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OF

THE COLONY OF VICTORIA,

FOR THE YEAR

1868.

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CROWN LANDS GRANTED AND SOLD.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Extent of Land Alienated during the Year.			Amount Realized during the Year.				Total Extent Alienated in the Colony up to the end of the Year.						Total Extent Unalienated in the Colony at the end of the Year.*							
	Granted without Purchase.			Sold.			Total.		Average per Acre.		Granted without Purchase.			Sold.			A.	R. P.			
	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.					
1859	122	2	1	459,081	2	7	814,163	15	6	1	15	5	561	2	14	3,501,596	0	37	52,142,002	0	29
1860	26	3	7	492,247	2	7	663,238	8	2	1	6	11	588	1	21	3,993,843	3	4	51,649,727	3	15
1861	51	0	10	514,744	3	12	623,487	14	5	1	4	2	639	1	31	4,508,588	2	16	51,134,931	3	33
1862	200	3	31	844,969	2	38	910,862	7	7	1	1	7	840	1	22	5,353,558	1	14	50,289,761	1	4
1863	46	3	28	295,180	0	1	450,645	13	3 ¹ / ₂	1	10	6	887	1	10	5,648,738	1	15	49,994,534	1	15
1864	114	0	39	260,169	0	5	522,601	10	9 ¹ / ₂	2	0	2	1,001	2	9	5,908,907	1	20	49,734,251	0	11
1865	19	0	18	139,775	2	3	295,455	18	8	2	2	3	1,020	2	27	6,048,682	3	23	49,594,456	1	29
1866	3	2	0	221,582	0	7	380,240	6	6	1	14	4	1,024	0	27	6,270,264	3	30	49,372,870	3	22
1867	25	3	14	129,332	3	25	214,077	6	6	1	13	1	1,050	0	1	6,399,597	3	15	49,243,512	0	24
1868	60	1	8	275,648	3	5	359,702	12	7	1	6	1	1,110	1	9	6,675,246	2	20	48,967,803	0	11

* The area of the colony is estimated at 55,644,160 acres, or 86,944 square miles.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

CROWN LANDS LEASED.

RETURN of Lands Leased from the Crown, under Section 12 of the *Amending Land Act* 1865, in each County and Unsettled District of the Colony of Victoria, and the Amount of Rent paid, during the Year 1868.

Counties and Districts.	Selectors.	Extent.			Amount.		Counties and Districts.	Selectors.	Extent.			Amount.			
		A.	R.	P.	£	s. d.			No.	A.	R.	P.	£	s. d.	
Anglesey ...	31	4,358	3	26	218	13	0	Polwarth ...	11	1,431	0	12 ¹ / ₂	71	16	0
Bourke ...	6	951	0	20	47	15	0	Ripon ...	178	34,851	3	6	1,746	7	0
Dalhousie ...	5	584	1	29	29	5	0	Talbot ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dundas ...	154	49,828	1	39	2,494	6	0	Villiers ...	119	33,232	2	19 ¹ / ₂	1,665	4	0
Evelyn ...	3	183	0	17	9	5	0	Gippsland ...	53	10,885	0	10	544	19	0
Follett ...	8	2,340	3	14	117	6	0	The Murray ...	261	42,935	0	17 ¹ / ₂	2,164	1	0
Grant ...	5	523	3	27	26	5	0	The Loddon ...	104	21,148	2	4	1,063	15	0
Grenville ...	3	249	2	32	12	10	0	Rodney ...	97	15,635	2	22	799	14	0
Hampden ...	90	19,758	2	20	989	14	0	The Wimmera ...	64	15,514	1	13	776	19	0
Heytesbury ...	52	5,947	3	37	306	14	0	Total ...	1,403	303,557	3	29 ¹ / ₂	15,222	1	0
Mornington ...	31	5,232	3	18	261	6	0								
Normanby ...	128	37,963	3	6	1,876	7	0								

CLEMENT HODGKINSON, Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Survey.

SQUATTING RUNS.—NUMBER AND AREA.

RETURN showing the Number of Squatting Runs in each Crown Lands Commissioners' District, and their Area, both as regards Crown and Purchased Land, during the Year 1868.

Pastoral Districts.	Number of Runs.	Number of Acres of Crown Lands embraced in Runs.		Number of Acres of Purchased Land attached to Runs.	Pastoral Districts.	Number of Runs.	Number of Acres of Crown Lands embraced in Runs.		Number of Acres of Purchased Land attached to Runs.
		Number of Runs with Purchased Land attached.	Number of Acres of Purchased Land attached to Runs.				Number of Runs with Purchased Land attached.	Number of Acres of Purchased Land attached to Runs.	
Ararat ...	21	139,118	15	338,272	Melbourne ...	33	255,373	15	21,154
Ballarat ...	18	67,506	10	94,954	Omoo ...	27	1,037,395	7	3,236
Beechworth ...	87	1,473,795	45	33,262	Portland ...	87	1,136,023	48	173,619
Benalla ...	108	3,344,932	55	102,146	Settled Districts	52	441,796	24	22,654
Castlemaine ...	58	1,448,328	41	128,940	Swan Hill ...	75	4,963,036	10	3,576
Echuca ...	54	1,978,734	35	73,057	Warrnambool ...	44	216,040	39	649,701
Gippsland North ...	45	997,791	24	39,129	Wimmera East ...	66	2,417,381	35	93,357
Gippsland South ...	50	989,405	26	57,714	Wimmera West and Hamilton	147	5,182,730	71	352,109
Gisborne ...	53	821,959	29	46,651	Total ...	1,050	27,034,785	547	2,392,830
Grant ...	25	123,443	18	159,299					

NOTE.—The number and extent of runs in each district is taken from a Return furnished by the Department of Lands and Survey. The remainder of the Table has been compiled from statements voluntarily furnished by the squatters in reply to enquiries from the Registrar-General's department.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

SQUATTING RUNS.—NUMBER AND AREA.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Runs.	Approximate Area.		Year.	Number of Runs.	Approximate Area.	
		acres.				acres.	
1859	1,192	...	...	1864	1,177	30,463,999	...
1860	1,223	...	...	1865	1,125	29,354,436	...
1861	1,265	41,400,080	...	1866	1,129	29,003,998	...
1862	1,249	37,023,093	...	1867	1,075	28,505,344	...
1863	1,161	28,826,756	...	1868	1,050	27,034,785	...

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—LAND OCCUPIED AND CULTIVATED.

RETURN showing the Number of Holders of Purchased Land and of Crown Land Rented for other than Pastoral purposes, the Aggregate Extent of their Holdings, the Quantity of Land Enclosed, the Total Area in Cultivation, and the Number of Acres under each description of Crop, in each County and Unsettled District, and in the entire Colony, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Number of Holdings exceeding One Acre.	Extent of Land in Occupation.					Extent of Enclosed Land.	Extent of Land under Tillage.	Extent of Land under each description of Crop.						
		Purchased Land.			Crown Land Rented for other than Pastoral purposes.	Total Area in Occupation.			Grain Crops.						
		Freehold.	Rented.	Total.					Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Rye and Bere.	Poase, Beans, Millet, and Sorghum.	Total.
		acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Anglesey ...	372	36,233	1,584	37,817	39,525	77,342	64,603	6,651	1,955	2,075	98	27	2	1	4,158
Bourke ...	4,519	511,468	280,582	752,050	30,882	782,932	694,076	86,540	16,798	8,564	3,442	23	518	757	30,102
Dalhousie ...	1,985	145,129	40,946	186,075	72,217	258,292	233,447	52,750	21,783	14,041	631	5	47	117	36,624
Dundas ...	583	365,703	39,311	405,014	121,313	526,327	492,507	10,476	5,649	1,300	82	...	9	40	7,080
Evelyn ...	555	59,367	26,816	86,183	16,723	102,906	92,211	7,090	494	1,313	58	14	12	103	1,994
Follett ...	30	26,797	10	26,807	7,571	34,378	33,722	467	230	57	16	...	...	...	303
Grant ...	3,673	481,081	180,219	661,300	80,866	742,166	645,525	69,611	16,604	12,157	3,732	3	535	1,382	34,413
Grenville ...	1,368	472,088	121,303	593,391	44,472	637,863	618,606	27,895	6,633	4,913	748	29	144	72	12,539
Hampden ...	602	585,362	120,401	705,763	134,070	839,833	825,569	17,967	3,561	2,002	368	14	22	22	5,989
Heytesbury ...	360	45,012	5,271	50,283	78,527	128,810	119,422	9,040	1,488	687	90	...	56	81	2,402
Mornington ...	912	133,016	79,684	212,700	40,643	253,343	226,791	9,445	615	1,129	65	23	13	111	1,956
Normanby ...	1,125	346,212	29,182	375,394	97,683	473,077	442,639	18,162	7,338	1,533	118	1	96	8	9,094
Polwarth ...	483	171,317	5,512	176,829	43,597	220,426	214,234	13,429	1,776	915	55	...	24	50	2,820
Ripon ...	1,053	481,230	68,093	549,323	172,566	721,889	690,212	39,452	10,407	9,924	355	1	91	10	20,788
Talbot ...	3,486	272,944	95,112	368,056	90,745	458,801	376,791	130,616	68,032	27,334	2,020	3	488	252	98,129
Villiers ...	1,690	609,429	117,156	726,585	101,929	828,514	823,991	39,628	9,343	2,388	796	5	80	430	13,042
Gippsland ...	972	183,993	21,040	205,033	78,531	283,564	260,841	24,000	9,052	2,431	3,700	28	215	83	15,509
The Loddon ...	2,132	264,547	20,150	284,697	236,264	520,961	446,625	56,765	31,414	4,178	1,458	5	18	47	37,120
The Murray ...	2,027	276,862	14,303	291,165	159,289	450,454	381,733	66,551	33,430	15,394	710	675	8	104	50,321
Rodney ...	400	46,332	2,926	49,258	89,574	138,832	93,476	14,077	8,648	991	446	7	1	29	10,122
The Wimmera ...	891	230,332	3,958	234,290	169,193	403,483	255,117	12,253	4,554	1,610	234	...	7	20	6,425
Total ...	29,218	5,744,454	1,233,559	6,978,013	1,906,180	8,884,193	8,032,138	712,865	259,804	114,936	19,222	863	2,386	3,719	400,930

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Counties and Districts.	Extent of Land under each description of Crop.																			Land in Fallow.
	Green Crops. (Exclusive of those in Market and Kitchen Gardens.)					Hay.	Green Forage.						Other Crops.							
	Potatoes.	Turnips.	Mangel-wurzel.	Beet, Carrots, Parsnips, and Cabbage.	Total.		Cereal Grasses: Barley, Wheat, Oats, &c.	Maize.	Rye Grass, Lucerne, Clover, Vetches, &c.	Sorghum.	Permanent Artificial Grasses.	Total.	Onions.	Tobacco.	Vines.	Other Crops.	Gardens.	Orchards.	Total.	
acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	
Anglesey ...	436	3	2	10	451	1,046	22	3	131	1	317	474	...	4	...	69	6	79	443	
Bourke ...	5,716	23	416	448	6,603	23,686	779	528	968	9	11,329	13,613	73	7	521	75	3,258	1,394	5,328	7,208
Dalhousie ...	3,301	4	12	37	3,354	5,533	86	9	1,227	...	2,702	4,024	1	13	40	12	156	101	323	2,892
Dundas ...	404	...	9	5	418	1,536	...	...	1,600	...	902	1,062	...	1	8	33	103	14	159	221
Evelyn ...	882	...	20	4	906	1,433	27	126	134	1	1,578	1,866	6	...	376	...	161	200	743	1,488
Follett ...	19	...	...	...	19	89	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	1	16	40	
Grant ...	4,878	19	285	96	5,278	14,667	62	9	104	39	6,091	6,305	141	2	934	8	576	406	2,067	6,881
Grenville ...	1,499	1	22	26	1,548	8,107	21	15	157	2	2,413	2,608	...	...	55	...	265	215	535	2,558
Hampden ...	636	...	22	13	671	1,369	42	2	289	8	8,663	9,004	...	...	16	...	153	44	213	721
Heytesbury ...	784	11	25	10	830	417	14	10	42	...	4,490	4,556	3	...	...	14	45	14	76	759
Mornington ...	987	1	44	7	1,039	1,131	11	64	7	...	4,309	4,391	3	...	89	1	360	245	698	230
Normanby ...	888	10	54	1	953	1,999	8	3	55	...	3,021	3,087	...	2	9	...	424	82	517	2,512
Polwarth ...	260	1	1	...	262	440	...	...	48	...	9,708	9,756	...	...	3	23	27	60	113	38
Ripon ...	1,315	20	96	477	1,908	8,216	15	5	21	...	1,613	1,654	...	...	25	...	214	82	321	6,565
Talbot ...	4,207	34	99	208	4,548	16,126	42	27	506	1	1,882	2,458	1	3	239	9	329	276	857	8,498
Villiers ...	7,231	6	87	11	7,335	2,761	38	53	2,467	367	11,287	14,212	3	5	32	101	257	171	569	1,709
Gippsland ...	970	...	53	6	1,029	1,529	38	...	54	...	5,246	5,338	2	13	14	2	427	42	500	95
The Loddon ...	112	18	38	19	187	11,336	68	26	239	3	294	630	4	1	489	11	285	325	1,115	6,377
The Murray ...	1,412	6	14	16	1,448	6,118	65	144	157	27	1,075	1,468	3	80	1,007	3	448	277	1,818	5,378
Rodney ...	10	...	...	...	10	1,394	6	...	30	2	188	226	...	...	106	...	35	28	169	2,156
The Wimmera ...	257	...	22	3	282	3,349	10	...	67	2	592	671	...	7	83	1	208	58	357	1,169
Total ...	36,204	157	1,321	1,397	39,079	112,282	1,354	1,024	6,863	462	77,700	87,403	240	138	4,046	293	7,815	4,041	16,573	56,598

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LAND OCCUPIED AND CULTIVATED.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Holders.	Extent of Land Occupied.	Extent of Land Cultivated.	Extent of Land under each Crop.														
				Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Other Cereals.	Potatoes.	Other Green Crops.	Hay.	Green Forage.	Tobacco.	Vines.	Other Crops.	Gardens and Orchards.	In Fallow.		
		acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1859	13,175	3,015,607	358,727	107,092	90,167	4,101	1,282	27,622	892	98,570	10,350	50	811	369	6,186	11,224		
1860	13,653	3,517,033	419,380	161,251	86,337	4,123	2,423	24,841	2,257	90,920	17,660	91	1,138	570	7,298	20,457		
1861	14,960	4,090,784	439,895	196,922	91,061	3,419	2,476	27,174	1,423	74,681	16,692	220	1,464	582	6,946	16,835		
1862	16,416	4,722,050	465,430	162,008	108,195	6,829	2,659	24,820	1,593	101,639	28,712	508	2,006	390	7,724	18,341		
1863	17,679	5,554,531	507,798	149,392	152,326	7,795	2,893	27,584	1,371	96,350	35,342	623	3,076	546	8,282	22,218		
1864	18,355	6,125,204	479,493	125,040	144,303	7,648	3,799	31,172	1,415	85,146	40,061	524	3,594	1,384	8,988	26,389		
1865	20,063	6,785,225	530,190	178,628	102,817	6,887	5,130	11,644	1,850	97,902	55,830	397	4,078	1,888	10,103	33,042		
1866	22,698	7,173,279	592,915	208,588	120,284	9,915	7,684	32,403	2,890	92,472	64,174	243	4,111	496	9,055	31,000		
1867	25,828	8,138,465	611,207	216,989	125,345	15,982	5,613	35,811	2,078	108,373	69,372	220	4,340	1,000	12,603	33,452		
1868	29,218	8,884,193	712,865	259,804	114,936	19,222	6,968	36,204	2,875	112,282	87,403	138	4,046	293	11,856	56,598		

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

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AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—PRODUCE RAISED.

RETURN showing the Gross Produce of each description of Crop in each County and Unsettled District, and in the entire Colony, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Quantity of Produce.																				
	Grain Crops.							Green Crops. (Exclusive of those in Market and Kitchen Gardens.)					Other Crops.								
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Rye and Bere.	Pease, Beans, Millet, and Sorghum.	Total.	Potatoes.	Turnips.	Mangel-wurzel.	Beet, Carrots, Parsnips, and Cabbage.	Total.	Hay.	Onions.	Tobacco.	Vines.*					
																No. of Vines.	Grapes Gathered.			Wine produced.	Brandy manufactured.
Not made into Wine or Brandy.	Made into Wine or Brandy.	Total.	gallons.	gallons.																	
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	cwt.	cwt.	No.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	gallons.	gallons.
Anglesey ...	34,203	41,039	1,480	518	60	12	77,312	895	4	3	3	905	1,731	...	95	300	10	...	10	...	...
Bourke ...	263,829	146,480	43,879	96	4,104	7,190	465,578	13,377	146	3,562	2,727	19,812	19,287	4,309	6	1,012,874	5,937	6,082	12,019	42,631	80
Dalhousie ...	385,758	311,935	10,799	120	448	1,402	710,462	5,306	18	39	189	5,552	7,294	60	123	72,976	394	785	1,179	4,708	...
Dundas ...	107,087	23,719	2,166	...	84	528	133,584	717	...	94	18	829	2,101	...	10	23,049	228	100	328	312	...
Evelyn ...	9,301	32,913	1,231	120	220	1,146	44,931	2,268	...	140	13	2,421	2,229	17	...	1,100,000	175	5,934	6,109	41,966	225
Follett ...	4,388	1,456	606	...	...	...	6,450	42	...	...	...	42	137	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grant ...	211,096	250,964	41,155	1,140	5,829	13,020	523,204	7,516	96	1,940	583	10,135	12,532	6,911	...	1,626,381	2,410	11,988	14,398	86,531	35
Grenville ...	102,697	91,084	18,409	180	2,483	723	215,576	1,871	1	67	20	1,959	9,191	...	...	201,350	968	412	1,380	2,956	...
Hampden ...	60,070	35,890	8,310	...	880	307	105,457	1,140	...	69	16	1,225	1,990	...	...	26,750	6	...	6	...	...
Hoytesbury ...	22,773	10,570	1,852	...	867	813	36,875	1,761	205	858	240	3,064	772	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mornington ...	13,016	25,739	1,502	476	112	1,977	42,822	3,124	12	532	102	3,770	1,492	75	...	111,200	96	598	694	3,349	35
Normanby ...	115,163	25,354	2,297	16	1,842	44	144,716	1,965	77	374	4	2,420	2,550	...	25	45,265	489	129	618	528	...
Polwarth ...	26,590	13,073	748	...	611	804	41,826	629	3	3	...	635	619	...	...	4,000	90	...	90	...	...
Ripon ...	185,665	183,192	7,280	40	1,146	123	377,446	1,962	130	309	746	3,147	10,371	...	...	56,840	557	489	1,046	1,770	...
Talbot ...	1,202,524	554,336	42,180	35	6,559	2,385	1,808,019	6,447	97	316	776	7,636	20,494	12	11	479,271	2,315	2,374	4,689	14,791	...
Villiers ...	194,790	44,353	20,070	95	1,506	8,494	269,308	24,642	77	1,439	68	26,226	4,627	112	89	78,450	398	218	616	1,589	...
Gippsland ...	155,020	37,021	40,158	760	2,129	895	235,983	2,213	...	325	10	2,548	1,482	50	82	15,700	92	40	132	400	...
The Loddon ...	420,046	66,411	24,793	96	280	497	512,123	167	73	147	49	436	11,676	138	...	852,334	7,353	7,784	15,137	53,210	...
The Murray ...	540,568	315,088	13,838	13,306	186	1,427	884,113	3,496	25	19	95	3,635	7,346	100	1,166	1,586,626	1,802	26,313	28,115	177,146	1,650
Rodney ...	98,084	16,219	5,008	50	25	325	119,711	14	...	...	...	14	1,028	...	...	206,565	806	1,627	2,433	11,770	...
The Wimmera ...	76,560	31,687	4,904	...	168	221	113,540	392	...	59	4	455	3,851	...	140	182,767	1,448	680	2,128	4,890	...
Total ...	4,229,228	2,258,523	292,665	17,048	29,539	42,333	6,869,336	79,944	964	10,295	5,663	96,866	122,800	12,084	1,747	7,682,698	25,574	65,553	91,127	448,547	2,025

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* This return of vines and their produce is known to understate the truth. The Agricultural Statistics of the current year were collected by the Crown Lands Bailiffs, who appear not to have been so successful in procuring a correct return of vines, &c., as the regular collectors employed in former years. There is always more liability to error in this portion of the returns than there is in any other, since, whilst the number of vines and the area covered by them are for the same year as the remainder of the statistics, the quantity of grapes gathered, and of wine and brandy made, are for the previous season. This is in consequence of the vintage coming in too late to admit of its being returned when the Agricultural Statistics are collected.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

STATISTICS OF VICTORIA, 1868.—PRODUCTION.

PRODUCE RAISED.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Quantity of Produce.											
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Other Cereals.	Potatoes.	Other Green Crops.	Hay.	Tobacco.	Vines.			
									No. of Vines.	Grapes Sold.	Wine made.	Brandy made.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	tons.	cwt.		cwt.	gallons.	gallons.
1859	2,296,157	2,553,637	98,433	15,657	48,967	6,418	135,643	463	1,896,939	4,473	13,966	150
1860	3,459,914	2,633,693	83,854	38,738	77,258	19,851	144,211	1,257	2,838,114	7,979	12,129	220
1861	3,607,727	2,136,430	68,118	33,083	59,364	9,938	92,479	2,552	3,818,335	16,972	47,568	79
1862	3,008,487	2,504,301	143,056	38,977	50,597	13,855	110,680	4,324	4,492,942	16,345	91,893	28
1863	1,338,762	3,497,520	130,664	53,413	74,947	14,129	121,840	5,913	6,943,551	15,656	120,894	10
1864	1,899,371	2,694,415	124,849	50,668	59,825	8,657	97,740	3,450	8,750,408	13,027	110,042	225
1865	3,514,227	2,279,468	153,490	73,390	83,166	15,068	96,101	3,328	8,199,618	18,063	176,959	795
1866	4,641,205	3,880,406	299,217	123,616	88,880	24,252	161,243	2,915	8,231,022	17,264	284,118	46
1867	3,411,663	2,333,472	324,706	82,177	117,787	24,348	140,592	2,070	8,639,735	31,459	459,072	1,795
1868	4,229,228	2,258,523	292,665	88,920	79,944	16,922	122,800	1,747	7,682,698	25,574	448,547	2,025

NOTE.—The returns of vines for 1868 are known to be imperfect. See note to Table of "Produce Raised," ante.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

MINOR CROPS.

RETURN showing the Extent of Land devoted to certain Minor Crops ("Other Crops," in Return of "Land Occupied and Cultivated," ante), and the Produce, so far as known, of each of those Crops, in each County and Unsettled District, and in the entire Colony, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Land under Crop.										Produce of each Crop.								
	Hops.	Rye Grass.	Prairie Grass.	Chicory.	Flax.	Olives.	Rape.	Melons.	Arrowroot.	Opium Poppies.	Hops.	Rye Grass Seed.	Prairie Grass Seed.	Chicory.	Flax.	Linseed.	Olives.	Rape Seed.	Melons.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	lbs.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	cwt.	bushels.	cwt.	cwt.	tons.
Bourke	74	1	369½
Dalhousie	12
Dundas ...	...	28	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	407	128	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grant ...	...	...	...	...	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	...	5	...	...
Heytesbury ...	...	...	...	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	124	20	...	...	...	...
Mornington ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polwarth ...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	150	...	...	...
Talbot ...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Villiers ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	...
Gippsland ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Loddon ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
The Murray ...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11¼	...	...	...	...
The Wimmera ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3	36	6	99	34	1	100	11	2	1	120	467	148	493½	271¼	150	5	41	39

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

AVERAGE PRODUCE IN EACH COUNTY.

RETURN showing the Average Produce per Acre of the Principal Crops in each County and Unsettled District, and in the entire Colony, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Average Produce to the Acre of—				
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Potatoes.	Hay.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.
Anglesey	17'50	19'78	15'10	2'05	1'65
Bourke	15'71	17'10	12'79	2'34	'81
Dalhousie	17'71	22'22	17'11	1'61	1'32
Dundas	18'96	18'25	26'41	1'77	1'37
Evelyn	18'83	22'53	21'19	2'57	1'56
Follett	19'08	25'54	37'88	2'21	1'54
Grant	12'71	20'64	11'03	1'54	'85
Grenville	15'49	18'54	24'61	1'25	1'13
Hampden	16'87	17'93	22'58	1'79	1'45
Heytesbury	15'30	15'39	20'58	2'25	1'85
Mornington	21'16	22'80	23'11	3'17	1'32
Normanby	15'59	16'54	19'47	2'21	1'28
Polwarth	14'97	14'29	13'60	2'42	1'41
Ripon	17'84	18'46	20'51	1'49	1'26
Talbot	17'68	20'28	20'88	1'53	1'27
Villiers	20'85	18'57	25'21	3'41	1'68
Gippsland	17'13	15'23	10'85	2'26	'97
The Loddon	13'37	15'90	17'00	1'49	1'03
The Murray	16'17	20'47	19'49	2'48	1'20
Rodney	11'34	16'37	11'23	1'40	'74
The Wimmera	16'81	19'68	20'96	1'53	1'15
Total	16'28	19'65	15'23	2'21	1'09

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

AVERAGE PRODUCE.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year ending 31st March.	Average Produce per Acre of—					Year ending 31st March.	Average Produce per Acre of—				
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Potatoes.	Hay.		Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Potatoes.	Hay.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.		bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.
1860	21'4	28'3	23'9	1'8	1'4	1865	15'2	18'7	16'3	1'9	1'1
1861	21'5	30'5	20'3	3'1	1'6	1866	19'7	22'2	22'3	2'6	1'0
1862	18'3	23'5	19'9	2'2	1'2	1867	22'3	30'0	30'2	2'7	1'7
1863	18'6	23'1	20'9	2'0	1'1	1868	15'7	18'6	20'3	3'3	1'3
1864	9'0	23'0	16'8	2'7	1'3	1869	16'3	19'7	15'2	2'2	1'1

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

PROPORTION OF LAND UNDER PRINCIPAL CROPS IN EACH COUNTY.

RETURN showing the Proportion to the Total Land in Cultivation of that placed under each of the Principal Crops in each County and Unsettled District, and in the entire Colony, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Percentage to Total Cultivation of Land under—					
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Potatoes.	Hay.	Green Forage.
Anglesey	29'39	31'20	1'47	6'55	15'73	7'13
Bourke	19'41	9'90	3'98	6'61	27'37	15'35
Dalhousie	41'29	26'61	1'20	6'26	10'49	7'65
Dundas	53'92	12'41	'78	3'86	14'66	10'14
Evelyn	6'97	18'52	'82	12'44	20'21	26'31
Follett	49'25	12'21	3'43	4'07	19'06	...
Grant	23'85	17'46	5'36	7'01	21'07	9'00
Grenville	23'78	17'61	2'68	5'37	29'06	9'35
Hampden	19'82	11'14	2'05	3'54	7'62	50'11
Heytesbury	16'46	7'60	1'00	8'67	4'61	50'40
Mornington	6'51	11'95	'69	10'45	11'98	46'49
Normanby	40'40	8'44	'65	4'89	11'01	17'00
Polwarth	13'23	6'81	'41	1'94	3'28	72'65
Ripon	26'38	25'15	'90	3'33	20'83	4'19
Talbot	52'09	20'93	1'55	3'22	12'35	1'88
Villiers	23'58	6'03	2'01	18'25	6'97	35'86
Gippsland	37'72	10'13	15'42	4'04	6'37	22'24
The Loddon	55'34	7'36	2'57	'20	19'97	1'11
The Murray	50'23	23'13	1'07	2'12	9'19	2'21
Rodney	61'43	7'04	3'17	'07	9'90	1'61
The Wimmera	37'17	13'14	1'91	2'10	27'33	5'48
Total	36'44	16'12	2'70	5'08	15'75	12'26

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

PROPORTION OF LAND UNDER PRINCIPAL CROPS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year ending 31st March.	Proportion to Total Land Cultivated of that under—					
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Potatoes.	Hay.	Green Forage.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.
1860	29·8	25·1	1·1	7·7	27·4	4·2
1861	38·4	20·6	1·0	5·9	21·7	3·8
1862	44·8	20·7	0·8	6·2	16·9	3·8
1863	34·8	23·2	1·5	5·3	21·9	6·2
1864	29·4	30·0	1·5	5·4	19·0	7·0
1865	26·1	30·1	1·6	6·5	17·8	8·3
1866	33·7	19·4	1·3	6·0	18·5	10·5
1867	35·2	21·8	1·7	5·5	15·6	10·8
1868	34·4	19·9	2·5	5·7	17·2	11·0
1869	36·4	16·1	2·7	5·1	15·8	12·3

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

OCCUPIERS OF VARIOUS SIZED HOLDINGS IN EACH COUNTY.

RETURN showing the Number of Holders of Allotments of different sizes in each County and Unsettled District during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Total.	Number of Holders of Land of—								
		1 acre to 5 acres.	5 to 15 acres.	15 to 30 acres.	30 to 50 acres.	50 to 100 acres.	100 to 200 acres.	200 to 350 acres.	350 to 500 acres.	500 acres and upwards.
Anglesey ...	372	10	21	36	33	92	84	44	15	37
Bourke ...	4,519	722	799	588	366	683	617	379	134	231
Dalhousie ...	1,985	113	122	282	255	565	353	174	56	65
Dundas ...	583	39	46	31	41	82	94	62	50	138
Evelyn ...	555	38	43	50	55	143	91	66	23	46
Follett ...	30	1	5	1	1	...	2	7	5	8
Grant ...	3,673	141	383	489	512	1,020	603	270	74	181
Grenville ...	1,368	92	127	211	194	392	192	69	23	68
Hampden ...	602	22	35	33	45	81	135	94	44	113
Heytesbury ...	360	8	14	5	12	78	93	74	27	49
Mornington ...	912	86	101	61	42	128	205	129	45	115
Normanby ...	1,125	155	106	67	80	199	224	131	51	112
Polwarth ...	483	41	34	12	24	99	155	59	24	35
Ripon ...	1,053	43	90	117	78	222	183	126	49	145
Talbot ...	3,486	306	314	635	455	858	520	247	64	87
Villiers ...	1,690	280	279	174	129	196	267	134	59	172
Gippsland ...	972	47	111	90	75	235	168	97	41	108
The Loddon ...	2,132	130	285	329	262	462	304	167	63	130
The Murray ...	2,027	79	186	165	148	462	465	281	77	164
Rodney ...	400	6	10	18	24	136	103	44	13	46
The Wimmera ...	891	115	132	160	100	160	68	39	18	99
Total ...	29,218	2,474	3,243	3,554	2,931	6,293	4,926	2,693	955	2,149
Percentage ...	100.00	8·47	11·10	12·16	10·03	21·54	16·86	9·22	3·27	7·35

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

OCCUPIERS OF VARIOUS SIZED HOLDINGS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year ending 31st March.	Total Number of Holders.	Number of Holders of—								
		1 acre to 5 acres.	5 to 15 acres.	15 to 30 acres.	30 to 50 acres.	50 to 100 acres.	100 to 200 acres.	200 to 350 acres.	350 to 500 acres.	500 acres and upwards.
1860	13,175	1,082	1,905	1,439	1,380	2,477	2,316	1,220	327	1,029
1861	13,653	1,042	1,900	1,402	1,369	2,573	2,520	1,340	380	1,127
1862	14,960	998	2,000	1,648	1,533	2,864	2,843	1,444	381	1,249
1863	16,416	1,054	2,273	1,917	1,638	3,104	3,279	1,457	423	1,271
1864	17,679	1,348	2,437	1,975	1,749	3,396	3,440	1,545	459	1,330
1865	18,355	1,344	2,464	1,990	1,846	3,486	3,717	1,657	477	1,374
1866	20,063	1,440	2,676	2,174	1,939	3,622	3,864	1,967	677	1,704
1867	22,698	1,352	2,855	2,660	2,170	4,387	4,209	2,324	818	1,923
1868	25,828	1,590	3,200	2,963	2,603	5,148	4,657	2,665	898	2,104
1869	29,218	2,474	3,243	3,554	2,931	6,293	4,926	2,693	955	2,149

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LAND EMBRACED IN VARIOUS SIZED HOLDINGS IN EACH COUNTY.

RETURN showing the Extent of Land embraced in Holdings of different Sizes in each County and Unsettled District during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Total.	Extent of Land embraced in Holdings of—								
		1 acre to 5 acres.	5 to 15 acres.	15 to 30 acres.	30 to 50 acres.	50 to 100 acres.	100 to 200 acres.	200 to 350 acres.	350 to 500 acres.	500 acres and upwards.
Anglesey	77,342	25	207	707	1,342	6,880	12,345	11,322	6,277	38,237
Bourke	782,932	2,535	7,963	12,956	15,186	52,202	91,784	103,187	56,422	440,697
Dalhousie	258,292	363	1,245	6,271	10,336	43,705	52,088	46,825	23,392	74,067
Dundas	526,327	121	435	684	1,634	6,287	13,746	17,562	20,574	465,284
Evelyn	102,906	98	357	988	2,172	10,627	12,639	17,210	9,199	49,616
Follett	34,378	3	57	22	34	...	364	2,145	2,086	29,667
Grant	742,166	436	3,445	10,147	19,456	74,261	82,435	70,363	30,936	450,687
Grenville	637,863	334	1,264	4,484	7,769	29,823	27,582	18,706	10,321	537,580
Hampden	839,833	67	335	738	1,889	6,144	19,078	26,149	18,755	766,678
Heytesbury	128,810	24	124	97	491	5,921	13,920	19,137	10,748	78,348
Mornington	253,343	234	902	1,264	1,578	8,977	29,471	34,944	18,815	157,158
Normanby	473,077	458	1,079	1,535	3,422	15,903	32,555	35,522	21,492	361,921
Polwarth	220,426	140	315	265	1,011	8,092	22,790	15,836	10,484	161,493
Ripon	721,889	114	750	2,415	3,030	16,501	26,179	34,496	20,745	617,659
Talbot	458,801	1,010	3,177	13,881	18,600	64,221	75,342	64,671	26,274	191,625
Villiers	828,514	894	2,725	3,875	5,322	15,337	39,076	38,141	25,423	697,721
Gippsland	283,564	130	913	1,884	2,880	17,113	23,762	25,021	17,186	194,675
The Loddon	520,961	382	2,369	6,804	10,010	33,595	42,377	44,213	26,090	355,121
The Murray	450,454	228	1,590	3,417	5,820	33,323	66,321	74,152	31,716	233,887
Rodney	138,832	26	106	361	1,001	10,553	15,324	11,942	5,416	94,103
The Wimmera	403,483	439	1,364	3,412	3,992	11,737	9,484	10,821	7,661	354,573
Total	8,884,193	8,061	30,722	76,207	116,975	470,392	708,662	722,365	400,012	6,350,797
Percentage	100'00	'09	'35	'86	1'32	5'29	7'98	8'13	4'50	71'48

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LAND EMBRACED IN VARIOUS SIZED HOLDINGS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year ending 31st March.	Total Extent Occupied.	Extent of Land contained in Holdings of—								
		1 acre to 5 acres.	5 to 15 acres.	15 to 30 acres.	30 to 50 acres.	50 to 100 acres.	100 to 200 acres.	200 to 350 acres.	350 to 500 acres.	500 acres and upwards.
1860	3,015,607 $\frac{1}{4}$	3,008	16,558	30,032 $\frac{1}{2}$	52,288 $\frac{1}{2}$	173,979	317,518 $\frac{3}{4}$	318,485 $\frac{1}{2}$	133,100	1,970,637
1861	3,517,033 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,007 $\frac{1}{4}$	16,388 $\frac{1}{2}$	29,232 $\frac{1}{2}$	54,313 $\frac{3}{4}$	187,876 $\frac{1}{2}$	352,136 $\frac{3}{4}$	345,344 $\frac{3}{4}$	156,673 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,372,060
1862	4,090,784	3,421	17,175	34,012	58,400	201,524	392,036	377,172	155,113	2,851,931
1863	4,722,050 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,108	19,505 $\frac{1}{2}$	39,868 $\frac{1}{4}$	62,681 $\frac{1}{2}$	222,066	453,416	380,037	173,931	3,367,437
1864	5,554,531	4,039 $\frac{1}{2}$	21,375 $\frac{1}{2}$	41,457	68,091	249,458	479,051	406,303	188,664	4,096,092
1865	6,125,204	3,906	21,219	41,182	69,918	248,597	511,517	431,565	195,750	4,601,550
1866	6,785,225	4,203	23,069	43,785	72,937	259,033	535,686	518,229	280,220	5,048,063
1867	7,373,279	4,012	24,592	54,751	82,537	315,106	586,114	615,784	336,319	5,354,064
1868	8,108,465	4,688	27,593	60,725	99,374	373,415	649,024	702,959	367,809	5,822,878
1869	8,884,193	8,061	30,722	76,207	116,975	470,392	708,662	722,365	400,012	6,350,797

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LAND CULTIVATED ON VARIOUS SIZED HOLDINGS IN EACH COUNTY.

RETURN showing the Extent of Land Cultivated on Holdings of various Sizes in each County and Unsettled District during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Total.	Extent in Acres of Land Cultivated by Holders of—								
		1 acre to 5 acres.	5 to 15 acres.	15 to 30 acres.	30 to 50 acres.	50 to 100 acres.	100 to 200 acres.	200 to 350 acres.	350 to 500 acres.	500 acres and upwards.
Anglesey ...	6,651	13	61	137	275	1,048	1,935	1,560	656	966
Bourke ...	86,540	1,520	3,847	4,376	4,206	12,403	21,152	15,740	7,707	15,589
Dalhousie ...	52,750	223	646	2,380	3,359	10,616	14,444	10,576	3,913	6,593
Dundas ...	10,476	39	122	160	438	1,426	1,944	1,523	1,469	3,355
Evelyn ...	7,090	61	158	115	320	1,059	980	1,362	431	2,604
Follett ...	467	1	18	...	6	...	12	208	76	146
Grant ...	69,611	272	1,758	4,015	6,426	16,629	18,283	10,469	3,583	8,176
Grenville ...	27,895	225	698	1,802	2,377	6,968	6,528	4,323	1,358	3,616
Hampden ...	17,967	49	223	472	683	1,806	2,357	2,782	1,859	7,736
Heytesbury ...	9,040	16	69	48	123	1,438	2,110	1,343	965	2,928
Mornington ...	9,445	82	164	200	179	800	1,786	1,899	812	3,523
Normanby ...	18,162	225	395	465	688	3,366	4,713	3,116	1,330	3,864
Polwarth ...	13,429	43	90	94	72	732	1,997	1,209	716	8,476
Ripon ...	39,452	60	356	1,019	1,132	5,906	9,608	10,898	3,538	6,935
Talbot ...	130,616	746	1,947	6,689	8,250	27,346	36,446	27,084	8,906	13,202
Villiers ...	39,628	701	2,015	2,262	2,410	3,992	6,881	4,048	1,824	15,495
Gippsland ...	24,000	76	264	497	509	3,313	3,730	3,412	2,918	9,281
The Loddon ...	56,765	232	1,324	3,104	4,169	12,029	12,969	10,110	4,559	8,269
The Murray ...	66,551	136	852	1,495	2,148	10,120	18,522	16,624	5,256	11,398
Rodney ...	14,077	12	27	202	321	3,062	3,234	3,331	1,025	2,863
The Wimmera ...	12,253	222	693	1,259	1,249	2,500	1,938	1,104	683	2,605
Total ...	712,865	4,954	15,727	30,791	39,340	126,559	171,569	132,721	53,584	137,620
Percentage ...	100·00	·69	2·21	4·32	5·52	17·75	24·07	18·62	7·52	19·30

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LAND CULTIVATED ON VARIOUS SIZED HOLDINGS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year ending 31st March.	Total Extent Cultivated.	Extent of Land Cultivated on Holdings of—								
		1 acre to 5 acres.	5 to 15 acres.	15 to 30 acres.	30 to 50 acres.	50 to 100 acres.	100 to 200 acres.	200 to 350 acres.	350 to 500 acres.	500 acres and upwards.
1860	358,727 $\frac{5}{8}$	2,181 $\frac{1}{4}$	10,566	15,869 $\frac{1}{2}$	24,153 $\frac{3}{4}$	69,117	96,060 $\frac{1}{4}$	67,963 $\frac{3}{4}$	21,598 $\frac{3}{8}$	51,217 $\frac{3}{4}$
1861	419,380 $\frac{1}{4}$	2,301 $\frac{1}{4}$	10,940 $\frac{3}{4}$	15,876 $\frac{1}{2}$	26,474 $\frac{3}{4}$	79,264	115,729 $\frac{1}{2}$	80,741 $\frac{3}{8}$	28,749 $\frac{1}{2}$	59,302 $\frac{1}{4}$
1862	439,895	2,253	10,858	17,382	27,770	83,413	124,930	87,282	24,754	61,253
1863	465,430	1,973 $\frac{3}{4}$	11,938 $\frac{3}{8}$	19,802 $\frac{3}{4}$	29,639 $\frac{1}{2}$	90,093 $\frac{1}{4}$	134,473 $\frac{1}{2}$	83,649 $\frac{5}{8}$	27,196 $\frac{1}{4}$	66,664
1864	507,798	2,828 $\frac{1}{2}$	12,279 $\frac{1}{4}$	20,537 $\frac{1}{4}$	30,872	97,884	147,375 $\frac{1}{2}$	91,021	32,541 $\frac{1}{2}$	72,458 $\frac{3}{4}$
1865	479,463	2,274	10,754	17,740	27,674	89,918	142,580	87,155	30,090	71,278
1866	530,196	2,692	12,297	20,463	29,026	92,714	152,970	101,521	33,476	85,037
1867	592,915	2,396	12,220	21,080	29,525	95,638	154,986	114,897	41,444	120,729
1868	631,207	2,744	13,648	23,889	33,623	105,021	165,145	125,790	44,607	116,740
1869	712,865	4,954	15,727	30,791	39,340	126,559	171,569	132,721	53,584	137,620

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

AVERAGES AND PERCENTAGES OF OCCUPATION, CULTIVATION, ETC.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year ending 31st March.	Average Size of Holdings.	Average Size of Farms.*	Average Area in Occupation to each Person in the Colony.	Percentage of Occupied Land Enclosed.	Average Area Cultivated by each Holder.	Number of Persons in the Colony to every 100 acres in Cultivation.	Percentage of Occupied Land Cultivated.
1860	229	94	5·6	67·9	27·2	149	11·89
1861	258	103	6·5	70·9	30·7	129	11·92
1862	273	97	7·5	68·2	29·4	124	10·75
1863	288	96	8·6	71·0	28·4	118	9·86
1864	314	97	9·6	73·8	28·7	114	9·10
1865	334	97	10·4	82·0	26·1	123	7·80
1866	338	102	10·8	79·0	26·4	119	7·81
1867	325	104	11·5	88·3	21·7	109	8·04
1868	314	103	12·2	90·5	24·4	105	7·78
1869	304	103	12·9	90·4	24·4	97	8·02

* The figures in this column denote the average size of lots larger than 5 acres and less than 500 acres in extent, which are assumed to be those usually devoted to farming purposes.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

AGES OF VINES.

RETURN showing the Number of Vines of different Ages in each County and Unsettled District, and in the entire Colony, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Number and Ages of Vines.					Total.
	Under 1 Year.	1 to 2 Years.	2 to 3 Years.	3 Years and upwards.	Unspecified.	
Anglesey ... ..	...	...	...	300	...	300
Bourke	61,220	61,230	147,610	698,214	44,600	1,012,874
Dalhousie	5,600	4,100	1,100	62,176	...	72,976
Dundas	200	660	1,000	21,189	...	23,049
Evelyn	135,500	103,400	137,400	723,700	...	1,100,000
Grant	83,925	70,800	100,260	1,371,396	...	1,626,381
Grenville ... ..	...	31,900	19,300	150,150	...	201,350
Hampden	600	...	11,150	15,000	...	26,750
Mornington	350	7,900	20,650	82,300	...	111,200
Normanby	1,950	3,140	1,820	38,355	...	45,265
Polwarth ... ..	...	700	...	3,300	...	4,000
Ripon	3,000	...	1,500	52,340	...	56,840
Talbot	30,650	35,600	50,350	362,671	...	479,271
Villiers	2,660	3,020	14,190	58,580	...	78,450
Gippsland	150	1,300	4,300	9,950	...	15,700
The Loddon	80,450	50,030	89,405	632,449	...	852,334
The Murray	27,940	96,250	55,425	1,277,011	130,000	1,586,626
Rodney	44,180	34,300	12,320	115,765	...	206,565
The Wimmera	38,524	30,645	20,076	93,422	100	182,767
Total	516,899	534,975	687,856	5,768,268	174,700	7,682,698

NOTE.—The returns of vines are known to be imperfect. See note to Table of "Produce Raised," ante.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LEASES OF FARMS.

RETURN showing the Average Duration of Leases of Farms from Private Individuals, and the Average Rental per Acre, in each County and Unsettled District, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Leases of Farms from Private Individuals.	
	Average Duration.	Average Rental per Acre.
Anglesey	5 to 7 years	6s. to 7s.
Bourke East	Year to year	Pasture land, 6s. to 8s.; arable, 10s.
Bourke North	2 to 10 years	2s. 6d. to 20s.
Bourke South	3 to 7 years	5s. to 10s.
Bourke South-west	4 years	Unfenced, 3s.; fenced, 5s.
Bourke West	7 years	10s.
Dalhousie East	5 to 7 years	6s. to 7s.
Dalhousie West	5 to 7 years	6s. to 7s.
Dundas	5 years	2s. 6d. to 6s.
Evelyn	6 years	5s. 6d.
Follett	4 years	6s.
Grant North	7 years	16s.
Grant South	7 years	6s. 6d.
Grenville North	3 to 7 years	3s. to 15s. for fenced land.
Grenville South	7 years	6s. 6d. to 15s.
Hampden	3 years	4s. 6d.
Heytesbury	3 years	6s. 6d.
Mornington	1 to 7 years. A small proportion only is let for 7 years	2s. to 10s.; average about 4s. 6d.
Normanby	4 to 6 years	2s. 6d. to 6s.
Polwarth	3 to 7 years	4s. to 6s. 6d.
Ripon East	3 to 7 years	15s. to 25s.
Ripon West	5 to 10 years	Pasture land, 2s. to 3s.; arable, 5s. to 7s.
Talbot East	3 to 7 years	10s.
Talbot West	1 to 7 years	Pasture land, 6s.; arable, 17s. 6d.
Villiers	Year to year, and 5 years*	Southern part of county, 40s.; other portions, 2s. 6d. to 10s. †
Gippsland	5 years	10s.
The Loddon East	1 to 5 years	5s. to 10s.
The Loddon West	5 to 7 years	5s. to 15s.
The Murray East	Year to year	15s.
The Murray West	3 to 7 years	10s. to 12s. ‡
Rodney	7 years	5s.
The Wimmera	5 years	Pasture land, 2s. to 3s.; arable, 5s. to 7s.
Lowest and Highest Numbers ...	1 year; 10 years	2s.; 40s.

* The principal landowners let their land for a portion of the year only—during the potato season, September to February.

† During the potato season certain lands in good condition have been let as high as £4, and even £6, per acre.

‡ In the Mansfield district the rent is commonly paid in cereal grain, from two to three bushels per acre.

NOTE.—The material for this Return was supplied by the Collectors of Agricultural Statistics.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.

RETURN showing the Prices of Agricultural Produce in each County and Unsettled District in the Months of February and March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Average Price of—							
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Hay.	Potatoes.	Turnips.	Mangel-wurzel.
	per bushel.	per bushel.	per bushel.	per bushel.	per ton.	per ton.	per ton.	per ton.
Anglesey	5s. 6d.	4s. 6d.	5s.	..	£5 10s.	£6 10s. to £7	..	..
Bourke East	5s. 6d. to 6s.	5s.	4s. 6d.	..	£8	£5	..	£2 10s.
Bourke North	4s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.	3s. 10d. to 4s. 6d.	5s.	..	£4 to £7 10s.	£4 10s. to £5 15s.	..	..
Bourke South	5s. to 5s. 3d.	3s. 6d. to 3s. 9d.	..	..	£7 to £7 15s.	£6 10s. to £7	..	£2 10s. to £2 15s.
Bourke South-west	5s. 9d.	4s. 6d.	..	4s. to 4s. 3d.	£8 to £9	£6	..	..
Bourke West	5s. 6d.	4s. 6d.	6s.	5s. 6d.	£5	£6	£2	£2
Dalhousie East	5s. 6d.	4s. 6d.	5s.	..	£5 10s.	£6 10s. to £7	..	..
Dalhousie West	5s. 6d.	4s. 6d.	6s.	5s. 6d.	£5	£6	£2	£2
Dundas	5s. 6d.	5s.	4s.	..	£3 10s.	£5	..	..
Evelyn	5s.	4s. 3d.	4s. 4d.	4s. 3d.	£5 10s.	£5	..	..
Follett	5s.	4s. 6d.	4s.	..	£3	£4	..	..
Grant North	6s. 2d.	4s. 4d.	4s. 6d.	..	£4 12s.	£7	..	£2 5s.
Grant South	5s. 6d.	4s.	4s. to 5s.	4s. 6d.	£5	£6	..	£1 5s.
Grenville North	5s. 6d. to 6s. 3d.	4s. to 5s. 3d.	4s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.	4s. to 5s.	£4 12s. to £5 15s.	£7	..	..
Grenville South	5s. 6d.	4s. 6d.	4s. 6d.	4s. 6d.	£7	£4 10s.	..	..
Hampden	5s. 6d.	4s. to 4s. 6d.	4s. 6d. to 5s.	4s. 6d.	£4 10s. to £5	£5	..	£1 15s.
Heytesbury	5s. 6d.	4s. 6d.	5s.	..	£5	£6	..	..
Mornington	5s. 6d. to 6s.	4s. 3d. to 5s.	3s. 9d. to 4s. 6d.	..	£6 to £8	£4 to £5	..	£1 10s.
Normanby	5s. to 5s. 6d.	4s. 6d. to 5s.	4s.	..	£3 to £3 10s.	£4 to £5	..	..
Polwarth	5s. 6d.	4s. 6d.	4s. 6d.	4s. 6d.	£7	£4 10s.	..	..
Ripon East	6s. 2d.	4s. 4d.	4s. 6d.	..	£4 12s.	£7	..	£2 5s.
Ripon West	5s. 6d.	4s. 9d.	5s.	..	£6 10s.	£6 10s.	..	..
Talbot East	5s. 6d.	4s. 2d. to 4s. 6d.	5s. 3d. to 6s.	5s. 6d.	£5 to £5 10s.	£6	£2	£2
Talbot West	5s. 6d.	4s. 2d.	4s.	..	£5 10s.	£7	..	..
Villiers	5s. to 5s. 6d.	4s. 3d. to 5s.	3s. 6d. to 4s.	..	£4	£4 to £5	..	£1 5s. to £1 10s.
Gippsland	4s. 9d. to 5s.	4s. 6d.	5s.	4s. to 4s. 6d.	£6	£5 to £6	£1	£1
The Loddon East	5s. 3d. to 5s. 6d.	4s. to 5s. 3d.	5s. 6d. to 6s.	..	£5 10s. to £7	£7 10s.	..	£5
The Loddon West	5s. 9d.	5s.	4s. 9d.	..	£6 10s.	£9	..	..
The Murray East	5s. 4d.	5s.	6s.	6s.	£8	£8 10s.	..	..
The Murray West	4s. to 4s. 6d.	4s. 3d.	6s.	5s.	£4 to £4 10s.	£9 to £11	..	..
Rodney	4s. 9d. to 5s. 9d.	4s. to 5s. 6d.	5s. 6d. to 7s.	..	£5 to £6.	£6 10s.	..	..
The Wimmera	5s. 8d. to 6s. 2d.	4s. 6d. to 5s.	4s. 6d. to 5s.	..	£6 to £6 10s.	..	..	..
Average of Victoria	5s. 5d.	4s. 6d.	4s. 11d.	4s. 9d.	£5 13s. 4d.	£6 4s. 10d.	£1 15s.	£2 2s.

NOTE.—The material for this Table was supplied by the Collectors of Agricultural Statistics, who were instructed to make a return of the Average Prices paid on the ground, or at the nearest market, at or about the time of their visiting the holdings in the various districts.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

WEIGHT OF CROPS.

RETURN showing the Average Weight per Bushel of the Principal Cereal Crops raised in each County and Unsettled District during the Season 1868-9.

Counties and Districts.	Average Weight per Bushel of—			
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.
Anglesey	62 lbs.	40 lbs.	50 lbs.	..
Bourke East	64 lbs.	45 lbs. to 50 lbs.	50 lbs. to 55 lbs.	..
Bourke North	58 lbs.	40 lbs.	56 lbs.	..
Bourke South	58 lbs. to 60 lbs.	37 lbs. to 39 lbs.	45 lbs. to 50 lbs.	..
Bourke South-west	55 lbs.	36 lbs.	47 lbs.	49 lbs.
Bourke West	60 lbs.	40 lbs.	50 lbs.	..
Dalhousie East	62 lbs.	40 lbs.	50 lbs.	49 lbs.
Dalhousie West	60 lbs. to 63 lbs.	38 lbs. to 42 lbs.	50 lbs.	..
Dundas	60 lbs.	40 lbs.	50 lbs.	52 lbs.
Evelyn	63 lbs.	40 lbs.	52 lbs.	54 lbs.
Follett	62 lbs.	39 lbs.	52 lbs.	..
Grant North	63 lbs.	42 lbs.	53 lbs.	..
Grant South	65 lbs.	38 lbs.	52 lbs.	60 lbs.
Grenville North	62 lbs.	42 lbs.	51 lbs.	..
Grenville South	63 lbs.	44 lbs.	51 lbs.	..
Hampden	63 lbs.	42 lbs.	47 lbs.	60 lbs.
Heytesbury	58 lbs.	38 lbs.	48 lbs.	..
Mornington	62 lbs.	42 lbs.	52 lbs.	..
Normanby	62 lbs.	39 lbs.	52 lbs.	58 lbs.
Polwarth	63 lbs.	44 lbs.	51 lbs.	..
Ripon East	62 lbs.	42 lbs.	51 lbs.	..
Ripon West	59 lbs. to 61 lbs.	37 lbs. to 40 lbs.	50 lbs.	..
Talbot East	64 lbs.	41 lbs.	52 lbs.	..
Talbot West	60 lbs.	40 lbs.	50 lbs.	..
Villiers	64 lbs.	39 lbs.	52 lbs.	..
Gippsland	60 lbs.	40 lbs.	50 lbs.	58 lbs.
The Loddon East	60 lbs. to 63 lbs.	40 lbs.	50 lbs. to 54 lbs.	..
The Loddon West	62 lbs.	42 lbs.	50 lbs.	..
The Murray East	65 lbs.	38 lbs.	52 lbs.	56 lbs.
The Murray West	60 lbs.	40 lbs.	56 lbs.	58 lbs.
Rodney	61 lbs. to 64 lbs.	40 lbs. to 42 lbs.	50 lbs. to 54 lbs.	..
The Wimmera	62 lbs.	42 lbs.	50 lbs.	..
Average of Victoria	61 lbs.	41 lbs.	51 lbs.	55 lbs.

NOTE.—The material for this Table was supplied by the Collectors of Agricultural Statistics.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

HANDS EMPLOYED ON FARMS AND STATIONS.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons of both Sexes Employed upon Farms, and the Number upon Stations, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Description of Holdings.	Number of Hands Employed.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Holdings unconnected with Stations	41,242	19,469	60,711
Stations	5,798	1,793	7,591
Total	47,040	21,262	68,302

NOTE.—In this Return the proprietor or manager of the farm or station is included with the hands employed.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

HANDS EMPLOYED ON FARMS.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons of both Sexes Employed on Farms in each County and Unsettled District, and in the entire Colony, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Number of Hands Employed.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Anglesey	695	358	1,053
Bourke	5,166	1,703	6,869
Dalhousie	2,391	1,276	3,667
Dundas	838	447	1,285
Evelyn	902	461	1,363
Follett	54	28	82
Grant	4,706	2,604	7,310
Greenville	1,966	1,230	3,196
Hampden	1,449	388	1,837
Heytesbury	596	229	825
Mornington	1,132	792	1,924
Normanby	1,673	1,172	2,845
Polwarth	722	360	1,082
Ripon	1,776	931	2,707
Talbot	5,903	2,727	8,630
Villiers	2,339	1,371	3,710
Gippsland	1,591	258	1,849
The Loddon	3,142	1,464	4,606
The Murray	2,248	868	3,116
Rodney	746	199	945
The Wimmera	1,207	603	1,810
Total	41,242	19,469	60,711

NOTE.—In this Return the proprietor or manager of the farm is included.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

HANDS EMPLOYED ON STATIONS.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons of both Sexes Employed on Squatting Stations in each Crown Lands Commissioner's District, and in the entire Colony, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Pastoral Districts.	Number of Hands Employed.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ararat	411	148	559
Ballarat	127	78	205
Beechworth	367	114	481
Benalla	628	153	781
Castlemaine	400	140	540
Echuca	414	115	529
Gippsland North	228	33	261
Gippsland South	120	41	161
Gisborne	298	165	463
Grant	169	47	216
Melbourne	83	45	128
Omeo	78	17	95
Portland	356	134	490
Settled Districts	151	57	208
Swan Hill	285	25	310
Warrnambool	414	132	546
Wimmera East	162	42	204
Wimmera West and Hamilton	1,107	307	1,414
Total	5,798	1,793	7,591

NOTE.—In this Return the proprietor or manager of the station is included.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

RATES OF LABOR ON FARMS.

RETURN showing the Average Rates of Wages paid upon Farms in February and March, 1869, or the latest period prior to that Date, at which the different descriptions of Labor were Employed.

Counties and Districts.	Rates of Labor, with Rations, paid to—								
	Ploughmen.	Farm Laborers.	Married Couples.	Females.	Mowers.		Reapers.		Threshers.
	per week.	per week.	per annum.	per week.	per week.	per acre.	per week.	per acre.	per bushel.*
Anglesey	20s. to 35s.	25s.	£45 to £55	10s.	40s.	4s.	40s.	16s.	6d.
Bourke East	15s. to 20s.	15s.	£50	10s.	30s.	4s. 6d. to 5s.	30s.	10s. to 12s.	6d.
Bourke North	15s.	12s.	£40	8s. to 10s.	30s.	3s.	25s.	15s.	3d.
Bourke South	18s. to 20s.	12s. to 15s.	£50 to £60	10s. to 12s.	15s. to 18s.	4s. to 5s.	15s. to 20s.	5s. to 6s.	6d. to 7d.
Bourke South-west	18s.	10s.	£50	7s.	25s.	3s.	25s.	6s.	9d.
Bourke West	20s.	16s.	£50 to £60	9s.	25s.	7s.	25s.	12s.	6d.
Dalhousie East	20s. to 35s.	25s.	£45 to £55	10s.	40s.	4s.	40s.	16s.	6d.
Dalhousie West	20s.	16s.	£50 to £60	9s.	25s.	7s.	25s.	12s.	6d.
Dundas	20s.	20s.	£45	10s.	30s.	6s.	30s.	18s.	4d.
Evelyn	15s.	15s.	£60 to £65	10s.	30s.	6s. 6d.	30s.	16s.	5d.
Follett	20s.	15s.	£40 to £45	10s.	40s.	6s.	40s.	15s.	3d.
Grant North	20s.	15s.	£50 to £60	12s.	30s.	7s. 6d.	30s.	14s.	8d.
Grant South	16s.	14s. to 16s.	£50 to £55	9s. to 12s.	20s.	3s. 6d. to 4s.	25s.	11s. to 13s.	8d.
Grenville North	15s. to 20s.	12s. to 15s.	£45 to £55	8s. to 12s.	25s. to 30s.	4s. to 6s.	25s. to 30s.	12s. to 15s.	6d. to 8d.
Grenville South	15s.	15s.	£52	7s.	15s.	1s. 6d.	20s.	10s.	3d.
Hampden	20s. to 25s.	15s. to 20s.	£65 to £80	8s.	30s.	4s. to 5s.	30s.	12s. to 20s.	4d. to 6d.
Heytesbury	18s. to 20s.	15s.	£50 to £55	8s. to 10s.	15s. to 30s.	4s. 6d. to 6s.	25s. to 30s.	15s. to 20s.	4d.
Mornington	15s.	13s.	£50	10s.	25s.	4s. 6d.	30s.	14s.	3d.
Normanby	20s.	20s.	£45	10s.	30s.	6s.	30s. to 40s.	18s.	4d.
Polwarth	14s. to 20s.	14s. to 16s.	£50	8s. to 12s.	15s. to 22s.	3s. 6d. to 6s.	20s. to 25s.	13s. to 20s.	8d.
Ripon East	15s. to 20s.	12s. to 15s.	£45 to £55	10s. to 12s.	25s. to 30s.	3s. 6d. to 6s.	25s. to 30s.	12s. to 15s.	6d. to 8d.
Ripon West	20s.	15s.	£50	10s. to 13s.	30s.	5s. 6d.	40s.	15s.	5d.
Talbot East	15s. to 20s.	15s. to 20s.	£45 to £70	6s. to 12s.	40s.	4s. 6d. to 7s. 6d.	20s.	15s.	6d.
Talbot West	20s. to 40s.	20s. to 40s.	£60	10s.	30s.	4s.	30s.	15s.	6d.
Villiers	20s.	15s. to 20s.	£45 to £52	5s. to 10s.	15s. to 30s.	6s.	25s. to 40s.	18s. to 20s.	4d.
Gippsland	20s.	15s.	£60 to £70	11s.	30s.	10s.	30s.	20s.	4d.
The Loddon East	18s. to 25s.	12s. 6d. to 20s.	£40	10s. to 13s.	..	..	..	..	..
The Loddon West	20s.	15s. to 20s.	£40	12s.	20s.	5s. to 7s.	15s. to 20s.	12s. to 15s.	..
The Murray East	20s.	17s.	£60	14s.	20s.	6s. to 7s. 6d.	20s.	12s. to 16s.	..
The Murray West	20s.	15s.	..	10s.	35s. to 40s.	6s. to 7s. 6d.	35s. to 40s.	14s. to 16s. †	7d.
Rodney	20s.	15s. to 18s.	£40	10s. to 15s.	..	..	..	..	..
The Wimmera	20s. to 25s.	15s. to 25s.	£40	12s.	20s. to 35s.	4s. to 7s.	15s. to 30s.	12s. to 15s.	9d.
Average of Victoria	20s.	16s. 9d.	£53	10s.	27s.	5s. 3d.	28s.	14s.	6d.

NOTE.—The material for this Return was supplied by the Collectors of Agricultural Statistics.—* In many parts of the country all the threshing is done by machines. The Collectors return 20s. as the price per 100 bushels so threshed in Talbot and West Murray, and 3d. per bushel in Grenville, Hampden, East Murray, and Rodney.—† Six shillings per acre is returned as the price of reaping by machine in West Murray; Thirty shillings per week, with rations, is returned as the average wages of laborers employed in attending the machines.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

RATES OF LABOR ON STATIONS.

RETURN showing the Average Rates of Wages paid upon Squatting Stations in February and March, 1869, or at the latest period prior to that Date, at which the different descriptions of Labor were Employed.

Counties and Districts.	Rates of Labor, with Rations, paid to—							
	Stockmen.	Shepherds.	Hutkeepers.	Married Couples.	Females.	Station Laborers.	Sheep-washers.	Shearers.
	per annum.	per annum.	per annum.	per annum.	per annum.	per week.	per week.	per 100 sheep shorn
Anglesey	£35 to £40	£20	£20	£70 to £80	£30 to £40	30s.	30s.	15s.
Bourke North	£40	£20	£20	£40	£20	14s.	20s.	12s. to 14s.
Bourke West	£30	£20	£18	£45	£12	15s.	15s.	13s. 6d.
Dalhousie	£35 to £40	£20	£20	£70 to £80	£30 to £40	30s.	30s.	15s.
Dundas	£52	£36	£30	£45	£26	20s.	20s.	14s.
Evelyn	£35	£25	£20	£70	£25	15s.	20s.	14s.
Follett	£50	£36	£36	£50	£26	20s.	20s.	15s.
Grant North	£40	£30	£30	£50	£30	15s.	16s.	15s.
Grant South	£40	£28 to £30	£28 to £30	£25 to £60	£25 to £30	15s.	16s. to 20s.	13s.
Grenville North	£40 to £60	£30 to £35	£25 to £32	£45 to £60	£20 to £35	12s. to 15s.	15s. to 25s.	13s. to 15s.
Grenville South	£30 to £40	£25 to £30	£18 to £30	£40 to £60	£20 to £30	15s.	15s. to 20s.	13s.
Hampden	£40 to £60	£35	£25	£50 to £70	£24 to £30	15s. to 20s.	15s. to 25s.	14s. to 15s.
Heytesbury	£40	£30 to £40	£26	£50	£26	15s.	15s.	14s. to 15s.
Mornington	£35	£35	£28	£45	£25	14s.	15s.	13s. 6d.
Normanby	£40	£36	£30 to £36	£45 to £50	£26	20s.	20s.	14s. to 15s.
Polwarth	£30 to £40	£25 to £30	£18 to £30	£40 to £60	£20 to £30	15s.	15s. to 20s.	13s.
Ripon East	£40 to £60	£30 to £35	£25 to £32	£45 to £60	£20 to £35	12s. to 15s.	15s. to 25s.	13s. to 15s.
Ripon West	£40	£35	£30	£50	£35	17s.	25s.	15s.
Talbot East	£30 to £70	£20 to £30	£20 to £30	£40 to £70	£30 to £40	10s. to 15s.	10s. to 15s.	16s. to 20s.
Talbot West	£40 to £45	£30	£20	£50	£20	15s. to 20s.	20s. to 30s.	15s.
Villiers	£50	£40	£30	£60	£25	20s.	20s.	16s.
Gippsland	£50	£40	£30	£60	£30	15s.	20s.	16s.
The Loddon East	£75	..	£25	£60	£30 to £40	10s. to 15s.	20s.	14s.
The Loddon West	£40	£30	£30	£40	£35	30s.	30s.	16s.
The Murray East	£40	£35	£25	£50 to £70	£25 to £40	15s.	30s.	17s. 6d.
The Murray West	£40	£35	£30	£50 to £60	£30	15s. to 20s.	15s. to 20s.	10s. to 14s.
Rodney	£45 to £75	£40	£30	£55 to £60	£20 to £40	15s.	20s.	13s.
The Wimmera	£40	£22 to £30	£20 to £30	£40 to £60	£35 to £40	15s. to 30s.	15s. to 30s.	12s. to 16s.
Average of Victoria	£44 6s. 3d.	£30 10s. 3d.	£26 11s. 8d.	£55	£29	17s.	20s.	14s. 5d.

NOTE.—The material for this Table was supplied by the Collectors of Agricultural Statistics.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LIVE STOCK ON FARMS AND STATIONS.

RETURN showing the Number of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs upon Farms, and the Number upon Stations, on the 31st March, 1869.

Description of Land.	Description of Live Stock.						
	Horses.	Cattle.			Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
		Milch Cows.	Exclusive of Milch Cows.	Total.			
Farms and Land unconnected with Stations	119,900	165,239	327,303	492,542	2,408,242	129,001	3,149,685
Crown and Alienated Land connected with Stations	24,034	16,615	184,525	201,140	7,348,577	7,205	7,580,956
Total	143,934	181,854	511,828	693,682	9,756,819	136,206	10,730,641

NOTE.—The return of sheep represents nearly the whole number in the colony; but the returns of horses, cattle, and pigs, are less complete, inasmuch as many of the Collectors of Statistics were unable to form estimates of the numbers kept in towns and upon goldfields in their respective districts, nor of horses and working bullocks used by carriers upon the roads.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LIVE STOCK ON LAND UNCONNECTED WITH STATIONS.

RETURN showing the Number of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs, kept upon Land unconnected with Stations in each County and Unsettled District during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Description of Live Stock.						
	Horses.	Cattle.			Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
		Milch Cows.	Exclusive of Milch Cows.	Total.			
Anglesey	1,234	1,647	3,897	5,544	2,982	1,121	10,881
Bourke	15,154	30,418	30,226	60,644	89,100	16,076	180,974
Dalhousie	7,070	12,665	20,632	33,297	28,496	6,771	75,634
Dundas	2,601	1,777	5,554	7,331	222,532	2,031	234,495
Evelyn	2,620	3,613	8,057	11,670	6,691	1,649	22,630
Follett	295	176	752	928	62,213	264	63,700
Grant	11,681	19,496	26,580	46,076	290,603	13,352	361,712
Grenville	5,271	9,876	14,262	24,138	162,743	5,847	197,999
Hampden	5,235	3,849	31,475	35,324	530,624	4,999	576,182
Heytesbury	1,755	2,093	13,690	15,783	11,919	2,559	32,016
Mornington	5,992	6,142	17,095	23,237	43,417	2,952	75,598
Normanby	4,359	4,642	12,711	17,353	164,000	4,799	190,511
Polwarth	3,110	2,564	21,580	24,144	84,332	1,636	113,222
Ripon	3,840	5,219	7,355	12,574	130,927	3,487	150,828
Talbot	12,338	17,332	22,282	39,614	100,001	15,963	167,916
Villiers	7,848	7,333	23,912	31,245	276,950	13,075	329,118
Gippsland	6,158	6,138	20,827	26,965	23,904	6,429	63,456
The Loddon	8,505	12,413	14,469	26,882	65,653	9,489	110,529
The Murray	10,933	13,321	23,797	37,118	38,985	10,696	97,732
Rodney	1,763	1,801	3,439	5,240	14,758	2,443	24,204
The Wimmera	2,138	2,724	4,711	7,435	57,412	3,363	70,348
Total	119,900	165,239	327,393	492,542	2,408,242	129,001	3,149,685

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LIVE STOCK ON STATIONS.

RETURN showing the Number of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs, kept upon Squatting Stations in each Crown Lands Commissioner's District during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Pastoral Districts.	Live Stock.						
	Horses.	Cattle.			Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
		Milch Cows.	Exclusive of Milch Cows.	Total.			
Ararat	621	302	1,502	1,804	389,827	134	392,386
Ballarat	326	278	629	907	123,520	143	124,896
Beechworth	3,017	2,813	31,971	34,784	189,011	1,392	228,204
Benalla	2,980	1,914	14,534	16,448	842,180	591	862,199
Castlemaine	662	521	3,385	3,906	419,448	284	424,300
Echuca	1,474	528	15,774	16,302	431,872	130	449,778
Gippsland North	1,605	1,170	16,107	17,277	61,070	949	80,901
Gippsland South	928	834	20,155	20,989	26,955	746	49,618
Gisborne	625	438	1,999	2,437	263,601	248	266,911
Grant	496	314	8,099	8,413	149,928	169	150,006
Melbourne	961	862	3,548	4,410	38,127	177	43,675
Omeo	943	1,614	9,674	11,288	36,800	217	48,948
Portland	1,019	795	5,899	6,694	622,941	383	631,037
Settled Districts	1,414	856	6,562	7,418	57,467	531	66,830
Swan Hill	1,288	385	6,488	6,873	251,176	29	259,366
Warrnambool	1,809	1,043	19,171	20,214	753,515	342	775,880
Wimmera East	1,145	461	12,072	12,533	713,000	182	726,860
Wimmera West and Hamilton	3,021	1,487	6,956	8,443	1,978,139	558	1,990,161
Total	24,034	16,615	184,525	201,140	7,348,577	7,205	7,580,956

NOTE.—This Return contains a statement of all the live stock kept upon stations, without distinction as to the numbers running upon Crown or those upon alienated land. It has been compiled for the most part from statements voluntarily furnished by the squatters, in reply to enquiries from the Registrar-General's Department. In cases where the enquiries were not responded to, the figures have been supplied from other sources.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LIVE STOCK.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Live Stock.							Year.	Number of Live Stock.						
	Horses.	Cattle.			Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.		Horses.	Cattle.			Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
		Milch Cows.	Exclusive of Milch Cows.	Total.						Milch Cows.	Exclusive of Milch Cows.	Total.			
1859	69,288	58,514*	..	681,534	5,794,127	50,965	6,597,914	1864	117,182	152,257	488,368	640,625	8,406,234	113,510	9,277,571
1860	76,536	66,590*	..	722,312	5,780,896	61,259	6,641,023	1865	121,051	141,935	479,402	621,317	8,835,380	75,869	9,651,637
1861	84,057	73,782*	..	628,092	6,239,258	43,480	6,094,887	1866	121,381	142,414	458,554	598,968	8,833,139	74,738	9,628,196
1862	86,067	116,138	460,463	576,601	6,764,831	52,091	7,480,510	1867	131,148	175,104	475,488	650,592	9,532,811	141,522	10,456,973
1863	103,328	126,786	548,486	675,272	7,115,943	79,655	7,974,198	1868	143,934	181,854	511,828	693,682	9,756,819	136,206	10,730,641

NOTE.—The returns of milch cows for the three years marked with asterisks refer only to those on alienated land. The milch cows kept on stations were not returned separately from the other stock until 1862; consequently, until then the total quantity of milch cows could not be ascertained. The pigs kept on stations, except those with purchased land attached, were not returned until 1862.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY ON FARMS.—NUMBER OF IMPLEMENTS.

RETURN showing the Number and Description of Agricultural Implements and Machines in operation upon Farms in each County and Unsettled District, and in the entire Colony, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Names of Implements.	Total.	Counties and Districts.																				
		Anglesey.	Bourke.	Dalhousie.	Dundas.	Evelyn.	Follett.	Grant.	Grenville.	Hampden.	Heytesbury.	Mornington.	Normanby.	Polwarth.	Ripon.	Talbot.	Villiers.	Gipps-land.	The Loddon.	The Murray.	Rodney.	The Wimmera.
Steam-Engines { Number ...	205	...	23	25	...	...	...	16	9	1	1	...	...	...	11	60	8	5	12	29	3	2
Engines { Horse-power ...	1,596	...	171	189	...	...	...	116	56	2	8	...	...	...	104	497	62	34	86	232	25	14
Bone Mills ... No.	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Carts ...	27,424	281	5,111	1,768	371	536	38	3,362	1,294	489	273	880	859	338	941	3,541	1,259	660	2,359	1,900	396	748
Chaff Cutters ...	6,054	67	1,258	442	35	144	5	733	338	91	19	124	85	73	273	1,007	217	111	398	438	73	123
Cheese Presses ...	56	...	33	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...
Churning Machines... "	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cider Presses ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Corn Crushers ...	106	...	33	1	...	...	...	12	4	...	2	...	...	...	1	30	5	1	6	7	1	3
Corn Screens ...	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...
Cultivators ...	27	...	6	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	4	...	4
Curd Mills ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Earth Scoops ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grape Mills ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Grubbers ...	69	...	23	1	1	...	...	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	12	22	...	...	1	...	...	1
Harrowes ...	18,344	166	2,960	1,193	255	323	14	2,379	713	320	211	477	568	206	698	2,836	883	463	1,487	1,450	341	401
Hay Elevators ...	143	...	53	13	...	...	...	5	3	1	...	1	...	...	12	32	2	4	8	5	1	3
Hay Presses ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hay Rakes (Horse)... "	196	...	62	4	...	1	...	6	43	2	...	2	...	...	3	28	2	...	35	4	4	...
Horse Hoos ...	116	...	84	...	...	...	...	7	...	1	...	3	...	...	3	7	...	...	4	1	1	4
Horse Works ...	1,628	9	209	49	7	29	...	101	56	28	3	7	21	3	93	345	195	47	154	180	36	56
Irrigation Works ...	7	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Mowing Machines ...	342	9	83	13	8	...	...	32	32	2	...	2	3	1	44	65	1	6	17	18	2	4
Ploughs ...	22,031	195	3,497	1,450	341	382	21	2,981	873	403	200	480	679	257	941	3,310	1,101	619	1,647	1,876	317	461
Potato Diggers ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Reaping Machines ...	3,178	28	320	352	11	9	...	151	92	26	3	4	10	2	236	1,066	14	79	298	367	84	26
Rollers ...	4,878	33	1,095	213	30	92	1	489	223	43	17	98	47	11	221	859	132	97	586	412	65	114
Root Cutters ...	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Root Pulpers ...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Root Washers ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarifiers ...	249	...	76	4	...	1	...	9	7	1	...	8	...	1	27	55	19	5	26	4	1	5
Soufflers ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Seed Drills... "	42	1	11	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	1	...	1
Sowing Machines ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stills ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Strippers ...	362	...	1	...	3	...	...	4	2	8	...	1	5	...	9	96	3	12	84	128	5	1
Stump Extractors ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Threshing Machines ...	947	4	100	47	22	30	...	134	40	14	7	18	44	6	44	216	30	30	59	62	9	31
Waggons ...	4,533	30	222	132	86	38	1	766	320	197	40	68	181	92	370	860	357	116	286	205	45	121
Weighing Machines... "	32	...	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	17	...	...	3	...	1	...	...
Wind Mills ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wine Presses ...	234	...	25	2	...	10	...	36	2	...	...	3	2	...	2	14	1	1	31	101	2	2
Winnowing Machines ...	1,800	16	220	106	22	45	...	191	48	23	13	34	48	21	60	328	130	43	180	225	23	24
Wool Presses ...	9	3	...	1	2	2

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AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY ON SQUATTING STATIONS.—NUMBER OF IMPLEMENTS.

RETURN showing the Number and Description of Agricultural Implements and Machines in operation on Squatting Stations, in each Crown Lands Commissioner's District, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

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Names of Implements.	Total.	Pastoral Districts.																	
		Ararat.	Ballarat.	Beechworth.	Benalla.	Castlemaine.	Echuca.	Gippsland North.	Gippsland South.	Gisborne.	Grant.	Melbourne.	Omeo.	Portland.	Settled Districts.	Swan Hill.	Warrnambool.	Wimmera East.	Wimmera West.
Steam Engines { Number ...	17	...	1	1	7	4	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
{ Horse-power	149	...	6	12	65	30	12	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...
Bone Crushers ... Number	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carts ...	1,412	80	39	115	135	86	111	44	61	72	40	42	14	90	41	54	112	25	251
Chaff Cutters ...	256	16	8	...	68	16	13	8	9	15	1	...	...	10	10	3	20	7	52
Cheese Presses ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Corn Crushers ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Cultivators... ..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Drills	5	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...
Grubbers	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Harrows	686	38	18	83	71	41	39	30	27	37	24	28	10	54	35	10	40	16	85
Hay Rakes (Horse) ...	14	...	1	...	...	...	7	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	1
Horse Hoes	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Horse Works	8	...	1	...	4	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Irrigation Works ...	14	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	2
Land Scoops	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2
Mowing Machines ...	42	3	2	4	7	...	3	1	1	5	...	4	...	2	...	1	3	...	6
Ploughs	819	43	26	84	95	53	48	30	34	45	24	28	10	60	12	62	15	...	110
Reaping Machines ...	41	2	...	1	7	5	3	1	1	5	...	4	...	2	...	1	3	...	6
Rollers	19	1	3	...	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	1
Scarifiers	7	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1
Strippers	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Threshing Machines... ..	11	...	2	...	2	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Waggons	355	38	9	92	28	17	16	4	9	13	15	6	1	8	10	13	35	3	38
Weighing Machines... ..	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...
Windmills	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Wine Presses	14	...	...	6	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...
Winnowing Machines ...	34	2	3	3	4	1	1	1	13	3	1	2
Wool Presses	370	20	8	25	48	31	27	8	9	32	15	4	6	1	10	12	29	1	84

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AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY ON FARMS AND STATIONS.—VALUE.

RETURN showing the Approximate Value of the Agricultural Machinery upon Farms and upon Squatting Stations during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

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Description of Holdings.	Approximate Value of Agricultural Machinery and Implements.
Holdings unconnected with Stations	£ 1,144,489
Stations	83,721
Total	1,228,210

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AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY ON STATIONS.—VALUE.

RETURN showing the Approximate Value of the Agricultural Machinery upon Squatting Stations, in each Crown Lands Commissioner's District, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Pastoral Districts.	Approximate Value of Agricultural Implements and Machinery.	Pastoral Districts.	Approximate Value of Agricultural Implements and Machinery.
	£		£
Ararat	4,369	Melbourne	1,474
Ballarat	3,544	Omeo	655
Beechworth	5,511	Portland... ..	5,389
Benalla	12,761	Settled Districts	1,894
Castlemaine	10,740	Swan Hill	1,875
Echuca	6,417	Warrnambool	6,234
Gippsland North	1,689	Wimmera East	1,890
Gippsland South	1,536	Wimmera West,	14,695
Gisborne	1,104		
Grant	1,944	Total	83,721

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AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND IMPROVEMENTS ON FARMS.—VALUE.

RETURN showing the Approximate Value of the Agricultural Machinery and of the Improvements upon Farms, in each County and Unsettled District, during the Year ending 31st March, 1869.

Counties and Districts.	Approximate Value of—			Counties and Districts.	Approximate Value of—		
	Agricultural Implements and Machinery.	Improvements.*	Total.		Agricultural Implements and Machinery.	Improvements.*	Total.
	£	£	£		£	£	£
Anglesey	12,533	64,840	77,373	Polwarth	10,058	143,239	153,297
Bourke	140,280	1,249,732	1,390,012	Ripon	65,899	317,428	383,327
Dalhousie	64,981	352,989	417,970	Talbot	226,617	812,996	1,039,613
Dundas	16,480	171,355	187,835	Villiers	48,774	389,103	437,877
Evelyn	20,679	123,559	144,238				
Follett	735	10,435	11,170	Gippsland	33,115	227,075	260,190
Grant	99,976	789,800	889,776	The Loddon	99,830	394,499	494,329
Grenville	49,904	338,014	387,918	The Murray	127,116	557,195	684,311
Hampden	20,664	443,510	464,174	Rodney... ..	19,733	78,741	98,474
Heytesbury	13,106	114,364	127,470	The Wimmera	26,348	162,064	188,412
Mornington	18,545	236,351	254,896				
Normanby	29,116	325,388	354,504	Total	1,144,489	7,302,677	8,447,166

* This column includes the value of buildings of all descriptions, fences, &c., but not the cost of clearing or cropping land.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

MILLS FOR GRINDING AND DRESSING GRAIN.

RETURN of the Number of Mills for Grinding and Dressing Grain in operation in each County and Unsettled District during the Year 1868; also, the Nature and Amount of Power employed, the Number of Pairs of Stones in operation, the Number of Hands employed, the Quantity of Grain operated upon, the Quantity of Flour and Meal produced, and the Approximate Value of Machinery and Plant and of Lands and Buildings.

Counties and Districts.	Number of Mills.	Power employed.		Amount of Horse-power employed.	Number of Pairs of Stones in operation.	Number of Hands employed.	Quantity of Grain operated on during the Year.		Flour made during the Year.	Meal made during the Year.	Approximate Total Value of—		
		Steam.	Water.				Wheat.	Other.			Machinery and Plant.	Lands.	Buildings.
							bushels.	bushels.			£	£	£
Anglesey	2	2	..	22	5	7	48,000	..	1,360	..	3,600	110	4,000
Bourke { Exclusive of Melbourne and Suburbs	12	10	2	195	31	42	276,000	1,700	5,708	10	18,400	1,390	10,750
{ Melbourne and Suburbs	14	14	..	439	68	126	950,470	114,800	20,782	..	44,100	13,300	42,900
Dalhousie	12	12	..	231	38	50	434,000	..	8,842	..	25,000	3,680	28,950
Dundas	1	1	..	14	2	6	15,000	..	403	..	3,000	70	400
Evelyn	2	1	1	20	3	3	7,390	..	160	..	2,400	1,825	1,150
Grant	14	14	..	272	44	65	299,800	3,600	6,450	160	17,060	2,170	13,400
Grenville	5	5	..	118	19	34	251,000	200	5,335	1	7,600	3,300	14,200
Hampden	3	3	..	36	6	11	30,000	..	635	..	2,350	150	1,500
Mornington	1	1	..	8	1	2	7,000	..	150	..	600	50	300
Normanby	5	5	..	58	12	23	85,000	..	1,825	..	4,200	500	6,800
Polwarth	3	3	..	38	5	9	17,900	..	358	..	2,300	320	1,750
Ripon	5	5	..	92	16	28	196,180	1,000	3,840	20	9,200	790	8,450
Talbot	19	17	2	408	69	109	872,210	13,120	18,956	160	38,200	3,280	16,550
Villiers	7	6	1	98	19	27	127,440	6,410	2,610	50	14,000	1,490	7,950
Gippsland... ..	5	3	2	73	10	20	94,000	400	1,902	10	6,100	635	4,250
The Loddon	7	7	..	130	23	51	441,000	..	9,150	..	11,800	3,650	10,500
The Murray	14	13	1	205	33	52	447,000	4,300	9,353	11	17,800	3,450	14,260
Rodney	2	2	..	28	4	9	10,000	..	230	..	2,200	10	1,600
The Wimmera	3	3	..	42	5	11	33,000	..	760	..	2,100	150	2,100
Total	135	127	9	2,527	413	685	4,644,390	145,530	98,809	422	232,010	40,320	191,760

NOTE.—This Return is imperfect, inasmuch as several proprietors of mills declined to furnish particulars, and in some cases the details supplied were incomplete. Under these circumstances, therefore, this Table must be looked upon as understating the truth.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

STONE QUARRIES.

RETURN of the Number of Stone Quarries in operation in each County and Unsettled District during the Year 1868; also, the Nature, Quantity, and Value of Stone operated upon, the Nature and Amount of Machine-power employed, the Number of Hands employed, and the Approximate Value of Machinery and Plant and of Lands and Buildings.

Counties and Districts.	Number of Quarries.		Steam-Engines in use.		Number of Hands employed.	Quantity of Stone operated on during the Year.				Approximate Total Value of—			
	Number.	Amount of Horse-power employed.	Number.	Amount of Horse-power employed.		Bluestone.	Granite.	Slate.	Sandstone.	Stone raised.	Machinery and Plant.	Lands.	Buildings.
						tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	£	£	£	£
Bourke { Exclusive of Melbourne and Suburbs ...	6	...	...	20	2,764	...	...	2,000	735	120	460	70
Bourke { Melbourne and Suburbs ...	54	1	45	365	416,329	...	...	...	43,521	13,950	3,632	1,055
Grant ...	9	...	...	83	10,550	...	...	240	4,550	1,370	480	...
Grenville ...	5	...	...	14	6,100	...	...	...	1,610	325	...	...
Hampden ...	3	...	...	29	14,614	...	...	...	4,544	1,400	...	...
Talbot ...	1	1	12	20	...	...	2,000	...	1,625	1,310	...	...
Villiers ...	2	...	...	5	...	...	...	2,845	455	100	40	...
The Loddon ...	1	...	...	3	325	...	...	...	100	...	...	...
The Murray ...	2	...	...	7	...	325	...	...	540	305	...	200
Total ...	83	2	57	546	450,682	325	2,000	5,085	18,680	18,880	4,612	1,325	

NOTE.—This Return is imperfect, inasmuch as some of the proprietors of quarries declined to furnish particulars to the collectors.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

BREWERIES.

RETURN of the Number of Breweries in operation in each County and Unsettled District during the Year 1868; also, the Number of Men, Horses, and Drays employed, the Amount of Materials used, the Quantity of Beer produced, and the Approximate Value of Brewing Plant and Casks and of Lands and Buildings.

Counties and Districts.	Number of Breweries.	Number of Hands employed.	Number of Horses employed.	Number of Drays and Waggon employed.	Materials used during the Year.			Beer made during the Year.	Approximate Total Value of—		
					Sugar.	Malt.	Hops.		Machinery and Plant.	Lands.	Buildings.
					lbs.	bushels.	lbs.	gallons.	£	£	£
Anglesey ...	1	5	7	4	44,800	3,000	3,600	56,700	900	...	100
Bourke { Exclusive of Melbourne and Suburbs ...	17	269	126	74	4,755,810	245,539	300,928	5,756,811	51,950	24,475	77,210
Bourke { Melbourne and Suburbs ...	15	232	119	72	4,271,970	224,581	319,816	5,201,863	50,500	22,775	65,510
Dalhousie ...	5	32	21	13	308,680	20,340	30,804	285,814	3,400	1,950	4,050
Dundas ...	2	4	3	3	1,340	244	356	3,440	100	70	220
Evelyn ...	2	5	4	3	2,080	230	180	2,600	280	110	350
Grant ...	8	84	72	39	1,909,172	168,549	186,471	1,601,858	37,550	10,300	24,000
Grenville ...	6	68	58	24	603,000	58,840	54,660	1,009,390	13,500	4,800	8,800
Normanby ...	2	4	2	1	13,000	1,534	1,118	19,966	230	150	350
Polwarth ...	1	4	2	2	11,000	1,456	1,664	22,464	600	200	500
Ripon ...	3	10	4	5	21,500	1,200	1,650	11,400	480	95	650
Talbot ...	9	83	73	39	676,800	67,960	79,940	985,440	14,350	2,330	11,100
Villiers ...	2	9	3	2	25,972	1,829	1,740	32,832	800	600	1,100
Gippsland ...	3	12	10	5	35,894	5,480	6,972	71,160	750	600	1,000
The Loddon ...	13	125	98	59	998,336	62,100	114,390	1,505,676	30,900	3,205	22,750
The Murray ...	10	41	35	19	232,905	25,867	33,169	394,520	8,340	1,200	6,260
Rodney ...	3	9	6	9	70,960	4,270	5,388	75,584	960	250	960
The Wimmera ...	5	15	20	13	100,799	8,248	10,253	118,764	3,300	899	2,460
Total ...	107	1,011	663	386	14,084,018	901,267	1,153,099	17,156,282	218,890	74,009	227,370

NOTE.—This Return is imperfect, inasmuch as in several cases the details supplied were incomplete, especially as regards the quantity of material used. Under these circumstances, therefore, this Table must be looked upon as understating the truth.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

BRICK YARDS AND POTTERIES.

RETURN of the Number of Brick Yards and Potteries in operation in each County and Unsettled District during the Year 1868 ; also, the Number of Machines employed, the Nature and Amount of Power employed, the Number of Hands employed, the Number of Bricks made, and the Approximate Value of Bricks and Pottery, of Machinery and Plant, and of Lands and Buildings.

Counties and Districts.	Number of Brick Yards and Potteries.	Number of Machines employed.		Power employed.			Amount of Horse-power employed.	Number of Hands employed.	Number of Bricks made during the Year.	Approximate Total Value of—				
		For Tempering or Crushing Clay.	For Making Bricks or Pottery.	Steam.	Horse.	Manual Labor.				Bricks.	Pottery.	Machinery and Plant.	Lands.	Buildings.
Anglesey ...	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	4	100,000	£ 200	...	£ 30	£ 50	£ 40
Bourke { Exclusive of Melbourne and Suburbs ...	11	6	5	...	6	5	7	33	1,000,000	1,755	1,350	868	965	1,245
Bourke { Melbourne and Suburbs ...	75	86	9	3	53	19	98	470	37,114,000	78,029	5,750	15,285	24,990	11,352
Dalhousie ...	4	1	...	...	1	1	2	13	520,000	810	...	1,084	220	360
Dundas ...	2	...	...	...	1	1	1	5	200,000	450	...	15	...	35
Evelyn ...	2	...	...	...	1	1	1	4	200,000	350	...	10	15	22
Follett ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	80,000	120	...	20	...	200
Grant ...	20	1	1	...	1	19	1	62	3,640,000	7,005	100	1,058	440	985
Grenville ...	17	12	1	...	8	9	8	65	4,240,000	8,420	520	1,315	310	1,900
Hampden ...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	6	117,000	234	...	30	...	62
Normanby ...	9	...	...	...	8	1	9	15	655,000	1,150	...	470	129	205
Polwarth ...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	7	128,000	268	...	7	80	30
Ripon ...	2	2	...	...	2	...	2	7	400,000	770	...	110	36	50
Talbot ...	22	10	...	...	8	14	8	54	3,735,000	6,065	...	1,682	120	1,400
Villiers ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	40,000	80	...	140	...	140
Gippsland ...	10	2	...	...	2	8	2	19	923,000	1,560	26	167	364	311
The Loddon ...	22	...	...	...	3	19	4	78	3,298,000	5,214	2,710	840	415	2,995
The Murray ...	10	2	...	...	2	8	2	36	2,280,000	4,223	...	174	545	480
Rodney ...	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	15	1,000,000	1,612	...	65	50	145
The Wimmera ...	3	2	...	...	2	1	2	24	1,310,000	2,670	...	460	150	270
Total ...	222	125	16	4	100	118	160	918	60,980,000	120,985	10,456	23,830	28,879	22,227

NOTE.—This Return is imperfect, inasmuch as some of the proprietors declined, and others stated that they were unable, to furnish particulars. Under these circumstances, therefore, the Table must be looked upon as understating the truth.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

MANUFACTORIES, WORKS, ETC.—(I.)

GENERAL SUMMARY of the Manufactories, Works, &c., in each County and Unsettled District in operation during the Year 1868 ; also, the Nature and Amount of Power, the Number of Hands employed, and the Approximate Value of Machinery and Plant and of Lands and Buildings.

Counties and Districts.	Number of Manufactories, Works, &c.	Power employed.					Amount of Horse-power employed.	Number of Hands employed.		Approximate Total Value of—		
		Steam.	Water.	Wind.	Horse.	Manual Labor.		Males.	Females.	Machinery and Plant.	Lands.	Buildings.
Anglesey ...	2	1	...	...	...	1	7	9	1	£ 700	£ 50	£ 640
Bourke { Exclusive of Melbourne and Suburbs ...	14	4	3	...	1	6	124	151	5	5,810	1,600	2,587
Bourke { Melbourne and Suburbs ...	377	191	5	...	14	167	2,730	6,798	2,784	1,683,215	254,680	424,900
Dalhousie ...	27	12	...	...	7	8	120	158	5	13,560	3,505	9,225
Dundas ...	9	2	...	...	1	6	21	43	1	1,553	520	1,755
Evelyn ...	2	...	2	...	...	...	18	6	...	500	170	250
Follett ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	30	40	100
Grant ...	94	49	...	...	9	36	763	1,211	115	118,122	21,290	68,701
Grenville ...	68	48	...	...	8	12	465	947	16	154,500	39,058	55,750
Hampden ...	5	2	...	...	2	1	15	24	1	1,290	345	1,420
Heytesbury ...	6	4	...	...	...	2	60	54	3	3,120	502	900
Mornington ...	10	...	...	...	1	9	2	46	...	990	95	830
Normanby ...	20	3	1	...	3	13	37	81	...	3,915	2,568	5,316
Polwarth ...	4	2	...	...	2	...	24	17	...	1,770	330	1,700
Ripon ...	15	6	...	...	4	5	72	90	1	5,550	970	3,020
Talbot ...	64	36	1	1	9	17	442	586	8	66,510	8,290	25,620
Villiers ...	31	5	1	...	12	13	64	156	16	10,745	6,145	11,202
Gippsland ...	13	4	...	...	4	5	66	83	...	5,330	566	4,920
The Loddon ...	46	32	...	...	2	12	257	331	2	56,355	5,175	22,875
The Murray ...	25	12	2	...	2	9	147	139	3	13,840	1,300	7,170
Rodney ...	8	5	...	...	...	3	46	91	1	5,600	420	2,200
The Wimmera ...	12	6	...	...	2	4	89	155	15	7,720	510	3,180
Total ...	853	424	15	1	83	330	5,569	11,179	2,977	2,160,725	348,129	654,256

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

MANUFACTORIES, WORKS, ETC.—(II.)

RETURN showing, in classified arrangement, the Manufactories, Works, &c., in each County and Unsettled District, in operation during the Year 1868.

Manufactories, Works, &c.	Counties and Districts.																				Total.		
	Anglesy.	Bourke.		Dalhousie.	Dundas.	Evelyn.	Follett.	Grant.	Grenville.	Hampden.	Heytesbury.	Mornington.	Normanby.	Polwarth.	Ripon.	Talbot.	Villiers.	Gippsland.	The Loddon.	The Murray.		Rodney.	The Wimmera.
		Exclusive of Melbourne and Suburbs.	Melbourne and Suburbs.																				
<i>Connected with or dependent upon Agriculture.</i>																							
Agricultural Implement Manufactories	12	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	19
Bone and Chemical Manure Manufactories	4	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	12
Bread and Biscuit Manufactories	4	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Corn-crushing, Chaff-cutting, and Hay-pressing Machines	1	...	28	9	...	...	...	12	18	1	...	...	2	1	6	15	9	...	5	...	1	2	110
Malt Houses	4	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	10
Starch and Maizena Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tobacco and Cigar Manufactories	6	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	8
<i>Working on raw materials the production of the Pastoral Interest.</i>																							
Boiling-down Establishments	4	...	...	...	...	5	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	1	...	17
Fellmongeries and Wool-washing Establishments	9	...	2	...	1	7	1	2	1	...	4	...	...	...	3	...	1	2	1	1	35
Bedding and Curled Hair Works	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Flock Manufactories	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Glue and Oil Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Meat-curing Establishments	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10
Soap, Candle, and Tallow-rendering Works	14	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	27
Tanneries, &c.	...	3	12	2	3	...	...	11	3	...	...	...	1	2	...	4	6	7	1	3	...	...	58
<i>Manufacture of Food—of which the raw material is not the produce of Agriculture—and of Articles of Drink.</i>																							
Coffee, Chocolate, and Spice Works	5	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Confectionery Manufactories	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Distilleries	3	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Gingerbeer, Aerated Waters, Liqueur, Cordial, Vinegar, Ink, and Blacking Manufactories	1	1	16	7	2	...	...	5	4	...	...	...	2	...	3	10	3	1	9	6	3	3	76
Jam Manufactories	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sugar Refineries	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
<i>Building Materials.</i>																							
Limekilns	6	...	...	1	9	7	...	2	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	29
Moulding, Framing, Turning, and Saw Mills	...	6	28	5	2	2	...	17	5	1	4	...	2	1	2	13	2	3	10	8	1	5	117
<i>Machine Manufactories, Brass, Iron, and Lead Works.</i>																							
Fire-proof Safe and Door Manufactories	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Iron and Tin Works	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Iron, Brass, and Copper Foundries	28	...	...	...	...	3	11	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	8	3	...	...	59
Cutlery	2	2
Lead Works	2	2
Machinists, Engineers, &c.	18	1	3	1	1	24
Type Foundries	1	1

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MANUFACTORIES, WORKS, ETC.—(II.)

RETURN showing, in classified arrangement, the Manufactories, Works, &c., in each County and Unsettled District, in operation during the Year 1868—*continued.*

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Manufactories, Works, &c.	Counties and Districts.																					Total.	
	Anglesey.	Hours.		Dalhousie.	Dundas.	Evelyn.	Pellett.	Grant.	Grenville.	Hampden.	Heytesbury.	Mornington.	Normanby.	Felwarth.	Kipon.	Talbot.	Williers.	Gippsland.	The Lodon.	The Murray.	Redney.		The Wimmera.
		Exclusive of Melbourne and Suburbs.	Melbourne and Suburbs.																				
<i>Miscellaneous Works and Manufactories.</i>																							
Account-book, Paper-bag, &c., Manufactories	6	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Bag and Sack Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Boot Manufactories	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Brush Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cabinet Works (steam)	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Chemical Works	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Clothing Manufactories	30	...	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Coach and Waggon Manufactories (steam)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cooperage Works	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dye Works	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Earth-closet Manufactories	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Essential Oil Manufactories	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fancy Box Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Filter Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fuse Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gas Works	3	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Glass Manufactories	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Glass Works	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hat and Cap Manufactories	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Ice Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Looking-glass Manufactories	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Myall Pipe Manufactories	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Organ Builders	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Packing-case Manufactories	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Paint and Varnish Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Paper Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Patent Slips and Floating Docks	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Pianoforte Manufactories	4	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Printing Establishments (steam)	12	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	18
Rope and Twine Manufactories	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Salt Works	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ship and Boat Builders	7	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	13
Stone Sawing and Breaking Machines	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tar-distilling and Asphalte Works	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Washing-powder Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water Works	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Whip Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Woollen and Cloth Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	2	14	377	27	9	2	1	94	68	5	6	10	20	4	15	64	31	13	46	25	8	12	853

NOTE.—This and the preceding Table do not include any works or machinery used for gold-mining purposes, nor for the crushing and amalgamating of quartz, cement, &c. Many of the figures are known to be very much under the truth, and both Tables must only be considered as approximations to accuracy.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

MANUFACTORIES, WORKS, ETC.—(III.)

RETURN showing the Number of Manufactories, Works, &c., in operation in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1868; also, the Nature and Amount of Power, the Number of Hands Employed, and the Approximate Value of Machinery and Plant and of Lands and Buildings.

Manufactories, Works, &c.	Number.	Power employed.					Amount of Horse-power employed.	Number of Hands employed.		Approximate Total Value of—		
		Steam.	Water.	Wind.	Horse.	Manual Labor.		Males.	Females.	Machinery and Plant.	Lands.	Buildings.
<i>Connected with or dependent upon Agriculture.</i>												
Agricultural Implement Manufactories	19	14	...	...	...	5	101	328	...	13,100	15,750	12,200
Bone and Chemical Manure Manufactories	12	12	...	...	...	...	123	64	1	8,750	1,525	5,630
Bread and Biscuit Manufactories	7	5	...	...	...	2	43	164	3	8,050	4,850	9,750
Corn-crushing, Chaff-cutting, and Hay-pressing Machines	110	60	...	...	50	...	476	437	6	23,275	20,058	31,956
Malt Houses	10	1	2	...	...	7	4	42	...	1,620	3,500	13,700
Starch and Maizena Manufactories	2	2	...	...	...	...	42	16	10	4,000	600	5,600
Tobacco and Cigar Manufactories	8	1	...	...	...	7	8	141	2	4,980	1,950	2,950
<i>Working on raw materials the production of the Pastoral Interest.</i>												
Boiling-down Establishments	17	13	...	...	...	4	104	202	4	8,300	3,340	7,270
Fellmongeries and Wool-washing Establishments	35	6	...	...	3	26	67	469	4	26,105	7,950	19,940
Bedding and Curled Hair Works	2	1	...	...	...	1	3	7	2	460	1,400	500
Flock Manufactories	2	2	...	...	...	...	37	9	9	2,800	850	600
Glue and Oil Manufactories	1	1	...	...	...	...	10	3	...	500	...	300
Meat-curing Establishments	10	5	...	...	...	5	47	237	8	12,705	11,400	20,170
Soap, Candle, and Tallow-rendering Works	27	20	...	1	...	6	225	196	5	17,800	8,080	11,245
Tanneries	58	13	...	...	24	21	168	589	...	37,690	16,363	40,282
<i>Manufacture of Food—of which the raw material is not the produce of Agriculture—and of Articles of Drink.</i>												
Coffee, Chocolate, and Spice Works	8	6	...	...	1	1	71	59	...	6,590	4,220	5,200
Confectionery Manufactories	4	3	...	...	...	1	22	45	...	2,700	2,000	4,700
Distilleries	5	5	...	...	...	...	64	63	...	16,500	4,700	17,000
Gingerbeer, Aerated Waters, Liqueur, Cordial, Vinegar, Ink, and Blacking Manufactories	76	12	1	...	3	60	46	404	36	33,303	15,445	23,820
Jam Manufactories	5	2	...	...	...	3	12	41	1	1,050	600	1,650
Sugar Refineries	1	1	...	...	...	...	360	100	...	50,000	5,000	50,000
<i>Building Materials.</i>												
Limekilns	29	...	...	...	...	29	...	122	...	3,455	333	2,001
Moulding, Framing, Turning, and Saw Mills	117	109	8	...	...	...	1,994	2,069	17	173,975	53,135	49,615
<i>Machine Manufactories, Brass, Iron, and Lead Works.</i>												
Fire-proof Safe and Door Manufactories	3	1	...	...	...	2	10	28	...	950	1,400	1,600
Iron and Tin Works	8	4	...	...	...	4	57	164	...	11,020	4,100	7,750
Iron, Brass, and Copper Foundries	59	48	1	...	1	9	497	1,159	1	83,840	33,460	37,400
Cutlery	2	2	...	...	...	...	15	6	...	500	350	470
Lead Works	2	2	...	...	...	...	72	17	...	10,500	2,000	3,000
Machinists, Engineers, &c.	24	19	5	185	438	2	53,960	11,500	62,110
Type Foundries	1	1	...	1	...	200	30	20

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MANUFACTORIES, WORKS, ETC.—(III.)

RETURN showing the Number of Manufactories, Works, &c., in operation in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1868, &c.—*continued.*

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Manufactories, Works, &c.	Number.	Power employed.					Amount of Horse-power employed.	Number of Hands employed.		Approximate Total Value of—		
		Steam.	Water.	Wind.	Horse.	Manual Labor.		Males.	Females.	Machinery and Plant.	Lands.	Buildings.
<i>Miscellaneous Works and Manufactories.</i>												
Account-book, Paper-bag, &c., Manufactories	8	...	1	...	...	7	2	238	59	9,620	12,200	22,800
Bag and Sack Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	6	55	250	360
Boot Manufactories	16	1	...	...	...	15	10	587	28	9,540	6,740	8,520
Brush Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	15	2	300	300	300
Cabinet Works (steam)	3	3	...	...	...	...	29	121	2	3,000	3,200	950
Chemical Works	3	3	...	...	...	...	20	12	1	2,720	870	3,500
Clothing Manufactories	36	...	...	...	...	36	...	531	2,551	11,536	29,270	33,600
Coach and Waggon Manufactories (steam)	1	1	...	...	...	...	6	26	...	400	500	500
Cooperage Works	2	1	...	...	...	1	8	30	...	700	500	1,000
Dye Works	9	2	...	...	...	7	9	32	21	1,410	3,020	4,700
Earth-closet Manufactories	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	15	...	500	1,100	600
Essential Oil Manufactories	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	8	...	80	...	17
Fancy Box Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	7	500	400	350
Filter Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	...	350	150	200
Fuse Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	7	...	200	100	100
Gas Works	11	4	...	...	...	7	31	186	...	458,090	9,240	54,650
Glass Manufactories	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	28	...	2,300	...	1,200
Glass Works	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	14	...	2,300	2,400	1,900
Hat and Cap Manufactories	9	...	...	...	...	9	...	50	97	1,570	5,060	3,655
Ice Manufactories	1	1	...	...	...	...	16	11	...	6,000	500	500
Looking-glass Manufactories	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	16	...	450	1,260	1,400
Myall Pipe Manufactories	3	3	...	...	...	...	23	58	...	1,100	1,270	430
Organ Builders	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	9	...	620	130	760
Packing-case Manufactories	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	6	...	200	1,100	400
Paint and Varnish Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	7	...	400	...	600
Paper Manufactories	1	1	...	...	...	...	100	30	40	10,000	...	10,000
Patent Slip and Floating Docks	9	7	...	...	...	2	147	222	...	39,600	...	3,600
Pianoforte Manufactories	7	...	...	...	...	7	...	42	2	4,020	2,750	4,300
Printing Establishments (steam)	18	18	...	...	...	...	122	738	7	55,250	21,400	28,800
Rope and Twine Manufactories	5	3	...	...	...	2	76	140	...	16,820	300	2,780
Salt Works	2	...	...	...	1	1	2	9	...	800	...	100
Ship and Boat Builders	13	1	...	...	...	12	19	85	...	5,916	380	1,955
Stone Sawing and Breaking Machines	2	2	...	...	...	...	50	50	...	1,300	...	600
Tar-distilling and Asphalte Works	2	1	...	...	...	1	3	14	...	2,100	...	1,200
Washing Powder Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	10	100	100	100
Water Works	4	1	2	...	...	1	8	157	1	883,000	7,600	2,200
Whip Manufactories	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	15	...	200	...	200
Woollen and Cloth Manufactories	1	1	...	...	...	...	25	38	32	9,000	150	7,000
Total	853	424	15	1	83	330	5,569	11,179	2,977	2,160,725	348,129	654,256

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

MACHINERY ON THE GOLDFIELDS.

RETURN of the Number of Machines employed in Alluvial and Quartz Mining in the several Mining Districts during the Quarter ending 31st December, 1868.

ALLUVIAL MINING.

Mining Districts.	Steam Engines employed in Winding, Pumping, &c.		Horse Fuddling Machines.	Whims.	Whips or Pulleys.	Sluices, Tons, and Stucco-boxes.	Hydraulic Hoses.	Pumps.	Water-wheels.	Quicksilver and Compound Cradles.	Stamp-heads (crushing cement).	Boring Machines.
	Total Number.	Aggregate Horse-power.										
Ballarat District	256	6,656	286	94	16	2,140	...	43	...	10	49	11
Beechworth District	44	600	71	24	45	13,818	10	160	248	1	...	4
Sandhurst District	33	494	433	16	124	141	...	...	...	...	298	...
Maryborough District	44	835	496	104	24	184	2	342	2	102	22	...
Castlemaine District	43	846	521	48	75	637	...	146	14	122	166	1
Ararat District... ..	21	413	75	12	36	182	...	...	...	26	108	2
Gippsland District ... ..	...	...	5	...	...	2,244	...	181	75	...	...	...
Totals	441	9,844	1,887	298	320	19,346	12	872	339	261	643	18

QUARTZ MINING.

Mining Districts.	Steam Engines employed in Winding, Pumping, Crushing, &c.		Crushing Machines driven by other power than steam.	Stamp-heads (crushing quartz or other vein stuff).	Winding, Washing, Pumping, or other Machines moved by water-power.	Whims.	Whips or Pulleys.	Approximate Value of all Mining Plant in the District.
	Total Number.	Aggregate Horse-power.						
Ballarat District	113	2,559	12	1,071	...	35	6	£ 706,393
Beechworth District	59	802	38	1,006	1	15	11	283,445
Sandhurst District	142	2,727	4	1,378	1	184	241	418,738
Maryborough District	95	1,670	...	682	...	100	71	227,348
Castlemaine District	128	1,982	3	1,050	1	140	97	227,248
Ararat District... ..	28	712	...	376	...	37	10	117,451
Gippsland District	37	593	9	434	1	1	...	119,809
Totals	602	11,045	66	5,997	4	512	436	2,150,432

R. BROUGH SMYTH, Secretary for Mines.

MILLS, MANUFACTORIES, MACHINERY, ETC.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Flour Mills.	Stone Quarries.	Manufactories, Works, &c.	Agricultural Machines.	Machines used in Gold Mining.	
	Number.	Number.	Number.	Value. £	Number.	Value. £
1859	97	...	407	...	8,139	1,155,923
1860	94	...	475	...	6,208	1,299,303
1861	104	...	429	...	6,155	1,411,012
1862	104	...	603	...	7,209	1,492,861
1863	110	...	716	...	7,534	1,593,459
1864	93	...	612	...	7,077	1,496,699
1865	118	...	785	729,281	6,337	1,773,271
1866	114	...	872	865,697	5,328	2,068,527
1867	118	62	990	1,087,584	5,830	2,079,195
1868	136	83	1,182	1,228,210	6,068	2,150,432

NOTE.—Prior to 1859 the Gold-mining Machinery was included with the Manufactories, Works, &c., as were also the principal Agricultural Machines prior to 1861. The Breweries and Brick Yards, &c., have been included with the Manufactories, &c., throughout the ten years.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

PATENTS.

RETURN showing the Number and Nature of Patents applied for in the Colony of Victoria from 1854 to 1867, both years inclusive ; also those applied for during the Year 1868.

Subject of Patent.	Number of Applications.		Subject of Patent.	Number of Applications.	
	1854 to 1867.	1868.		1854 to 1867.	1868.
Accidents, Prevention of—			Grinding and Crushing—		
I. By Fire	4	...	I. Bark	1	...
II. Mining	2	1	II. Charcoal	1	...
III. Steam Boilers	4	...	III. Grain, &c.	9	3
Advertising	2	...	Grinding, Polishing, &c., Edge Tools	2	...
Bags	1	1	Gums	1	...
Barrows	1	1	Gunpowder, Fuses, &c.	9	1
Beehives	1	1	Hammers, Picks, Shovels, &c.	5	...
Beverages	5	1	Harness, Saddlery, &c.	6	...
Billiard Tables	6	...	Heating	8	...
Boiling-down Cattle	3	2	Hoisting, Lifting, Winding, &c.	13	3
Boring ... ..	...	3	Horse-shoes	1	1
Bread and Biscuits (Kneading, &c.)	7	...	Illuminating, Lamps, &c.	15	3
Brewing, Distilling, and preparation of Beer	12	1	Juice and Fluid Separating	1	...
Buckets and Bags	1	1	Kaolin	2	...
Building and Building Materials—			Leather	1	1
I. Bricks, Mantelpieces, Tiles, Artificial Stone, &c.	26	3	Lithography and Zincography	3	...
II. Bridges	6	...	Locks	1	...
III. Ceilings, Floors, &c.	2	1	Lubricating—		
IV. Cements	10	...	I. Apparatus for	4	...
V. Doors ... ..	...	1	II. Materials for	3	...
VI. Girders	5	...	Mangling, Ironing, &c.	5	...
VII. Roofs, &c.	4	...	Manures	4	1
VIII. Windows ... ..	...	1	Medicines	17	3
Buoys and Swimming Apparatus... ..	3	...	Melting-down ... ..	...	2
Canals (Cleansing), Removing Earth, &c.	4	...	Metals—		
Cans, &c.	1	2	I. Antimony	6	...
Carriages, Waggon, Velocipedes, &c.	16	4	II. Bismuth, Copper, &c.	2	...
Casks and Cleaning Casks	3	1	III. Gold—		
Casting	3	...	<i>a.</i> Amalgamating	73	4
Cattle (Breaking-in)	3	...	<i>b.</i> Amalgamating and Crushing... ..	34	1
Cesspools (Cleansing)	4	...	<i>c.</i> Amalgamating, Crushing, and Washing	5	...
Chains... ..	1	...	<i>d.</i> Amalgamating and Roasting... ..	...	1
Charcoal (Purifying)	1	...	<i>e.</i> Amalgamating and Separating	4	...
Chemicals	6	...	<i>f.</i> Amalgamating and Smelting	2	...
Chimneys and Flues (Cleaning, &c.)	5	...	<i>g.</i> Amalgamating and Washing... ..	18	...
Churns	2	...	2 <i>a.</i> Crushing	67	12
Cisterns and Tanks	2	...	<i>b.</i> Crushing and Extracting	2	...
Compasses—Surveying, Measuring, &c.	5	...	<i>c.</i> Crushing and Roasting ... ..	...	1
Cooking and Cooking Apparatus	3	3	<i>c.</i> Crushing and Separating	1	...
Cooling and Freezing	8	6	<i>d.</i> Crushing and Washing	1	1
Cork-cutting	1	...	3. Extracting	12	...
Corkscrews	1	...	4. Refining	1	...
Cutting, Sawing, &c.	7	1	5 <i>a.</i> Separating	18	...
Destroying Obnoxious Matters—			<i>b.</i> Separating and Washing	2	...
I. Insects	5	...	6. Smelting	8	...
II. Vegetable Substances	4	...	7 <i>a.</i> Washing	52	2
Dice ... ..	...	1	<i>b.</i> Washing and Separating ... ..	...	1
Dippers	1	...	IV. Iron	6	...
Disinfecting and Deodorising	5	6	V. Silver	2	...
Door Furniture... ..	...	1	VI. Soldering	1	...
Draining	2	...	VII. Tin	1	...
Dust, Prevention of ... ..	...	1	Meters, Water	4	...
Dyeing	1	...	Milking, &c.	3	...
Earth-closets, Commodes, &c.	5	3	Mining	20	...
Enamelling ... ..	...	1	I. Blasting ... ..	...	1
Engraving	2	...	II. Boring ... ..	...	2
Excavating	1	...	III. Hoisting Materials ... ..	...	3
Extracts and Decoctions ... ..	...	1	IV. Lighting ... ..	...	1
Fencing	2	1	Motive-power—		
Fibres (Cleansing) ... ..	...	1	I. Air	2	2
Filtering	2	1	II. Horse ... ..	...	1
Firearms, Ordnance, &c. ... ..	...	1	III. Manual ... ..	...	1
Fireplaces and Stoves ... ..	...	2	IV. Mechanical ... ..	...	2
Food	22	...	V. Self-sustaining	2	...
I. Human	20	...	VI. Steam... ..	3	3
II. Cattle	2	...	VII. Transmitting	6	...
Forging	3	...	VIII. Water... ..	12	...
Fuel	10	...	IX. Wind	4	...
Furnaces	4	2	Musical Instruments	3	...
Furniture	9	1	Nails	2	...
Gas—			Oils	2	...
I. Burning	10	...	Optical Instruments, Stereoscopes, Spectral Illusions	8	...
II. Fuel	1	...	Ordnance	1	...
III. Manufacturing... ..	14	...	Ovens and Kilns	3	3
IV. Regulating	3	...	Paints, &c.	6	...
Gelatine	1	...	Paper, Pasteboard, &c.	3	...
Grain—			Paving, Road-making, &c.	5	2
I. Dressing, Cleaning, Threshing, &c.	11	...	Photography	10	...
II. Drying	2	...			
III. Preserving	1	...			

PATENTS.

RETURN showing the Number and Nature of Patents applied for in the Colony of Victoria from 1854 to 1867, both years inclusive ; also those applied for during the Year 1868—*continued*.

Subject of Patent.	Number of Applications.		Subject of Patent.	Number of Applications.	
	1854 to 1867.	1868.		1854 to 1867.	1868.
Pipes—			Shutters, Blinds, &c.	7	...
I. Bitumen, Caoutchouc, &c. ...	7	...	Signals, Alarms, Communicating Apparatus	2	...
II. Earthenware	3	...	Skates, Roller	6	...
III. Hose	1	...	Smoke (Consumption of), Saving Fuel, &c. ...	5	...
IV. Metal	6	...	Soap and Candle-making	7	...
V. Tobacco	1	3	Spinning, Preparation of Fibres for ... ..	...	1
Pisciculture	1	...	Starch, Maizena, &c.	2	...
Ploughing, Digging, &c....	4	3	Steam—		
Preserving and Preparing—			I. Boilers and Furnaces	5	2
I. Animal and Vegetable Substances	27	18	II. Engines, Condensers, &c.	12	5
II. Timber, Stone, Wood, Cements, &c.	13	...	Stone-breaking	18	1
III. Wine ... ..	...	1	Stones, Millstones ... ..	...	3
Presses, Compressing and Packing ...	8	3	Sugar	5	1
Printing	8	1	Surgery and Surgical Instruments	4	...
Propulsion	2	...	Tanning	3	1
Pumps, Pumping, Raising Water and other Liquids	31	5	Telegraphs, Telegraphic Wires, Cables, &c.	7	...
Railways—			Tents	1	...
I. Breaks	8	...	Threshing and Winnowing ... ..	...	2
II. Carriages and Waggons	9	1	Time Meters and Clocks	2	...
III. Construction	7	1	Tobacco—Cutting, Pipes, &c.	7	4
IV. Rails, Chairs, &c.	9	...	Toys	2	...
V. Portable	1	...	Trees and Stumps (Pulling Down, &c.)	5	...
VI. Street Tramways	3	...	Turning	1	...
VII. Wheels	4	1	Valves, and Regulating the Flow of Liquids	4	3
Rakes	3	...	Varnish	2	...
Reaping, Mowing, &c.	28	6	Ventilating and Cooling Mines, Buildings, &c.	12	3
Reflectors for Lamps ... ..	...	1	Washing, Cleansing, and Wringing Fabrics	9	2
Retorts and Crucibles	3	1	Wearing Apparel—		
Sackholders, Jumpers, &c.	2	...	I. Boots, Shoes, &c.	7	1
Safes	1	...	II. Coats	1	...
Salt	1	...	III. Crinoline	1	...
Scaffolding	1	...	IV. Hats, Caps, &c....	10	1
Sewing and Embroidering	2	2	V. Shirts, Shirt-collars, &c....	4	...
Shearing Sheep	1	...	VI. Trousers, Overalls, &c.	3	...
Sheep and Wool-washing ... ..	...	6	VII. Waterproofing	1	...
Ships and Boats—			Windows	1	...
I. Building	3	...	Window Blinds... ..	...	1
II. Docks and Apparatus for Repairs, &c.	2	...	Wire-working and Fastening	1	1
III. Lowering and Disengaging Boats, &c.	1	...	Wool and Hides	10	...
IV. Propulsion, Steering, &c.	7	...	I. Cleansing ... ..	...	6
V. Raising Sunken	4	...	II. Pressing ... ..	...	3
VI. Rigging, Sails, &c.	2	...	III. Removing from Skins ... ..	...	1

NOTE.—The actual numbers of patents applied for are 1,097 from 1854 to 1867, both years inclusive, and 124 during the year 1868. The discrepancy between the actual numbers and those obtainable by adding the columns is explainable by the fact that many patents refer to more than one subject, and have, consequently, to be classified under two or more headings.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

EXTENT AND VALUE OF GOLD WORKINGS.

RETURN of the Number of distinct Quartz Reefs actually proved to be Auriferous, the Total Extent in Square Miles of Auriferous Alluvial and Quartz Ground actually worked upon, and the Estimated Value of Gold Mining Claims in the several Mining Districts, during the Year 1868.

Mining Districts.	Number of distinct Quartz Reefs proved to be Auriferous.	Extent in Square Miles of Auriferous Alluvial and Quartz Ground worked upon.	Estimated Value of Gold Mining Claims.
Ballarat District	175	76½	£ 2,158,900
Beechworth District	561	166	1,850,940
Sandhurst District	575	189¾	2,157,945
Maryborough District	475	63½	1,066,494
Castlemaine District	378	172¾	802,995
Ararat District	62	65	579,400
Gippsland District... ..	425	150½	252,830
Totals	2,651	884	£8,869,504

NOTE.—The number of "distinct" quartz reefs cannot be strictly correct, as parts of the same reef, in some localities, are held to be distinct reefs, and named accordingly. As the reefs are further explored, it is found, too, that what were supposed to be separate reefs are not really distinct. The extent of auriferous ground is here put down from estimates made by the Mining Surveyors and Registrars, not from actual surveys; and in a few instances the estimates of the present Surveyors and Registrars differ from those made by their predecessors. The figures vary from year to year; as the shallow alluviums of the older goldfields are abandoned by the miners, they are taken up and occupied, under the provisions of the *Amending Land Act*, by agriculturists and gardeners, and ground which one year was included in the estimated area of gold-workings is excluded in another.

R. BROUGH SMYTH, Secretary for Mines.

AVERAGE YIELD OF AURIFEROUS QUARTZ.

RETURN showing the Average Yield of Gold from certain parcels of Quartz Crushed in 1868 in the several Mining Districts, from Returns made by the Mining Surveyors and Registrars.

Mining Districts.	Quartz Crushed.	Total Produce.		Average Yield per Ton.		
		tons.	ozs. dwts.	ozs.	dwts.	grs.
Ballarat District	223,312	87,555	6	0	7	20'19
Beechworth District	113,557 $\frac{3}{4}$	78,845	19	0	13	21'27
Sandhurst District	237,433	108,075	9	0	9	2'48
Maryborough District	89,116 $\frac{3}{4}$	44,512	14	0	9	23'75
Castlemaine District	121,590	54,490	14	0	8	23'11
Ararat District	78,147 $\frac{13}{20}$	63,252	8	0	16	4'50
Gippsland District... ..	23,071 $\frac{1}{2}$	34,760	13	1	10	3'19
Totals	886,228 $\frac{13}{20}$	471,493	3	0	10	15'37

NOTE.—The above table does not show the total quantity of quartz crushed in the several localities, but only the yield of certain "crushings," respecting which the Mining Surveyors and Registrars have been able to obtain information. Owing to the circumstance that many of the machine-owners are unable to give, or are precluded from giving information, it is impossible to get complete returns from every district, and in considering the relative importance of each district, as regards quartz mining, the tables relating to machinery should be examined and compared.

Since the first publication of the Statistics, information has been obtained concerning 5,811,669 $\frac{3}{20}$ tons which have been crushed, which yielded an average of 11 dwts. 12'37 grs. per ton.

R. BROUGH SMYTH, Secretary for Mines.

PRODUCE OF GOLD FROM QUARTZ VEINS AND ALLUVIAL WORKINGS.

RETURN showing approximately the Gold obtained from Quartz Veins and Alluvial Workings during the Year 1868.

From Quartz Veins	587,694
From Alluvial Workings	1,069,804
Total Gold Exported	1,657,498

NOTE.—The above results are but rough approximations. The Mining Surveyors and Registrars can furnish only estimates based on information afforded by the banks and gold-buyers, and on their own knowledge of the character of the workings in their districts. The check on the returns—and not a sufficient one—is that afforded by the returns of quartz and quartz tailings crushed, which, however, cannot and do not comprise information respecting all the vein stuff put through the mills.

R. BROUGH SMYTH, Secretary for Mines.

MINERAL LEASES IN FORCE.

RETURN of the Number of Leases in force on the 31st December, 1868, for the purpose of Mining for Metals and Minerals other than Gold.

Names of Metals and Minerals.	Number of Leases.	Area.			Total Capital proposed to be Invested.
		A.	R.	P.	
Antimony	8	73	0	15	£ 5,050
Coal	13	7,528	3	19	77,200
Copper	1	625	0	12	25,000
Lignite	3	647	1	15	3,500
Silver	9	588	0	39	34,800
Slate	3	219	3	39	12,900
Tin	2	158	0	16	3,000
Totals	39	9,840	2	35	161,450

R. BROUGH SMYTH, Secretary for Mines.

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