

POPULATION.

RETURN of the INCREASE and DECREASE of the POPULATION of the Colony of Victoria during the Year ending 31st December, 1856, and the Total Population on the latter date.

(Not including Aborigines, who are estimated at about 2,500.)

		Males.	Females.	Total.	GENERAL TOTAL.
Increase by Immigration	28,335	13,259	41,594	
Increase by Births	7,394	7,012	14,406	
Total Increase	35,729	20,271	...	56,000
Decrease by Departures	17,362	3,825	21,187	
Decrease by Deaths	3,620	2,112	5,732	
Total Decrease	20,982	5,937	...	26,919
Net Increase	14,747	14,334	...	29,081
Population on 31st December, 1855	207,171	112,208	...	319,379
Population on 31st December, 1856	221,918	126,542	...	348,460

NORMAN CAMPBELL,
Registrar General.

LUNATICS.

RETURN of the Number of Patients in the LUNATIC ASYLUM at the Yarra Bend, Melbourne, during the Year 1856.

In the Asylum on 31st Dec., 1855.			Admitted during the Year.		Discharged during the Year.				Absconded during the Year.				Died during the Year.		Remaining on the Establishment on the 31st December, 1856.					
Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Cured.		Improved.		Retaken.		Not Taken.		Males.	Females.	Supposed Curable.		Supposed Incurable.		Total.	
					Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
162	89	251	100*	49	43	19	1	5	15	1	1	...	27	6	56	36	134	72	190	108

* One (1) Male Patient who escaped in 1855 is included in this number.

ROBERT BOWIE,
Surgeon Superintendent.

POSTAGE.

RETURN of the Number of LETTERS and NEWSPAPERS that passed through the various Post Offices in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1856, distinguishing Ship from Inland Letters.

Number of Post Offices.	Number of Letters passed through the Post Offices.		Number of Newspapers passed through the Post Offices.		Total.		Income.	Expenditure.
	Inland.	Ship.	Inland.	Ship.	Letters.	Newspapers.		
125	2,000,461	1,220,153	1,164,846	1,741,295	3,220,614	2,906,141	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
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A. McCRAE,
Postmaster General.