

26. The following is a summary of all the pensions and retiring allowances payable out of the general revenue during the year 1875-6 :—

PENSIONS AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES, 1875-6.

	Amount.		
	£	s.	d.
Former Ministers of the Crown	2,866	13	4
„ Judge of Supreme Court	1,500	0	0
„ Judges of County Courts	1,500	0	0
„ Surveyor-General	1,000	0	0
„ Civil Servants	16,539	10	11
„ Officers in Lunacy Department	145	3	3
„ Police	2,000	0	0*
Lady Darling and Mrs. Petrie	1,100	0	0
Allowances voted by Parliament	2,804	19	2
Total	£29,456	6	8

PART II.—POPULATION.

Population
at end of
1876.

27. Between the census periods an estimate of the population of Victoria is made up at the end of each quarter in the department of the Government Statist, by means of the estimate of the previous quarter and the difference between the numbers recorded as having been born and having died, and between those who arrived in the colony and departed therefrom by sea. No account is or can be taken of the arrivals and departures overland, and therefore the estimate is always to a certain extent imperfect. At the end of 1876 the population calculated in this manner was as follows :—

ESTIMATED POPULATION, 31ST DECEMBER 1876.†

Males	456,463
Females	383,837
Total	840,300

Increase of
population,
1876.

28. The increase of population during the year 1876 amounted to 17,028, viz., 9,315 males and 7,713 females. Of this increase, nearly four-fifths—viz., 13,208, consisting of 6,043 males and 7,165 females—resulted from the excess of births over deaths, and the remainder—viz., 3,820, consisting of 3,272 males and 548 females—was due to excess of immigration over emigration.

* These figures represent the amount payable out of the General Revenue. For total of Police Pensions, see table following paragraph 24 ante.

† The latest estimate of population up to the time of these pages going to press was for the 30th June 1877, and was as follows :—Males, 460,907; females, 388,114; total, 849,021.

29. The increase of population exceeded that in 1875 by 2,193, but was less than the increase in any other year of the previous decenniad except 1866 and 1867, as will be seen by the following figures :—

Increase of population, 1866 to 1876.

INCREASE OF POPULATION.*

1866	...	15,887	1870	...	26,809	1874	...	17,945
1867	...	14,589	1871	...	25,846	1875	...	14,835
1868	...	23,043	1872	...	18,282	1876	...	17,028
1869	...	25,176	1873	...	19,765			

30. The increase by excess of births over deaths was greater than that in 1875 by 1,775, but was less than that in any other year of the previous decenniad except 1866. This is shown by the following figures, which indicate the excess of births over deaths in the eleven years ended with 1876 :—

Increase by births.

INCREASE BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS. †

1866	...	...	12,724	1872	...	...	16,530
1867	...	...	13,875	1873	...	...	16,599
1868	...	...	17,176	1874	...	...	14,578
1869	...	...	15,410	1875	...	...	11,433
1870	...	...	16,731	1876	...	...	13,208
1871	...	...	17,464				

31. The increase by excess of immigrants over emigrants was exceeded in 1866, 1868, 1869, 1870, and 1871, but was greater than that in any of the other years of the previous decenniad. The following are the figures :—

Increase by immigration.

INCREASE BY EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES. ‡

1866	...	4,549	1869	...	11,152	1872	...	1,752	1875	...	3,402
1867	...	2,100	1870	...	11,467	1873	...	3,166	1876	...	3,820
1868	...	7,253	1871	...	8,382	1874	...	3,367			

32. The proportions of the sexes in the population—viz., 84 females to 100 males, or 119 males to 100 females—have not varied in the last four years.

Males and females.

33. In order to afford means of making calculations in regard to the bearing of population on matters the operation of which extends over the entire year, such as revenue, taxation, imports, exports, &c., it is necessary to make an estimate of the mean or average population. This is effected by adding together the estimated numbers at the beginning of the year and at the end of each of the four quarters, and dividing the sum by 5. The following is the result of such a computation for the year under review :—

Mean population, 1876.

* The estimated population at the end of each year since the first settlement of Port Phillip will be found in the Statistical Summary of Victoria (first folding sheet) *ante*.

† The number of births and deaths in each year from the first settlement of Port Phillip will be found in the Statistical Summary of Victoria (first folding sheet) *ante*. See also Part IV., Vital Statistics, *post*.

‡ The number of immigrants and emigrants in each year will be found in the Statistical Summary of Victoria (first folding sheet) *ante*. See also paragraph 39 to paragraph 47 *post*.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, 1876.

Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	451,134
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	379,545
Total									830,679

Ages, birth-places, religions, and occupations.

34. No census of the colony has been taken since 1871, and as the elements of which the population is composed may have changed considerably since that period, it is impossible to give with certainty a statement of the ages, birthplaces, religions, and occupations of the people at the present time. The information in the following tables has been based upon the census proportions, but it must be taken only for what it is worth:—

AGES OF THE PEOPLE, 1876 (ESTIMATED).

Age.	Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 5 years	66,317	66,344	132,661
5 to 10	60,226	60,803	121,029
10 to 15	48,407	48,885	97,292
15 to 20	29,534	32,488	62,022
20 to 25	26,993	29,188	56,181
25 to 30	32,476	29,172	61,648
30 to 35	37,405	27,684	65,089
35 to 40	43,196	27,136	70,332
40 to 45	39,226	20,611	59,837
45 to 50	24,848	13,055	37,903
50 to 55	18,641	9,794	28,435
55 to 60	9,833	5,492	15,325
60 to 65	7,130	4,338	11,468
65 to 70	3,432	2,168	5,600
70 to 75	2,252	1,514	3,766
75 years and upwards	1,218	873	2,091
Total	451,134	379,545	830,679

BIRTHPLACES AND ALLEGIANCE OF THE PEOPLE, 1876 (ESTIMATED).

Place of Birth.	Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria	186,988	188,909	375,897
Other Australian colonies	16,159	16,540	32,699
England and Wales	115,176	79,372	194,548
Scotland	35,546	28,488	64,034
Ireland	55,561	59,049	114,610
Other British possessions	2,982	1,414	4,396
China	20,132	36	20,168
Other Foreign countries	18,590	5,737	24,327
Total	451,134	379,545	830,679
ALLEGIANCE.			
British subjects	415,760	375,591	791,351
Foreign subjects	35,374	3,954	39,328

RELIGIONS OF THE PEOPLE, 1876 (ESTIMATED).

Religious Belief.	Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Church of England	165,036	134,055	299,091
Presbyterians	69,935	61,163	131,098
Wesleyans	55,473	53,897	109,370
Other Protestants	33,220	27,690	60,910
Roman Catholics	99,559	98,508	198,067
Jews	2,316	1,826	4,142
Pagans	20,302	35	20,337
Other sects	5,293	2,371	7,664
Total	451,134	379,545	830,679

OCCUPATIONS OF THE PEOPLE, 1876 (ESTIMATED).

Occupation.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ministering to government	4,499	196	4,695
„ religion	947	70	1,017
„ health	1,441	1,358	2,799
„ law	1,285	1	1,286
„ education	2,362	4,244	6,606
„ art, science, and literature	1,917	189	2,106
Traders	10,313	1,502	11,815
Assisting in exchange of money or commodities	8,608	264	8,872
Ministering to entertaining and clothing	14,137	16,583	30,720
Domestic servants	2,641	26,200	28,841
Contractors, artisans, and mechanics	47,101	464	47,565
Miners	59,292	16	59,308
Engaged in pursuits subsidiary to mining	752	2	754
„ pastoral pursuits	7,781	178	7,959
„ agriculture	57,417	4,038	61,455
„ pursuits subsidiary to grazing and agriculture	2,754	7	2,761
„ land carriage	13,720	100	13,820
„ sea navigation... ..	3,054	14	3,068
Dealing in food	14,755	1,196	15,951
Laborers... ..	20,598	19	20,617
Engaged in miscellaneous pursuits	401	42	443
Of independent means	1,517	597	2,114
Wives, widows, children, relatives, scholars	164,191	317,753	481,944
Public burden	7,677	4,054	11,731
Of no occupation... ..	1,974	458	2,432
Total	451,134	379,545	830,679

35. The following table shows the estimated population, the proportion of females to males, and the number of persons to the square mile in Victoria during the four years ended with 1876, and in each of the other Australasian colonies during the three years ended with 1875:—

Population in Australasian colonies.

POPULATION IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

Colony.	Year.	Population.			Females to 100 Males.	Persons to the Square Mile.
		Males.	Females.	Total.		
Victoria	1873	430,042	360,450	790,492	83·82	8·963
	1874	439,159	369,278	808,437	84·09	9·166
	1875	447,148	376,124	823,272	84·12	9·334
	1876	456,463	383,837	840,300	84·09	9·527
New South Wales...	1873	307,329	252,946	560,275	82·30	1·723
	1874	321,447	262,831	584,278	81·76	1·798
	1875	334,461	272,191	606,652	81·38	1·951
Queensland	1873	87,154	59,536	146,690	68·31	·216
	1874	97,860	65,657	163,517	67·09	·241
	1875	111,272	70,016	181,288	62·92	·267
South Australia ...	1873	101,540	96,535	198,075	95·07	·217
	1874	104,870	99,753	204,623	95·12	·224
	1875	107,944	102,498	210,442	94·95	·230
Western Australia	1873	15,569	10,192	25,761	65·46	·026
	1874	15,722	10,487	26,209	66·70	·027
	1875	15,910	10,799	26,709	67·88	·027
Tasmania	1873	55,368	48,849	104,217	88·23	3·975
	1874	55,117	49,059	104,176	89·01	3·974
	1875	54,643	49,020	103,663	89·71	3·954
New Zealand* ...	1873	170,406	125,540	295,946	73·67	2·819
	1874	194,349	147,511	341,860	75·90	3·256
	1875	213,294	162,562	375,856	76·22	3·583

NOTE.—For population of the neighboring colonies to the end of 1876, also for area of each colony, see Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) *ante*.

Order of colonies in respect to population and sex.

36. Victoria is by far the most densely populated colony, but the one in which the sexes are most nearly equal in numbers is South Australia. The following is the order in which the colonies stand in respect to these two points: it will be observed that Victoria heads the first list, but stands third in the second:—

ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO DENSITY OF POPULATION.

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

ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO EQUALITY OF SEXES.

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

* Maoris are not included.

37. The Aborigines in Victoria, according to the estimate of the Central Board for their protection, numbered as follow in 1876:—

Aborigines,
1876.

ABORIGINES, 1876.

Males	632
Females	435

Total	1,067

38. It is estimated that at the first colonization of Port Phillip the Aborigines numbered about 5,000. When Victoria became an independent colony, in 1851, the number was officially stated to be 2,693. According to the estimate of the Central Board made in 1872, the number at that period was 1,638. The diminution in the five years ended with 1876 thus amounted to 35 per cent.

Decrease of
Aborigines.

39. The arrivals and departures during 1876,* and the excess of the former over the latter, were as follow:—

Immigration
and emigra-
tion, 1876.

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1876.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Arrivals	25,477	10,320	35,797
Departures	22,205	9,772	31,977
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Immigration in excess ...	3,272	548	3,820
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40. The immigrants and emigrants are classified by the immigration authorities as adults, children, and infants. The following are the numbers under each of those heads during 1876. The tendency of families to quit the colony is proved by the circumstance that, whilst the excess of arrivals over departures resulted in a gain to the population of between 4,000 and 5,000 adults, the excess in the opposite direction resulted in a loss of nearly 900 children and infants:—

Adults and
children ar-
riving and
departing.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF ADULTS, CHILDREN, AND INFANTS,
1876.

	Adults.	Children.	Infants.	Total.
Arrivals	32,311	3,110	376	35,797
Departures	27,612	3,673	692	31,977
Immigration in excess ...	4,699	...	...	3,820
Emigration in excess ...	...	563	316	...

* All the figures relating to arrivals in the colony and departures therefrom contain statements of those who come and go by sea only. No account is or can be kept of those who cross the frontier from and to the adjacent colonies.

Countries
wherefrom
and where-
to.

41. The countries the immigrants came from and those the emigrants went to are given in the following table:—

ARRIVALS FROM AND DEPARTURES TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES,
1876.

Countries.	Arrivals therefrom.	Departures thereto.	Immigration in excess.	Emigration in excess.
New South Wales	11,540	12,257	...	717
Queensland	130	316	...	186
South Australia	5,137	5,975	...	838
Western Australia	53	63	...	10
Tasmania	7,247	5,275	1,972	...
New Zealand and the South Seas...	4,710	4,236	474	...
The United Kingdom	5,688	2,873	2,815	...
Foreign countries	1,292	982	310	...
Total	35,797	31,977	3,820*	...

Gain by im-
migration
and loss by
emigration.

42. In 1876, and in the previous year, the population gained by the arrivals being in excess of the departures in the case of Tasmania, New Zealand and the South Seas, the United Kingdom and Foreign Ports, whilst it lost by the departures being in excess of the arrivals in the case of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia. In 1876 the immigration from the neighboring colonies, after making allowance for the emigration thereto, resulted in a net gain to Victoria of 695 persons.

Assisted
immigra-
tion.

43. The only assisted immigration which took place during 1876 was that of 71 "warrant passengers" from the United Kingdom, viz., 34 males and 37 females.

Chinese
arriving
and de-
parting.

44. The arrivals of Chinese in 1876 numbered 377, viz., 370 males and 7 females. The departures of Chinese numbered 269, viz., 261 males and 8 females. The excess of arrivals of Chinese males was, therefore, 109, but the Chinese females departing exceeded those arriving by 1.

Chinese from
and to dif-
ferent coun-
tries.

45. Of the Chinese who arrived, 203 came from New South Wales, 16 from South Australia, 24 from Tasmania, 62 from New Zealand, and 72 from Foreign Countries. Of those who left, 35 started for New South Wales, 34 for Queensland, 1 for Western Australia, 84 for New Zealand, and 115 for Foreign Countries.

Immigration
and emigra-
tion in
Austral-
asian colo-
nies.

46. The arrivals in and departures from Victoria during the four years ended with 1876 and the other Australasian colonies during the three years ended with 1875 were as follow. All the arrivals and all the departures referred to were by sea:—

* Net figures.

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION RETURNS OF THE AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

Colony.	Year.	Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants, or vice versa.
Victoria	1873	29,460	26,294	3,166
	1874	30,732	27,365	3,367
	1875	32,744	29,342	3,402
	1876	35,797	31,977	3,820
New South Wales	1873	24,022	16,770	7,252
	1874	29,756	19,279	10,477
	1875	30,967	20,350	10,617
Queensland	1873	15,141	5,474	9,667
	1874	20,725	7,794	12,931
	1875	24,809	9,640	15,169
South Australia	1873	4,548	3,172	1,376
	1874	5,557	3,271	2,286
	1875	6,566	4,019	2,547
Western Australia	1873	285	639	- 354
	1874	660	601	59
	1875	733	520	213
Tasmania	1873	6,787	7,039	- 252
	1874	6,265	7,714	- 1,449
	1875	6,535	8,075	- 1,540
New Zealand	1873	13,572	4,761	8,811
	1874	43,965	5,859	38,106
	1875	31,737	6,467	25,270

NOTE.—The minus sign (—) indicates that the emigrants exceeded the immigrants by the number to which it is prefixed. For returns of immigration and emigration of the neighboring colonies during 1876, see Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) ante.

47. More persons come to Victoria than to any of the other colonies,* and more persons depart therefrom than from any of the other colonies. The excess of arrivals over departures is greatest in New Zealand. In Tasmania the departures during each of the three years ended with 1875 have been in excess of the arrivals. The following is the order in which the colonies stand in respect to the net increase of their populations by immigration:—

Gain of each colony by immigration.

ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO EXCESS OF IMMIGRANTS OVER EMIGRANTS.

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. New Zealand. | 5. South Australia. |
| 2. Queensland. | 6. Western Australia. |
| 3. New South Wales. | 7. Tasmania (emigrants in excess). |
| 4. Victoria. | |

48. When the last Victorian census was taken (2nd April 1871) the total population of the goldfields was found to be 270,428. The present population is not known, but an estimate of the number of miners, distinguishing Europeans from Chinese, and those engaged in alluvial workings from those engaged on quartz reefs, is each year made by the

Mining population, 1876.

* An exception to this occurred in the case of New Zealand in 1874.

Mining Department. The following is the result of that estimate for 1876 :—

NUMBER OF MINERS, 1876.

Alluvial miners	... 26,558	European miners	... 29,843
Quartz miners	... 14,452	Chinese miners	... 11,167
Total	... 41,010	Total	... 41,010

Miners,
1866 to 1876.

49. According to this estimate the total number of miners was less by 707 than the number in 1875. The miners have, for years past, been falling off in numbers, as will be seen by the following figures, which show the estimated number of miners at the end of each year :—

NUMBER OF MINERS, 1866 TO 1876.

1866	... 70,794	1872	... 52,965
1867	... 63,053	1873	... 50,595
1868	... 64,658	1874	... 45,151
1869	... 63,787	1875	... 41,717
1870	... 59,247	1876	... 41,010
1871	... 58,279		

Municipalities.

50. The cities, towns, and boroughs in Victoria numbered 59 both in 1875 and 1876. The shires numbered 108 in the former and 110 in the latter year.*

Cities,
towns, and
boroughs.

51. The following is a list of the cities, towns, and boroughs, together with a statement of the estimated population, number of dwellings, total and annual value of rateable property, and total revenue of each city, town, or borough during the year 1876 :—

CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES, 1876.

Names of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Estimated Population.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
			Total.	Annual.	
			£	£	£
Ararat	3,000	544	167,821	16,783	2,980
Ballarat	18,395	4,634	709,408	102,825	23,885
Ballarat East	14,191	3,462	388,073	55,439	11,319
Belfast	2,200	500	150,000	12,014	2,209
Brighton	3,767	815	358,580	35,858	6,291
Browns and Scarsdale	1,900	385	13,950	4,650	1,231
Brunswick	5,200	1,100	416,000	41,000	6,001
Buninyong	1,662	373	53,752	6,719	1,104
Carisbrook	880	218	50,000	5,243	820
Castlemaine	7,500	1,400	266,185	38,027	5,644
Chewton	2,500	630	40,213	8,042	1,113
Clunes	5,639	1,372	186,780	18,678	4,690
Collingwood	21,800	4,889	1,095,080	109,508	20,238
Creswick	3,800	780	83,034	13,839	3,345
Daylesford	4,351	1,100	256,245	17,083	3,142

* For complete details of the organization of these two forms of local self-government, see *Victorian Year-Book*, 1874, paragraphs 236 to 251.

CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES, 1876—continued.

Names of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Estimated Population.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
			Total.	Annual.	
			£	£	£
Dunolly	1,500	450	79,520	9,940	1,966
Eaglehawk	7,757	1,550	303,170	30,317	4,650
Echuca	3,695	821	254,152	39,294	5,013
Emerald Hill	24,500	4,380	1,508,890	150,889	14,256
Essendon and Flemington	3,100	650	255,000	25,262	7,134
Fitzroy	17,000	4,000	1,394,070	139,407	17,373
Footscray	4,220	1,034	743,700	37,185	8,847
Geelong	11,000	2,200	703,920	70,393	14,199
Geelong West	5,000	1,150	171,770	17,177	2,806
Graytown	254	101	4,192	838	159
Hamilton	2,700	546	257,726	18,409	2,486
Hawthorn	4,491	898	555,384	46,282	5,719
Heathcote	1,580	290	53,056	6,630	1,268
Hotham	14,600	3,450	866,360	86,636	12,173
Inglewood	1,200	290	55,706	6,330	1,343
Kew	3,600	510	347,020	34,702	4,412
Koroit	1,470	300	160,000	13,741	1,952
Majorca	1,800	410	38,288	4,786	1,171
Malmsbury	1,000	325	70,041	7,041	1,348
Maryborough	3,000	670	145,000	18,300	3,198
Melbourne	61,000	12,844	8,568,100	856,810	112,653
Newtown and Chilwell...	5,000	1,000	233,940	23,394	3,381
Portland	2,400	525	155,304	12,942	2,037
Prahran	16,520	3,720	2,231,430	148,762	18,887
Queenscliff	1,050	210	66,990	6,699	1,276
Raywood	640	160	10,150	1,849	520
Richmond	18,612	4,450	900,991	102,971	18,556
Rutherglen	500	120	20,000	2,960	602
Sale	3,000	520	150,000	15,821	2,880
Sandhurst	26,927	7,190	1,881,850	188,185	25,505
Sandridge	7,503	1,667	457,002	50,778	9,059
Sebastopol	3,000	700	37,150	7,430	1,778
Smythesdale	890	245	20,710	4,142	764
St. Arnaud	2,700	560	122,260	12,226	2,702
Stawell	8,000	1,760	280,000	40,000	4,841
Steiglitz	550	190	20,000	2,423	276
St. Kilda	9,000	1,800	1,242,160	124,216	12,798
Talbot	3,400	770	62,833	12,567	1,870
Tarnagulla	984	340	61,080	6,108	714
Walhalla	1,694	440	37,424	10,395	1,421
Wangaratta	1,445	400	102,305	14,615	2,326
Warrnambool	4,600	790	270,790	27,079	6,759
Williamstown	7,800	1,660	488,000	46,992	8,892
Wood's Point	650	228	15,960	3,192	274
Total	398,117	88,516	29,638,515	2,971,823	446,256

52. The next table gives a list of the shires, together with a statement of the estimated population, the number of dwellings, the total and annual value of rateable property, and the total revenue of each shire during the year 1876 :—

SHIRES, 1876.

Names of Shires.	Estimated Population.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
			Total.	Annual.	
			£	£	£
Alberton	3,000	700	255,900	17,060	2,664
Alexandra	2,400	750	210,000	20,200	4,339
Ararat	8,500	1,800	2,334,472	116,724	13,787
Avoca	8,000	1,750	180,450	30,075	4,404
Avon	1,320	297	*	20,666	3,875
Bacchus Marsh	2,500	500	193,970	19,397	2,450
Bairnsdale	3,650	1,050	426,000	28,389	5,017
Ballan	7,750	1,550	590,295	39,353	6,655
Ballarat	8,000	1,000	398,290	39,829	8,175
Bannockburn	2,800	460	300,000	17,923	3,680
Barrabool	2,464	700	444,000	22,200	4,728
Beechworth	7,550	2,360	281,040	46,840	9,161
Belfast	2,805	450	360,253	36,025	5,955
Bellarine	3,425	759	198,571	19,858	4,186
Benalla	12,000	1,700	850,000	70,671	9,602
Berwick	3,000	570	440,000	22,000	3,425
Bet Bet	6,500	1,450	200,000	28,269	3,629
Boroondara	1,369	264	117,864	14,733	3,245
Braybrook	1,080	249	198,870	19,887	3,880
Bright	5,000	1,000	112,445	22,489	4,352
Broadford	1,500	250	103,536	6,471	1,065
Broadmeadows	2,000	304	186,880	18,688	2,449
Bulla	2,350	260	250,000	24,367	3,532
Bulleen	1,600	320	160,000	10,600	2,280
Bungaree	3,961	977	386,781	26,312	6,284
Buninyong	10,787	2,175	468,120	46,812	10,509
Caulfield	2,500	500	340,740	28,395	3,864
Chiltern	2,100	515	68,562	11,427	2,276
Coburg	1,475	402	102,228	10,229	2,404
Colac	5,500	950	981,008	81,784	12,477
Corio	2,630	500	300,000	28,840	4,474
Cranbourne	1,800	400	179,993	17,999	3,368
Creswick	6,300	1,200	730,100	36,505	6,347
Dandenong	1,217	229	136,658	11,386	5,288
Darebin	1,050	200	132,000	13,200	1,708
Dundas	4,200	935	*	91,109	12,781
East Loddon	2,300	280	590,000	29,500	3,634
Echuca	10,000	2,300	1,742,085	116,139	12,464
Eltham	2,000	400	110,000	10,968	2,298
Flinders and Kangerong	1,340	610	156,756	13,063	3,491
Gardiner	1,400	320	326,000	16,300	3,444
Gisborne	3,300	650	351,980	17,599	3,481
Glenelg	4,500	1,540	593,120	74,140	10,752
Glenlyon	2,300	630	147,220	14,722	2,976
Goulburn	1,872	355	201,750	20,175	3,592
Grenville	8,600	2,000	300,250	38,282	8,083
Hampden	4,561	1,140	3,024,440	151,222	20,980
Heidelberg	2,500	350	270,750	18,050	4,649
Howqua	1,518	450	27,867	7,393	1,741
Huntly	4,000	900	302,020	30,202	5,068
Jika	2,600	600	180,000	17,000	8,505
Keilor	668	160	125,780	12,578	2,078
Kilmore	2,756	603	171,490	17,149	7,800
Korong	11,000	2,700	491,940	49,194	5,210
Koyree	1,810	356	254,754	25,475	3,214
Kyneton	9,000	1,800	1,121,060	56,053	7,654

NOTE.—Wherever an asterisk (*) occurs the information has not been supplied.

SHIRES, 1876—continued.

Names of Shires.	Estimated Population.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
			Total.	Annual.	
			£	£	£
Leigh	2,208	500	417,390	41,739	8,924
Lexton	2,500	550	580,000	27,512	4,513
Lilydale	1,822	390	223,573	14,905	3,291
Lowan	1,500	300	*	42,779	2,278
Maffra	4,000	764	300,000	30,000	1,689
Maldon	6,000	1,530	402,740	40,274	6,629
Mansfield	3,000	520	392,825	31,426	5,334
Marong	8,920	2,500	315,905	63,181	11,259
Melton	1,285	233	167,950	16,950	2,777
Meredith	1,333	267	137,720	13,773	2,045
Merriang	1,272	360	*	16,226	2,398
Metcalfe	5,000	1,070	313,670	31,367	6,413
Minhamite	2,200	400	576,000	36,921	7,333
Moorabbin	2,978	625	234,858	19,571	3,811
Mornington	2,000	460	268,960	18,448	3,096
Mortlake	2,554	407	782,370	78,237	10,904
Mount Alexander	5,000	1,400	122,625	20,437	3,648
Mount Franklin	3,900	1,100	154,776	19,347	2,610
Mount Rouse	3,250	525	1,000,000	61,573	12,372
McIvor	3,300	650	150,000	24,788	2,572
Newham	5,000	800	173,660	17,366	2,933
Newstead	4,500	900	189,381	18,938	3,132
North Ovens	2,277	475	132,426	14,714	2,192
Nunawading	1,625	365	109,400	10,940	2,783
Oakleigh	1,800	320	125,000	12,500	3,651
Omeo	1,400	360	131,040	9,842	1,739
Oxley	3,500	850	258,150	25,815	5,778
Phillip Island & Woolamai	1,000	300	122,025	8,135	1,021
Portland	5,300	1,020	480,000	48,000	9,323
Pyalong	2,000	300	202,464	12,654	1,786
Ripon	5,500	1,200	797,580	79,758	12,322
Romsey	1,250	260	296,310	14,816	3,255
Rosedale	3,250	600	435,000	43,500	5,747
Rutherglen	2,200	500	210,000	15,651	3,349
Seymour	2,036	480	148,840	18,605	3,211
South Barwon	1,897	447	130,270	13,027	4,270
Springfield	1,000	153	160,000	15,810	2,738
St. Arnaud	12,500	3,000	2,000,000	98,406	8,406
Stawell	3,750	820	445,064	37,922	5,588
Strathfieldsaye	4,000	800	259,671	23,606	3,121
Swan Hill	6,000	1,400	743,360	55,752	4,984
Talbot	4,250	650	195,330	19,533	3,234
Towong	2,000	300	93,907	14,906	2,680
Tullaroop	7,000	1,700	230,279	32,897	5,526
Wannon	3,600	600	660,000	66,320	9,338
Waranga	10,000	2,052	1,096,785	73,119	10,251
Warrnambool	8,185	1,900	1,432,245	95,483	14,105
Whittlesea	1,400	300	126,000	12,600	3,323
Wimmera	7,000	2,300	1,030,769	103,077	23,915
Winchelsea	2,272	500	550,000	40,207	5,466
Wodonga	1,500	250	103,390	10,339	32
Wyndham	1,550	240	717,836	40,855	6,517
Yackandandah	3,553	850	*	31,176	4,726
Yea	1,510	210	*	12,235	1,379
Total	411,735	89,373	43,435,832	3,649,874	595,146

NOTE.—Wherever an asterisk (*) occurs the information has not been supplied.

Area of municipalities.

53. The total area included in the two descriptions of municipalities is as follows:—

ESTIMATED AREA.				Acres.
Cities, towns, and boroughs	...	...	...	230,683
Shires	...	...	...	48,087,227
Total	...	...	...	<u>48,317,910</u>

Proportion to total area of Victoria.

54. The estimated area of Victoria is 56,446,720 acres. It thus appears that about six-sevenths of this area is included within the limits of municipal districts.

Population of municipalities.

55. The estimated population of the two kinds of districts was as follows in 1876:—

ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1875-6.			
Cities, towns, and boroughs	...	...	398,117
Shires	...	...	411,735
Total	...	...	<u>809,852</u>

Proportion to population of Victoria.

56. It has been already stated that the estimated mean population of Victoria during 1876 was 830,679. It therefore follows that during that year about thirtynine-fortieths of the inhabitants of the colony enjoyed the advantages of local self-government.

Ratepayers in municipalities.

57. The ratepayers in the two kinds of municipal districts numbered as follow in 1875-6:—

RATEPAYERS, 1875-6.			
Cities, towns, and boroughs	...	...	89,555
Shires	...	...	89,407
Total	...	...	<u>178,962</u>

Proportion of ratepayers to population.

58. By the above figures, compared with those showing the estimated population, it appears that about 1 person in every 4·5 persons living in municipalities—equivalent to 2 in every 9 persons—is a ratepayer.

Dwellings in municipalities.

59. The following is a statement of the number of dwellings in the two kinds of municipal districts:—

DWELLINGS, 1875-6.			
Cities, towns, and boroughs	...	...	88,516
Shires	...	...	89,373
Total	...	...	<u>177,889</u>

Increase in number of dwellings.

60. The dwellings in the colony have not been enumerated since 1871. At that time the number of all descriptions amounted to 158,481. The houses in municipal districts therefore now exceed by 19,408 the whole number returned at the last census.

Area, population, &c., in shires and boroughs compared.

61. The area contained in shires is more than 200 times that in cities, towns, and boroughs; but the population and dwellings in the former only slightly exceed these in the latter. The ratepayers in the two kinds of districts are about equal.

62. The population in municipal districts in 1876 exceeded by 27,374 that in 1875; the ratepayers exceeded the number in 1875 by 1,841, and the dwellings exceeded the number in 1875 by 3,420. Increase of population, dwellings, &c., in municipalities.

63. The tendency to settle in country districts rather than in towns is shown by the fact that the increase of population in shires amounted to 24,262, whilst the increase in cities, towns, and boroughs amounted only to 3,112, or to little more than an eighth of the increase in shires. Increase of population in shires.

64. The following is the number of cities, towns, and boroughs, and the number of shires in which rates were struck in 1875 and 1876, at the amounts set down in the first column. It will be observed that no borough in either year, no shire in 1876, and but one shire in 1875, was rated at the lowest amount allowed by law, viz., 6d. in the pound; also, that no municipal district in either year levied rates up to the full amount allowed by law, viz., 2s. 6d. in the pound:— Amount of rating in municipalities.

RATINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1875 AND 1876.

Amount levied in the £.	Number of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.		Number of Shires.	
	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.
s. d.				
0 6	...	...	1	...
0 8½	1	1	...	...
0 9	1	1	5	5
0 10	...	...	2	1
1 0	29	28	94	100
1 3	4	5	...	1
1 4	3	2	1	...
1 6	11	12	3	2
1 7	...	1	...	...
1 8	...	1	...	...
1 9	4	2	...	...
1 10	1	1	...	...
2 0	4	5	1	1
Not stated ...	1	...	1	...
Total ...	59	59	108	110

65. Of the cities, towns, and boroughs, 49 per cent. in 1875 and 47 per cent. in 1876 were rated at 1s. in the pound; of the shires, 87 per cent. in 1875 and 91 per cent. in 1876 were rated at that amount. Municipalities rated at 1s. in the pound.

66. In 1875, 10, and in 1876, 8 municipal districts were rated at less than 1s. in the pound. In 1875, 34, and in 1876, 33 municipal districts were rated at over that amount. Municipalities rated under and over 1s. in the pound.

67. The number of properties in boroughs and in shires during the three years ended with 1876, arranged in groups according to their rateable values, will be found in the following table. It will be noticed that a steady increase is shown in most of the groups; also, that the Classification of properties rated.

total number of properties in 1875 exceeded by 8,598 those in 1874, and the total number in 1876 exceeded by 3,826 those in 1875; the total increase of properties in the two years being thus 12,424 :—

CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTIES RATED, 1874, 1875, AND 1876.

Rateable Values.	Number of Properties.								
	In Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.			In Shires.			Total.		
	1874.	1875.	1876.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1874.	1875.	1876.
Under £50 ..	91,320	94,769	94,893	75,852	79,425	82,817	167,172	174,194	177,710
£50 to £100 ..	7,981	8,253	8,466	7,537	8,326	8,407	15,518	16,579	16,873
£100 to £200 ..	2,964	3,040	3,035	2,398	2,671	2,654	5,362	5,711	5,689
£200 to £300 ..	764	782	786	552	568	568	1,316	1,350	1,349
£300 to £400 ..	289	301	300	268	279	256	557	580	556
£400 to £500 ..	153	160	162	117	128	157	270	288	319
£500 and upwards	235	242	265	612	696	705	847	938	970
Total ..	103,706	107,547	107,907	87,336	92,093	95,559	191,042	199,640	203,466

Total value of rateable property.

68. The following table gives the estimated total value (or value in fee-simple) of rateable property in cities, towns, and boroughs, and in shires, during the three years ended with 1876, arranged in groups according to the value of the properties of which the amounts are made up. Almost all the groups in 1875, and all the groups in 1876, show increase. The total increase during two years in cities, towns, and boroughs was £2,313,910; that in shires was £10,544,994 :—

CLASSIFICATION OF TOTAL VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTY, 1874, 1875, AND 1876.

Year.	Total Value of Rateable Properties.				
	Under £50.	£50 to £100.	£100 to £200.	£200 and upwards.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.					
1874	12,620,396	5,201,090	3,717,516	5,785,603	27,324,605
1875	13,425,920	5,236,868	3,710,671	5,750,344	28,123,803
1876	14,107,710	5,615,811	3,774,874	6,140,120	29,638,515
SHIRES.					
1874	12,352,195	4,778,797	3,128,595	12,631,251	32,890,838
1875	14,001,922	5,774,169	3,545,945	14,315,222	37,637,258
1876	17,149,418	6,392,215	4,074,915	15,819,284	43,435,832
TOTAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.					
1874	24,972,591	9,979,887	6,846,111	18,416,854	60,215,443
1875	27,427,842	11,011,037	7,256,616	20,065,566	65,761,061
1876	31,257,128	12,008,026	7,849,789	21,959,404	73,074,347

69. The annual value of rateable property is arranged in similar groups in the next table. All the groups in 1875 show increase, as also do all in 1876, except those relating to properties of the value of £50 to £100 and of the value of £200 and upwards under the head of shires, and the group which relates to properties of the value of £100 to £200 under the head of boroughs. The net increase in the two years in cities, towns, and boroughs was £115,341; that in shires was £510,879:—

Annual value of rateable property.

CLASSIFICATION OF ANNUAL VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTY, 1874, 1875, AND 1876.

Year.	Annual Value of Rateable Properties.				
	Under £50.	£50 to £100.	£100 to £200.	£200 and upwards.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.					
1874	1,352,679	537,885	381,885	584,033	2,856,482
1875	1,384,125	539,887	382,546	592,823	2,899,381
1876	1,414,565	563,091	378,503	615,664	2,971,823
SHIRES.					
1874	1,220,327	492,313	315,056	1,111,299	3,138,995
1875	1,320,284	544,464	334,358	1,349,826	3,548,932
1876	1,441,050	537,132	342,412	1,329,280	3,649,874
TOTAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.					
1874	2,573,006	1,030,198	696,941	1,695,332	5,995,477
1875	2,704,409	1,084,351	716,904	1,942,649	6,448,313
1876	2,855,615	1,100,223	720,915	1,944,944	6,621,697

70. The increase in the value of rateable properties is no doubt partly due to the greater extent and number of properties rated, as well as to the improvements made. The following table shows the total increase and the increase under each group in the number of properties, and in their total and annual value, during the two years intervening between 1874 and the end of 1876, the increase in cities, towns, and boroughs being added to that in shires:—

Increase in number and value of properties rated.

INCREASE IN NUMBER AND VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTIES, 1874 TO 1876.

Rateable Values.	Increase during Two Years in the—		
	Number of Properties.	Total Value.	Annual Value.
		£	£
Under £50	10,538	6,284,537	282,609
£50 to £100	1,355	2,028,139	70,025
£100 to £200	327	1,003,678	23,974
£200 and upwards	204	3,542,550	249,612
Total increase	12,424	12,858,904	626,220

Largest increase in small properties.

71. By far the greatest increase in the number of properties, amounting to about five-sixths of the whole increase, was in those rated at less than £50. The largest increase in the total value of properties, amounting to nearly half the total increase, was in properties of a similar rating. The largest increase in the annual value of properties was also in those rated at less than £50, and was equal to 45 per cent. of the whole increase. The next largest increase under this head was in properties rated at £200 and upwards, and amounted to 40 per cent. of the whole increase.

Revenue and expenditure of municipalities.

72. The revenue and expenditure in municipal districts during 1876 were as follow :—

MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS, 1876.—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	Total.
REVENUE.	£	£	£
From Government	61,872	294,840	356,712
„ rates	189,535	169,730	359,265
„ tolls	28,056	32,999	61,055
„ licenses	69,934	38,819	108,753
„ registration of dogs and goats ...	5,363	5,414	10,777
„ market dues	30,891	358	31,249
„ deposits on contracts	9,918	23,435	33,353
„ other sources	50,687	29,551	80,238
Total	446,256	595,146	1,041,402
EXPENDITURE.			
Public works	227,173	421,857	649,030
Salaries, &c.	41,180	58,849	100,029
Deposits returned	9,147	24,338	33,485
Other expenditure	146,385	77,437	223,822
Total	423,885	582,481	1,006,366

Proportion of subsidy to revenue.

73. Fourteen per cent. of the revenue of cities, towns, and boroughs, and 50 per cent. of that of shires, were derived from grants from the General Government.

Salaries in municipalities.

74. Payments for salaries formed about 10 per cent. of the total expenditure of both descriptions of municipalities.

Municipalities in which expenditure exceeded revenue.

75. In 20 of the individual cities, towns, and boroughs, and in 41 of the individual shires, the expenditure was in excess of the revenue; but notwithstanding this the aggregate revenue of cities, towns, and boroughs exceeded the aggregate expenditure by 5 per cent., and the aggregate revenue of shires exceeded the aggregate expenditure by 2 per cent.

Naturalization.

76. Letters of naturalization are granted to aliens residing in Victoria upon their taking an oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, as prescribed by the Aliens Statute 1865 (28 Vict. No. 256); but, without

becoming naturalized, alien friends resident in the colony may acquire real and personal property, and may convey, devise, and bequeath it in the same manner as if they had been British subjects by birth. Alien women married to British subjects thereby become naturalized. The following table shows the native countries of those who have obtained letters of naturalization during the year 1876 and the previous ten years :—

NATURALIZATION, 1866 TO 1876.

Native Countries.						Ten Years : 1866-75.	Year 1876.
France	...	...	...	...	...	29	2
Belgium	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Holland	...	...	...	...	...	10	3
Austria	...	...	...	...	...	11	1
Prussia	...	...	...	...	...	199	16
Other German States	...	...	...	...	...	339	49
Italy	...	...	...	...	...	24	4
Spain	...	...	...	...	...	6	...
Portugal	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Russia	...	...	...	...	...	9	...
Other European countries	...	...	...	...	...	228	32
United States	...	...	...	...	...	20	3
South and Central American States	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
China	...	...	...	...	...	29	5
Other countries	...	...	...	...	...	6	...
Total						918	116

77. By the Electoral Act Amendment Act 1876 (40 Vict. No. 548), the number of electoral districts in Victoria was increased from 49 to 55, and the number of members of the Legislative Assembly was increased from 78 to 86. With the exception of this change, and a few minor details provided for in the amending Act, the electoral system is the same as that described in the *Victorian Year-Book* 1874.*

Increase in number of electoral districts and members.

78. Of the present electoral districts, 5 are represented by 3 members, 21 by 2 members, and 29 by 1 member.

Number of members to each district.

79. The number of electors on the rolls of both Houses of the Legislature was as follows on the 21st March 1877 :—

Electors on the rolls.

ELECTORS ON THE ROLLS, 1877.

					Legislative Council.	Legislative Assembly.
Ratepayers	...	...	...	...	27,129	148,826
Non-ratepayers	...	...	...	...	1,981	32,402
Total					29,110	181,228

* Paragraphs 262 to 270.

Electors who
voted for the
Legislative
Council.

80. At the last biennial election for the Legislative Council, which took place in August and September 1876, the seat was contested in three out of the six provinces, and in these, 51 per cent. of the electors recorded their votes. The following table shows the names of the provinces, the number of electors on the rolls, the number who voted in each contested province, and the proportion of the latter to the former :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—ELECTORS WHO VOTED, 1876.

Electoral Provinces.	Number of Electors—		
	On the Rolls.	Who Voted.	
		Total Number.	Percentage of Number on the Rolls.
Central	9,330	*	*
South	3,283	1,901	57·90
South-Western	3,274	2,011	61·42
Western	2,911	*	*
North-Western	5,873	2,959	50·38
Eastern	3,048	*	*
Total	27,719	...	...
Deduct for uncontested provinces	14,289	...	...
Net result	13,430	6,871	51·16

Electors who
voted for the
Legislative
Assembly.

81. At the general election for the Legislative Assembly, held on the 12th May 1877, all the seats were contested except four. Returns have been received from all the districts except one, and these show that over 62 per cent. of the electors in contested districts voted. The following table shows the results for each district :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—ELECTORS WHO VOTED, 1877.

Electoral Districts.	Number of Electors—		
	On the Rolls.	Who Voted.	
		Total Number.	Percentage of Number on the Rolls.
Ararat (1)	1,716	1,079	62·87
Avoca (2)	4,193	1,952	46·55
Ballarat East (2)	4,515	2,690	59·57
Ballarat West (3)	7,108	3,771	53·05
Barwon (1)	2,021	1,485	73·47
Belfast (1)	1,111	788	70·92
Benambra (1)	1,136	685	60·29
Boroondara (1)	1,816	1,374	75·66
Bourke, East (1)	1,749	1,309	74·84
Bourke Boroughs, East (1)	2,037	1,423	69·80

* No contest.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—ELECTORS WHO VOTED, 1877—continued.

Electoral Districts.	Number of Electors—		
	On the Rolls.	Who Voted.	
		Total Number.	Percentage of Number on the Rolls.
Bourke, South..(1) ...	1,927	1,373	71.25
Bourke, West... (2) ...	4,200	2,452	58.38
Brighton (1) ...	1,327	1,075	81.00
Carlton (1) ...	2,616	1,869	71.44
Castlemaine ... (2) ...	4,239	3,053	72.02
Collingwood (2) ...	5,003	2,940	58.76
Creswick (3) ...	6,253	4,290	68.60
Dalhousie (1) ...	1,970	*	*
Delatite (1) ...	2,212	1,528	69.07
Dundas (1) ...	1,562	*	*
Emerald Hill ... (2) ...	4,994	3,310	66.28
Evelyn (1) ...	1,434	1,032	71.96
Fitzroy (2) ...	4,462	2,920	65.44
Footscray (1) ...	1,412	938	66.43
Geelong (3) ...	4,726	2,810	59.45
Gippsland, North (2) ...	3,912	†	†
Gippsland, South (1) ...	1,503	824	54.82
Grant (2) ...	3,381	2,093	61.90
Grenville (2) ...	3,981	2,471	62.06
Kara Kara (1) ...	2,575	1,736	67.41
Kilmore and Anglesey ... (1) ...	2,105	1,414	67.17
Kyneton Boroughs (1) ...	1,463	1,076	73.54
Maldon (1) ...	1,754	*	*
Mandurang (3) ...	8,155	4,934	60.50
Maryborough and Talbot (2) ...	4,704	2,994	63.64
Melbourne, East (2) ...	4,402	3,087	70.12
Melbourne, North (2) ...	5,983	3,950	66.02
Melbourne, West (2) ...	4,961	3,371	67.95
Moira (2) ...	4,725	3,049	64.52
Mornington (1) ...	2,275	1,158	50.90
Normanby (1) ...	1,666	868	52.10
Ovens (2) ...	3,745	2,279	60.85
Polwarth and South Grenville (1) ...	1,580	962	60.88
Portland (1) ...	1,354	619	45.71
Richmond (2) ...	5,764	3,847	66.74
Ripon and Hampden (1) ...	2,011	1,201	59.72
Rodney (2) ...	5,136	3,310†	64.44
Sandhurst (3) ...	6,932	4,693	67.70
Sandridge (1) ...	1,916	1,301	67.90
St. Kilda (2) ...	5,892	4,128	70.06
Stawell (1) ...	2,371	1,495	63.05
Villiers and Heytesbury (2) ...	3,838	2,043	53.23
Warrnambool ... (1) ...	1,468	*	*
Williamstown ... (1) ...	1,845	1,220	66.12
Wimmera (2) ...	4,285	2,538	59.20
Total ...	181,421	...	...
Deduct for uncontested districts... (1) ...	6,754	...	...
Net result ...	174,667	108,807	62.29

* No contest.

† Information not furnished.

‡ Returns incomplete.