

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.

value of exports exceeded that in the former year by £1,431,259.

64. The following table gives the mean population, the value of imports, the value of exports, and the total value of trade, together with the value of each per head of the population, in the two last years:—

POPULATION, IMPORTS, AND EXPORTS, 1872 AND 1873.

Year.	Estimated Mean Population.	Imports.		Exports.		Trade.	
		Total Value.	Value per Head of Population.	Total Value.	Value per Head of Population.	Total Value.	Value per of Head Population.
		£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.
1872	760,991	13,691,322	17 19 10	13,871,195	18 4 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	27,562,517	36 4 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
1873	780,362	16,533,856	21 3 9	15,302,454	19 12 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	31,836,310	40 15 11 $\frac{1}{4}$

65. The imports in the year under review represent a higher value per head of the population than do those of any other year since 1866; but in each year from the first after the discovery of gold (1852) to 1866, both inclusive, the imports per head were higher than in any year after 1866. The exports per head of the population were higher in each year from 1852 onwards than they were in 1873, except 1867, 1869, 1870, and 1872.

66. The proportion of imports was highest in 1853, when it amounted to no less than £81 per head of the population, and in 1854, when it amounted to £66 per head. Exports were rateably highest in 1853, when they amounted to £56 12s. 4d. per head, and in 1852, when they amounted to £56 1s. 4d. per head.

67. A glance at the folding sheet at the commencement of this work will show that the value of the imports of 1873 has only been exceeded in two years since the founding of the colony, viz., 1854 and 1857, in the former of which the declared value was £17,659,051, and in the latter £17,256,209. It will also be observed that the value of exports has only been exceeded in two years,

Imports and exports per head of population.

Imports and exports per head for series of years.

Years when imports and exports were highest.

Years when imports and exports were in excess of 1873.

viz., 1856, when it was £15,489,760, and 1868, when it was £15,593,990.

68. Of the articles imported in the year under review 45 per cent (£7,423,811) were the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, 36 per cent. (£5,919,528) of other British Possessions, and 19 per cent. (£3,190,517) of Foreign Countries. Of the articles exported, 78 per cent. (£11,876,707) were the produce or manufacture of Victoria, and 22 per cent. (£3,425,747) were of other countries, viz., 6½ per cent. (£1,030,125) of the United Kingdom, 11 per cent. (£1,688,230) of other British Possessions, and 4½ per cent. (£707,392) of Foreign States.

Imports and exports the produce of different countries.

69. Forty-eight per cent. (£7,873,134) of the imports were from the United Kingdom, 40 per cent. (£6,648,858) were from other British Possessions, and 12 per cent. (£2,011,864) were from Foreign States. Of the export, nearly 64 per cent. (£9,741,608) were to the United Kingdom, nearly 36 per cent. (£5,410,687) were to other British Possessions, and only a fraction (£150,159) were to Foreign States.

Imports from and exports to different countries.

70. The following figures show the amount of trade carried on by Victoria with the adjacent colonies during the last two years :—

Trade with adjacent colonies, 1872 and 1873.

IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO THE OTHER AUSTRALIAN COLONIES, 1872 AND 1873.

Name of Colony.	Imports therefrom.		Exports thereto.	
	1872.	1873.	1872.	1873.
	£	£	£	£
New South Wales	2,754,717	3,366,963	962,702	703,494
New Zealand ...	1,161,509	999,358	962,846	975,146
Queensland, ...	8,380	60,648	89,730	82,435
South Australia ...	295,727	146,795	354,757	361,880
Tasmania ...	247,451	239,724	278,043	410,571
Western Australia	9,151	2,312	48,165	55,833
Total ...	4,476,935	4,815,800	2,696,243	2,589,359

Results in
table com-
pared.

71. It will be observed that the imports from the other colonies were greater and the exports thereto were less in the year under notice than the former one; also that in 1872 the imports were equal to a little less than two-thirds, and in 1873 to considerably less than two-thirds, of the exports.

Trade at
various
ports.

72. The greater part of the trade of the colony is done as may be supposed, at the port of Melbourne. In 1873 goods to the value of £13,714,828, or about five-sixths of the whole imports, were landed at that port, and goods to the value of £13,785,052, or about nine-tenths of the whole exports, were shipped therefrom. The imports to Geelong amounted to £256,839 only; but the exports from the same port amounted to £1,399,875. Goods to the value of £2,534,937 were imported into Victoria across the Murray, and were landed at the seven Murray ports, but the exports by the way of the same ports amounted to the value of £94,663 only.

Value of cer-
tain articles
imported,
1872 and
1873.

73. The following are the values of twenty of the principal articles imported in the last two years:—

IMPORTS.

	1872.	1873.
	£	£
Apparel and Slops	289,189	292,253
Bags and Sacks	115,370	218,925½
Beer and Cider	136,869	209,772
Boots and Shoes	245,838	275,631
Coals	184,374	245,596
Cottons	636,441	638,147
Gold (exclusive of Specie)	986,494	991,410
Grain (including Rice)... ..	654,082	622,245
Haberdashery and Drapery	311,440	338,998
Iron and Steel	413,362	495,041
Live Stock	758,858	842,988
Oil	207,939	253,957
Silks	273,378	293,043
*Specie	268,865	107,973
Spirits	365,865	405,302
Sugar and Molasses	1,065,275	1,304,631
Tea	534,648	757,591
Tobacco, Cigars, and Snuff	280,473	334,460
Wool	1,215,094	1,841,515
Woollens	805,130	913,648

74. Certain articles of the following values were exported in the two years :—

Value of certain articles exported, 1872 and 1873.

EXPORTS.			
		1872.	1873.
		£	£
Apparel and Slops	...	127,366	129,514
Black Sand	...	20,615	8,440
Bones and Bonedust	...	21,232	11,974
Boots and Shoes	...	50,618	56,220
Drapery	...	177,031	132,169
Flour and Biscuit	...	31,596	61,599
Gold (exclusive of Specie)	...	5,197,340	5,168,614
Grain	...	90,868	82,334
Hides, Skins, and Pelts	...	49,169	53,659
Horns and Hoofs	...	2,397	4,702
Leather	...	215,710	220,443
Provisions (Preserved and Salted)	...	271,643	246,893
Specie	...	686,671	1,117,175
Sugar	...	189,212	148,081
Tallow	...	353,358	233,091
Tea	...	190,872	269,794
Tobacco, Cigars, and Snuff	...	153,929	170,966
Wool	...	4,651,665	5,738,638

75. The value of goods laden on ships arriving in Victoria and transhipped to other countries and colonies amounted to £1,292,656 in 1872, and to £1,827,842 in 1873. These goods are not included in the accounts of imports and exports.

Transshipments.

76. The following are the gross Customs receipts in the last two years :—

Customs receipts 1872 and 1873.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.			
		1872.	1873.
		£	£
Import Duties	...	1,615,052	1,798,040
Other Receipts	...	63,284	66,576
Total	...	£1,678,336	£1,864,616

77. In addition to the above, the pilotage rates received amounted to £16,886 in 1872, and to £20,962 in 1873.

Pilotage rates.

78. Sums amounting to £29,083 in 1872, and £43,685 in 1873, were paid as drawbacks on the export of dutiable goods.

Drawbacks.

Vessels
entered and
cleared.

79. The following vessels were entered at and cleared from Victorian ports in the last two years :—

VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED, 1872 AND 1873.

Year.	Vessels Entered.			Vessels Cleared.		
	Number.	Tons.	Men.	Number.	Tons.	Men.
1872 ...	2,104	666,336	33,551	2,234	694,426	35,353
1873 ...	2,187	756,103	36,307	2,226	762,912	36,216

Vessels
entered from
and cleared
for various
countries.

80. In 1873, 139 vessels, of 167,390 tons, entered from, and 85 vessels, of 97,894 tons, cleared for, the United Kingdom; 1,774 vessels, of 448,702 tons, entered from, and 1,972 vessels, of 537,024 tons, cleared for, the Australian Colonies and New Zealand; 126 vessels, of 60,617 tons, entered from, and 91 vessels, of 70,919 tons, cleared for, other British Possessions; 39 vessels, of 26,223 tons, entered from, and 31 vessels, of 31,145 tons, cleared for the United States; and 109 vessels, of 53,171 tons, entered from, and 47 vessels, of 25,930 tons, cleared for, other Foreign States.

British, colo-
nial, and
foreign ves-
sels entered
and cleared.

81. Of the vessels entered, 319, of 251,344 tons, were British; 1,740, of 434,979 tons, were colonial; and 128, of 69,780 tons, were foreign. Of the vessels cleared, 270, of 248,357 tons, were British; 1,839, of 452,592 tons, were colonial; and 117, of 61,963 tons, were foreign.

Crews, and
proportion
to tonnage.

82. British vessels inwards had crews consisting of 10,358 men, and outwards of 9,653 men; colonial vessels inwards had crews consisting of 24,222 men, and outwards of 25,028 men; foreign vessels inwards had crews consisting of 1,727 men, and outwards of 1,535 men. British vessels had, therefore, a man to every 25 tons; colonial vessels had a man to every 18 tons; or British and colonial together had a man to every 20 tons; and foreign vessels had a man to every $40\frac{2}{5}$ tons. The average of all nationalities was one man to every 21 tons.

83. Three sailing vessels, of an aggregate burden of 187 tons, were built in Victoria in the year under review, but no steamer was built during that year. In the previous year 2 steamers, measuring 32 tons, and 8 sailing vessels, measuring 446 tons, were built. Four steamers, of 1,496 tons, and 46 sailing vessels, of 11,144 tons, were registered in the year under review, as against 5 steamers, of 475 tons, and 37 sailing vessels, of 7,671 tons, in the former year.

Vessels built and registered.

84. The vessels on the Victorian register in the year under notice numbered 423—viz., 48 steamers and 375 sailing vessels. The tonnage of the former was 10,622, that of the latter 55,688. The steamers carried 773 men, and the sailing vessels 2,448 men.

Vessels on the register

85. The number of lighters licensed for the conveyance of goods was 136 in the year under review, and 127 in the previous year. The number of boats licensed in the year under review was 320 for ferry, passenger, and other purposes, 7 for oyster fishing, and 2 whale boats, or 329 in all. In the previous year the total number of boats licensed was 315—viz., 310 for ferry, passenger traffic, &c., 3 for oyster fishing, and 2 whale boats.

Lighters and boats licensed.

86. The following is a return of the letters and newspapers despatched and received, and the income and expenditure of the Post Office, in the last two years. A large increase will be observed in all the items. The income and expenditure includes that of the Electric Telegraph Department, which is incorporated with the Post Office. The expenditure does not include the cost of steam postal communication with Great Britain :—

Postal returns, 1872 and 1873.

POSTAGE, 1872 AND 1873.

Year.	Number of Post Offices.	Number Despatched and Received of—			Income.	Expenditure.
		Letters.	Newspapers.	Packets.		
1872	733	12,941,095	5,490,772	556,486	£ 182,774	£ 238,091
1873	764	14,475,085	6,080,007	707,316	£ 191,357	£ 260,312

Money orders.

87. Money orders are now issued and paid at 204 places in Victoria. Orders are besides issued in favor of Victoria and Victorian orders are paid at places in Great Britain and Ireland, New South Wales, New Zealand, South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania. The following are the numbers and amounts of orders issued and paid in Victoria in the two last years:—

MONEY ORDERS, 1872 AND 1873.

Year.	Number of Money Order Offices.	Money Orders Issued.		Money Orders Paid.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1872	196	113,050	£ 341,976 6 10	105,084	£ 328,138 16 3
1873	204	113,135	£ 341,961 10 8	109,048	£ 348,019 0 6

Electric telegraphs.

88. There are now nearly 4,000 miles of telegraph wire in operation in Victoria. The Victorian lines are, moreover, connected with those of the other Australian Colonies and Tasmania, and with the trans-continental line to Europe. The following are the returns for the last two years:—

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH, 1872 AND 1873.

Year.	Number of Stations.	Number of Miles of Wire.	Number of Telegrams.			Amount received.
			Paid.	Unpaid.	Total.	
1872	117	3,634	554,315	85,645	639,960	£ 42,618
1873	135	3,928	593,848	124,319	718,167	£ 45,323

Miles of railway open and projected.

89. The number of miles of railway open at the end of 1873 was 458; of this extent 441 miles were the property of the State, and 17 miles belonged to a private company.

Legislative sanction had been obtained for the making by the Government of 380 additional miles of railway, and 145 miles were actually in the course of construction at the period named.

90. The returns under notice, except those of railway receipts, do not, so far as those relating to the Government lines are concerned, extend to a later period than the 30th June 1873, but the returns of the private railways go down to the end of 1873. At these dates the miles opened and total cost of construction stood as follow. The amount set down as the cost of private lines represents their cost to the present proprietors. The absolute cost of construction was £1,289,285, the difference being the loss sustained by former companies :—

RAILWAYS, LENGTH AND COST.

—	Miles Opened.	Total Cost.	Average Cost per Mile.		
		£	£	s.	d.
Government lines ...	360	10,815,880	30,212	0	0
Private lines ...	17	859,979	50,587	0	5
Total ...	377	£11,675,859	£30,970	9	0

91. The rolling stock on these lines consisted at the periods named of 111 locomotives, 229 passenger carriages, 150 sheep and cattle trucks, 1,571 goods trucks and waggons, and 135 guard vans and other vehicles. The total cost of this rolling stock was £882,218.

92. The passenger rates per mile were as follow :—

PASSENGER RATES.

—	First Class.	Second Class.
Government lines—Single	3	2
" " Return	2·4	1·6
Private lines—Single	1½	1½
" " Return	1¼	1

93. The distance travelled during the twelve months prior to the dates of the returns was, on Government

lines 1,354,131 miles, and on private lines 412,586, making a total of 1,766,717 miles.

Passengers
carried.

94. The number of passengers carried during the same periods on Government lines was 1,720,814½, and on private lines 3,003,233, or 4,724,047½ in all.

Goods
carried.

95. The weight of goods carried on Government lines during the twelve months was 569,869 tons, and on private lines 233,064 tons, making a total of 802,933 tons.

Railway
receipts.

96. The total receipts on Government and private lines during the two last years for which information is available were as follow. The receipts on Government lines are those of the years ended 30th June 1873 and 1874 :—

RAILWAY RECEIPTS, 1872 AND 1873.

		Passenger Fares.		Freight on Goods and Live Stock.	
		1872.	1873.	1872.	1873.
		£	£	£	£
Government lines ...	...	222,995	260,675	442,971	546,968
Private lines ...	...	86,526	105,238	37,035	47,528
	Total ...	309,521	365,913	480,006	594,496

		Sundries.		Total Receipts.	
		1872.	1873.	1872.	1873.
		£	£	£	£
Government lines ...	...	37,762	43,399	703,728	851,042
Private lines ...	...	1,615	1,251	125,176	154,017
	Total ...	39,377	44,650	828,904	1,005,059

NOTE.—The returns relating to the Government lines are brought down to the 30th June of the year succeeding the one named at the head of the columns.

Wages.

97. The following are the average rates of labor in Melbourne in the year under review, and at the two former quinquennial periods. It will be observed that up to the latest period wages, as a rule, have fully maintained their standard, and that in many instances the rates were higher in 1873 than they were ten years previously. In country districts wages are generally somewhat higher than in Melbourne :—

WAGES IN MELBOURNE, 1863, 1868, AND 1873.

Description of Labor.				1863.	1868.	1873.
<i>Agricultural Labor.*</i>						
Farm Laborers	...	...	per week, with rations	12s. to 18s.	10s. to 20s.	15s. to 20s.
Ploughmen	...	...	" "	15s. to 20s.	15s. to 20s.	18s. to 20s.
Reapers	...	...	per acre	10s. to 12s.	10s. to 15s.	12s. to 14s.
Mowers	...	...	" "	3s. to 4s.	4s. to 5s.	3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.
Threshers	...	...	per bushel	4d. to 5d.	3d. to 6d.	5d. to 7d.
<i>Pastoral Labor.†</i>						
Shepherds	...	...	per annum, with rations	£30 to £35	£25 to £40	£30 to £50
Stockkeepers	...	...	" "	£45 to £70	£30 to £60	£35 to £50
Hutkeepers	...	...	" "	£25 to £30	£22	£25 to £30
Generally-useful Men on Stations...			per week	15s. to 18s.	10s. to 15s.	15s. to 20s.
Sheepwashers	...	...	" "	14s.	12s. to 15s.	15s. to 25s.
Shearers	...	...	per 100 sheep sheared	13s. to 14s.	12s. to 15s.	14s. to 15s.
<i>Artisan Labor.</i>						
Masons	...	...	per day, without rations	8s. to 10s.	8s. to 10s.	10s. to 11s.
Plasterers	...	...	" "	8s. to 10s.	7s. to 10s.	10s.
Bricklayers	...	...	" "	8s. to 10s.	7s. to 10s.	10s.
Carpenters	...	...	" "	7s. to 8s.	7s. to 10s.	8s. to 11s.
Blacksmiths	...	...	" "	8s. to 10s.	7s. 10d. to 10s.	10s. to 12s.

* See also paragraph 216, *post.*

† See also paragraph 217, *post.*

WAGES IN MELBOURNE, 1863, 1868, AND 1873—*continued.*

Description of Labor.	1863.	1868.	1873.
<i>Servants—Males and Married Couples.</i>			
Married Couples, without family } per annum, with board and lodging }	£50 to £70	£55 to £65	£60 to £90
Married Couples, with family	£40 to £60	£45 to £55	£40 to £50
Men Cooks, on farms and stations... per week ..	20s. to 25s.	15s. to 20s.	} £40 to £60 per annum
Grooms per annum ..	£40 to £55	£25 to £50	
Gardeners	£45 to £52	} 20s. to 28s. per week	20s. to 25s. per week
<i>Servants—Female.</i>			
Cooks per annum, with board and lodging	£35 to £45	£25 to £40	£35 to £60
Laundresses	£30 to £35	£20 to £30	£30 to £40
General Servants	£18 to £30	£20 to £30	£25 to £35
Housemaids	£18 to £25	£20 to £30	£26 to £36
Nursemaids	£12 to £25	£12 to £20	£20 to £35
<i>Miscellaneous Labor.</i>			
General Laborers per day, without rations	5s. to 6s.	5s. to 7s.	6s. to 7s.
Stonebreakers per cubic yard, without rations	2s. 6d. to 4s.	1s. to 3s.	1s. 6d. to 4s.
Seamen per month, with rations	£4 to £4 10s.	£4 to £5	£5 to £6

98. The prices in Melbourne of the principal articles of consumption at the same periods are quoted as follow. The cost of groceries, wines, spirits, &c., is naturally higher, and the cost of farm produce lower, in country districts :—

PRICES IN MELBOURNE, 1863, 1868, 1873.

Articles.	1863.	1868.	1873.
<i>Agricultural Produce.*</i>			
Wheat per bushel	4s. 9d. to 6s. 8d.	5s. to 9s. 6d.	4s. 6d. to 7s. 3d.
Barley "	4s. 3d. to 6s.	3s. to 6s. 9d.	3s. 6d. to 7s. 6d.
Oats "	4s. 3d. to 6s. 3d.	3s. 3d. to 4s. 9d.	3s. 1d. to 5s. 7d.
Maize "	4s. 9d. to 5s. 10d.	3s. 8d. to 4s. 6d.	2s. 10d. to 5s. 3d.
Bran "	1s. 4d. to 1s. 7d.	1s. 3d. to 1s. 7d.	11d. to 1s. 7½d.
Hay per ton	£5 to £8 10s.	£3 10s. to £8 10s.	£3 5s. to £7 15s.
Flour, first quality "	{ £10 10s. to } { £15 10s. }	£12 10s. to £22	£12 to £15
Bread per 4lb. loaf	5½d. to 8d.	8d. to 10d.	6d. to 8d.
<i>Grazing Produce.</i>			
Horses, draught each	£15 to £60	£8 to £42	£9 to £40
„ saddle "	£8 to £30	£2 to £28	£4 to £35
Cattle, fat "	£3 to £10	£3 to £10 5s.	£4 10s. to £14
„ milch cows "	£3 to £7	£4 to £12	£5 to £11
Sheep, fat "	9s. 6d. to 17s. 6d.	3s. to 12s.	8s. to 20s. 6d.
Lambs, fat "	5s. to 13s.	2s. 9d. to 8s.	5s. 6d. to 12s.

* See also paragraph 212, *post*.

PRICES IN MELBOURNE, 1863, 1868, 1873—continued.

Articles.	1863.	1868	1873.
<i>Grazing Produce—continued.</i>			
Butchers' Meat, beef, retail ... per lb.	4d. to 7d.	2d. to 6½d.	4d. to 8d.
„ mutton „ ... „	3d. to 6d.	1½d. to 4½d.	2½d. to 5d.
„ veal „ ... „	7d. to 8d.	6d.	7d. to 8d.
„ pork „ ... „	8d. to 10d.	8d. to 9d.	6d. to 9d.
„ lamb „ ... per quarter	3s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.	3s. to 4s. 6d.	3s. 6d. to 5s.
<i>Dairy Produce.</i>			
Butter, colonial, retail ... per lb.	11d. to 2s. 6d.	8d. to 1s. 7d.	8d. to 1s. 6d.
„ imported salt, wholesale „	5½d. to 1s. 3½d.	8d. to 1s.	5½d. to 1s. 4d.
Cheese, colonial, retail ... „	6d. to 8d.	6d. to 1s. 6d.	8d. to 1s. 6d.
„ imported, wholesale „	9d. to 1s. 2d.	11½d. to 1s. 2½d.	1s. to 1s. 1d.
Milk per quart	6d. to 10d.	6d.	6d.
<i>Farm Yard Produce.</i>			
Geese per couple	7s. to 14s.	8s. to 14s.	7s. to 11s.
Ducks „	5s. to 8s.	5s. to 6s.	4s. 3d. to 7s.
Fowls „	5s. to 7s.	4s. to 6s. 6d.	3s. 6d. to 6s.
Rabbits „	3s. to 6s.	2s. to 5s.	2s. to 3s.
Pigeons „	2s. to 2s. 6d.	2s. to 3s.	2s. to 3s.
Turkeys each	8s. to 16s.	4s. 6d. to 12s. 6d.	4s. to 11s.
Sucking Pigs „	10s. to 15s.	6s. 6d. to 11s.	10s. to 12s.
Bacon per lb.	11d. to 1s. 4d.	10d. to 1s. 2d.	11d. to 1s. 2d.
Ham „	11d. to 1s. 5d.	1s. to 1s. 6d.	1s. 2d. to 1s. 4d.
Eggs per dozen	1s. 3d. to 3s.	1s. to 2s. 2d.	1s. 2d. to 2s. 2d.

PRICES IN MELBOURNE, 1863, 1868, 1873—*continued.*

Articles.	1863.	1868.	1873.
<i>Garden Produce.</i>			
Potatoes, wholesale ... per ton	£4 to £6	£4 10s. to £7	£2 to £8
„ retail ... per lb.	1d. to 2d.	1d. to 1½d.	...
Onions, dried ... per cwt.	10s. to 25s.	5s. to 20s.	2s. to 10s.
Carrots ... per doz. bunches	8d. to 1s. 9d.	6d. to 1s.	4d. to 9d.
Turnips ... „	9d. to 2s. 6d.	6d. to 2s. 6d.	4d. to 8d.
Radishes ... „	4d. to 6d.	4d. to 6d.	4d. to 6d.
Cabbages ... per doz.	4d. to 5s.	6d. to 6s.	6d. to 2s.
Cauliflowers ... „	1s. 6d. to 8s.	2s. to 8s.	1s. to 4s.
Lettuces ... „	3d. to 1s. 6d.	3d. to 1s.	3d. to 6d.
Green Peas ... per lb.	1d. to 2d.	1d. to 2d.	1d. to 2d.
<i>Miscellaneous Articles.</i>			
Tea (duty paid) ... per chest	£4 10s. to £11 10s.	£1 10s. to £13	9d. to 2s. 8d. per lb.
Coffee (in bond) ... per lb.	10d. to 1s. 1d.	7½d. to 10¼d.	9d. to 1s. 3½d.
Sugar (duty paid)... per ton	£25 to £55	£23 10s. to £51	£24 to £50
Rice ... per lb.	4d. to 5d.	3d. to 4d.	{ £16 10s. to £27
Tobacco (in bond) ... „	2s. to 6s. 6d.	4d. to 2s. 3d.	per ton
Soap, imported ... per ton	£20 to £21	£28	7d. to 1s. 8d.
„ colonial ... per cwt.	28s. to 32s.	29s. to 35s.	£20 to £25
			£21 to £29 per ton

PRICES IN MELBOURNE, 1863, 1868, 1873—continued.

Articles.	1863.	1868.	1873.
<i>Miscellaneous Articles—continued.</i>			
Candles, tallow per lb.	7d. to 8d.	6d.	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
" sperm "	8d. to 1s. 1d.	9d. to 1s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Salt per ton	£3 10s. to £5 5s.	£4 5s. to £8 10s.	£4 10s. to £6 10s.
Coals "	29s. to 33s.	26s.	29s. to 60s.
Firewood "	12s.	8s. to 12s.	10s. 6d. to 14s.
<i>Wines, Spirits, &c.</i>			
Ale (duty paid) per hhd.	£5 10s. to £8 10s.	£4 15s. to £9	£7 10s. to £10
" " per doz.	8s. 6d. to 10s. 6d.	7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d.	8s. 6d. to 13s.
Porter " per hhd.	£6 to £7 10s.	£3 10s. to £6 15s.	£5 5s. to £7 15s.
" " per doz.	8s. 3d. to 11s.	7s. to 10s.	7s. 9d. to 13s. 6d.
Brandy (in bond) per gall.	5s. to 12s. 6d.	5s. to 8s. 6d.	3s. 9d. to 9s. 3d.
Rum " "	2s. 9d. to 4s.	3s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.	2s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 4s. 6d.
Whiskey " "	3s. to 4s. 9d.	4s. 6d. to 6s. 6d.	3s. 6d. to 6s. 6d.
Hollands " "	3s. to 4s.	1s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 5s.	3s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 4s. 6d.
Port Wine " per pipe	£30 to £80	£20 to £100	£20 to £100
" (duty paid) per doz.	24s. to 50s.	24s. to 50s.	24s. to 50s.
Sherry (in bond) per butt	£34 to £110	£20 to £120	£20 to £120
" (duty paid) per doz.	25s. to 50s.	20s. to 70s.	20s. to 65s.
Claret "	8s. to 55s.	11s. 6d. to 100s.	11s. 6d. to 100s.
Champagne "	20s. to 50s.	30s. to 80s.	30s. to 90s.

99. The price of gold ranged in the year under review Price of gold. from £3 5s. to £4 2s. 9d. per oz. Its purity, and consequently its value, differs in different districts. It fetched most in the Ballarat district, where the price ranged from £3 16s. 6d. to £4 2s. 9d. per oz., and least in the Gippsland district, where the price ranged from £3 5s. to £3 19s. 6d. per oz.

100. The returns of live stock imported overland have Live stock imported overland. hitherto been most unsatisfactory, as, notwithstanding the registration of imported stock was made compulsory under Act 19 Vict. No. 21, it is known that large quantities of stock have each year been brought into the colony across the Murray, and have not been officially accounted for in any way. Inspectors of live stock were, however, appointed about the end of January in the year under review, and by their agency there is no doubt that more complete returns will be available in future. From the date of the appointment of these officers to the end of 1873 they took cognizance of 13,567 horses, 86,503 head of cattle, 717,305 sheep, and 1,627 pigs which passed over the borders into Victoria. These figures are, in the case of each description of stock, largely in excess of the numbers registered during the whole year under Act No. 21.

101. The weights and measures used in Victoria are in Weights and measures. every respect similar to those in use in the United Kingdom.

PART VI.—LAW, CRIME, ETC.

102. This Part commences with tables relating to the Transfer of Land Statute transactions. Transfer of Land Statute. By these it appears that the number of applications to bring land under the Act was 1,076 in 1872, and 1,149 in 1873; that the extent of land included in applications in the same years respectively was 31,595 acres and 32,502 acres, and its value £773,893 and £1,128,534; that the number of certi-