

PART II.—POPULATION.

Census
tables, 1871.

19. The first eighteen tables of this part of the Statistical Register have been taken from the returns of the last census. A digest of these returns was given in the Government Statist's report upon the census of 1871, which was laid before Parliament,* and an abridgment of that report will be found in the *Victorian Year-Book*, 1874.†

Population,
end of 1875.

20. The census of Victoria has latterly been taken only once in ten years; but an estimate of the population is made up at the end of each quarter in the department of the Government Statist, by means of the estimate of the previous quarter and the difference between the numbers recorded as having been born and having died, and between those who arrived in the colony and departed therefrom by sea. No account is or can be taken of the arrivals and departures overland, and therefore the estimate is always to a certain extent imperfect. At the end of 1875 the population, calculated in this manner, was as follows:—

ESTIMATED POPULATION, 31ST DECEMBER 1875.‡

Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	447,148
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	376,124
									823,272
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	823,272

Mean popu-
lation, 1875.

21. In order to afford means of making calculations in regard to the bearing of population on matters the operation of which extends over the entire year, such as revenue, taxation, imports, exports, &c., it is necessary also to make an estimate of the mean or average population. This is effected by adding together the estimated numbers at the beginning of the year and at the end of each of the four quarters, and dividing the sum by 5. The following is the result of such a computation for the year under review:—

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, 1875.

Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	442,623
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	372,411
									815,034
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	815,034

Increase of
population,
1875.

22. The increase of population during the year was 14,835, viz., 7,989 males and 6,846 females. Of this increase more than three-fourths—viz., 11,433, consisting of 5,120 males and 6,313 females—was by excess of births over deaths, the remainder—viz., 3,402, consisting

* Parliamentary Paper No. 28, Session 1874. † Paragraph 96 to paragraph 181.

‡ The estimated population at the end of each year since the first settlement of Port Phillip will be found in the Statistical Summary of Victoria (first folding sheet) at the commencement of this work. On the 30th June 1876 the estimated population was as follows:—Males, 450,390; females, 378,894; total, 829,284.

of 2,869 males and 533 females—being by excess of arrivals over departures.

23. The following figures show the increase of population in the year under review and in each year of the previous decenniad. It will be observed that the increase was less in 1875 than in any of those years, except 1867, and that in this case the difference in favor of the year under review was only 246 :—

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

1865	...	19,752	1869	...	25,176	1873	...	19,765
1866	...	15,887	1870	...	26,809	1874	...	17,945
1867	...	14,589	1871	...	25,846	1875	...	14,835
1868	...	23,043	1872	...	18,282			

24. The proportions of the sexes in the population—viz., 84 females to 100 males, or 119 males to 100 females—have not varied in the last three years.

25. No fresh enumeration of the Aboriginal population took place in 1875. Their number, therefore, must still be quoted at 1,553, consisting, according to the proportions of the sexes found to exist amongst the Aborigines at the last census, of 915 males and 638 females.

26. The following table shows the estimated population, the proportion of females to males, and the number of persons to the square mile in Victoria during the three years ended with 1875, and in each of the other Australasian colonies during the two years ended with 1874 :—

POPULATION IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

Colony.	Year.	Population.			Females to 100 Males.	Persons to the Square Mile.
		Males.	Females.	Total.		
Victoria ...	{ 1873	430,042	360,450	790,492	83·82	8·963
	{ 1874	439,159	369,278	808,437	84·09	9·166
	{ 1875	447,148	376,124	823,272	84·12	9·334
New South Wales...	{ 1873	307,329	252,946	560,275	82·30	1·723
	{ 1874	321,447	262,831	584,278	81·76	1·798
Queensland ...	{ 1873	87,154	59,536	146,690	68·31	·216
	{ 1874	97,860	65,657	163,517	67·09	·241
South Australia ...	{ 1873	101,540	96,535	198,075	95·07	·217
	{ 1874	104,870	99,753	204,623	95·12	·224
Western Australia	{ 1873	15,569	10,192	25,761	65·46	·026
	{ 1874	15,722	10,487	26,209	66·70	·027
Tasmania ...	{ 1873	55,368	48,849	104,217	88·23	3·975
	{ 1874	55,117	49,059	104,176	89·01	3·974
New Zealand ...	{ 1873	170,406	125,540	295,946	73·67	2·819
	{ 1874	194,349	147,511	341,860	75·90	3·256

NOTE.—For population of the neighboring colonies to the end of 1875, see Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) ante.

Immigration and emigration, 1875.

27. The persons of either sex who arrived in and departed from the colony by sea* during the year under review were as follow :—

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1875.—CLASSIFICATION AS TO SEX.

	Persons.	Males.	Females.
Arrivals	32,744	23,326	9,418
Departures	29,342	20,457	8,885
Immigration in excess ...	3,402	2,869	533

Excess of arrivals over departures.

28. The difference between the arrivals and the departures, in favor of the former, was greater by 35 than it was in 1874. It was less, however, than in any other year of the previous decenniad, except 1873, 1872, and 1867. The following figures show the differences in the eleven years :—

EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES, 1865 TO 1875.

1865 ... 5,684	1868 ... 7,253	1871 ... 8,382	1874 ... 3,367
1866 ... 4,549	1869 ... 11,152	1872 ... 1,752	1875 ... 3,402
1867 ... 2,100	1870 ... 11,467	1873 ... 3,166	

Adults, children, and infants arriving and departing.

29. The returns furnished by the Immigration Office do not specify the exact ages of the persons arriving and departing, but classify them as adults, children, and infants. The following were the numbers under each of those heads who came and went during 1875. The tendency of families to quit the colony at the present time is proved by the circumstance that, whilst the excess of arrivals over departures resulted in a gain to the population of over 4,000 adults, the excess in the opposite direction resulted in a loss of between 600 and 700 children and infants :—

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1875.—CLASSIFICATION AS TO AGE.

	Persons.	Adults.	Children.	Infants.
Arrivals	32,744	29,210	3,160	374
Departures	29,342	25,162	3,482	698
Immigration in excess ...	3,402	4,048	...	...
Emigration in excess ...	...	...	322	324

Countries wherefrom and where-to.

30. The countries the immigrants came from and those the emigrants went to are given in the following table. It will be noticed that the population gained by the arrivals being in excess of the departures in the case of Tasmania, New Zealand and the South Seas, the United Kingdom, and Foreign Ports, whilst it lost by the departures being in excess of the arrivals in the case of New South Wales and Queensland, and South and Western Australia ; also, that the immigration from all

* All the figures relating to arrivals in the colony and departures therefrom contain statements of those who come and go by sea only. No account is or can be kept of those who cross the frontier from and to the adjacent colonies.

the neighboring colonies, after making allowance for the emigration thereto, resulted in a net gain to the colony of 1,226 persons :—

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1875.—CLASSIFICATION AS TO COUNTRIES WHEREFROM AND WHERE TO.

	All Countries.	New South Wales and Queensland.	South and Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand and South Seas.	The United Kingdom.	Foreign Ports.
Arrivals	32,744	10,736	4,002	7,086	4,397	5,363	1,160
Departures	29,342	11,642	4,735	4,306	4,312	3,244	1,103
Immigration in excess	3,402	...	...	2,780	85	2,119	57
Emigration in excess	...	906	733	...	...	...	...

31. Of the immigrants from the United Kingdom, 102—namely, 50 Assisted immigration. males and 52 females—were warrant passengers. These were the only State-assisted immigrants who arrived in the colony during 1875.

32. The Chinese who arrived in the colony during the year numbered 521, viz., 518 males and 3 females; those who left it numbered 299, all males. The excess of arrivals over departures of Chinese was therefore 222, viz., 219 males and 3 females. Chinese arriving and departing.

33. The arrivals in and departures from Victoria during the three years ended with 1875 and the other Australasian colonies during the two years ended with 1874 were as follow. All the arrivals and all the departures referred to were by sea :— Immigration and emigration in Australasian colonies.

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION RETURNS OF THE AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

Colony.	Year.	Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants, or vice versa.
Victoria	1873	29,460	26,294	3,166
	1874	30,732	27,365	3,367
	1875	32,744	29,342	3,402
New South Wales	1873	24,022	16,770	7,252
	1874	29,756	19,279	10,477
Queensland	1873	15,141	5,474	9,667
	1874	20,725	7,794	12,931
South Australia	1873	4,548	3,172	1,376
	1874	5,557	3,271	2,286
Western Australia	1873	285	639	— 354
	1874	660	601	59
Tasmania	1873	6,787	7,039	— 252
	1874	6,265	7,714	— 1,449
New Zealand	1873	13,572	4,761	8,811
	1874	43,965	5,859	38,106

NOTE.—The minus sign (—) indicates that the emigrants exceeded the immigrants by the number to which it is prefixed. For returns of immigration and emigration of the neighboring colonies during 1875, see Summary of Australasian Statistics (third folding sheet) ante.

Mining
population,
1875.

34. According to the estimate of the Mining Department, the following were the numbers engaged in mining at the end of 1875 :—

NUMBER OF MINERS, 1875.

Alluvial miners	... 27,024	European miners	... 30,466
Quartz miners	... 14,693	Chinese miners	... 11,251
Total	... 41,717	Total	... 41,717

Miners,
1865 to 1875.

35. The miners have, for years past, been gradually falling off in numbers, as will be seen by the following figures, which show the number of miners at the close of each of the eleven years ended with 1875 :—

NUMBER OF MINERS, 1865 TO 1875.

1865	... 79,457	1871	... 58,279
1866	... 70,794	1872	... 52,965
1867	... 63,053	1873	... 50,595
1868	... 64,658	1874	... 45,151
1869	... 63,787	1875	... 41,717
1870	... 59,247		

Decrease in
number of
municipali-
ties, 1875.

36. Owing to the amalgamation of districts, both descriptions of municipalities existing in Victoria* were slightly changed in numbers during the year. The cities, towns, and boroughs were fewer by 1, and the shires by 2, in 1875 than in 1874.

Area of mu-
nicipalities,
1874 and
1875.

37. During the same period, owing to the changes referred to which established new boundaries for amalgamated districts, the estimated area contained in cities, towns, and boroughs fell off by 9,267 acres ; that contained in shires increased by 467,200 acres.

Municipali-
ties, 1875.

38. The following table shows the number of cities, towns, and boroughs, and the number of shires ; their estimated area and population ; the number of dwellings they contained ; and the number of ratepayers, during the year under review :—

MUNICIPALITIES.—NUMBER, AREA, POPULATION, RATEPAYERS, AND DWELLINGS, 1875.

Municipal Districts.	Number of Districts.	Estimated Area in Acres.	Estimated Population.	Number of Ratepayers.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.
Cities, towns, and boroughs	59	231,699	395,005	89,107	88,026
Shires	108	47,745,120	387,473	88,014	86,443
Total	167	47,976,819	782,478	177,121	174,469

Proportion
of ratepay-
ers.

39. According to the above figures, 1 person in every 4·4 persons living in municipalities (equivalent to 5 in every 22 persons) is a ratepayer.

* For complete details respecting the organization of these two forms of local self-government, see *Victorian Year-Book*, 1874, paragraphs 236 to 251.

40. Whilst the area contained in municipalities of both descriptions was equal to over five-sixths of the area of the colony, their population was equal to twentyfour-twentyfifths of its inhabitants. The houses they contained exceeded by 15,988 the total number enumerated at the last census (2nd April 1871) in the whole of Victoria. Area, population, and houses in municipalities.

41. The area contained in shires was more than 200 times that in cities, towns, and boroughs; but the population, ratepayers, and dwellings in the former were each rather less than they were in the latter. Area, population, &c., in shires and boroughs.

42. The population in municipal districts in 1875 exceeded by 8,767 that in 1874; the ratepayers exceeded the number in 1874 by 5,375; and the dwellings exceeded the number in 1874 by 5,255. Increase of population, &c., in municipalities.

43. The following are the names of the municipal districts and the population of each during 1875, according to estimates furnished by the local authorities:— Population of each borough and shire.

CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS, AND THEIR ESTIMATED POPULATIONS, 1875.

Name of City, Town, or Borough.	Estimated Population.	Name of City, Town, or Borough.	Estimated Population.
Amherst	3,400	Inglewood	1,050
Ararat	4,000	Kew	3,860
Ballarat	18,442	Koroit	1,459
Ballarat East	12,880	Malmsbury	1,100
Belfast	2,250	Maryborough	3,000
Brighton	3,692	Melbourne*	60,150
Browns and Scarsdale	1,900	Newtown and Chilwell	5,000
Brunswick	5,242	Portland	2,400
Buninyong	1,814	Prahran	16,309
Carisbrook	800	Queenscliff	1,050
Castlemaine	8,000	Raywood	550
Chewton	2,650	Richmond	18,732
Clunes	5,991	Rutherglen	500
Collingwood	21,054	Sale	2,800
Craigie	1,000	Sandhurst	28,306
Creswick	3,770	Sandridge	7,369
Daylesford	4,351	Sebastopol	3,800
Dunolly	1,500	Smythesdale	920
Eaglehawk	7,405	St. Arnaud	2,695
Echuca... ..	3,000	Stawell	6,897
Emerald Hill	24,250	Steiglitz	750
Essendon and Flemington... ..	2,000	St. Kilda	10,000
Fitzroy	16,667	Tarnagulla	984
Footscray	3,619	Walhalla	1,681
Geelong	11,000	Wangaratta	1,445
Geelong West	5,000	Warrnambool	4,500
Graytown	360†	Williamstown	7,650
Hamilton	2,600	Wood's Point	750
Hawthorn	4,281		
Heathcote	1,580		
Hotham	14,800		
		Total	395,005

* Exclusive of suburbs which are separate municipalities.

† These figures have been taken from the returns of 1874, as no estimate was given for 1875.

SHIRES AND THEIR ESTIMATED POPULATIONS, 1875.

Name of Shire.	Estimated Population.	Name of Shire.	Estimated Population.	Name of Shire.	Estimated Population.
Alberton ...	2,800	Echuca ...	6,000	Mount Rouse ...	3,300
Alexandra ...	1,200	Eltham ...	2,000	McIvor ...	3,000
Ararat ...	8,600	Flinders and Kangerong	1,670	Newham ...	4,000
Avoca ...	7,500	Gardiner ...	1,380	Newstead ...	4,800
Avon ...	3,754	Gisborne ...	2,500	North Ovens ...	2,277
Bacchus Marsh	2,500	Glenelg ...	4,181	Nunawading ...	1,442
Bairnsdale ...	4,500	Glenlyon ...	2,250	Oakleigh ...	1,800
Ballan ...	8,000	Goulburn ...	1,954	Omeo ...	1,300
Ballarat ...	5,000	Grenville ...	8,650	Oxley ...	3,400
Bannockburn ...	2,580	Hampden ...	4,642	Phillip Island and Woolamai	1,300
Barrabool ...	2,300	Heidelberg ...	2,600	Portland ...	5,300
Beechworth ...	7,798	Howqua ...	1,494	Pyalong ...	4,500
Belfast ...	2,805	Huntly ...	3,500	Ripon ...	5,602
Bellarine ...	3,368	Jika ...	2,500	Romsey ...	1,350
Benalla ...	11,000	Keilor ...	670	Rosedale ...	2,700
Berwick ...	2,000	Kilmore ...	2,737	Rutherglen ...	2,800
Bet Bet ...	6,500	Korong ...	8,500	Seymour ...	2,000
Boroondara ...	1,385	Kowree ...	2,000	South Barwon ...	1,446
Braybrook ...	1,121	Kyneton ...	9,000	Springfield ...	900
Bright ...	5,000	Leigh ...	2,276	St. Arnaud ...	10,000
Broadford ...	1,100	Lexton ...	2,500	Stawell ...	3,500
Broadmeadows...	2,246*	Lilydale ...	1,278	Strathfieldsaye...	4,000
Bulla ...	2,400	Maffra ...	†	Swan Hill ...	5,000
Bulleen ...	1,580	Maldon ...	6,000	Talbot ...	4,500
Bungaree ...	4,146	Mansfield ...	3,500	Towong ...	1,567
Buninyong ...	11,280	Marong ...	8,920	Tullaroop ...	7,000
Caulfield ...	2,100	Melton ...	1,285	Wannon ...	2,650
Chiltern ...	2,200	Meredith ...	1,272	Waranga ...	7,119
Coburg ...	1,450	Merriang ...	1,255	Warrnambool ...	7,713
Colac ...	5,500	Metcalfe ...	5,000	Whittlesea ...	1,400
Corio ...	2,630	Minhamite ...	1,300	Wimmera ...	6,164
Cranbourne ...	1,450	Moorabbin ...	2,895	Winchelsea ...	2,300
Creswick ...	6,500	Mornington ...	2,000*	Wyndham ...	1,500
Dandenong ...	1,125	Mortlake ...	2,580	Yackandandah...	4,616
Darebin ...	960	Mount Alexander	7,500	Yea ...	900
Dundas ...	4,000	Mount Franklin	3,960	Total ...	387,473
East Loddon ...	2,200				

Amount of rating in municipalities.

44. The different amounts at which municipalities were rated in 1874 and 1875 are set down in the following table. It will be seen that no boroughs in either year, and but 2 shires in 1874 and 1 shire in 1875, were rated at the lowest amount allowed by law, viz., 6d. in the pound; also that neither borough nor shire in either year was rated higher than 2s. in the pound, the highest amount allowed by law being 2s. 6d.; and further, that the tendency in the latter year was to rate lower than in the former, 36 boroughs and 7 shires having been rated higher than 1s. in the pound in 1874, but only 27 boroughs and 5 shires in 1875:—

* These figures have been taken from the returns of 1874. No estimate was given for 1875.

† No information—shire only recently formed when returns were made up.

RATINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1874 AND 1875.

Amount levied in the £.	Number of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.		Number of Shires.	
	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
<i>s. d.</i>				
0 6	...	...	2	1
0 8½	...	1	...	...
0 9	2	1	2	5
0 10	...	...	1	2
1 0	22	29	98	94
1 3	7	4	3	...
1 4	3	3	1	1
1 6	17	11	3	3
1 9	3	4	...	...
1 10	2	1	...	...
2 0	4	4	...	1
Not stated ...	...	1	...	1
Total ...	60	59	110	108

45. By far the most common rating is 1s. in the pound. Thirty-seven per cent. of the boroughs and 89 per cent. of the shires were rated at that amount in 1874; 49 per cent. of the boroughs and 87 per cent. of the shires in 1875. Municipalities rated at 1s. in the pound.

46. The following table gives the number of properties in boroughs and in shires during the last two years, arranged in different groups according to their valuations. It will be noticed that in both kinds of municipalities an increase has taken place in the numbers in each group, also that boroughs contained 3,841 more properties, and shires contained 4,757 more properties, resulting in a total of 8,598 more properties in 1875 than in 1874:— Classification of properties rated, 1874 and 1875.

CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTIES RATED, 1874 AND 1875.

Rateable Values.	Number of Properties.					
	In Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.		In Shires.		Total.	
	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
Under £50 ...	91,320	94,769	75,852	79,425	167,172	174,194
£50 to £100 ...	7,981	8,253	7,537	8,326	15,518	16,579
£100 to £200 ...	2,964	3,040	2,398	2,671	5,362	5,711
£200 to £300 ...	764	782	552	568	1,316	1,350
£300 to £400 ...	289	301	268	279	557	580
£400 to £500 ...	153	160	117	128	270	288
£500 and upwards	235	242	612	696	847	938
Total ...	103,706	107,547	87,336	92,093	191,042	199,640

Classification
of total
value of
property.

47. The next table gives the estimated total value (or value in fee-simple) of rateable property in boroughs and shires during 1874 and 1875, arranged in groups according to the value of the properties of which the amounts are made up. All the lines in shires and all those in boroughs, except such as relate to properties of the value of £100 and upwards, show increase. The net increase in shires was much larger than that in boroughs, for, whilst the value of property in the former in 1875 exceeded that in 1874 by £4,746,420, the excess in the latter was only £799,198 :—

CLASSIFICATION OF TOTAL VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTY,
1874 AND 1875.

Rateable Values.	Estimated Total Value of Rateable Property.			
	In Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.		In Shires.	
	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
	£	£	£	£
Under £50	12,620,396	13,425,920	12,352,195	14,001,922
£50 to £100	5,201,090	5,236,868	4,778,797	5,774,169
£100 to £200	3,717,516	3,710,671	3,128,595	3,545,945
£200 and upwards	5,785,603	5,750,344	12,631,251	14,315,222
Total	27,324,605	28,123,803	32,890,838	37,637,258

Classification
of annual
value of
property.

48. The annual value of rateable property is arranged in similar groups in the following table. Increase is shown in each line. The total increase in boroughs was £42,899 ; that in shires was £409,937 :—

CLASSIFICATION OF ANNUAL VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTY,
1874 AND 1875.

Rateable Values.	Estimated Annual Value of Rateable Property.			
	In Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.		In Shires.	
	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
	£	£	£	£
Under £50	1,352,679	1,384,125	1,220,327	1,320,284
£50 to £100	537,885	539,887	492,313	544,464
£100 to £200	381,885	382,546	315,056	334,358
£200 and upwards	584,033	592,823	1,111,299	1,349,826
Total	2,856,482	2,899,381	3,138,995	3,548,932

Classification
of total and
annual value
of property.

49. The total and annual values of rateable property in both descriptions of districts, similarly grouped, may be summarized as follow :—

SUMMARY OF TOTAL AND ANNUAL VALUES IN BOTH DESCRIPTIONS OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.

Rateable Values.	Estimated Total Value of Rateable Property in Cities, Towns, Boroughs, and Shires.		Estimated Annual Value of Rateable Property in Cities, Towns, Boroughs, and Shires.	
	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
	£	£	£	£
Under £50	24,972,591	27,427,842	2,573,006	2,704,409
£50 to £100	9,979,887	11,011,037	1,030,198	1,084,351
£100 to £200	6,846,111	7,256,616	696,941	716,904
£200 and upwards	18,416,854	20,065,566	1,695,332	1,942,649
Total	60,215,443	65,761,061	5,995,477	6,448,313

50. Owing no doubt partly to the greater extent and number of the properties rateable, and partly to the improvements made, the increase in the value of rateable property during the year, according to the above table, was as follows:—

Increase in total value	£5,545,618
Increase in annual value	£452,836

51. The following table shows the receipts and expenditure of boroughs and shires during 1875:—

MUNICIPALITIES, 1875.—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.*

	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	Total.
<i>Revenue.</i>			
From Government	£ 76,064	£ 342,219	£ 418,283
„ rates... ..	197,055	167,283	364,338
„ tolls	28,859	40,248	69,107
„ licenses	68,275	38,796	107,071
„ registration of dogs and goats	5,392	4,901	10,293
„ market dues	27,688	294	27,982
„ deposits on contracts	9,343	22,912	32,255
„ other sources	49,647	22,309	71,956
Total	462,323	638,962	1,101,285
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
Public works	233,550	379,719	613,269
Salaries, &c.	40,517	55,115	95,632
Deposits returned	9,861	22,537	32,398
Other expenditure	173,169	76,058	249,227
Total	457,097	533,429	990,526

* For further information respecting the municipal revenue and expenditure, also the municipal taxation, see paragraphs 76 and 78 post.

Government subsidy to municipalities. 52. Both kinds of districts were subsidized by the State much more heavily in the year under review than in the previous one, as will be seen by the following figures:—

MUNICIPALITIES, 1874 AND 1875.—RECEIPTS FROM GOVERNMENT.

	1874.	1875.	Increase.
	£	£	£
Cities, towns, and boroughs	28,327	76,064	47,737
Shires	232,801	342,219	109,418
Total	261,128	418,283	157,155

Proportion of subsidy to receipts.

53. The Government subsidy formed $6\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. of the revenue of boroughs, and $43\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the revenue of shires, in 1874. It formed $16\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the revenue of boroughs, and $53\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the revenue of shires, in 1875.

Salaries in municipalities.

54. Salaries in both kinds of districts were almost identical in amount in 1874 and 1875, viz., about £40,500 in boroughs, and £55,000 in shires. Borough salaries were equal to $8\frac{2}{3}$ per cent. of the borough expenditure in 1874, and to nearly 9 per cent. in 1875. Salaries in shires were equal to about 9 per cent. of the shire expenditure in 1874, and to $10\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. in 1875.

Naturalization.

55. Foreigners may become naturalized in Victoria under the Aliens Statute 1865 (28 Vict. No. 256). The privilege has been availed of by 1,051 persons in the last 11 years. The following are the native countries of those who have become naturalized in that period:—

NATURALIZATION, 1865 TO 1875.

Native Countries.	Ten Years : 1865-74.	Year 1875.
France	35	2
Belgium	3	...
Holland	11	1
Austria	13	1
Prussia	216	17
Other German States	372	17
Italy	29	1
Spain	6	...
Portugal	6	...
Russia	10	...
Other European countries	222	29
United States	21	...
South and Central American States	1	...
China	27	4
Other countries	6	1
Total	978	73

56. The electors on the roll of both Houses of the Legislature* have numbered as follow in the last four years :—

Electors on the roll.

ELECTORS ON THE ROLLS, 1872 TO 1875.

	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
<i>Legislative Council.</i>				
Ordinary roll ...	1,721	1,983	2,185	1,454
Ratepayers' roll ...	20,816	21,753	22,745	26,017
Total ...	22,537	23,736	24,930	27,471
<i>Legislative Assembly.</i>				
Ordinary roll ...	19,424	28,725	29,965	17,231
Ratepayers' roll ...	108,276	113,580	116,972	147,019
Total ...	127,700	142,305	146,937	164,250

57. At the biennial election for the Legislative Council, which took place in August and September, 1874, only one province, the Western, was contested, and in this 46 per cent. of the electors recorded their votes.

Electors who voted for Legislative Council.

58. At the general election for the Legislative Assembly in 1874 all the districts except 9 were contested. The proportion of electors who voted varied from 50 per cent. in the Murray District, 52 per cent. in Dundas and Ballarat West, and 53 per cent. in Normanby, to 82 per cent. in Kyneton Boroughs, 77 per cent. in Warrnambool and Brighton, and 75 per cent. in Sandhurst. The average in all the districts was 61 per cent.

Electors who voted for Legislative Assembly.

PART III.—FINANCE.

59. The general revenue and general expenditure of Victoria during the year 1874-5 were as follow :—

Revenue and expenditure, 1874-5.

	£	s.	d.
Net revenue ...	4,236,423	5	10
Net expenditure ...	4,318,120	11	7
Expenditure in excess of revenue ...	81,697	5	9
Balance from 1873-4 brought forward ...	170,491	9	9
Balance to carry forward to 1875-6 ...	88,794	4	0

60. In 1873-4, as in the year under review, the expenditure was somewhat greater than the revenue, but in the two previous years the

Expenditure in excess of revenue.

* For a complete account of the electoral system in Victoria, see *Victorian Year-Book*, 1874, paragraphs 262 to 270.