

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES VOTED BY PARLIAMENT, 1876-7.

Department.	Number of Recipients.	Superannuation Allowances Payable.					
		Total Amount.			Average to each Recipient.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Victorian Railways...	5	1,018	15	0	203	15	0
Public Works ...	5	481	5	0	96	5	0
Water and Sewerage ...	4	409	1	0	102	5	3
Roads and Bridges ...	2	549	3	4	274	11	8
Education ...	37	2,470	11	9	66	15	5½
Government Printing Office ...	1	97	10	0	97	10	0
Trade and Customs...	1	27	7	6	27	7	6*
Total ...	55	5,053	13	7	91	17	8½

38. The following is a summary of the pensions and superannuation allowances, of all descriptions, payable out of the general revenue during the year 1876-7 :—

SUMMARY OF PENSIONS AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES PAYABLE †
FROM THE REVENUE, 1876-7.

	£	s.	d.
Former Ministers of the Crown ...	2,366	13	4
Lady Darling and Mrs. Petrie ...	1,100	0	0
Former judge of Supreme Court ...	1,500	0	0
„ judges of County Courts ...	1,500	0	0
„ Surveyor-General ...	1,000	0	0
„ officers of the Civil Service ...	17,678	7	6
„ „ Lunacy Department ...	224	5	10
„ police ...	2,000	0	0†
Allowances voted by Parliament ...	5,053	13	7
Total ...	£32,423	0	3

PART II.—POPULATION.

39. At the end of each quarter an estimate of the population of Victoria is made by 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 those who departed therefrom by sea.

40. This estimate is to a certain extent imperfect, for in the first place no account is or can be taken of the arrivals or departures over-land, and the calculated population is in consequence liable to be

* This in addition to an annuity of £54 15s. payable to the recipient, formerly a boatman in the Harbor Department. The extra amount was voted so as to bring the total allowance up to half his salary whilst in the public service.
† The amounts actually paid were in some instances less than these. See footnote to table following paragraph 32 ante.
‡ These figures represent the amount payable from the General Revenue. For total of retiring allowances to the police, see table following paragraph 36 ante.

greater or less than the truth, according as the latter or the former preponderate; secondly, persons going from Victoria to the neighboring colonies by means of the intercolonial steamers frequently do not take their passages beforehand, and consequently no record is made of their departure, whilst, as the arrivals by sea are all duly reported, the estimated population is from this cause apt to exceed the correct number; thirdly, as the registration of death must precede burial, all or nearly all the deaths are registered, but as there is no such absolute necessity for registering births, a certain percentage are always left unregistered. From this cause the estimate of population is likely to understate the truth. Until another census is taken it will not be possible to ascertain which of these disturbing influences is the most potent, or whether they counteract one another. In the meantime it will be well to remember that entire reliance is not to be placed upon the population estimates.

41. The crews of vessels coming to and leaving Victorian ports are not included amongst either the arrivals or departures, as it is held by the immigration authorities that the numbers about balance. Crews not included in estimate.

42. The estimated population of Victoria at the end of the year 1877 was as follows:— Population, 1877.

POPULATION, 31ST DECEMBER 1877.*

Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	467,741
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	393,046
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	860,787

43. The increase of population during the year was 20,487, viz., 11,278 males and 9,209 females. Of this increase, about two-thirds—viz., 13,234, consisting of 5,927 males and 7,307 females—resulted from the excess of births over deaths, and the remainder—viz., 7,253, consisting of 5,351 males and 1,902 females—was due to excess of arrivals over departures. Increase of population, 1877.

44. The increase of population exceeded that in 1876 by 3,459, and was also in excess of that in any year of the previous decenniad except 1868, 1869, 1870, and 1871, as will be seen by the following figures:— Increase of population, 1867 to 1877.

TOTAL INCREASE OF POPULATION.†

1867	...	14,589	1871	...	25,846	1875	...	14,835
1868	...	23,043	1872	...	18,282	1876	...	17,028
1869	...	25,176	1873	...	19,765	1877	...	20,487
1870	...	26,809	1874	...	17,945			

* The latest estimate of population up to the time of these pages going to press was, for the 30th June 1878, and was as follows:—Males, 471,346; females, 396,288; total, 867,634.

† 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*.

Increase by
births.

45. The increase by excess of births over deaths was 13,234, which was slightly above that in 1876, was also above that in 1875, but was below that in any other year of the previous decenniad. This is shown by the following figures, which indicate the excess of births over deaths in the eleven years ended with 1877:—

INCREASE BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS.*

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	1877	...	...	13,234
1872	...	...	16,530				

Increase by
immigra-
tion.

46. The increase by excess of arrivals over departures by sea was 7,253, which was equalled in 1868, and exceeded in 1869, 1870, and 1871, but in no other year of the previous decenniad. The following are the figures:—

INCREASE BY EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES.†

1867	...	2,100	1870	...	11,467	1873	...	3,166	1876	...	3,820
1868	...	7,253	1871	...	8,382	1874	...	3,367	1877	...	7,253
1869	...	11,152	1872	...	1,752	1875	...	3,402			

Males and
females.

47. 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 five years.

Mean popu-
lation, 1877.

48. In order to afford means for 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:—

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, 1877.

Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	461,542
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	388,328
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	849,870

Ages, birth
places, and
religions.

49. 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, and religions of the people at the present time. The information in the next three tables has been based

* 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 73 to paragraph 87 *post*.

upon the census proportions, but it must be taken only for what it may be worth:—

AGES OF THE PEOPLE, 1877 (ESTIMATED).

Age.	Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 5 years	67,847	67,879	135,726
5 to 10 "	61,615	62,210	123,825
10 to 15 "	49,524	50,016	99,540
15 to 20 "	30,215	33,240	63,455
20 to 25 "	27,616	29,863	57,479
25 to 30 "	33,225	29,847	63,072
30 to 35 "	38,270	28,325	66,595
35 to 40 "	44,192	27,765	71,957
40 to 45 "	40,131	21,088	61,219
45 to 50 "	25,421	13,357	38,778
50 to 55 "	19,071	10,021	29,092
55 to 60 "	10,060	5,619	15,679
60 to 65 "	7,294	4,438	11,732
65 to 70 "	3,511	2,218	5,729
70 to 75 "	2,304	1,549	3,853
75 years and upwards	1,246	893	2,139
Total	461,542	388,328	849,870

BIRTHPLACES AND ALLEGIANCE OF THE PEOPLE, 1877 (ESTIMATED).

Place of Birth.	Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria	191,302	193,281	384,583
Other Australian colonies	16,532	16,922	33,454
England and Wales	117,833	81,209	199,042
Scotland	36,366	29,147	65,513
Ireland	56,843	60,415	117,258
Other British possessions	3,051	1,447	4,498
China	20,596	37	20,633
Other Foreign countries	19,019	5,870	24,889
Total	461,542	388,328	849,870
ALLEGIANCE.			
British subjects	425,351	384,282	809,633
Foreign subjects	36,191	4,046	40,237

RELIGIONS OF THE PEOPLE, 1877 (ESTIMATED).

Religious Belief.	Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Church of England	168,844	137,157	306,001
Presbyterians	71,548	62,578	134,126
Wesleyans	56,753	55,144	111,897
Other Protestants	33,986	28,331	62,317
Roman Catholics	101,856	100,788	202,644
Jews	2,369	1,868	4,237
Pagans	20,771	36	20,807
Other sects	5,415	2,426	7,841
Total	461,542	388,328	849,870

Occupations.

50. The following table is based, generally, upon the census proportions ; but in the case of miners the estimate of the Secretary of Mines for 1877, and in that of persons engaged in pastoral pursuits and agriculture the numbers returned by the collectors of agricultural statistics in the same year, have been substituted for the census figures. Some slight changes have also been made in the numbers of laborers, domestic servants, and wives, widows, children, &c. Under all these heads the estimate may be considered tolerably reliable. The remainder of the figures must be taken only for what they may be worth, as in the case of the Ages, Birthplaces, and Religions :—

OCCUPATIONS OF THE PEOPLE, 1877 (ESTIMATED).

Occupation.	Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ministering to government	4,602	201	4,803
„ religion	969	72	1,041
„ health	1,474	1,389	2,863
„ law	1,315	1	1,316
„ education	2,416	4,342	6,758
„ art, science, and literature ...	1,962	193	2,155
Traders	10,551	1,537	12,088
Assisting in exchange of money or commodities	8,807	270	9,077
Ministering to entertaining and clothing ...	14,463	16,967	31,430
Domestic servants	2,701	24,126	26,827
Contractors, artisans, and mechanics ...	48,188	475	48,663
Miners	38,860	...	*38,860
Engaged in pursuits subsidiary to mining ...	769	2	771
„ pastoral pursuits and agriculture...	67,670	30,079	†97,749
„ pursuits subsidiary to grazing and agriculture	2,818	7	2,825
„ land carriage	14,037	102	14,139
„ sea navigation... ..	3,124	14	3,138
Dealing in food	15,095	1,224	16,319
Laborers... ..	31,062	20	31,082
Engaged in miscellaneous pursuits	410	43	453
Of independent means	1,552	611	2,163
Wives, widows, children, relatives, scholars ...	178,823	302,037	480,860
Public burden	7,854	4,148	12,002
Of no occupation, unspecified	2,020	468	2,488
Total	461,542	388,328	849,870

Aborigines,
1877.

51. It is estimated that at the first colonization of Port Phillip the Aborigines numbered about 5,000. When Victoria became an independent colony the number was officially stated to be 2,693. A census was taken by the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines on the 15th March 1877, with the following result:—

* These figures were furnished by the Secretary for Mines.

† Number returned as employed on farms and stations on the 31st March 1877.

ABORIGINES, 1877.

Sex.	Black.		Of Mixed Blood.		Total.		
	Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Males ...	425	71	64	73	489	144	633
Females,	211	67	70	86	281	153	434
Total ...	636	138	134	159	770	297	1,067

52. The total number of Aborigines according to the table is 1,067. Decrease of Aborigines. According to an estimate made by the Board in 1873, the number of Aborigines at that time was 1,553. If the numbers at both periods are correct, the falling-off in four years has been 486, or nearly a third, and the Aborigines must be decreasing at a much faster rate than has been generally supposed.

53. The Board report that about half the Aborigines were usually Aborigines on stations. frequenting or residing on the different Aboriginal stations in 1876-7, and that most of the others were supplied with food and clothing through local guardians.

54. The clothing, provisions, &c., purchased for the use of the Clothing, &c., supplied to Aborigines. Aborigines throughout the colony, during the eighteen months ended with the 30th June 1877, amounted in the aggregate to £6,758.

55. Three of the Aboriginal males were married to women of Aborigines married to Europeans. European birth or origin.

56. When the last Victorian census was taken (2nd April 1871) the Mining population, 1877. 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 Department. The following is the result of that estimate at the end of 1877 :—

NUMBER OF MINERS, 1877.

Alluvial miners	... 23,315	European miners	... 28,129
Quartz miners	... 14,690	Chinese miners	... 9,876
Total	... 38,005	Total	... 38,005

57. According to this estimate the total number of miners was less Miners, 1867 to 1877. by 3,005 than the number in 1876. 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, 1867 TO 1877.

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	1877	...	...	38,005
1872	...	...	52,965				

European
and Chinese
miners.

58. At the end of 1877 the Europeans employed in quartz mining exceeded those engaged in alluvial mining by about 1,000, the numbers being 14,559 and 13,570 respectively. The Chinese seldom practise quartz mining; the numbers occupied in that industry at the same period being only 131, as against 9,745 occupied in alluvial mining.

Area of Aus-
tralasian
colonies.

59. The area of the Australian continent is estimated to be somewhat under three million square miles; but that area, added to the areas of Tasmania and New Zealand, exceeds three million one hundred thousand square miles. The following are the areas of the different colonies according to estimates furnished officially by their respective Governments :—

AREA OF AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

				Square miles.
Victoria	...	...	...	88,198
New South Wales	...	...	...	310,938
Queensland	...	...	...	669,520
South Australia	...	...	...	914,730
Western Australia	...	...	...	1,000,000
Total Australia				2,983,386
Tasmania	...	...	...	26,215
New Zealand	...	...	...	104,900
Total Australasia				3,114,501

Area of
Victoria
and other
colonies.

60. It will be noticed that Victoria is by far the smallest colony on the Australian continent, and the smallest of the group except Tasmania. If the whole continent were to be divided into 100 equal parts, then the area of Victoria would embrace 3 such parts, that of New South Wales 10, that of Queensland 22, that of South Australia 31, and that of Western Australia 34. Victoria is thus less than a third of the size of New South Wales, less than a seventh of that of Queensland, less than a tenth of that of South Australia, and less than an eleventh of that of Western Australia.

Population of
Australasian
colonies.

61. The estimated population, the proportion of females to males, and the number of persons to the square mile in Victoria, during the five years ended with 1877, and in each of the other Australasian colonies during the four years ended with 1876, are shown in the following table :—

POPULATION IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

Colony.	Year.	Population on 31st December.			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
	{ 1877	467,741	393,046	860,787	84·03	9·760
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
	{ 1876	347,869	281,907	629,776	81·04	2·025
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
	{ 1876	113,883	73,217	187,100	64·29	·279
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
	{ 1876	117,208	108,469	225,677	92·54	·247
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
	{ 1876	16,166	11,155	27,321	69·00	·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
	{ 1876	55,633	49,851	105,484	89·61	4·024
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
	{ 1876	225,580	173,495	399,075	76·91	3·804

NOTE.—For population of the neighboring colonies to the end of 1877, see Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) *ante*.

62. 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.
2. Tasmania.
3. New Zealand.
4. New South Wales.

5. Queensland.
6. South Australia.
7. Western Australia.

Order of colonies in respect to population and sex.

* Maoris are not included. They were estimated on the 1st June 1874 to amount to 45,470.

ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO EQUALITY OF SEXES.

1. South Australia.
2. Tasmania.
3. Victoria.
4. New South Wales.

5. New Zealand.
6. Western Australia.
7. Queensland.

Population
of Australia
and Austral-
asia.

63. According to the figures in the last table, there were on the continent of Australia at the end of 1876 nearly two millions of inhabitants, and in Australasia, including not only the continental colonies but also Tasmania and New Zealand, there were more than two million four hundred thousand. The exact numbers, as well as the proportions of the sexes and of persons to the square mile, were as follow :—

POPULATION OF AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALASIA, 1876.*

	Population, 31st December 1876.			Females to 100 Males.	Fraction of a Person to the Square Mile.
	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Continent of Australia ...	1,051,589	858,585	1,910,174	81·65	·640
Ditto with Tasmania and New Zealand	1,332,802	1,081,931	2,414,733	81·18	·775

Proportion
of Victorians
in Austral-
asia.

64. It will be observed that rather less than half (four-ninths) of the inhabitants of Australia, and more than a third of the inhabitants of the Australasian group, are living in Victoria.

Increase of
population
in Austral-
asia.

65. The total gain to the population of the Australian continent during 1876 was 61,811 ; the gain to the population of all the Australasian colonies during the same year was 86,851.

Area and
population
of British
dominions.

66. The following table, showing the area and the ascertained or estimated population of the United Kingdom and its various colonies and dependencies, has been compiled in this office from recent official documents, and is now published for the first time. It embodies the latest available information upon the subject :—

BRITISH DOMINIONS.—AREA AND POPULATION.

Country or Colony.	Estimated Area in Square Miles.	Year of Census or Estimate.	Ascertained or Estimated Population.	Persons to the Square Mile.
England and Wales	58,311	1877	24,547,309	421
Scotland	30,463	„	3,560,715	117
Ireland	32,531	„	5,336,395	164
Total United Kingdom ...	121,305	1877	33,444,419	276
Dominion of Canada	3,406,632	1871	3,686,596	1
Newfoundland	40,200	1875	161,374	4
Total British North America	3,446,832	...	3,847,970	1

* Similar information (except as regards the sexes) to the end of 1877 may be found by adding the numbers for that year given in the population column of the Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) *ante*.

BRITISH DOMINIONS.—AREA AND POPULATION—*continued.*

Country or Colony.	Estimated Area in Square Miles.	Year of Census or Estimate.	Ascertained or Estimated Population.	Persons to the Square Mile.
Bahamas	5,390	1871	39,162	7
Turk's Island	50	"	4,723	94
Jamaica	4,193	"	506,154	121
St. Lucia	237	"	31,610	133
St. Vincent	147	"	35,688	243
Barbadoes	166	"	162,042	976
Grenada	133	1875	40,412	304
Tobago	114	"	17,901	157
Virgin Islands... ..	94	1871	6,651	71
St. Christopher	68	"	28,169	414
Nevis... ..	50	1875	11,680	234
Antigua	97	"	35,642	367
Montserrat	32	1871	8,693	272
Dominica	291	"	27,178	93
Trinidad	1,754	"	109,638	63
Total West India Islands ...	12,816	...	1,065,343	83
Bermudas	19	1875	13,302	700
Honduras	7,562	1871	24,710	3
British Guiana	76,000	"	193,491	3
Heligoland	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	1,913	364
Gibraltar	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	"	16,454	8,775
Malta	119	1875	147,306	1,238
Falkland Islands	6,500	"	1,102	0.2
Ascension	34	1871	27	0.8
St. Helena	47	"	6,241	133
Lagos	5,000	1875	60,221	12
Gold Coast	6,000	1871	408,070	68
Sierra Leone	468	"	55,373	118
Gambia	69	"	14,190	206
Cape of Good Hope	224,100	1875	848,685	4
Natal... ..	18,750	"	322,000	17
British India	907,086	1871	190,663,623	210
Aden	5	"	22,507	4,501
Perim	7	"	211	30
Straits Settlements	1,445	"	308,097	213
Ceylon	24,702	1875	2,459,542	100
Mauritius	713	"	339,371	476
Labuan	30	"		
Hong Hong	31	"		
Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand*	3,114,501	"		
Fiji	7,400	"		
Grand Total British dominions	7,981,548			

67. According to the figures, the Australasian colonies occupy nearly two-fifths, and Victoria about a ninetieth, of the whole area of the British dominions. The Australasian colonies contain rather more than a tenth, and Victoria something less than a two hundred and eightieth of the population of the whole British Empire.

Proportion of
Australasia
and Victoria
to British
Empire.

* For area and population of the different Australasian colonies, see tables following paragraphs 59 and 61 *ante*.

† Only about 1,500 of these are whites.

Foreign
countries,
area and
population.

68. The next table gives the area and population of Foreign countries, including all which are of importance. The information has, where possible, been drawn from official sources, and is brought down to the latest dates. The table is now published for the first time:—

FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—AREA AND POPULATION.

Country.	Estimated Area in Square Miles.	Year of Census or Estimate.	Ascertained or Estimated Population.	Persons to the Square Mile.
Argentine Confederation ...	1,619,463	1876	2,250,000	1
Austro-Hungary ...	240,276	1869	35,904,435	149
Belgium ...	11,370	1876	5,336,185	469
Bolivia ...	842,729	1861	1,987,352	2
Brazil ...	3,287,964	1872	9,448,233	3
Chili ...	204,580	1875	2,319,266	11
China* ...	3,924,627	...	425,213,152*	108
Columbia ...	504,773	1871	2,913,343	6
Costa Rica ...	26,040	...	185,000	7
Denmark ...	15,218	1875	1,880,100	124
„ colonies of ...	87,124	1870	127,401	1
Total Danish possessions ...	102,342	...	2,007,501	20
Ecuador ...	248,372	...	1,308,082	5
Egypt ...	1,406,250	1875	16,952,000	12
France ...	204,031	1876	36,905,788	181
„ colonies of, Algeria ...	258,306	1872	4,851,199	19
„ „ others ...	278,238	...	2,607,357	9
„ protectorates of ...	57,356	...	1,043,897	18
Total French dominions ...	797,931	...	45,408,241	57
Germany ...	209,830	1875	42,727,360	204
Greece ...	19,381	1870	1,457,894	75
Guatemala ...	41,830	1865	1,180,000	28
Haiti ...	10,204	...	600,000	59
Holland ...	12,718	1875	3,809,527	300
„ colonies of, Java & Madura ...	51,336	1874	18,125,269	353
„ „ others ...	615,420	...	6,261,722	10
Total Dutch dominions ...	679,474	...	28,196,518	41
Honduras ...	39,600	...	250,000	6
Italy ...	114,374	1871	26,801,154	234
Japan ...	155,480	1872	33,110,825	213
Liberia ...	60,000	...	720,000	12
Luxemburg ...	1,592	1871	197,528	124
Mexico ...	743,948	1873	9,343,470	13
Montenegro ...	1,770	1871	195,585	110
Morocco ...	219,000	...	3,000,000	14
Nicaragua ...	49,500	...	350,000	7
Paraguay ...	57,303	...	250,000	4
Persia ...	648,000	1875	3,000,000	5
Peru ...	503,364	1871	3,199,000	6

* Much doubt must exist as to the accuracy of estimates of the population of China. These figures, as well as some others in the table, have been taken from Martin's *Statesman's Year-Book*, 1878. London: MacMillan and Co.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—AREA AND POPULATION—*continued.*

Country.	Estimated Area in Square Miles.	Year of Census or Estimate.	Ascertained or Estimated Population.	Persons to the Square Mile.
Portugal	34,499	1872	4,011,908	116
„ possessions, Azores ...	966	1868	252,480	261
„ „ Madeira and Porto Santo	317	1869	115,804	365
„ „ others ...	709,469	...	3,258,141	5
Total Portugese dominions	745,251	...	7,638,333	10
Roumania	45,642	1873	5,073,000	111
Russia in Europe	2,088,274	1870-5	74,145,223	36
„ Asia... ..	6,274,696	1871	12,122,827	2
Total Russian Empire ...	8,362,970	...	86,268,050	10
San Domingo	18,045	...	250,000	14
San Salvador	9,594	1870	434,520	45
Servia	16,600	1874	1,352,522	81
Siam	250,000	...	11,800,000	47
Spain	195,716	1871	16,798,925	86
„ colonies of	113,678	...	6,419,339	56
Total Spanish dominions ...	309,394	...	23,218,264	75
Sweden and Norway	293,146	1875	6,200,528	21
Switzerland	15,977	1870	2,669,147	167
Tunis... ..	42,000	...	1,500,000	36
Turkey	1,742,874	...	28,165,000	16
United States	3,603,884	1870	38,558,371	11
Uruguay	72,151	1875	444,613	6
Venezuela	403,261	...	1,784,194	4
Grand Total of countries named	32,702,156	...	921,168,666	28
Grand Total of British dominions*	7,981,548	...	236,935,784	30
Grand Total of British and Foreign countries	40,683,704	...	1,158,104,450	28

69. It will be seen that British dominions occupy something less than a fifth of the area, and contain rather more than a fifth of the population of the countries named in the table.

70. According to a recent estimate,† the area of dry land on the face of the globe is 134,460,770 square kilometers,‡ which is equivalent to 51,901,857 square miles, and the population of the world is 1,439,145,300. The difference between these figures and the area and population accounted for in the lowest line of the last table is shown as follows:—

* For details, see last table.

† The estimate of Messrs. Behm and Wagner. See Petermann's "Mittheilungen," entitled "Die Bevölkerung der Erde," Gotha, Justus Perthes, 1878.

‡ A square kilometer is .386 of a square mile.

Proportion
of British
dominions
to countries
named.

Area and
population
of the
world.

THE WORLD.—AREA AND POPULATION.

	Estimated Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population.	Persons to the Square Mile.
The world	51,901,857	1,439,145,300	27·7
Countries accounted for in last table	40,683,704	1,158,104,450	28·5
Difference	11,218,153	281,040,850	25·1

Proportion of
countries
named to
world.

71. From the figures given it appears that nearly four-fifths of the earth's surface, and something more than four-fifths of its population, are included in the countries named.

Proportion
of British
dominions,
&c., to
world.

72. It also appears that British dominions cover nearly two-thirteenths of the earth's surface, and contain about a sixth of its population; that the Australasian colonies cover between a sixteenth and a seventeenth of its surface, but contain only a six-hundredth of its population, and that Victoria does not cover much more than a six-hundredth part of its surface, and contains only about a seventeen-hundredth of its population.

Immigration
and emigra-
tion, 1877.

73. The persons of both sexes who arrived in and departed from the colony of Victoria by sea* in 1877, and the excess of arrivals over departures, were as follow :—

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1877.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Arrivals	29,229	11,967	41,196
Departures	23,878	10,065	33,943
Immigration in excess ...	5,351	1,902	7,253

Arrivals and
departures,
1877 and
former
years.

74. The arrivals in 1877 exceeded those in the previous year by 5,399, and were more numerous than in any other year since 1858; the departures in 1877 exceeded those in 1876 by 1,966, and were more numerous than in any other year since 1863.

Years in
which ar-
rivals and
departures,
1877, were
exceeded.

75. The arrivals in 1877 were exceeded in all the years from 1852 to 1858, both inclusive, but in no other years since the colony was founded. The departures in 1877 were exceeded in 1853, 1854, 1861, 1862, and 1863, but in no other years.†

Adults and
children ar-
riving and
departing.

76. The immigration authorities do not specify the exact ages of the persons arriving and departing, but classify them as adults, or those from 12 years of age upwards; as children, or those between 1

* 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.

† 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 46 *ante*.

year of age and 12 years ; and as infants, or those under 1 year. The following are the numbers under each of those heads who came and went during 1877. It will be observed that, whilst the adults arriving exceeded those leaving by about 24 per cent., the arrivals of children exceeded the departures by only about $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent., and the infants taken from the colony actually exceeded those brought there by nearly 100 :—

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF ADULTS, CHILDREN, AND INFANTS,
1877.

	Adults.	Children.	Infants.	Total.
Arrivals	37,351	3,430	415	41,196
Departures	30,024	3,411	508	33,943
Immigration in excess ...	7,327	19	...	7,253
Emigration in excess ...	...	...	93	...

77. The countries the immigrants came from and those the emigrants went to are specified in the following table. It will be noticed that arrivals from all the places except Queensland and South Australia exceeded the departures thereto, and that in those exceptions the excess of departures was but trifling. In 1876 and in 1875 the emigration exceeded the immigration in the case of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia; and 1877 is the first year since 1870 in which the arrivals from New South Wales have exceeded the departures to that colony :—

Countries
wherefrom
and where-
to.

ARRIVALS FROM AND DEPARTURES TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES,
1877.

Countries.	Arrivals therefrom.	Departures thereto.	Immigration in excess.	Emigration in excess.
New South Wales	12,365	11,942	423	...
Queensland	26	39	...	13
South Australia	8,062	8,226	...	164
Western Australia	157	94	63	...
Tasmania	8,182	5,501	2,681	...
New Zealand and the South Seas...	4,469	3,685	784	...
The United Kingdom	6,376	3,372	3,004	...
Foreign countries	1,559	1,084	475	...
Total	41,196	33,943	7,253*	...

78. To account for the apparently small passenger traffic between Victoria and Queensland, as shown by the returns, it will be remembered that vessels passing between those colonies generally call at

Apparently
few persons
to and from
Queensland
accounted
for.

Sydney on their way, and the passengers are entered as being bound for and coming from New South Wales instead of the colony of their final destination or first departure.

Assisted immigration.

79. The only assisted immigration which took place during 1877 was that of 17 warrant passengers from the United Kingdom, viz., 9 males and 8 females.

Chinese arriving and departing.

80. The following were the numbers of Chinese included in the returns of immigration and emigration for 1877. It will be observed that more than twice as many Chinese came as went away :—

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF CHINESE, 1877.

				Males.	Female.	Total.
Arrivals	...	...	...	448	1	449
Departures	...	...	...	210	...	210
Immigration in excess				238	1	239

Chinese wherefrom and where-to.

81. Of the Chinese who arrived, 105 came from New South Wales or Queensland, 11 from South Australia, 56 from Tasmania, 137 from New Zealand, and 140 from China or other Foreign countries. Of the Chinese who left, 19 started for New South Wales or Queensland, 4 for Tasmania, 46 for New Zealand, and 141 for Foreign countries.

Immigration and emigration in Australasian colonies.

82. The arrivals in and departures from Victoria during the five years ended with 1877, and the other Australasian colonies during the four years ended with 1876, were as follow. All the arrivals and all the departures referred to were by sea :—

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
	1877	41,196	33,943	7,253
New South Wales	1873	24,022	16,770	7,252
	1874	29,756	19,279	10,477
	1875	30,967	20,350	10,617
	1876	32,942	21,923	11,019
Queensland	1873	15,141	5,474	9,667
	1874	20,725	7,794	12,931
	1875	24,809	9,640	15,169
	1876	21,831	9,695	12,136
South Australia	1873	4,548	3,172	1,376
	1874	5,557	3,271	2,286
	1875	6,566	4,019	2,547
	1876	13,841	4,995	8,846

**IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION RETURNS OF THE AUSTRALASIAN
COLONIES—continued.**

Colony.	Year.	Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants, or vice versa.
Western Australia	1873	285	639	— 354
	1874	660	601	59
	1875	733	520	213
	1876	409	650	— 241
Tasmania	1873	6,787	7,039	— 252
	1874	6,265	7,714	— 1,449
	1875	6,535	8,075	— 1,540
	1876	8,571	8,169	402
New Zealand	1873	13,572	4,761	8,811
	1874	43,965	5,859	38,106
	1875	31,737	6,467	25,270
	1876	18,414	6,459	11,955

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 1877, see Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) *ante*.

83. It will be observed that more persons come to Victoria than to any of the other colonies, and more persons depart therefrom than from any of the other colonies. In 1875 and in 1874 the net gain to the population by excess of arrivals over departures was much greatest in New Zealand, but in 1876 this was exceeded by the net gain of Queensland, and was nearly equalled by that of New South Wales. In Western Australia, during the last-mentioned year, there was a slight loss to the population by the departures being in excess of the arrivals. In Tasmania, on the other hand, there was, for the first time during four years, a slight gain by the arrivals being in excess. The following is the order in which the colonies stood during 1876 in reference to the net increase of their populations from external sources :—

Gain of each colony by immigration.

**ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO EXCESS OF IMMIGRANTS OVER
EMIGRANTS, 1876.**

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

84. According to the figures in the last table, the net gain to the population of the Australian continent during 1876 by excess of immigration over emigration was 35,580; the net gain from the same source to the population of the whole of the Australasian colonies was 47,937.

Gain of Australia and Australasia by immigration.

85. According to returns received from the Imperial Board of Trade, the emigrants from the United Kingdom to Australasia, in 1877, numbered 31,071, which was less than the number in 1876, 1875, or 1874, but greater than the number in 1873, 1872, or 1871. The following are the figures for the seven years :—

Emigrants from United Kingdom to Australia.

EMIGRANTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO AUSTRALASIA, 1871 TO 1877.

1871	...	...	...	...	...	12,227
1872	...	...	...	...	...	15,876
1873	...	...	...	...	...	26,428
1874	...	...	...	...	...	53,958
1875	...	...	...	...	...	35,525
1876	...	...	...	...	...	33,191
1877	...	...	...	...	...	31,071

Total in seven years ... 208,276

86. During the same seven years, the emigrants from the United Kingdom to British North America numbered 166,528; to the United States, 1,058,430; and to all other places, 98,042; thus making, with the numbers to Australasia, already stated to have been 208,276, a grand total of 1,531,276.

87. In 1877 the arrivals in the United Kingdom from the Australasian colonies numbered 4,702. The net emigration to those colonies was thus 26,369.

88. Municipal bodies in Victoria are of two kinds,* the first being called cities, towns, and boroughs, and the second, shires. Both these bodies are regulated under the Local Government Act 1874 (38 Vict. No. 506), and are called municipalities. Each municipality is a body corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal, and is capable of suing and being sued, and purchasing, holding, and alienating land, &c.

89. The cities, towns, and boroughs in Victoria numbered 59 both in 1876 and 1877. The shires numbered 110 in the former, and 111 in the latter year.

90. The following is a list of the cities, towns, and boroughs, together with a statement of the estimated area, estimated population, number of dwellings, total and annual value of rateable property, and total revenue of each city, town, or borough during the year 1877:—

CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS, 1877.

Names of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Estimated Area.	Estimated Popula- tion.	Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
				Total.	Annual.	
	Acres.			£	£	£
Ararat ...	3,840	3,700	590	82,697	16,539	2,772
Ballarat ...	2,880	18,395	4,542	715,428	103,688	22,275
Ballarat East ...	4,320	14,191	3,316	366,149	52,307	11,138
Belfast ...	5,440	2,400	400	150,000	12,053	1,815
Brighton ...	3,273	4,500	800	403,325	40,633	6,501
Browns and Scarsdale	5,760	1,500	325	45,740	4,574	759
Brunswick ...	2,880	5,145	1,036	417,590	41,759	7,510

* 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 BOROUGHS, 1877—*continued.*

Names of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Estimated Area.	Estimated Popula- tion.	Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
				Total.	Annual.	
	Acres.			£	£	£
Buninyong...	3,360	1,469	338	61,980	6,198	1,058
Carisbrook...	5,760	880	216	48,000	4,939	626
Castlemaine	5,760	7,500	1,400	253,999	36,286	6,109
Chewton ...	5,760	2,500	650	39,304	7,861	932
Clunes ...	5,760	5,500	1,264	175,150	17,515	3,956
Collingwood	1,241	21,200	4,922	1,121,830	112,183	16,878
Creswick ...	4,760	3,800	780	83,256	13,876	2,969
Daylesford...	5,758	4,500	1,100	167,920	16,792	2,931
Dunolly ...	5,758	1,500	450	79,928	9,991	1,690
Eaglehawk	3,735	7,800	1,500	303,170	30,317	4,654
Echuca ...	5,760	5,000	956	326,060	46,580	5,816
Emerald Hill	2,292	24,500	4,525	1,558,720	155,872	21,542
Essendon & Flemington	4,907	3,100	730	275,590	27,559	6,310
Fitzroy ...	800	17,060	4,100	1,436,390	143,639	22,117
Footscray ...	5,760	4,654	1,076	774,800	38,740	6,078
Geelong ...	3,100	12,200	2,200	713,110	71,311	15,865
Geelong West	722	5,000	1,141	158,130	17,570	2,148
Graytown ...	5,696	230	97	4,100	748	78
Hamilton ...	5,280	3,800	566	264,880	18,920	3,101
Hawthorn ...	2,240	4,868	943	554,592	46,216	6,231
Heathcote ...	3,483	1,580	290	50,796	6,350	897
Hotham ...	553	15,000	3,421	883,940	88,394	15,293
Inglewood ...	1,280	1,179	301	54,908	6,239	1,337
Kew ...	2,880	3,650	550	344,580	34,580	4,394
Koroit ...	5,760	1,470	263	162,936	13,578	1,660
Majorca ...	5,760	1,200	325	35,064	4,383	579
Malmsbury	3,840	1,000	300	65,470	6,547	1,309
Maryborough	5,760	3,000	670	140,000	17,265	3,492
Melbourne ...	4,480	62,000	13,027	8,757,130	875,713	118,108
Newtown and Chilwell	1,600	5,000	1,000	233,170	23,317	2,884
Portland ...	2,400	2,400	530	215,949	17,996	2,246
Prahran ...	2,400	18,400	3,896	1,467,305	164,487	17,739
Queenscliff	1,760	1,000	215	65,710	6,571	1,447
Raywood ...	5,760	650	163	11,295	1,971	449
Richmond ...	1,200	19,726	4,611	985,687	112,650	17,345
Rutherglen	1,280	500	120	15,000	2,948	730
Sale ...	4,900	3,000	544	168,000	16,809	2,253
Sandhurst ...	7,500	27,191	6,821	1,843,690	184,369	29,183
Sandridge ...	2,400	7,736	1,675	482,337	53,593	9,703
Sebastopol...	2,000	2,500	570	30,540	6,108	1,364
Smythesdale	1,440	750	235	18,560	3,712	553
St. Arnaud	6,306	2,764	576	139,220	13,922	2,327
Stawell ...	5,760	7,000	1,850	266,000	38,000	5,825
Steiglitz ...	5,760	350	130	20,000	2,046	222
St. Kilda ...	1,920	10,100	1,870	1,192,860	119,286	13,850
Talbot ...	5,760	3,350	740	61,580	12,316	1,906
Tarnagulla...	5,760	950	360	58,435	5,843	720
Walhalla ...	5,120	1,700	429	40,820	10,205	1,114
Wangaratta	5,760	1,392	364	119,805	11,981	1,878
Warrnambool	3,262	4,853	894	286,120	28,612	6,407
Williamstown	2,540	8,000	1,760	520,000	48,637	7,795
Wood's Point	2,560	550	195	13,285	2,657	240
Total ...	231,546	406,833	88,658	29,332,030	3,035,751	459,108

Shires.

91. The next table gives a list of the shires, together with a statement of the estimated area, estimated population, number of dwellings, total and annual value of rateable property, and total revenue of each shire during the year 1877 :—

SHIRES, 1877.

Names of Shires.	Estimated Area.	Estimated Population.	Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
				Total.	Annual.	
	Acres.			£	£	£
Alberton ...	1,543,680	2,700	710	352,000	17,600	3,097
Alexandra ...	512,000	2,400	550	220,000	23,275	3,228
Ararat ...	1,165,280	8,500	1,800	2,240,000	112,442	16,541
Avoca ...	261,120	8,000	1,600	309,820	30,982	4,748
Avon ...	160,000	1,500	320	413,320	20,666	4,719
Bacchus Marsh ...	115,200	2,500	520	242,506	19,400	2,794
Bairnsdale ...	1,600,000	3,750	1,000	560,344	37,356	5,178
Ballan ...	230,400	7,750	1,500	591,330	39,422	5,780
Ballarat ...	126,720	8,000	1,000	401,550	40,155	6,900
Bannockburn ...	76,800	2,700	426	300,000	18,096	2,533
Barrabool ...	163,200	1,453	605	439,978	21,999	3,759
Beechworth ...	206,080	7,580	2,350	276,822	46,137	7,284
Belfast ...	140,800	2,809	506	759,408	36,162	5,809
Bellarine ...	74,240	3,612	710	219,570	21,957	3,315
Benalla ...	2,304,000	14,000	1,800	895,836	74,653	8,186
Berwick ...	380,160	2,200	630	920,000	23,000	3,355
Bet Bet ...	192,000	5,000	1,400	200,000	29,118	3,290
Boroondara ...	8,000	1,384	268	119,208	14,901	3,363
Braybrook ...	57,600	1,079	237	201,250	20,125	4,089
Bright ...	512,000	5,000	870	114,660	22,932	3,404
Broadford ...	166,400	1,400	250	111,072	6,942	861
Broadmeadows ...	46,720	2,000	300	187,420	18,742	2,812
Bulla ...	65,920	2,384	268	255,000	24,760	3,518
Bulleen ...	21,760	1,630	322	160,000	10,600	1,626
Bungaree ...	71,680	4,000	1,000	526,233	26,312	4,522
Buninyong ...	192,000	10,720	2,048	466,510	46,651	8,188
Caulfield ...	6,400	2,500	510	355,900	29,657	4,995
Chiltern ...	64,000	2,100	514	54,525	10,905	1,554
Coburg ...	4,480	1,650	340	102,698	10,270	2,334
Colac ...	486,400	5,500	950	1,046,610	87,217	11,227
Corio ...	128,000	2,630	500	300,000	28,840	3,746
Cranbourne ...	256,000	2,000	450	210,000	21,000	2,482
Creswick ...	140,800	6,500	1,200	730,100	36,505	5,566
Dandenong ...	37,760	1,500	245	142,272	11,856	2,961
Darebin ...	51,200	1,040	200	112,000	11,200	1,535
Dundas ...	896,000	4,200	950	955,877*	74,099	10,987
Dunmunkle ...	416,000	†	†	†	†	†
East Loddon ...	360,960	3,400	405	638,000	31,900	3,734
Echuca ...	1,766,400	12,000	3,000	2,000,000	141,302	13,114
Eltham ...	128,000	2,000	350	229,420	11,471	2,256
Flinders & Kangerong	121,600	1,470	670	171,888	14,324	2,020
Gardiner ...	3,840	1,403	320	327,000	16,350	3,787
Gisborne ...	83,200	3,000	580	350,000	17,300	2,447
Glenelg ...	896,000	4,500	1,600	615,392	76,924	9,954
Glenlyon ...	76,800	2,250	600	147,310	14,731	2,410

* No information. Figures estimated from annual value.

† No information. Shire only recently constituted; was formerly the eastern riding of the Shire of Wimmera.

SHIRES, 1877—continued.

Names of Shires.	Estimated Area.	Estimated Population.	Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
				Total.	Annual.	
	Acres.			£	£	£
Goulburn ...	206,080	2,000	360	201,752	20,176	3,304
Grenville ...	197,120	8,600	2,000	300,250	38,282	6,856
Hampden ...	1,280,000	4,469	912	2,340,740	117,037	17,149
Heidelberg ...	28,800	3,200	397	222,202	17,700	4,315
Howqua... ..	311,040	1,518	489	27,867	7,268	1,211
Huntly ...	172,800	3,500	890	317,780	31,778	4,013
Jika	12,800	2,600	600	180,000	17,000	5,824
Keilor ...	33,280	668	160	126,021	12,602	1,788
Kilmore... ..	60,160	2,590	850	183,850	18,385	2,884
Korong ...	896,000	12,500	2,850	851,328	59,594	5,989
Kowree ...	874,000	2,000	400	244,871	24,487	3,328
Kyneton ...	147,200	9,000	1,800	1,153,350	57,668	11,962
Leigh ...	217,600	2,229	500	416,880	41,688	5,633
Lexton ...	183,680	2,500	550	550,000	27,076	3,813
Lilydale ...	128,000	1,850	403	237,528	19,795	4,496
Lowan ...	4,928,000	1,800	400	533,944*	41,391	5,374
Maffra ...	512,000	3,000	748	340,000	34,000	4,031
Maldon ...	97,280	5,340	1,850	401,000	39,955	5,919
Mansfield ...	1,088,000	3,000	520	396,270	31,700	4,156
Marong ...	422,400	8,272	2,800	333,650	66,730	8,853
Melton ...	73,600	1,200	233	166,990	16,699	1,634
Meredith ...	114,240	1,243	250	137,720	13,773	1,956
Merriang ...	83,200	1,200	200	207,716*	16,102	1,645
Metcalfe ...	132,480	5,000	1,070	312,495	31,249	4,644
Minhamite ...	288,000	2,000	460	739,470	36,974	3,446
Moorabbin ...	19,200	3,021	649	253,266	21,105	3,449
Mornington ...	79,360	2,000	470	274,960	18,748	2,824
Mortlake ...	538,880	2,554	400	786,325	78,633	10,524
Mount Alexander	39,040	5,000	1,400	129,309	21,551	3,029
Mount Franklin ...	68,053	3,900	900	149,112	18,639	2,574
Mount Rouse ...	339,200	3,000	550	1,000,000	60,208	10,061
McIvor ...	448,000	3,500	850	200,408	25,051	2,983
Newham ...	86,400	5,000	800	187,270	18,727	3,153
Newstead ...	64,000	4,428	738	162,600	16,260	2,713
North Ovens ...	140,800	2,230	400	115,680	14,460	2,718
Nunawading ...	15,360	1,391	301	128,680	12,868	2,343
Oakleigh ...	19,200	1,830	350	124,590	12,459	3,481
Omeo ...	659,200	1,600	360	149,142	10,653	1,307
Oxley ...	787,840	4,000	750	179,151	25,593	3,785
Phillip Island and Woolamai	192,000	1,025	350	160,000	9,000	994
Portland ...	640,000	5,700	1,100	550,000	55,000	7,395
Pyalong ...	134,400	2,000	300	205,488	12,843	1,614
Ripon ...	345,600	5,100	1,250	724,520	72,452	12,406
Romsey ...	35,200	1,400	270	362,140	18,107	3,108
Rosedale ...	768,000	3,292	700	470,000	47,331	4,327
Rutherglen ...	92,800	2,600	400	170,000	15,000	2,185
Seymour ...	152,960	2,050	490	173,592	21,699	2,248
South Barwon ...	35,840	1,875	448	132,360	13,236	3,840
Springfield ...	68,480	920	150	158,670	15,867	2,152
St. Arnaud ...	2,240,000	14,000	3,000	2,045,040	102,252	13,303
Stawell ...	544,000	4,250	946	566,728	47,229	5,473
Strathfieldsaye ...	113,280	3,600	800	253,390	23,036	3,283

* No information. Figures estimated from annual value.

SHIRES, 1877—continued.

Names of Shires.	Estimated Area.	Estimated Population.	Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
				Total.	Annual.	
	Acres.			£	£	£
Swan Hill ...	9,600,000	7,000	2,000	1,007,547	75,566	5,181
Talbot ...	113,920	4,200	600	188,790	18,879	2,620
Towong ...	921,600	2,600	400	195,000	15,601	2,240
Tullaroop ...	136,960	6,000	1,500	224,000	32,000	5,276
Wannon ...	467,200	3,600	600	670,000	66,905	8,917
Waranga ...	736,000	7,898	2,103	609,000	87,000	10,949
Warrnambool ...	387,200	8,150	1,200	1,432,245	95,482	14,656
Whittlesea ...	80,640	1,440	300	126,000	12,600	3,300
Wimmera ...	1,350,400	15,000	2,800	1,143,980	114,398	13,295
Winchelsea ...	384,000	2,420	500	550,000	40,210	5,488
Wodonga ...	57,600	1,500	250	103,390	10,339	1,625
Wyndham ...	183,680	1,500	240	832,080	40,855	5,478
Yackandandah ...	320,000	3,120	780	304,673*	23,618	3,318
Yea ...	256,000	1,000	400	187,090*	14,500	1,650
Total ...	52,467,653	421,667	90,861	48,282,719	3,745,305	535,496

Area of municipalities.

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

ESTIMATED AREA EMBRACED IN MUNICIPALITIES.

	Acres.
Cities, towns, and boroughs ...	231,546
Shires ...	52,467,653
Total ...	52,699,199

Proportion to total area of Victoria.

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

Population of municipalities.

94. The estimated population of the two kinds of districts was as follows in 1877 :—

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF MUNICIPALITIES, 1877.

Cities, towns, and boroughs ...	406,833
Shires ...	421,667
Total ...	828,500

Proportion to population of Victoria.

95. It has been already stated that the estimated mean population of Victoria during 1877 was 849,870. 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.

96. The ratepayers in the two kinds of municipal districts numbered as follow in 1877 :—

* No information. Figures estimated from annual value.

RATEPAYERS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1877.

Cities, towns, and boroughs	...	...	...	89,898
Shires	...	...	...	89,873
Total	...	...	...	<u>179,771</u>

97. By the above figures, compared with those showing the estimated municipal population, it appears that about 1 person in every 4·6 persons living in municipalities is a ratepayer. Proportion of ratepayers to population.

98. According to a return recently (July 1878) laid before the Legislative Council, on the motion of the Honorable Sir Charles Sladen, the ratepayers assessed at £20 and upwards numbered 86,667. The following is the classification of these ratepayers as stated in the return, also the number (found by subtraction), amounting to 52 per cent. of the whole, rated at less than £20 :— Ratepayers classified according to rating.

RATEPAYERS IN MUNICIPALITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO RATING.

Number of Ratepayers.			Number of Ratepayers.		
Under £20	...	93,104	£150 to £200	...	1,740
£20 to £25	...	19,825	£200 to £250	...	979
£25 to £30	...	10,967	£250 to £300	...	590
£30 to £35	...	10,736	£300 to £350	...	561
£35 to £40	...	6,021	£350 to £400	...	234
£40 to £50	...	11,284	£400 and upwards...	...	1,391
£50 to £100	...	17,742			
£100 to £150	...	4,597	Total	...	<u>179,771</u>

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

DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1877.

Cities, towns, and boroughs	...	...	...	88,658
Shires	...	...	...	90,861
Total	...	...	...	<u>179,519</u>

100. The dwellings in the colony have not been enumerated since 1871. At that time the number of all descriptions amounted to 158,481. Increase in number of dwellings.
The houses in municipal districts therefore now exceed by 21,038 the whole number returned at the last census.

101. The area contained in shires is nearly 230 times that in cities, towns, and boroughs ; but the population and dwellings in the former only slightly exceed those in the latter. The ratepayers in the two kinds of districts are about equal. Area, population, &c., in shires and boroughs compared.

102. The population in municipal districts in 1877 exceeded by 18,648 that in 1876 ; the ratepayers exceeded the number in 1876 by 809, and the dwellings exceeded the number in the same year by 1,630. Increase of population, dwellings, &c., in municipalities.
None of these increases are so great as those in 1876, as compared with 1875, when the population in municipalities increased by 27,374, the ratepayers by 1,841, and the dwellings by 3,420.

103. The increase of population in shires, which amounted to 9,932, Increase of population in boroughs and shires.
was greater by about 1,200 than that in cities, towns, and boroughs,

which amounted to 8,716. In 1876 the increase of population in shires amounted to 24,262, whilst that in cities, towns, and boroughs amounted only to 3,112.

Amount of
rating in
municipali-
ties.

104. The following is the number of cities, towns, and boroughs, and the number of shires, in which rates were struck in the last three years at the amounts set down in the first column. It will be observed that no borough in any year, no shire in 1876 or 1877, 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 any year levied rates up to the full amount allowed by law, viz., 2s. 6d. in the pound:—

RATINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1875 TO 1877.

Amount levied in the £.	Number of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.			Number of Shires.		
	1875.	1876.	1877.	1875.	1876.	1877.
0s. 6d. ...	...	...	...	1	...	...
0 8½ ...	1	1	...	...	...	...
0 9 ...	1	1	...	5	5	4
0 10 ...	...	...	...	2	1	...
1 0 ...	29	28	24	94	100	99
1 3 ...	4	5	7	...	1	3
1 4 ...	3	2	1	1	...	1
1 6 ...	11	12	15	3	2	3
1 6½ ...	...	...	1	...	...	...
1 7 ...	...	1	...	...	...	...
1 8 ...	...	1	2	...	...	...
1 9 ...	4	2	5	...	...	...
1 10 ...	1	1	...	...	...	...
2 0 ...	4	5	4	1	1	...
Not stated ...	1	...	...	1	...	1
Total ...	59	59	59	108	110	111

Municipali-
ties rated
at 1s. in
the pound.

105. Of the cities, towns, and boroughs, 49 per cent. in 1875, 47 per cent. in 1876, and 41 per cent. in 1877, were rated at 1s. in the pound; of the shires, 87 per cent. in 1875, 91 per cent. in 1876, and 89 per cent. in 1877, were rated at that amount.

Municipali-
ties rated
under and
over 1s. in
the pound.

106. In 1875, 10; in 1876, 8; and in 1877, 4 municipal districts were rated at less than 1s. in the pound. In 1875, 34; in 1876, 33; and in 1877, 42 municipal districts were rated at over that amount.

Classification
of proper-
ties rated.

107. The number of properties in boroughs and in shires during the four years ended with 1877, 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 nearly all the groups, and that the figures for 1877, excepting those relating to properties rated between £400 and £500, are greater than in any of the three previous years; also, that the total number of properties in 1875 exceeded by 8,598 those in 1874, the total number in 1876 exceeded by 3,826 those in 1875, and the total number in 1877 exceeded by 3,047 those in 1876; the total increase of properties in the three years being thus 15,471:—

CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTIES RATED, 1874 TO 1877.

Year.	Number of Properties Rated.							
	Under £50.	£50 to £100.	£100 to £200.	£200 to £300.	£300 to £400.	£400 to £500.	£500 and upwards.	Total.
CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.								
1874	91,320	7,981	2,964	764	289	153	235	103,706
1875	94,769	8,253	3,040	782	301	160	242	107,547
1876	94,893	8,466	3,035	786	300	162	265	107,907
1877	95,911	8,628	3,170	812	332	155	278	109,286
SHIRES.								
1874	75,852	7,537	2,398	552	268	117	612	87,336
1875	79,425	8,326	2,671	568	279	128	696	92,093
1876	82,817	8,407	2,654	563	256	157	705	95,559
1877	83,583	9,067	2,778	641	283	149	726	97,227
TOTAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.								
1874	167,172	15,518	5,362	1,316	557	270	847	191,042
1875	174,194	16,579	5,711	1,350	580	288	938	199,640
1876	177,710	16,873	5,689	1,349	556	319	970	203,466
1877	179,494	17,695	5,948	1,453	615	304	1,004	206,513

108. 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 four years ended with 1877, arranged in groups according to the value of the properties of which the amounts are made up. A falling-off, amounting to £306,485, will be observed in 1877 in respect to the valuation of urban properties. This decrease is confined to properties under £100 and upwards of £200 in value, those valued at between £100 and £200 showing considerable increase. The falling-off referred to is much more than counterbalanced by the increased value of rateable property in shires extending over all the groups, and amounting in the aggregate to £2,139,097 :—

CLASSIFICATION OF TOTAL VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTY,
1874 TO 1877.

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
1877	13,878,561	5,442,678	3,901,064	6,109,727	29,332,030
SHIRES.					
1874	13,105,624	5,070,283	3,319,425	13,401,702	34,897,034
1875	14,807,648	6,106,437	3,749,993	15,138,977	39,803,055
1876	18,218,513	6,790,706	4,328,945	16,805,458	46,143,622
1877	19,185,139	7,430,460	4,578,389	17,088,731	48,282,719
TOTAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.					
1874	25,726,020	10,271,373	7,036,941	19,187,305	62,221,639
1875	28,233,568	11,343,305	7,460,664	20,889,321	67,926,858
1876	32,326,223	12,406,517	8,103,819	22,945,578	75,782,137
1877	33,063,700	12,873,138	8,479,453	23,198,458	77,614,749

Increase in
three years.

109. According to the above table, during the three years ended with 1877 the total increase in the value of rateable property has amounted, in cities, towns, and boroughs, to £2,007,425, and in shires to £13,385,685.

Annual value
of rateable
property.

110. The annual value of rateable property is arranged in similar groups in the next table. In both descriptions of districts the totals and most of the groups show increase from year to year. The only group in which smaller numbers appear in 1877 than in the previous year is that relating to properties of the annual value of £200 and upwards in shires, but here the falling off was only slight:—

CLASSIFICATION OF ANNUAL VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTY,
1874 TO 1877.

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
1877	1,436,377	563,296	403,745	632,333	3,035,751
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
1877	1,488,197	576,383	355,147	1,325,578	3,745,305
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
1877	2,924,574	1,139,679	758,892	1,957,911	6,781,056

Increase in
three years.

111. During the three years ended with 1877, the total increase in the annual valuation of rateable property has amounted to £179,269 in cities, towns, and boroughs, and to £606,310 in shires.

Increase in
number
and value of
properties
rated.

112. 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 three years intervening between 1874 and the end of 1877, the increase in cities, towns, and boroughs being added to that in shires:—

INCREASE IN NUMBER AND VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTIES,
1874 TO 1877.

Rateable Values.	Increase during Three Years in the—		
	Number of Properties.	Total Value.	Annual Value.
		£	£
Under £50	12,322	7,337,680	351,568
£50 to £100	2,177	2,601,765	109,481
£100 to £200	586	1,442,512	61,951
£200 and upwards	386	4,011,153	262,579
Total increase	15,471	15,393,110	785,579

113. By far the greatest increase in the number of properties, amounting to about four-fifths of the whole increase, was in those rated at less than £50. The largest increase in the total value of properties, amounting to 48 per cent. of the total gain, 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 the last head was in properties rated at £200 and upwards, and amounted to about a third of the whole increase.

Largest increase in small properties.

114. 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 1877 and the previous ten years:—

Naturalization.

NATURALIZATION, 1867 TO 1877.

Native Countries.						Ten Years: 1867-76.	Year 1877.
France ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	27	6
Belgium ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Holland ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	12	...
Austria ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	11	4
Prussia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	188	43
Other German States	...	...	...	...	...	348	
Italy ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	27	2
Spain ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
Portugal ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	4	...
Russia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	9	...
Other European countries	...	...	...	...	...	239	42
United States ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	22	...
South and Central American States	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
China ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	30	3
Other countries ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	6	...
Total ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	930	104

Number of electoral districts and members.

115. 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.*

Members to each district.

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

Electors on the rolls.

117. The number of electors on the rolls of both Houses of the Legislature was as follows on the 26th March 1878 :—

ELECTORS ON THE ROLLS, 1878.

				Legislative Council.	Legislative Assembly.
Ratepayers	...	...	...	28,098	151,218
Non-ratepayers	...	...	...	1,956	33,188
Total	...	...	...	30,054	184,406

Electors who voted for the Legislative Council.

118. 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, also the number of electors on the rolls in March 1878 :—

NUMBER OF ELECTORS.—LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, 1876 AND 1878.

Electoral Provinces.				Number of Electors—			On the Rolls 26th March 1878.
				At Biennial Election, 1876—			
				On the Rolls.	Who Voted.		
Total Number.	Percentage of Number on the Rolls.						
Central	9,330	†	†	9,948
South	3,283	1,901	57·90	3,621
South-Western	3,274	2,011	61·42	3,578
Western	2,911	†	†	2,848
North-Western	5,873	2,959	50·38	6,529
Eastern	3,048	†	†	3,530
Total	27,719	...	...	30,054
Deduct for uncontested provinces	14,289	...	...
Net result	13,430	6,871	51·16	

* Paragraphs 262 to 270. † No contest.

119. At the general election for the Legislative Assembly, held on the 11th 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 electoral district. It also contains an estimate of the total population and of the number of males over 21 years of age in each district at the time of the election, and a statement of the number of electors in each district according to the rolls made up on the 26th March 1878 :—

Assembly's
population,
and elec-
tors.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—POPULATION AND ELECTORS.

Electoral Districts.	At General Election, 1877.					Number of Electors on the Rolls 26th March 1878.
	Estimated Population.		Number of Electors—			
	Of both Sexes and all Ages.	Males over 21 years of age.	On the Rolls.	Who Voted.		
				Total Number.	Percentage of Number on the Rolls.	
Ararat	5,800	2,300	1,716	1,079	62·87	1,650
Avoca	24,500	9,500	4,193	1,952	46·55	4,517
Ballarat East	28,100	7,700	4,515	2,690	59·57	4,466
Ballarat West	27,900	8,300	7,108	3,771	53·05	6,851
Barwon	9,300	2,800	2,021	1,485	73·47	2,060
Belfast	5,300	1,600	1,111	788	70·92	1,072
Benambra	4,700	1,900	1,136	685	60·29	1,231
Boroondara	10,000	2,400	1,816	1,374	75·66	1,971
Bourke, East	7,600	2,100	1,749	1,309	74·84	1,674
Bourke Boroughs, East	9,100	3,100	2,037	1,423	69·80	2,059
Bourke, South	9,600	2,400	1,927	1,373	71·25	1,922
Bourke, West	18,300	5,200	4,200	2,452	58·38	4,234
Brighton	7,000	1,700	1,327	1,075	81·00	1,480
Carlton	12,600	3,500	2,616	1,869	71·44	2,779
Castlemaine	18,600	6,000	4,239	3,053	72·02	3,959
Collingwood	20,900	6,000	5,003	2,940	58·76	5,133
Creswick	33,100	11,200	6,255	4,290	68·59	6,058
Dalhousie	10,400	3,300	1,970	*	*	1,897
Delatite	14,000	2,800	2,212	1,528	69·07	2,233
Dundas	9,300	2,600	1,562	*	*	1,502
Emerald Hill	27,300	6,300	4,994	3,310	66·28	5,246
Evelyn	4,600	1,500	1,434	1,032	71·96	1,485
Fitzroy	20,200	5,100	4,462	2,920	65·44	4,582
Footscray	5,500	1,700	1,412	938	66·43	1,499
Geelong	22,500	4,900	4,726	2,810	59·45	4,748
Gippsland, North	15,700	6,000	3,912	†	†	4,211
Gippsland, South	6,400	2,100	1,503	824	54·82	1,651
Grant	19,000	4,700	3,381	2,093	61·90	3,242
Grenville	17,500	5,200	3,981	2,471	62·06	3,699
Kara Kara	17,700	4,600	2,575	1,736	67·41	2,689
Kilmore and Anglesey	9,800	3,300	2,105	1,414	67·17	2,048
Kyneton Boroughs	5,600	1,500	1,463	1,076	73·54	1,356
Maldon	11,300	3,100	1,754	*	*	1,606
Mandurang'	29,200	9,900	8,155	4,934	60·50	8,474
Maryborough and Talbot	18,700	6,600	4,704	2,994	63·64	4,469
Melbourne, East	19,000	6,700	4,402	3,087	70·12	4,398

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Electoral Districts.	At General Election, 1877.					Number of Electors on the Rolls 26th March 1878.
	Estimated Population.		Number of Electors—			
	Of both Sexes and all Ages.	Males over 21 years of age.	On the Rolls.	Who Voted.		
				Total Number.	Percentage of Number on the Rolls.	
Melbourne, North ...	30,600	7,600	5,983	3,950	66·02	5,952
Melbourne, West ...	17,700	6,100	4,961	3,371	67·95	5,223
Moira ...	21,500	8,400	4,725	3,049	64·52	5,034
Mornington ...	10,700	3,200	2,275	1,158	50·90	2,444
Normanby ...	8,200	1,900	1,666	868	52·10	1,638
Ovens ...	19,000	7,500	3,745	2,279	60·85	3,769
Polwarth and South Grenville ...	8,000	2,300	1,580	962	60·88	1,535
Portland ...	6,500	1,500	1,354	619	45·71	1,407
Richmond ...	22,500	6,400	5,764	3,847	66·74	6,040
Ripon and Hampden ...	11,500	3,900	2,011	1,201	59·72	1,998
Rodney ...	21,000	7,700	5,136	3,310†	64·44	5,521
Sandhurst ...	33,500	10,100	6,932	4,693	67·70	7,012
Sandridge ...	8,000	2,300	1,916	1,301	67·90	1,935
St. Kilda ...	27,300	7,200	5,892	4,128	70·06	6,103
Stawell ...	11,600	4,300	2,371	1,495	63·05	2,423
Villiers and Heytesbury	17,400	4,800	3,838	2,043	53·23	3,788
Warrnambool ...	6,600	1,600	1,468	*	*	1,497
Williamstown ...	8,200	2,200	1,845	1,220	66·12	1,945
Wimmera ...	19,700	8,100	4,285	2,538	59·20	4,991
Total ...	845,600	256,700	181,423	...	...	184,406
Deduct for uncontested districts	...	...	6,754	...	...	...
Net result ...	...	...	174,669	108,807	62·29	

120. At the time of the last general election, 1 in every 4 $\frac{2}{3}$ persons in the colony, or 1 in every 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ males over 21 years of age, was an elector. The proportion of members to the total population was 1 to every 9,833, or 1 member to every 2,985 males over 21 years of age.

121. The United Kingdom returns 650 members to the Imperial Parliament, viz., 485 for England, 60 for Scotland, and 105 for Ireland. The proportion of members to the population of the United Kingdom at the end of 1877 was 1 to every 51,453 ; or, for England, 1 member to every 50,613 persons ; for Scotland, 1 member to every 59,345 persons ; and for Ireland, 1 member to every 50,823 persons.

122. If Victoria were to be represented according to population in the same proportion as the United Kingdom, she would in 1877, instead of sending 86 members to Parliament, have returned only 16 ; if in the same proportion as England, she would have returned 17 ; if in the same proportion as Ireland, rather less than 17 ; and if in the same proportion as Scotland, 14.