

1873, also the number and amount of releases during the same year, are given as follow :—

MORTGAGES AND RELEASES, 1873.

	Mortgages and Liens.		Releases.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Land	4,480	3,991,443	2,981	1,894,288
Live Stock	386	811,231	100	364,913
Wool	289	445,691	2	8,800
Total	5,155	5,248,365	3,083	2,268,001

60. During the past ten years about £27,000,000 have been raised on land, £8,000,000 on live stock, and £6,000,000 on wool. The total amount raised on mortgage during that period has thus been no less than forty-one millions sterling.

Moneys raised on mortgage, 1864 to 1873.

61. Fifty-eight building societies were in existence in Victoria in 1873, the number of members in which amounted to 19,379, the income during the year to £756,874, and the working expenses to £23,242. The gross assets of these societies at the last date of balancing were £1,931,416, and the gross liabilities £1,508,931.

Building societies.

PART V.—INTERCHANGE.

62. During the year 1873, articles of the declared value of £16,533,856 were imported into Victoria, and goods valued at £15,302,454 were exported therefrom. The excess of imports over exports was thus £1,231,402, and the total value of external trade was £31,836,310.

Imports and exports, 1873.

63. The value of imports in the year under review exceeded that in the former year by £2,842,534, and the

Imports and exports 1872 and 1873 compared.