

APPENDIX A.

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1887.

TABLE I.—POPULATION, 1887.

(Exclusive of Aborigines, except a few in Victoria and New South Wales.)

Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles. ¹	Estimated Population ² on 31st December.			Females to 100 Males.	Persons to the Square Mile.
		Males.	Females.	Total.		
Victoria ..	87,884	550,044	486,075	1,036,119 ³	88·37	11·790
New South Wales ..	309,175	574,012	468,907	1,042,919	81·69	3·373
Queensland ..	668,224	214,581	152,409	366,940	71·4	·549
South Australia ..	903,425	165,199	152,247	317,446	92·16	·351
Western Australia ..	975,920	24,807	17,681	42,488	71·28	·044
Total ..	2,944,628	1,528,593	1,277,319	2,805,912	83·56	·953
Tasmania ..	26,375	76,245	66,233	142,478	86·87	5·402
New Zealand ..	104,235	324,558	278,803	603,361 ⁴	85·90	5·788
Grand Total ..	3,075,238	1,929,396	1,622,355	3,551,751	84·09	1·155

¹ The areas here given, except in the case of New Zealand, are the results of planimetric calculations made in the office of the Surveyor-General, Melbourne. Except in the case of Western Australia, the area of which differs from the official estimate by 84,000 square miles, these results agree closely with the figures furnished officially by the various colonies. See also Vol. I. of this work, page 87.

² In making up the estimates of population in Victoria and New South Wales, allowance has been made for unrecorded emigration since the census of 1881—the date of the last census. If this had not been done, the population of Victoria would have been set down as 1,072,107; and that of New South Wales as 1,078,205. Moreover, censuses having been taken in New Zealand and Queensland in the early part of 1886, the populations of those colonies are probably nearer the truth than those of some of the other colonies which had no census since 1881.

³ On the 30th June, 1888, the estimated population of Victoria was 1,060,420, viz., 564,320 males and 496,100 females.

⁴ Maoris are not included. On the 28th March, 1886, these numbered 41,969, viz., 22,840 males and 19,129 females. On the 30th June, 1888, the estimated population of New Zealand was 604,865.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1887.

Name of Colony.	Births of—			Deaths of—			Marriages. ¹	Per 1,000 of Mean Population — Number of—			Excess of Births over Deaths.	
	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages ¹	Numerical.	Per cent.
Victoria ..	16,876	16,167	33,043	9,213	6,792	16,005	7,768	32·40	15·70	7·62	17,038	106·45
New South Wales ..	18,901	18,335	37,236	7,776	5,672	13,448	7,590	36·42	13·15	7·42	23,788	176·89
Queensland ..	6,929	6,534	13,513	3,329	1,837	5,166	2,914	38·09	14·56	8·21	8,347	161·57
South Australia ..	5,666	5,165	10,831	2,240	1,704	3,944	1,977	34·56	12·59	6·31	6,887	174·62
Western Australia ..	791	766	1,557	453	249	702	316	37·34	16·83	7·58	855	121·79
Total ..	49,163	47,017	96,180	23,011	16,254	39,265	20,565	34·95	14·27	7·47	56,915	144·95
Tasmania ..	2,444	2,292	4,736	1,297	864	2,161	939	33·87	15·45	6·71	2,575	119·16
New Zealand ..	9,725	9,410	19,135	3,603	2,534	6,137	3,563	32·09	10·29	5·97	12,998	211·80
Grand Total	61,332	58,719	120,051	27,911	19,652	47,563	25,067	34·42	13·64	7·19	72,488	152·40

¹ The numbers in these two columns doubled give the total number of persons married and their number in proportion to every 1,000 of the mean population.

TABLE III.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1887.

Name of Colony.	Number of Immigrants.			Number of Emigrants. ¹			Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants. ²		
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.
Victoria	63,219	26,928	90,147	47,536	20,585	68,121	15,683	6,343	22,026
New South Wales ..	49,503	18,102	67,605	32,163	11,926	44,089	17,340	6,176	23,516
Queensland	22,385	10,008	32,393	12,478	3,936	16,414	9,907	6,072	15,979
South Australia ..	11,006	4,462	15,468	12,213	5,454	17,667	- 1,207	- 992	- 2,199
Western Australia ..	3,312	1,138	4,450	1,886	514	2,400	1,426	624	2,050
Total	149,425	60,638	210,063	106,276	42,415	148,691	43,149	18,223	61,372
Tasmania	9,750	5,230	14,980	7,975	4,313	12,288	1,775	917	2,692
New Zealand	9,224	4,465	13,689	8,434	4,278	12,712	790	187	977
Grand Total	168,399	70,333	238,732	122,685	51,006	173,691	45,714	19,327	³ 65,041

NOTE.—The immigration and emigration in this table is by sea only. No account is, or can be, taken of persons going from colony to colony overland. The numbers of assisted and free immigrants included in the total numbers were as follow:—Victoria, *nil*; New South Wales, 1,362; Queensland, 9,400; South Australia, *nil*; Western Australia, 1,529; Tasmania, 183; New Zealand, 1,286; total, 13,760.

¹ The figures in these columns understate the truth. Many persons leave all the colonies by sea without their departure being noted.

² In consequence of the emigration returns being defective, as stated in the last footnote, the figures in these columns are too high. Where the minus sign (-) appears it indicates that the emigrants exceeded the immigrants by the number against which it is placed.

³ According to Imperial returns, the number of persons who left the United Kingdom for the Australasian colonies in 1887 was 35,198, and the number who returned to the United Kingdom from these colonies was 10,592. The excess in favour of departures was thus 24,606, or less than two-fifths of the excess of immigrants over emigrants shown in the table.

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1887.

(Exclusive of Revenue from Loans.)

Name of Colony.	Public Revenue derived from—					Total Revenue.
	Taxation. ¹	Crown Lands.	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs	Other Sources.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria	2,739,635 ²	587,091	2,453,345	413,535 ²	540,220	6,733,826
New South Wales ..	2,664,548	2,378,995	2,285,836 ³	524,298	729,134	8,582,811 ⁴
Queensland	1,338,838 ⁵	580,903	710,458	197,779	204,485	3,032,463
South Australia ..	648,645	191,971	674,419	194,995	304,072	2,014,102
Western Australia ..	188,911	76,929	41,104	23,488	47,471	377,903
Total	7,580,577	3,815,889	6,165,162	1,354,095	1,825,382	20,741,105
Tasmania	375,501	65,886	53,074	46,317	54,198	594,976
New Zealand	1,876,235 ²	284,356 ⁶	990,395	241,501 ²	71,008	3,463,495
Grand Total	9,832,313	4,166,131	7,208,631	1,641,913	1,950,588	24,799,576

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 rigidly excluded from the accounts of revenue and expenditure of Victoria, but are included in those of New South Wales and Queensland, also in those of some of the other colonies.

¹ The amounts in this column are made up of Customs duties; Excise duties, including licences imposed for revenue purposes; duties on bank notes; stamps, other than those for fees of office; 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, licences, and charges for special services rendered. Nearly three-fourths of the taxation in Australasia as a whole is by means of Customs duties.

² Portion of the revenue of Victoria and New Zealand derived from "Taxation" and "Post and Telegraphs" has been roughly estimated, and there is no reliable means of verifying the figures.

³ Exclusive of tramways. See footnote (1) to Table X, *post*.

⁴ Including revenue returned to the extent of at least £235,800—viz., £23,904, being repayments to credit of votes; £79,180, for drawbacks and refunds of duty; £27,684, railway revenue collected for the Victorian Government; about £105,100 being other revenue returned, &c. As these refunds of revenue are included under the head of expenditure, both sides of the account are thereby swelled.

⁵ Including licences, £52,723, formerly classed under "Other Sources."

⁶ Inclusive of revenue from gold-fields, £13,588.

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1887—continued.

(Exclusive of Revenue from Loans.)

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Revenue derived from—					Amounts per Head.	
	Taxation.	Crown Lands.	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Other Sources.	Total Revenue.	Taxation.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	40·68	8·72	36·44	6·14	8·02	6 14 3	2 14 7
New South Wales	31·05	27·72	26·63	6·11	8·49	8 7 11	2 12 1
Queensland	44·15	19·16	23·43	6·52	6·74	8 10 11	3 15 6
South Australia	32·21	9·53	33·48	9·68	15·10	6 8 7	2 1 5
Western Australia	50·00	20·35	10·88	6·21	12·56	9 1 3	4 10 7
Total	36·55	18·40	29·73	6·52	8·80	7 11 8	2 15 5
Tasmania	63·12	11·07	8·92	7·78	9·11	4 5 1	2 13 8
New Zealand	54·17	8·21	28·60	6·97	2·05	5 16 2	3 2 11
Grand Total	39·65	16·80	29·07	6·62	7·86	7 2 10	2 16 8

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TABLE V.—PUBLIC EXPENDITURE, 1887.

(Exclusive of Expenditure from Loans.)

Name of Colony.	Public Expenditure on—					Total Expenditure.
	Railways (Working Expenses).	Post and Telegraphs.	Interest and Expenses of Public Debt.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria	1,363,587	585,990	1,270,809	..	3,340,865	6,561,251
New South Wales	1,457,761	633,813	1,693,926	31,534	5,281,426	9,098,460 ¹
Queensland	534,381	323,477	942,815 ²	..	1,549,376	3,350,049
South Australia	409,128	177,093	710,030	9,989	838,895	2,145,135
Western Australia	47,712	40,298	65,840	17,000	286,047	456,897
Total	3,812,569	1,760,671	4,683,420	58,523	11,296,609	21,611,792
Tasmania	80,752	61,306	182,571	449	343,681	668,759
New Zealand	653,363	270,996	1,499,784 ³	..	1,530,147	3,954,290
Grand Total	4,546,684	2,092,973	6,365,775	58,972	13,170,437	26,234,841

NOTE.—For periods to which the figures relate in each colony, also for remarks in reference to the practice of swelling the returns of some of the colonies by including refunds of revenue, &c., on both sides of the account, see footnotes to last table.

¹ See footnote (4) to last table.

² Interest only.

³ Exclusive of payments to the sinking fund (viz., £258,184) formerly charged to revenue, but now virtually provided for out of a loan raised for the purpose.

TABLE V.—PUBLIC EXPENDITURE, 1887—*continued.**(Exclusive of Expenditure from Loans.)*

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Total Expenditure expended on—					Total Expenditure per Head.
	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Interest and Expenses of Public Debt.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.
Victoria ..	20·78	8·93	19·37	..	50·92	6 10 10
New South Wales ..	16·02	6·97	18·62	·34	58·05	8 18 0
Queensland ..	15·95	9·66	28·14	..	46·25	9 8 10
South Australia ..	19·07	8·25	33·10	·47	39·11	6 16 11
Western Australia ..	10·44	8·82	14·41	3·72	62·61	10 19 2
Total ..	17·64	8·15	21·67	·27	52·27	7 18 0
Tasmania ..	12·07	9·17	27·30	·07	51·39	4 15 8
New Zealand ..	16·52	6·85	37·93	..	38·70	6 12 7
Grand Total ..	17·34	7·98	24·26	·22	50·20	7 11 2

NOTE.—For periods to which the figures relate in each colony, also for remarks in reference to the practice of swelling the returns of some of the colonies by including refunds of revenue, &c., on both sides of the account, see notes to last table.

TABLE VI.—EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS, 1887.

Name of Colony.	Expenditure from Loans on—						Total Expenditure from Loans.
	Railways.	Water Supply.	Roads and Bridges.	Harbours, Rivers, Light-houses, &c.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ..	1,521,817	373,994	62,239	47,856	..	82,054 ¹	2,087,960
New South Wales ..	1,448,135	216,540	6,115	53,285	..	255,429	1,979,504
Queensland ..	1,294,142	26,794	24,212	117,880	151,440	281,139	1,895,607
South Australia ..	834,907	249,765 ²	5,510	45,184	..	87,116	1,222,482
Western Australia ..	112,144	..	..	..	..	92,505 ²	204,649
Total ..	5,211,145	867,093	98,076	264,205	151,440	798,243	7,390,202
Tasmania ..	197,696	..	..⁴	116,957 ⁴	2,231	62,702	379,586
New Zealand ..	820,289	..	230,629	110,048	18,382	801,302	1,980,650
Grand Total ..	6,229,130	867,093	328,705	491,210	172,053	1,662,247	9,750,438

Name of Colony.	Proportion Expended from Loans on—						Expenditure from Loans per Head.
	Railways.	Water Supply.	Roads and Bridges.	Harbours' Rivers, Light-houses, &c.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.
Victoria ..	72·89	17·91	2·98	2·29	..	3·93	2 1 8
New South Wales ..	73·20	10·93	·30	2·68	..	12·89	1 18 9
Queensland ..	68·27	1·41	1·28	6·22	7·99	14·83	5 6 10
South Australia ..	68·30	20·43	·45	3·70	..	7·12	3 18 0
Western Australia ..	54·80	..	..	..	..	45·20	4 18 2
Total ..	70·51	11·74	1·33	3·58	2·04	10·80	2 14 0
Tasmania ..	52·08	..	..	30·81	·59	16·52	2 14 3
New Zealand ..	41·42	..	11·64	5·56	·93	40·45	3 6 5
Grand Total ..	63·89	8·89	3·37	5·04	1·76	17·05	2 16 2

NOTE.—The figures for Victoria and South Australia relate to the 30th June, and those for the other colonies to the 31st December.

¹ Including £49,284 on school buildings.

² Including expenditure on Sewerage.

³ Including £31,512 on Electric Telegraphs.

⁴ In Tasmania, the expenditure on roads and bridges is included with that on "Harbours, &c."

TABLE VII.—PUBLIC DEBT, 1887.

(On the 31st December.)

Name of Colony.	Public Debt contracted for—					
	Railways and Tramways.	Electric Telegraphs.	Water Supply and Sewerage.	Roads and Bridges.	Harbours, Rivers, Light-houses, and Docks, &c.	School Buildings, Defences, and Other Public Works.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ..	25,413,206	..	5,007,650	108,042	626,019	1,972,465
New South Wales ..	29,989,750	693,509	3,472,832	556,414	1,650,942	1,600,184
Queensland ..	13,127,799	745,207	472,115	731,885	1,430,193	1,520,075
South Australia ..	10,891,728	826,030	2,729,500	1,323,284	1,364,313	1,332,645
Western Australia ..	816,147	170,156	..	48,822	..	125,478
Total ..	80,238,630	2,434,902	11,682,147	2,768,447	5,071,467	6,550,847
Tasmania ..	1,771,928	90,971	..	..	1,079,338	714,078
New Zealand ¹ ..	13,362,424	561,963	559,941	3,363,551	822,125	2,436,586
Grand Total ..	95,372,982	3,087,836	12,242,088	6,131,998	6,972,930	9,701,511

Name of Colony.	Public Debt contracted for—		Total Public Debt.			Proportion of Total Debt contracted for Railways and Telegraphs.
	Immigration.	Other Services. ²	Amount. ³	Average per Head.	Years Revenue debt is equal to—	
	£	£	£	£ s. d.		per cent.
Victoria ..	..	..	33,127,382	31 19 5	4·92	76·71
New South Wales ..	569,930	2,461,739	40,995,350	39 6 2	4·78	74·85
Queensland ..	2,379,447	2,914,129	23,320,850	63 11 1	7·69	59·49
South Australia ..	..	701,000	19,168,500	60 7 8	9·52	61·13
Western Australia ..	..	120,097	1,280,700	30 2 10	3·39	77·01
Total ..	2,949,377	6,196,965	117,892,782	42 0 4	5·68	70·13
Tasmania ..	235,714	217,341	4,109,370	28 16 10	6·91	45·33
New Zealand ¹ ..	2,133,669	14,985,278	38,225,537 ³	63 7 1 ³	11·04	36·43
Grand Total ..	5,318,760	21,399,584	160,227,689	45 2 3	6·46	61·45

NOTE.—On the 30th June, 1888, the public debt of Victoria was £34,627,382; the amount of indebtedness per head was £32 13s. 1d., and the debt was equivalent to 4·55 years' revenue. Since the end of 1887 New South Wales floated a fresh loan in London for £3,500,000, Queensland one for £2,500,000, and New Zealand one for £2,000,000.

¹ The figures for New Zealand represent the bulk of the expenditure out of loans, i.e., net expenditure out of the "Public Works Fund" since 1870, the date of the first Immigration and Public Works Loan; 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 1887 has been included with "Other Services."

² Included in this column, in the line for New Zealand, are £1,185,708 for land purchases (presumably from the Maoris) and rates on native lands; and £916,561 for charges and expenses of raising loans; New South Wales, £1,335,230 for repayment of loans; also the following amounts, which had been unapportioned or unexpended:—New South Wales, £1,076,653; Queensland, £1,883,071; Western Australia, £120,097; New Zealand, £13,581,070. The last amount includes the old provincial loans of New Zealand (raised prior to the abolition of provinces in 1876), of which no particulars of the purposes for which they were applied have been furnished.

³ As a set-off against the public debt, New Zealand possessed an accrued sinking fund amounting, on the 31st December, to £3,271,502; the net liability for that colony was, therefore, £34,954,035, or £57 18s. 8d. per head of population, and equal to 9·25 times the revenue. The sinking funds possessed by the other colonies are comparatively small, consisting of the following amounts:—Victoria, £52,393; Western Australia, £59,147; and Tasmania, £89,031.

TABLE VIII.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1887.

Name of Colony.	Total Value of—		Value per Head of—		Proportion of Total Imports from—		
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.
	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.
Victoria	19,022,151	11,351,145	18 13 1	11 2 8	43·58	38·85	17·57
New South Wales ..	18,806,236	18,496,917	18 7 10	18 1 10	42·53	46·01	11·46
Queensland	5,821,611	6,453,945	16 8 2	18 3 10	39·45	50·47	10·08
South Australia ..	5,096,293	5,330,780	16 5 3	17 0 3	38·42	52·14	9·44
Western Australia..	666,344	604,655	15 19 7	14 10 0	40·37	57·38	2·25
Total	49,412,635	42,237,442	17 19 1	15 7 0	42·12	44·56	13·32
Tasmania	1,596,817	1,449,371	11 8 4	10 7 3	27·28	69·56	3·16
New Zealand	6,245,515	6,366,169	10 9 5	11 10 3	66·83	16·49	16·68
Grand Total	57,252,967	50,552,982	16 8 3	14 9 10	44·40	42·20	13·40

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Total Exports to—			Exports of Home Produce.	
	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.	Value per Head.	Percentage of Total Exports.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.	
Victoria	48·24	39·81	11·95	8 6 9	74·91
New South Wales ..	37·66	48·49	13·85	15 2 8	83·65
Queensland	31·02	67·40	1·58	17 17 4	98·21
South Australia ..	54·97	37·03	8·00	10 13 9	62·82
Western Australia ..	63·19	27·46	9·35	14 8 7	99·50
Total	42·04	47·30	10·66	12 9 0	81·12
Tasmania	24·17	75·82	·01	10 3 10	98·35
New Zealand	70·60	21·23	8·17	10 19 8	95·41
Grand Total	45·41	44·57	10·02	12 2 2	83·56

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, 1887.

Name of Colony.	Inwards.		Outwards.		Total.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria	2,435	1,920,180	2,418	1,938,063	4,853	3,858,243
New South Wales ..	2,815	2,142,457	2,906	2,180,301	5,721	4,322,758
Queensland ¹	838	468,180	879	456,052	1,717	924,232
South Australia ..	907	841,422	905	836,461	1,812	1,677,883
Western Australia ..	255	249,813	185	214,824	440	464,637
Total	7,250	5,622,052	7,293	5,625,701	14,543	11,247,753
Tasmania	677	360,404	714	374,895	1,391	735,299
New Zealand	653	489,754	675	493,583	1,328	983,337
Grand Total ..	8,580	6,472,210	8,682	6,494,179	17,262	12,966,389

¹ Direct trade only. In 1882 and former years the coastal trade carried on by vessels arriving from other countries was included. Had this been done for 1887 the number of vessels would have been swelled to 4,330, and the total tonnage to 3,273,980.

TABLE X.—RAILWAYS, 1887.

Name of Colony.	Length at End of Year.		Government Lines Open for Traffic.					
	Open. ¹	In course of Construction.	Capital Cost at end of Year.		Revenue Account for the Year.			Proportion of Net Receipts to Capital Cost. ²
			Total.	Aver- age per Mile.	Receipts	Work- ing Ex- penses.	Net Receipts	
Victoria	miles. 1,880	miles. 337	£ 25,297,524	£ 13,456	£ 2,453,078	£ 1,427,116	£ 1,025,962	4.17
New South Wales ..	2,081	131	26,554,387	13,042	2,208,295	1,457,761	750,534	2.96
Queensland	1,765	653 ³	12,189,919 ⁴	6,906	719,254	534,381	184,873	1.61 ⁵
South Australia ..	1,420	403	9,161,783	6,452	688,207	402,163	286,044	3.27
Western Australia ..	239	31 ⁶	816,147 ⁴	4,773	41,104	47,712	-6,608 ⁷	- .87 ⁷
Total	7,385	1,555	74,019,760	10,179	6,109,938	3,869,133	2,240,805	3.16
Tasmania ⁸	318	123	2,165,273	8,020	122,994	117,723	5,271	.25
New Zealand	1,841	163	13,352,978	7,617	994,843	687,328	307,515	2.33
Grand Total ..	9,544	1,841	89,538,011	9,633	7,227,775	4,674,184	2,553,591	2.96

NOTE.—The figures are for the year ended 30th June, 1887, for Victoria; for that ended 31st March, 1888, for New Zealand; and for that ended 31st December for the other colonies. The railway gauge adopted is 5 feet 3 inches in Victoria and for portions of the lines of South Australia, 4 feet 3½ inches in New South Wales, and generally 3 feet 6 inches in the other colonies.

¹ Including private as well as Government lines. The following are the lengths of private lines included:—New South Wales, 45; Western Australia, 68; Tasmania, 48; New Zealand, 88 miles. Tramways are not included in the table. Of tramways open at the end of 1887, there were in Victoria 21½ miles (chiefly cable), constructed by the Melbourne municipalities, but let to a private company; in New South Wales, 51 miles (steam), constructed by Government at a capital cost of £923,608, the gross receipts from which amounted in 1887 to £229,773, and the working expenses to £215,639; in Queensland, 9 miles; and in Western Australia, constructed by timber companies, 100 miles. The cost of construction of the cable tramways of Victoria (including expenditure on lines in progress) at the end of 1887 was £1,050,740, and the receipts during the year amounted to £196,318.

² The calculations in this column are based on the mean of the amounts of capital cost at the beginning and end of the year.

³ Including railways authorized.

⁴ Including expenditure on lines in progress.

⁵ This is below the true proportion, as the capital cost on which the rate is based includes expenditure on lines in progress, which were necessarily unproductive.

⁶ Exclusive of a land-grant railway being constructed from Albany to Beversley—a distance of 242 miles—which will be opened about the beginning of 1889.

⁷ The minus (–) sign indicates a net loss, or excess of working expenses over receipts.

⁸ Included with the Government lines in Tasmania are 133 miles guaranteed by the State, constructed at a cost of £976,957. The other private lines in that colony cost £153,209; whilst the receipts during the year amounted to £17,230 and the working expenses to £8,529.

TABLE XI.—POSTAL RETURNS, 1887.

Name of Colony.	Number of Post Offices.	Number Despatched and Received of—				Revenue. ²	Expenditure.
		Letters and Post Cards.		Newspapers. ¹			
		Total.	Per Head of Population.	Total.	Per Head of Population.		
Victoria	1,492	41,287,972	40·49	18,869,055	18·50	£ 311,063 ³	£ 553,172 ⁴
New South Wales ..	1,167	44,845,900	43·86	34,181,600	33·43	342,094	426,587
Queensland	716	11,586,807	32·66	9,752,563	27·49	116,531	214,411
South Australia ..	585	15,181,309	48·45	7,376,953	23·54	106,959	177,593
Western Australia ..	79	2,217,175	53·17	1,123,050	26·93	15,049	40,298
Total	4,039	115,119,163	41·84	71,303,221	25·91	891,696	1,412,061
Tasmania	258	4,549,899	32·54	3,960,859	28·32	33,567	42,360
New Zealand	1,117	40,985,467	68·73	15,381,323	25·79	213,355	165,762
Grand Total ..	5,414	160,654,529	46·06	90,645,403	25·99	1,138,618	1,620,183

¹ Subject to certain regulations and restrictions, newspapers posted in New South Wales and Queensland travel free to any of the Australasian colonies, and those posted in Western Australia and Tasmania travel free to all places. In the other colonies, a small postage fee is charged on newspapers.

² This probably includes commission on money orders in all the colonies.

³ Approximate only. The total revenue, inclusive of Telegraphs, &c., was £421,790; and if allowance were made for official correspondence and telegrams, which are transmitted without charge, the total would be increased to about £488,000.

⁴ Including expenditure on telegraphs.

TABLE XII.—ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES, 1887.

Name of Colony.	On the 31st December.					During the Year.	
	Miles of Line (Poles).			Miles of Wire in Operation-		Telegrams Received and Despatched.	Amount Received.
	In operation.	In course of Construction.	Total.	Telegraph.	Telephone. ¹		
Victoria	4,115	55	4,170	10,175	2,474	2,260,480 ²	£ 110,727 ³
New South Wales ..	10,721	105	10,826	21,444	*	2,876,504	164,511
Queensland	8,772	245	9,017	15,677	*	1,515,357	83,062
South Australia ..	5,486	84	5,570	9,388	1,621	757,363	88,036
Western Australia ..	2,548	337	2,885	2,821	150	174,116	8,434
Total	31,642	826	32,468	59,505	*	7,583,820	454,770
Tasmania	1,816	..	1,816	2,407	238	233,798	20,715
New Zealand	4,646 ⁴	..	4,646 ⁴	11,375	1,310	1,835,394	106,548
Grand Total ..	38,104	826	38,930	73,287	*	9,653,012	582,033

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

¹ In Victoria, the number of telephones in use was 1,121; and in Queensland, 537.

² Exclusive of telegrams on railway service.

³ Including telephone revenue, &c.

⁴ Including 359 miles of cable.

TABLE XIII.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED AND IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, 1887.

Name of Colony.	During the Year 1887.					
	Sold by Auction, Private Contract, &c.			Selected under System of Deferred Payments. ¹	Granted without Purchase.	Total Extent Wholly or Conditionally Alienated.
	Area.	Amount of Purchase Money.	Average Price per Acre.			
	acres.	£	£ s. d.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria	19,565	89,161	4 11 2	23,092	487	43,144
New South Wales	232,906	407,229	1 15 0	723,151	5,377	961,434
Queensland ..	2,990	73,210	24 9 8	759,344 ²	847	763,181
South Australia ..	734	1,949	2 13 1	7,548 ³	19,124	27,406
Western Australia	25,406	5,826	0 4 7 ⁴	42,002	914	68,322
Total ..	281,601	577,375	2 1 0	1,555,137	26,749	1,863,487
Tasmania	478	3,120	6 10 6	55,046	3,913	59,437
New Zealand ..	21,154	25,330	1 3 11	38,832	316,488 ⁵	376,474
Grand Total	303,233	605,825	1 19 11	1,649,015	347,150	2,299,398

Name of Colony.	Up to the End of 1887.—Extent—			At the End of 1887.—Extent—	
	Alienated in Fee Simple. ⁶		In Process of Alienation under System of Deferred Payments. ⁷	Alienated or in Process of Alienation.	Neither Alienated nor in Process of Alienation.
	Sold.	Granted without Purchase.			
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria	15,130,677	13,912	7,333,851	22,478,440	33,767,320
New South Wales	22,304,539	3,110,150	16,624,323	42,039,012	155,832,988 ⁸
Queensland ..	8,925,748	65,938	1,951,396	10,943,082	416,720,278
South Australia ..	7,331,680	389,124	3,353,329	11,074,133	567,117,867
Western Australia	1,877,045 ⁹	.. ¹⁰	350,207	2,227,252	622,361,548
Total ..	55,569,689	3,579,124	29,613,106	88,761,919	1,795,800,001
Tasmania	*	*	*	4,572,649	12,307,351
New Zealand ..	12,929,311	6,023,214 ¹¹	554,834	19,507,359	47,202,961 ¹²
Grand Total	*	*	*	112,841,927	1,855,310,313

* Where asterisks occur the information has not been furnished or cannot be completed.

¹ The purchase money for selected land varies in the different colonies from 10s. to 30s. per acre, payable by annual instalments (often without interest) extending over a period of 10 or 20 years. For particulars of the terms and conditions under which such land is held, see Vol. II. of this work, paragraph 1055.

² This represents the area leased, with option of purchase on certain conditions, under the Land Act of 1884.

³ Exclusive of surrendered lands re-selected under the Act of the 31st August, 1884.

⁴ This low average is explained by the circumstance that a large portion of the purchase money was previously paid as rent. The price of rural land is 10s. per acre.

⁵ Of this area, 81,598 acres were granted to Natives, or Europeans who purchased from them, under Native Land Acts.

⁶ Including only that of which the purchase has been completed.

⁷ Exclusive of the extent estimated to have been forfeited for non-fulfilment of conditions, &c.

⁸ Including water area, amounting to about 2,000,000 acres.

⁹ Including land granted without purchase.

¹⁰ Included with the area "Sold."

¹¹ 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 150,218 acres were held under "Perpetual Lease."

TABLE XIV.—STATE EDUCATION, 1887.

Name of Colony.	At the End of 1887.				Gross Enrolment of Scholars during 1887.		
	Number of State Schools.	Number of Teachers.			Males.	Females.	Total.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
Victoria ..	1,911	1,750	2,544	4,294	119,559	111,323	230,882
New South Wales ..	2,236	1,945	1,896	3,841	109,326	99,832	209,158
Queensland ..	519	675	796	1,471	33,650	30,054	63,704
South Australia ..	517	423	669	1,092	25,940 ¹	24,253 ¹	50,193
Western Australia ..	90 ²	49	101	150 ³	2,450	2,337	4,787
Total..	5,273	4,842	6,006	10,848	290,925	267,799	558,724
Tasmania ..	215	167	247	414	8,989	7,538	16,527
New Zealand ..	1,093	1,259	1,603	2,862	78,326 ¹	70,987 ¹	149,313
Grand Total ..	6,581	6,268	7,856	14,124	378,240	346,324	724,564

Name of Colony.	Scholars in Average Attendance during the Year.			Estimated Number of Distinct Children Attending during the Year.	Cost of Instruction. ⁴			Cost of Instruction per Head of—	
	Total Number.	Number to each Teacher.	Percentage of Scholars on the Rolls.		Amount contributed by—		Total.	Mean Population.	Scholars in Average Attendance.
					State.	Parents, &c., in Fees.			
Victoria ..	123,563	29	53·52	192,565	£ 531,879	£ 3,770 ⁵	£ 535,649	0 10 6	4 6 8
New South Wales ..	106,408	28	50·87	184,060	505,026	63,896	568,922	0 11 2	5 6 11
Queensland ..	49,418	34	77·57	*	141,169	..	141,169	0 7 11	2 17 2
South Australia ..	28,430	26	56·64	45,073	93,371	23,373	116,744	0 7 5	4 2 2
Western Australia ..	3,532	24	73·78	*	9,278 ⁶	1,505	10,783	0 5 2	3 1 1
Total ..	311,351	29	55·73	*	1,280,723	92,544	1,373,267	0 10 0	4 8 3
Tasmania ..	8,182	20	49·51	*	22,293 ⁷	8,412	30,705	0 4 5	3 15 1
New Zealand ..	85,637	30	57·35	112,013	362,291	876 ⁵	363,167	0 12 2	4 4 10
Grand Total ..	405,170	29	55·92	*	1,665,307	101,832	1,767,139	0 10 2	4 7 3

NOTE.—The State system of education is compulsory and undenominational (or secular) in all the colonies, and Western Australia is now the only colony which grants assistance to denominational (private) schools. Public instruction is free in Victoria, Queensland, and New Zealand; but fees are charged in the other colonies, although they are partially or entirely remitted in cases where the parents are unable to pay them. The prescribed school age differs in the various colonies—in Victoria it is from 6 to 15 years, in New South Wales from 6 to 14, in Queensland from 6 to 12, in South Australia and New Zealand from 7 to 13, and in Tasmania from 7 to 14 years. For a complete account of the educational systems of the various colonies, see *Victorian Year-Book* 1880-81, pp. 431 to 459.

* Where asterisks occur, the figures have not been furnished or are incomplete.

¹ These figures have been estimated in the office of the Government Statist, Melbourne.

² Including 16 assisted schools.

³ Figures for 1886, those for 1887 not having been furnished.

⁴ Exclusive of expenditure towards capital cost of buildings, &c. In Victoria, the cost of instruction is considered by the Education Department to include only the expenditure immediately connected with the instruction of scholars, such as teachers' salaries, &c.; but if the expenditure on the Head Office staff, on inspection, on the maintenance and rent of buildings, and retiring allowances, &c., to teachers, were also included, the amount in 1887 would exceed £628,000. It is not certain what principle has been adopted in the other colonies.

⁵ For extra subjects only.

⁶ Approximate figures only.

⁷ Including £29,627 from Education Reserves.

TABLE XV.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1887-8.—LAND IN CULTIVATION.

*** The Agricultural Statistics in most of the colonies are collected in the months of February or March of each year. The present returns are for those months of 1888. In calculating the rates of tillage per head, the population on the 31st December, 1887, has been taken.

Name of Colony.	Number of Acres under Tillage.	
	Total.	Per Head of Population.
Victoria	2,576,405	2·49
New South Wales	1,048,305	1·01
Queensland	205,737	·56
South Australia ⁸	2,793,037	8·80
Western Australia	105,592	2·49
Total	6,729,076	2·40
Tasmania	457,436	3·21
New Zealand	1,440,055	2·39
Grand Total	8,626,567	2·43

Name of Colony.	Number of Acres under—									
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. ¹	Pota-toes.	Hay.	Vines.	Green Forage. ²	Other ³ Tillage.
Victoria	1,232,943	199,036	40,983	6,031	27,761	48,263	441,812	11,195	164,457	403,924 ⁴
New South Wales	389,390	19,393	4,402	171,662	1,291	20,915	170,324	6,745	212,721	51,462 ⁴
Queensland	8,248	550	1,165	73,139	515 ⁶	8,717	25,734	1,658	10,056	75,955 ⁷
South Australia ⁸	1,950,000	7,264	15,697	..	4,601	5,666	308,429	4,590	33,296	463,494
Western Australia	29,491	1,689	5,935	164	1,270	474	25,807	672	856	39,234
Total	3,610,072	227,932	68,182	250,996	35,438	84,035	972,106	24,860	421,386	1,034,069
Tasmania	40,498	21,169	3,766	..	7,546	16,394	44,562	..	185,899	137,602 ⁹
New Zealand	357,359	336,474	27,912	5,732	11,126	25,338	67,425	.. ¹⁰	421,719 ¹¹	186,970 ¹²
Grand Total	4,007,929	585,575	99,860	256,728	54,110	125,767	1,084,093	24,860	1,029,004	1,358,641

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 11.

¹ Including beans and pease, except in the case of New South Wales.

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, 158,047 acres; New South Wales, 192,678 acres; South Australia, 23,217 acres; Western Australia, only a small area returned; Tasmania, 184,653 acres. In Queensland, where it is not so included, the area returned is 13,619 acres. For extent of such land in New Zealand, see Note 11.

³ In the returns of some of the colonies, 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, 364,480 acres; New South Wales (not returned); Queensland, 16,892 acres; South Australia, 450,536 acres; Western Australia, 39,420 acres; Tasmania, 21,002 acres; New Zealand, 154,266 acres.

⁴ Including 788 acres under turnips, carrots, parsnips, cabbage, and beet, which produced 8,774 tons; 1,191 acres under mangel wurzel, which produced 20,590 tons; 2,437 acres under onions, which produced 11,774 tons; 1,966 acres under tobacco, which produced 11,853 cwt.; 249 acres under chicory, which produced 1,375 tons; 635 acres under hops, which produced 5,405 cwt.; 4,638 acres under grass seeds, which produced about 6,177 bushels, &c.

⁵ Including 2,371 acres under tobacco, which produced 23,465 cwt.; 15,287 acres (of which 2,168 acres were unproductive) under sugar-cane, which produced 273,928 cwt. of sugar; 8,875 acres under orange trees, which produced 8,704,677 dozen oranges; and 20,677 acres under gardens and orchards.

⁶ Rice.

⁷ Including 51,815 acres under sugar-cane, of which that grown on 36,806 acres was crushed, and yielded 60,806 tons of sugar; 174 acres under arrowroot, which produced 216,184 lbs.; 992 acres under orange trees, which produced 772,380 dozen oranges; 2,048 acres under bananas, which produced 6,268,652 dozen; 567 acres under pine apples, which produced 208,694 dozen; 128 acres under tobacco, which produced 424 cwt.

⁸ No agricultural statistics having been collected in South Australia in either of the last three years, the figures for 1884-5, except those of wheat (which have been estimated), have been again repeated for that colony.

⁹ Including 1,985 acres under turnips, which produced 7,351 tons; 816 acres under mangel wurzel, which yielded 5,842 tons; and 8,865 acres in gardens and orchards. The remainder consisted of fenced and cleared land, not strictly under tillage, and devoted to pastoral purposes.

¹⁰ No account taken.

¹¹ In the figures for New Zealand, the land under permanent artificial grass, amounting to 5,869,634 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 7,309,689 acres, or to 12·11 acres per head of the population.

¹² Including 4,202 acres under mangolds, beet, carrots, parsnips, &c.; 519 acres under hops; 19 acres under tobacco; and 24,937 acres under gardens and orchards, and 3,027 under other crops.

TABLE XVI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1887-8.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

Name of Colony.	Bushels raised of—					Tons raised of—	
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. ¹	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria	13,328,765	4,562,530	956,476	318,551	746,960	198,225	624,122
New South Wales ..	4,695,849	394,762	84,533	4,953,125	24,036	61,455	230,597
Queensland	182,308	13,343	31,493	1,631,890	18,856	30,679	51,896
South Australia ² ..	19,012,500	88,639	211,207	..	64,826	23,192	285,839
Western Australia ..	269,611	25,424	69,710	1,762	25,000 ³	1,130	24,157
Total	37,489,033	5,084,698	1,353,419	6,905,328	879,678	314,681	1,216,611
Tasmania	675,069	385,195	52,240	..	96,159	42,526	50,901
New Zealand	9,424,059	10,512,119	760,874	223,270	277,404	138,060	100,507
Grand Total	47,588,161	15,982,012	2,166,533	7,128,598	1,253,241	495,267	1,368,019

Name of Colony.	Gallons of Wine made.	Bushels per Acre of—					Tons per Acre of—	
		Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria	1,167,874	10·81	22·92	23·34	52·82	26·91	4·11	1·41
New South Wales ..	666,382	12·06	20·35	19·20	28·86	18·62	2·94	1·35
Queensland	118,672	22·10	24·26	27·03	22·31	36·60	3·52	2·02
South Australia ² ..	473,535	9·75 ³	*	*	..	*	*	*
Western Australia ..	124,240	9·14	15·05	11·75	10·74	..	2·38	·94
Total	2,550,703	10·38	22·31	19·85	27·51	24·82	3·74	1·25
Tasmania .. ..	..	16·67	18·20	13·87	..	12·74	2·59	1·14
New Zealand .. ..	..	26·37	31·24	27·26	33·95	24·93	5·45	1·49
Grand Total	2,550,703	11·87	27·29	21·70	27·77	23·16	3·94	1·26

* Where asterisks occur the information has not been furnished.

¹ Including beans and pease, except in the case of New South Wales.

² No agricultural statistics having been collected in South Australia in either of the last three years, the figures for 1884-5—except in regard to wheat, for which an estimate has been made—have been given for that colony.

³ Estimated.

TABLE XVII.—LIVE STOCK, 1887-8.

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

Name of Colony.	Number of—				Total.
	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	
Victoria	315,000	1,333,873	10,623,985	243,461	12,516,319
New South Wales ..	390,609	1,575,487	46,965,152	264,111	49,195,359
Queensland	305,865	4,473,716	12,926,158	73,663	17,779,402
South Australia ¹ ..	170,000	440,000	7,254,000	179,000	8,043,000
Western Australia	41,100	93,544	1,909,940	23,627	2,068,211
Total	1,222,574	7,916,620	79,679,235	783,862	89,602,291
Tasmania	29,528	147,092	1,547,242	52,408	1,776,270
New Zealand ²	187,382	895,461	16,677,445	369,992	18,130,280
Grand Total..	1,439,484	8,959,173	97,903,922	1,206,262	109,508,841

¹ No statistics of live stock having been collected in South Australia during the last three years, the figures for 1887-8 have been estimated.

² The figures for New Zealand are those returned at the census of March, 1886. They include 42,103 cattle, 112,850 sheep, and 92,091 pigs, belonging to the Maoris.

TABLE XVII.—LIVE STOCK, 1887-8—continued.

Name of Colony.	Horses.		Cattle.		Sheep.		Pigs.		Total.	
	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.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.
Victoria	3·58	30	15·18	129	121	1,025	2·77	24	142	1,208
New South Wales ..	1·26	37	5·10	151	152	4,504	·85	25	159	4,717
Queensland	·46	83	6·70	1,220	19	3,523	·11	20	27	4,846
South Australia ¹ ..	·19	54	·49	139	8	2,285	·20	56	9	2,534
Western Australia ..	·04	97	·09	220	2	4,495	·02	56	2	4,868
Total	·42	44	2·69	282	27	2,840	·27	28	30	3,194
Tasmania	1·12	21	5·58	103	59	1,086	1·99	37	67	1,247
New Zealand ²	1·80	31	8·59	148	160	2,765	3·55	61	174	3,005
Grand Total	·47	41	2·91	252	32	2,757	·39	34	37	3,084

¹ No Statistics of live stock having been collected in South Australia during the last three years, the figures for 1887-8 have been estimated.

² The figures for New Zealand are those returned at the census of March, 1886. They include 42,103 cattle, 112,850 sheep, and 92,091 pigs, belonging to the Maoris.

TABLE XVIII.—WOOL PRODUCE, 1887.

Name of Colony.	Wool Imported.		Wool Exported.		Wool Manufactured in the Colony.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value, at 1s. 4d. per lb.
	lbs.	£	lbs.	£	lbs.	£
Victoria	68,630,753	2,778,927	115,461,606	5,073,491	1,589,266	105,951
New South Wales ..	8,225,080	313,221	224,295,209	9,200,071	580,000 ¹	38,666
Queensland .. ..	..	..	47,482,926	2,368,711	..	..
South Australia ..	19,986,481	720,229	62,075,113	2,036,775	110,000 ¹	7,333
Western Australia ..	..	..	6,675,713	333,785	..	..
Total	96,842,314	3,812,377	455,990,567	19,012,833	2,279,266	151,950
Tasmania .. ..	..	..	9,740,230	415,425	106,600	7,106
New Zealand	48,656	1,206	88,824,382	3,321,074	2,001,155	133,410
Grand Total	96,890,970	3,813,583	554,555,179	22,749,332	4,387,021	292,466

Name of Colony.	Wool Production, 1887.				Proportion of Exports of Wool to Total General Exports.	Average Export Price per lb.
	Quantity. ²		Value.			
	Total.	Average to each Sheep in the colony.	Total.	Average per Head of Population.		
	lbs.	lbs.	£	£ s. d.	per cent.	d.
Victoria	48,420,119	4·56	2,400,515	2 7 1	44·70	10½
New South Wales ..	216,650,129 ²	4·6	8,925,516	8 14 7	49·74	9½
Queensland	47,482,926	3·67	2,368,711	6 13 6	36·70	12
South Australia ..	42,198,632	5·82	1,323,879	4 4 6	38·21	8
Western Australia ..	6,675,713	3·50	333,785	8 0 1	55·20	12
Total	361,427,519	4·54	15,352,406	5 11 7	45·01	10
Tasmania	9,846,830	6·36	422,531	3 0 5	28 66	10¼
New Zealand	90,776,881	5·87	3,453,278	5 15 10	48·37	9
Grand Total	462,051,230	4·79	19,228,215	5 10 3	45·00	9½

¹ Estimated.

² These figures are made up of the sum of the 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 and 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 256,072,430 lbs.

TABLE XIX.—GOLD PRODUCE.

Name of Colony.	Gold raised—					
	Prior to 1887.		During 1887.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value. ¹	Quantity.	Value. ¹	Quantity.	Value. ¹
	oz.	£	oz.	£	oz.	£
Victoria	54,393,182	217,572,728	617,751	2,471,004	55,010,933	220,043,732
New South Wales ..	9,737,805	36,083,539	108,101	386,771	9,845,906	36,470,310
Queensland	5,181,219	18,134,266	425,923	1,490,731	5,607,142	19,624,997
South Australia ² ..	199,276	786,949	36,569	138,302	235,845	925,251
Western Australia ..	..	..	4,873	19,492	4,873	19,492
Total	69,511,482	272,577,482	1,193,217	4,506,300	70,704,699	277,083,782
Tasmania	450,670	1,726,179	42,609	158,533	493,279	1,884,712
New Zealand	11,016,729	43,231,467	203,869	811,100	11,220,598	44,042,567
Grand Total	80,978,881	317,535,128	1,439,695	5,475,933	82,418,576	323,011,061

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 partly from the returns of the Melbourne and Sydney Mints, and partly from the export returns; those for New Zealand express the total exports of gold 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 are no reliable returns of the gold raised in Western Australia, although a considerable quantity has been obtained on the Kimberley gold-fields of that colony; the quantity set down above is all that has passed through the Customs.

¹ In Victoria the average value of the gold raised is £4 per oz., and in Queensland £3 10s. per oz. The purity, and consequently the value, varies considerably in different districts. Standard gold (*i.e.*, 22 carats fine) is worth £3 17s. 10½d., and pure gold £4 4s. 11½d. per oz.

² Including Northern Territory.

TABLE XX.—SAVINGS BANKS, 1887.

(Including both General and Post Office Savings Banks.)

Colony.	On the 31st December.				Rates of Interest allowed to Depositors.
	Number of Depositors.		Amount remaining on Deposit.		
	Total.	Per 100 of the Population.	Total.	Average to each Depositor.	
					per cent.
Victoria	215,662	20·81	£ 3,930,540	£ s. d. 18 4 6	4
New South Wales ..	118,875	11·40	3,675,893	30 18 5	4 to 5
Queensland	39,780	10·84	1,426,018	35 16 11	5 ¹
South Australia ..	56,685	18·14	1,581,100	27 17 10	5
Western Australia ..	2,871	6·76	31,373	10 18 7	3½
Total	433,873	15·49	10,644,924	24 10 8	3½ to 5
Tasmania	22,117	15·52	448,281	20 5 4	5
New Zealand	97,496	16·16	2,407,776	24 13 11	4½ to 5
Grand Total	553,486	15·61	13,500,981	24 7 10	3½ to 5

¹ This rate is allowed on deposits up to £100; above that amount, 4 per cent.

TABLE XXI.—STATISTICS OF FIJI, 1878 TO 1887.

** Fiji consists of from 70 to 80 inhabited islands, the estimated area of which is 7,740 square miles. There are also about 150 smaller islands uninhabited. The total area of the group is said to be 8,034 square miles.

Year.	Estimated Population on the 31st December.			Births. ¹	Deaths. ¹	Marriages ¹	Immigrants (Polyne- sians and Coolies only).		
	Males.	Females.	Total.				Males.	Females	Total.
1878	64,748	52,350	117,098	2,262	2,244	419	1,346	174	1,520
1879	67,697	52,962	120,659	3,654	3,532	1,356	2,098	288	2,386
1880	67,598	54,286	121,884	4,103	4,326	1,358	2,500	34	2,534
1881	71,323	57,188	128,511	4,321	4,411	1,056	1,100	58	1,158
1882	72,376	57,703	130,079	4,552	4,933	1,280	2,561	511	3,072
1883	71,540	58,354	129,894	4,649	5,310	1,097	2,013	546	2,559
1884	71,011	57,512	128,523	4,540	8,592	978	2,292	980	3,272
1885	69,860	57,419	127,279	4,319	5,775	1,133	1,422	736	2,158
1886	68,727	57,283	126,010	4,253	5,502	1,155	..	..	1,273
1887	66,144	58,514	124,658	4,749	4,365	1,167	..	..	276

Year.	Emigrants (Poly- nesians only).			Public Revenue.			Public Expen- diture.	Public Debt.	Value of Imports.	Value of Exports.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Raised by Taxation.	Not raised by Taxation.	Total.				
1878	638	71	709	42,697	18,324	61,021	65,267	100,000	136,608	192,865
1879	313	32	345	46,260	21,511	67,771	71,108	120,000	142,213	169,040
1880	170	18	188	46,544	34,134	80,678	91,102	210,000	185,741	229,528
1881	860	24	884	49,606	37,837	87,443	89,960	254,025	276,040	174,146
1882	1,066	73	1,139	59,518	51,796	111,314	109,986	254,025	303,329	190,517
1883	1,251	94	1,345	74,805	32,009	106,814	88,277	254,025	450,595	351,998
1884	693	60	753	68,162	23,361	91,523	98,468	254,025	434,522	345,344
1885	1,681	265	1,946	62,985	13,684	76,669	92,209	264,025	294,585	326,750
1886 .. ..	..	..	2,113	51,882	12,692	64,574	78,133	264,695	230,742	283,496
1887 .. ..	..	..	1,634	41,616	23,300	64,916	73,150	265,389	188,071	281,080

Year.	Shipping.				Crown Lands Granted and Sold in each Year. ²	Live Stock. ³			
	Inwards.		Outwards.			Number of—			
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.		Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.
1878	124	23,180	128	24,080	acres.	200	3,000	3,100	50,000
1879	131	28,967	125	28,085	39,476	300	4,000	3,771	50,000
1880	157	32,933	150	32,689	23,559	360	5,000	4,769	50,000
1881	164	35,542	160	35,230	27,562	400	5,000	4,769	50,000
1882	163	43,768	165	43,757	75,627	600	5,000	4,000	50,000
1883	198	68,530	193	69,322	65,745	600	5,324	5,373	50,000
1884	150	63,246	144	64,731	81,665	610	4,600	5,869	50,000
1885	124	54,056	135	55,892	38,325	650	5,953	6,350	50,000
1886	118	54,132	113	51,237	26,368	567	6,841	6,055	50,000
1887	119	46,902	118	44,865	14,028	647	6,778	6,508	1,711 ⁴

NOTE.—The following additional information has been supplied for the year 1887 :—*Immigration*—Unassisted (not included above), 668 in 1886, and 513 in 1887. *Sources of Revenue*—Customs duties, £24,688; other taxes, £16,928; Crown lands, £529; other sources, £22,771. *Heads of Expenditure*—Interest on public debt, £8,423; other expenditure, £64,727. *Public Debt*—Of the public debt only £150,000 bears interest. *Imports and Exports*—Of the total value of imports, £153,543 was from the Australasian Colonies, £21,003 from the United Kingdom, and £13,525 from other countries; and of the total value of exports, £263,544 was to Australasian Colonies, and £17,536 to other countries; 96 per cent. of the exports were of Fijian production. *Post Offices*—Number of offices, 35; letters, 174,847; newspapers, 177,410; revenue during the year, £2,590; expenditure, £2,100. *State Education*—Number of schools, 2; teachers, 5, viz., 2 males and 3 females; scholars on the rolls, 256, viz., 117 males and 139 females; average attendance, 233; cost, excluding buildings—contributed by State £537, by parents in fees and rates £833—total, £1,370. *Agriculture*—Land under cultivation (by whites only), 35,244 acres, of which 403 acres were under maize; 20,000 acres under coconuts; 12,250 acres under sugar-cane; and 1,174 acres under bananas.

¹ It is believed by the Registrar-General of Fiji that the births, deaths, and marriages here given are less than those which actually occurred.

² The total area alienated at the end of 1887 was 399,255 acres. The amount realized by the State to the end of 1885 was only £26,259, which, however, represents the price of but a small proportion of the acreage alienated. The grants issued were chiefly for lands acquired by whites and others previously to annexation, and these received their titles at the nominal price of one shilling.

³ In addition to the live stock referred to in these columns, about 11,400 angora goats were kept on the islands.

⁴ Returns from Europeans only.