

## PART II.—POPULATION.

Population.

41. At the end of each quarter an estimate of the population of Victoria is made by the Government Statist by means of the figures of the previous quarter, and the difference between the numbers recorded as having been born and as having died, and between those who arrived in the colony and those who departed therefrom by sea.

Imperfections in population estimates.

42. These estimates are to a certain extent imperfect, for in the first place no account is or can be taken of the arrivals or departures overland, and the calculated population is in consequence liable to be 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 which cause the estimate of population is likely to understate the truth. The decennial census of the colony is to be taken in 1881, and it will then be seen which of these disturbing influences has been the most potent, or whether they have counteracted one another. In the meantime it will be well to remember that entire reliance is not to be placed upon the population estimates.

Crews not included in estimate.

43. 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.

Population at end of 1879.

44. The estimated population of Victoria at the end of the year 1879 was as follows:—

## POPULATION, 31ST DECEMBER 1879.\*

Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	489,559
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	409,774
									899,333
									899,333

Increase of population, 1879.

45. The increase of population during the year was 19,891, viz., 11,243 males and 8,648 females. Of this increase, about three-fourths—viz., 14,719, consisting of 6,694 males and 8,025 females—resulted from the excess of births over deaths, and the remainder—viz., 5,172, consisting

\* 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 latest estimate at the time of these pages going to press was for the 30th June 1880, and was as follows:—Males, 494,763; females, 414,089; total, 908,852.

of 4,549 males and 623 females—was due to excess of arrivals over departures.

46. The increase of population was greater than in the previous year by 1,236, and also exceeded that in the years 1872 to 1876, but was less than in 1877 or in any of the first three years of the previous decenniad, as will be seen by the following figures:—

Increase of population, 1869 to 1879.

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

1869	...	25,176	1873	...	19,765	1877	...	20,487
1870	...	26,809	1874	...	17,945	1878	...	18,655
1871	...	25,846	1875	...	14,835	1879	...	19,891
1872	...	18,282	1876	...	17,028			

47. The increase of population during 1879 was equivalent to an addition of 2·26 per cent. to the population at the commencement of the year. This was less than the average annual increase during the previous ten years, which was at the rate of 2·61 per cent.

Average increase of population per annum.

48. The increase by excess of births over deaths not only exceeded by 840 that in 1878, but also exceeded that in all the years since 1873. It was, however, below that of any other year of the previous decenniad:—

Increase by births.

INCREASE BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS.\*

1869	...	...	15,410	1875	...	...	11,433
1870	...	...	16,731	1876	...	...	13,208
1871	...	...	17,464	1877	...	...	13,234
1872	...	...	16,530	1878	...	...	13,879
1873	...	...	16,599	1879	...	...	14,719
1874	...	...	14,578				

49. The increase by excess of arrivals over departures was greater by 396 than in the preceding year. It also exceeded that in five of the other years of the previous decenniad, being less only than in 1877, 1871, 1870, and 1869:—

Increase by immigration.

INCREASE BY EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES. †

1869...	11,152	1872	...	1,752	1875	...	3,402	1878	...	4,776
1870...	11,467	1873	...	3,166	1876	...	3,820	1879	...	5,172
1871...	8,382	1874	...	3,367	1877	...	7,253			

50. 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 seven years.

Males and females.

51. 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

Mean population, 1879.

\* 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 paragraphs 86 to 97 post.

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, 1879.

Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	483,425
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	405,075
									888,500
									888,500

Ages, birth-places, religions, and occupations.

52. 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 figures in the next four tables have been calculated according to the best information available ; but absolute dependence must not be placed upon the figures.

Ages.

53. In newly settled countries, which are subject during the early stages of their history to large accessions of population from without, the proportions of those living at different ages are subject to much variation, and so great were these disturbances in Victoria during the early years of the gold discoveries, that it was necessary a considerable period should elapse before the population could, in point of age, attain a natural condition. Thus during the ten years which intervened between the censuses of 1851 and 1861, when the population increased seven-fold, the excess of immigrants over emigrants by sea—consisting to a large extent of unmarried adult males—amounted, in round numbers, to 340,000, as contrasted with only 50,000 in the next decenniad, and only 41,000 in the nine years since the census of 1871 ; and hence the native-born population was necessarily inadequate for many years to fully replace those at the middle ages, whose numbers, having been in a much less degree supplemented from exterior sources, have continued to diminish. This was ascertained to be the case in 1871, when it was found that the male population between the ages of 20 and 35 had decreased during the previous ten years by 49,000, and this notwithstanding the gain by excess of immigration over emigration at those ages had during the same period been 24,000.\* That a normal condition has even yet not been reached was exemplified indirectly in the last *Victorian Year-Book*,† where an actual decrease was shown to have occurred in the number of deaths of males at

\* See pages 12 and 13 of the General Report on the Census of 1871, Parliamentary Paper No. 28, Session 1874.

† *Victorian Year-Book*, 1878-9, paragraph 310.

certain ages, viz., between 25 and 45 ; and this is corroborated by the age returns of the last census, which show that, whilst the male population between 25 and 45 numbered, in 1871, 134,500, those who would in 1881, if living, supply their places (*i.e.*, those between 15 and 35) numbered only 111,642, or about 23,000 less, which with the deaths in the ten years would probably cause the total diminution to be not less than 30,000—a number not at all likely to be made up by any excess of immigration. This subject is of much importance, since, if these assumptions are correct, a clue will be afforded to the explanation of many circumstances which at first sight appear anomalous, such as, for instance, the continuous decrease of the marriage and birth rates.\* In view of the facts, it appears that the age proportions prevailing at the last census are inapplicable to the present time, which being the case, it is considered that the best means for determining approximately the ages of the living is to estimate them from the recorded ages at death. This was the basis of the calculation used for the first time in last year's issue of this work, and the figures then given have been brought on by proportion to those which appear in the following table :—

AGES OF THE PEOPLE, 1879 (ESTIMATED).

Ages.	Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 5 years ... ..	59,949	59,424	119,373
5 to 10 " ... ..	66,766	65,157	131,923
10 " 15 " ... ..	53,234	52,588	105,822
15 " 20 " ... ..	52,166	49,531	101,697
20 " 25 " ... ..	35,710	33,099	68,809
25 " 30 " ... ..	29,233	26,439	55,672
30 " 35 " ... ..	26,281	22,682	48,963
35 " 40 " ... ..	30,162	22,883	53,045
40 " 45 " ... ..	35,405	20,862	56,267
45 " 50 " ... ..	31,106	17,911	49,017
50 " 55 " ... ..	24,933	13,466	38,399
55 " 60 " ... ..	16,091	8,870	24,961
60 " 65 " ... ..	10,355	5,397	15,752
65 " 70 " ... ..	6,310	2,888	9,198
70 " 75 " ... ..	3,219	2,423	5,642
75 years and upwards ... ..	2,505	1,455	3,960
Total ... ..	483,425	405,075	888,500

54. In the following table, showing the birthplaces and allegiance of Birthplaces. the people, the estimate of Victorian-born has been obtained by deducting from the births of males 60 per cent. of the deaths of males, and from the births of females 70 per cent. of the deaths of females, and adding

\* See Part IV., Vital Statistics, *post*.

the remainders to the numbers of males and females of Victorian nativity returned at the last census. This mode of computation is based upon the proportion found to exist between the increase of persons born in Victoria during the interval between the censuses of 1861 and 1871 and the ratio of the deaths to the births which occurred during the same decennial period. Those born in "Other Australian colonies" have been increased in the same ratio as the Victorians, and the remainder of the population has been distributed amongst the other nationalities according to the census proportions :—

**BIRTHPLACES AND ALLEGIANCE OF THE PEOPLE, 1879 (ESTIMATED).**

Place of Birth.	Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria ... ..	244,342	243,072	487,414
Other Australian colonies ... ..	21,105	21,292	42,397
England and Wales ... ..	101,239	64,152	165,391
Scotland ... ..	31,245	23,025	54,270
Ireland ... ..	48,838	47,725	96,563
Other British possessions ... ..	2,621	1,143	3,764
China* ... ..	17,695	30	17,725
Other Foreign countries ... ..	16,340	4,636	20,976
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>483,425</b>	<b>405,075</b>	<b>888,500</b>
<b>ALLEGIANCE.</b>			
British subjects ... ..	445,529	400,854	846,383
Foreign subjects ... ..	37,896	4,221	42,117

Victorian-born,  
1871-9.

55. The following is an estimate of the number of persons of Victorian birth living in the colony in 1871 and each succeeding year, the calculations for the latter years having been made upon the principle just explained :—

**VICTORIAN-BORN, 1871 TO 1879 (ESTIMATED).**

On 30th June of each Year.	Estimated Number of Victorian-born Living in Victoria.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
1871 ... ..	168,186	166,647	334,833
1872 .. ...	178,817	177,421	356,238
1873 ... ..	188,987	187,809	376,796
1874 ... ..	198,866	197,755	396,621
1875 ... ..	207,869	206,660	414,529
1876 ... ..	216,706	215,984	432,690
1877 ... ..	225,702	224,912	450,614
1878 ... ..	234,857	233,862	468,719
1879 ... ..	244,342	243,072	487,414

\* Much doubt must exist as to the correctness of the estimate of the number of Chinese, as, independently of those who come and go overland, of which no record whatever is or can be kept, the returns of the Immigration department make no distinction between the Chinese and other passengers who depart by the intercolonial steamers. Mr. C. P. Hodges, Chinese Interpreter, in a report dated 31st May 1880, addressed to the Honorable the Premier of Victoria, assumes the number of Chinese in the colony to be 13,000, of whom he states about 880 reside in Melbourne and suburbs. At the same time he estimates the number in New South Wales to be 9,500; Queensland, 14,524; South Australia (including Northern territory), 2,000; Tasmania, 750; and New Zealand, 4,433. Total in Australia, 44,207.

56. The religions of the people have been estimated entirely upon Religions. the basis of the proportions existing at the last census :—

RELIGIONS OF THE PEOPLE, 1879 (ESTIMATED).

Religious Belief.	Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Church of England ... ..	176,850	143,072	319,922
Presbyterians ... ..	74,940	65,276	140,216
Wesleyans ... ..	59,444	57,522	116,966
Other Protestants ... ..	35,598	29,553	65,151
Roman Catholics ... ..	106,685	105,135	211,820
Jews ... ..	2,481	1,948	4,429
Pagans ... ..	21,756	38	21,794
Other sects ... ..	5,671	2,531	8,202
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>483,425</b>	<b>405,075</b>	<b>888,500</b>

57. The following estimate of the occupations of the people is based, Occupations. generally, upon the census proportions ; but in the case of miners the estimate of the Secretary for Mines for 1879, and in the case 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 figures brought on from the census. 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 other 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, 1879 (ESTIMATED).

Occupations of the People.	Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ministering to government ... ..	4,820	210	5,030
"  religion ... ..	1,015	74	1,089
"  health ... ..	1,543	1,450	2,993
"  law ... ..	1,367	1	1,368
"  education ... ..	2,520	4,532	7,052
"  art, science, and literature ... ..	2,055	201	2,256
Traders ... ..	11,050	1,604	12,654
Assisting in exchange of money or commodities	9,224	282	9,506
Ministering to entertaining and clothing ... ..	15,147	17,712	32,859
Domestic servants ... ..	2,829	28,317	31,146
Contractors, artisans, and mechanics ... ..	50,469	496	50,965
Miners ... ..	37,743	...	37,743 *
Engaged in pursuits subsidiary to mining ... ..	805	2	807
"  pastoral pursuits and agriculture... ..	71,954	31,566	103,520 †
"  pursuits subsidiary to grazing and agriculture	2,952	7	2,959
"  land carriage ... ..	14,703	106	14,809
"  sea navigation... ..	3,272	14	3,286

\* These figures were furnished by the Secretary for Mines.

† Number returned as employed on farms and stations on the 31st March 1879.

OCCUPATIONS OF THE PEOPLE, 1879 (ESTIMATED)—*continued.*

Occupations of the People.	Mean Population.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Dealing in food ... ..	15,810	1,277	17,087
Laborers... ..	34,441	20	34,461
Engaged in miscellaneous pursuits ... ..	429	45	474
Of independent means ... ..	1,626	638	2,264
Wives, widows, children, relatives, scholars ...	187,309	311,702	499,011
Public burden ... ..	8,226	4,330	12,556
Of no occupation, unspecified ... ..	2,116	489	2,605
Total ... ..	483,425	405,075	888,500

Urban and rural population compared.

58. The following is a division of the area and population of Victoria into three districts, the first being the district comprised within a radius of ten miles from the centre of Melbourne; the second the space outside that limit embraced in cities, towns, and boroughs (present or former); and the third the remainder of the colony:—

## URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION, 1879.

Districts.	Estimated Area in Square Miles.	Mean Population, 1879.		
		Total.	Proportions per cent.	Persons to the Square Mile.
Urban ... { Metropolitan ...	258	265,000	29·83	1,027
Urban ... { Extra-Metropolitan *	135	194,965	21·94	1,444
Extra-Urban or Rural ... ..	87,805	428,535	48·23	5
Total of Victoria ... ..	88,198	888,500	100·00	10

Increasing proportion of population of metropolis.

59. It will thus be seen that the urban is even greater than the rural population, and that the population of the metropolis alone is equal to nearly 30 per cent. of that of the whole colony. This proportion has a tendency to increase, as will be observed by the following figures:—

## PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION OF MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS TO TOTAL POPULATION OF VICTORIA.

1861	...	...	...	...	...	25·89
1871	...	...	...	...	...	28·27
1879	...	...	...	...	...	29·83

Area and population of Melbourne and suburbs.

60. The following table shows the estimated area and the population in 1879 of the various cities, towns, and boroughs comprised in the metropolitan district. The immediate suburbs of Melbourne will be at once recognised by the density of their populations, which in some instances exceeds that of the city proper:—

\* In addition to the present Extra-Metropolitan cities, towns, and boroughs, certain towns, which were at one time independent municipalities, but have since become portions of shires, are included in this line. These are Avoca, Beechworth, Chiltern, Gisborne, Guildford, Jamieson, Kyneton, Maldon, Taradale, and Woodend.

MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS.—AREA AND POPULATION, 1879.

Sub-districts.	Estimated Area in Acres.	Year 1879.	
		Mean Population.	Persons to the Acre.
Melbourne City ... ..	4,480	63,250	14·1
Hotham Town ... ..	553	16,286	29·5
Fitzroy City ... ..	800	19,163	24·0
Collingwood City ... ..	1,241	22,300	18·0
Richmond Town ... ..	1,200	20,949	17·5
Brunswick Borough ... ..	2,880	5,816	2·0
Prahran City ... ..	2,400	20,040	8·4
Emerald Hill Town... ..	2,442	26,300	10·8
Sandridge Borough... ..	2,400	7,945	3·3
St. Kilda Borough ... ..	1,920	10,283	5·4
Brighton Borough ... ..	3,273	4,650	1·4
Essendon and Flemington Borough ... ..	4,907	3,950	·8
Hawthorn Borough... ..	2,240	5,410	2·4
Kew Borough ... ..	3,445	4,900	1·4
Footscray Borough... ..	5,760	5,500	1·0
Williamstown Borough ... ..	2,540	8,300	3·3
Remainder of district ... ..	123,103	17,919	·1
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>165,584</b>	<b>262,961</b>	<b>1·6</b>
Shipping in Hobson's Bay and river ... ..	...	2,039 *	...
<b>Total population, including shipping</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>265,000</b>	<b>...</b>

61. 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. The following is the result of a census taken by the Central Board for the Protection of the Aborigines on the 15th 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
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>1,067</b>

62. The total number of Aborigines by the table is 1,067. 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, Decrease of Aborigines.

\* Figures showing population at last census (2nd April 1871).



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.

Aborigines  
on stations.

63. The Board, in their report dated 1st July 1879, state that about half the Aborigines are settled on the different Aboriginal stations; that the proceeds of those stations amounted in the year to £1,189; and that the hops raised at the Coranderrk station realised the highest price of any sold in the Melbourne market.

Clothing, &c.,  
supplied to  
Aborigines.

64. The clothing, provisions, &c., purchased for the use of the Aborigines throughout the colony, during the twelve months ended with the 30th June 1879, amounted in the aggregate to £5,180.

Aborigines  
married to  
Europeans.

65. Three of the Aboriginal males were married to women of European birth or origin.

Gold mining  
population,  
1879.

66. When the last 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 Department. The following is the result of that estimate at the end of 1879 :—

#### NUMBER OF GOLD MINERS, 1879.

Alluvial miners	...	22,769	European miners	...	28,443
Quartz miners	...	14,784	Chinese miners	...	9,110
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Total	...	37,553	Total	...	37,553

Gold miners,  
1869 to 1879.

67. According to this estimate, the total number of persons engaged in searching for or raising gold was greater by 917 in 1879 than in 1878. The followers of this occupation have, however, for years past, been falling off in numbers, as will be seen by the following figures, which show the estimated number at the end of each of the last eleven years :—

#### NUMBER OF GOLD MINERS, 1869 TO 1879.

1869	...	63,787	1875	...	41,717
1870	...	59,247	1876	...	41,010
1871	...	58,279	1877	...	38,005
1872	...	52,965	1878	...	36,636
1873	...	50,595	1879	...	37,553
1874	...	45,151			

European  
and Chinese  
miners.

68. At the end of 1879 the Europeans employed in quartz mining exceeded those engaged in alluvial mining by about 1,000, the numbers being 14,619 and 13,824 respectively. The Chinese seldom practice quartz mining; the numbers occupied in that industry at the same period being only 165, as against 8,945 occupied in alluvial mining.

69. The miners for metals and minerals other than gold are few in number, and, according to estimates of the Mining Department, numbered only 557 in 1878, and no more than 190 in 1879.\*

Miners for metals and minerals other than gold.

70. 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.

AREA OF AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

					Square Miles.
Victoria	...	...	...	...	88,198
New South Wales	...	...	...	...	310,938
Queensland	...	...	...	...	669,520
South Australia	...	...	...	...	903,690
Western Australia	...	...	...	...	1,000,000
	Total Australia				2,972,346†
Tasmania	...	...	...	...	26,215
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	105,342
	Total Australasia				3,103,903

71. 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, the area of Victoria would embrace 3 such parts, that of New South Wales 10, that of Queensland 23, that of South Australia 30, and that of Western Australia 34. Victoria is thus less than a third of the size of New South Wales, little more than an eighth of that of Queensland, about a tenth of that of South Australia, and less than an eleventh of that of Western Australia.

Area of Victoria and other colonies.

72. The estimated population, together with the proportions of the sexes, and the number of persons to the square mile, in each of the Australasian colonies during the six years ended with 1878, are shown in the following table :—

Population of Australasian colonies.

\* For particulars of the minerals and metals raised, see Part VII., Production, *post*.

† According to calculations made in the Geographical Establishment at Gotha, by means of the planimetric system, the area of Australia should be 2,945,227 square miles, or 27,119 less than that estimated in the colonies themselves. The principal difference, amounting to over 24,000 square miles, is in Western Australia, where, it is suggested, the islands may have been included twice. The official figures for New South Wales, also, are stated to be over 2,000, and those for Queensland over 1,000 square miles too high, whilst the estimates for Victoria and South Australia are considered to slightly understate the truth. The following, according to the calculations referred to, are the areas of the respective colonies :—

					Square Miles.
Victoria	..	..	..	..	88,451
New South Wales	..	..	..	..	308,560
Queensland	..	..	..	..	668,259
South Australia	..	..	..	..	904,133
Western Australia	..	..	..	..	975,824
	Total				2,945,227

See Dr. Petermann's Mittheilungen, No. 55, entitled "Die Bevölkerung der Erde V.," by Messrs. Behm and Wagner, page 44: Gotha, Justus Perthes, 1878.

## POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

Colony.	Year.	Estimated 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
	1878	478,316	401,126	879,442	83·86	9·971
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
	1877	367,323	294,889	662,212	80·28	2·130
	1878	385,678	308,065	693,743	79·88	2·231
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
	1877	124,924	78,160	203,084	62·57	·303
	1878	127,608	82,902	210,510	64·97	·314
South Australia* ...	1873	101,540	96,535	198,075	95·07	·219
	1874	104,870	99,753	204,623	95·12	·226
	1875	107,944	102,498	210,442	94·95	·232
	1876	117,208	108,469	225,677*	92·54	·249
	1877	123,392	113,472	236,864	91·96	·262
	1878	130,001	118,794	248,795	91·38	·275
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
	1877	16,326	11,512	27,838	70·51	·028
	1878	16,409	11,757	28,166	71·65	·028
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
	1877	56,523	50,581	107,104	89·49	4·086
	1878	58,036	51,911	109,947	89·45	4·194
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
	1877	234,803	182,819	417,622†	77·86	3·964
	1878	240,627	191,892	432,519	79·75	4·106

NOTE.—For populations of the neighboring colonies to the end of 1879, see Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) *ante*.

\* The population of South Australia, according to the census of March 1876, numbered 213,271, including 3,953 Aborigines.

† The population of New Zealand, as ascertained at the census taken in March 1878, was 414,412, or 3,210 less than the estimate for the previous 31st December. Maoris, who were estimated in 1878 to amount to 43,595, are not included.

73. Victoria is by far the most densely populated colony of the group, 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 respect to population and sex.

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. |                       |

74. According to the figures in the last table, there were on the continent of Australia at the end of 1878 over two millions of inhabitants; and in Australasia, including not only the continental colonies but also Tasmania and New Zealand, there were more than two millions six hundred thousand. The exact numbers, as well as the proportions of the sexes and the density of population, were as follow:—

Population of Australia and Australasia.

POPULATION OF AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALASIA, 1878.\*

	Population, 31st December 1878.			Females to 100 Males.	Fraction of a Person to the Square Mile
	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Continent of Australia ...	1,138,012	922,644	2,060,656	81·08	·693
Ditto with Tasmania and New Zealand	1,436,675	1,166,447	2,603,122	81·19	·839

75. A comparison of the figures in the last two tables will show that more than two-fifths of the inhabitants of Australia, and more than a third of the inhabitants of the Australasian group, are living in Victoria.

Proportion of Victorians in Australasia.

76. The total gain to the population of the Australian continent during 1878 was 69,871; the gain to the population of all the Australasian colonies during the same year was 87,611.

Increase of population in Australasia, 1878.

77. The increase of the populations of the various Australasian colonies during the six years ended with 1878 is shown in the following table. It will be observed that New South Wales has gained the largest number of inhabitants during that period, New Zealand the next, and Victoria next. If, however, the increase be observed in proportion to the

Increase of population in Australasia, 1873-8.

\* Similar information (except as regards the sexes) to the end of 1879 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.

population existing at the commencement of the sexenniad, it appears by the last column that Queensland takes precedence of all the other colonies, but is closely followed by New Zealand, and that the populations of these colonies have been augmented at nearly twice the rate of those of New South Wales and South Australia, and at about four times the rate of that of Victoria :—

INCREASE OF POPULATION IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1873  
TO 1878.\*

Colony.	Population, 1872.	Increase in Six Years, 1873-1878.	
		Number.	Percentage.
Victoria ... ..	770,727	108,715	14·11
New South Wales ... ..	539,190	154,553	28·66
Queensland ... ..	133,553	76,957	57·62
South Australia ... ..	192,223	56,572	29·43
Western Australia ... ..	25,724	2,442	9·50
<b>Total Australia</b> ... ..	<b>1,661,417</b>	<b>399,239</b>	<b>24·03</b>
Tasmania ... ..	102,925	7,022	6·82
New Zealand ... ..	279,560	152,959	54·71
<b>Total Australasia</b> ... ..	<b>2,043,902</b>	<b>559,220</b>	<b>27·36</b>

Area and  
population  
of British  
dominions.

78. 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, principally from official documents. 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.
<b>EUROPE.</b>				
England and Wales ... ..	58,311	1879	25,165,336	432
Scotland ... ..	30,463	"	3,627,453	119
Ireland ... ..	32,531	"	5,363,324	165
<b>Total United Kingdom</b> ... ..	<b>121,305</b>	<b>1879</b>	<b>34,156,113</b>	<b>282</b>
Gibraltar † ... ..	17 $\frac{1}{8}$	1871	20,936	11,166
Malta † ... ..	119	1877	147,306	1,138
Heligoland ... ..	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	1871	1,913 $\frac{1}{2}$	364
<b>Total</b> ... ..	<b>121,431</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>34,326,268</b>	<b>282</b>

\* For the estimated population of each Australasian colony during the six years referred to, see Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) *ante*.

† Exclusive of the military.

‡ Figures taken from "L'Almanach de Gotha," 1880: Justus Perthes.

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.
<b>ASIA.</b>				
British India ... ..	899,341	1871	191,096,603	210
Ceylon ... ..	24,702	1877	2,755,557	112
Straits Settlements ... ..	1,445	1871	308,097	213
Labuan ... ..	30	"	4,898	163
Hong Kong ... ..	31	1876	139,144	4,489
Aden * ... ..	8	1872	22,707	2,838
Perim ... ..	4½*	1871	211	46
Cyprus * ... ..	3,708	...	135,000	36
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>929,269</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>194,462,217</b>	<b>209</b>
<b>AFRICA.</b>				
Mauritius † ... ..	713	1877	348,265	488
Seychelles ... ..	286*	1876	12,700	44
Natal ... ..	18,750	1877	325,512	17
Cape of Good Hope ... ..	224,100	"	848,685	4
South Griqualand * ... ..	16,632	"	45,277	3
Transkai Districts * ... ..	12,452	"	254,500	20
Transvaal * ... ..	114,340	"	315,000†	3
Namaqualand * ... ..	99,927	"	16,850	·1
Damaraland * ... ..	99,965	"	121,150	1
St. Helena ... ..	47	1871	6,241	133
Ascension * ... ..	34	"	27	·8
Lagos ... ..	73	1877	60,221	824
Gold Coast ... ..	6,000	1871	408,070	68
Sierra Leone † ... ..	468	"	37,089	80
Gambia ... ..	69	"	14,190	206
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>593,856</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>2,813,777</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>AMERICA.</b>				
Canada ... ..	3,372,290	1871	3,686,096	1
Newfoundland ... ..	40,200	1877	161,374	4
Bermudas ... ..	19	"	13,601	716
Honduras ... ..	7,562	1871	24,710	3
British Guiana... ..	76,000	1877	228,880	3
West Indies—				
Bahamas ... ..	5,390	1871	29,162	7
Turk's Island ... ..	50	"	4,723	94
Jamaica ... ..	4,193	"	506,154	121
St. Lucia ... ..	237	1877	35,474	150
St. Vincent ... ..	147	1871	35,688	243
Barbadoes ... ..	166	1877	175,874	1,059
Grenada ... ..	133	"	41,355	311
Tobago ... ..	114	"	18,376	161
Virgin Islands ... ..	57	1871	6,651	117
St. Christopher ... ..	68	"	28,169	414
Nevis... ..	50	1877	11,680	234
Antigua ... ..	170	"	35,642	210
Montserrat ... ..	32	1871	8,693	272
Dominica ... ..	291	"	27,178	93
Trinidad ... ..	1,754	"	109,638	63
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>3,508,923</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>5,199,118</b>	<b>1</b>

\* Figures taken from "L'Almanach de Gotha," 1880: Justus Perthes.

† Exclusive of the military.

‡ Including 275,000 Aborigines.

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.
<b>AUSTRALASIA AND SOUTH SEAS.</b>				
Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand *	3,103,903	1878	2,603,122	·8
Fiji † ... ..	7,740	1878	112,272	14
Falkland Islands ... ..	6,500	1877	1,320	·2
Total ... ..	3,118,143	...	2,716,714	·9
Grand Total British dominions	8,271,622	...	239,518,094	30

Australasia compared with other British possessions.

79. The Australasian colonies occupy nearly two-fifths, and Victoria a ninety-fourth, of the whole area of the British dominions. The Australasian colonies contain nearly a ninetieth, and Victoria something less than a two hundred and seventieth, of the population of the whole British Empire. The area of Australasia is slightly smaller than that of Canada, which is the largest British possession; but the population of Canada exceeds that of Australasia by nearly a million. The population of Victoria is exceeded by that of no British possession except India, Canada, Ceylon, and Great Britain itself.

Foreign countries, area and population.

80. 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 reliable dates:—

## FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—AREA AND POPULATION.

Countries, with Dependencies.	Estimated Area in Square Miles.	Year of Census (c.) or Estimate.	Ascertained or Estimated Population.	Persons to the Square Mile.
<b>EUROPEAN.</b>				
Austro-Hungary † ... ..	265,190	1876	38,342,140	144
Belgium ... ..	11,370	(c.) „	5,336,185	469
Denmark ... ..	14,553	1878	1,940,000	133
„ colonies of ... ..	87,124	1870	127,401	1
Total Danish dominions ...	101,677	...	2,067,401	20
France ... ..	204,031	(c.) 1876	36,905,788	181
„ colonies of, Algeria ...	198,960	1877	5,302,600§	27
„ „ others ... ..	171,817	...	2,610,159	15
„ protectorates of ... ..	35,413	...	1,043,897	29
Total French dominions ...	610,221	...	45,862,444	75

\* For area and population of the different Australasian colonies, see tables following paragraphs 69 and 72 *ante*.

† The area includes inhabited islands only, which number from 70 to 80; inclusive of uninhabited islands, the area is said to be 8,034 square miles. The population consists of 1,902 Europeans, 72 Asiatics, 3,200 Polynesians, and 107,098 Fijians.

‡ Allowance has been made for the alterations in the boundaries of this country by the treaty of Berlin, July 13th 1878.

§ Including wandering Arab tribes, estimated to embrace 2,434,974 persons.

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

Countries, with Dependencies.	Estimated Area in Square Miles.	Year of Census (c.) or Estimate.	Ascertained or Estimated Population.	Persons to the Square Mile.
Germany ... ..	209,830	(c.)1875	42,727,360	204
Greece ... ..	19,381	(c.)1870	1,457,894	75
Holland ... ..	12,718	1877	3,865,456	304
„ colonies of, Java & Madura	51,324	1874	18,125,269	353
„ „ others	615,376	...	6,261,722	10
Total Dutch dominions	679,418	...	28,252,447	42
Italy ... ..	114,374	(c.)1871	26,801,154	234
Luxemburg ... ..	1,592	„	197,528	124
Montenegro* ... ..	3,550	1879	308,740	87
Portugal ... ..	34,499	1872	4,011,908	116
„ possessions, Azores	966	1877	261,746	271
„ „ Madeira and Porto Santo	317	„	121,753	384
„ „ others	709,469	...	3,258,141	5
Total Portugese dominions	745,251	...	7,653,548	10
Roumania* ... ..	48,307	1878	5,290,000	110
Russia in Europe* ... ..	2,091,544	(c.)1870-5	74,285,223	35
„ Asia* ... ..	6,280,366	(c.)1871	12,723,471	2
Total Russian Empire*	8,371,910	...	87,008,694	10
Servia* ... ..	20,850	1874	1,719,522	82
Spain ... ..	195,716	(c.)1877	16,625,860	84
„ colonies of ... ..	113,678	1877	6,399,347	56
Total Spanish dominions	309,394	...	23,025,207	74
Sweden and Norway ... ..	293,751	(c.)1875-7	6,297,966	22
Switzerland ... ..	15,977	(c.)1870	2,669,147	167
Turkey* (in Europe, Asia, and Africa) †	1,116,848	1879	21,000,000	19
„ Bulgaria ... ..	24,360	„	1,859,000	76
„ Eastern Roumelia ... ..	13,500	„	751,000	56
Total Turkish Empire	1,154,708	1879	23,610,000	20

\* Allowance has been made for the alterations in the boundaries of this country by the treaty of Berlin, July 13th 1878.

† Turkey in Europe contains 62,028 square miles, and 4,275,000 inhabitants; the portion in Asia contains 710,320 square miles, and 15,715,000 inhabitants; and the portion in Africa 344,500 square miles, and 1,010,000 inhabitants.



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

Countries, with Dependencies.	Estimated Area in Square Miles.	Year of Census (c.) or Estimate.	Ascertained or Estimated Population.	Persons to the Square Mile.
<b>ASIATIC.</b>				
China (proper) * ...	1,534,953	...	362,447,183	236
„ dependencies of ...	2,389,674	...	20,000,000	8
Total Chinese Empire ...	3,924,627	...	382,447,183	90
Japan ...	155,480	(c.)1872	33,110,825	213
Persia ...	648,000	1868	4,400,000	7
Siam ...	250,000	...	11,800,000	47
<b>AFRICAN.</b>				
Egypt (proper) ...	175,130	1878	5,517,627	31
„ Nubia, Ethiopia, Darfur, and other annexed districts	1,231,120	1875	11,434,373	9
Total Egyptian territories...	1,406,250	...	16,952,000	12
Liberia ...	60,000	...	720,000	12
Morocco ...	219,000	...	3,000,000	14
Tunis... ..	42,000	1877	2,100,000	50
<b>AMERICAN.</b>				
Argentine Confederation ...	1,619,463	1876	2,250,000	1
Bolivia ...	842,729	1861	1,987,352	2
Brazil ...	3,287,964	1872	10,448,233†	3
Chili ...	204,580	(c.)1875	2,319,266	11
Columbia ...	504,773	1871	2,913,343	6
Costa Rica ...	26,040	...	185,000	7
Ecuador ...	248,372	1875	1,066,137	4
Guatemala ...	41,830	1872	1,190,754	28
Haiti ...	10,204	...	600,000	59
Honduras ...	39,600	...	250,000	6
Mexico ...	743,948	1873	9,343,470	13
Nicaragua ...	49,500	...	350,000	7
Paraguay ...	57,303	1876	239,844	4
Peru ...	134,158	(c.) „	2,704,998	20
San Domingo ...	18,045	...	250,000	14
San Salvador ...	9,594	1870	434,520	45
United States ...	3,603,884	(c.) „	38,558,371	11
Uruguay ...	72,151	1875	444,613	6
Venezuela ...	403,261	(c.)1873	1,784,194	4
Grand Total of countries named	31,599,507	...	880,477,480	28
Grand Total of British dominions	8,271,622	...	239,518,094	30
Grand Total of British and Foreign countries	39,871,129	...	1,119,995,574	28

\* Estimates of the population of China are of doubtful accuracy. These figures, as well as some others in the table, have been taken from Martin's *Statesman's Year-Book*, 1879. London: MacMillan and Co.

Inclusive of a wandering Aboriginal population, estimated to amount to 1,000,000.

81. According to this table, the British Empire has, if Russia be excluded, more than twice the area of the largest, and if China be excepted, nearly three times the population of the most populous country with its possessions on the face of the globe. Moreover, the area of the British dominions is more than sixty-eight times, and the population thereof more than seven times, as great as the area and population respectively of the United Kingdom itself.

British dominions compared with Foreign countries.

82. The most densely populated independent country in the world appears to be Belgium, and the next England and Wales, both containing over four hundred persons to the square mile. Holland comes next with three hundred and four, and China, which, according to the estimate given, contains about a fourth of the total population of the world, next, with two hundred and thirty-six persons to the square mile; followed in close succession by Italy, Japan, Germany, and France. Ireland is less densely populated than any of these or than Switzerland, and Scotland is not only less so than Ireland but than Austro-Hungary, Denmark, or Luxemburg.

Density of population in various countries.

83. The following is the most recent estimate of the area and population of the world and its various continents. The scanty population of Australasia and the Polynesian Islands, also of the two Americas, will be at once noticed. It will also be observed that by far the greater proportion, or nearly three-fifths, of the total population of the earth is distributed throughout Asia, but that the density of population there is little more than half that of Europe:—

Area and population of the world.

THE WORLD.—AREA AND POPULATION.\*

Continents.	Area in English Square Miles.	Estimated Population.	Persons to the Square Mile.
Europe ... ..	3,819,932	312,398,480	81·9
Asia ... ..	17,303,608	831,000,000	48·0
Africa ... ..	11,553,924	205,219,500	17·9
America ... ..	15,802,261	86,116,000	5·4
Australasia and Polynesia ...	3,422,132	4,411,300	1·3
Total ... ..	51,901,857	1,439,145,280	27·7

84. Comparing the totals in this table with those in the lowest line of the table following paragraph 80 *ante*, it appears that more than three-fourths of the earth's surface, and about a similar proportion of its population, are included in the countries named.

Proportion of countries named to world.

\* The material for this table has been extracted from Dr. Petermann's "Mittheilungen," No. 55, entitled "Die Bevölkerung der Erde V.," by Messrs. Behm and Wagner: Gotha, Justus Perthes, 1878. The areas are given by Dr. Petermann in square kilometers, but these have been reduced to English square miles upon the assumption that one square kilometer is .386 of a square mile.

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

85. It also appears that British dominions cover nearly two-thirtieths 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 less than a five-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 sixteen-hundredth of its population.

Immigration  
and emigra-  
tion, 1879.

86. The arrivals and departures by sea\* during 1879, also the excess of the former over the latter, were as follow:—

#### IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1879.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Arrivals by sea ... ..	32,072	12,312	44,384
Departures by sea ... ..	27,523	11,689	39,212
Excess of arrivals ... ..	4,549	623	5,172

Arrivals and  
departures,  
1879 and  
former  
years.

87. The arrivals were, in 1879, more numerous than in the previous year by 2,116; they also exceeded those in any other year since 1858. The departures in 1879 exceeded those in 1878 by 1,720, and were also in excess of those in any former year except 1853, when they numbered 42,443.†

Adults and  
children ar-  
riving and  
departing.

88. 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 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 1879:—

#### ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF ADULTS, CHILDREN, AND INFANTS, 1879.

	Adults.	Children.	Infants.	Total.
Arrivals ... ..	40,132	3,789	463	44,384
Departures ... ..	34,874	3,749	589	39,212
Immigration in excess ... ..	5,258	40	...	5,172
Emigration in excess ... ..	...	...	126	...

Emigration  
of families.

89. The tendency of families to quit the colony is shown by the number of infants taken therefrom being much in excess of the number brought there. A similar circumstance in regard to both children and

\* 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. See paragraph 101 *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 49 *ante*.

infants has more than once been pointed out in previous issues of the *Victorian Year-Book*. In the last seven years the infants leaving have exceeded by 1,688 those arriving in the colony, which number may be fairly said also to represent the number of families lost to the colony during the period, or an average of about 240 per annum. The following figures show the excess of departures over arrivals of infants in each of the years referred to :—

**EXCESS OF DEPARTURES OVER ARRIVALS OF INFANTS, 1873 TO 1879.**

1873	...	...	...	...	...	280
1874	...	...	...	...	...	305
1875	...	...	...	...	...	324
1876	...	...	...	...	...	316
1877	...	...	...	...	...	93
1878	...	...	...	...	...	244
1879	...	...	...	...	...	126
Total in seven years						1,688

90. The countries the immigrants in 1879 came from and those the emigrants in the same year went to are shown in the following table :—

Countries where from and where to.

**ARRIVALS FROM AND DEPARTURES TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, 1879.**

Countries.	Arrivals therefrom.	Departures thereto.	Immigration in excess.	Emigration in excess.
New South Wales and Queensland	11,941	16,099	...	4,158
South Australia ... ..	6,771	7,003	...	232
Western Australia ... ..	306	146	160	...
Tasmania ... ..	7,985	5,224	2,761	...
New Zealand... ..	3,539	5,407	...	1,868
The United Kingdom	11,939	4,308	7,631	...
Foreign countries ... ..	1,903	1,025	878	...
Total ... ..	44,384	39,212	5,172*	...

91. It will be observed that the departures to the neighboring colonies were more numerous than the arrivals therefrom by 3,337—the efflux of population being principally towards New South Wales and Queensland, the departures to which colonies exceeded by 2,596 those in 1878, and exceeded also those in any other of the previous ten years, a circumstance which was probably owing to the opening of the Sydney International Exhibition in September 1879. The departures to New Zealand in the same year were more numerous and the arrivals therefrom less so than in any year of the previous decenniad.

Departures to and arrivals from the adjacent colonies.

92. In 1879 the arrivals from the United Kingdom were more numerous by 3,818, and the departures thereto were fewer by 105,

Immigration from the United Kingdom.

\* Net figures.

than those in 1878. The net immigration from the United Kingdom during the year was greater than in any one of the previous ten years.

Gain by immigration from various countries, and vice versa.

93. The net result of immigration and emigration between Victoria and the neighboring colonies, the United Kingdom, and Foreign countries during each of the six years ended with 1879 is shown in the following table:—

EXCESS OF ARRIVALS FROM, OVER DEPARTURES TO, DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, OR THE CONTRARY, 1874 TO 1879.

Countries.	Net Gain to Victoria by Immigration.						Net Loss to Victoria by Emigration.						
	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	
New South Wales and Queensland	..	..	..	410	..	..	1,404	906	903	..	376	4,158	
South Australia	..	..	..	..	..	..	} 687	733	{ 838	164	1,436	232	
Western Australia	..	..	..	63	7	160							{ 10
Tasmania	..	..	..	3,769	2,780	1,972	2,681	2,967	2,761	..	..	..	
New Zealand	..	..	..	166	85	474	784	..	..	..	..	263	1,868
Total neighboring Colonies	1,844	1,226	695	3,774	899	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,337	
United Kingdom	..	..	..	1,415	2,119	2,815	3,004	3,708	7,631	..	..	..	
Foreign countries	..	..	..	108	57	310	475	169	878	..	..	..	
Total	..	..	..	3,367	3,402	3,820	7,253	4,776	5,172	..	..	..	

Countries from which Victoria gained population, or vice versa.

94. It will be observed that during the last six years there has almost invariably been an excess of emigrants to New South Wales and Queensland and South Australia, but that this was, in every year except the last, much more than counterbalanced by the large excess of immigrants from Tasmania. In regard to New Zealand, the immigrants were in excess in the first four years only; but from the United Kingdom there was a large and increasing excess of immigrants, and from Foreign countries a slight excess in all the years. The unusually large excess of immigrants from the United Kingdom, of emigrants to New South Wales and Queensland, and to New Zealand in 1879, just referred to, will be readily noticed.

Assisted immigration.

95. The only assisted immigration which took place during 1879 was that of 15 warrant passengers from the United Kingdom, viz., 7 males and 8 females.

Chinese immigration.

96. The Chinese immigrants included in the returns of 1879 numbered 819, or 56 less than in the previous year, and included 3 females. The number of Chinese emigrants during 1879 of which there is any record is 203, all of whom were males; but this does not include those departing in steamers to the colonies of New South Wales, Tasmania, and South Australia; consequently, this number, probably to a great extent, understates the truth.

97. Of the Chinese who arrived, 317 came from New South Wales, 81 from New Zealand, 25 from South Australia, 76 from Tasmania, 1 from Western Australia, 1 from Batavia, 277 from China, and 41 from other places. Of those recorded as having left, 93 went to New Zealand, 18 to New South Wales, 5 to Western Australia, and 87 to British possessions outside Australia.

Chinese, where from and where to.

98. The arrivals in each Australasian colony of persons who made their way there without State assistance, and of those whose passages from the United Kingdom were paid either wholly or in part by the Government, also the departures from each such colony, were as follow during the six years ended with 1878. All the arrivals and departures referred to were by sea :—

Immigration and emigration in Australasian colonies.

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION RETURNS OF THE AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

Colony.	Year.	Immigrants.			Emigrants.	Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants.
		Unassisted.	Assisted and Free.	Total.		
Victoria	1873	28,597	863	29,460	26,294	3,166
	1874	30,583	149	30,732	27,365	3,367
	1875	32,642	102	32,744	29,342	3,402
	1876	35,726	71	35,797	31,977	3,820
	1877	41,179	17	41,196	33,943	7,253
	1878	42,250	18	42,268	37,492	4,776
New South Wales...	1873	23,882	140	24,022	16,770	7,252
	1874	28,676	1,080	29,756	19,279	10,477
	1875	29,994	973	30,967	20,350	10,617
	1876	31,479	1,463	32,942	21,923	11,019
	1877	32,610	6,018	38,628	20,174	18,454
	1878	34,689	5,190	39,879	22,913	16,966
Queensland	1873	8,237	6,904	15,141	5,474	9,667
	1874	11,848	8,877	20,725	7,794	12,931
	1875	19,446	5,363	24,809	9,640	15,169
	1876	14,825	7,006	21,831	9,695	12,136
	1877	16,811	5,785	22,596	10,408	12,188
	1878	9,226	6,913	16,139	11,890	4,249
South Australia	1873	4,322	226	4,548	3,172	1,376
	1874	3,405	2,152	5,557	3,271	2,286
	1875	4,499	2,067	6,566	4,019	2,547
	1876	6,111	7,730	13,841	4,995	8,846
	1877	9,114	4,947	14,061	8,367	5,694
	1878	10,322	4,250	14,572	8,174	6,398
Western Australia	1873	285	...	285	639	— 354
	1874	660	...	660	601	59
	1875	733	...	733	520	213
	1876	...	409	409	650	— 241
	1877	270	343	613	575	38
	1878	246	76	322	471	— 149

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

Colony.	Year.	Immigrants.			Emigrants.	Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants.
		Unassisted.	Assisted and Free.	Total.		
Tasmania	1873	6,759	28	6,787	7,039	— 252
	1874	6,247	18	6,265	7,714	— 1,449
	1875	6,519	16	6,535	8,075	— 1,540
	1876	8,523	48	8,571	8,169	402
	1877	9,710	7	9,717	9,270	447
	1878	9,524	44	9,568	8,483	1,085
New Zealand	1873	4,818	8,754	13,572	4,761	8,811
	1874	11,847	32,118	43,965	5,859	38,106
	1875	11,367	20,370	31,737	6,467	25,270
	1876	8,737	9,677	18,414	6,459	11,955
	1877	7,643	5,344	12,987	6,611	6,376
	1878	9,645	6,618	16,263	5,761	10,502

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 1879, see Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) *ante*.

Order of  
colonies in  
respect to  
gain by im-  
migration.

99. 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, but that the gain to Victoria by excess of immigrants is much less than the similar gain to New South Wales, New Zealand, or South Australia. During the six years named in the table all the colonies have gained steadily by immigration except Western Australia, in which the departures exceeded the arrivals by 434, and Tasmania, in which the excess in the same direction was 1,307. In the last three years, however, the arrivals in Tasmania have exceeded the departures. The following is the order in which the colonies stood during 1878 in reference to the net increase of their populations from external sources :—

ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO EXCESS OF IMMIGRANTS OVER  
EMIGRANTS, 1878.

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

Order of  
colonies in  
respect to  
gain by  
unassisted  
immigra-  
tion.

100. Whilst immigration receives scarcely any State assistance from Victoria, Western Australia, and Tasmania, it is still largely subsidized by the other four colonies. In 1878, if the immigrants to all the

colonies had been left to find their way there by their own means, the positions in the foregoing list would have been different. Victoria would have stood second, and Queensland, which would have lost population considerably, last. The following is the order of the colonies in regard to excess of unassisted immigrants over emigrants, or the contrary, in that year, the figures showing the gain or loss to the population being placed against each colony :—

ORDER OF COLONIES IN REFERENCE TO EXCESS OF UNASSISTED IMMIGRANTS OVER EMIGRANTS, 1878.

	Excess of Unassisted Immigrants over Emigrants.		Excess of Emigrants over Unassisted Immigrants.	
1. New South Wales	...	11,776	...	...
2. Victoria	...	4,758	...	...
3. New Zealand	...	3,884	...	...
4. South Australia	...	2,148	...	...
5. Tasmania	...	1,041	...	...
6. Western Australia	...	...	...	225
7. Queensland	...	...	...	2,664

101. In former years the easiest, if not the only practicable, way of travelling from one colony to another was by sea, but the extension of railways to the inland frontiers of the various continental colonies will, no doubt, in time divert a very large portion of the intercolonial passenger traffic from the seaboard to the interior. It will, therefore, be readily understood that the immigration returns of the Australian colonies, which take no account of arrivals overland, are liable to an error which is apt to increase from year to year, for which reason the figures given in the last table should not wholly be relied on. There should, however, obviously be no such inaccuracy as regards the Australian continent taken as a whole, or as regards the insular colonies of Tasmania and New Zealand. Disturbances to Australian immigration returns.

102. According to the figures in the last table, the net gain to the population of the Australian continent during 1878 by excess of immigration over emigration was 32,240; the net gain from the same source to the population of the whole of the Australasian colonies was 43,827. Gain of Australia and Australasia by immigration.

103. According to returns received from the Imperial Board of Trade, the emigrants from the United Kingdom to Australasia, in 1879, numbered 42,178, which was greater than in any of the previous eight years, except 1874. The following are the figures for the nine years; also, taken from colonial returns, the numbers of assisted and unassisted emigrants during the six years ended with 1878 :— Emigrants from United Kingdom to Australia.



EMIGRANTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO AUSTRALASIA,  
1871 TO 1879.

Year.	From the United Kingdom to the Australasian Colonies.		
	Total Emigrants.	Assisted Emigrants.	Unassisted Emigrants.
1871 ... ..	12,227	...	...
1872 ... ..	15,876	...	...
1873 ... ..	26,428	16,915	9,513
1874 ... ..	53,958	44,394	9,564
1875 ... ..	35,525	28,891	6,634
1876 ... ..	33,191	26,404	6,787
1877 ... ..	31,071	22,461	8,610
1878 ... ..	37,214	23,109	14,105
1879 ... ..	42,178	...	...
Total in nine years ...	287,668	...	...

Imperial emigration returns.

104. During the same nine years the emigrants from the United Kingdom to British North America numbered 202,873; to the United States, 1,274,577; and to all other places, 130,984; thus making, with the numbers to Australasia, already shown to have been 287,668, a grand total of 1,896,102.

Sex and birthplace of emigrants from Britain to Australia.

105. Of the 42,178 emigrants from the United Kingdom to Australasia in 1879, 25,777 were males and 16,401 were females. Of both sexes, 40,959 were of British origin, viz.:—26,366 English, 6,395 Scotch, and 8,198 Irish; and 1,219 were foreigners.

Conjugal condition and occupations of emigrants from Britain to Australia.

106. The adults included in such emigrants numbered 33,481, of whom 5,032 were married and 16,318 were single males, and 5,137 were married and 6,994 were single females. Of the males the following are the occupations:—Agricultural laborers, gardeners, &c., 3,914; farmers, 1,698; general laborers, 3,185; miners, 496; artisans and mechanics, 2,567; bootmakers and tailors, 261; dealers in food, 216; shopkeepers, &c., 612; clerks and agents, 723; gentlemen, merchants, &c., 1,964; other trades and professions, 1,193; not stated, 4,521. Of the females, 3,962 were domestic servants, &c., 29 gentlewomen and governesses, 127 milliners, &c., 81 of other occupations, and 7,932 unspecified.

Net emigration from Britain to Australia.

107. The arrivals in the United Kingdom from the Australasian colonies numbered 4,403 in 1878 and 6,186 in 1879. The net emigration to these colonies was thus 32,811 in the former and 34,773 in the latter year.

Municipalities.

108. 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.

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

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.

109. The cities, towns, and boroughs in Victoria numbered 59 in 1878, but only 57 in 1879. The shires numbered 114 in the former, and 115 in the latter year. Number of municipalities.

110. 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 1879:— Cities, towns, and boroughs.

CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS, 1879.

Names of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Estimated Area.	Estimated Population.	Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
				Total.	Annual.	
	Acres.			£	£	£
Ararat ... ..	3,840	3,000	650	153,512	15,351	2,404
Ballarat ... ..	2,880	18,000	4,338	741,288	102,957	22,908
Ballarat East ... ..	4,320	13,638	3,209	358,617	51,231	10,705
Belfast ... ..	5,440	3,000	420	150,000	11,808	2,163
Brighton ... ..	3,273	4,650	830	441,760	44,176	4,136
Browns and Scarsdale	5,760	2,000	268	18,145	3,629	775
Brunswick ... ..	2,880	5,816	1,258	426,170	42,617	6,538
Buninyong... ..	3,360	1,650	330	60,550	6,055	880
Carisbrook... ..	5,760	1,300	250	52,000	5,044	1,149
Castlemaine ... ..	5,760	7,500	1,500	237,038	33,863	5,997
Chewton ... ..	5,760	2,500	650	37,375	7,475	1,590
Clunes ... ..	5,760	5,432	1,155	167,020	16,702	3,767
Collingwood ... ..	1,241	22,300	5,110	1,166,480	116,648	16,699
Creswick ... ..	4,760	3,800	782	75,798	12,633	2,485
Daylesford... ..	5,758	4,200	960	164,290	16,429	2,844
Dunolly ... ..	5,758	1,600	475	79,152	9,894	3,732
Eaglehawk ... ..	3,735	7,500	1,500	281,010	28,101	4,890
Echuca ... ..	5,760	4,578	990	553,944	46,162	5,242
Emerald Hill ... ..	2,442	26,300	4,796	1,668,310	166,831	18,901
Essendon & Flemington	4,907	3,950	768	332,310	33,231	3,594
Fitzroy ... ..	800	19,163	4,300	1,539,470	153,947	19,336
Footscray ... ..	5,760	5,500	1,183	402,870	40,287	5,499
Geelong ... ..	3,100	13,000	2,200	709,555	70,956	13,718
Geelong West ... ..	722	5,000	1,145	177,200	17,720	2,678
Hamilton ... ..	5,280	3,500	638	245,604	20,467	4,555
Hawthorn ... ..	2,240	5,410	1,034	608,964	50,747	5,819
Heathcote ... ..	3,483	1,500	270	48,850	6,107	1,026
Hotham ... ..	553	16,286	3,690	951,690	95,169	12,470
Inglewood ... ..	2,560	1,343	345	28,505	6,479	1,114
Kew ... ..	3,445	4,900	560	365,360	36,536	4,150
Koroit ... ..	5,760	1,636	265	168,144	14,012	2,019
Majorca ... ..	5,760	1,100	320	31,392	3,924	485
Malmsbury ... ..	3,840	1,000	300	68,500	6,850	1,427
Maryborough ... ..	5,760	3,500	850	161,280	16,128	2,641
Melbourne ... ..	4,480	63,250	13,312	9,532,020	953,202	122,706
Newtown and Chilwell	1,600	5,000	1,000	225,130	22,513	2,874
Portland ... ..	2,400	2,500	537	188,420	18,842	2,398
Prahran ... ..	2,400	20,040	4,008	2,000,000	182,694	15,207
Queenscliff ... ..	1,760	1,000	225	68,480	6,848	1,481

## CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHs, 1879—continued.

Names of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Estimated Area.	Estimated Popula- tion.	Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
				Total.	Annual.	
	Acres.			£	£	£
Raywood ...	5,760	600	200	15,529	2,218	418
Richmond ...	1,200	20,949	4,853	1,378,980	110,319	17,404
Rutherglen ...	1,280	500	100	30,000	2,898	617
Sale ...	4,900	3,200	590	212,900	21,290	3,544
Sandhurst ...	7,500	25,775	6,744	1,706,900	170,690	30,509
Sandridge ...	2,400	7,945	1,826	536,598	59,622	8,632
Sebastopol ...	2,000	2,200	480	24,240	4,848	927
Smythesdale ...	1,440	700	200	13,815	2,763	364
St. Arnaud ...	6,306	2,434	541	154,320	15,432	2,261
Stawell ...	5,760	7,800	1,960	255,810	36,930	5,768
St. Kilda ...	1,920	10,283	2,105	1,244,840	124,484	13,692
Talbot ...	5,760	2,000	700	48,120	9,624	1,445
Tarnagulla ...	5,760	960	250	51,615	5,161	728
Walhalla ...	5,120	1,700	417	41,380	10,345	1,182
Wangaratta ...	5,760	1,450	319	120,000	10,183	1,292
Warrnambool ...	3,362	4,876	850	293,190	29,319	7,613
Williamstown ...	2,540	8,300	1,780	525,500	45,401	8,029
Wood's Point ...	2,560	520	193	12,940	2,588	285
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>222,185</b> (or 347 sq. miles)	<b>419,534</b>	<b>90,529</b>	<b>31,352,880</b>	<b>3,158,380</b>	<b>447,712</b>

Shires.

111. 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 1879 :—

## SHIRES, 1879.

Names of Shires.	Estimated Area.	Estimated Population.	Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
				Total.	Annual.	
	Square Miles.			£	£	£
Alberton ...	2,147	2,800	800	315,600	21,040	3,741
Alexandra ...	708	3,000	550	210,000	21,116	3,006
Ararat ...	1,430	7,000	1,450	1,085,820	108,582	13,287
Avoca ...	428	5,500	1,600	278,275	27,828	6,119
Avon ...	315	1,490	320	307,077*	22,729	2,920
Bacchus Marsh ...	178	2,500	500	192,640	19,264	3,547
Bairnsdale ...	3,241	4,500	1,250	660,146	44,010	6,310
Ballan ...	178	7,000	1,400	394,925	39,492	5,419
Ballarat ...	358	7,500	1,000	391,080	39,108	5,603
Bannockburn ...	136	2,700	427	240,000	18,289	2,395
Barrabool ...	187	1,460	516	445,562	22,278	2,843
Beechworth ...	293	7,000	1,500	439,340	43,934	7,980
Belfast ...	196	2,700	500	542,888	36,193	6,663
Bellarine ...	121	3,750	820	232,030	23,203	3,156
Benalla ...	2,072	14,500	2,000	999,348	83,279	10,337

\* No information. Figures estimated from annual value.

## SHIRES, 1879—continued.

Names of Shires.	Estimated Area.	Estimated Population.	Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
				Total.	Annual.	
	Square Miles.			£	£	£
Berwick ...	389	2,690	656	580,000	30,000	4,846
Bet Bet ...	339	6,000	1,600	200,000	30,498	3,120
Boroondara ...	12	1,396	277	126,944	15,868	2,723
Braybrook ...	87	994	234	202,320	20,232	3,380
Bright ...	816	5,500	980	138,954	23,159	5,390
Broadford ...	218	1,350	200	111,000	7,157	1,118
Broadmeadows ...	67	1,500	290	186,900	18,690	2,322
Bulla ...	102	2,450	275	240,000	24,736	3,136
Bulleen ...	32	1,700	325	168,750	11,250	1,707
Buln Buln ...	668	2,200	890	336,562*	24,912	4,626
Bungaree ...	87	4,000	1,000	346,734	28,894	8,817
Buninyong ...	298	10,920	2,025	458,515	45,851	8,493
Caulfield ...	9	2,386	384	400,000	32,258	5,018
Chiltern ...	87	2,300	530	50,220	10,044	1,901
Coburg ...	7	2,330	355	126,145	12,615	2,289
Colac ...	1,066	5,500	1,050	815,520	67,960	16,144
Corio ...	231	2,630	500	300,000	28,840	3,587
Cranbourne ...	223	2,600	490	211,300	21,130	3,128
Creswick ...	198	6,000	1,000	732,000	36,613	6,837
Dandenong ...	57	1,678	275	159,936	13,328	3,102
Darebin ...	78	1,250	240	142,000	14,200	2,436
Dundas ...	1,335	4,500	750	1,471,865	73,593	11,775
Dunmunkle ...	528	4,000	986	726,120	46,154	5,060
East Loddon ...	446	3,400	390	638,000	31,900	4,245
Echuca ...	1,313	10,000	2,000	1,400,000	100,798	20,102
Eltham ...	203	2,300	450	200,000	14,711	2,714
Flinders & Kangerong	172	1,500	470	181,356	15,113	3,023
Gisborne ...	131	3,500	580	340,000	17,000	2,296
Glenelg ...	1,280	4,800	1,700	690,296	86,287	13,777
Glenlyon ...	124	2,000	600	151,610	15,161	3,287
Goulburn ...	330	1,704	350	209,390	20,939	2,441
Grenville ...	304	8,800	2,140	286,870	35,424	5,390
Hampden ...	1,700	5,024	1,120	2,353,500	117,675	20,741
Heidelberg ...	40	3,400	350	300,000	17,200	3,199
Howqua ...	237	1,323	328	27,867	6,747	1,286
Huntly ...	314	3,500	750	325,310	32,531	4,091
Jika ...	15	2,785	619	141,680	20,240	5,372
Keilor ...	52	800	150	126,292	12,629	1,338
Kilmore ...	84	3,000	860	165,092	16,509	2,944
Korong ...	1,090	11,500	2,500	931,928	65,235	8,130
Kowree ...	1,407	2,500	600	271,640	27,164	3,364
Kyneton ...	264	9,000	1,800	1,183,740	59,187	11,446
Leigh ...	371	2,000	450	415,670	41,567	6,989
Lexton ...	291	2,500	550	400,000	26,690	3,335
Lilydale ...	218	2,130	500	256,548	21,380	3,038
Lowan ...	9,106	3,000	900	548,250*	40,751	5,394
Maffra ...	1,041	3,000	582	500,000	36,000	4,713
Maldon ...	210	5,000	1,780	380,000	35,000	5,037
Malvern ...	6	1,600	300	445,400	22,270	2,426
Mansfield ...	764	3,000	520	282,600	28,260	4,315
Marong ...	555	7,823	2,507	340,300	69,660	9,131

\* No information. Figures estimated from annual value.

## SHIRES, 1879—continued.

Names of Shires.	Estimated Area.	Estimated Population.	Number of Dwellings.	Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
				Total.	Annual.	
	Square Miles.			£	£	£
Melton ...	101	1,223	230	169,408	16,941	1,756
Meredith ...	165	1,200	236	131,570	13,157	2,158
Merriang ...	121	1,150	250	112,714	16,102	1,659
Metcalfe ...	200	5,000	1,080	301,475	30,147	4,190
Minhamite ...	530	2,000	460	1,122,380	38,704	4,876
Moorabbin ...	30	4,000	685	288,024	24,002	3,546
Mornington ...	104	2,200	500	408,160	20,408	3,646
Mortlake ...	807	2,500	400	800,440	80,044	13,399
Mount Alexander	51	5,000	1,400	104,604	17,434	2,739
Mount Franklin ...	115	3,400	960	148,281	18,535	4,596
Mount Rouse ...	525	3,000	550	950,000	61,272	9,779
McIvor ...	560	3,510	880	245,820	24,582	2,728
Narracan ...	711	1,500	500	160,000	16,000	3,598
Newham ...	102	3,300	600	183,910	18,391	2,698
Newstead ...	102	2,500	530	178,035	17,804	2,368
North Ovens ...	198	2,000	440	153,760	15,376	3,227
Nunawading ...	23	1,390	400	127,150	12,715	2,314
Oakleigh ...	29	1,780	310	120,610	12,061	2,609
Omeo ...	1,639	1,650	340	234,240	11,700	1,535
Oxley ...	945	4,000	800	273,260	27,326	3,209
Phillip Island and Woolamai	289	1,013	375	220,000	12,000	1,566
Portland ...	1,569	6,000	1,150	560,620	56,062	6,664
Pyalong ...	212	1,900	310	201,000	12,764	1,954
Ripon ...	575	4,500	1,200	721,920	72,192	9,758
Romsey ...	56	1,600	270	395,260	19,763	2,869
Rosedale ...	1,080	4,107	985	496,800	55,231	8,691
Rutherglen ...	233	2,300	420	80,000	16,000	2,568
Seymour ...	328	2,000	490	185,360	23,170	3,603
Shepparton ...	560	5,000	1,300	370,860	37,860	*
South Barwon ...	52	1,642	447	127,030	12,703	1,992
Springfield ...	110	1,000	200	158,030	15,803	2,562
St. Arnaud ...	3,455	16,000	3,000	2,193,390	109,669	18,219
Stawell ...	942	3,800	850	551,337	47,307	6,613
Strathfieldsaye ...	225	3,600	800	219,250	21,925	3,119
Swan Hill ...	10,820	8,000	2,300	1,695,090	113,006	11,533
Talbot ...	179	3,550	600	182,520	18,252	2,205
Towong ...	2,490	2,949	636	217,700	21,770	2,687
Tullaroop ...	215	6,000	2,000	221,753	31,679	6,067
Wannon ...	695	3,250	620	678,670	67,867	10,953
Waranga ...	1,125	10,115	2,023	1,931,080	96,554	13,870
Warrnambool ...	596	8,251	1,765	1,987,000	99,679	18,244
Whittlesea ...	135	1,550	300	160,000	16,000	3,088
Wimmera ...	1,813	15,000	2,000	863,020	86,302	10,620
Winchelsea ...	596	2,634	500	550,000	39,227	5,462
Wodonga ...	95	1,156	300	208,160	10,408	2,238
Wyndham ...	296	1,550	241	872,880	43,644	6,955
Yackandandah ...	819	4,350	920	512,100	25,605	3,265
Yarrawonga ...	813	4,500	1,340	500,000	50,000	2,003
Yea ...	580	1,600	500	156,710	15,671	1,943
Total ...	79,001	441,383	95,184	51,891,236	3,983,169	605,776

\* No return—shire only recently formed.

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

**ESTIMATED AREA EMBRACED IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1879.**

		Square Miles.	
Cities, towns, and boroughs	...	...	347
Shires	...	...	79,001
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Total	...	...	79,348

113. The estimated area of Victoria is 88,198 square miles. It thus appears that about nine-tenths of this area is included within the limits of municipal districts. Proportion to total area of Victoria.

114. The estimated population of the two kinds of districts was as follows in 1879 :— Population of municipalities.

**ESTIMATED POPULATION OF MUNICIPALITIES, 1879.**

Cities, towns, and boroughs	...	...	419,534
Shires	...	...	441,383
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Total	...	...	860,917

115. It has been already stated that the estimated mean population of Victoria during 1879 was 888,500. It therefore follows that during that year thirtytwo-thirtythirds of the inhabitants of the colony enjoyed the advantages of local self-government. Proportion to population of Victoria.

116. The ratepayers in the two kinds of municipal districts numbered as follow in 1879 :— Ratepayers in municipalities.

**RATEPAYERS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1879.**

Cities, towns, and boroughs	...	...	...	93,889
Shires	...	...	...	98,128
				<hr/>
Total	...	...	...	192,017

117. By comparing these figures with those showing the estimated municipal population, it appears that about 1 person in every 4·5 persons living in municipalities is a ratepayer. Proportion of ratepayers to population.

118. According to a return laid before the Legislative Council, in July 1878, 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. The figures are for the year 1877 :— Ratepayers classified according to rating.

**RATEPAYERS IN MUNICIPALITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO RATING, 1877.**

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	... <hr/> 179,771

Dwellings in municipalities.

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

DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1879.

Cities, towns, and boroughs	...	...	...	90,529
Shires	...	...	...	95,184
Total	...	...	...	<u>185,713</u>

Increase in number of dwellings.

120. 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 27,232 the whole number returned at the last census.

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

121. The area contained in shires is about 228 times that in cities, towns, and boroughs; but the population, ratepayers, and dwellings in the former exceed those in the latter by only a twentieth.

Increase of population, dwellings, &c., in municipalities.

122. The population in municipal districts in 1879 exceeded by 17,044 that in 1878; the ratepayers exceeded the number in 1878 by 5,625, and the dwellings exceeded the number in the same year by 4,752. The increase of ratepayers is less, but the increases of population and dwellings more than those in 1878, as compared with 1877, when the population in municipalities increased by 15,373, the ratepayers by 6,621, and the dwellings by 1,442.

Increase of population in boroughs and shires.

123. The increase of population in shires, which amounted to 13,390, was greater by 8,736 than that in cities, towns, and boroughs, which amounted to only 4,654. In 1878 the increase of population in shires amounted to only 7,326, whilst that in cities, towns, and boroughs amounted to as much as 8,047.

Amount of rating in municipalities.

124. 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 municipality in any year was rated at the lowest amount allowed by law, viz., 6d. in the pound; also, that not one levied rates up to the full amount allowed by law, viz., 2s. 6d. in the pound:—

RATINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1877 TO 1879.

Amount levied in the £.	Number of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.			Number of Shires.		
	1877.	1878.	1879.	1877.	1878.	1879.
0s. 9d. ...	...	...	...	4	5	5
1 0 ...	24	26	21	99	95	102
1 3 ...	7	8	8	3	3	3
1 4 ...	1	1	1	1	1	1
1 6 ...	15	13	16	3	6	3
1 6½ ...	1	1	1	...	...	...
1 7 ...	...	1	1	...	...	...
1 8 ...	2	2	1	...	...	...
1 9 ...	5	3	3	...	...	...
2 0 ...	4	4	5	...	2	1
Not stated ...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Total ...	59	59	57	111	112	115

125. Of the cities, towns, and boroughs, 41 per cent. in 1877, 44 per cent. in 1878, and 37 per cent. in 1879, were rated at 1s. in the pound; of the shires, 89 per cent. in 1877, 85 per cent. in 1878, and 89 per cent. in 1879, were rated at that amount. Municipalities rated at 1s. in the pound.

126. In 1877, 4, and in 1878 and 1879, 5 municipal districts were rated at less than 1s. in the pound. In 1877, 42; in 1878, 45; and in 1879, 44 municipal districts were rated at over that amount. Municipalities rated under and over 1s. in the pound.

127. The number of properties in boroughs and in shires during the six years ended with 1879, arranged in groups according to their rateable values, will be found in the following table. It will be noticed that in 1879, as compared with 1878, the properties rated at under £50 in both cities, towns, and boroughs, and shires, and those rated at between £100 and £300 and between £400 and £500 in shires, increased, but in all other cases there was a decrease; also, that the total number of properties in 1875 exceeded by 8,598 that in 1874, the total number in 1876 exceeded by 3,826 that in 1875, the total number in 1877 exceeded by 3,047 that in 1876, the total number in 1878 exceeded by 5,661 that in 1877, and the total number in 1879 exceeded by 5,199 that in 1878; the total increase of properties in the five years being thus 26,331 :— Classification of properties rated.

CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTIES RATED, 1874 TO 1879.

Year.	Number of Properties Rated.							Total.
	Under £50.	£50 to £100.	£100 to £200.	£200 to £300.	£300 to £400.	£400 to £500.	£500 and upwards.	
<b>CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.</b>								
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
1878	98,942	8,895	3,211	829	363	151	294	112,685
1879	99,846	8,877	3,166	826	331	145	287	113,478
<b>SHIRES.</b>								
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
1878	84,338	10,442	2,901	666	300	140	702	99,489
1879	88,598	10,436	3,051	683	296	159	672	103,895
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.</b>								
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
1878	183,280	19,337	6,112	1,495	663	291	996	212,174
1879	188,444	19,313	6,217	1,509	627	304	959	217,373

128. The following table gives the estimated total value (or value in fee-simple) of rateable property in cities, towns, and boroughs, and in Total value of rateable property.



shires, during the six years ended with 1879, arranged in groups according to the value of the properties of which the amounts are made up. In 1879, as compared with 1878, an increase occurred in the value of properties rated at between £50 and £100, in cities, towns, and boroughs, and under £50 and between £100 and £200 in shires; but a decrease in the value of the others. The valuation on the whole showed a falling off of £1,189,365, viz., of £534,936 in urban, and of £654,429 in country properties:—

**CLASSIFICATION OF TOTAL VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTY,  
1874 TO 1879.**

Year.	Total Value of Rateable Properties.				
	Under £50.	£50 to £100.	£100 to £200.	£200 and upwards.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.</b>					
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
1878	15,120,374	5,778,025	4,148,800	6,840,617	31,887,816
1879	14,833,220	5,960,162	4,045,167	6,514,331	31,352,880
<b>SHIRES.</b>					
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
1878	19,922,055	9,111,830	5,197,287	18,314,493	52,545,665
1879	20,914,381	8,653,809	5,304,667	17,018,379	51,891,236
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.</b>					
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
1878	35,042,429	14,889,855	9,346,087	25,155,110	84,433,481
1879	35,747,601	14,613,971	9,349,834	23,532,710	83,244,116

Increase in  
five years.

129. According to the above table, during the five years ended with 1879, the total increase in the value of rateable property has amounted, in cities, towns, and boroughs, to £4,028,275, and in shires to £16,994,202.

Annual value  
of rateable  
property.

130. 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 figures for 1879, however, relating to properties valued at upwards of £100 in cities, &c., and at upwards of £200 in shires, are less than in the previous year:—

CLASSIFICATION OF ANNUAL VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTY,  
1874 TO 1879.

Year.	Annual Value of Rateable Properties.				
	Under £50.	£50 to £100.	£100 to £200.	£200 and upwards.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.</b>					
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
1878	1,489,722	569,275	408,757	673,966	3,141,720
1879	1,494,247	600,406	407,496	656,231	3,158,380
<b>SHIRES.</b>					
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
1878	1,474,572	674,431	384,688	1,355,585	3,889,276
1879	1,605,387	664,266	407,186	1,306,330	3,983,169
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.</b>					
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
1878	2,964,294	1,243,706	793,445	2,029,551	7,030,996
1879	3,099,634	1,264,672	814,682	1,962,561	7,141,549

131. During the five years ended with 1879, the total increase in the annual valuation of rateable property has amounted to £301,898 in cities, towns, and boroughs, and to £844,174 in shires. Increase in five years.

132. 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 five years intervening between 1874 and the end of 1879, 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 1879.

Rateable Values.	Increase during Five Years in the—		
	Number of Properties.	Total Value.	Annual Value.
		£	£
Under £50 ... ..	21,272	10,021,581	526,628
£50 to £100 ... ..	3,795	4,342,598	234,474
£100 to £200 ... ..	855	2,312,893	117,741
£200 and upwards ... ..	409	4,345,405	267,229
Total increase ... ..	26,331	21,022,477	1,146,072

133. By far the greatest increase in the number of properties, amounting to more than four-fifths of the whole increase, was in Largest increase in small properties.

properties rated at less than £50. The largest increase in the total value of properties, amounting to nearly half of the total gain, was in properties of a similar rating. The largest increase in the annual value was also in properties rated at less than £50, and was equal to 46 per cent. of the whole increase. The next largest increase under the last head was in properties rated at £200 and upwards, which amounted to nearly a fourth of the whole increase.

Naturalization.

134. 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 obtained letters of naturalization during the year 1879 and the previous ten years. It will be observed that more than half were Germans:—

NATURALIZATION, 1869 TO 1879.

Native Countries.						Ten Years : 1869-78.	Year 1879.
France	...	...	...	...	...	34	1
Belgium	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Holland	...	...	...	...	...	9	1
Austria	...	...	...	...	...	13	1
Germany	...	...	...	...	...	517	29
Italy	...	...	...	...	...	21	3
Spain	...	...	...	...	...	4	...
Portugal	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Russia	...	...	...	...	...	9	...
Other European countries	...	...	...	...	...	229	15
United States	...	...	...	...	...	12	1
South and Central American States	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
China	...	...	...	...	...	35	7
Other countries	...	...	...	...	...	6	...
Total						898	58

Occupations of persons naturalized.

135. Of the 58 persons naturalized in 1879, 14 were farmers or gardeners, 15 miners, 7 artisans and mechanics, 5 hotelkeepers, 3 traders, 2 tailors, 3 carters, 4 laborers, and 5 were of other occupations.

Number of electoral districts and members.

136. 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.

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

\* Paragraphs 262 to 270.

138. The number of electors on the rolls of both Houses of the Legislature, at the end of March 1879 and April 1880, is shown in the following table. A considerable increase appears in the electors for both Houses, but most especially in non-ratepaying electors for the Legislative Assembly :—

ELECTORS ON THE ROLLS, 1879 AND 1880.

Description of Roll.	Legislative Council.		Legislative Assembly.	
	31st March 1879.	30th April 1880.	31st March 1879.	30th April 1880.
Ratepayers' ... ..	29,727	30,694	154,012	160,359
General ... ..	1,714	2,078	22,010	40,342
Total ... ..	31,441	32,772	176,022	200,701

Electors on the rolls.

139. The non-ratepaying electors on the rolls of the Legislative Council amounted in 1880 to  $6\frac{1}{3}$  per cent. and in 1879 to  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the whole ; whilst the non-ratepaying electors on the rolls of the Legislative Assembly amounted to as much as 20 per cent. of the whole in 1880, as against only  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. in 1879.

Proportion of non-rate-paying electors.

140. At the biennial election for the Legislative Council, which took place in August and September 1878, the seat was contested in two out of the six provinces, and in these more than 45 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 1880:—

Electors who voted for the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—ELECTORS, 1878 AND 1880, AND VOTES POLLED, 1878.

Electoral Provinces.	Number of Electors—			On the Rolls 30th April 1880.
	At Biennial Election, 1878—			
	On the Rolls.	Who Voted.		
Total Number.		Percentage of Number on the Rolls.		
Central ... ..	10,305	5,525	53·61	11,057
South ... ..	3,793	*	*	3,878
South-Western ... ..	3,732	*	*	3,407
Western ... ..	2,910	*	*	2,911
North-Western ... ..	7,207	2,462	34·16	7,602
Eastern ... ..	3,860	*	*	3,917
Total ... ..	31,807	...	...	32,772
Deduct for uncontested provinces ...	14,295			
Net result ... ..	17,512	7,987	45·61	

\* No contest.

Electors and voters for the Assembly.

141. At the general election for the Legislative Assembly held on the 28th February 1880 all the seats were contested except two. Returns have been received from all the districts except three, and these show that over 66½ per cent. of the electors in contested districts voted. At the previous general election, which took place on the 11th May 1877, whilst the electors on the rolls numbered 19,278 less than on the last occasion, only 64 per cent. in contested districts recorded their votes. The following table shows the results for each electoral district at the two elections referred to :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED,  
1877 AND FEBRUARY 1880.

Electoral Districts.	Number of Electors at General Election, 1877—			Number of Electors at General Election, February 1880—		
	On the Rolls.	Who Voted.		On the Rolls.	Who Voted.	
		Total Number.	Percentage of Number on the Rolls.		Total Number.	Percentage of Number on the Rolls.
Ararat ... ..	1,716	1,079	62·87	1,433	1,044	72·85
Avoca ... ..	4,193	1,952	46·55	5,378	2,923	54·35
Ballaarat East ... ..	4,515	2,690	59·57	5,052	3,479	68·86
Ballaarat West ... ..	7,108	3,771	53·05	7,025	4,481	63·78
Barwon ... ..	2,021	1,485	73·47	2,133	1,626	76·23
Belfast ... ..	1,111	788	70·92	1,108	771	69·58
Benambra ... ..	1,136	685	60·29	1,582	983	62·14
Boroondara ... ..	1,816	1,374	75·66	2,208	*	*
Bourke, East ... ..	1,749	1,309	74·84	1,750	1,244	71·08
Bourke Boroughs, East ... ..	2,037	1,423	69·80	2,286	1,639	71·70
Bourke, South ... ..	1,927	1,373	71·25	2,119	1,631	77·00
Bourke, West ... ..	4,200	2,452	58·38	4,982	3,812	76·51
Brighton ... ..	1,327	1,075	81·00	1,638	1,201	73·32
Carlton ... ..	2,616	1,869	71·44	3,376	2,422	71·74
Castlemaine ... ..	4,239	3,053	72·02	3,871	2,725	70·39
Collingwood ... ..	5,003	2,940	58·76	5,005	3,150	62·73
Creswick ... ..	6,255	4,290	68·59	6,316	4,688	74·22
Dalhousie ... ..	1,970	*	*	1,834	1,064	58·00
Delatite ... ..	2,212	1,528	69·07	2,418	1,236	51·12
Dundas ... ..	1,562	*	*	1,710	1,032	60·35
Emerald Hill ... ..	4,994	3,310	66·28	5,559	3,697	66·54
Evelyn ... ..	1,434	1,032	71·96	1,708	1,132	66·27
Fitzroy ... ..	4,462	2,920	65·44	5,161	3,487	67·56
Footscray ... ..	1,412	938	66·43	1,655	1,213	73·30
Geelong ... ..	4,726	2,810	59·45	4,542	3,106	68·38
Gippsland, North ... ..	3,912	†	†	4,448	†	†
Gippsland, South ... ..	1,503	824	54·82	3,325	1,480	44·51
Grant ... ..	3,381	2,093	61·90	3,258	2,183	67·00
Grenville ... ..	3,981	2,471	62·06	3,429	2,531	73·81
Kara Kara ... ..	2,575	1,736	67·41	3,008	2,211	73·50
Kilmore and Anglesey ... ..	2,105	1,414	67·17	2,263	1,378	60·89
Kyneton Boroughs ... ..	1,463	1,076	73·54	1,375	1,111	80·80
Maldon ... ..	1,754	*	*	1,533	1,095	71·36
Mandurang ... ..	8,155	4,934	60·50	9,023	4,844	53·68
Maryborough and Talbot ... ..	4,704	2,994	63·64	4,197	2,958	70·48

\* No contest.

† Information not furnished.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED,  
1877 AND FEBRUARY 1880—continued.

Electoral Districts.	Number of Electors at General Election, 1877—			Number of Electors at General Election, February 1880—		
	On the Rolls.	Who Voted.		On the Rolls.	Who Voted.	
		Total Number.	Percentage of Number on the Rolls.		Total Number.	Percentage of Number on the Rolls.
Melbourne, East ...	4,402	3,087	70·12	4,601	3,360	73·02
Melbourne, North ...	5,983	3,950	66·02	6,415	4,734	73·80
Melbourne, West ...	4,961	3,371	67·95	6,028	†	†
Moira ...	4,725	3,049	64·52	7,408	4,159	56·14
Mornington ...	2,275	1,158	50·90	3,414	1,882	55·13
Normanby ...	1,666	868	52·10	1,809	1,164	64·34
Ovens ...	3,745	2,279	60·85	3,890	2,672	68·69
Polwarth and South Grenville	1,580	962	60·88	1,879	1,397	74·35
Portland ...	1,354	619	45·71	1,558	995	63·86
Richmond ...	5,764	3,847	66·74	6,523	†	†
Ripon and Hampden ...	2,011	1,201	59·72	2,016	1,464	72·62
Rodney ...	5,136	3,310†	64·44	5,301	3,296	62·18
Sandhurst ...	6,932	4,693	67·70	6,483	4,830	74·50
Sandridge ...	1,916	1,301	67·90	2,001	1,522	76·06
St. Kilda ...	5,892	4,128	70·06	7,007	5,080	72·50
Stawell ...	2,371	1,495	63·05	2,180	1,618	74·22
Villiers and Heytesbury	3,838	2,043	53·23	4,119	2,646	64·24
Warrnambool ...	1,468	*	*	1,610	*	*
Williamstown ...	1,845	1,220	66·12	2,176	1,523	70·00
Wimmera ...	4,285	2,538	59·20	6,575	3,820	58·09
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>181,423</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>200,701</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
<b>Deduct for uncontested districts and those for which returns were not furnished</b>	<b>10,666</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>20,817</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
<b>Net result ...</b>	<b>170,757</b>	<b>108,807</b>	<b>63·72</b>	<b>179,884</b>	<b>119,739</b>	<b>66·56</b>

142. The number of electors who voted on the 28th February 1880 in respect to the different rolls was not made up in all the districts, and there were also a few cases in which the total number who voted was not returned. Supplying these deficiencies, however, by proportion, the following information is obtained :—

Electors, &c., on respective rolls.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED ON RESPECTIVE ROLLS, 28TH FEBRUARY 1880.

Description of Roll.	Electors on the Rolls (excluding those in Districts which were not contested).	Electors who Voted.	
		Number.	Percentage of Electors on the Rolls.
Ratepayers' ...	157,384	104,501	66·40
General ...	39,499	26,553	67·22
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>196,883</b>	<b>131,054</b>	<b>66·56</b>

\* No contest.

† Information not furnished.

‡ Returns incomplete.

Electors on each roll who voted.

143. It will be observed that at the general election which took place last February the electors on the general roll recorded their votes in a slightly higher proportion than those on the ratepayers' roll.

Proportion of electors and members to population.

144. At the time of the same general election, 2 in every 9 persons in the colony were electors, and 2 out of every 25 in the colony recorded their votes. The proportion of members to the total population was 1 to every 10,457.

Members, electors, &c., in Australasian colonies.

145. In the following table is shown the number of members and electors of the Lower House of Parliament in each of the Australasian colonies, except Western Australia, together with their proportions to the total population; also, in four of those colonies, the number and percentage of electors who voted at recent general elections:—

LOWER HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.—  
MEMBERS, ELECTORS, AND VOTES POLLED.

Colony.	Year.	Members.		Electors on Rolls.		Electors who Voted.*	
		Total Number.	Proportion per 100,000 of Population.	Total Number.	Percentage of Population	Number.	Percentage of Number on Rolls.
Victoria ...	1880†	86	9·6	200,701	22·32	119,739	66·6
New South Wales	1877	73	11·4	162,945	25·22	63,012	51·4
Queensland ...	„	43	22·0	47,088	24·14	...	...
South Australia	1878	46	18·9	39,987	16·47	11,230	43·6
Tasmania ...	1877	32	30·1	15,363	14·45	7,557	71·1
New Zealand ...	1877-8	88‡	21·1	66,696‡	15·97	...	...

Proportion of members, &c., in each colony.

146. From this table it appears that, in proportion to population, Victoria has fewer members of the Lower House than any other of the colonies named, and fewer electors than either New South Wales or Queensland. Of the four colonies of which the records are at hand, the colony in which the largest proportion of electors exercised the franchise was Tasmania; but the proportion in Victoria exceeded that in New South Wales and South Australia.

Proportion of members of Imperial Parliament to population.

147. 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 in 1879 was 1 to every 52,547; or, for England, 1 member to every 51,887 persons; for Scotland, 1 member to every 52,547 persons; and for Ireland, 1 member to every 50,888 persons.

\* In contested districts only.

† General election of the 28th February.

‡ In New Zealand 4 of the members and 1,585 of the electors are Maoris.

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

Representa-  
tion to  
population.  
Victoria  
and United  
Kingdom  
compared.

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### PART III.—FINANCE.

149. As there are two kinds of governing bodies in Victoria—the General and the Local Government—there are likewise two public Finance Accounts. In the following pages these are, in the first instance, kept distinct ; but, as in dealing with questions affecting the total amounts raised and expended it is necessary to take both accounts into consideration, they are subsequently dealt with in a combined form. It has been too often the custom, in making statements respecting the finances of a country, to take no account of local revenue, taxation, and expenditure. It will, however, be at once obvious that these elements cannot be ignored except at the expense of accuracy. Taxation for local purposes forms part of the burdens of a people just as much as that for general services ; moreover, in some countries certain functions are performed by the one government which in other countries are performed by the other. It should further be pointed out that, in comparing the amounts raised in the same country in different years, allowance should be made for changes arising from transfers of portion of the revenue of the General Government to Local Bodies, and *vice versa* ; also for the abandonment of revenue for special public purposes which it is considered desirable to carry on by means of trusts, &c., and of the resumption of such revenue, should these be abolished. Of trusts in operation by which revenue has been affected, there is only one in Victoria, viz., the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which, for the sake of convenience, has been treated in this work as a local body.

Public  
finance;  
accounts.

150. No important changes affecting the sources of revenue were made during the year 1878–9. It should be noted, however, that, in that year, chiefly in consequence of arrears for 1877–8 being included, an amount of £202,000 was received under the head of “Land Tax,” as against only £50,000 in the previous year ; also that an average of about 70 additional miles of railway were open for traffic.

Changes  
effected by  
legislation.

151. Although the financial year ended on the 30th June 1879 commenced with a credit balance of £77,000, that sum was insufficient to meet the deficiency on the year’s transactions (viz., £212,000), and

Finance  
account,  
1878–9.