

APPENDIX A.

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1885.

TABLE I.—POPULATION, 1885.

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

Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles. ¹	On the 31st December.				
		Estimated Population.			Females to 100 Males.	Persons to the Square Mile.
		Males.	Females.	Total.		
Victoria ..	87,884	529,710	462,159	991,869 ²	87·27	11·287
New South Wales ..	309,175	527,533	430,381	957,914 ³	81·58	3·098
Queensland ..	668,224	185,735	129,754	315,489 ⁴	69·86	·472
South Australia ..	903,425	163,641	149,782	313,423 ⁵	91·53	·347
Western Australia ..	975,920	19,989	15,197	35,186	76·03	·036
Total ..	2,944,628	1,426,608	1,187,273	2,613,881	83·22	·888
Tasmania ..	26,375	71,081	62,710	133,791	88·22	5·073
New Zealand ..	104,235 ¹	310,732	264,494	575,226 ⁶	85·12	5·519
Grand Total ..	3,075,238	1,808,421	1,514,477	3,322,898	83·75	1·081

NOTE.—In making up the estimate of population in New South Wales, allowance has been made for unrecorded emigration since 1881—the date of the last Census; if this allowance had not been made, the population of that colony would have been set down as 980,573; moreover, in March, 1886, a fresh Census was taken in New Zealand, and in May, 1886, one was taken in Queensland; the populations of those colonies have, therefore, been corrected on the basis of the results then obtained. In the three colonies named, the population estimates are probably nearly correct, but there is little doubt that the figures given for the remaining colonies are somewhat in excess of the truth.

¹ A correction has been made in the estimated area of New Zealand, and consequently the figures for that colony differ slightly from those of last year.

² On the 30th September, 1886, the estimated population of Victoria was 1,020,502, viz., 547,312 males and 473,190 females.

³ On the 30th June, 1886, the estimated population of New South Wales was 981,200, viz., 540,890 males and 440,310 females.

⁴ On the 1st May, 1886, the enumerated population of Queensland, with an allowance of 2½ per cent. for persons supposed to have been overlooked in the collection, was 330,924, viz., 195,102 males and 135,822 females.

⁵ On the 1st October, 1886, the estimated population of South Australia was 316,660.

⁶ On the 28th March, 1886, the enumerated population of New Zealand, exclusive of residents in the Chatham Islands and of Maoris, was 578,283, viz., 312,115 males and 266,168 females; the Maoris at the same time numbered 41,432, viz., 22,765 males and 18,667 females.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1885.

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.	Per cent.
Victoria ..	15,455	14,520	29,975	8,300	6,064	14,364	7,395	30·74	14·73	7·58	15,611	108·68
New South Wales ..	17,939	17,104	35,043	8,900	6,382	15,282	7,618	37·64	16·42	8·18	19,761	129·31
Queensland ..	5,908	5,764	11,672	4,122	2,113	6,235	2,842	37·80	20·19	9·20	5,437	87·20
South Australia ..	6,070	5,976	12,046	2,205	1,782	3,987	2,447	38·47	12·73	7·82	8,059	202·13
Western Australia ..	623	577	1,200	406	194	600	256	35·22	17·61	7·51	600	100·00
Total ..	45,995	43,941	89,936	23,933	16,535	40,468	20,558	35·10	15·80	8·02	49,468	122·24
Tasmania ..	2,368	2,269	4,637	1,159	877	2,036	1,054	35·08	15·40	7·97	2,601	127·75
New Zealand ..	10,020	9,673	19,693	3,562	2,519	6,081	3,813	34·78	10·74	6·73	13,612	223·84
Grand Total	58,383	55,883	114,266	28,654	19,931	48,585	25,425	35·05	14·90	7·80	65,681	135·19

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

TABLE III.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1885.

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	53,291	23,685	76,976	41,395	20,599	61,994	11,896	3,086	14,982
New South Wales ..	54,843	23,295	78,138	26,976	11,479	38,455	27,867	11,816	39,683
Queensland	24,087	10,247	34,334	16,865	5,903	22,768	7,222	4,344	11,566
South Australia ..	10,152	4,348	14,500	15,253	6,664	21,917	- 5,101	- 2,316	- 7,417
Western Australia ..	2,277	770	3,047	1,128	291	1,419	1,149	479	1,628
Total	144,650	62,345	206,995	101,617	44,936	146,553	43,033	17,409	60,442
Tasmania	10,973	3,849	14,822	10,241	3,932	14,173	732	- 83	649
New Zealand	10,766	5,433	16,199	7,866	3,829	11,695	2,900	1,604	4,504
Grand Total	166,389	71,627	238,016	119,724	52,697	172,421	46,665	18,930	65,595 ³

NOTE.—The immigration and emigration in this table is by sea only, no attempt having been made to determine the number of persons going overland from one colony to another.

¹ The figures in these columns understate the truth. Many persons leave all the colonies by sea without their departure being noted. It has been authoritatively estimated in New South Wales that the number so leaving that colony in 1885 amounted to 5,488.

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 1885 was 40,689, and the number who returned to the United Kingdom from these colonies was 8,272. The excess in favour of departures was thus 32,417.

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1885.

(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	2,548,171 ³	666,557	2,200,067	380,556 ³	495,010	6,290,361
New South Wales ..	2,252,651	1,876,452	2,492,691	472,564	490,235	7,584,593
Queensland	1,200,111 ⁴	599,727	694,323	175,839	170,960	2,840,960
South Australia ..	749,447	424,683	654,633	196,868	283,961	2,309,592
Western Australia ..	145,835	100,550	27,179	16,924	32,725	323,213
Total	6,896,215	3,667,969	6,068,893	1,242,751	1,472,891	19,348,719
Tasmania	366,118	66,478	37,182	45,247	56,372	571,397
New Zealand	2,096,212 ⁵	354,233 ⁵	1,016,925	223,933 ³	405,693	4,096,996
Grand Total	9,358,545	4,088,680	7,123,000	1,511,931	1,934,956	24,017,112

NOTE.—The financial year terminates on the 30th June in Victoria, but on the 31st December in all the other colonies. The *net* revenue is given for Victoria, but the *gross* revenue for New South Wales and probably also for the other colonies.

¹ The amounts in this column are in Victoria, and should be in all the colonies, made up of Customs duties, less drawbacks, &c.; also 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.

² According to the Treasurer's Finance Statement, not audited, the figures for Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1886, were as follow:—Revenue from Customs, £2,004,458; other taxes, £629,052; from Crown lands, £563,607; from Railways, £2,306,791; from Post and Telegraphs, £394,184; from other sources, £518,313—Total revenue, £6,416,405; total expenditure, £6,513,634. The estimated mean population of the same period was 991,640; therefore the revenue per head was £6 9s. 5d.; the expenditure per head was £6 11s. 4d.; and the taxation per head was £2 13s. 1d.

³ The proportion of the revenue of Victoria and New Zealand derived from "Taxation" and "Post and Telegraphs" has been partly estimated.

⁴ Including revenue from "Licences"—viz., £50,036—properly included, but which appears to have been omitted in previous years.

⁵ Exclusive of revenue from gold-fields.

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1885—*continued.*

(Exclusive of Revenue from Loans.)

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Revenue raised by Taxation.	Revenue per Head of Population from—					Total Revenue per Head.
		Taxation.	Crown Lands.	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Other Sources.	
	Per cent.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ²	40·51	2 13 1	0 14 1	2 5 8	0 8 0	0 10 2	6 11 0
New South Wales	29·70	2 8 5	2 0 4	2 13 6	0 10 2	0 10 6	8 2 11
Queensland	42·24	3 16 0	1 17 10	2 4 0	0 11 2	0 10 10	8 19 10
South Australia	32·45	2 7 10	1 7 1	2 1 10	0 12 7	0 18 2	7 7 6
Western Australia	45·11	4 5 8	2 19 0	0 16 0	0 9 11	0 19 2	9 9 9
Total	35·64	2 14 2	1 8 10	2 7 8	0 9 9	0 11 7	7 12 0
Tasmania	64·07	2 15 5	0 10 2	0 5 7	0 6 10	0 8 6	4 6 6
New Zealand	51·16	3 14 1	0 12 6	1 15 11	0 7 11	0 14 4	7 4 9
Grand Total	38·97	2 17 8	1 5 2	2 3 11	0 9 4	0 11 11	7 8 0

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² See footnote (2) on preceding page.

TABLE V.—PUBLIC EXPENDITURE, 1885.

(Exclusive of Expenditure from Loans.)

Name of Colony.	Public Expenditure on—					Total Expenditure.
	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Interest and Expenses of Public Debt.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ¹	1,409,993	534,373	1,271,907	..	2,924,083	6,140,356
New South Wales	1,727,621	574,309	1,267,608	52,036	4,951,714	8,573,288
Queensland	444,140	296,467	756,565	..	1,378,437	2,875,609
South Australia	410,725	196,335	664,941	36,043	1,146,764	2,454,808
Western Australia	28,188	29,851	49,280	..	201,530	308,849
Total	4,020,667	1,631,335	4,010,301	88,079	10,602,528	20,352,910
Tasmania	61,520	55,915	148,598	..	319,734	585,767
New Zealand	736,009	282,912	1,698,599	..	1,565,381	4,282,901
Grand Total	4,818,196	1,970,162	5,857,498	88,079	12,487,643	25,221,578

NOTE.—For date on which the financial year terminates in each colony, see Note to last table. The *net* expenditure is given for Victoria, but the *gross* expenditure for New South Wales and probably also for the other colonies.

¹ For later figures of Victorian expenditure, see footnote (2) to last table.

TABLE V.—PUBLIC EXPENDITURE, 1885—*continued.*

(Exclusive of Expenditure from Loans.)

Name of Colony.	Expenditure per Head of Population on—					Total Expenditure per Head.
	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Interest and Expenses of Public Debt.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ¹	1 9 4	11 2	1 6 6	..	3 0 11	6 7 11
New South Wales ..	1 17 1	12 4	1 7 3	1 1	5 6 5	9 4 2
Queensland	1 8 10	19 2	2 9 0	..	4 9 3	9 6 3
South Australia ..	1 6 3	12 6	2 2 6	2 4	3 13 3	7 16 10
Western Australia ..	0 16 7	17 6	1 8 11	..	5 18 4	9 1 4
Total.. ..	1 11 7	12 10	1 11 6	0 8	4 3 3	7 19 10
Tasmania	0 9 4	8 5	1 2 6	..	2 8 5	4 8 8
New Zealand	1 6 0	10 0	3 0 0	..	2 15 4	7 11 4
Grand Total ..	1 9 8	12 2	1 16 1	0 6	3 17 0	7 15 5

NOTE.—For date on which the financial year terminates in each colony, see Note to last table. The *net* expenditure is given for Victoria, but the *gross* expenditure for New South Wales and probably also for the other colonies.

¹ For later figures of Victorian expenditure, see footnote (2) to last table.

TABLE VI.—EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS, 1885.

Name of Colony.	Expenditure from Loans on—				Total Expenditure from Loans.
	Railways.	Water Supply.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria	848,358	172,464	..	132,243	1,153,065
New South Wales ..	2,982,746	484,963	..	428,436	3,896,145
Queensland	1,208,152	71,966	140,679	290,927	1,711,724
South Australia..	709,842	100,450	..	326,154	1,136,446
Western Australia ..	118,862	..	..	44,130	162,992
Total	5,867,960	829,843	140,679	1,221,890	8,060,372
Tasmania	256,372	..	4,779	204,297	465,448
New Zealand	526,028	..	27,010	1,225,846	1,778,884
Grand Total ..	6,650,360	829,843	172,468	2,652,033	10,304,704

Name of Colony.	Expenditure from Loans per Head of Population on—				Total Expenditure from Loans per Head.
	Railways.	Water Supply.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	0 17 8	3 7	..	0 2 9	1 4 0
New South Wales ..	3 4 1	10 5	..	0 9 3	4 3 9
Queensland	3 18 3	4 8	9 1	0 18 10	5 10 10
South Australia..	2 5 4	6 5	..	1 0 10	3 12 7
Western Australia ..	3 9 9	..	..	1 5 11	4 15 8
Total	2 6 1	6 6	1 1	0 9 7	3 3 3
Tasmania	1 18 9	..	0 9	1 10 11	3 10 5
New Zealand	0 18 7	..	0 11	2 3 4	3 2 10
Grand Total ..	2 1 0	5 1	1 1	0 16 4	3 3 6

NOTE.—In this table the figures for Victoria relate to the year ended 30th June, 1885; but those for the other colonies to the year ended 31st December, 1885.

TABLE VII.—PUBLIC DEBT, 1885.

(On the 31st December.)

Name of Colony.	Public Debt contracted for—				Total Public Debt.
	Railways.	Water Supply.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ¹	21,868,973	3,803,365	..	2,956,250	28,628,588
New South Wales ³ ..	29,663,319	1,549,807	387,663	3,963,470	35,564,259 ²
Queensland ³ ..	10,454,335	406,126	2,049,397	6,410,992 ⁴	19,320,850
South Australia ..	9,389,428	1,206,650	..	6,424,822	17,020,900
Western Australia ..	838,675	..	..	449,425	1,288,100
Total ..	72,214,730	6,965,948	2,437,060	20,204,959	101,822,697
Tasmania	1,324,528	..	227,814	1,804,658	3,357,000
New Zealand ..	12,359,083	551,261	2,105,617	20,774,461 ⁵	35,790,422 ⁶
Grand Total ..	85,898,341	7,517,209	4,770,491	42,784,078	140,970,119

Name of Colony.	Debt per Head of Population contracted for—				Total Debt per Head.	Number of Years' Revenue Debt is equal to.
	Railways.	Water Supply.	Immigration.	Other Services.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Victoria	22 0 11	3 16 9	..	2 19 7	28 17 3	4·55
New South Wales ..	30 19 5	1 12 5	0 8 1	4 2 9	37 2 8	4·69
Queensland ..	33 2 11	1 5 9	6 9 11	20 6 5	61 5 0	6·80
South Australia ..	29 19 2	3 17 0	..	20 10 0	54 6 2	7·37
Western Australia ..	23 16 10	..	..	12 15 6	36 12 4	3·99
Total ..	27 12 7	2 13 4	0 18 7	7 14 8	38 19 2	5·26
Tasmania	9 18 0	..	1 14 1	13 9 9	25 1 10	5·88
New Zealand ..	21 9 7	0 19 2	3 13 3	36 2 3	62 4 3 ⁷	8·74 ⁷
Grand Total ..	25 17 2	2 5 3	1 8 9	12 17 7	42 8 9	5·87

¹ On the 30th June, 1886, the public debt of Victoria was £30,127,382. The estimated population at that date was 1,009,753, and the approximate revenue of the financial year ended with that date was £6,416,405. The amount of indebtedness per head was thus £29 16s. 9d., and the debt was equivalent to 4·69 years' revenue.

² Including a loan of £5,500,000, raised in London in October, 1885, but which had not been brought to account in Sydney up to the end of 1885. Some portion of this was not receivable until the 17th March, 1886.

³ In July, 1886, New South Wales floated in London a fresh loan of £5,500,000, and in March, 1886, Queensland floated one for £1,500,000.

⁴ Including unexpended balances of loan moneys, amounting to £2,441,520.

⁵ Including the old provincial loans of New Zealand, raised prior to 1871, and the unspent balances of loan moneys, which together amounted to £12,514,701. No particulars of the purposes to which the former were applied are available.

⁶ The accrued sinking fund of New Zealand amounted on the 31st December to £3,217,930; the net liability was, therefore, £32,572,492.

⁷ The debt of New Zealand, less the accrued sinking fund, was in the proportion of £56 12s. 6d. per head, and was equal to 7·95 times the revenue of 1885.

TABLE VIII.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1885.

Name of Colony.	Value of Imports.		Value of Exports.		Value of Exports of Home Produce.
	From other Australasian Colonies.	Total.	To other Australasian Colonies.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria	5,652,169	18,044,604	5,633,247	15,551,758	12,452,245
New South Wales ..	8,415,704	23,365,196	6,856,910	16,541,745	12,957,881
Queensland	3,359,405	6,422,490	3,504,636	5,243,404	5,116,293
South Australia ..	2,047,331	5,548,403	1,836,215	5,636,255	4,385,599
Western Australia ..	321,173	650,391	65,239	446,692	445,208
Total	19,795,782	54,031,084	17,896,247	43,419,854	35,357,226
Tasmania	1,081,763	1,757,486	1,122,675	1,313,693	1,299,011
New Zealand	1,254,908	7,479,921	1,350,158	6,819,939	6,591,911
Grand Total	22,132,453	63,268,491	20,369,080	51,553,486	43,248,148

Name of Colony.	Value per Head of Imports.		Value per Head of Exports.		Exports of Home Produce.	
	From other Australasian Colonies.	Total.	To other Australasian Colonies.	Total.	Value per Head.	Percentage of Total Exports.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Victoria	5 15 11	18 10 2	5 15 7	15 19 0	12 15 5	80·06
New South Wales ..	9 0 10	25 2 0	7 7 3	17 15 4	13 18 5	78·33
Queensland	10 17 7	20 16 0	11 7 0	16 19 7	16 11 5	97·58
South Australia ..	6 10 9	17 14 5	5 17 4	18 0 0	14 0 2	77·81
Western Australia ..	9 8 6	19 1 9	1 18 3	13 2 2	13 1 4	99·67
Total	7 14 6	21 1 9	6 19 9	16 19 0	13 16 0	81·43
Tasmania	8 3 8	13 5 11	8 9 11	9 18 10	9 16 7	98·88
New Zealand	2 4 4	13 4 3	2 7 8	12 0 11	11 12 10	96·66
Grand Total	6 15 9	19 8 1	6 4 11	15 16 3	13 5 4	83·89

NOTE.—There is reason to believe that both imports and exports (especially the former) are over-valued in most of the colonies.

TABLE IX.—SHIPPING, 1885.

Name of Colony.	Inwards.		Outwards.		Total.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria	2,154	1,631,266	2,119	1,628,892	4,273	3,260,158
New South Wales ¹ ..	2,601	2,088,307	2,583	2,044,770	5,184	4,133,077
Queensland	920	496,277	967	532,904	1,887	1,029,181
South Australia ..	1,072	893,092	1,091	913,950	2,163	1,807,042
Western Australia ..	232	231,761	229	236,274	461	468,035
Total	6,979	5,340,703	6,989	5,356,790	13,968	10,697,493
Tasmania	689	342,745	669	335,061	1,358	677,806
New Zealand	786	519,700	780	513,000	1,566	1,032,700
Grand Total ..	8,454	6,203,148	8,438	6,204,851	16,892	12,407,999

¹ In previous years the figures of shipping for New South Wales overstated the truth, in consequence of vessels with cargoes on board which called at Sydney and Newcastle having been counted at both ports. It is believed the figures given on the present occasion are free from this error.

TABLE X.—RAILWAYS, 1885.

Name of Colony.	At the End of the Year.			Receipts during the Year.	Working Expenses during the Year.	Proportion of Net Receipts to Capital Cost. ²
	Railways Open.		Railways in course of Construction. ¹			
	Length. ¹	Capital Cost.				
	Miles.	£	Miles.	£	£	Per Cent.
Victoria	1,676	22,851,141	137	2,181,932	1,277,425	4·07
New South Wales ..	1,777 ³	20,772,769	407	2,174,368	1,458,153	3·51
Queensland	1,434	9,484,654 ⁴	558 ⁵	691,541	444,140	2·73 ⁶
South Australia ..	1,063	7,295,102	718	643,850	407,248	3·25
Western Australia ..	184	500,750	20	27,179	28,188	—0·23 ⁶
Total	6,134	60,904,416	1,840	5,718,870	3,615,154	3·53
Tasmania ¹	257	2,009,712	185	126,905	111,167	0·33
New Zealand	1,654	12,349,082	259	1,047,418	690,340	2·96
Grand Total ..	8,045	75,263,210	2,234	6,893,193	4,416,661	3·36

NOTE.—The figures are for the year ended 30th June, 1885, in Victoria; for that ended 31st March, 1886, in New Zealand; and for that ended 31st December in the other colonies. On the 30th June, 1886, the extent of lines open in Victoria had increased to 1,743 miles, and the cost of construction to £23,903,900; whilst the gross receipts for 1885-6 amounted to £2,329,126, the working expenses to £1,310,538, and the net receipts to £1,018,588. The latter was equivalent to 4·36 per cent. of the capital cost.

¹ The following lengths of private railway are included, viz., 45 miles in New South Wales, 60 miles in Western Australia, 48 miles in Tasmania; and 41 miles, together with 80 miles under construction, in New Zealand. The cost of the private lines in Tasmania—amounting to £140,129, together with the receipts during the year, amounting to £16,366, and the expenditure, amounting to £6,315—are included in the figures for that colony; but similar information has not been supplied for New South Wales, Western Australia, and New Zealand, and therefore the figures for those colonies, except as regards the length of railways, relate to the Government lines only.

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 Exclusive of 35 miles of Government tramway, constructed at a capital cost of £703,110, the gross receipts from which amounted to £223,340, and the working expenses to £207,995.

⁴ Including expenditure on lines in progress.

⁵ Including railways authorized.

⁶ 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.

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

TABLE XI.—POSTAL RETURNS, 1885.

Name of Colony.	Number of Post Offices.	Number Despatched and Received of—		Revenue.	Expenditure.
		Letters and Post Cards.	Newspapers. ¹		
Victoria	1,384	36,061,880	16,277,108	£ 290,838	£ 488,067 ²
New South Wales	1,115	39,351,200	25,567,400	316,172	375,965
Queensland	623	9,776,407	8,794,633	97,651	203,534
South Australia	555	13,158,626	6,070,227	108,895	196,334
Western Australia	80	1,440,600	1,034,400	12,039	29,851 ²
Total	3,757	99,788,713	57,743,768	825,595	1,293,751
Tasmania	246	4,472,506	3,560,367	26,170	37,503
New Zealand	1,011	37,149,788	14,233,878	267,671	171,282
Grand Total	5,014	141,411,007	75,538,013	1,119,436	1,502,536

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 other colonies a small postage fee is charged on newspapers.

² Including expenditure on telegraphs.

TABLE XII.—ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS, 1885.

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. ¹
	In operation.	In course of Construction.	Total.			
Victoria	3,949	39	3,988	9,617	1,624,666 ²	£ 87,802
New South Wales	10,351	153	10,504	19,864	2,625,992	191,192
Queensland	7,533	740	8,273	12,290	1,222,191	82,037
South Australia	5,346	..	5,346	9,378	713,379	87,496
Western Australia	2,234	870	3,104	2,288	116,977	4,985
Total	29,413	1,802	31,215	53,437	6,303,205	453,512
Tasmania	1,635	59	1,694	2,071	218,155	19,985
New Zealand	4,463	199	4,662	10,931	1,774,273	87,918
Grand Total	35,511	2,060	37,571	66,439	8,295,633	561,415

NOTE.—In many of the colonies, telephone exchanges have been established, but information is to hand respecting only two colonies, viz., Victoria and Tasmania. In the former, there were 1,111 miles, and in the latter 146 miles, of telephone wires open at the end of the year.

¹ The amounts received are not comparable with the telegrams received and despatched, since many public telegrams are included, which are transmitted free of cost.

² Exclusive of telegrams on railway service, which numbered about 350,000.

TABLE XIII.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED AND IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, 1885.

Name of Colony.	During the Year 1885.					Total Extent Wholly or Conditionally Alienated.
	Sold by Auction, Private Contract, &c.			Selected under System of Deferred Payments. ¹	Granted without Purchase.	
	Area.	Amount of Purchase Money.	Average Price per Acre.			
	Acres.	£	£ s. d.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Victoria	26,900	115,352	4 5 9	723,52 [∞]	3,099	753,522
New South Wales	295,025	446,312	1 10 3	1,114,872	..	1,409,897
Queensland ..	3,743	70,252	18 15 5	124,285	75	128,103
South Australia ..	13,205	13,057	0 19 9	215,903 ²	19,251	248,359
Western Australia	53,959	24,332	0 9 0	112,774	2,054	168,787
Total ..	392,832	669,255	1 14 1	2,291,357	24,479	2,708,668
Tasmania	*	*	*	*	*	59,972
New Zealand ..	59,613	87,660	1 9 5	58,722	456,080 ³	574,415
Grand Total	*	*	*	*	*	3,343,055

Name of Colony.	Up to the End of 1885.—Extent—			At the End of 1885.—Extent—	
	Alienated in Fee Simple. ⁴		In Process of Alienation under System of Deferred Payments. ⁵	Alienated or in Process of Alienation.	Neither Alienated nor in Process of Alienation.
	Sold.	Granted without Purchase.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Victoria	14,413,304	12,306	7,934,275	22,359,885	33,885,875
New South Wales	20,634,704	4,069,130	16,979,460	41,683,294	156,188,706
Queensland ..	7,664,214	64,354	3,372,246	11,100,814	416,562,546
South Australia ..	6,762,098	370,000	3,884,836	11,016,934	567,175,066
Western Australia	1,813,205 ⁶	*. ⁷	297,079	2,110,284	622,478,516
Total ..	51,287,525	4,515,790	32,467,896	88,271,211	1,796,290,709
Tasmania	*	*	*	4,461,013	12,418,987
New Zealand ..	12,838,901	5,520,962 ⁸	498,492	18,858,355	47,851,975 ⁹
Grand Total	*	*	*	111,590,579	1,856,561,671

* 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 instalments (often without interest) extending over a series of years. For particulars of the terms and conditions under which such land is held, see *Victorian Year-Book*, 1884-5, paragraph 750, and Appendix D.

² Exclusive of surrendered lands re-selected under the Act of the 31st August, 1884, amounting to 1,079,965 acres.

³ Of this area, 431,186 acres were granted to Natives or Europeans under Native Land Acts.

⁴ Including only that of which the purchase has been completed.

⁵ Exclusive of the extent estimated to have been forfeited for non-fulfilment of conditions, &c.

⁶ Including land granted without purchase.

⁷ Included with the area sold in fee simple.

⁸ It is believed that these figures refer chiefly 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.

⁹ Of this extent, about 16,000,000 acres belong to the Maoris, or to Europeans who have purchased from them; and 51,367 acres were held under "Perpetual Lease."

TABLE XIV.—STATE EDUCATION, 1885.

Name of Colony.	At the End of 1885.				Gross Enrolment of Scholars during 1885.		
	Number of State Schools.	Number of Teachers.			Males.	Females.	Total.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
Victoria	1,826	1,714	1,815	3,529 ¹	115,982	108,703	224,685
New South Wales ..	2,046	1,744	1,758	3,502	102,130 ²	94,960 ²	197,090
Queensland	447	603	681	1,284	28,899	26,873	55,772
South Australia ..	472	398	623	1,021	25,734 ²	23,930 ²	49,664
Western Australia ..	77	35	73	108	1,681	1,511	3,192
Total	4,868	4,494	4,950	9,444	274,426	255,977	530,403
Tasmania	194	144	234	378	8,475	6,943	15,418
New Zealand	1,021	1,158	1,461	2,619	73,165	68,133	141,298
Grand Total	6,083	5,796	6,645	12,441	356,066	331,053	687,119

Name of Colony.	Scholars in Average Attendance during the Year.			Net Cost to State, 1885. ³			Amount of Fees paid by Scholars.
	Total Number.	Number to each Teacher.	Percentage of Scholars on the Rolls.	Total Amount.	Amount per Head of Mean Population	Amount per Scholar in Average Attendance	
Victoria	119,488	34	53·18	580,336	0 11 11	4 17 2	3,749 ⁴
New South Wales ..	100,462	29	50·97	663,697	0 14 3	6 12 1	58,926
Queensland	30,117	23	54·00	123,764	0 8 0	4 2 2	..
South Australia ..	27,005	26	54·38	96,685	0 6 2	3 11 7	24,798
Western Australia ..	2,333	22	73·09	10,044	0 5 11	4 6 1	1,445
Total	279,405	30	52·68	1,474,526	0 11 6	5 5 7	88,918
Tasmania	7,465	20	48·42	25,710	0 3 11	3 8 11	8,030
New Zealand	78,327	30	55·43	300,759 ⁵	0 10 7	3 16 9	360 ⁴
Grand Total	365,197	29	51·99	1,800,995	0 11 0	4 18 8	97,308

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 from 7 to 13, in Tasmania from 7 to 14, and in New Zealand from 7 to 13 years. For a complete account of the educational systems of the various colonies, see *Victorian Year-Book*, 1880-81, pp. 431 to 459.

¹ Including 1,072 pupil-teachers, but exclusive of 521 work-mistresses.

² These figures have been estimated, as information respecting the sexes was not supplied for the present return.

³ Exclusive of expenditure towards capital cost of buildings, &c.

⁴ For extra subjects only.

⁵ In addition to this amount, £29,762 was defrayed out of the revenue derived from education reserves, and £696 from local sources (exclusive of fees).

TABLE XV.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1885-6.—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 1886. In calculating the rates of tillage per head, the population at the 31st December, 1885, has been taken.

Name of Colony.	Number of Acres under Tillage.	
	Total.	Per Head of Population.
Victoria.. ..	2,405,157	2·42
New South Wales	868,093	·90
Queensland	209,130	·66
South Australia ⁷	2,785,490	8·91
Western Australia	76,929	2·19
Total	6,344,799	2·43
Tasmania	417,777	3·12
New Zealand	1,265,975 ⁹	2·20
Grand Total	8,028,551	2·42

Name of Colony.	Number of Acres under—									
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. ¹	Pota-toes.	Hay.	Vines.	Green Forage. ²	Other Tillage. ³
Victoria	1,020,082	215,994	74,112	4,530	36,114	42,602	421,036	9,775	334,399	246,513 ⁴
New South Wales	264,867	14,117	5,298	132,709	932	15,166	219,886	5,247	156,710	53,161 ⁵
Queensland	10,093	208	406	71,741	..	6,735	23,881	1,483	13,629	75,954 ⁶
South Australia ⁷	1,942,453	7,264	15,697	..	4,601	5,666	308,429	4,590	33,296	463,494
Western Australia	29,511	1,596	6,178	156	675	434	19,677	624	191	17,887
Total	3,267,006	239,179	101,691	209,136	42,322	70,603	997,909	21,719	538,225	857,009
Tasmania	30,266	29,247	6,833	..	7,774	11,073	41,693	..	185,434	105,457 ⁸
New Zealand	173,891	329,488	34,603	3,286	1,507	24,823	40,304	..	399,692 ⁹	258,381 ¹⁰
Grand Total	3,471,163	597,914	143,127	212,422	51,603	106,499	1,079,906	21,719	1,123,351	1,220,847

NOTE.—Land in fallow is included in the total area under tillage in all the colonies, except New South Wales; and land under permanent artificial grasses in all the colonies, except Queensland, Western Australia, and New Zealand. See also Notes 2, 3, and 9.

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

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, 327,210 acres; New South Wales, 137,798 acres; Queensland (not returned); South Australia, 23,217 acres; Western Australia (not returned); Tasmania, 181,203 acres. For extent of such land in New Zealand, see Note 9.

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, 209,225 acres; New South Wales (not returned); Queensland, 10,796 acres; South Australia, 450,536 acres; Western Australia, 1,733 acres; Tasmania, 18,681 acres; New Zealand, 219,270 acres.

⁴ Including 639 acres under turnips, carrots, parsnips, cabbage, and beet, which produced 6,479 tons; 1,346 acres under mangel wurzel, which produced 24,129 tons; 1,740 acres under onions, which produced 10,209 tons; 1,866 acres under tobacco, which produced 13,734 cwt.; 216 acres under chicory, which produced 1,239 tons; 896 acres under hops, which produced 5,501 cwt.; 2,942 acres under grass seeds, which produced about 45,000 bushels, &c.

⁵ Including 1,603 acres under tobacco, which produced 22,947 cwt.; 15,419 acres (of which 6,836 acres were unproductive) under sugar-cane, which produced 369,280 cwt. of sugar; 7,734 acres under orange trees, which produced 8,749,256 dozen oranges; and 19,245 acres under gardens and orchards.

⁶ Including 59,186 acres under sugar-cane, of which 38,557 acres were productive, and yielded 55,796 tons of sugar; 330 acres under arrowroot, which produced 551,912 lbs.; 633 acres under oranges, which produced 658,549 dozen; 1,034 acres under bananas, which produced 1,660,180 dozen; 365 acres under pine apples, which produced 122,263 dozen; 117 acres under tobacco, which produced 1,330 cwt.

⁷ No agricultural statistics having been collected in South Australia in 1885-6, the figures for the previous year have been given for that colony.

⁸ Including 3,680 acres under turnips, which produced 30,913 tons; 904 acres under mangel wurzel, which yielded 12,807 tons; and 8,198 acres in gardens and orchards. The remainder consisted of fenced and cleared land, not strictly under tillage, and devoted to pastoral purposes.

⁹ In the figures for New Zealand, the land under permanent artificial grass, amounting to 5,424,853 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 other colonies. Were the whole so placed, it would bring the land under tillage up to 6,690,828 acres, or to 11·63 acres per head of the population.

¹⁰ Including 10,530 acres under pease and beans; 3,437 acres under mangolds, beet, carrots, parsnips, &c.; 714 acres under hops; and 34 acres under tobacco; and 21,908 acres under gardens and orchards.

TABLE XVI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1885-6.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

Name of Colony.	Bushels raised of—					Tons raised of—	
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. ¹	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria	9,170,538	4,692,303	1,302,854	181,240	769,629	163,202	442,118
New South Wales ..	2,733,133	279,107	85,606	4,336,163	14,531	38,695	191,372
Queensland	51,598	1,006	9,826	1,574,294	..	18,989	30,660
South Australia ² ..	14,621,755	88,639	211,207	..	64,826	23,192	285,839
Western Australia ..	339,376	23,142	89,581	1,950	..	1,085	19,677
Total	26,916,400	5,084,197	1,699,074	6,093,647	848,986	245,163	969,666
Tasmania	524,353	784,325	176,466	..	171,600	53,521	51,872
New Zealand	4,242,285	8,603,702	896,816	..	..	113,753	45,818
Grand Total	31,683,038	14,472,224	2,772,356	6,093,647	1,020,586	412,437	1,067,356

Name of Colony.	Gallons of Wine made.	Bushels per Acre of—					Tons per Acre of—	
		Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. ¹	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria	1,003,827	8·99	21·72	17·58	40·01	21·31	3·83	1·05
New South Wales ..	555,470	10·32	19·77	16·16	32·67	15·59	2·55	·88
Queensland	133,298	5·11	4·84	24·20	21·94	..	2·82	1·06
South Australia ² ..	473,535	7·53	12·20	13·48	..	14·09	4·10	·93
Western Australia ..	59,488	11·50	14·50	14·50	12·50	..	2·50	1·00
Total	2,225,618	8·24	21·26	16·71	29·14	20·39	3·47	·97
Tasmania .. .. .	..	17·32	26·82	25·83	..	22·07	4·83	1·24
New Zealand .. .. .	..	24·40	26·11	25·92	..	..	4·58	1·14
Grand Total	2,225,618	9·13	24·20	19·38	29·14	20·65	3·87	·99

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

² No agricultural statistics having been collected in South Australia in 1885-6, the figures for the previous year have been given for that colony.

TABLE XVII.—LIVE STOCK, 1885-6.

* * The Live Stock Statistics in most of the colonies are collected with the Agricultural Statistics in the months of February and March. The present returns are for those months of 1886.

Name of Colony.	Number of—				Total.
	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	
Victoria	304,098	1,290,790	10,681,837	239,837	12,516,562
New South Wales	344,697	1,317,315	37,820,906	208,697	39,691,615
Queensland ..	260,207	4,162,652	8,994,322	55,843	13,473,024
South Australia ¹ ..	168,420	389,726	6,696,406	163,807	7,418,359
Western Australia	34,392	70,408	1,702,719	24,280	1,831,799
Total ..	1,111,814	7,230,891	65,896,190	692,464	74,931,359
Tasmania	28,610	138,642	1,648,627	67,395	1,883,274
New Zealand ² ..	187,382	895,461	16,677,445	369,992	18,130,280
Grand Total..	1,327,806	8,264,994	84,222,262	1,129,851	94,944,913

Name of Colony.	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	3.46	31	14.69	130	121.61	1,077	2.73	24	142.49	1,262
New South Wales	1.12	36	4.26	138	122.33	3,948	.67	22	128.38	4,144
Queensland ..	.39	83	6.23	1,319	13.46	2,851	.08	18	20.16	4,271
South Australia ² ..	.19	54	.43	124	7.41	2,137	.18	52	8.21	2,367
Western Australia	.04	98	.07	200	2.74	4,838	.02	69	2.00	5,205
Total ..	.38	43	2.46	277	22.38	2,521	.23	26	25.45	2,867
Tasmania ..	1.08	21	5.26	104	62.50	1,233	2.56	50	71.40	1,408
New Zealand ..	1.80	33	8.59	156	160.00	2,899	3.55	64	173.95	3,152
Grand Total..	.43	40	2.69	248	27.39	2,535	.37	34	30.87	2,857

¹ No statistics of live stock having been collected in South Australia in 1885-6, the figures for the previous year are given for that colony.

² The figures for New Zealand are those returned at the census of March, 1886.

TABLE XVIII.—STATISTICS OF FIJI, 1878 TO 1885.

. Fiji consists of from 70 to 80 inhabited islands, the estimated area of which is 7,740 square miles. There are also a number of 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

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

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. 39,476	200	3,000	3,100	50,000
1879	131	28,967	125	28,085	23,559	300	4,000	3,771	50,000
1880	157	32,933	150	32,689	27,562	360	5,000	4,769	50,000
1881	164	35,542	160	35,230	75,627	400	5,000	4,769	50,000
1882	163	43,768	165	43,757	65,745	600	5,000	4,000	50,000
1883	198	68,530	193	69,322	31,665	600	5,324	5,373	50,000
1884	150	63,246	144	64,731	38,325	610	4,600	5,869	50,000
1885	124	54,056	135	55,892	26,368	650	5,953	6,350	50,000

NOTE.—The following additional information has been supplied for the year 1885 :—*Immigration*—Assisted and free, 1,546, viz., 977 males and 569 females. *Sources of Revenue*—Customs duties, £31,612; other taxes, £31,373; Crown lands, £686; Post Office, £2,133; other sources, £10,865. *Heads of Expenditure*—Post Office, £1,234; interest on public debt, £8,250; immigration, £3,292; other expenditure, £79,433. *Public Debt*—Of the public debt only £150,000 bears interest; the amount paid during the year for interest was £8,250. *Imports and Exports*—Of the total value of imports, £289,738 was from other British possessions, and £4,847 from Foreign countries; and of the total value of exports, £288,906 was to British possessions, and £37,844 to Foreign countries; nearly the whole of the exports were of Fijian production. *Post Offices*—Number of offices, 33; letters, 261,490; newspapers, 235,392; revenue during the year, £3,923; expenditure, £2,527. *State Education*—Number of schools, 2; teachers, 5, viz., 2 males and 3 females; scholars on the rolls, 267, viz., 119 males and 148 females; average attendance, 90; fees paid by scholars, £267; and school rates, £779; net cost to State, including buildings, &c., £734. *Agriculture*—Land under cultivation, 38,347 acres; of which 396 acres were under maize, which yielded 5,128 bushels.

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 1885 was 377,090 acres. The amount realized by the State was only £26,259, which, however, represents the price of but a small proportion of the acreage alienated. The majority of the grants issued were 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.