

TABLE I.—POPULATION, 1873.

Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles.	On the 31st December.						Estimated Mean Population of the Year.		
		Estimated Population.			Number of—		Persons to the Square Mile.	Males.	Females.	Total.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males to 100 Females.	Females to 100 Males.				
Victoria	88,198	430,042	360,450	790,492 ¹	119:307	83:817	8:963	424,729	355,633	780,362
New South Wales	123,437	307,329	252,946	560,275 ²	121:50	82:30	1:732	301,505	248,228	549,733
Queensland	678,600	87,154	59,536	146,690	146:39	68:31	2:16	83,386	56,736	140,122
South Australia	914,730	101,540	96,535	198,075 ³	105:18	95:07	2:17	100,011	95,138	195,149
Western Australia	978,299	15,569	10,192	25,761	152:76	65:46	2:26	15,625	10,118	25,743
Total	2,983,264	941,634	779,659	1,721,293	120:78	82:80	5:77	925,256	765,853	1,691,109
Tasmania	26,215	55,368	48,849	104,217	113:35	88:23	3:975	54,893	48,678	103,571
New Zealand	105,000	170,406	125,540	295,946 ⁴	135:74	73:67	2:819	166,405	121,348	287,753
Grand Total	3,114,479	1,167,408	954,048	2,121,456	122:36	81:72	6:81	1,146,554	935,879	2,082,433

¹ On the 30th September 1874 the Population of Victoria was estimated as follows :—Males, 435,960; Females, 366,981; Total, 802,941.

² On the 30th June 1874 the Population of New South Wales was estimated as follows :—Males, 313,112; Females, 257,358; Total, 570,470.

³ On the 30th September 1874 the Population of South Australia was estimated as follows :—Males, 104,657; Females, 99,435; Total, 204,092.

⁴ According to the Census of New Zealand, taken on the 1st March 1874, the Population at that date was as follows :—Males, 170,903; Females, 128,482; Total, 299,385.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1873.

Name of Colony.	Births of—			Deaths of—			Marriages	Per 1000 of Mean Population—Number of—			Excess of Births over Deaths.		Males to 100 Females.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages	Numerical.	Per cent.	Born.	Died.
	Victoria	14,234	13,866	28,100	6,595	4,936		11,501	4,974	39:01	14:74	6:37	16,599	144:33	102:65	133:00
New South Wales	10,953	10,492	21,444	4,509	3,012	7,611	4,384	39:01	13:84	7:97	13,833	181:75	104:38	152:69
Queensland	2,945	2,775	5,720	1,371	879	2,250	1,354	40:82	16:06	9:66	3,470	154:22	106:13	155:97
South Australia	3,602	3,503	7,107	1,481	1,150	2,631	1,562	36:42	13:48	8:00	4,476	170:13	102:77	128:78
Western Australia	432	387	829	269	149	418	161	31:43	16:24	6:25	391	93:54	109:04	180:54
Total	32,155	31,025	63,180	14,285	10,126	24,411	12,435	37:36	14:43	7:35	38,769	158:82	103:64	141:07
Tasmania	1,512	1,536	3,048	896	607	1,504 ¹	659	29:43	14:52	6:36	1,544	102:66	98:44	147:61
New Zealand	5,707	5,515	11,222	2,069	1,578	3,647	2,276	39:00	12:67	7:91	7,575	207:70	103:48	131:05
Grand Total	39,374	38,076	77,450	17,250	12,311	29,562 ¹	15,370	37:19	14:20	7:38	47,888	161:99	103:41	140:12

¹ The sum of the deaths of males and females is one less than the total deaths in consequence of the death of a person, sex unknown, having been registered in Tasmania.

TABLE III.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1873.

Name of Colony.	Number of Immigrants.									Number of Emigrants.			Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants.			Excess of Emigrants over Immigrants.		
	Assisted.			Unassisted.			Total.			Total.			Total.			Total.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria	456	407	863	20,349	8,248	28,597	20,805	8,655	29,460	18,335	7,939	26,294	2,470	606	3,166	..	..	..
New South Wales	16	124	140	17,616	6,266	23,882	17,632	6,390	24,022	12,336	4,434	16,770	5,296	1,956	7,252	..	..	..
Queensland	*	*	6,904 ¹	*	*	8,237	10,216	4,925	15,141	4,253	1,221	5,474	5,963	3,704	9,667	..	..	..
South Australia	104	122	226	2,960	1,362	4,322	3,064	1,484	4,548	2,126	1,046	3,172	938	438	1,376	..	..	..
Western Australia .. ..	..	..	..	228	57	285	228	57	285	492	147	639	..	..	..	264	90	354
Total	*	*	8,133	*	*	65,323	51,945	21,511	73,456	37,542	14,807	52,349	14,403 ²	6,704 ²	21,107 ²	..	..	..
Tasmania	19	9	28	4,907	1,852	6,759	4,926	1,861	6,787	4,591	2,448	7,039	335	..	..	..	587	252
New Zealand	*	*	2,754	*	*	4,818	7,871	5,701	13,572	3,507	1,254	4,761	4,364	4,447	8,811	..	..	..
Grand Total	*	*	16,915	*	*	76,900	64,742	29,073	93,815	45,640	18,509	64,149	19,102 ²	10,564 ²	29,666 ²	..	..	..

¹ Including 4837 free immigrants.

² These are the net figures.

Note.—The Immigration and Emigration in this table is by sea. No official account is, or can be, taken of the number of persons going overland from one colony to another.

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

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1873.

Name of Colony.	Date on which Financial Year terminates.	Public Revenue.			Public Expenditure.	Per head of Mean Population.*		
		Raised by Taxation. ¹	Not raised by Taxation.	Total.		Taxation.	Total Revenue.	Expenditure.
		£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	30th June ²	1,784,056	1,860,079	3,644,135	3,504,953	2 6 4	4 14 7½	4 11 0½
New South Wales ...	31st Dec.	1,382,752	1,941,961	3,324,713	2,333,166	2 10 3¾	6 0 11½	4 4 10½
Queensland ...	31st Dec.	546,732	573,302	1,120,034	956,335	3 14 6½	7 19 10½	6 16 6
South Australia ...	31st Dec.	362,246	575,402	937,648	839,152	1 17 1½	4 16 1¼	4 6 0
Western Australia ...	31st Dec.	71,625	63,207	134,832	114,270	2 15 7¼	5 4 9	4 8 9¼
Total ...	...	4,147,411	5,013,951	9,161,362	7,747,876	2 9 4	5 9 0	4 12 2½
Tasmania ...	31st Dec.	178,942	114,811	293,753	299,995	1 14 6¼	2 16 8¾	2 17 11¼
New Zealand ...	31st Dec.	1,055,296	1,721,092	2,776,388	2,119,524	3 13 4¼	9 12 11¾	7 7 3¾
Grand Total ...	...	5,381,649	6,849,854	12,231,503	10,167,395	2 11 11¼	5 18 0½	4 18 1½

¹ In most of the colonies the amounts in this column are made up of the net Customs Revenue, and of the revenue derived from Stamp duties. In Tasmania the following items have been included in addition:—Probate duty, £1,949; dog tax, £701; and rural police rate, £3,439. In New Zealand the amount of export duty on gold (£47,744) has been deducted from the Customs Revenue.

² In calculating these amounts the average population of Victoria during the year ended 30th June 1873 (770,306) has been taken. For the other colonies the mean populations shown in the last column of Table I. have been used.

³ The returns for Victoria during the Financial Year ended 30th June 1874 are as follow:—Mean Population, 790,492; Revenue raised by taxation, £1,896,823; Revenue not so raised, £2,168,101; Total revenue, £4,064,924. Expenditure, £4,177,262. Taxation per head, £2 8s.; Revenue per head, £5 2s. 10d.; Expenditure per head, £5 5s. 8d.

TABLE V.—PUBLIC DEBT, 1873.

Name of Colony.	On the 31st December.	
	Total amount of Public Debt.	Indebtedness per head of Population.
	£	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	12,445,722	15 14 10¾
New South Wales ...	10,842,415	19 7 0½
Queensland ...	4,786,850	32 12 7¾
South Australia ...	2,174,900	10 19 7¼
Western Australia ...	35,000	1 7 2
Total ...	30,284,887	17 11 10½
Tasmania ...	1,477,600	14 3 6¾
New Zealand ...	10,913,936	36 17 6¾
Grand Total ...	42,676,423	20 2 4

TABLE VI.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1873.

Name of Colony.	Total Value of—			Value per head of Mean Population of—		
	Imports.	Exports.	Both.	Imports.	Exports.	Both.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria ...	16,533,856	15,302,454	31,836,310	21 3 9	19 12 2¼	40 15 11¼
New South Wales ...	11,088,388 ¹	11,815,829 ¹	22,904,217	20 3 5	21 9 10½	41 13 3½
Queensland ...	2,885,499	3,522,513	6,428,012	20 11 10¼	25 5 7¾	45 17 5¼
South Australia ...	3,841,100	4,337,859	8,428,959	19 13 8	23 10 2¼	43 3 10¼
Western Australia ...	297,328	265,217	562,545	11 11 0	10 6 0½	21 17 0½
Total ...	34,646,171	35,513,872	70,160,043	20 9 9	21 0 0	41 9 9
Tasmania ...	1,107,167	893,556	2,000,723	10 13 9½	8 12 6½	19 6 4¼
New Zealand ...	6,464,687	5,610,371	12,075,058	22 9 3¾	19 9 11¾	41 19 3
Grand Total ...	42,218,025	42,017,799	84,235,824	20 5 5½	20 3 6½	40 9 0

¹ In furnishing this statement the Registrar-General of New South Wales explained that the returns of Imports and Exports *via* and across the Murray during 1873 had not been received, and consequently that the figures had been made up of the Riverine returns during 1872 added to the seaward traffic during 1873.

TABLE VII.—SHIPPING, 1873.

Name of Colony	Inwards.		Outwards.		Total.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria ...	2,187	756,103	2,226	762,912	4,413	1,519,015
New South Wales ...	2,161	874,804	2,212	887,674	4,373	1,762,478
Queensland ...	582	176,172	569	176,352	1,151	352,524
South Australia ...	799	265,437	732	250,203	1,531	515,640
Western Australia ...	137	69,669	150	70,568	287	140,237
Total ...	5,866	2,142,185	5,889	2,147,709	11,755	4,289,894
Tasmania ...	661	118,353	681	119,759	1,342	238,112
New Zealand ...	739	289,297	704	281,847	1,443	571,144
Grand Total ...	7,266	2,549,835	7,274	2,549,315	14,540	5,099,150

TABLE VIII.—RAILWAYS AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS, 1873.

Name of Colony.	On the 31st December.					
	Number of Miles of Railway.			Number of Miles of Electric Telegraph.		
	Open.	In course of Construction.	Total.	Open.	In course of Construction.	Total.
Victoria ...	458	145	603	3,870 ¹	210	4,080
New South Wales ...	401	58	459	6,521	912½	7,433½
Queensland ...	218	144	362	3,059	330	3,389
South Australia ...	202	148	350	3,807	65	3,872
Western Australia ...	30	35	65	900	...	900
Total ...	1,309	530	1,839	18,157	1,517½	19,674½
Tasmania ...	45	121	166	291	...	291
New Zealand ...	145	434	579	2,389	233	2,622
Grand Total ...	1,499	1,085	2,584	20,837	1,750½	22,587½

¹ These figures, as the heading states, represent the number of miles of electric telegraph. The number of miles of telegraph wire in operation in Victoria at the end of 1873 was 3928.

TABLE IX.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED, 1873.

Name of Colony.	Area in Statute Acres.	Acres Granted and Sold.			Amount realised on Land Sales.						Extent unalienated at end of 1873.
		Prior to 1873.	During 1873.	Total.	Total.			Average per acre.			
					Prior to 1873.	During 1873.	Total.	Prior to 1873.	During 1873.	Total.	
Victoria ..	56,446,720	8,870,166	530,884	9,401,050	£ 15,585,623	£ 621,472	£ 16,207,095	£ s. d. 1 15 1½	£ s. d. 1 3 6	£ s. d. 1 14 5½	acres. 47,045,670
New South Wales	206,999,680	12,270,313	1,786,820	14,066,133	6,575,793	845,410	7,421,203	0 10 8½	0 9 5½	0 10 6½	192,933,547
Queensland ..	434,304,000	1,262,978	87,550	1,350,528	1,615,970	53,399	1,669,369	1 5 7	0 12 2½	1 4 8½	432,953,462
South Australia ..	585,427,200	5,012,040	357,594	5,369,634	5,721,726	156,843	5,878,569	1 2 10	0 8 9½	1 1 10½	580,057,566
Western Australia	626,111,323	1,496,598 ²	15,612	1,512,210	*	7,676	*	*	0 9 10	*	624,599,113
Total ..	1,909,288,923	28,921,095	2,778,470	31,699,565	*	1,684,800	*	*	0 12 1½	*	1,877,589,358
Tasmania ..	16,777,600	3,863,350	42,135	3,905,485	1,460,845	46,807	1,507,652	0 7 6½	1 2 2½	0 7 8½	12,872,115
New Zealand ..	67,200,000	15,179,208 ³	1,347,581 ³	16,526,789	*	1,017,759	*	*	0 15 1	*	50,673,211
Grand Total	1,993,266,523	47,963,653	4,168,186	52,131,839	*	2,749,366	*	*	0 13 2½	*	1,941,134,684

¹ These figures do not include land of which the purchase was not completed. The Honorable the Minister of Lands recently laid before Parliament a report, in which it was stated that, up to the 30th June 1874, the total extent alienated from the Crown was 14,551,268 acres. This acreage embraced not only the land of which the fee simple had passed to the purchaser, but the area in process of alienation under the system of deferred payments. Portion of the latter might possibly revert to the Crown in consequence of non-fulfilment of conditions, &c.

² Inclusive of leases.

³ These amounts are only approximate.

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

TABLE X.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1873-4.—LAND IN CULTIVATION.

** The Agricultural Statistics in most of the colonies are collected in the months of February and March of each year. The present returns are for those months of 1874. In calculating the ratio of tillage per head, the population at the 31st December 1873 has been taken.

Name of Colony.	Number of Acres under Tillage.		Number of Acres under—									
	Total.	Per head of Population.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. ¹	Potatoes.	Hay.	Vines.	Green Forage. ²	Other Tillage. ³
Victoria ...	964,996	1·22	349,976	110,991	25,333	1,959	14,951	38,349	115,672	5,222	213,069	89,474
New South Wales	456,825	·82	166,647	16,173	3,559	116,141	1,607	14,212	70,701	4,526	36,399	26,860 ⁴
Queensland ...	64,218	·43	3,554	353	588	21,140	178	3,069	5,772	364	1,894	27,306 ⁵
South Australia	1,225,073	6·18	784,784	2,011	11,827	...	...	3,813	142,167	5,217	27,469	247,785
Western Australia	51,724	2·01	25,697	1,474	5,083	113	1,475	473	15,941 ⁶	775	...	693
Total ...	2,762,836	1·60	1,330,658	131,002	46,390	139,353	18,211	59,916	350,253	16,104	278,831	392,118
Tasmania ...	167,931	1·61	58,610	26,750	6,440	...	...⁷	7,910	26,406	...	1,565	40,250
New Zealand ...	376,156 ⁸	1·27	132,428	110,472	22,124	1,253	5,000	11,617	43,616	...	25,515 ⁹	24,131
Grand Total	3,306,923	1·55	1,521,696	268,224	74,954	140,606	23,211	79,443	420,275	16,104	305,911	456,499

¹ Including beans and peas.
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 grasses in the respective colonies named:—Victoria, 191,644 acres; New South Wales, 29,761 acres; Queensland, 1,100 acres; South Australia, 15,357 acres.
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, 66,989 acres; South Australia, 235,210 acres; Tasmania, 23,360 acres.
⁴ Including 6,671 acres under sugar-cane, which produced 13,958 tons of cane, or 73½ tons of sugar.
⁵ Including 9,663 acres under cotton, and 14,495 acres under sugar-cane.
⁶ Exclusive of land under permanent artificial grass, which amounted to 1,107,116 acres.
⁷ Including green crops.
⁸ Included in "Other Tillage."

TABLE XI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1873-4.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

Name of Colony.	Bushels raised of—					Tons raised of—		Gallons of Wine made.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. ¹	Potatoes.	Hay.	
Victoria ...	4,752,289	1,741,451	502,601	40,347	207,020	109,822	147,398	562,713
New South Wales	2,238,414	302,600	66,225	4,120,112	25,191	42,281	108,945	575,985
Queensland ² ...	47,730	6,605	10,943	750,047	2,791	9,146	8,889	*
South Australia ...	6,178,816	21,337	126,398	...	...	13,014	145,389	733,478
Western Australia	345,368	28,330	87,529	2,110	18,243	1,263	31,882	*
Total ...	13,562,617	2,100,323	793,696	4,912,616	253,245	175,526	442,503	*
Tasmania ...	947,813	561,247	124,459	...	...	24,970	28,430	...
New Zealand ...	3,391,634	3,292,807	606,492	18,795 ³	75,000 ³	51,758	62,187	...
Grand Total	17,902,064	5,954,377	1,524,647	4,931,411	328,245	252,254	533,120	*

Name of Colony.	Bushels per acre of—					Tons per acre of—	
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria ...	13·58	15·69	19·84	20·60	13·85	2·86	1·27
New South Wales	13·43	18·71	18·61	35·48	15·68	2·98	1·54
Queensland ² ...	13·43	18·71	18·61	35·48	15·68	2·98	1·54
South Australia ...	7·87	10·61	10·69	...	...	3·41	1·02
Western Australia	13·44	19·22	17·22	18·67	12·37	2·67	2·00
Total ...	10·19	16·03	17·11	35·25	13·91	2·93	1·26
Tasmania ...	16·17	20·98	19·33	...	...	3·16	1·08
New Zealand ...	25·61	29·81	27·41	15·00	15·00	4·46	1·43
Grand Total	11·76	22·20	20·34	35·07	14·14	3·18	1·27

¹ Including beans and peas.
² No returns of the produce of crops have been received from Queensland; the quantities have therefore been estimated according to the same acreable rates as those obtaining in New South Wales.
³ No returns. Estimated at 15 bushels per acre.
⁴ Where asterisks occur the information has not been furnished, or is incomplete.

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TABLE XII.—LIVE STOCK, 1873-4.

* * * 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 1874.

Name of Colony.	Number of—					Total Number of Stock of all descriptions to the Square Mile.
	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.	
Victoria ¹ ...	180,342	883,763	11,323,080	160,336	12,547,521	142'27
New South Wales ...	328,014	2,710,374	19,928,590	238,342	23,205,320	71'75
Queensland ...	99,243	1,343,093	7,268,946	42,884	8,754,166	12'90
South Australia ...	87,455	174,381	5,617,419	87,336	5,966,591	6'52
Western Australia ...	26,290	47,640	748,536	20,948	843,414	86
Total ...	721,344	5,159,251	44,886,571	549,846	51,317,012	17'20
Tasmania ...	22,612	106,308	1,490,746	59,628	1,679,294	64'06
New Zealand ...	99,261	494,113	11,674,863	123,741	12,391,978	118'02
Grand Total ...	843,217	5,759,672	58,052,180	733,215	65,388,284	20'99

¹ The returns of Live Stock in Victoria are in all probability under the mark, in consequence of the collectors of statistics being in many cases unable to furnish estimates of the numbers kept in towns and villages, and on allotments of land smaller than those they were required by their instructions to visit personally.

APPENDIX.

Form sent by the Government of Victoria to the Government of each of the other Australasian Colonies.

Name of Colony,

Year 1873.

Enquiries.				Replies.		
1. Area of colony ...	...	...	...	Square miles,		
2. Estimated population :—						
(a.) At beginning of year ...	...	...	...	Males,	; females,	; total,
(b.) At end of year ...	...	...	...	Males,	; females,	; total,
3. Births ...	...	...	...	Males,	; females,	; total,
4. Deaths ...	...	...	...	Males,	; females,	; total,
5. Marriages ...	...	...	...
6. Immigrants :—						
(a.) Assisted ...	...	...	...	Males,	; females,	; total,
(b.) Unassisted ...	...	...	...	Males,	; females,	; total,
Total ...	...	...	...	Males,	; females,	; total,
7. Emigrants ...	...	...	...	Males,	; females,	; total,
8. Public revenue :—						
(a.) Raised by taxation ¹ ...	...	...	...	£
(b.) Not raised by taxation ...	...	...	...	£
Total ...	...	...	...	£
9. Public expenditure ...	...	...	...	£
10. Public debt on 31st December ...	...	...	...	£
11. Value of imports ...	...	...	...	£
12. Value of exports ...	...	...	...	£
13. Shipping inwards ...	...	...	...	Vessels,	; tons,	
14. Shipping outwards ...	...	...	...	Vessels,	; tons,	
15. Miles of railway on 31st December ...	...	...	...	Open,	; being made,	
16. Miles of telegraph on 31st December ...	...	...	...	Open,	; being made,	
17. Lands granted and sold and amount realized :—						
(a.) Prior to year under review ...	...	...	...	Acres,	; £	
(b.) During year under review ...	...	...	...	Acres,	; £	
Total ...	...	...	...	Acres,	; £	
18. Agricultural Statistics :—						
(a.) Wheat grown for grain ...	...	...	...	Acres,	; bushels,	
(b.) Oats ...	...	...	...	Acres,	; bushels,	
(c.) Barley ...	...	...	...	Acres,	; bushels,	
(d.) Maize ...	...	...	...	Acres,	; bushels,	
(e.) Other cereals ...	...	...	...	Acres,	; bushels,	
(f.) Potatoes ...	...	...	...	Acres,	; tons,	
(g.) Hay of all kinds ...	...	...	...	Acres,	; tons,	
(h.) Vines, and wine made ...	...	...	...	Acres,	; gallons,	
(i.) Green forage ...	...	...	...	Acres,		
(j.) Other tillage ...	...	...	...	Acres,		
Total cultivation ...	...	...	...	Acres,		
19. Live Stock :—						
(a.) Horses ...	...	...	...	Number,		
(b.) Cattle ...	...	...	...	Number,		
(c.) Sheep ...	...	...	...	Number,		
(d.) Pigs ...	...	...	...	Number,		

¹ In most of the colonies the figures for this line will be made up of the net Customs Revenue added to the Revenue derived from Stamp duties, Railway, Postal, and Telegraph receipts, Moneys derived from Land Sales, Rents, Licenses, &c., should not be considered as Taxation.

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