APPENDIX B.

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1893.

TABLE I.—POPULATION 1893.

Name of Colony.	Area in Square		ted Populatio 1st December	Females to 100	Persons to the	
	Miles. 1	Males. Females. Total.		Total.	Males.	Square Mile.
Victoria	87,884	608,049	565,957	1,174,006	93.08	13:359
New South Wales	309,175	658,990	564,380	1,223,370	85 64	3 957
Queensland	668,224	243,793	188,506	432,299	77:32	·647
S. Australia Proper	379,805	177,219	164,759	341,978	92.97	.900
,, North. Territory	523,620	4,533	363	4,896	8.01	.009
Western Australia	975,920	41,014	24,050	65,064	58.64	.067
Total	2,944,628	1,733,598	1,508,015	3,241,613	86.99	1.101
Tasmania	26,375	81,978	72,446	154,424	88:37	5.855
New Zealand	104,471	357,635	314,630	672,265	87:97	6.435
Grand Total	3,075,474	2,173,211	1,895,091	4,068,302	87.20	1.323

Note.—Aborigines are not included, except in the case of Victoria, New South Wales, and Tasmania.

The areas here given, except in the case of New Zealand, are the results of planimetrical calculations made in the office of the Surveyor-General, Melbourne, and the results agree closely with the figures furnished officially by the various colonies. Formerly the official estimate for Western Australia differed by as much as 84,000 square miles from the above estimate, but in April, 1892, the area was recalculated officially, and the result was so close to the Melbourne Surveyor-General's estimate that the latter was adopted.

² On the 31st December, 1894, the estimated population of Victoria was 1,179,122, viz., 607,271 males and 571,851 females; that of New South Wale:, 1,251,450, viz., 672,950 males and 578,500 females; that of Western Australia, 82,072; and that of Tasmania was 157,457. On the 30th June, 1894, the population of Queensland was 439,799, viz., 247,802 males and 191,997 females; that of South Australia Proper, 343,408; and that of New Zealand, 678,586.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1893.

Name of Colony	В	irths of		Deaths of—			.	Per 1,000 of Mean Population.— Number of—			Birtl	ess of as over aths.
Name of Colony.	Males.	Fe- males.	Total.	Males.	Fe- males.	Total.	Marriages	Births.	Deaths.	Mar- riages.	Numeri- cal.	Per Cent.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia—		17,729 19,520 7,038	40,342	9,289	6,733	16,508 16,022 5,695	7,749	33.33	14·11 13·24 13·34		20,044 24,320 8,699	151.79
Proper Northern Terri-	5,444	5,239	10,683	2,467	2,053	4,520	2,110	31.76	13.44	6.27	6,163	136 35
tory WesternAustralia	11								7·87 15·12		¹-16 1,167	1-41:03 123:49
Total	53,498	50,608	104,106	25,573	18,156	43,729	19,783	32.42	13.62	6.16	60,377	138.07
Tasmania New Zealand	2,699 9,310		5,216 18,187					33·92 27·50			3,145 11,420	
Grand Total	65,507	62,002	127,509	30,675	21,892	52,567	24,746	31.67	13.06	6.14	74,942	142.56

¹ Excess of deaths over births.

TABLE III.—Immigration and Emigration by Sea, 1893.

(As Recorded.)

	Number	of Imm	igrants.	Numbe	r of Emi	grants.1	Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants. ²		
Name of Colony.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland S. Australia Proper ,, Northern Ter. Western Australia	50,674 44,908 11,271 13,658 245 7,546	23,373 22,001 4,080 5,000 63 1,382	74,047 66,909 15,351 18,658 308 8,928	54,271 39,970 9,586 14,297 312 3,022	26,189 18,880 4,042 4,587 65 683	80,460 58,850 13,628 18,884 377 3,705	-3,597 4,938 1,685 -639 -67 4,524	-2,816 3,121 38 413 -2 699	-6,413 8,059 1,723 -226 -69 5,223
Total Tasmania New Zealand	128,302 11,124 17,385	55,899 6,965 -8,750	184,201 18,089 26,135	121,458 11,865 10,263	54,446 6,784 5,460	175,904 18,649 15,723	$\begin{array}{r} 6,844^{-3} \\ -741 \\ 7,122 \end{array}$	1,453 ³ 181 3,290	8,297 ³ -560 10,412
Grand Total	156,811	71,614	228,425	143,586	66,690	210,276	13,225 3	4,924 ³	18,149 ³

Note.—The numbers of assisted and free immigrants were as follow:—New South Wales, 42 males, 78 females, total 120; Western Australia, 54 males, 132 females, total 186; total Austral-

asia, 96 males, 210 females, total 306.

The figures in these columns generally understate the truth. Many persons leave all the colonies by sea without their departure being noted. The following is the estimated unrecorded emigration by sea during the year in the colonies named:—Victoria, 6,998; New South Wales, 2,627; South Australia, 646; Tasmania, 1,305. In three of the colonies the overland migration was also estimated, the net results being as follow:—New South Wales, net emigration, 4,032; Queensland, net immigration, 580; South Australia, net immigration, 4,966. Such information has not been estimated for Victoria, as the returns available have been considered as only misleading.

In consequence of the emigration returns being defective, as stated in the last footnote, the figures in these columns are too high, except where the minus sign (—) appears indicating that the emigrants exceeded the immigrants by the number against which it is placed, when the figures are too low.

³ Net figures. According to Imperial returns, the number of persons who left the United Kingdom for the Australasian Colonies in 1893 was 11,412, and the number who returned to the United Kingdom from these colonies was 10,390. The excess in favour of departures, was thus 1,022 or about one-eighteenth of the excess of immigrants over emigrants shown in the table.

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1893.

		Pub	lie R	evenu	e deriv	ed fro	om—					
Name of Colony.	Taxation.	Crow Land		Raily	vays.		st and graphs.		her rces.		To Reve	tal enue.
Victoria	£ 2,522,779 2,782,264 1,335,554 733,262 36,444 293,336	$\begin{array}{c c} 2,115,1\\ 624,3\\ 221,6\\ 11,6\end{array}$	51 32 34 42	2,912 3,226 947 1,092	£ 2,788 3,218 3,195 1,925 5,834 0,822	64 21 22	£ 46,404 ² 43,849 10,529 20,767 2,790 41,142	494 732 220 240	£ 4,792 2,332),175),157 L,365 7,432		6,955 9,495 3,335 2,506	£ 9,229 9,814 7,785 7,745 9,075),651
Total	7,703,639				5,782		35,481	•	3,253		22,94	•
Tasmania New Zealand	399,700 2,353,250				2,525 9,987		59,044 22,906 ²		L,879 5,988			5,972 7,963
Grand Total	10,456,589	3,931,8	00	9,638	3,294	2,04	17,431	1,98	5,120		28,059),234
	Pr	oportion of	Rev	enue (lerived	l from	ļ- 	A P	Amou	int j	per h	ead.
Name of Colony.	Taxation.	Crown Lands.	Rai	lways.	Post Telegr		Other Sources		Tota eveni		Tax	ation
Victoria New South Wales Queensland S. Australia Proper ,, Northern Ter. Western Australia	per cent. 36.25 29.29 40.02 29.24 52.76 51.40	per cent. 6.93 22.26 18.70 8.84 16.85 13.66	35 28 45 24	cent. 1.86 3.96 3.38 3.54 4.37 1.17	per c 7:3 6:3 8:4:0 7:5	85 78 31 80 04	per cen 7:11 7:71 6:59 9:58 1:98 6:56	£. £ 5 7 7 7 13 9	19 17 16 9 18	$egin{array}{c} d. \ 3 \ 0 \ 5 \ 1 \ 8 \ 7 \ \end{array}$	£ 2 2 3 2 7 4	s. d 3 3 6 0 2 7 3 7 7 0 13 10
Total	33.58	15.40	36	6·24	7.	26	7:52	7	3	0	2	8 0
Tasmania	56·54 53·39	7·61 7·82	i .	1·58 6·54	8°		5·92 4·92		11 1			$egin{array}{ccc} 12 & 0 \ 11 & 2 \end{array}$
Grand Total	37.27	14.01	34	4·35	7:	30	7.07	6	19	6	2	12 0

Note.—The figures of revenue and expenditure for Victoria are for the twelve months ended 30th June, but those for the other colonies are for the calendar year. Refunds of revenue, drawbacks, and such similar entries, are excluded from the accounts of revenue and expenditure of Victoria, New South Wales (for the first time), and New Zealand, but are included in those of Queensland, also in those of some of the other colonies. See also Note 4.

The amounts in this column are made up of excise duties, including licences imposed for revenue purposes; duties on bank notes; duty stamps; legacy, succession, and probate duties; property and income taxes; and any other impost, payable to the General Government, levied distinctly as a tax; but excluding fees and charges for special services rendered.

² The proportion of the revenue of Victoria and New Zealand derived from "Other Taxes" and "Post and Telegraphs" has been roughly estimated, there being no means of obtaining the exact figures.

³ Inclusive of tramways, £287,541.

⁵ Inclusive of revenue from gold-fields, £20,028.

^{*} Excluding (for the first time) revenue afterwards returned to the extent of at least £206,920—viz., £52,215, for drawbacks and refunds of duty; £27,054, railway revenue collected for the neighbouring Governments, Steamship Companies, &c; £91,121, land revenue; and £36,530, being other revenue returned, &c.

TABLE V.—PUBLIC EXPENDITURE, 1893.

		Public I	Expenditure o)n—	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Name of Colony.	Railways (Working Expenses).	Post and Telegraphs.	Interest and Expenses of Public Debt.	Immi- gration.	Other Services.	Total Expendi- ture. ¹
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Proper Northern Territory	£ 1,769,145 1,970,347 ² 628,683 622,608 10,878	302,861 197,757 2,739	£ 1,836,185 2,426,899 ³ 1,255,181 ⁴ 833,283 70,160	£ 3,106 2,925	£ 3,668,289 4,757,248 1,332,216 929,833 139,671	£ 7,989,757 9,932,102³ 3,521,866 2,583,481 223,448
Western Australia	94,735	57,884	114,368	••	373,814	640,801
Total	5,096,396	2,051,881	6,536,076	6,031	11,201,071	24,891,455
Tasmania New Zealand	136,420 724,080	75,289 282,478	323,150 1,601,890 ⁵	••	301,558 1,562,168	836,417 4,170,616
Grand Total	5,956,896	2,409,648	8,461,116	6,031	13,064,797	29,898,488
	Propo	rtion of Total	Expenditure	expende	d on—	
Name of Colony.	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Interest and Expenses on Public Debt.		Other Services.	Total Expenditure per Head.
Victoria	per cent. 22:14 19:84 17:85 24:10 4:87	per cent. 8:97 7:80 8:60 7:66 1:23	per cent. 22.98 24.43 35.64 32.25 31.40	per cent. 03 08	per cent. 45.91 47.90 37.83 35.99 62.50	£ s. d. 6 16 11 8 4 1 8 5 0 7 13 7 45 1 7
Western Australia	14.78	9.03	17.85	• •	58:34	10 5 0
Total	20.48	8:24	26.26	•02	45.00	7 15 2
Tasmania New Zealand	16·31 17·36	9·00 6·77	38·64 38·41	••	36·05 37·46	5 8 9 6 6 1
Grand Total	19.92	8.06	28:31	.02	43.69	7 8 7

NOTE.—For periods to which the figures relate in each colony see Note to last table. In the case of New South Wales, refunds, &c., have as far as possible been deducted, for the first time, from both sides of the account.

¹ Exclusive of amounts paid towards redemption of Treasury Bills, viz., £150,000 in New South Wales.

² Inclusive of Tramways, about £193,226; also £75,000, being third instalment towards redemption of loan of £1,000,000 for "Reconstruction and improvement of rolling-stock and permanent way."

³ Inclusive of arrears of interest on account of the previous year, £288,750.

⁴ Interest only.

⁵ Exclusive of charges for the Sinking Fund (viz., £284,500) formerly charged to revenue, but now met by debentures raised for the purpose.

TABLE VI.—EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS, 1893.

		Ex	penditure	from Loans or	n—		Total
Name of Colony.	Railways.	Water Supply.	Roads and Bridges.	Harbors, Rivers, Light- houses, &c.	Immi- gration.	Other Services.	Expenditure from Loans.
	\mathbb{E}	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria	373,210	251,205	40.00	152	• •	136,633	761,200
New South Wales	1,143,3301	$337,931^{2}$	63,305	147,834	1,986	237,180	1,929,580
Queensland South Australia*	$132,591 \\ 262,726$	$\begin{array}{c} 9,746 \\ 225,066^{2} \end{array}$	16,239	13,086 $21,033$		228,311 ⁴ 61,320	385,720 586,384
Western Australia	451,775	11,595	3,140	79,303	1,896	106,853	654,562
Total	2,363,632	835,543	82,684	261,408	3,882	770,297	4,317,446
Tasmania New Zealand	13,542 179,034	6,999	$67,946^{5}\ 133,304$	⁵ 10,502 ⁶		$92,539 \\ 522,153$	174,027 852,275
Grand Total	2,556,208	842,542	283,934	271,910	4,165	1,384,989	5,343,748

		Propor	tion Expen	ded from Loa	ns on—		
Name of Colony.	Railways.	Water Supply.	Roads and Bridges.	Harbors, Rivers, Light- houses, &c.	Immi- gration.	Other Services.	Expendi- ture from Loans per Head.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia* Western Australia	per cent. 49.03 59.25 34.38 44.80 69.02	per cent. 33.00 17.52 2.53 38.38 1.77	3·28 2·77 ·48	per cent.	per cent	per cent. 17.95 12.29 59.19 10.46 16.32	£ s. d. 0 13 0 1 11 11 0 18 1 1 14 4 10 9 5
Total	54.75	19:35	1.92	6.05	.09	17.84	1 6 11
Tasmania New Zealand	7·78 21·01	*82	39·04 15·64	 1·23	.03	53·18 61·27	1 2 8 1 5 9
Grand Total	47.83	15.77	5:31	5.09	•08	25.92	1 6 7

Note.—The figures for Victoria relate to the year ended 30th June, and those for the other colonies to that ended 31st December.—* Including the Northern Territory.

¹ Inclusive of Tramways, £155,955.

² Including expenditure on Sewerage -£141,223 in New South Wales.

^a Exclusive of £40,300, loans paid off.

⁴ Including £155,928 relief to public depositors; £2,564 for Telegraphs; £11,224 for Defences; £39,100 for Local Public Works; £19,495 for Public Buildings, &c.

⁵ In Tasmania, the expenditure on Harbors, &c., is included with that on Roads and Bridges.

⁶ Including expenditure on Defences.

7 Including £116,869, lent to local bodies, repayable by annual instalments, and £334,334 for land purchases.

TABLE VII.—PUBLIC DEBT, 1893. (On the 31st December.)

Public Debt contracted for — Harbors. Water Rivers, Name of Colony. Railways Electric Roads School Other Defence Supply Lightand Teleand Public Buildand houses, Works. Tramways graphs. Bridges. Works. ings. Sewerage. Docks, &c. £ £ £ £ £ £ £ 36,128,995 Victoria 7,228,483 108,043 100,000 766,908 626,018 1,105,557 6,807,880 New South Wales 39,858,697 838,314 444,060 | 1,201,146 | 2,039,953 913,564 3,496,785 Queensland 840,356 18,177,383 1,783,6412 864,293 2,018,997 232,198 992,751 South Australia* 12,173,409 848,081 3,272,400 1,289,084 223,925 250,645 1,160,627 477,800 Western Australia 1,565,444 266,11639,578 85,615 226,540 86,310 Total 107,903,928 2,792,867 19,131,982 3,260,599 7,528,967 | 2,027,417 | 1,783,989 | 4,109,847 3,752,792 Tasmania 116,648 2.128,606 134,128 128,389 815,466 New Zealand 5 14,655,026 679,793 587,041 3,855,455 ⁶ 906,958 6429,719 2,266,873 . . **Grand Total** 126,311,746 3,589,308 19,719,023 7,116,054 10,564,531 2,161,545 2,342,097 7,192,186

Note.—For footnotes to this table see next page.

TABLE VII.—Public Debt, 1893—continued.

(On the 31st December.)

	Public I	ebt contra	cted for—	Total	Public De	ebt.	Proportion of Total
Name of Colony.	### Immigra- Other Services.7 #### ###############################	Unappor- tioned.s	Amount.°	Average Multip per of Head. Revenu		Debt contracted for Railways and Telegraphs.	
	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	Years.	per cent.
Victoria	••	••	••	46,064,004	39 4 9	6.62	78:43
New South Wales ¹	575,750		· • •	56,176,149	45 18 5	5.91	72:45
Queensland	2,787,942	531,796	2,410,177	30,639,534	70 17 6	9.18	62:07
South Australia*	••	941,000	1,060,029	21,697,000	62 11 0	8.42	60.02
West'rn Australia	5,960	156,379	441,156	2,873,098	44 3 2	5.03	63.75
Total	3,369,652	1,629,175	3,911,362	157,449,785	48 11 5	6.86	70:31
Tasmania	235,713	29,062	- •	7,340,804	47 10 9	10:38	52.71
New Zealand ⁵	2,146,552	1,587,924	12,711,074	39,826,415	59 4 10	9:04	38.50
Grand Total	5,751,917	3,246,161	16,622,436	204,617,004	50 5 11	7.29	63:49

Note.—The amounts set down are exclusive of Temporary Treasury Bills in aid of revenue—£750,000 in Victoria; £1,902,884 in New South Wales; £849,225 in South Australia, and £304,800 in Tasmania. The figures for New Zealand relate to the 31st March, 1894.

- * Including the Northern Territory.
- ¹ The figures for New South Wales were based on the gross expenditure from the Loan Account to end of year, the loans paid off (£9,240,070) being deducted, and the charges of floating Loans (£2,862,336) being added proportionately.
- ² Including £1,490,726, loans to local bodies, chiefly for waterworks, but also for roads and bridges.
 - 3 Included with other public works.
 - 4 The amount for roads and bridges is included with that for harbors, &c.
- The figures set down as showing the objects for which the Public Debt of New Zealand was contracted represent the net expenditure out of the "Public Works Fund" since 1870—the date of the first Immigration and Public Works Loan—which is the only existing record of the loan expenditure; it is, however, stated that, besides loan moneys, receipts in aid from stamp duties, &c., contributed somewhat towards the total sum so expended. The balance required to make up the total debt at the end of March, 1894, has been entered as "Unapportioned."
- ⁶ In New Zealand, a portion of the expenditure on "Defences" is included under the head of "Harbors," &c., and a portion is under the head of "Unapportioned."
- In South Australia, £491,000 under this head was expended on general public works for the Northern Territory, and £450,000 was paid to lessees for improvements of pastoral leases; in New Zealand, £1,297,517 was devoted to land purchases (chiefly from the Maoris), and £61,072 was paid for rates on native lands, &c. From the amount returned for Tasmania, debentures redeemed, &c., have been deducted, since the purposes are not specified for which the original loans thereby paid off were raised.
- * Consisting of deficiencies in floating loans and unexpended balances. In Victoria and Queens-land—but only periodically in the latter case—deficiencies in floating loans are distributed over the heads for which the loans were raised.
- As a set-off against the public debt, New Zealand possessed an accrued sinking fund amounting, on the 31st March, 1894, to £951,924; the net liability of that colony was, therefore, £38,874,491, or £57 16s. 6d. per head of population, nearly equal to nine times the revenue. The sinking funds possessed by the other colonies are comparatively small, consisting of the following amounts:—Victoria, £73,500; Western Australia, £129,099; Tasmania, about £116,000.

TABLE VIII.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1893.

~	Total Va	alue of—	Value per	Head of—	Exports of Ho	ome Produce.
Name of Colony.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Value per Head.	Percentage of Total Exports.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland S. Australia Proper ,, Northern Ter. Western Australia Total	£ 18,283,814 18,107,035 4,352,783 7,934,200 116,539 1,494,438 45,288,809	£ 13,308,551 22,921,223 9,632,662 8,463,936 172,059 918,147 55,416,578	\pounds s. d. 11 7 0 14 19 2 10 4 0 23 11 8 23 10 2 23 18 2	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	£ s. d. 8 15 11 14 2 5 21 5 6 9 15 11 32 18 3 13 18 6 12 14 1	77:35 74:58 94:27 38:94 94:82 94:80
Tasmania New Zealand	1,057,683 6,911,515	1, 3 52,184 8,985,364	6 17 7 10 9 0	8 15 10 13 11 9	8 13 10 12 18 9	98·85 95·24
Grand Total	53,258,007	65,754,126	13 4 6	16 6 7	12 11 9	77:09
	Proportion	of Total Impo	orts from—	Proportio	on of Total Exp	orts to—
Name of Colony.	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland S. Australia Proper ,, Northern Ter. Western Australia	per cent. 41:49 39:86 35:83 24:27 2:59 49:05	per cent. 44.23 49.13 57.20 65.27 62.20 44.50	per cent. 14:28 11:01 6:97 10:46 35:21 6:45	per cent. 56.29 36.08 38.35 41.09 6.34 38.02	per cent. 27:18 43:11 60:48 42:22 74:87 52:21	per cent. 16:53 20:81 1:17 16:69 18:79 9:77
Total	37:43	51 18	11:39	42.03	42.42	15.55
Tasmania New Zealand	32·56 64·85	66·14 20·42	1:30 14:73	21·03 78·31	78·97 14·19	7:50
Grand Total	40.89	47.48	11.63	46.56	39:31	14.13

Note.—There is reason to believe that both imports and exports are over-valued in most of the colonies. See Report to Australasian Statistics, 1884.

TABLE IX.—SHIPPING, 1893.

Name of Colony.	Inv	vards.	Out	wards.	Total.		
name of Colony.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Proper Northern Territory Western Australia	1,889 2,914 599 948 66 293	2,009,187 2,590,371 464,581 1,180,233 78,761 539,953	1,887 2,916 615 971 67 288	2,020,551 2,602,957 481,047 1,212,367 79,220 531,465	3,776 5,830 1,214 1,919 133 581	4,029,738 5,193,328 945,628 2,392,600 157,981 1,071,418	
Total	6,709	6,863,086	6,744	6,927,607	13,453	13,790,693	
Tasmania New Zealand	693 617	466,312 615,604	690 635	468,127 642,466	1,383 1,252	934,439 1,258,070	
Grand Total	8,019	7,945,002	8,069	8,038,200	16,088	15,983,202	

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1892-3.

) v	Iiles Open—	.1		Capital Cost ²	of Tinon
Colony.	At En	d of Year.		Miles in Course	Open for	Fraffic.
	Total.	Per 1,000 Inha- bitants.	Average.	of Construc- tion.	Amount.	Average per Mile Open.
Victoria	2,958 2,351 2,373	2:52 1:92 5:49	2,933 2,316 2,350	51 179	£ 37,451,487 34,657,571 16,230,490	£ 12,661 14,742 6,840
South Australia Proper Northern Territory	491 1,173 146	4.87 29.82	1,662 146	57	11,936,256 1,155,588	7,173 7,915
Western Australia	9,812	3.03	9,667	558	928,277	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$
Tasmania	420 1,948	2·72 2·90	420 1,917	143	3,510,196 15,137,036	8,358 7,771
Grand Total	12,180	3.00	12,004	701	121,006,901	9,935

			Rever	ue Accour	nt.3		
6.1	Gross R	eceipts.4	Worki	ng Expens	es.5	Net R	eceipts.
Colony.	Amount.	Average per Train Mile.	Amount.	Percentage of Receipts.	Per Train Mile.	Amount.	Percentage of Capital Cost.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Proper Northern Ter. Western Australia	£ 2,925,948 2,927,056 1,022,677 1,007,059 15,668 110,378	d. 65:17 93:60 65:35 65:85 121:93 56:43	£ 1,850,291 1,813,516 638,889 640,122 11,704 94,198	63:24 61:96 62:47 63:56 74:69 85:34	d. 41·21 57·99 40·83 41·86 91·08 48·16	£ 1,075,657 1,113,540 383,788 366,937 3,964 16,180	2·89 3·28 2·37 3·10 ·34 1·76
Total	8,008,786	73:34	5,048,720	63.04	46.24	2,960,066	2:92
Tasmania New Zealand	152,083 1,172,792	45.64 90.41	136,468 735,358	89·73 62·70	40.95 56.69	15,615 437,434	•45 2·93
Grand Total	9,333,661	74:37	5,920,546	63.43	47.17	3,413,115	2.85

		Traffic.									
	Train Mil	eage.	Passenge	r Journeys.	Goods and Live Stock.						
Colony.	Total.	Per Head.	Number.	Average per Mile Open.	Tons Carried.	Average Tonnage per Mile Op e n.					
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Proper Northern Ter. Western Australia	10,775,134 7,505,310 3,755,655 3,670,390 30,841 469,452	9:21 6:20 8:80 10:91 6:22 7:51	46,520,784 19,932,703 3,300,773 5,547,053 6,169 573,040	15,861 8,607 1,404 3,338 42 2,204	2,558,378° 3,773,843 720,587° 970,805 2,328 172,008	872 1,629 307 584 16 662					
Total	26,206,782	8:16	75,880,522	7,850	8,197,949	848					
Tasmania New Zealand	799,823 3,113,231	5.20 4.71	546,671 6,122,340	1,302 3,194	164,982 2,128,70 9	393 1,110					
Grand Total	30,119,836	7:48	82,549,533	6,877	10,491,640	874					

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1892-3—continued.

Note.—The figures for Tasmania relate to the calendar year 1893, those for New Zealand to the year ended 31st March, 1894, whilst those for Western Australia to the six months ended 30th June, 1893. (In the case of the last-named, however, the figures of Revenue, Expenditure, and Traffic have been doubled so as to represent annual amounts.) In other cases the figures relate to the year ended 30th June, 1893.

- ¹ The gauges in use are as follow: -5ft. 3in. in Victoria; 4ft. $8\frac{1}{2}$ in. in New South Wales; 5ft. 3in., but chiefly 3ft. 6in., in South Australia; and 3ft. 6in. in the other colonies.
- ² The amounts included in these columns generally represent the actual expenditure on construction, irrespective of the cost of floating loans, and without regard to the deficiences below or premiums received above the nominal amount of loans for railway purposes as contracted by the different colonies. The figures for South Australia, however, include all discounts and expenses incurred in floating loans. In regard to the relative cost of constructing the lines in the different colonies, it should be borne in mind that a much larger proportion of double lines exists in Victoria than in any other colony.
- ³ Including receipts and expenses of $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles in Tasmania worked by Government for a private company
- Including £25,000 paid by the Government for free passes in New South Wales; and £36,503 credited for non-paying traffic in Queensland. In South Australia over £375,150 of the amount shown was derived from the Broken Hill Line. In New Zealand the amount is exclusive of Postal service valued at about £27,000.
 - ⁵ Including compensation, paid as follows:—Victoria, £6,433; New South Wales, £3,500, &c.
 - 6 The calculations in this column are based on the average capital cost for the year.
- The number of passenger journeys have been carefully computed for all the colonies (except Western Australia) on the following uniform basis:—There has been allowed 720 journeys for each yearly, 360 for each half-yearly, 180 for each quarterly, 60 for each monthly, 2 for each return, and 1 for each single ticket issued to adults and youths; and one-half of those numbers respectively for tickets issued to boys and girls. No allowance has been made for free passes issued, nor have 582,225 free journeys made by school children in New Zealand been included; whilst the figures for South Australia are also exclusive of journeys on yearly and half-yearly contract tickets available for all lines. The numbers given differ in many cases from those returned by the various colonies, which are not compiled in a uniform manner. From the Victorian Railway figures 11,924,291 added for journeys on single tickets over more than one system, have been deducted. In comparing the traffic in Victoria and New South Wales the large metropolitan tramway and steamboat traffic in these colonies must also be taken into account.
- * The tonnage of goods and live stock is much lower than formerly, consequent on the treatment of each consignment of goods as a unit, instead of multiplying it by each system over which it travelled.
 - ⁹ Exclusive of live stock.

PRIVATE RAILWAYS.—In addition to Government lines, there were also private lines, as follow, in the colonies named:—New South Wales, $84\frac{1}{2}$ miles; South Australia, 14; Western Australia, 507; Tasmania, 55; New Zealand, 160.

TRAMWAYS.—These are not included in the foregoing table. On the 30th June, 1894, there were $47\frac{1}{4}$ miles of street tramways (chiefly cable) in the metropolis of Victoria, constructed by a municipal trust at a cost (to 30th April, 1893) of £1,705,794, but leased to a company, which works the lines, the traffic receipts from which in 1893-4 amounted to £359,547, and the passengers carried numbered 34,787,652; in New South Wales, $58\frac{1}{2}$ miles of street tramways (steam) except 2 miles of cable and 2 of electric (overhead line) trams constructed by the Government at a cost of £1,248,986, the gross receipts for the year being £278,194, the working expenses £229,283, and the estimated-number of passengers carried (allowing $2\frac{3}{4}$ d. for each) 24,278,000; in Queensland, $24\frac{1}{2}$ miles, including $15\frac{3}{4}$ of street lines, the gross receipts of which in 1892-3 were £25,580, and the number of passengers carried 2,564,304 (1891-2); and in Western Australia 8 miles of Government lines. There are other lines in the colonies named, but of less importance.

ADDENDUM.—GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1893-4.

Colony.	Length Open.	Capital Cost.	Gross Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Net Receipts.	Percentage of Net Revenue to Mean Capital Cost.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Proper Northern Territory	Miles. 3,004 2,501 2,379 1,664 146	£ 37,558,156 35,855,271 16,419,093 12,154,417 1,158,952	£ 2,726,159 2,813,541 955,747 999,707 16,193	£ 1,635,419 1,666,842 598,403 569,592 11,403	£ 1,090,740 1,146,699 357,344 430,115 4,790	2·91 3·25 2·18 3·57 0·41

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TABLE XI.—POSTAL RETURNS, 1893.

		Number p	eassing thro	ough the Pos d once).	st Office		and raphs.
Name of Colony.	Number of Post	Letters an Card		Newspa	pers.¹		
	Offices.	Total.	Per Head of Popula- tion.	Total.	Per Head of Popula- tion.	Revenue. ²	Expendi- ture. ³
		·				£	£
Victoria	1,733	62,526,4484	55.90 4	22,729,0054	20:324	541,208	614,922 5
New South Wales	1,423	78,697,047	65.01	47,498,907	39.24	622,673	790,265°
Queensland	963	16,297,827	38·19	10,545,185	24.70	216,721	302,775
South Australia	638	16,629,260	49.43	7,741,221	23 [.] 01	220,767	197,756
Western Australia	195	7,002,913	112 03	6,001,946	96:02	41,142	57,884
Total	4,952	181,153,495	56.41	94,516,264	29.43	1,642,511	1,963,602
Tasmania	337	5,721,964	37:21	4,231,868	27.52	71,560	82,536
New Zealand	1,305	28,862,600	43.64	12,167,688	18:40	344,677	293,704
Grand Total	6,594	215,738,059	53.58	110,915,820	27:54	2,058,748	2,339,842

Note.—The numbers given for letters and newspapers represent those posted in the colony (counted once) added to those received from abroad. Owing to the difficulties of distinguishing telegraphic from postal expenditure, they are shown in a combined form.

¹ Newspapers posted in New South Wales (within seven days of publication) travel free to Tasmania, Western Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji, and in both New South Wales and Western Australia they travel free to places within the colony itself. In the other colonies a small postage fee is charged on newspapers to all places.

² Including commission on money orders. The revenue for New South Wales includes £31,080 for postage on letters, and £18,982 for telegrams O.H.M.S.; but the values of Government and other correspondence, not charged for in the case of most of the other colonies, were as follow:—Victoria, about £60,000 for letters, and £4,700 for telegrams; Queensland, £23,164 for telegrams; New Zealand, £63,839 for letters, &c., and about £25,000 for telegrams. In other cases the information was not available.

^{*} Exclusive of interest on Savings Banks Deposits.

^{*} Figures for 1890, those for a later year not having been compiled.

⁵ The expenditure includes cost of printing books, forms, and stamps by the Government Printer; but is exclusive of expenditure on buildings and on construction and maintenance of telegraph lines, which moreover is, it is believed, not taken into account in the case of all the other colonies.

The amount is inclusive of £27,671, expenditure on account of the Post Office by other Government Departments; but is exclusive of interest on cost of construction of telegraphs, £32,833, and on cost of postal buildings owned by Government, £3,521.

TABLE XII.—ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES, 1893.

			Teleg	graphs.		Telephones and Private Wires.				
Name of Colony.		Number of Miles open at the end of the Year.		Telegrams Transmitted.	Amount sived.	ber of ic langes.	s of	Number of Sub- scribers— Exchange	Amount Re- ceived.	
		Line.	Wire.	Teleg Tran	Net Amor Received.	Number of Public Exchange	Miles Wire.	and Other.	Cerveu.	
					£				£	
Victoria		7,105	14,220	2,476,178	105,740	13	$9,926^{2}$	2,308	39,197	
New South Wales	٠	14,282	27,326	$2,465,503^{3}$	160,796	16	4	2,842	16,320	
Queensland	• •	10,004	17,810	958,193	76,771	16	*	717	4,432	
South Australia	• •	5,546	10,894	747,563 ⁵	87,6736	8	2,188	1,061	7.00	
Western Australia	• •	3,578	4,303	283,592	16,388	2	677	234	1,967	
Total	••	40,515	74,553	6,931,029	447,368	55	12,791	7,162	61,916*	
				•		•				
Tasmania	••	2,187	3,397	207,591	17,650	3	489	668	3,347	
New Zealand		5,513	13,515	$2,069,691^7$	91,4257	24	3,811°	4,244	21,771	
Grand Total	••	48,215	91,465	9,208,311	556,443	82	17,091 *	12,074	87,034*	

Note.—The extent open embraces, besides cables worked by companies, not only lines under the control of the Postal Department, but also those managed by the Railway authorities, which are often largely availed of by the public.

* Where asterisks occur, the information has not been furnished or is incomplete.

¹ Including miles of Railway Telegraphs, as follow:—Victoria—line 3,098, wire 5,004; New South Wales—line 2,351 (the wires belong to Postal Department); Queensland, length not stated; South Australia—line 171, wire 2,365; Western Australia—length not stated; Tasmania—line 386, wire 634. Telephone line and wire are excluded, except in the case of New South Wales. Cables are

included, as follow:—Tasmania, 366 miles, worked by a public company; New Zealand, 226 miles.

² Including 856 miles, used solely for railway purposes.

Including messages in transitu, 90,145.
Included with telegraph wire.

⁵ Including 91,100 international telegrams.

6 In the case of South Australia, the telegraph revenue includes telephone revenue.

* Exclusive of Cable. • Figures for 1892.

TABLE XIII.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED AND IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, 1893.

•		y Auction, I Contracts, &		Selected under	Granted	Total Extent Wholly or
Name of Colony.	Area.	Amount of Purchase Money.	Average Price per Acre.	System of Deferred Pay- ments. ¹	without Purchase.	Conditionally Alienated.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia 4 Western Australia	acres. 7,302 98,844 44,504 31,340 25,751	£ 34,091 236,959 33,215 32,761 2,570 ⁵	£ s. d. 4 13 4 2 8 0 0 14 11 1 0 11	acres. 123,906 691,448 ² 601,639 ³ 99,245	acres. 28 6,183 376 238,426	acres. 131,236 796,475 646,519 31,340 363,422
Total	207,741	339,596	*	1,516,238	245,013	1,968,992
Tasmania New Zealand	684 26,275	3,501 26,786	5 2 4 1 0 5	19,788 12,359	1,722 198,323 •	22,194 236,95 7
Grand Total	234,700	369,883	*	1,548,385	445,058	2,228,143

Note.—For footnotes to this table see next page.

TABLE XIII.—Crown Lands Alienated and in Process of Alienation, 1893—continued.

	Up to th	e End of 1893	Extent.	At the End of 1893.—Extent—			
Name of Colony.	Alienated in	Fee simple.	In Process of	Alianala	Neither		
	Sold.	Granted without Purchase.	Alienation under System of Deferred Payments.*	Alienated or in Process or Alienation.	Alienated nor in Process of Alienation.		
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia Total Tasmania New Zealand	acres. 16,926,749 24,786,585 11,449,470 7,569,891 5,868,631 66,601,326 * 13,608,838	acres. 15,655 351,992 68,504 748,453 * * 7,093,162 11	acres. 5,875,595 20,214,360 2,270,153 10 5,886,313 10 * * 435,600	acres. 22,817,999 45,352,937 13,788,127 14,204,657 7,844,338 104,008,058 4,785,172 21,137,600	acres. 33,427,761 152,519,063 413,875,233 563,987,343 616,744,462 1,780,553,862 12,094,828 45,723,86412		
Grand Total	*	*	*	129,930,830	1,838,372,554		

* Where asterisks occur, the information has not been furnished, cannot be completed, or is only roughly approximate.

The purchase money for selected land varies in the different colonies from 10s. to 30s. per acre, payable by annual instalments (generally without interest) extending over a period of 10 or 20 years. For particulars of the terms and conditions under which such land is acquired, see Part "Production" ante.

² Including an area of 96,157 acres under conditional purchase, for which deeds were issued

during 1893.

3 Exclusive of sales under "Special Sales of Land Act," some portion of the purchase of which

* Including Northern Territory.

is incomplete.

⁵ Exclusive of purchase money paid as rent in former years.

⁶ Of this area 160,996 acres were granted to natives, or Europeans who had purchased from them, under Native Land Acts.

⁷ Including only that of which the purchase has been completed. In New South Wales, the extent sold includes areas granted prior to 1862; the whole of the information for that colony was carefully checked and revised to end of 1893.

* Exclusive of the extent estimated to have been forfeited for non-fulfilment of conditions, &c.,

except in the case of Western Australia.

Fincluding all lands held under right of purchase in Victoria and South Australia; also, 1,412,895 acres in Western Australia, under Poison clause of Regulations of 1882 and 1887.

16 Including land held under leases with right of purchase on certain conditions, viz., 1,599,044

acres in Queensland, and over 5,054,504 acres in South Australia.

These figures relate partly to lands in respect to which Crown Grants have been issued either to the original Maori possessors, or to Europeans or Maoris who have purchased from them, under certain Native Land Acts.

12 Of this extent, about 14,000,000 acres belong to the Maoris, or to Europeans who have purchased from them; and 1,100,537 acres were held under "Perpetual Lease;" 138,073 acres under Occupation with Right of Purchase; and 208,785 acres on Lease in Perpetuity.

TABLE XIV.—STATE PRIMARY EDUCATION, 1893.

			At the Er	nd of 1893.		Gross Enrolment of Scholars			
Name of Colony.		Number	Num	ber of Teac	hers.	during 1893.			
	of State Schools.		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	• •	2,038 2,520 691 606 127 ²	1,911 2,304 722 448 59	3,057 2,223 762 687 168	4,968 4,527 1,484 1,135 227	122,232 125,536 41,037 32,370 1 3,232	114,276 113,415 37,293 29,939 1 3,106	236,508 238,951 78,330 62,309 6,338	
Total	••	5,982	5,444	6,897	12,341	324,407	298,029	622,436	
Now Zooland	••	253 1,355	209 1,345	308 1,921	517 3,266 ^s	11,052 84,809 ¹	9,423 78,296 ¹	20,475 163,105	
Grand Total		7,590	6,998	9,126	16,124	420,268	385,748	806,016	

TABLE XIV.—STATE PRIMARY EDUCATION, 1893—continued.

Name of Colony.	Daily A	ars in Av ttendance the Year	e during	NT-4		Expenditure on State Education. ⁴				Cost of Instruction per Head of—		
	Total	Number	Per- centage of	Net Enrol- ment (Esti- mated).	Amount con- tributed by—			Mean		in	-	
	Number	to each Teacher	Scholars on the Rolls.		State. 5	Parents, &c., in Fees.	Total.	tion.		Average Attend- ance-		
					0	0		0	_		_	
Victoria	100.670	26	54.83	206,075	£ 678,346	\pounds $1,538^{6}$	£ 679,884	£ s. 0 11	a. a	<i>§ s.</i> ∫ 4	d. 10	
Victoria New South Wales	129,678 128,322	28 28	53.70	200,075 $210,277$	641,952	73,267	715,219				6	
Queensland	44,432	30	$56 \cdot 72$	$69,020^{1}$	175,479	• •	175,479			19	ŏ	
South Australia	34,038	30	54.63	56,302	125,170	702	125,872			14	0	
Western Australia	4,625	20	$72 \cdot 97$	5,780 ¹	12,408	1,537	13,945	0 4	63	0	4 ⁸	
Total	341,095	28	54.80	547,454	1,633,355	77,044	1,710,399	0 10	8,5	0	3	
Tasmania	10,175	20	49.69	14,875	35,991	9,904	45,895		0 4	10	2	
New Zealand	98,615	30	60.46	138,500	386,858	2,902°	389,760	0 11	93	19	0	
Grand Total	449,885	28	55.82	700,829	2,056,204	89,850	2,146,054	0 10	84	15	5	

Note.—For particulars relating to the educational systems of the various colonies, see Part "Social Condition," ante.

¹ Estimated.

² Including 21 assisted schools.

* Exclusive of 160 sewing mistresses.

* The figures under this head represent the cost of State (Primary) Education, including expenditure on Head Office, staff, and inspection, but exclusive only of expenditure on buildings (either for repairs or erection) and rent. In the case of New Zealand, however, rent is included, as the amount could not be separated.

⁵ Portions of the amounts in this column are derived from Education Reserves, &c., viz., about

£8,000 in South Australia, and £37,170 in New Zealand.

⁶ For extra subjects.

⁷ Exclusive of amounts received by assisted schools, which were not returned.

* In Government schools only. The average amount also paid by the State to assisted schools

9 In the figures for New Zealand, amounts received by Boards from local sources and sums raised locally by School Committees are also included.

TABLE XV.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1893-4.—LAND IN CULTIVATION.

*** The Agricultural Statistics in most of the colonies are collected in the months of February and March in each year. The present returns are for those months of 1894. In calculating the rates of tillage per head, the population on the 31st December, 1893, has been taken.

Name of Color	137		Number of Acres under Tillage.				
Name of Color	ıy.		Total.	Per Head of Population			
Victoria		••	3,019,009	2.57			
New South Wales	• •		1,509,404	1:23			
Queensland			252,075	•58			
South Australia *		••	2,758,304	8.07			
Western Australia	• •		124,520	1.91			
Total	• •		7,663,312	2:37			
Tasmania			550,865	3.57			
New Zealand	• •	••	1,455,954	2.17			
Grand Total	• •		9,670,131	2.38			

^{*} Exclusive of Northern Territory.

TABLE XV.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1893-4.—LAND IN CULTIVATION—continued.

		Number of Acres under—											
Name of Colony.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.		Other 1 Cereals	Pota- toes.	Hay.	Vines.	Green Forage. ²	Other Tillage. ³			
Victoria	1,469,359	218,904	49,105	6,485	42,872	40,909	412,223	30.275	240,835	508,042			
New South Wales	593,810	34,148					205,424	,	, ,	,			
Queensland	28,993	606		93,556		8,306	,	,	,	,			
South Australia*	1,732,711	13,619	13,072	• •	4,451	6,510	,	, ,	, ,				
West. Australia	42,672		3,603	37	568	630			,				
Total	3,867,545	269,848	72,388	305,963	51,498	82,914	1,030,886	58,711	627,352	$\overline{1,296,207}$			
Tasmania	55,312	33,755	4,876		10,713	19,068	47,500	32	218,726	160,883			
New Zealand	_242,737	376,646				,	,		5 17,747	,			
Grand Total	4,165,594	680,249	106,121	311,079	78,705	123,103	1,139,126	58,743	1,363,825	1,643,586			

Note.—Land in fallow is included in the total area under tillage in all the colonies, except New South Wales; but land under permanent artificial grasses is not included in Queensland, Western Australia and New Zealand. See also Notes 2, 3, and 4.

* Exclusive of Northern Territory.

¹ Including beans and peas, except in case of Queensland; also rice and rye in Queensland.
² In addition to crops sown for the purpose of being cut green for cattle, this column contains the following areas laid down in permanent artificial grass in the colonies named:—Victoria, 224,306 acres; New South Wales, 302,412 acres; South Australia, 26,904 acres; Western Australia, only small area; Tasmania, 216,296 acres. In Queensland, where it is not so included, the area returned

is 18,346 acres. For extent of such land in New Zealand, see Note 4.

This column embraces land in fallow as well as land under crop. The following are the areas in fallow included in the returns of such colonies:—Victoria, 457,177 acres; New South Wales, not returned; Queensland, 8,826 acres; South Australia, 563,371 acres; Western Australia, 40,806 acres; Tasmania, 23,888 acres; New Zealand, 142,342 acres; total, 1,236,410 acres. The following is a statement of the acreage under various crops included in the same column, also of the produce so far as it has been given:—

Miscellaneous Crops.	Miscellaneous Crops—continued.
Victoria— Acres. Produce.	Acres. Produce.
Turnips, carrots, par-	Queensland—
snips, and beet 795 7,036 tons	Sugar cane
Mangel-wurzel 1,162 19,340 ,,	Of which crushed 43,670 76,146 tons
Onions 2,045 10,199 ,,	(sugar)
Tobacco 1,057 8,952 cwt.	Arrowroot 192 448,737 lbs.
Chicory 54 224 tons	Oranges 1,630 2,663,211 doz.
Hops 693 5,684 cwt.	Bananas 2,423 10,591,306 ,,
Grass seeds \dots $1,927$ $26,252$ bush.	Bananas 2,423 10,591,306 ,, Pineapples 803 343,773 ,, Tobacco 475 4,577 cwt.
Market gardens 7,879 —	Tobacco 475 4,577 cwt.
Gardens & orchards 34,584 —	Cotton 191 29,353 lbs.
Fruits gathered—	Sweet potatoes 2,997 12,640 tons
Cases. Cwt.	Gardens and orchards 2,885 —
Apples 462,834 Tomatoes 35,676	South Australia (1892–3)—
Plums 148,249 Rhubarb 17,250	Almond trees,
Pears 103,269 Melons 11,228	No. 111,607 — 3,388 cwt.
Cherries 69,601 Raspberries 10,713	Orange 73,365 — 43,817 cases
Quinces 53,440 Gooseberries 7,977	Olive ,, ,, 48,252 — 2,291 gals. oil
Peaches 50,577 Strawberries 3,632	Raisins 711 cwt.
Apricots 35,672 Currants 2,196	Gardens and orchards 15,771 —
Oranges 8,352 Almonds 23,957 lbs.	Honey, No. hives 22,142 — 412,886 lbs.
Figs 5,518 Walnuts 19,795 ,,	Tasmania—
Lemons 4,339 Honey 732,130 ,,	Turnips 3,580 25,729 tons
Beeswax 26,557 ,,	Mangel-wurzel 1,131 12,960 ,,
New South Wales—	Gardens and orchards 10,946
Tobacco 854 10,858 cwt.	Fenced and cleared
Sugar cane 28,112 —	lond not strictly
Of which productive 11,755 252,606 tons cane	under tillage, de-
Oranges	voted to pastoral
Of which productive 9,237 800,024 cases	purposes
Other fruit orchards 26,993 —	New Zealand—
Of which productive 19,330 —	Mangolds, beet, car-
Market and kitchen	rots, parsnips, &c. 7,021 —
gardens 5,829 —	
Turnips 301 1,559 tons	Hops 778 7,665 cwt. Tobacco 4 2,290 lbs.
Pumpkins and melons 3,796 14,741 ,,	dried leaf
Mangel-wurzel 51 363 ,, Onions 66 163 ,,	Gardens and orchards 31,060
Onions 66 163 ,,	Other crops 5,291 —
All other crops 3,881 —	Ouner crops 0,201

In the figures for New Zealand, the land under permanent artificial grass, amounting to 8,638,157 acres—of which about one-half had been, and the other half had not been, previously ploughed—is not entered as green forage, nor is it included in the total area under tillage, as in the majority of the other colonies. Were the whole so placed, it would bring the land under tillage up to 10,094,111 acres, or to 15.02 acres per head of the population. The green forage entered above consists of 130,104 acres of green oats, 385,437 acres of turnips, and 2,206 acres of green maize.

TABLE XVI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1893-4.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

		Bush	els raised o	f—		Tons raised of—		
Name of Colony.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. 1	Pota- toes.	Hay.	
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia* Western Australia	15,255,200 6,502,175 413,094 13,618,062 520,198	4,951,371 701,804 12,095 172,605 47,597	1,033,861 $114,272$ $8,396$ $205,577$ $48,330$	180,442 7,011,526 1,824,108 	1,059,087 43,778 41,522 72,744 11,360 ²	144,708 83,838 17,165 22,958 2,309	503,355 235,562 42,353 334,769 33,039	
Total	36,308,729	5,885,472	1,410,436	9,016,649	1,228,491	270,978	1,149,078	
Tasmania	833,771 4,891,695	837,720 12,153,068	110,174 724,653	224,539	202,797 444,126	76,769 126,540	54,889 86,198	
Grand Total	42,034,195	18,876,260	2,245,263	9,241,188	1,875,414	474,287	1,290,165	

		Gallons		Bushe		TonsperAcre of—			
Name of Colony.		of Wine made.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.	Pota- toes.	Hay.
New South Wales Queensland South Australia* Western Australia	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1,490,184 748,949 101,528 712,845 77,484	10·38 10·95 14·25 7·86 12·19	22.62 20.55 19.96 12.68 18.51	21:05 18:69 16:96 15:73 13:41	27.82 34.06 19.50 15.49	24.70 18.85 32.31 16.34 20.00	3·54 3·16 2·07 3·53 3·67	1.22 1.15 1.88 .93 1.12
Total	••	3,130,990	9.39	21.81	19:48	29.47	23.86	3:27	1.11
Now Zooland	••	••	15.07 20.15	24·82 32·27	22.60 25.11	43.89	18.93 26.93	4·03 5·99	1·16 1·42
Grand Total	••	3,130,990	10.09	27.75	21.16	29.71	23.83	3.85	1.13

² Estimated.

TABLE XVII.—LIVE STOCK, 1893-4.

*** The Live Stock Statistics are collected in most of the colonies simultaneously with the Agricultural Statistics in the months of February and March.

Nome of Calor	Name of Colony.				Number of—							
Name of Color		Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.							
Victoria	 Terri	tory 1	436,903 481,399 429,734 187,666 12,815 45,747	1,817,291 $2,155,500$ $6,693,200$ $423,602$ $237,229$ $173,747$	13,098,725 $56,980,688$ $18,697,015$ $7,267,642$ $67,552$ $2,220,642$	328,162 240,860 68,086 86,468 1,752 26,233						
Total	• •		1,594,264	11,500,569	98,332,264	751,561						
Tasmania New Zealand ²	••	••	31,587 211,040	169,141 885,305	1,535,047 19,380,360	51,592 308,812						
Grand Total	••	••	1,836,891	12,555,015	119,247,671	1,111,965						

¹ Figures only estimated; no Statistics collected.

^{*} Exclusive of Northern Territory.

¹ Including beans and pease, except in the case of Queensland; also rice 32,043, and rye 9,479, in the case of Queensland.

² The figures for horses and pigs in New Zealand are those returned at the Census of April, 1891; those for cattle relate to March, and those for sheep to April, 1894. Of the pigs, 86,259 are owned by Maoris.

TABLE XVII.—LIVE STOCK, 1893-4—continued.

Name of Colony.		Horses.		Cattle.		Sheep.		Pigs.	
		Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Proper Northe Territory 1		4·97 1·56 ·64 ·49 ·03	37 39 99 55 262	20.68 6.97 10.02 1.11 .45	155 176 1,548 124 4,845	149 184 28 19	1,116 4,658 4,325 2,125 1,380	3·73 ·78 ·10 ·23 ·00	28 20 16 25 36
Western Australia	••	. 05	70	·18	267	2.27	3,413	.03	40
Total	• •	•54	49	3.91	355	33	3,033	•26	23
Tasmania New Zealand ²	••	1:20 2:02	20 31	6·41 8·47	110 132	58 186	994 2,883	1:96 2:96	33 46
Grand Total	••	.60	45	4.08	309	39	2,931	.36	27

Note. - For footnote to this table see last page.

TABLE XVIII.—WOOL PRODUCTION, 1893.

Name of Colony.	Wool In	ported.	Wool Ex	rported.	Wool used in Manufacture in the Colony.		
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value, at 9d. per lb.	
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Proper Northern Territory Western Australia	lbs. 87,293,547 26,215,259 169,351 18,277,045 131,955,202	£ 2,552,933 803,422 5,947 545,207 3,907,509	lbs. 150,892,425 344,982,876 90,459,274 68,902,969 191,675 10,742,348 666,171,567	£ 5,103,907 10,449,911 3,578,864 2,001,277 5,138 244,972 21,384,069	lbs. 1,123,542 303,000 ² 1,426,542	£ 42,133 11,500 ² 53,633	
Tasmania New Zealand	 15,233	 365	8,728,524 109,719,684	296,442 3,774,738	114,000 2,629,855	4,275 89,860	
Grand Total	131,970,435	3,907,874	784,619,775	25,455,249	4,170,397	147,768	

-		Wool Produ	ction, 1893.		Proportion	
	Quan	itity.1	Val	ue.	of Exports of Wool	Average Export
Name of Colony.	Total.	Average to each Sheep in the Colony.	Total.	Average per Head of Population.	to Total General Exports.	Price per lb.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland	lbs. 64,722,420 319,070,617 90,289,923	lbs. 4·94 5·60 4·83	£ 2,593,107 9,657,989 3,572,917	£ s. d. 2 4 4 7 19 7 8 7 5	per cent. 38·35 45·59 37·15	$d. 8 7\frac{1}{4} 9\frac{1}{2} 7$
South Australia Proper		6·97 2·84	1,456,070 5,138	4 6 7 1 0 9	23.64 2.99	$\begin{array}{c} 7 \\ 6\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$
thern Territory Western Australia	10,742,348	4.84	244,972	3 18 4	26.68	5½
Total	535,642,907	5.45	17,530,193	5 9 2	38.59	73
Tasmania New Zealand	8,842,524 112,334,306	5·76 5·80	300,717 3,864,233	1 19 1 5 16 10	21·92 42·01	8 1 81
Grand Total	656,819,737	5.21	21,695,143	5 7 9	38.71	784

Note.—It is believed that the value of wool imported and exported is furnished to the Customs

authorities with a considerable amount of looseness.

¹ These figures are made up of the sum of the total quantities exported from and used for manufactures in, less the quantities imported by, the respective colonies. The wool referred to is, of course, not homogeneous in quality, some being greasy and some washed or scoured. The Government Statistician of New South Wales has estimated that the equivalent weight in greasy wool of the whole clip for that colony was 344,272,800 lbs.

² Figures for 1892.

TABLE XIX.—FROZEN MEAT EXPORTED, 1893.

			Bee	ef.	Mutton.		
Colony.			Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
Victoria New South Wales Queensland	••	••	lbs. .: 22,887,120	£ 338,609	lbs. 5,403,104* 24,705,408* 2,452,531	£ 74,866 141,640 38,430	
Total	• •	••	22,887,120	338,609	32,561,043	254,936	
New Zealand	• •	••	1,238,608	11,224	99,506,960	1,067,197	
Grand Total	•	••	24,125,728	349,833	132,068,003	1,322,133	

Note.—There were no exports from South Australia, Western Australia, or Tasmania.

* Frozen meats of all kinds, but chiefly mutton.

TABLE XX.—BREADSTUFFS IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, 1893.

				Wheat, Flour	and Biscuit.*	Excess of —		
Colony.			Imported. Exported.		Imports over Exports.	Exports over Imports.		
				Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	
Victoria	• •	• •		293,938	$6,\!521,\!531$	• •	6,227,593	
New South Wales	• •	• •	••	1,807,655	112,028	1,695,627	••	
Queensland	• •	• •		1,894,997	4,505	1,890,492	• •	
South Australia	• •	• •	••	188,842	6,463,873		6,275,031	
Western Australia	• •	• •	••	219,635	• •	219,635	• -	
Total	••	••	••	4,405,067	13,101,937	••	8,696,870	
Tasmania	• •	• •		54,677	• •	54,677	• •	
New Zealand	••	• •	• •	2,637	2,719,876	N *	2,717,239	
Grand Tot	al	••		4,462,381	15,821,813	• •	11,359,432	

^{*} The quantities have been reduced in all cases to their equivalent in bushels of wheat.

TABLE XXI.—BUTTER AND CHEESE IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, 1893.

		But	tter.	
			Net B	Exports.1
Colony.	Imported.	Exported.	Total.	To Countries outside Australasia.
Quantity. Victoria	1bs. 76,716 76,716 472,542 271,106 482,857 867,562 2,170,783 218,988 ² 6,048 2,395,819	lbs. 14,005,350 3,177,911 17,445 1,043,953 18,244,659 131,285 6,512,688 24,888,632	lbs. 13,928,634 2,705,369 -253,661 561,096 -867,562 16,073,876 -87,703 6,506,640 22,492,813	lbs. 13,203,366 2,901,584 -18,439 383,824 -11,964 16,458,371 11,088 5,961,984 22,431,443
Value. Victoria	£ 2,995 18,058 11,456 20,239 36,148 88,896 88,905	£ 573,932 125,458 505 37,304 737,199 5,607	£ 570,937 107,400 -10,951 17,065 -36,148 648,303 -3,298	$\begin{array}{c} & \mathfrak{L} \\ 537,872 \\ 115,273 \\ -1,218 \\ 13,025 \\ -499 \\ \hline 664,453 \\ 462 \\ \end{array}$
Grand Total	<u>157</u> <u>97,958</u>	254,645 997,451	254,488 899,493	$ \begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$

¹ The minus sign (-) indicates a net import ² Including lard.

TABLE XXI.—BUTTER AND CHEESE IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, 1893—continued.

		Che	ese.	
Colony.			Net E	Exports.1
	Imported.	Exported.	Total.	To Countries outside Australasia.
Quantity.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
	69,370	154,182	84,812	-20,135
	94,721	124,700	29,979	-12,909
	366,031	1,209	-364,822	-16,395
	6,478	360,562	354,084	173,452
Western Australia	235,536	• •	-235,536	-38,276
Total	. 772,136	640,653	-131,483	85,737
Tasmania	11,202	1,054	-10,148	-2,197
New Zealand	2,128	5,174,512	5,172,384	4,694,704
Grand Total	785,466	5,816,219	5,030,753	4,778,244
Value.	£	£	£	£
	2,530	4,399	1,869	-991
	3,368	2,236	-1,132	-1,315
	8,069	33	-8,036	-427
	266	6,651	6,385	2,897
Western Australia	6,870	• •	-6,870	-1,116
Total	21,103	13,319	-7,784	-952
"AT 17 1 3	. 313	24	-289	-86
New Zealand	. 80	99,626	99,546	89,362
Grand Total	21,496	112,969	91,473	88,324

The minus sign (-) indicates a net import.

XXII.—BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCED IN FACTORIES, 1893.

Colony.		Quantity of B	utter Produced.	Quantity of Cheese Produced.		
		Total.	Per Head of Population.	Total.	Per Head of Population.	
Victoria New South Wales 'Queensland	••	lbs. 18,054,641 16,465,360 320,044	lbs. 15·43 13·60 ·75	lbs. 1,106,418 1,614,383 459,189	lbs. •95 1:33 1:08	
Total	• •	34,840,045	12:41	3,179,990	1.13	
Tasmania New Zealand	• •	303,154 6,722,303	1.97 10.16	8,167,500	12:35	
Grand Total	• •	41,865,502	11.56	11,347,490	3:13	

Note.—Particulars for South and Western Australia are not available. No complete information is available of the quantity of butter and cheese produced in Victorian factories. The quantity returned as made on farms, in addition to the above, during the year was as follows:—Butter—Victoria, 10,105,800 lbs.; New South Wales, 10,755,484 lbs.; Queensland, 3,034,522 lbs. Cheese—Victoria, 2,642,137 lbs.; New South Wales, 3,078,721 lbs.; Queensland, 357,759 lbs. In New Zealand in 1891, the production of butter in factories and on farms was 16,310,012 lbs., of which 1,969,759 lbs. was produced in factories; and that of cheese was 6,975,698 lbs., of which 4,390,400 lbs. was made

in factories. There is no doubt, however, that the production is considerably understated.

Including the produce of farms using steam dairy appliances, which was not the case in

Victoria.

TABLE XXIII.—GOLD PRODUCTION.

		Gold raised—								
Name of Colony.	Prior	to 1893.	Durin	g 18 93 .	Total.					
	Quantity.	Value.1	Quantity.	Value.1	Quantity.	Value.1				
Victoria	ozs. 58,070,215 10,557,304 8,630,473 377,686 248,157	£ 232,280,860 39,202,666 30,206,655 1,439,195 942,998	ozs. 671,126 179,288 616,940 42,905 110,8903	£ 2,684,504 651,286 2,159,290 153,132 421,385	ozs. 58,741,341 10,736,592 9,247,413 420,591 359,047	£ 234,965,364 39,853,952 32,365,945 1,592,327 1,364,383				
Total	77,883,835	304,072,374	1,621,149	6,069,597	79,504,984	310,141,971				
Tasmania New Zealand	682,552 12,308,296	2,595,637 48,387,861	37,230 $226,811$	145,875 913,138	719,782 12,535,107	2,741,512 49,300,999				
Grand Total	90,874,683	355,055,872	1,885,190	7,128,610	92,759,873	362,184,482				

Note.—The figures for Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland express the quantity and value of all the gold known to have been raised in those colonies since the period of its first discovery in Australia in 1851; those for South Australia are estimated chiefly from the returns of the Melbourne and Sydney Mints, and partly from the export returns; those for New Zealand express the total gold entered for duty for export from the earliest period; and those for Tasmania express the quantity known to have been raised since 1866, there being no record of the gold raised prior to that period. There being no reliable returns of the gold raised in Western Australia, the yield prior to 1889 has been estimated roughly at 100,000 ozs., to which have been added the quantities which have since appeared in the export returns of the colony, which, however, are admittedly very defective.

The purity, and consequently the value, of gold varies considerably in different localities. In Victoria the average value is set down as £4 per oz., in Western Australia as £3 16s., and in Queensland as £3 10s. per oz. Standard gold (i.e., 22 carats fine) is worth £3 17s. 10½d., and pure

gold £4 4s. $11\frac{1}{2}$ d. per oz.

Including Northern Territory.
Quantity declared for export only.

TABLE XXIV.—Public Savings Banks, 1893.

(Including both Trustee and Post Office Savings Banks.)

Name of Colony.	Number of	Depositors.	Amount remain	ing on Deposit.	Rates of Interest allowed
	Total.	Per 100 of the Population.	Total.	Average to each Depositor.	to Depositors.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	324,389 179,727 47,885 81,798 4,745	27.63 14.69 11.08 23.92 7.75	£ 6,715,443 6,535,758 1,875,615 2,318,309 76,086	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	per cent. $3\frac{1}{2}^{2}$ 4 and 5 4 5 $3\frac{3}{4}$
Total	638,544	19.72	17,521,211	27 8 9	3½ to 5
Tasmania New Zealand	28,190 147,199	18·25 21·90	580,438 3,966,849	20 11 10 26 19 0	$3\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $3\frac{1}{2}$, 4, and 5
Grand Total	813,933	20 03	22,068,498	27 2 3	3½ to 5

Note.—There are both Post Office and General Savings Banks in Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, and New Zealand; Post Office Savings Banks only in Queensland and Western Australia; and General Savings Banks only in South Australia. There is a limit to the amount of an interest-bearing deposit, varying from £100 to £250 in the different colonies. When two rates of interest are quoted, the lower one is that allowed by the Post Office Banks.

¹ Except in the case of Western Australia, for which the figures relate to 30th June, 1893.

² Rate reduced from 4 per cent. on 1st September, 1893. On 1st April, 1894, it was further reduced to 3 per cent.

TABLE XXV.—STATE-ASSISTED IMMIGRATION, 1851 TO 1893.

		Number of Immigrants introduced in each year.									
Year.		Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	New Zealand.	Total.		
1851 to 1860 1861 to 1870 1871 to 1880 1881 to 1890 1891 1892	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	87,963 46,594 5,545 2	71,649 18,212 24,412 34,079 190 179 120	1,617 50,782 103,140 2,676 729	48,905 13,730 25,415 7,295	 889 4,552 134 317 186	16,636 1,852 477 2,734 	No record. 100,920 14,614 44 	225,153 82,005 208,440 166,416 3,044 1,225 306		
Total	••	140,104	148,841	158,944	95,345	6,078	21,699	115,5781	686,589		

¹ Exclusive of the number for New Zealand for years prior to 1870.

Table XXVI.—Statistics of Fiji, 1878, 1880, 1885, 1890, 1892, and 1893.

*** Fiji consists of from 70 to 80 inhabited islands, the estimated area of which is 7,500 square miles. There are also about 150 smaller islands uninhabited. The total area of the group is estimated to be 7,740 square miles.

1878 64,748 52, 1880 67,598 54, 1885 69,860 57, 1890 67,902 57, 1892 68,239 57,						Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Immigrants (Polynesians and Coolies only).			
		Măle	s. Fe	males.	Total.				Males.	Females	s. Total.	
		2,350 4,286 7,419 7,780 7,203 5,205	117,098 121,884 127,279 125,682 125,442 122,712	2,262 4,103 4,319 3,681 4,397 4,600	2,244 4,326 5,775 4,035 5,679 5,659	419 1,358 1,133 1,980 1,058 1,106	1,346 2,500 1,422 968 1,257 535	34 736 392 491	1,520 2,534 2,158 1,360 1,748 777			
Year.		Emigrants (Polynesians and Coolies only).				olic Reve		Public Expen-	Public	Value of	Value of	
		Males.	Fe- males.	Total.	Raised by Taxation.			diture.	Debt.	Imports.	-	
1878 1880 1885 1890	••	638 170 1,681 239	71 18 265 41	709 188 1,946 280	£ 42,697 46,544 62,985 46,928	£ 18,324 34,134 13,684 19,889	$\begin{array}{c c} 4 & 80,67 \\ 4 & 76,66 \end{array}$	$egin{array}{c c} 8 & 91,102 \ 9 & 92,209 \ \end{array}$	£ 100,000 210,000 264,025 248,989	£ 136,608 185,741 294,585 206,757	£ 192,865 229,528 326,750 364,533	
1892 1893	••	396	187	607 583	57,282 58,090	14,271 18,686			243,236 239,682	253,586 276,398	434,791 355,632	

Table XXVI.—Statistics of Fiji 1878, 1880, 1885, 1890, 1892, and 1893—continued.

			Shipp	oing.		Crown Lands	Live Stock. ²					
Year.		Inwa	irds.	Outw	ards.	Granted and sold in	Number of—					
		Vessels. Tons.		Vessels. Tons.		each Year.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs. 3		
1878 1880 1885 1890	• •	124 157 124 79	23,180 32,933 54,056 56,711	128 150 135 89	24,080 32,689 55,892 60,644	acres. 39,476 27,562 26,368 2,824	200 360 650 695	3,000 5,000 5,953 6,988	3,100 4,769 6,350 6,800	50,000 50,000 50,000 2,000		
1892 1893	• •	91 92	71,444 75,431	91 85	67,865 71,957	6,935 2,623	1,202 1,381	$9,462 \\ 10,134$	6,050 5,082	1,736 2,116		

Note.—The following additional information is for the year 1893:—Birth rate, 37.07; Death rate, 45.61; Marriage rate, 8.91 per 1,000 persons living. Immigration—The total number of arrivals in 1891 was 2,229, of whom 533 were Europeans. Emigration (1891)—Total departures 1,137, of whom 497 were Europeans. Sources of Revenue—Customs duties, £36,639; other taxes, £21,451; other sources, £18,684. Heads of Expenditure—Interest on public debt, £9,402; Post Office, &c., £1,015; other expenditure, £75,564. Public Debt—In 1891, consisted of £115,390 Imperial advances, bearing no interest, in aid of annexation, and in payment of compensation in respect of disallowed land claims; £100,000 for payment of liabilities of former so-called Government; and £50,000 for public works and immigration, less £18,700 redeemed, bearing interest at 4½ per cent. Imports and Exports—Of the total value of imports, £249,908 was from the Australasian Colonies, and £26,490 from other countries; and of the total value of exports, £318,001 was to Australasian Colonies, and £37,631 to other countries; almost the whole of the exports were of Fijian production. Postal Returns (1893)—Number of offices, 36; letters, 329,156; newspapers, 246,413. State Education—Number of schools, 2; teachers, 4, viz., 2 males and 2 females; scholars on the rolls, 190, viz., 106 males and 84 females. Agriculture—Land under cultivation (by whites only), 37,311 acres, of which 435 acres were under maize; 17,427 acres under cocoanuts; 15,760 acres under sugar-cane; 2,031 acres under bananas; 460 acres under tea; 238 acres under peanuts; and 960 acres under hemp, coffee, tobacco, rice, tapioca, pineapples, and other crops. The produce of the principal crops in 1891 was as follows:—Maize, 2,444 bushels; cocoanuts, 42 tons; copra, 6,669 tons; sugar, 20,470 tons; molasses, 167,508 gallons; bananas exported, 784,675 bunches (788,100 in 1892); peanuts, 300 tons; cotton, 98 tons. The following new industries have been started:—Desiccated cocoanut (of which 56 tons exported in

¹ The total area alienated at the end of 1893 was 422,998 acres, and the area unalienated 4,530,922 acres. The amount realized by the State for sales of land to the end of 1888 was only £26,446 which, however, represents the price of but a small proportion of the acreage alienated. The majority of the grants issued were for lands acquired by whites and others previously to

annexation, and these received their titles at the nominal price of One shilling.

² In addition to the live stock referred to in these columns, about 5,000 angora goats were kepton the islands.

³ Returns from Europeans only since 1886.

TABLE XXVII.—STATISTICS OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA, 1888-9 TO 1893-4.

Area, 90,000 square miles; population between 300,000 and 350,000.

Financial Year.	Pu	ıblic Revenu	1e.		Value	e of—	Shipping.				
	Locally Raised.	Provided by	Total.	Public Expendi- ture.	Imports	Imports Exports		Inwards.		Outwards.	
		Guarantee.				1	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	
1888-9 ¹ 1889-90 1890-91 1891-2 1892-3 1893-4	£ 2,680 3,016 2,674 4,784 4,605 5,867	£ 12,320 11,984 12,326 10,216 10,395 9,133	£ 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000	£ 10,770 14,975 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000	£ 11,109 16,104 15,530 23,755 25,261 28,501	£ 5,943 6,455 8,434 11,289 14,966 14,952	198 92 64 56 42 35	7,482 5,897 4,597 4,966 3,351 3,872	188 96 61 55 34 27	6,952 6,287 4,365 5,977 3,300 2,791	

Notes—For footnotes see next page.

TABLE XXVII—STATISTICS OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA, 1888-9 TO 1893-4—continued.

Financial Year.		Gold Pro	oduced. ²	Postal Returns.							
		Ozomtity	Volum		Receiv	ed.		Despatched.			
		Quantity.	Value.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.		
1888-91 1889-90 1890-91 1891-2 1892-3 1893-4	••	ozs. 3,850 3,470 2,426 1,235 582 1,128	£ 14,387 12,440 8,371 4,322 2,236 3,906	2,366 3,166 2,664 4,393 4,679 6,280	93 111 142 260 230 157	4,071 6,844 6,042 8,505 6,749 8,131	2,587 2,586 2,191 3,917 4,011 5,297	98 84 88 160 427 467	574 590 468 756 276 240		

Notes.—The Finances are supplied by a sum not exceeding £15,000 per annum, for which the colony of Queensland has made itself primarily responsible, Victoria and New South Wales contributing equally with Queensland towards this amount. Local revenue is applied in reduction of the sums payable by the contributing colonies, and any credit balance in the appropriation account must be written off at the end of the year.

Crown lands may be alienated for agricultural purposes, at not less than 2s. 6d. per acre, conditional on the introduction of some new industry. Where no such condition as to improvements is imposed, the minimum prices are—For agricultural land, 10s. per acre; pastoral land, 2s.; for trading or fishing purposes, £5; and for cocoanut planting, 5s. per acre. Areas not exceeding 50 acres may be sold under deferred payments, extending over 5 years, the minimum price in such

cases being £1 per acre.

The following is additional information for the year 1893-4:—Population—It is impossible to obtain anything more than a rude guess at the total of the indigenous population. The non-native population of the Possession in April, 1891, was about 272, of whom only 156 were whites, the remainder being chiefly Polynesians, Malays, &c. Sources of Local Revenue—Customs duties, £5,067; licences, £317; gold-fields, £54; fees, fines, &c., £137; miscellaneous, £292. Heads of Expenditure—Salaries and allowances, £8,233; vessels, £1,308; buildings, £435; agriculture, £203; mail service, £750; and miscellaneous, £4,071. Chief Exports—Bêche-de-mere, value £1,714; pearl shell, value £3,366; copra, 450 tons, value £2,885.

Ten months only.

² Gold entered at Cooktown, Queensland, as received from British New Guinea, no other record being available. The number of miners on the gold-fields fell off from 700 or 800 in 1888-9 to only about 40 in 1891-2. The alluvial washing is stated to have come to an end. The miners are principally men who are acclimatized, and who possess such knowledge of the natives and of the country as often gives them great advantage over new comers, who are not likely to meet with success.