

PART I.—BLUE BOOK.

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7. This Part comprises a list of the various Governors of the colony from the date of its first settlement, and of the successive Ministries and Parliaments since the inauguration of responsible government; of the Members of the Executive Council and of both Houses of Parliament during 1873, and of the Foreign Consuls. It also contains tables showing the number of Pensioners and amount of Pensions chargeable upon the revenue of Victoria; and statements of the Strength and Expenditure of the Land and Naval Forces and Naval Reserve.

Pensioners
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sions.

8. The following table shows the number of pensioners and the amount of their pensions in the year 1873; also the authority under which the pensions were respectively granted :—

PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS, 1873.

Authority under which Pensions were granted.	Number of Pensioners.	Amount of Pensions.		
		£	s.	d.
Civil Service Act	114	16,590	18	7
Lunacy Statute	3	59	1	5
County Courts Statute	1	750	0	0
Other Authority	7	5,766	13	4
Total	125	23,166	13	4

Pensions in
1873 and
former
years.

9. The number of pensioners was the same in 1872 and 1873, but the amount of pensions was less in the latter year by £167 6s. 8d. Neither pensioners nor pensions have increased much since 1869, in which year the former numbered 108, and the latter amounted to £21,365. It will be observed that one-fourth of the amount paid in pensions is set down under the head of "Other Authority." This embraces the pensions of Lady Darling, widow of Sir Charles Darling, formerly Governor of Victoria; of Mrs. Petrie, who was granted a pension in consequence of the meritorious conduct of the late Captain Flinders; of Mr. Hoddle, first Surveyor-General

of the colony ; and of Ministers relieved from office on the introduction of responsible government and on political grounds.

10. The paid Artillery corps was formed under the Discipline Act 1870 (34 Vict. No. 389), on the withdrawal of the detachment of Imperial troops formerly stationed in the colony. The total number authorized for this corps is 199. At the end of 1873, however, the strength amounted to 145 only ; the number wanting to complete the establishment being thus 54. Artillery corps.

11. The Volunteer force at the end of 1873 numbered 3,970, or 343 short of the establishment. The number of Government rifles in possession at the same date amounted to 4,698. Volunteers.

12. The Victorian Naval forces consist of the crews of H.M.V.S. *Nelson* and H.M.V. Ironclad *Cerberus*. The establishment of the former is 36 ; that of the latter 80. Three hands were wanting at the end of 1873 to complete the establishment of the *Cerberus*. Naval forces.

13. The Naval Reserve comprises an establishment of 227 men, who receive a small fee as a retainer. The establishment of this corps at the end of 1873 showed a deficiency of 17. Naval reserve.

14. The total expenditure during the year 1873 on account of defences was as follows :— Expenditure on defences.

MILITARY AND NAVAL EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Staff Salaries	3,564	16	10
Volunteer Force—Contingencies	18,586	18	0
Artillery Corps—Salaries	7,576	14	2
" Contingencies	3,588	15	5
In aid of Rifle Association	600	0	0
Cost of Torpedoes	237	9	4
H.M.V.S. <i>Nelson</i> —Salaries	4,154	7	0
" Contingencies	278	1	10
H.M.V.S. <i>Cerberus</i> —Salaries	4,039	19	11
" Contingencies	3,511	6	0
Naval Reserve—Salaries and Retainer Fees	2,652	4	0
" Contingencies	705	17	2
Total	£49,496	9	8