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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA, 1868.

LAW, CRIME, ETC.

TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE.—TRANSACTIONS AND FEES.

RETURN showing the Transactions which occurred and the Amount of Fees received under the Transfer of Land Statute during the Year 1868.

Transactions.	Number.	Fees.		
		£	s.	d.
Applications	493			
Assurance Fees ... ..	...	843	5	4
Hearing Applications ... ..	...	619	0	0
Certificates of Title	3,456	3,456	0	0
" " Friendly Societies	300	150	0	0
Transfers	2,707	1,353	10	0
" Friendly Societies	298	74	10	0
Mortgages	705	352	10	0
Leases	44	22	0	0
Extra Memorials	3,023	302	6	0
Discharge of Mortgages	318	159	0	0
Surrender of Lease	7	3	10	0
Registering Proprietors	136	136	0	0
Caveats	79	39	10	0
Withdrawal of Caveats	24	6	0	0
Searches	1,395	139	10	0
" General	168	42	0	0
Documents declaratory of Trusts	22	11	0	0
Notices of Writs, &c.	57	28	10	0
Acknowledgments	20	5	0	0
Order dispensing with duplicate Grant	10	5	0	0
Exhibition or return of Documents	64	16	0	0
Copy of Document deposited	31	0	15	6
Certified copy, first folio	13	3	5	0
" subsequent folios	145	4	16	8
" map	3	0	6	0
Affidavits	23	1	3	0
Commissions to Perpetual Commissioners	8	8	0	0
" Special Commissioners	2	1	10	0
Statement of Grounds, under Section 135	7	3	10	0
Entry of Executors, &c.	64	32	0	0
Forms	965	24	2	6
" Licensed Agents	360	6	0	0
Extras on Application	54	0	2	3
Total ... ..	...	7,849	12	3

NOTE.—This Return is exclusive of fees received for Crown Grants, &c., which amounted during the year to £935 8s. 5d.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE.—LAND APPLIED FOR AND BROUGHT UNDER THE ACT.

RETURN of the Extent and Value of Land applied to be brought under the Transfer of Land Statute, and of the Land brought under that Act by application during the Year 1868.

Land included in Applications to bring Land under the Act, received in 1868.					Land brought under the Act by Application during 1868.						
Area.			Value.			Area.			Value.		
Acres	roods	perches	£	s.	d.	Acres	roods	perches	£	s.	d.
32,747	2	2 ¹ / ₁₀	437,370	12	4	30,617	0	0 ¹ / ₁₀	289,047	17	0

REAL PROPERTY ACT AND TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE.*—TRANSACTIONS.—RETURN FOR SEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Applications to bring Land under the Act.			Certificates of Title issued.	Transfer, Mortgage, Lease, Transfer or Discharge of Mortgage, Transfer or Surrender of Lease.	Registering Proprietors.	Transfers and Certificates (Friendly Societies).	Other Transactions.	Forms sold.
	Number.	Extent of Land included. †	Value of Land included. †						
1862	48	A. R. P. 993 3 14 ⁰ / ₁₀	£ s. d. 11,882 0 0	...	...	...	...	3	2,131
1863	157	7,266 0 21 ³ / ₁₀	78,400 15 0	299	3,100	...	...	79	3,433
1864	347	24,768 1 7 ³ / ₁₀	206,297 2 2	4,646	3,445	24	...	2,161	6,147
1865	353	15,240 2 11 ⁸ / ₁₀	298,820 3 0	9,368	4,439	76	...	4,777	6,465
1866	291	8,526 3 35 ¹ / ₁₀	290,641 8 6	5,132	4,296	62	120	6,784	6,998
1867	372	15,159 2 29 ³ / ₁₀	228,057 2 10	2,905	3,450	85	320	5,623	1,949
1868	493	32,747 2 2 ³ / ₁₀	437,370 12 4	3,456	3,781	136	598	5,212	1,325

* The Real Property Act was in force until the 1st August, 1866, and was repealed by the Transfer of Land Statute, which supplied its place from that date.

† The amounts in these two columns, although approximating very closely to the correct figures, may not, perhaps, in every instance, be strictly accurate.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

REAL PROPERTY ACT AND TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE.—FEES RECEIVED.—RETURN FOR SEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Assurance Fund.	Hearing Applications.*	Certificates of Title.	Transfer, Mortgage, Lease, Transfer or Discharge of Mortgage, Transfer or Surrender of Lease.	Registering Proprietors.	Transfers and Certificates (Friendly Societies).	Other Transactions.	Sale of Forms.	Total Amount of Fees Received.
1862	£ s. d. 24 15 1	£ s. d. 33 10 0	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 1 15 0	£ s. d. 53 5 6	£ s. d. 113 5 7
1863	163 6 8 ¹ / ₂	137 4 9 ¹ / ₂	299 0 0	1,550 0 0	...	...	25 1 8	85 16 6	2,260 9 8
1864	448 7 5 ¹ / ₂	356 15 0	4,646 0 0	1,722 10 0	24 0 0	...	258 2 8	143 13 6	7,599 8 7 ¹ / ₂
1865	772 2 0	419 5 0	9,368 0 0	2,219 10 0	76 0 0	...	539 7 4	139 2 6	13,533 6 10
1866	1,326 1 8	357 15 0	5,132 0 0	2,148 0 0	62 0 0	41 15 0	810 9 0	144 11 6	10,022 12 2
1867	764 5 10 ¹ / ₂	476 0 0	2,905 0 0	1,725 0 0	85 0 0	121 10 0	674 6 0	43 14 6	6,794 16 4 ¹ / ₂
1868	843 5 4	619 0 0	3,456 0 0	1,890 10 0	136 0 0	224 10 0	650 4 5	30 2 6	7,849 12 3

* Of the amounts in this column, the whole for 1862, and £61 for 1863, were paid to the Lands Titles Commissioners, whose office was abolished on the 9th September, 1863. Since that date the fees for hearing applications have been paid into the general revenue.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

REAL PROPERTY ACT AND TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE.—EXTENT AND VALUE OF LAND UNDER THE ACT.

RETURN of the Extent and Value of Land brought under the Real Property Act and Transfer of Land Statute, from the first commencement of the system in October, 1862, to the end of 1868, distinguishing the Amounts in each Year.

Year.	Land brought under the Act.					
	By Application.		By Grant and Purchase from the Crown.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.*	Quantity.	Value.
1862	A. R. P. ...	£ s. d. ...	A. R. P. 584,109 0 6	£ s. d. 593,025 2 6	A. R. P. 584,109 0 6	£ s. d. 593,025 2 6
1863	3,267 3 2	64,224 15 0	295,226 3 28 ³ / ₁₀	450,645 13 3 ¹ / ₂	298,494 2 30 ³ / ₁₀	514,870 8 3 ¹ / ₂
1864	14,333 3 1 ⁰ / ₁₀	114,406 6 0	260,283 1 4 ¹ / ₁₀	522,601 10 9 ¹ / ₂	274,616 4 6 ¹ / ₁₀	637,007 16 9 ¹ / ₂
1865	12,472 3 20 ¹ / ₁₀	192,240 7 8	139,794 2 20 ¹ / ₁₀	295,455 18 8	152,267 2 1 ⁰ / ₁₀	487,696 6 4
1866	10,754 3 26 ¹ / ₂	280,388 12 6	221,585 2 6 ³ / ₁₀	380,240 6 6	232,340 1 33 ⁷ / ₁₀	660,628 19 0
1867	4,975 2 3 ¹ / ₁₀	98,368 18 3	129,358 2 38 ¹ / ₁₀	214,077 6 6	154,334 1 1 ¹ / ₁₀	312,446 4 9
1868	30,617 0 0 ⁰ / ₁₀	289,047 17 0	275,710 3 4 ² / ₁₀	359,682 12 7	306,327 3 5 ³ / ₁₀	648,730 9 7
Total	76,421 3 15	1,038,676 16 5	1,906,068 3 30 ¹ / ₁₀	2,815,728 10 10	1,982,490 3 5 ¹ / ₁₀	3,854,405 7 3

* This column presents a statement of the amount realised for lands sold, but the value of the few acres granted in each year without purchase is not included.

NOTE.—This Table only includes the alienated land under the Act, but not that held under lease from the Crown.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

EQUITY, ETC.—TRANSACTIONS.

DECENNIAL RETURN of the principal business transacted in the Department of the Master in Equity.

Year.	EQUITY.													ECCLESIASTICAL.								
	Suits by Bill.	Suits by Rule Nisi.	Petitions ex p. filed.	Commissions in Lunacy filed.	Other Commissions.	Decrees is used.	Orders issued.	Reports issued.	Writs of Injunction issued.	Writs of Ne exeat Colonia issued.	Convictions settled by Master.	Leases settled by Master.	Recognizances entered into.	Rolls filed.	Probates issued.*		Letters of Administration.					
															Number.	Property Sworn under.	Number.	Property Sworn under.				
1859	129	...	21	3	...	47	204	33	20	...	10	3	10	69	158	£ 449,696	s. 0	d. 0	164	£ 269,341	s. 12	d. 0
1860	101	...	22	8	...	50	170	76	12	...	6	8	10	50	135	647,707	0	0	140	120,701	12	7
1861	90	...	14	14	...	63	206	103	10	1	3	4	8	61	113	351,427	0	0	153	109,532	9	10
1862	76	...	22	8	...	61	196	111	15	1	4	13	10	41	134	363,118	0	0	162	120,204	17	8
1863	72	...	22	4	...	46	136	87	8	...	...	...	3	26	141	513,073	0	0	164	243,899	0	6
1864	81	...	25	12	...	42	176	90	10	1	6	6	10	41	158	298,895	5	6	234	136,330	19	5
1865	88	...	25	7	...	42	184	72	15	...	1	1	4	31	234	501,806	19	6	291	180,024	7	11
1866	90	...	22	1	...	34	178	84	10	...	1	4	5	34	259	469,830	0	0	319	231,218	9	6
1867	89	...	15	...	19	44	200	82	23	...	2	1	8	43	214	425,537	0	0	312	290,506	15	10
1868	96	...	17	...	7	52	222	90	23	...	2	1	3	52	275	733,100	0	0	332	241,581	19	8

* Prior to 1860, the Estates of Deceased Persons were collected by the Curator. They are not, therefore, until then included in the returns of Property sworn to. In 1860, the new Act (24 Vic. No. 99) came into force, and since that period the property administered to by the Curator has been included in the returns.

DIVORCE.

Year.	Petitions for Dissolution of Marriage.	Petitions for Judicial Separation.	Petitions for Alimony.	Appearances entered	Answers filed.	Affidavits filed.	Citations filed.	Replications filed.	Rolls for hearing.	Orders to set down Causes for hearing.	Decrees dismissing Petitions.	Decrees for Dissolution of Marriage.	Decrees for Judicial Separation.	Decrees for Alimony.	Orders to protect Wife's Earnings.	Orders for Substitution of Service.	Orders to examine Witnesses under Commission.	Other Orders.	Orders to proceed in forma pauperis.	Orders for Service out of jurisdiction.	Orders dismissing Petitions on application.	Subpenas.	Commissions to examine Witnesses.	Records of Issues.	Appeals to full Court.	Attachments issued.	Petitions for restitution of Conjugal Rights.
1862	20	6	6	16	18	187	34	4	25	24	...	6	5	5	1	2	3	44	1	...	...	44	3	...	...	...	...
1863	17	4	5	12	13	125	17	3	11	10	2	4	3	4	...	2	...	39	1	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	...
1864	15	6	11	20	22	169	30	4	20	22	2	8	5	11	...	5	3	36	1	2	2	33	3	4	2	...	...
1865	10	3	4	7	8	52	14	4	5	9	1	6	5	3	...	...	...	24	...	...	1	9	...	3	...	1	...
1866	17	2	4	7	6	113	24	1	9	10	...	5	1	1	...	...	...	14	1	2	2	16	...	1	...	4	1
1867	13	6	4	11	19	111	29	2	13	16	...	6	2	5	...	1	1	23	...	1	...	19	1	1	2	3	...
1868	14	10	6	14	15	123	32	1	13	12	2	5	2	2	...	2	1	36	...	...	1	16	1	2	1	...	...

FREDERICK WILKINSON, Master in Equity.

EQUITY, ETC.—FEES.

DECENNIAL RETURN of the Fees collected in the Department of the Master in Equity, and paid into the Treasury.

Year.	Equity.			Ecclesiastical.			Divorce.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1859	1,242	11	1	1,671	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,913	11	3
1860	1,280	3	6	1,870	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,150	7	0
1861	1,307	17	8	1,793	17	6	28	9	10	...	...	...	3,130	5	0
1862	1,291	5	4	1,720	13	8	166	13	0	...	...	...	3,178	12	0
1863	1,116	0	0	1,938	2	8	140	8	6	...	...	...	3,194	11	2
1864	1,077	9	6	1,914	8	2	143	16	0	...	...	...	3,135	13	8
1865	1,053	5	4	2,332	4	2	67	12	6	...	...	...	3,453	2	0
1866	881	11	2	2,620	13	4	75	3	2	...	...	...	3,577	7	8
1867	924	10	8	2,567	19	8	109	14	8	31	12	6	3,663	17	6
1868	1,126	6	6	2,965	14	10	105	9	6	30	6	6	4,227	17	4

FREDERICK WILKINSON, Master in Equity.

INSOLVENCIES.

RETURN of the Number of Insolvencies in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1868.

Districts.	Number of Insolvencies.			Amount of Liabilities, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Amount of Assets, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Amount of Deficiency, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Number of Assignees elected by Creditors to act with Official Assignees.	Amount of Court Fees paid into the Treasury, collected under the Act of Council.
	Voluntary.	Compulsory.	Total.					
Beechworth	48	...	48	£ 13,139 2 6	£ 4,230 7 1	£ 8,908 15 5	...	£ 100 13 6
Geelong ...	165	2	167	46,565 0 5½	10,586 5 11½	35,978 14 6	...	447 10 0
Melbourne	627	21	648	558,059 15 10½	152,408 19 2½	405,650 16 8	5	1,579 8 3
Total ...	840	23	863	617,763 18 10	167,225 12 3	450,538 6 7	5	2,127 11 9

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

INSOLVENCIES.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Insolvencies.			Amount of Liabilities, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Amount of Assets, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Amount of Deficiency, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Number of Assignees elected by Creditors to act with Official Assignee.	Amount of Court Fees paid into the Treasury.
	Voluntary.	Compulsory.	Total.					
1859	924	32	956	£ 1,109,587 8 10½	£ 648,105 18 0¼	£ 523,460 1 4¼	...	£ 5,148 13 8
1860	1,342	31	1,373	1,280,742 8 5½	766,314 0 6	624,344 18 3	2	7,199 6 9
1861	1,270	17	1,287	1,088,298 4 6½	604,120 3 9½	532,109 7 2	1	3,901 19 0
1862	1,016	37	1,053	1,053,507 5 0¾	568,725 3 6	484,782 1 6¾	1	3,365 3 0
1863	922	17	939	426,049 18 0	208,691 18 11	217,357 19 1	4	2,544 17 8
1864	1,098	27	1,125	570,309 15 4	284,810 4 3½	341,583 6 5½	2	2,807 9 4
1865	1,260	31	1,291	474,665 11 8½	265,782 18 5	249,878 13 4½	2	3,196 3 3
1866	1,078	26	1,104	587,047 9 10	298,587 3 8	288,460 6 2	5	2,675 18 5
1867	1,037	11	1,048	749,932 9 6½	286,391 3 11	463,541 5 7½	9	2,695 1 8
1868	840	23	863	617,763 18 10	167,225 12 3	450,538 6 7	5	2,127 11 9

NOTE.—This Return does not include any transactions in the Geelong District Insolvent Court prior to the year 1864. The Beechworth Insolvent Court was not established until October, 1866.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

INTESTATE ESTATES.

RETURN of Intestate Estates dealt with by the Curator during the Year 1868, and of the Amounts Received and Paid.

Sex of Intestates.	Estates dealt with by the Curator during the Year.										
	Fresh Estates.						Estates remaining from former years.				
	Number.	Estimated Value.		Actual Receipts.		Actual Payments.		Number.	Receipts.		Payments.
Males ...	238	£ 13,164 9 10	£ 12,262 1 1	£ 4,412 4 8	88	£ 1,060 8 6	3,622 2 3				
Females ...	54	864 0 6	858 12 7	316 5 0	5	12 11 9	158 9 10				
Total ...	292	14,028 10 4	13,120 13 8	4,728 9 8	93	1,073 0 3	3,780 12 1				

F. J. BURY, Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons.

INTESTATE ESTATES.—RETURN FOR NINE YEARS.

Year.	Intestate Estates dealt with by the Curator.			Amount received by the Curator.		Amount paid by the Curator.	
	Number.		Estimated Value of Fresh Estates.	On Fresh Estates.	On Estates remaining from former years.	On Fresh Estates.	On Estates remaining from former years.
	Fresh Estates.	Estates remaining from former years.					
1860	254	...	£ ...	£ 6,989 6 3	...	...	...
1861	345	...	...	27,128 1 10	14,291 3 5	...	...
1862	272	...	...	27,781 15 1	7,975 3 3	...	...
1863	264	...	...	14,088 1 1	6,863 6 2	...	...
1864	264	...	...	15,385 16 6	...	...	...
1865	234	...	...	15,781 4 5	...	...	...
1866	321	...	...	15,179 3 9	...	...	...
1867	258	91	6,863 17 6	5,266 18 8	1,165 13 4	2,361 3 4	6,916 2 1
1868	292	93	14,028 10 4	13,120 13 8	1,073 0 3	4,728 9 8	3,780 12 1

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

APPREHENSIONS, COMMITMENTS, CONVICTIONS, ETC.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons of both Sexes taken into Custody by the Victorian Police during the Year 1868, and the Offences with which they were charged; also the Numbers discharged by Magistrates, the Numbers Summarily Convicted or held to Bail, the Numbers Committed for Trial, the Numbers Convicted and Sentenced, the Numbers Acquitted, and the Numbers Not Prosecuted.

Offence.	Taken into Custody.			Discharged by the Magistrates.		Summarily Convicted or held to Bail.		Committed for Trial.		Convicted and Sentenced.		Acquitted.		Not Prosecuted.	
	M. & F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<i>Offences against the Person.</i>															
Murder	28	23	5	15	4	1	...	7	1	3	1	4	...	...	...
" Attempt to	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Administering Poison with intent to Injure	4	1	3	...	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Shooting at, Stabbing, Wounding, &c., with intent	51	48	3	12	2	...	...	34	...	17	...	16	...	1	...
Manslaughter	22	20	2	8	...	...	...	12	2	5	1	4	1	3	...
Feloniously attempting to procure Abortion	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Concealing Birth of their Infants	6	1	5	...	3	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	2	...	...
Sodomy	6	6	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	2	...	3	...	...	...
Assaults with intent to commit Sodomy	4	4	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Rape	16	16	...	8	...	...	...	8	...	3	...	4	...	1	...
Assaults with intent to commit Rape	30	30	...	13	...	...	...	17	...	8	...	8	...	1	...
Carnally knowing a Girl under Ten Years	4	4	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	1	...
Indecent Assault	22	22	...	10	...	...	...	12	...	7	...	4	...	1	...
Abduction	4	4	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...
Bestiality	8	8	...	2	...	...	...	6	...	3	...	3	...	...	...
Bigamy	8	7	1	2	1	...	...	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Child Dropping	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
" Stealing	3	2	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Assaults and inflicting Bodily Harm	121	107	14	34	6	53	3	20	5	14	3	6	...	...	2
" Common	880	789	91	271	29	518	62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" on Police	225	217	8	20	2	195	6	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Rescue from Custody, and Attempt to	19	18	1	2	...	16	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Obstructing Police Constables on Duty	149	145	4	29	2	115	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to commit Suicide	58	37	21	29	18	6	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	1
<i>Offences against Property committed with Violence.</i>															
Burglary	73	72	1	28	...	...	...	44	1	37	1	7	...	...	...
" attended with Violence to Persons	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Breaking into a Dwelling-house and Stealing	72	67	5	15	2	1	...	51	3	42	1	7	2	2	...
" into Shops, Warehouses, Counting-houses	5	5	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	2	...
" into a Church and Stealing	8	8	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
Robbery	96	89	7	49	5	3	...	37	2	26	2	9	...	2	...
Assault with intent to Rob	12	12	...	5	...	2	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Offences against Property committed without Violence.</i>															
Cattle Stealing	39	39	...	14	...	1	...	24	...	18	...	6	...	...	...
Horse Stealing	92	92	...	48	...	...	...	44	...	37	...	2	...	5	...
Sheep Stealing	21	21	...	9	...	...	...	12	...	7	...	5	...	...	...
Illegally using Horses and Cattle	31	28	3	11	3	16	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny in a Dwelling to the value of £5	47	36	11	14	3	1	...	21	8	18	6	2	2	1	...
" in a Dwelling	479	365	114	109	47	186	59	70	8	50	2	14	5	6	1
" from the Person	247	139	108	65	66	33	14	41	28	22	8	18	19	1	1
" by Servants	33	30	3	11	...	9	3	10	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
" from Letters, containing Bank Notes, &c.	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	2	...	1	...	2	...
" Simple	1,845	1,571	274	574	97	903	174	94	3	52	2	27	1	15	...
Misdemeanor with intent to Steal	30	29	1	11	...	17	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Embezzlement	47	47	...	14	...	6	...	27	...	13	...	13	...	1	...
Receiving Stolen Property	99	68	31	44	18	15	7	9	6	1	2	8	2	...	2
Frauds	182	174	8	71	4	45	4	58	...	37	...	12	...	9	...
Conspiracy with intent to Defraud	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Possession of Goods	31	28	3	10	2	18	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dog Stealing	17	17	...	8	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Malicious Offences against Property.</i>															
Arson	34	31	3	16	2	...	...	15	1	5	...	7	1	3	...
Feloniously Wounding Cattle	13	13	...	5	...	1	...	7	...	1	...	6	...	...	...
Wilful Damage	717	565	152	178	45	387	107	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Forgery and Offences against the Currency.</i>															
Forgery and Uttering Forged Instruments	88	85	3	24	1	1	...	60	2	45	2	12	...	3	...
Coining	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coin (Counterfeit), putting-off, uttering, having, &c.	5	5	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...

APPREHENSIONS, COMMITMENTS, CONVICTIONS, ETC.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons of both Sexes taken into Custody by the Victorian Police during the Year 1868, and the Offences with which they were charged; also the Numbers Discharged by Magistrates, the Numbers Summarily Convicted or held to Bail, the Numbers committed for Trial, the Numbers Convicted and Sentenced, the Numbers Acquitted, and the Numbers Not Prosecuted—*continued.*

Offence.	Taken into Custody.		Discharged by the Magistrates.		Summarily Convicted or held to Bail.		Committed for Trial.		Convicted and Sentenced.		Acquitted.		Not Prosecuted.		
	M. & F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<i>Other Offences not included in the above Clauses.</i>															
Accessory to Felony before the fact ...	8	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apprentice, Runaway ...	6	6	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Being unlawfully on the Premises ...	219	204	15	101	11	102	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Breach of Corporate and Municipal By-laws ...	33	33	...	6	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
of Ticket-of-Leave Regulations ...	7	7	...	2	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bribery ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Commitment in default of paying a Penalty ...	105	98	7	8	...	90	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Contempt of Court ...	194	165	29	90	18	75	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Crown Lands, Illegal Occupation of, Cutting Timber, &c. ...	33	33	...	3	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cruelty to Animals ...	27	27	...	5	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deserters, Military and Naval ...	24	24	...	3	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
from Merchant Service ...	61	61	...	20	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deserting their Families ...	187	167	20	98	15	69	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Disorderly Characters ...	75	57	18	19	10	38	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prostitutes ...	259	...	259	...	67	...	192	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Drunk and Disorderly Characters ...	5,205	4,371	834	1,625	362	2,746	472	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Drunkenness ...	4,538	3,715	823	1,055	320	2,660	503	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furious Driving ...	74	74	...	17	...	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Keeping a Gambling-house ...	14	14	...	7	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gambling and found in Gambling-houses ...	162	162	...	110	...	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecently exposing the Person ...	218	208	10	50	...	158	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Keeping a common Brothel ...	28	12	16	3	5	9	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lunacy ...	634	456	178	206	40	250	138	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous Offences under—															
Distillation Act ...	5	5	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dog Act ...	3	3	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fisheries and Game Statute ...	9	9	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gaols Statute ...	8	8	...	3	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hawkers and Pedlars Statute ...	8	8	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Imprisonment for Debt Amendment Acts ...	166	161	5	11	1	150	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Influx of Criminals Prevention Act ...	3	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Insolvency Statute ...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Licensed Butchers and Abattoirs Statute ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Masters and Servants Statute ...	84	79	5	41	4	38	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Neglected and Criminal Children Act ...	867	546	321	70	50	476	271	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute ...	14	14	...	5	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pawnbrokers Statute ...	4	2	2	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Police Offences Statute ...	437	405	32	106	8	297	24	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Police Regulation Statute ...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prevention of Diseases of Animals Statute ...	4	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Public Works Statute ...	36	35	1	5	...	29	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Seamen Statute ...	236	236	...	106	...	130	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wines, Beer, and Spirits Sale Statute ...	23	20	3	3	...	17	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Negligence, causing Bodily Harm by ...	8	8	...	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Nuisances ...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Obscene Language ...	801	550	251	93	43	457	208	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perjury and Subornation of Perjury ...	23	19	4	6	2	...	...	13	2	1	1	8	...	4	1
Personation at Elections ...	4	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Personating a Police Constable ...	13	13	...	4	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prison Breaking and Escape from Custody, &c. ...	24	22	2	5	...	16	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Riot, Breach of the Peace, Pound Breach ...	1,361	946	415	289	96	644	319	13	...	...	...	13	...	...	...
Sending a Threatening Letter ...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Smuggling ...	5	5	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Threatening Language ...	504	478	86	170	22	307	64	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Vagrancy ...	1,502	907	595	354	163	553	432	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Witness refusing to enter into Recognizance to appear ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	24,384	19,564	4,820	6,549	1,605	12,190	3,139	825	76	511	32	246	36	68	8

FREDK. C. STANDISH,
Chief Commissioner of Police.

AGE AND DEGREE OF INSTRUCTION OF CRIMINALS.

RETURN showing the Ages and Degree of Instruction of Persons of both Sexes taken into Custody by the Victorian Police, of those Summarily Convicted or held to Bail by Magistrates, and of those Tried and Convicted, during the Year 1868.

	Total in the Year 1868.			Ages.																		Degree of Instruction.							
				Under 10 Years of Age.		10 Years and under 15.		15 Years and under 20.		20 Years and under 25.		25 Years and under 30.		30 Years and under 40.		40 Years and under 50.		50 Years and under 60.		60 Years and upwards.		Neither Read nor Write.		Read only, or Read and Write imperfectly.		Read and Write well.		Superior Instruction.	
	M. & F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Taken into Custody ...	24,384	19,564	4,820	331	225	432	126	705	280	1,955	482	2,767	779	6,413	1,683	4,210	825	1,900	300	851	120	3,439	1,596	11,003	2,502	4,949	721	173	1
Summarily disposed of or held to Bail	15,329	12,190	3,139	279	196	273	88	448	159	1,239	287	1,699	507	3,970	1,105	2,585	541	1,181	193	516	63	2,102	1,090	6,691	1,610	3,303	438	94	1
Tried and Convicted ...	543	511	32	3	1	20	3	68	3	79	7	166	10	117	6	41	2	17	...	117	11	262	19	117	2	15	...

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COUNTRY AND RELIGION OF CRIMINALS.

RETURN showing the Country and Religion of Persons of both Sexes taken into Custody by the Victorian Police, of those Summarily Convicted or held to Bail by Magistrates, and of those Tried and Convicted, during the Year 1868.

	Total in the Year 1868.			COUNTRY.																													
				United Kingdom.								Australia.		Other British Colonies and Possessions.		United States.		France.		Germany.		Spain.		Italy.		China.		Other Foreigners.		Aboriginals.		Unknown.	
	M. & F.	M.	F.	England.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Wales.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Taken into Custody ...	24,384	19,564	4,820	7,090	1,150	6,121	2,335	2,124	462	255	25	1,221	508	577	251	279	25	69	9	300	17	5	5	58	...	947	...	444	4	71	27	3	2
Summarily disposed of, or held to Bail	15,329	12,190	3,139	4,390	740	3,980	1,533	1,334	278	168	15	827	357	331	167	162	19	38	5	179	11	5	3	31	...	462	...	255	3	26	7	2	1
Tried and Convicted ...	543	511	32	228	8	106	11	42	3	4	...	21	5	24	3	15	2	1	...	7	...	...	...	3	...	45	...	15	...	...	...	...

RELIGION.

	Total in the Year 1868.			Protestants.		Roman Catholics.		Jews.		Mahometans.		Pagans.		Unknown.	
	M. and F.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Taken into Custody ...	24,384	19,564	4,820	11,644	2,370	6,790	2,410	64	4	9	...	950	1	107	35
Summarily disposed of, or held to Bail	15,329	12,190	3,139	7,341	1,540	4,313	1,585	27	1	5	...	459	...	45	13
Tried and Convicted ...	543	511	32	327	17	139	15	2	43

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AGE AND SENTENCE OF CRIMINALS.

RETURN showing the Age and Sentence of Persons of both Sexes Tried and Convicted during the Year 1868.

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Ages.	Total in the Year 1868.			Death.		Death Recorded.		Labor on the Roads or Public Works.												Imprisonment.											
								Life.		15 Years.		10 Years and under 14 Years.		7 Years and under 10 Years.		4 Years and under 7 Years.		Under 4 Years.		2 Years and upwards.		12 Months and upwards.		6 Months and under 12.		1 Month and under 6.		Under 1 Month.		Fined.	
	M. & F.	Males.	Females	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Under 10 Years of Age		
10 Years and under 15 Years	...	4	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
15 Years and under 20 Years	...	23	20	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	4	...	4	...	5	...	1	1	3	...	...	2	1
20 Years and under 25 Years	...	71	68	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	12	...	21	1	13	...	10	...	5	1	1	1
25 Years and under 30 Years	...	86	79	7	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	7	...	15	...	12	1	19	4	5	...	15	2	1	...	2
30 Years and under 40 Years	...	176	166	10	2	...	4	1	...	2	...	11	...	28	2	37	4	40	1	18	...	18	3	4	...	1
40 Years and under 50 Years	...	123	117	6	1	1	...	2	...	15	...	24	...	25	1	22	1	18	2	4	2	5
50 Years and under 60 Years	...	43	41	2	1	...	1	...	2	...	11	...	12	...	8	1	5	...	1	1
60 Years and upwards	...	17	17	1	...	1	...	5	...	6	...	2	...	1	1	...
Totals	...	543	511	32	2	...	7	4	...	11	...	38	...	96	3	117	7	113	7	60	3	47	9	11	3	5	...

FREDK. C. STANDISH, Chief Commissioner of Police.

APPREHENSIONS, COMMITMENTS, ETC.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Years.	Taken into Custody.	Discharged by the Magistrates.	Summarily Convicted or held to Bail.	Committed for Trial.	Convicted and Sentenced.	Acquitted.	Not Prosecuted.
1859	30,357	8,711	20,218	1,428	...	...	...
1860	29,030	8,307	19,394	1,329	755	542	32
1861	25,766	8,019	16,464	1,283	744	449	90
1862	24,006	7,746	15,116	1,144	688	359	97
1863	22,255	6,872	14,302	1,081	653	344	84
1864	23,493	7,572	14,890	1,031	620	323	88
1865	25,499	7,813	16,519	1,167	697	336	134
1866	24,811	8,117	15,654	1,040	635	326	79
1867	23,721	8,191	14,573	957	553	310	94
1868	24,384	8,154	15,329	901	543	282	76

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COMMITMENTS FOR TRIAL.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Offences.	1859.	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.
<i>Offences against the Person.</i>										
Murder	24	23	20	33	21	9	21	16	10	8
" Attempt to	19	2	5	5	5	7	3	3	4	2
Administering Poison with intent to Injure .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Shooting at, Stabbing, Wounding, &c.	55	49	56	54	37	39	30	35	30	34
Manslaughter	20	17	18	15	13	16	15	17	18	14
Feloniously attempting to procure Abortion	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Concealing Birth of their Infants	2	1	..	3	3	3	3	2	7	3
Sodomy	5	5	5	2	6	..	5	2	4	5
Assault with intent to commit Sodomy	1	..	2	1	..	1	3	..	4	2
Rape	14	15	14	11	19	14	11	6	8	8
Assault with intent to commit Rape	24	23	25	33	15	23	22	13	14	17
Carnally knowing a Girl under ten years .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	3
Indecent Assault .. .. .	..	..	..	..	8	13	17	16	14	12
Abduction	2	1	2	..	3	5	3	1	3	3
Bestiality	3	1	9	9	7	3	4	1	3	6
Bigamy	1	2	3	1	..	1	3	5	1	5
Child Dropping .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	1
" stealing	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Feloniously demanding Money with Menaces .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..
Assaults and inflicting Bodily Harm	126	98	80	35	30	34	28	33	28	25
" Common	27	13	4	13	4	2	1	3	6	..
" on Police	2	1	..	..	1	..	4	..	4	2
Rescue from Custody, and Attempt to .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Obstructing Police Constables on Duty	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Attempt to commit Suicide	1	1	..	2	1	5	4	5	5	3
Feloniously throwing over the Person a Corrosive Fluid .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
<i>Offences against Property committed with Violence.</i>										
Burglary	60	87	45	43	34	34	80	43	37	45
" attended with violence to persons .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	3	4	..	..	2
Breaking into a Dwelling-house and Stealing	7	5	15	20	23	14	28	36	22	54
" into a Dwelling-house with intent to Steal	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	..
" into Shops, Warehouses, Counting-houses, &c.	10	..	..	2	32	16	23	21	8	3
Robbery	192	249	307	225	47	63	79	25	40	39
Assault with intent to Rob	21	10	6	22	6	12	10	6	4	5
Feloniously breaking into a Church and Stealing .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
<i>Offences against Property committed without Violence.</i>										
Cattle Stealing	45	34	44	24	29	19	56	53	34	24
Horse Stealing	89	83	66	61	31	65	43	54	39	44
Sheep Stealing	10	10	5	3	6	11	5	19	8	12
Illegally using Horses and Cattle .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1
Larceny in a Dwelling to the value of £5 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	75	72	29
" in a Dwelling	251	232	189	141	128	134	65	66	62	76
" from the Person	134	99	97	102	110	81	84	81	67	69
" by Servants	3	..	..	..	..	3	7	12	11	10
" from Letters containing Bank Notes, &c.	2	..	..	..	..	3	7	5	4	5
" of Written Instruments .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
" simple	64	44	30	82	236	177	116	125	107	97
Misdemeanor with intent to Steal .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Embezzlement	16	25	31	24	25	20	49	20	21	27
Receiving Stolen Property	29	29	33	16	28	21	35	22	24	15
Frauds	44	64	46	48	54	38	52	65	56	58
Conspiracy with intent to Defraud .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	12	6	5	4	..
Unlawful Possession of Goods .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..
Dog Stealing .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
<i>Malicious Offences against Property.</i>										
Arson	11	8	11	20	11	14	8	14	19	16
Feloniously Wounding Cattle .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	3	6	4	3	7
Wilful Damage	4	..	..	2	4	2	3	8	9	..
<i>Forgery and Offences against the Currency.</i>										
Forgery and uttering Forged Instrument	46	42	43	43	47	51	78	83	93	62
Coining .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	1	..
Coin (Counterfeit), putting off, uttering, &c.	2	..	..	7	1	4	8	7	3	2
<i>Other Offences not included in the above Clauses.</i>										
Accessory to Felony before the fact .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
" to Felony after the fact .. .. .	..	..	5	..	6	5	1	..	..	..
Being unlawfully on the Premises .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Breach of Mining Regulations	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Contempt of Court .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Inhumanity .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Keeping a Common Brothel .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Libel .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	..
Miscellaneous Offences under—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Foreign Enlistment Act .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Insolvency Statute .. .. .	..	12	6	4	3	5	3	2	4	1
Pawnbrokers Statute .. .. .	..	..	..	1	7	..	3	2	2	..
Police Offences Statute .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Public Works Statute .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Seamen Statute	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Municipal Institutions Act .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Negligence, causing Bodily Harm by .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1
Perjury and Subornation of Perjury	21	21	26	21	18	19	22	18	18	15
Personation at Elections .. .. .	..	..	10	..	3	1	..	2	2	..
Prison Breaking and Escape, &c.	3	..	..	2	1	3	2	1	1	1
Riot, Breach of the Peace, Pound Breach	11	9	6	4	11	16	19	1	3	13
Sending a Threatening Letter .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Smuggling .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Threatening Language .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Unlawfully soliciting and inciting a person to commit a Felony	1	1
Vagrancy	4	12	18	7
Total	1,428	1,329	1,283	1,144	1,081	1,031	1,167	1,040	957	901

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PERSONS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Offences.	1859.	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.
<i>Offences against the Person.</i>										
Murder	94	65	38	56	61	28	44	32	16	28
„ Attempt to	23	5	8	7	18	12	8	4	6	3
Administering Poison with intent to Injure, &c...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4
Shooting at, Stabbing, Wounding, with intent to Maim	106	77	87	80	66	58	56	50	51	51
Manslaughter	29	34	24	20	22	20	18	20	27	22
Feloniously attempting to procure Abortion	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	2
Concealing Birth of their Infants	5	4	2	7	6	7	5	4	15	6
Sodomy	6	8	7	3	7	2	8	4	5	6
Assault with intent to commit Sodomy	1	2	3	1	...	2	3	1	5	4
Rape	27	30	19	21	29	31	29	9	19	16
Assault with intent to commit Rape	47	38	43	58	34	36	35	26	16	30
Accessory to Assault with intent to commit Rape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Carnally knowing a Girl under ten years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	4
Procuring the Defilement of Girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Indecent Assault	...	...	...	...	18	21	23	28	24	22
Abduction	12	8	4	6	8	11	9	5	6	4
Bestiality	4	3	12	12	11	10	4	1	4	8
Bigamy	5	4	7	2	1	3	7	8	2	8
Child Dropping	...	...	...	...	2	1	5	5	1	2
„ Stealing	6	...	1	2	1	...	1	...	3	3
Feloniously demanding Money with Menaces	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	1	2	...
Threatening a Witness	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Assaults and inflicting Bodily Harm	458	270	324	193	91	94	200	179	163	121
„ Common	484	582	353	450	659	641	583	644	657	880
„ on Police	330	295	311	270	208	230	275	266	240	225
Rescue from Custody, and Attempt to	54	49	27	31	24	18	19	14	15	19
Obstructing Police Constables on Duty	246	177	154	154	144	125	119	149	168	149
Attempt to commit Suicide	38	37	41	39	41	50	51	50	61	58
Feloniously throwing over the Person a Corrosive Fluid	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...
<i>Offences against Property committed with Violence.</i>										
Burglary	82	143	72	84	44	57	117	61	53	73
„ attended with violence to persons	...	...	...	...	3	3	4	3	...	3
Breaking into a Dwelling-house and Stealing	7	12	27	33	30	25	49	54	48	72
„ into a Dwelling-house with intent to Steal	14	...	...	...	2	4	11	4	10	...
„ into Shops, Warehouses, Counting-houses, &c.	16	...	...	3	48	29	43	34	31	5
„ into a Church and Stealing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	8
Robbery	513	687	768	495	133	150	152	73	83	96
„ Accessory after the fact	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
„ Accessory before the fact	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Assault with intent to Rob	43	23	24	29	19	15	24	29	21	12
Feloniously Breaking into a Church and Stealing	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
<i>Offences against Property committed without Violence.</i>										
Cattle Stealing	85	77	86	61	60	49	87	96	56	39
Horse Stealing	224	223	182	134	83	127	105	102	94	92
Sheep Stealing	26	13	12	7	10	14	17	27	17	21
Illegally using Horses and Cattle	18	21	16	10	28	15	32	38	28	31
Larceny in a Dwelling to the value of £5	...	...	...	...	...	...	124	121	122	47
„ in a Dwelling	743	781	694	540	484	624	580	568	420	479
„ from the Person	447	414	348	393	382	341	349	313	293	247
„ by Servants	8	...	...	...	...	3	22	40	47	33
„ from Letters containing Bank Notes, &c.	2	...	...	...	...	3	9	12	5	5
„ of Written Instruments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
„ Simple	1,437	1,421	1,324	1,587	1,892	1,769	1,838	2,040	1,695	1,845
Misdemeanor with intent to Steal	11	...	...	2	20	8	11	9	19	30
Embezzlement	50	58	73	45	55	69	85	64	45	47
Receiving Stolen Property	129	144	129	94	84	72	116	84	91	99
Frauds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Conspiracy with intent to Defraud	167	202	154	155	181	199	200	260	220	182
Unlawful Possession of Goods	42	34	6	13	50	46	42	70	27	31
Pawning Illegally	3	3	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dog Stealing	...	...	...	...	4	15	10	9	20	17
<i>Malicious Offences against Property.</i>										
Arson	50	30	40	45	31	36	31	26	41	34
Feloniously Wounding Cattle	...	...	...	...	2	6	14	14	6	13
Wilful Damage	594	617	709	701	734	701	694	810	641	717
<i>Forgery and Offences against the Currency.</i>										
Forgery and uttering Forged Instrument	98	76	87	91	65	71	97	103	120	88
Coin (Counterfeit), putting off, having, uttering, &c.	5	...	4	13	4	10	16	7	6	5
Coining	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	...	2	2
<i>Other Offences not included in the above Clauses.</i>										
Accessory to Felony before the fact	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	3	8
„ to Felony after the fact	6	6	10	1	31	26	4	3	...	...
Apprentice, Runaway	...	...	...	...	...	20	20	12	12	6
Being Unlawfully on the Premises	263	278	267	257	214	192	190	210	193	219
Breach of Corporate and Municipal Bye-laws	...	...	...	...	17	22	75	103	42	33

PERSONS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.—DECENNIAL RETURN—continued.

Offences.	1859.	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.
<i>Other Offences, &c.—continued.</i>										
Breach of Chinese Regulations ...	4,413	2,003	1,083	162	118	...	...	...	...	...
" of Gunpowder Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
" of Mining Regulations ...	72	97	127	8	16	...	...	...	...	...
" of Ticket-of-Leave Regulations ...	126	128	91	74	51	38	15	9	6	7
Bribery ...	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Commitment in default of paying a Penalty ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	105
Compounding a Felony ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Contempt of Court ...	255	386	393	212	204	255	262	244	199	194
Crown Lands—Illegal Occupation of, Cutting Timber on, &c. ...	72	49	56	69	50	47	55	80	36	33
Cruelty to Animals ...	91	44	52	36	34	35	28	23	44	27
Deserters, Military and Naval ...	23	19	36	38	15	16	12	20	17	24
" from Merchant Service ...	114	136	157	125	201	150	67	72	48	61
Deserting their Families ...	140	165	175	166	186	223	229	235	179	187
Disorderly Characters ...	404	523	402	587	293	60	195	104	74	75
" Prostitutes ...	245	290	331	375	246	229	297	243	323	259
Drunks and Disorderly Characters ...	2,932	3,335	2,628	2,346	2,326	3,008	3,492	3,779	4,482	5,205
Drunkenness ...	8,767	8,552	7,227	7,466	6,791	6,336	6,133	5,588	4,869	4,538
Endeavoring to obtain a Situation by False Characters ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Furious Driving ...	126	162	37	92	79	82	75	56	71	74
Keeping a Gambling-house ...	...	...	...	...	...	9	44	8	5	14
Gambling, and found in Gambling-houses ...	73	99	31	75	59	227	309	194	126	162
Indecently Exposing the Person ...	173	177	210	239	232	272	273	182	215	218
Inhumanity ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Keeping a Common Brothel ...	36	28	72	52	40	32	31	31	47	28
Libel ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	2	...
Lunacy ...	643	654	652	542	525	681	650	616	657	61
Miscellaneous Offences under—										
Distillation Act ...	14	20	13	15	14	8	9	11	8	7
Dog Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	8	8	3
Fire (Prevention of careless use of) Act ...	...	...	...	12	12	15	...	...	...	...
Fisheries and Game Statute ...	...	19	9	12	5	11	14	9	12	9
Foreign Enlistment Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
Gaols Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	12	18	8
Hawkers and Pedlers Statute ...	52	65	60	58	46	47	61	13	18	8
Imprisonment for Debt Acts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	529	189	223	166
Influx of Criminals Prevention Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	15	15	...	2	3
Insolvency Statute ...	...	22	10	10	5	7	11	3	7	2
Licensed Butchers Statute ...	...	1	2	1	2	2	...	5	2	1
Licensed Carriages Statute ...	91	145	147	221	29	50	13	4	13	...
Licensed Theatres Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...
Local Government Act (Roads, &c.) ...	10	8	5	3	...	...	6	1	4	...
Masters and Servants Statute ...	159	127	102	116	145	90	100	74	88	84
Medical Practitioners Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4	...
Municipal Institutions Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Neglected and Criminal Children Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	211	1,031	890	676	867
Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	23	14
Pawnbrokers Statute ...	...	...	...	1	13	2	12	12	5	4
Police Offences Statute ...	833	700	489	632	380	377	431	372	386	437
Police Regulation Statute ...	7	11	13	20	10	12	11	6	3	2
Prevention of Diseases of Animals Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
Public Health Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Public Works Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	36
Railway Acts ...	6	37	12	19	23	39	23	40	...	...
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Scab Act ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...
Seamen Statute ...	410	300	252	324	371	334	192	280	171	236
Shipping Acts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	21	...	...
Small Debts Act ...	102	241	284	237	286	449	...	...	...	...
Thistle Prevention Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Wines, Beer, and Spirits Sale Statute ...	91	26	47	28	13	36	78	64	60	23
Mutiny ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...
Negligence causing Bodily Harm ...	...	...	...	...	1	11	10	1	7	8
Nuisances ...	14	51	27	44	22	33	7	4	7	2
Obscene Language ...	961	1,011	1,135	1,020	806	890	921	865	904	801
Perjury and Subornation of Perjury ...	37	30	36	29	26	29	32	30	25	23
Personation at Elections ...	...	...	14	1	5	2	2	3	2	4
Personating a Police Constable ...	...	...	...	...	11	9	10	6	11	13
Prison Breaking and Escape from Legal Custody, &c. Reputed Thieves ...	24	1	...	6	33	38	63	62	57	24
Riot, Breach of the Peace, Pound Breach ...	419	413	380	281	397	891	893	1,113	1,201	1,361
Selling and Exposing Obscene Prints for Sale ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Sending a Threatening Letter ...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	2
Smuggling ...	...	...	...	3	5	3	6	4	7	5
Threatening Language ...	...	...	...	...	418	480	512	500	569	564
Unlawfully soliciting and inciting a person to commit a Felony ...	1	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vagrancy ...	1,332	1,997	2,415	2,038	1,550	1,548	1,581	1,789	1,707	1,502
Witness refusing to enter into Recognizance to Appear ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total ...	30,357	29,030	25,766	24,006	22,255	23,493	25,499	24,811	23,721	24,384

NOTE.—This Table has been compiled from Returns furnished by the Chief Commissioner of Police.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

TRADE OR OCCUPATION OF CRIMINALS.

RETURN showing the Trade or Occupation of Persons of both Sexes taken into Custody by the Victorian Police during the Year 1868.

Trade or Occupation.	Males and Females.	Males.	Females.	Trade or Occupation.	Males and Females.	Males.	Females.
Actors	11	11	...	Lawyers	24	24	...
Architects	11	11	...	Masons	162	162	...
Artists	14	14	...	Medical Men	42	42	...
Bakers	192	192	...	Milliners and Dressmakers	68	...	68
Barbers	33	33	...	Miners	3,339	3,339	...
Brewers	14	14	...	Musicians	42	42	...
Bricklayers	123	123	...	Painters	117	117	...
Brickmakers	68	68	...	Plasterers	57	57	...
Brokers and Dealers	324	317	7	Printers	75	75	...
Butchers	230	230	...	Prostitutes	2,097	...	2,097
Carpenters	499	499	...	Publicans	124	122	2
Carters	309	309	...	Saddlers	74	74	...
Clergy	1	1	...	Seamen	1,195	1,195	...
Clerks	327	327	...	Servants	430	113	317
Coach and Cab-men	440	440	...	Shepherds	118	118	...
Coachbuilders	24	24	...	Shoemakers	491	491	...
Constables	8	8	...	Smiths	406	406	...
Cooks	189	185	4	Soldiers	54	54	...
Drapers	71	71	...	Splitters and Sawyers	267	267	...
Engineers	147	147	...	Storekeepers	74	72	2
Farmers	512	512	...	Tailors	199	199	...
Gardeners	160	160	...	Teachers	61	56	5
Grocers	42	42	...	Watchmakers	39	39	...
Grooms	184	184	...	Watermen	3	3	...
Hawkers	153	148	5	Other Occupations	914	898	16
Horsedealers	55	55	...	No Occupations	3,390	1,278	2,112
Housekeepers	80	...	80				
Laborers	6,196	6,196	...	Total	24,384	19,564	4,820
Laundresses	105	...	105				

NOTE.—This Table has been compiled from a Return furnished by the Chief Commissioner of Police.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LITIGATION.

RETURN of Civil Cases Tried in the Supreme Court, Melbourne, and in the various Courts of the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1868.

Names of Courts.	Causes Entered.		Amount of Damages laid in Declaration.	Number of Causes Tried.				Verdicts returned for—		Amount awarded by Jury.	Nonsuits.	Writs of Summons Issued.
	For Assessment of Damages.	For Trial.		Juries of Four.		Juries of Twelve.		Plaintiff.	Defendant.			
				Defended.	Undefended.	Defended.	Undefended.					
Melbourne	3	173	£ 126,467 17 8	86	3	24	...	86	27	£ 37,107 11 11	...	} 3,629
Geelong	1	900 0 0	2	...	...	...	2	...	400 0 0	...	
Ballarat	32	2,107 19 10	21	...	2	...	18	5	2,776 12 1	...	
Castlemaine	8	2,229 7 6	6	...	...	...	5	1	228 10 10	...	
Sandhurst	4	2,586 6 11	6	...	...	...	4	2	394 7 6	...	
Beechworth	1	44 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Belfast	
Ararat	
Maryborough	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Sale	1	1,000 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	3	221	135,336 1 11	122	3	26	...	116	35	40,906 12 4	...	3,629

JOHN A. PORTER, Prothonotary.

LITIGATION.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places at which Courts were held.	Causes Entered.		Amount of Damages laid in Declaration.	Number of Causes Tried.				Verdicts returned for—		Amount awarded by Jury.	Non-suits.	Writs of Summons Issued.
		For Assessment of Damages.	For Trial.		Juries of Four.		Juries of Twelve.		Plaintiff.	Defendant.			
					Defended.	Undefended.	Defended.	Undefended.					
1859	7	...	...	£ s. d.	228	6	49	...	...	£ s. d.	...	...
1860	8	...	...	...	226	1	47	...	...	...	...	...
1861	9	...	...	...	154	2	37	...	...	...	...	...
1862	9	...	...	...	125	2	39	...	...	...	...	...
1863	9	8	246	213,032 19 7	141	4	34	3	139	35	40,917 19 8	8	2,773
1864	9	2	293	56,453 5 2	160	1	37	...	140	51	30,619 16 2	7	3,343
1865	9	...	227	306,492 2 0	166	...	30	...	142	46	49,592 16 0	8	3,933
1866	9	2	273	457,008 0 5	127	2	28	...	109	37	194,416 7 0	11	5,277
1867	10	1	310	154,931 3 5	181	1	18	...	144	50	27,379 1 3	5	4,542
1868	10	3	221	135,336 1 11	122	3	26	...	116	35	40,906 12 4	...	3,629

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

SUPREME COURT.—CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

RETURN of Cases Tried, and the Number of Convictions in the Supreme Court, Melbourne, and the various Circuit Courts of the Colony of Victoria, during the Year 1868.

Names of Courts.	Number of Courts held.	Total Duration of Courts.	Number of Cases Tried.			Number of Convictions.			
			Felonies.	Misdemeanors.	Total.	Felonies.	Misdemeanors.	Total.	
Melbourne	...	11	46	106	26	132	63	18	81
Geelong	...	2	2	5	8	13	4	6	10
Ballarat	...	4	10	63	12	75	45	8	53
Castlemaine	...	2	4	13	3	16	11	2	13
Sandhurst	...	2	5	16	6	22	10	2	12
Beechworth	...	2	4	23	7	30	18	7	25
Belfast	...	2	3	8	6	14	6	5	11
Ararat	...	2	3	6	1	7	4	1	5
Maryborough	...	2	2	8	2	10	5	1	6
Sale	...	2	2	4	13	17	4	1	5
Total	...	31	81	252	84	336	170	51	221

JOHN A. PORTER, Prothonotary.

SUPREME COURT—CRIMINAL SESSIONS—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places at which Courts were held.	Number of Convictions.				Total.
		For Felony.			For Misdemeanors.	
		Offences against the Person.	Offences against Property.	Total.		
1859	7	131	329	460	122	582
1860	8	84	219	303	113	416
1861	9	111	247	358	104	462
1862	14	70	235	305	109	414
1863	9	*	*	284	91	375
1864	9	*	*	259	71	330
1865	9	*	*	264	69	333
1866	9	*	*	235	69	304
1867	10	*	*	247	56	303
1868	10	*	*	170	51	221

* These particulars for the whole Colony during the last six years are given in the Table of Apprehensions, Commitments, Convictions, &c., *ante*.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

COURTS OF GENERAL SESSIONS.—RETURN FOR NINE YEARS.

Year.	Number of Places where Courts were held.	Number of Courts held.	Total Duration of Courts.		Total Number of Cases tried.	Total Number of Convictions.	Total Number of Appeals.
			Days	hours			
1860	...	...	171	0	780	...	...
1861	16	52	140	0	590	384	154
1862	15	44	115	0	487	355	108
1863	17	57	103	1	458	309	117
1864	21	70	118	4	384	237	69
1865	24	79	137	0	483	342	96
1866	26	91	138	0	520	335	88
1867	26	86	116	1	407	263	86
1868	26	94	137	10½	462	305	72

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

COUNTY COURTS.—RETURN FOR NINE YEARS.

Year.	Number of Places where Courts were held.	Number of Courts held.	Total Duration of Courts.		Total Number of Causes tried.	Aggregate Amount Sued for.		Aggregate Amount Recovered.		Aggregate Amount of Costs awarded to—				Fees paid to Revenue.		Fees paid to Bailiff.							
			days	hrs.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Plaintiff.		Defendant.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
												£	s.	d.	£							s.	d.
1860	...	...	497	0	21,467	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1861	36	154	540	0	16,608	398,812	4	7	155,502	14	2¾	15,629	12	0	7,525	19	6	4,979	13	6	4,619	1	2
1862	38	163	546	0	15,130	374,693	16	5½	152,640	17	5¼	18,740	5	5	4,938	0	9	4,849	18	7	4,262	19	1
1863	40	167	510	3½	16,737	331,642	9	3	131,116	19	5½	15,617	5	6	4,070	6	6	4,475	15	3	4,463	10	8
1864	40	165	456	4	16,587	303,597	3	9	116,353	0	7	14,478	9	6	3,385	16	5	3,723	17	9	4,087	0	2
1865	50	193	498	0	19,201	319,403	3	3½	120,946	4	10	14,661	9	5	3,882	3	4	4,175	0	4	4,346	5	5
1866	50	205	567	0	18,120	328,022	14	1½	115,004	16	9¼	14,175	9	2	3,247	11	6	3,808	14	11	3,515	16	3
1867	50	195	540	1	14,433	276,372	7	6	105,346	11	10	13,660	12	9	3,367	10	4	3,022	6	6	3,011	0	0
1868	51	203	446	11½	11,711	215,511	3	10	78,595	2	e½	10,797	9	6	3,279	6	5	2,427	8	4	2,188	3	8

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

COURTS OF MINES.—RETURN FOR NINE YEARS.

Year.	Number of Places where Courts were held.	Number of Courts held.	Total Duration of Courts.		Total Number of Suits.	Aggregate Amount or Value of Demand.		Aggregate Amount of Costs awarded to—				Fees paid to Revenue.		Fees paid to Bailiff.						
			days	hrs.		£	s.	d.	Plaintiff.		Defendant.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
									£	s.	d.	£							s.	d.
1860	...	...	179	0	843	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1861	20	103	205	0	431	53,643	19	3	771	16	0	1,135	2	10	733	7	3	222	14	0
1862	24	108	224	0	422	91,107	18	3½	1,033	19	9	1,107	17	2	962	7	6	184	19	0
1863	29	108	206	0½	278	26,089	1	10	1,734	0	5	1,584	4	2	547	11	6	188	8	0
1864	27	100	175	0	219	56,231	5	9	1,654	9	0	1,447	1	11	649	18	2	137	1	0
1865	32	109	170	0	289	58,195	1	11	1,421	17	8	1,542	3	8	669	10	9	166	9	0
1866	34	124	229	0	308	105,101	16	0	1,624	11	10	1,350	14	6	560	10	1	92	4	0
1867	33	126	158	7½	203	50,096	18	1	1,348	13	4	786	4	8	337	7	6	88	3	0
1868	32	111	150	1½	188	335,408	5	6	879	5	6½	1,026	11	6	932	12	5	75	6	0

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS.—RETURN FOR SIX YEARS.

Year.	Number of Places where Courts were held.	Indictable Offences.					Summary Jurisdiction.										Licenses.			
		Against the Person.	Against Property.	Other Offences.	Total Cases heard.	Persons Committed, or held to Bail for Trial.	Offences.					Civil Cases.					Applied for.	Granted.		
							Against the Person.	Against Property.	Other Offences.	Total Cases heard.	Convictions.	Number of Cases heard.	Aggregate Amount of Debts or Damages claimed.	Aggregate Amount awarded.						
1863	141	1,185	2,527	495	4,207	1,265	5,781	6,742	29,725	42,248	23,496	31,395	173,095	13	2½	78,440	11	4½	7,558	6,727
1864	146	946	2,888	612	4,446	1,101	5,904	6,265	31,467	43,636	25,660	31,300	150,512	19	1	77,715	0	11½	8,855	8,015
1865	165	643	2,750	864	4,257	1,531	3,405	4,967	18,429	48,801	27,887	39,490	215,849	19	11½	104,482	7	8½	6,307	5,355
1866	173	575	2,301	467	3,343	1,159	4,720	5,510	35,623	45,853	27,613	41,600	305,811	5	0	141,181	14	2	5,314	4,795
1867	173	367	1,784	319	2,470	1,082	3,302	3,919	32,644	39,865	25,379	27,603	194,631	13	2	108,350	1	4	5,493	4,997
1868	177	330	1,576	244	2,150	978	4,089	4,121	32,140	40,350	26,405	25,094	186,621	11	9¾	94,934	8	10	5,340	5,010

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

WRITS.

RETURN of the Number of Writs received by the Sheriff of Victoria, and the several Sheriffs throughout the Colony, during the Year 1868.

Name of Place.	Queen's Writs against Person and Property.	Subjects' Writs.		Total.
		Against the Person.	Against Property.	
Ararat	2	...	37	39
Belfast	2	...	77	79
Ballarat	4	1	185	190
Beechworth ... ..	...	...	46	46
Geelong	1	1	67	69
Maryborough	1	...	38	39
Sandhurst	2	...	117	119
Castlemaine				
Sale	1	1	31	33
Melbourne	23	45	661	729
Total	36	48	1,259	1,343

CLAUD FARIE, Sheriff.

CRIMINALS EXECUTED.

RETURN of the Number of Criminals Executed in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1868.

Date.	Place of Execution.	Name.	Age.	Sex.	Where Born.	Religion.	Offence.	Bond or Free.
1868.								
March 31	Melbourne Gaol	Joseph Whelan ...	31	Male	Ireland	Roman Catholic ...	Murder	Free
„ 31	Melbourne Gaol	Bernard Cunningham	28	Male	Ireland	Roman Catholic ...	Murder	Free
August 14	Castlemaine Gaol	John Hogan ...	54	Male	Ireland	Roman Catholic ...	Murder	Free

CLAUD FARIE, Sheriff.

CRIMINALS EXECUTED.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Persons Executed.	Year.									
	1859.	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.
Total Number	6	3	5	1	6*	4	6	3	5	3
Birthplace :—										
Australian Colonies (not Victoria)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
England	2	2	3	1	2*	4	3	...	2	...
Wales ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Ireland	2	...	1	...	3	...	1	1	2	3
Scotland ... ..	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Belgium ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
United States of America	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
China ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Religion :—										
Church of England	3	2	2	...	2*	4	2	2	3	...
Roman Catholic	2	...	2	...	4	...	4	...	2	3
Presbyterian ... ..	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wesleyan	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Offence :—										
Murder	2	3	4	...	6*	2	6	3	4	3
Attempt at Murder	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Rape	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sodomy on a Child ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Bond	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Free	2	3	5	1	6*	4	6	3	5	3

* One of these was a female. This is the only instance of a female being executed in Victoria since the first settlement of the Colony.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

RETURN of Gaols, and of the Number of Prisoners confined therein, for the Year ending 31st December, 1868.

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Name of Gaol.	Number of Prisoners for whom there is Accommodation.			Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the Commencement of the Year.														Number of Prisoners Received during the Year.																
	In separate Cells, intended for only one Prisoner.	In Wards or Cells adapted for more than one Prisoner.	Total.	Debtors.		Lunatics.		For Felony.				For Misdemeanors.				For other Offences.		Total.		Debtors.		Lunatics.		For Trial.		In Transitu.		Sentenced to—				Total.		
				M.	F.	M.	F.	Tried.		Untried.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
								M.	F.	M.	F.																							M.
Ararat ...	28	8	36	...	...	...	...	9	1	3	...	2	...	1	...	6	3	21	4	2	15	3	39	5	8	4	...	39	1	30	18	...	133	31
Ballarat ...	56	18	74	...	...	8	5	10	...	5	...	44	10	6	3	...	...	73	18	...	56	19	529	111	...	...	100	5	928	264	...	1,613	399	
Beechworth ...	68	12	80	...	...	...	...	49	2	10	...	6	...	1	1	7	6	73	9	...	21	2	52	1	82	5	...	119	19	62	11	...	336	38
Castlemaine ...	63	37	100	4	1	3	...	16	1	6	...	19	8	...	...	3	3	51	13	19	34	10	27	...	50	7	3	126	16	91	34	1	351	67
Geelong ...	84	262	346	...	...	2	3	32	4	1	...	12	10	1	1	...	...	48	18	...	13	11	37	1	...	...	54	13	143	82	1	248	107	
Kilmore ...	6	34	40	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	1	7	1	3	6	1	65	10	...	...	...	11	...	52	12	...	137	23	
Maryborough ...	40	...	40	...	...	...	...	10	1	6	2	20	3	2	...	...	...	38	6	...	11	8	68	9	6	...	1	68	17	51	17	...	205	51
Melbourne ...	197	268	465	4	...	7	1	19	7	8	2	43	18	14	7	132	40	227	75	2	22	11	228	50	894	341	2	1,424	423	802	625	9	3,383	1,450
Portland ...	8	36	44	...	...	...	...	6	...	1	...	6	1	...	...	1	...	14	1	...	1	...	13	1	2	...	56	1	18	6	...	89	10	
Sandhurst ...	47	35	82	...	...	1	1	23	11	7	1	6	1	7	1	12	...	56	15	...	38	14	333	78	...	...	132	41	177	37	...	680	170	
Total ...	597	710	1,307	8	1	21	10	175	27	47	5	161	51	32	13	164	53	608	160	26	217	79	1,391	266	1,041	359	6	2,129	536	2,354	1,106	11	7,175	2,346

Name of Gaol.	Number of Prisoners Discharged during the Year.																		Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the end of the Year.																	
	Debtors.		Lunatics.				Pardoned.		On Remission of Sentence.		At Expiration of Sentence.		Transferred to another Gaol or Penal Establishment.		Executed.		Died.		Total.		Debtors.		Lunatics.		For Felony.				For Misdemeanors.				For other Offences.		Total.	
			Transferred to Lunatic Asylum.		Discharged altogether.																				Tried.		Untried.		Tried.		Untried.					
			M.	F.	M.	F.																			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Ararat ...	2	...	6	3	10	1	1	1	25	5	68	18	11	4	...	...	3	...	126	32	...	...	...	...	11	...	2	1	6	...	1	...	8	2	28	3
Ballarat ...	...	...	31	15	33	9	...	...	122	21	1,333	324	80	15	...	...	1	3	1,600	387	...	...	...	...	14	2	13	3	55	22	4	3	...	...	86	30
Beechworth ...	...	...	9	2	12	...	...	...	88	4	229	33	2	...	...	...	...	340	39	...	...	...	...	41	2	6	...	12	2	3	...	7	4	69	8	
Castlemaine ...	23	1	...	...	36	9	...	...	62	12	198	51	16	...	1	...	1	...	337	73	...	...	...	1	20	...	3	...	21	...	1	...	20	6	65	7
Geelong ...	...	...	14	11	1	3	1	...	29	9	195	88	26	1	...	...	1	...	267	112	...	...	...	...	2	8	1	...	25	5	1	...	...	...	29	13
Kilmore ...	3	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	16	1	93	20	11	...	...	...	1	...	130	22	...	...	...	...	6	...	1	...	3	...	...	4	2	14	2	
Maryborough ...	...	...	2	3	9	5	1	...	27	1	152	43	12	...	...	...	...	203	52	...	...	...	...	16	...	7	...	12	5	5	...	...	...	40	5	
Melbourne ...	1	...	18	10	14	7	...	...	356	119	2,502	856	582	246	2	...	9	3	3,484	1,241	1	...	2	1	67	26	5	...	108	32	10	4	112	39	305	102
Portland ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	38	3	40	5	5	1	...	...	1	...	85	9	...	...	...	...	5	...	3	...	9	1	...	1	1	18	2	
Sandhurst ...	...	...	21	6	17	8	...	...	76	32	510	117	53	1	...	...	1	...	678	164	...	...	...	...	24	5	7	3	9	7	1	17	5	58	21	
Total ...	29	1	108	51	132	42	3	1	839	207	5,320	1,555	798	268	3	...	18	6	7,250	2,131	1	...	2	2	206	43	48	7	260	74	26	8	169	59	712	193

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

RETURN of Gaols, and of the Number of Prisoners confined therein, for the Year ending 31st December, 1868.—*continued.*

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Name of Gaol.	Number of Prisoners Employed during the Year at—								Number of Prisoners not employed.		Punishment for Offences within the Prison during the Year.							
	Hard Labor in the Prison.		Hard Labor without the Prison.		Employments not Hard Labor.		Total.				Irons.		Solitary Confinement.		Other Punishments.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Ararat	9	1	53	...	20	15	82	16	72	19	...	...	4	...	2	...	6	...
Ballarat	74	93	136	...	274	104	484	197	1,129	202	...	...	13	1	6	...	19	1
Beechworth	83	23	87	...	50	10	220	33	116	5	...	...	38	...	7	...	45	...
Castlemaine	10	...	110	...	35	3	155	3	247	77	2	...	101	16	1	1	104	17
Geelong	55	13	42	...	19	9	116	22	180	103	...	...	29	16	2	1	31	17
Kilmore	20	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	124	24	...	...	7	...	...	...	7	...
Maryborough ... ..	...	...	19	...	72	20	91	20	152	37	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	...
Melbourne	1,224	423	...	...	...	...	1,224	423	2,159	1,027	...	...	30	91	10	...	40	91
Portland ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103	11	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...
Sandhurst	55	33	101	...	61	38	217	71	463	99	...	...	16	2	...	1	16	3
Total	1,530	586	548	...	531	199	2,609	785	4,745	1,604	2	...	245	126	28	3	275	129

Name of Gaol.	Number of Prisoners Committed before.								Number of Prisoners—								Number of Cases of Sickness.				Greatest Number in Confinement at any one time during the Year.	
	Once.		Twice.		Three or more times.		Total.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		Total.		Greatest at any one time.		Total during the Year.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Ararat	20	5	3	5	1	2	24	12	82	13	6	11	45	7	133	31	2	3	48	15	32	6
Ballarat	27	16	15	18	9	13	51	47	1,148	244	31	49	384	106	1,613	399	4	7	139	81	95	39
Beechworth	48	7	28	5	33	20	109	32	221	12	27	13	88	13	336	38	14	2	130	10	84	9
Castlemaine	44	10	21	3	50	23	115	36	177	25	20	8	154	34	351	67	6	1	96	28	66	9
Geelong	35	13	12	9	20	37	67	59	81	30	92	40	75	37	248	107	5	5	124	98	48	18
Kilmore	19	1	5	2	6	4	30	7	125	17	7	2	12	5	144	24	7	...	43	7	27	2
Maryborough	14	14	7	3	18	16	39	33	130	23	16	10	59	18	205	51	14	1	45	6	47	7
Melbourne	765	554	213	184	218	84	1,196	822	2,484	312	640	1,029	259	109	3,383	1,450	29	20	1,030	675	312	113
Portland	18	3	5	1	5	...	28	4	63	5	7	3	19	2	89	10	5	...	35	3	26	2
Sandhurst	13	9	13	15	16	16	42	40	232	57	165	39	283	74	680	170	11	4	163	65	77	26
Total	1,003	632	322	245	376	215	1,701	1,092	4,743	738	1,061	1,204	1,378	405	7,182	2,347	97	43	1,853	988	814	231

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GAOLS AND PRISONERS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Gaols.	Number of Prisoners they can contain in separate Cells.	Number of Prisoners they can contain where more than one sleeps in a Cell.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the Commencement of the Year.	Number of Prisoners Received during the Year.	Number of Prisoners Discharged during the Year, including Deaths.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the End of the Year.	Number of Prisoners Employed during the Year.	Number of Punishments for Offences within the Prison during the Year.	Number of Prisoners Committed before.			Number of Cases of Sickness during the Year.	Number of Deaths during the Year.	Greatest Number in Confinement at any one time during the Year.
										Once.	Twice.	Three times or more.			
1859	10	170	820	678	7,062	7,017	723	2,298	128	1,174	411	628	1,622	26	1,094
1860	10	207	926	678	10,292	10,262	708	3,700	165	1,227	473	297	2,457	35	921
1861	12	466	1,324	708	10,254	10,242	720	3,703	155	1,392	551	989	2,101	24	1,008
1862	12	473	988	720	9,645	9,607	758	3,170	250	822	417	952	2,315	31	1,049
1863	12	626	1,139	754	9,405	9,340	819	3,054	180	1,503	632	968	2,359	32	1,169
1864	11	653	1,000	762	9,569	8,947	831	3,152	226	1,779	883	645	2,630	21	1,007
1865	10	620	876	832	11,111	10,519	841	3,172	268	2,124	1,171	867	2,909	26	1,172
1866	10	633	838	846	10,849	10,295	833	2,984	283	2,093	1,034	974	2,814	53	1,096
1867	10	599	712	831	10,188	9,766	767	3,159	287	1,969	1,126	808	2,861	40	1,102
1868	10	597	710	768	9,521	9,381	905	3,394	404	1,635	567	591	2,841	24	1,045

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HULKS.

RETURN of the Penal Establishments and Hulks, and of the Number of Prisoners confined therein, for the Year ending 31st December, 1868.

Name of Penal Establishment.	Number of Prisoners for whom there is accommodation.			Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the Commencement of the Year.								Number of Prisoners Received during the Year.				Number of Prisoners Discharged during the Year.																				
	In separate Cells intended for only one Prisoner.	In Words or Cells adapted for more than one Prisoner.	Total.	For Felony.		For Mis-demeanors.		For other Offences.		Total.		Sentenced to—				Transferred to Lunatic Asylum.	Pardoned.		On Remission of Sentence.		At Expiration of Sentence.		Transferred to another Gaol or Penal Establishment.		Absconded, and not retaken.		On Ticket of Leave.		Died.		Total.					
				Tried.		Tried.		Total.		Hard Labor.		Imprisonment.		Total.			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Penal Establishment, Pentridge ...	599	368	967	678	...	28	...	29	...	735	...	343	67	12	51	355	118	7	1	1	...	235	8	87	27	79	..	...	...	7	...	7	1	423	37
Hulk <i>Sacramento</i> , Hobson's Bay ...	18	103	121	40	...	41	...	...	...	81	...	198	...	5	...	203	...	...	...	...	...	104	...	98	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	212	...
Hulk <i>Success</i> , Hobson's Bay ...	42	100	142	...	33	...	45	78	74	1	67	141	52	1	102	...	64	1	...	1	219	...
Reformatory Ship, <i>Deborah</i> , Hobson's Bay ...	...	200	200	69	...	50	...	...	...	119	...	...	...	51	...	51	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	25	...	137	64	4	...	...	...	1	...	170	...
Total ...	659	771	1,430	787	33	119	45	29	...	935	78	541	141	69	118	610	259	7	1	1	...	342	60	211	129	226	64	4	...	7	...	8	2	806	256	

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PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HULKS.

RETURN of the Penal Establishments and Hulks, and of the Number of Prisoners confined therein, for the Year ending 31st December, 1868—continued.

Name of Penal Establishment.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the end of the Year.								Daily Average Number of Prisoners Employed during the Year at—								Punishment for Offences within the Prison during the Year.									
	For Felony.		For Misdemeanors.		For other Offences.		Total.		Hard Labor in the Prison.		Hard Labor without the Prison.		Employments not Hard Labor.		Total.		Daily Average Number of Prisoners not employed on Working Days.		Irons.		Solitary Confinement.		Other Punishments.		Total.	
	Tried.		Tried.																							
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Penal Establishment, Pentridge	537	36	41	...	89	45	667	81	548	42	...	...	106	17	654	59	49	13	10	...	426	11	1,686	22	2,122	33
Hulk <i>Sacramento</i> , Hobson's Bay	51	...	21	...	...	...	72	...	19	...	34	...	10	...	63	...	13	...	...	...	72	...	152	...	224	...
Hulk <i>Success</i> , Hobson's Bay ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	34	...	79	...	...	...	...	55	...	150	...	205	...
Reformatory Ship <i>Deborah</i> , Hobson's Bay ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	118	...	...	...	11	...	129	...	23	...	...	...	29	...	205	...	234	...
Total ...	588	36	62	...	89	45	739	81	685	87	34	...	127	51	846	138	85	26	10	...	527	66	2,043	172	2,580	238

Name of Penal Establishment.	Number of Prisoners Convicted before.								Number of Prisoners—								Number of Cases of Sickness.				Greatest Number in Confinement at any one time during the Year.		
	Once.		Twice.		Three or more times.		Total.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		Total.		Greatest at any one time.		Total during the Year.				
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Penal Establishment, Pentridge	238	13	142	8	286	83	666	104	741	56	204	40	145	22	1,090	118	33	5	376	15	735	87	
Hulk <i>Sacramento</i> , Hobson's Bay	32	...	18	...	19	...	69	...	140	...	32	...	112	...	284	...	7	...	70	...	85	...	
Hulk <i>Success</i> , Hobson's Bay	16	...	17	...	159	...	192	...	93	...	78	1	48	1	219	...	9	...	100	...	108	...
Reformatory Ship <i>Deborah</i> , Hobson's Bay ...	25	...	9	...	2	...	36	...	81	...	37	...	56	...	170	...	5	...	17	...	138	...	
Total ...	295	29	169	25	307	242	771	296	962	149	260	118	314	70	1,545	337	45	14	463	115	958	195	

Note.—The female prisoners from the *Success* were transferred to Pentridge in October. The boys from the Reformatory Ship *Deborah* were transferred to the Industrial Schools Department in December.

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PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HULKS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Penal Establishments.	Number of Prisoners they can contain in separate Cells.	Number of Prisoners they can contain where more than one sleeps in a Cell.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the Commencement of the Year.	Number of Prisoners Received during the Year.	Number of Prisoners Discharged during the Year, including Deaths.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the end of the Year.	Number of Prisoners Employed during the Year.	Number of Punishments for Offences within the Prison during the Year.	Number of Prisoners Convicted before.			Number of Cases of Sickness during the Year.	Number of Deaths during the Year.	Greatest Number in Confinement at any one time during the Year.
										Once.	Twice.	Three times or more.			
1859	5	287	1,465	1,239	...	...	1,192	1,025	1,590	...	...	...	1,089	16	1,407
1860	4	549	983	1,192	2,055	2,071	1,176	1,029	2,303	302	90	255	1,205	5	1,376
1861	4	626	988	1,176	1,791	1,847	1,120	1,120	2,042	331	115	266	712	4	1,381
1862	4	613	859	1,120	1,268	1,333	1,055	962	1,900	294	153	287	724	10	1,172
1863	4	571	787	1,055	1,429	1,443	1,041	1,025	2,317	423	245	429	723	6	1,216
1864	5	542	904	1,041	1,188	1,341	888	982	2,846	413	217	368	719	11	1,180
1865	6	549	1,168	888	1,239	1,070	1,057	951	2,650	442	234	435	558	6	1,206
1866	6	677	1,168	1,057	1,138	1,120	1,075	1,079	2,748	232	232	418	651	9	1,243
1867	5	665	965	1,075	977	1,039	1,013	992	2,910	368	210	451	500	7	1,136
1868	4	659	771	1,013	869	1,062	820	984	2,818	324	194	549	578	10	1,153

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.—BIRTHPLACES AND RELIGIONS OF PRISONERS.

RETURN of the Birthplaces and Religions of Prisoners in the various Gaols in the Colony of Victoria for the Year ending 31st December, 1868.

Religions of Prisoners.	Total Number of Prisoners.	Birthplaces of Prisoners in Confinement for—																											
		Felony.							Misdemeanors.							Minor Offences.						Debt or Lunacy.							
		Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.
Church of England	4,057	135	460	31	42	16	39	1	185	1,208	161	25	23	68	...	181	1,157	104	31	19	29	...	12	102	17	2	2	7	...
Presbyterians	877	5	2	4	85	3	1	...	6	13	23	271	1	14	...	15	16	25	359	2	2	...	2	2	1	23	...	2	...
Wesleyans	206	6	21	7	5	...	5	...	10	36	9	5	...	5	...	25	46	1	9	2	5	...	...	7	1	...	...	...	...
Independents	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Baptists	42	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	...	...	...	8	...	1	13	2	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...
Other Protestants	77	1	2	2	...	5	7	...	...	1	1	...	1	24	...	...	...	1	...	1	26	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...
Roman Catholics	3,480	55	68	323	6	9	31	1	110	108	890	25	41	75	...	195	105	1,268	11	12	39	1	4	6	85	5	2	5	...
Jews	24	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	8	...	...	...	5	...	3	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pagans	727	...	...	...	2	...	...	339	...	...	...	...	3	28	253	...	...	...	...	...	5	88	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Other Persuasions	11	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
No Religion	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Religion unknown	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	9,521	205	556	368	140	33	85	341	316	1,389	1,084	326	75	230	253	421	1,344	1,402	411	36	111	89	18	121	107	31	4	16	9

N.B.—The small figure denotes the Aborigines included in the total.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

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PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HULKS.—BIRTHPLACES AND RELIGIONS OF PRISONERS.

RETURN of the Birthplaces and Religions of Prisoners in the various Penal Establishments and Hulks in the Colony of Victoria for the Year ending 31st December, 1868.

Religions of Prisoners.	Total Number of Prisoners.	Birthplaces of Prisoners in Confinement for—																						
		Felony.							Misdemeanors.							Minor Offences.								
		Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.		
Church of England	935	114	454	58	20	20	15	...	17	77	5	9	2	27	...	14	73	17	11	2	5	...		
Presbyterians	119	7	12	4	53	2	4	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	1	4	15	...	...	...	...
Wesleyans	64	1	31	3	1	2	2	...	2	3	1	...	11	1	...	...	5	4	...	...	1	...	
Independents	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baptists	5	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Protestants	30	...	3	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Roman Catholics	551	55	67	180	15	10	13	...	25	6	24	5	...	18	...	8	19	103	2	2	...	...	...
Jews	10	...	5	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pagans	164	...	...	...	...	...	...	123	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Other Persuasions	1	1
No Religion	1	1
Total	*1,881	177	577	247	90	37	38	123	46	86	30	24	13	68	21	22	98	124	30	4	6	20	...	

* One Aboriginal is included in this total.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

REFORMATORIES.—ACCOMMODATION, RECEIPTS, ETC.

RETURN of the Amount of Accommodation and of the Receipts and Expenditure in the various Reformatories throughout the Colony of Victoria under the control of the Inspector of Industrial Schools and Reformatories for the Year ending 31st December, 1868.

Reformatories.	Number of Wards.	Aggregate Number of Cubic Feet in Wards.	Number of Beds—			Receipts—			Expenditure.					
			For Males.	For Females.	Total.	From Government.	From Other Sources.	Total.						
						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sunbury	1	12'038	...	27	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abbotsford	1	12'375	...	27	27	331	3	9½	332	2	0½	663	5	10
Total	2	24'413	...	54	54	331	3	9½	332	2	0½	663	5	10

GEO. O. DUNCAN, Inspector.

REFORMATORIES.—BIRTHPLACES AND RELIGIONS OF PRISONERS.

RETURN of the Birthplaces and Religions of Prisoners in the Reformatories under the control of the Inspector of Industrial Schools and Reformatories for the Year ending 31st December, 1868.

	Total.	Birthplaces.					
		Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Other British Possessions.	China.	Birthplaces Unknown.
Church of England	10	7	1	...	...	...	2
Presbyterians	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Wesleyans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Protestants, and Protestants not specified	6	3	2	1	...	...	...
Roman Catholics	28	20	1	6	1	...	...
Total	45	31	4	7	1	...	2

GEO. O. DUNCAN, Inspector.

SUICIDES.—(I.)

RETURN of the Number of Persons of both Sexes who committed Suicide in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1868, distinguishing the Modes of Death and the Number in each Month.

Month.	Cause of Death.												Total.			
	Wounds.				Poisoning.		Drowning.		Hanging.		Otherwise.					
	Gushot.		Cut, Stab, &c.													
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
January ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	5	1	6
February ...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	5	1	6
March ...	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	...	6
April ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
May ...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	4
June ...	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	5	2	7
July ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	3	1	4
August ...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
September ...	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	9	...	9
October	4	2	3	...	1	8	2	10
November	3	...	2	...	1	6	...	6
December	2	1	3	...	3
Total ...	7	...	17	3	8	2	8	2	18	1	1	59	8	67

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SUICIDES.—(II.)

RETURN of the Number and Ages of Persons of both Sexes who committed Suicide in the Coast, Rural, and Goldfields Districts of the Colony of Victoria, during the Year 1868.

Districts.	Ages.														Age unspecified.		Total.													
	15 to 20 years.		20 to 25 years.		25 to 30 years.		30 to 35 years.		35 to 40 years.		40 to 45 years.		45 to 50 years.						50 to 55 years.		55 to 60 years.		60 to 65 years.		65 to 70 years.					
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.					
Coast { Melbourne and Suburbs	1	...	2	...	2	1	4	...	3	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	13	3	16			
Coast { Exclusive of Melbourne and Suburbs	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3			
Rural	1	...	2	...	1	...	3	...	1	...	4	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	14	2	16			
Goldfields	1	...	2	...	4	...	6	...	1	5	...	4	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	29	3	32	
Total	1	1	1	4	...	7	...	13	2	10	...	12	1	1	1	4	...	4	1	1	1	2	...	59	8	67

Note.—This and the preceding Table have been compiled from the registrations of deaths. The number of Suicides as shown in them differs slightly from that given in the Table of Inquests, *post*, according to which the number of persons who committed suicide in 1868, including those who died from "self-inflicted wounds," and one man "found hanging to a tree," appears to have been 70—viz., 59 males and 11 females.

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SUICIDES.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Persons who committed Suicide.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
1859	49	8	57
1860	52	8	60
1861	54	10	64
1862	62	8	70
1863	56	7	63
1864	55	11	66
1865	61	14	75
1866	68	13	81
1867	55	8	63
1868	59	11	70

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INQUESTS.

RETURN of the Number of Inquests held, and the Verdicts returned, throughout the Colony of Victoria, during the Year 1868.

Verdicts returned.	Number of Inquests.			Verdicts returned.	Number of Inquests.		
	On Males.	On Females	Total.		On Males.	On Females	Total.
Abscess	2	2	4	Fall down a cutting	2	...	2
Accidental burns	15	37	52	Fall down a hole ... ..	...	1	1
Accidental drowning	124	36	160	Fall down a shaft	28	...	28
Accidental falls	3	...	3	Fall down a well ... ..	...	1	1
Accidental injuries	9	...	9	Fall from a buggy	1	...	1
Accidental scalds	17	7	24	Fall from a cart	9	...	9
Accidental strangulation	1	...	1	Fall from a dray	7	...	7
Accidental suffocation	21	10	31	Fall from a gig ... ..	...	1	1
Accidentally killed	1	...	1	Fall from a horse	29	3	32
Accidentally overlain	4	1	5	Fall from a house	1	...	1
Accidentally shot	11	1	12	Fall from a scaffold	2	...	2
Administration of chloroform	1	...	1	Fall from a tree	2	...	2
Alcoholic poisoning	5	2	7	Fall from a truck	1	...	1
Aneurism of the aorta	5	1	6	Fall from a verandah	1	...	1
Apoplexy	31	10	41	Fall from a waggon	3	1	4
Asphyxia ... ..	...	2	2	Fall of an axle ... ..	...	1	1
Bite of a snake	1	1	2	Fall of a branch	5	...	5
Bleeding from the nose	1	...	1	Fall of a bucket	1	...	1
Blow from a pick	2	...	2	Fall of a cask of water	1	1	2
Blow inflicted by a lunatic	1	...	1	Fall of a crane	1	...	1
Bronchitis	5	4	9	Fall of earth in a claim	66	...	66
Burnt to death	4	4	8	Fall of earth, various	4	...	4
Bursting of an abscess	1	...	1	Fall of iron railings	1	...	1
Cab passing over him	1	...	1	Fall of a tree	8	2	10
Cancer of the brain	1	...	1	Fall of wood down a shaft	5	...	5
Cancer of the liver	1	...	1	Fall on board ship	4	...	4
Cancer of the neck	1	...	1	Fall on a hayfork	1	...	1
Cancer of the stomach	2	...	2	Fall out of bed	1	...	1
Cancer of the rectum	1	...	1	Fever	3	...	3
Childbirth ... ..	...	7	7	Flooding ... ..	...	5	5
Choked by a piece of bread	2	...	2	Found dead	15	4	19
Choked by a piece of meat	4	1	5	Found drowned	41	7	48
Cholera	1	3	4	Found hanging to a tree	1	...	1
Compression of the brain	6	...	6	Found in the Merri Creek	1	...	1
Concussion of the brain ... ..	...	1	1	Found in the River Murray	1	...	1
Congenital debility ... ..	...	1	1	Found in a water-closet ... ..	...	1	1
Congestion of the brain	13	8	21	Fracture of leg ... ..	...	1	1
Congestion of the liver ... ..	...	1	1	Fracture of the pelvis	1	...	1
Congestion of the lungs	14	4	18	Fracture of the skull	14	...	14
Consumption	1	...	1	Fracture of the spine	5	...	5
Convulsions	4	2	6	Fracture of the thumb	1	...	1
Croup	3	5	8	Gangrene of the bowels	1	...	1
Debility	3	3	6	Gangrene of the lungs	5	1	6
Delirium tremens	9	1	10	Gastro enteritis ... ..	...	2	2
Dentition ... ..	...	4	4	Hæmorrhage from the navel	1	...	1
Diarrhœa	1	2	3	Hæmorrhage from the stomach	1	...	1
Diphtheria	1	1	2	Horse falling on him	5	...	5
Disease of the bowels	2	3	5	Hydatids in the lungs	1	...	1
Disease of the brain	32	6	38	Hydrocephalus	1	...	1
Disease of the heart	54	14	68	Improper feeding	3	...	3
Disease of the kidneys	3	...	3	Inflammation of the bowels	17	7	24
Disease of the liver	3	...	3	Inflammation of the brain	6	1	7
Disease of the lungs	17	7	24	Inflammation of the larynx	1	...	1
Dislocation of the neck	1	...	1	Inflammation of the leg	1	...	1
Dray passing over him	19	...	19	Inflammation of the lungs	11	6	17
Drinking kerosene oil	1	...	1	Inflammation of the stomach	1	1	2
Dropsy	2	...	2	Inflammation of the throat ... ..	...	1	1
Dysentery	9	5	14	Injuries from machinery	7	...	7
Eating poisonous fungi	1	1	2	Injuries at birth ... ..	...	1	1
Eating wax matches ... ..	...	1	1	Intemperance	11	5	16
Effects of amputation	4	...	4	Jaundice ... ..	...	2	2
Effects of chloroform ... ..	...	1	1	Judicial hanging	3	...	3
Effusion on the brain	5	3	8	Justifiable homicide	1	...	1
Effusion on the chest	3	...	3	Kick from a bullock	1	...	1
Effusion into the pericardium	1	...	1	Kick from a horse	13	...	13
Embolism	1	...	1	Killed by a cow	1	...	1
English cholera	1	...	1	Killed by a horse	1	...	1
Enlargement of the heart	1	...	1	Killed in a shaft	1	...	1
Enlargement of the liver	1	1	2	Killed on a railway	1	...	1
Enteritis	2	...	2	Laryngitis ... ..	...	1	1
Epilepsy	4	1	5	Leprosy	1	...	1
Erysipelas	1	1	2	Manslaughter	3	...	3
Exhaustion	3	4	7	Murder	2	2	4
Explosion of a blast	2	...	2				
Explosion of a boiler	1	...	1				
Explosion of gunpowder	2	...	2				
Exposure	2	1	3				

INQUESTS.

RETURN of the Number of Inquests held, and the Verdicts returned, throughout the Colony of Victoria, during the Year 1868—*continued*.

Verdicts returned.	Number of Inquests.			Verdicts returned.	Number of Inquests.		
	On Males.	On Females.	Total.		On Males.	On Females.	Total.
Natural causes	9	5	14	Self-inflicted wounds	2	1	3
Neglect of her mother ... ..	...	1	1	Serous apoplexy	23	3	26
No evidence to show	2	...	2	Shot (no evidence to show how) ... ..	...	1	1
Old age	3	...	3	Softening of the brain	1	1	2
Ossification of the heart	1	...	1	Spasms of the glottis	1	1	2
Overdose of opium	2	...	2	Starvation	4	...	4
Overloading the stomach	1	...	1	Stillborn	8	4	12
Paralysis	1	...	1	Strangulated hernia	3	1	4
Peritonitis	4	1	5	Struck by lightning	1	...	1
Phthisis	1	1	2	Struck by a sheet of iron	1	...	1
Pleurisy ... ..	...	1	1	Suffocated by foul air	6	...	6
Pleuro-pneumonia	6	...	6	Sunstroke	1	...	1
Pneumonia	10	1	11	Suicide by cutting of throat	12	1	13
Premature birth ... ..	...	2	2	Suicide by drowning	7	3	10
Premature labor ... ..	...	1	1	Suicide by hanging	15	2	17
Protracted labor ... ..	...	1	1	Suicide by inhaling the fumes of charcoal	1	...	1
Puerperal convulsions ... ..	...	1	1	Suicide by poisoning	9	4	13
Puerperal mania ... ..	...	2	2	Suicide by shooting	9	...	9
Pulmonary apoplexy	3	2	5	Suicide by stabbing	1	...	1
Pulmonary consumption	3	3	6	Suicide by strangulation	2	...	2
Purpura	1	...	1	Syphilis ... ..	...	1	1
Refusal to take food	1	...	1	Tetanic convulsions ... ..	...	1	1
Remains found	2	...	2	Tetanus	4	...	4
Rheumatism	1	1	2	Tonsillitis ... ..	...	1	1
Run over by an engine	2	...	2	Trachealis	1	...	1
Run over by a railway train	1	...	1	Tubercular consumption	5	...	5
Rupture of an aneurism	11	...	11	Typhoid fever	2	2	4
Rupture of the aorta	2	1	3	Ulceration of the bowels	1	1	2
Rupture of the bladder	1	...	1	Upsetting of vehicles	12	3	15
Rupture of a blood-vessel	9	4	13	Waggon passing over him	2	...	2
Rupture of a cyst ... ..	...	1	1	Want of nourishment	5	4	9
Rupture of the bowels ... ..	...	1	1	Want of proper medical attention ... ..	...	5	5
Rupture of the gall bladder	1	...	1	Water on the chest ... ..	...	1	1
Rupture of the heart	6	1	7	Weakness ... ..	...	1	1
Rupture of the liver	6	...	6	Whooping-cough	1	...	1
Rupture of the umbilical cord ... ..	...	1	1	Wounds (no evidence to show how caused)	1	1	2
Rupture of the uterus	1	1	Total	1,129	360	1,489
Sanguineous apoplexy	17	11	28				
Scarlatina	1	3	4				

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INQUESTS.—RETURN FOR EIGHT YEARS.

Year.	Total Number of Inquests held.	Causes of Death as gathered from the Verdicts returned.								Verdicts of "Still-born" returned.
		Disease or Natural Causes.	Intemperance.	External Causes.					Unspecified or Doubtful Causes.	
				Accident.	Homicide.	Suicide.	Execution.	Doubtful.		
1861	1,410	550	13	660	2	64	5	59	50	7
1862	1,459	615	16	656	1	81	1	52	31	6
1863	1,528	689	17	625	5	67	6	58	57	4
1864	1,496	725	18	571	3	65	4	56	42	12
1865	1,650	801	25	621	7	80	6	59	38	13
1866	1,640	821	15	596	4	78	3	58	57	8
1867	1,507	690	28	590	10	65	4	55	51	14
1868	1,489	639	33	638	10	70	3	61	23	12

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FIRE INQUESTS.

RETURN of Fire Inquests during the Year 1868.

County or Unsettled District.	Total Number of Fire Inquests held.	Verdicts returned.			
		Accidental.	Carelessness.	Not Sufficient Evidence.	Set on Fire purposely.
Bourke	51	18	...	21	12
Dalhousie	12	2	...	5	5
Dundas	2	1	...	...	1
Follett	3	...	...	1	2
Grant	4	...	1	3	...
Grenville	13	2	...	9	2
Hampden	1	1	...	...	...
Ripon	5	...	1	3	1
Talbot	18	4	...	11	3
Villiers	4	1	...	2	1
Gippsland	3	...	...	1	2
The Loddon	26	4	...	16	6
The Murray	6	4	2
Rodney	2	1	1
The Wimmera	6	2	...	3	1
Total	156	35	2	80	39

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FIRE INQUESTS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Total.	Verdicts returned.						
		Accidental.	Spontaneous Combustion.	Set on Fire purposely.	Explosion of Gas.	Not Sufficient Evidence.	Carelessness.	Not stated.
1859	18	2	...	2	...	7	...	7
1860	16	2	...	7	...	7	...	...
1861	6	...	...	3	...	3	...	...
1862	11	1	...	5	...	3	...	2
1863	4	1	...	1	...	1	...	1
1864	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
1865	47	16	...	12	...	18	...	1
1866	164	44	2	42	1	68	...	7
1867	160	47	...	43	...	62	...	8
1868	156	35	...	39	...	80	2	...

NOTE.—Inquests are not held upon all the fires which take place in Victoria, but only upon such as appear to require investigation, at the discretion of the Coroner in whose district they occur.

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