verdicts of "Still-born" returned.	
		Disease or Natural Causes.	Intemperance.	External Causes.						Unspecified or Doubtful Causes.
				Accident.	Homicide.	Suicide.	Execution.	Doubtful.		
1863	1,528	689	17	625	5	67	6	58	57	4
1864	1,496	725	18	571	3	65	4	56	42	12
1865	1,650	801	25	621	7	80	6	59	38	13
1866	1,640	821	15	596	4	78	3	58	57	8
1867	1,507	690	28	590	10	65	4	55	51	14
1868	1,489	639	33	638	10	70	3	61	23	12
1869	1,503	655	39	587	8	77	3	69	56	9
1870	1,530	636	27	629	8	86	5	69	61	9
1871	1,421	589	29	605	10	95	2	40	49	2
1872	1,512	611	26	638	3	72	2	72	80	8

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FIRE INQUESTS.
RETURN of Fire Inquests during the Year 1872.

Counties.	Total Number of Fire Inquests held.	Verdicts returned.			
		Accidental.	Not sufficient evidence.	Set on Fire purposely.	Unspecified.
Anglesey	1	...	1	...	...
Bourke	5	1	2	...	2 *
Delatite	1	...	...	1	...
Grant	3	...	...	2	1 *
Grenville	6	...	...	6	...
Moirā	1	...	1	...	...
Normanby	1	...	1	...	...
Rodney	1	...	...	1	...
Talbot	2	...	1	1	...
Total	21	1	6	11	3

* These depositions are in the hands of the Crown Solicitor.

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FIRE INQUESTS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Total Number of Inquests held.	Verdicts returned.							
		Accidental.	Set on Fire purposely.	Not sufficient evidence.	Carelessness.	Spontaneous Combustion.	Explosion of Gas.	No Verdict returned.	Not stated.
1863	4	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1
1864	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1865	47	16	12	18	...	...	...	...	1
1866	164	44	42	68	...	2	1	...	7
1867	160	47	43	62	...	...	...	...	8
1868	156	35	39	80	2	...	...	...	...
1869	95	13	16	52	6	...	...	...	8
1870	45	6	20	9	1	...	...	1	8
1871	24	3	10	8	...	...	...	3	...
1872	21	1	11	6	...	...	...	...	3

NOTE.—Inquests are not held upon all the fires which take place in Victoria, but only upon such as appear to require investigation, at the discretion of the Coroner in whose district they occur.

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