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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA, 1870.

LAW, CRIME, ETC.

TRANSFER OF LAND STATUTE.—TRANSACTIONS AND FEES.

RETURN showing the Transactions which occurred, and the Amount of Fees received, under the Transfer of Land Statute, during the Year 1870.

Transactions.	Number.	Fees.		
		£	s.	d.
Applications	777			
Assurance Fees ... ..	...	1,278	13	3½
" Indemnity ... ..	...	544	10	6
Hearing Applications ... ..	...	1,018	0	0
Certificates of Title	4,895	4,895	0	0
" " Friendly Societies	550	275	0	0
Transfers	4,006	2,003	0	0
" Friendly Societies	538	134	10	0
Mortgages	1,368	684	0	0
Leases	57	28	10	0
Extra Memorials	4,339	433	18	0
Surrender of Leases	13	6	10	0
Discharge of Mortgages	510	255	0	0
Registering Proprietors	184	184	0	0
Caveats	197	98	10	0
" Withdrawal of	79	19	15	0
Entry of Foreclosure	16	16	0	0
Searches	3,062	306	4	0
" General	243	60	15	0
Documents Declaratory of Trusts	24	12	0	0
Writs and Commissioner's Orders	147	73	10	0
Vesting of Lease in Mortgagee on refusal of Assignee	1	0	10	0
Acknowledgments	65	16	5	0
Order Dispensing with Duplicate Grants	10	5	0	0
Exhibition or Return of Documents	53	13	5	0
Extracts of Documents, per Folio	32	0	16	0
Certified Copy, First Folio	36	9	0	0
" Subsequent Folios	783	26	2	0
" Maps	19	1	18	0
Affidavits and Declarations	42	2	2	0
Commissioners, Perpetual	10	10	0	0
" Special	5	3	15	0
Statement of Grounds under Section 135	4	2	0	0
Entry of Executors, &c.	131	65	10	0
" Husbands	14	7	0	0
Forms	1,149	28	14	6
" Licensed Agents	660	11	0	0
Extras on Applications	129	0	5	4½
Total ... ..	...	£12,530	8	8

NOTE.—This Return is exclusive of fees received on Crown Grants, &c., which amounted during the year to £290 17s. 6d.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

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

RETURN of the Extent and Value of Land applied to be brought under the Transfer of Land Statute, and of the Land brought under that Act by application, during the Year 1870.

Land included in applications to bring Land under the Act received in 1870.				Land brought under the Act by application during 1870.							
Area.			Value.	Area.			Value.				
A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
30,778	1	7½	547,877	6	5	29,652	0	28½	582,428	3	9

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

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

Year.	Applications to bring Land under the Act.					Certificates of Title issued.	Transfer, Mortgage, Lease, Transfer or Discharge of Mortgage, Transfer or Surrender of Lease.	Registering Proprietors.	Transfers and Certificates (Friendly Societies).	Other Transactions.	Forms sold.	
	Number.	Extent of Land included.†			Value of Land included.†							
		A.	R.	P.	£							s. d.
1862	48	993	3	14 ⁰ / ₁₀	11,882	0	0	...	...	3	2,131	
1863	157	7,266	0	21 ³ / ₁₀	78,400	15	0	299	3,100	...	79	3,433
1864	347	24,768	1	7 ³ / ₁₀	206,297	2	2	4,646	3,445	24	2,161	6,147
1865	353	15,240	2	11 ⁸ / ₁₀	298,820	3	0	9,368	4,439	76	4,777	6,465
1866	291	8,526	3	35 ¹ / ₁₀	290,641	8	6	5,132	4,296	62	6,784	6,998
1867	372	15,159	2	29 ³ / ₁₀	228,057	2	10	2,905	3,450	85	5,623	1,949
1868	493	32,747	2	2 ⁷ / ₁₀	437,370	12	4	3,456	3,781	136	5,212	1,325
1869	698	67,483	3	38 ¹ / ₁₀	901,281	4	3	4,345	4,697	185	7,518	1,704
1870	777	30,778	1	7 ³ / ₁₀	547,877	6	5	4,895	5,954	184	9,441	1,809

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

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

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

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

Year.	Assurance and Indemnity Fund.	Hearing Applications.*	Certificates of Title.	Transfer, Mortgage, Lease, Transfer or Discharge of Mortgage, Transfer or Surrender of Lease.	Registering Proprietors.	Transfers and Certificates (Friendly Societies).	Other Transactions.	Sale of Forms.	Total Amount of Fees Received.
1862	24 15 1	33 10 0	...	...	...	...	1 15 0	53 5 6	113 5 7
1863	163 6 8 ¹ / ₂	137 4 9 ¹ / ₂	299 0 0	1,550 0 0	...	...	25 1 8	85 16 6	2,260 9 8
1864	448 7 5 ¹ / ₂	356 15 0	4,646 0 0	1,722 10 0	24 0 0	...	258 2 8	143 13 6	7,599 8 7 ¹ / ₂
1865	772 2 0	419 5 0	9,368 0 0	2,219 10 0	76 0 0	...	539 7 4	139 2 6	13,533 6 10
1866	1,326 1 8	357 15 0	5,132 0 0	2,148 0 0	62 0 0	41 15 0	810 9 0	144 11 6	10,022 12 2
1867	764 5 10 ¹ / ₂	476 0 0	2,905 0 0	1,725 0 0	85 0 0	121 10 0	674 6 0	43 14 6	6,794 16 4 ¹ / ₂
1868	843 5 4	619 0 0	3,456 0 0	1,890 10 0	136 0 0	224 10 0	650 4 5	30 2 6	7,849 12 3
1869	1,638 13 6	972 0 0	4,345 0 0	2,348 10 0	185 0 0	385 5 0	919 12 8	36 12 0	10,830 13 2
1870	1,823 3 9 ¹ / ₂	1,018 0 0	4,895 0 0	2,977 0 0	184 0 0	409 10 0	1,184 0 4 ¹ / ₂	39 14 6	12,530 8 8

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

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

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

RETURN of the Extent and Value of Land brought under the Real Property Act and Transfer of Land Statute, from the first commencement of the system, in October 1862, to the end of 1870, distinguishing the Amounts in each Year.

Year.	Land brought under the Act.																	
	By Application.					By Grant and Purchase from the Crown.					Total.							
	Quantity.			Value.		Quantity.			Value.*		Quantity.		Value.					
	A.	R.	P.	£	s. d.	A.	R.	P.	£	s. d.	A.	R.	P.	£	s. d.			
1862	...	...	...	...	584,109	0	6	593,025	2	6	584,109	0	6	593,025	2	6		
1863	3,267	3	2	64,224	15	0	295,226	3	28 ³ / ₁₀	450,645	13	3 ¹ / ₂	298,494	2	30 ³ / ₁₀	514,870	8	3 ¹ / ₂
1864	14,333	3	1 ⁰ / ₁₀	114,406	6	0	260,283	1	4 ¹ / ₁₀	522,601	10	9 ¹ / ₂	274,616	4	6 ¹ / ₁₀	637,007	16	9 ¹ / ₂
1865	12,472	3	20 ¹ / ₁₀	192,240	7	8	139,794	2	20 ¹ / ₁₀	295,455	18	8	152,267	2	1 ⁷ / ₁₀	487,696	6	4
1866	10,754	3	26 ¹ / ₂	280,388	12	6	221,585	2	6 ² / ₁₀	380,240	6	6	232,340	1	33 ⁷ / ₁₀	660,628	19	0
1867	4,975	2	3 ¹ / ₂	98,368	18	3	129,358	2	38 ¹ / ₁₀	214,077	6	6	134,334	1	1 ¹ / ₁₀	312,446	4	9
1868	30,617	0	0 ¹ / ₁₀	289,047	17	0	275,709	0	13 ¹ / ₁₀	359,702	12	7	306,326	0	14	648,750	9	7
1869	68,780	2	9 ¹ / ₁₀	597,541	0	0	725,166	0	18	794,542	11	2	793,946	2	27 ⁹ / ₁₀	1,392,083	11	2
1870	29,652	0	28 ¹ / ₁₀	582,428	3	9	337,527	2	19	463,820	10	4	367,179	3	7 ¹ / ₁₀	1,046,248	14	1
Total	174,854	2	13 ¹ / ₁₀	2,218,646	0	2	2,968,760	3	35 ⁹ / ₁₀	4,074,111	12	4	3,143,615	2	9 ¹ / ₁₀	6,292,757	12	6

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

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

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

EQUITY, ETC.—TRANSACTIONS.

DECENNIAL RETURN of the Principal Business transacted in the Department of the Master-in-Equity.

Year.	EQUITY.												ECCLESIASTICAL.								
	Suits by Bill.	Petitions ex. p. filed.	Commissions in Lunacy filed.	Other Commissions.	Decrees issued.	Orders issued.	Reports issued.	Writs of Injunction issued.	Writs of Ne exeat Coloniâ issued.	Conveyances settled by Master.	Leases settled by Master.	Recognizances entered into.	Rolls filed.	Probates issued.*		Letters of Administration.					
														Number.	Property Sworn under.	Number.	Property Sworn under.				
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.																
1861	90	14	14	...	63	206	103	10	1	3	4	8	61	113	351,427	0	0	153	109,532	9	10
1862	76	22	8	...	61	196	111	15	1	4	13	10	41	134	363,118	0	0	162	120,204	17	8
1863	72	22	4	...	46	136	87	8	...	...	...	3	26	141	513,073	0	0	164	243,899	0	6
1864	81	25	12	...	42	176	90	10	1	6	6	10	41	158	298,895	5	6	234	136,330	19	5
1865	88	25	7	...	42	184	72	15	...	1	1	4	31	234	501,806	19	6	291	180,024	7	11
1866	90	22	1	...	34	178	84	10	...	1	4	5	34	259	469,830	0	0	319	231,218	9	6
1867	89	15	...	19	44	200	82	23	...	2	1	8	43	214	425,537	0	0	312	290,506	15	10
1868	96	17	...	7	52	222	90	23	...	2	1	3	52	275	733,100	0	0	332	241,581	19	8
1869	103	18	...	25	56	208	108	18	...	7	2	11	55	293	810,280	0	0	337	217,947	5	7
1870	100	9	...	9	42	201	111	16	1	5	3	6	41	351	474,405	5	4	456	263,196	12	4

DIVORCE.

Year.	Petitions for Dissolution of Marriage.	Petitions for Judicial Separation.	Petitions for Alimony.	Appearances entered.	Answers filed.	Affidavits filed.	Citations filed.	Replications filed.	Rolls for hearing.	Orders to set down Causes for hearing.	Decrees dismissing Petitions.	Decrees for Dissolution of Marriage.	Decrees for Judicial Separation.	Decrees for Alimony.	Orders to protect Wife's Earnings.	Orders for Substitution of Services.	Orders to examine Witnesses under Commission.	Other Orders.	Orders to proceed in forma pauperis.	Orders for Service out of jurisdiction.	Orders dismissing Petitions on application.	Subpoenas.	Commissions to examine Witnesses.	Records of Issues.	Appeals to full Court.	Attachments issued.	Petitions for restitution of Conjugal Rights.	Orders on Appeal.	Orders allowing Attorney General to intervene.	Orders staying Proceedings.	Master's Certificates.
1862	20	6	6	16	18	187	34	4	25	24	...	6	5	5	1	2	5	44	1	...	...	44	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1863	17	4	5	12	13	125	17	3	11	10	2	4	3	4	...	2	...	39	1	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1864	15	6	11	20	22	169	30	4	20	22	2	8	5	11	...	5	3	36	1	2	2	33	3	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
1865	10	3	4	7	8	52	14	4	5	9	1	6	5	3	...	...	...	24	...	...	1	9	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
1866	17	2	4	7	6	113	24	1	9	10	...	5	1	1	...	...	...	14	1	2	2	16	...	1	...	4	1	...	...	...	...
1867	13	6	4	11	19	111	29	2	13	16	...	6	2	5	...	1	1	23	...	1	...	19	1	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...
1868	14	10	6	14	15	123	32	1	13	12	2	5	2	2	...	2	1	36	...	...	1	16	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1869	17	5	8	11	13	120	27	1	21	23	...	12	3	1	...	2	2	36	...	...	1	43	2	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
1870	13	5	10	9	14	112	23	6	13	18	...	8	1	6	...	1	5	28	...	2	...	21	4	1	1	4	...	1	1	2	9

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

FREDERICK WILKINSON, Master-in-Equity.

EQUITY, ETC.—FEES.

DECENNIAL RETURN of the Fees collected in the Department of the Master-in-Equity.

Year.	Equity			Ecclesiastical.			Divorce.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1861	1,307	17	8	1,793	17	6	28	9	10	...	...	...	3,130	5	0
1862	1,291	5	4	1,720	13	8	166	13	0	...	...	...	3,178	12	0
1863	1,116	0	0	1,938	2	8	140	8	6	...	...	...	3,194	11	2
1864	1,077	9	6	1,914	8	2	143	16	0	...	...	...	3,135	13	8
1865	1,053	5	4	2,332	4	2	67	12	6	...	...	...	3,453	2	0
1866	881	11	2	2,620	13	4	75	3	2	...	...	...	3,577	7	8
1867	924	10	8	2,567	19	8	109	14	8	31	12	6	3,663	17	6
1868	1,126	6	6	2,965	14	10	105	9	6	30	6	6	4,227	17	4
1869	1,236	16	8	3,155	0	6	114	17	10	5	12	7	4,512	7	7
1870	1,216	2	6	4,134	15	0	111	7	2	0	10	6	5,462	15	2

FREDERICK WILKINSON, Master-in-Equity.

LUNACY TRANSACTIONS.

RETURN for Three Years of the Business transacted in the Department of the Master-in-Lunacy.

Year.	Drunkards.—Section 17.							Seals affixed to Commissions or Documents.	Affidavits or other Documents filed.	Searches.		Summons signed.	Orders of Court.	Master's Certificates.	Grants signed.	Hours of Inspection of Proceedings or taking Extracts.	Warrants or Appointments.	Taxing Costs.	Accounts of Receiver or Committee passed.
	No. of Applications.			Orders of Detention.	Affidavits or other Documents filed.	Summons signed.	Warrants or Appointments.			Proceedings pending.	Proceedings concluded.								
	Compulsory.	Voluntary.	Total.																
1868	3	7	10	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1869	8	5	13	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1870	5	5	10	5	11	1	1	1	18	5	1	1	2	1	2	9	6	1	

FREDERICK WILKINSON, Master-in-Lunacy.

LUNACY FEES.

RETURN for Three Years of the Moneys collected in the Department of the Master-in-Lunacy.

Year.	Amounts collected on behalf of Lunatic Patients.	Amount of Percentage paid into Treasury.	Amount paid into Treasury on account of Maintenance.	Fees collected.	Miscellaneous Receipts.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1868	4,486 11 9	454 18 0	2,780 13 0	38 16 6	53 2 6
1869	2,776 11 6	332 13 2	3,334 9 4	8 0 0	12 7 3
1870	2,214 3 8	220 3 5	3,590 18 6	12 19 8	4 4 0

NOTE.—The fees payable under the 183rd section of the Lunacy Statute were fixed by the Governor in Council in March 1870.

FREDERICK WILKINSON, Master-in-Lunacy.

INSOLVENCIES.

RETURN of the Number of Insolvencies in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1870.

Districts.	Number of Insolvencies.			Amount of Liabilities, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Amount of Assets, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Amount of Deficiency, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Number of Assignees elected by Creditors to act with Official Assignees.	Amount of Court Fees paid into the Treasury, collected under the Act of Council.
	Voluntary.	Compulsory.	Total.					
Beechworth	54	1	55	£ s. d. 25,095 16 2 ³ / ₄	£ s. d. 9,908 1 5	£ s. d. 15,187 14 9 ³ / ₄	1	£ s. d. 198 5 4
Geelong ...	253	7	260	165,440 3 3	53,615 12 9 ¹ / ₂	111,824 10 5 ¹ / ₂	1	721 5 8
Melbourne ...	667	14	681	288,954 13 1 ¹ / ₂	86,645 16 2 ¹ / ₂	202,308 16 11	2	2,213 2 2
Total ...	974	22	996	479,490 12 7 ¹ / ₄	150,169 10 5	329,321 2 2 ¹ / ₂	4	3,132 13 2

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

INSOLVENCIES.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Insolvencies.			Amount of Liabilities, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Amount of Assets, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Amount of Deficiency, as shown by Insolvents' Schedules.	Number of Assignees elected by Creditors to act with Official Assignee.	Amount of Court Fees paid into the Treasury.
	Voluntary.	Compulsory.	Total.					
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1861	1,270	17	1,287	1,088,298 4 6½	604,120 3 9½	532,109 7 2	1	3,901 19 0
1862	1,016	37	1,053	1,053,507 5 0¾	568,725 3 6	484,782 1 6¾	1	3,365 3 0
1863	922	17	939	426,049 18 0	208,691 18 11	217,357 19 1	4	2,544 17 8
1864	1,098	27	1,125	570,309 15 4	284,810 4 3½	341,583 6 5½	2	2,807 9 4
1865	1,260	31	1,291	474,665 11 8½	265,782 18 5	249,878 13 4½	2	3,196 3 3
1866	1,077	26	1,103	585,898 1 10	297,159 3 8	288,738 18 2	5	2,671 13 11
1867	989	11	1,000	677,083 6 8	258,997 11 11	418,085 14 9	9	2,589 13 2
1868	840	23	863	617,763 18 10	167,225 12 3	450,538 6 7	5	2,127 11 9
1869	802	16	818	653,614 3 5½	194,251 0 1	459,363 3 4½	8	2,462 9 7
1870	974	22	996	479,490 12 7¼	150,169 10 5	329,321 2 2¼	4	3,132 13 2

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

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

INTESTATE ESTATES.

RETURN of Intestate Estates dealt with by the Curator during the Year 1870, and of the Amounts Received and Paid.

Sex of Intestate.	Estates dealt with by the Curator during the Year.						
	Fresh Estates.				Estates remaining from former years.		
	Number.	Estimated Value.	Actual Receipts.	Actual Payments.	Number.	Receipts.	Payments.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Males ...	144	21,421 15 2	16,383 15 6	7,999 4 4	116	2,985 2 8	5,082 7 0
Females ...	7	311 4 6	269 1 9	173 19 5	11	41 9 3	413 18 9
Total ...	151	21,732 19 8	16,652 17 3	8,173 3 9	127	3,026 11 11	5,496 5 9

THEYRE WEIGALL, Curator.

INTESTATE ESTATES.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Intestate Estates dealt with by the Curator.			Amount received by the Curator.		Amount paid by the Curator.	
	Number.		Estimated Value of Fresh Estates.	On Fresh Estates.	On Estates remaining from former years.	On Fresh Estates.	On Estates remaining from former years.
	Fresh Estates.	Estates remaining from former years.					
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1861	345	...	...	27,128 1 10	...	14,291 3 5
1862	272	...	...	27,781 15 1	...	7,975 3 3
1863	264	...	...	14,088 1 1	...	6,863 6 2
1864	264	...	...	15,385 16 6	...	...
1865	234	...	...	15,781 4 5	...	...
1866	321	...	...	15,179 3 9	...	...
1867	258	91	6,863 17 6	5,266 18 8	1,165 13 4	2,361 3 4	
1868	292	93	14,028 10 4	13,120 13 8	1,073 0 3	4,728 9 8	
1869	237	59	8,815 13 9	8,009 15 4	643 19 10	3,875 6 0	
1870	151	127	21,732 19 8	16,652 17 3	3,026 11 11	8,173 3 9	

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Offence.	Taken into Custody.			Discharged by the Magistrate.		Summarily Convicted or held to Bail.		Committed for Trial.		Convicted and Sentenced.		Acquitted.		Not Prosecuted.	
	Both Sexes.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<i>Offences against the Person :</i>															
Murder	43	36	7	14	1	3	...	19	6	13	3	5	3	1	...
„ Attempt to	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Administering Poison with intent to Injure	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Shooting at, Stabbing, Wounding, &c.	52	49	3	11	2	...	...	38	1	26	1	12	...	...	...
Manslaughter	15	10	5	2	...	...	...	8	5	2	3	5	1	1	1
Concealing Birth of their Infants	3	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...
Sodomy	4	4	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Assault with intent to commit Sodomy	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Rape	21	21	...	6	...	1	...	14	...	8	...	5	...	1	...
Assault with intent to commit Rape Carnally knowing a Girl under Ten Years	45	45	...	23	...	...	...	22	...	12	...	9	...	1	...
Indecent Assault	15	15	...	2	...	5	...	5	...	4	...	1	...	...	...
Abduction	9	8	1	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
Bestiality	8	8	...	2	...	...	...	6	...	4	...	1	...	1	...
Bigamy	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Child Dropping	3	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...
„ Stealing	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Assaults, and inflicting Bodily Harm	119	109	10	37	6	37	3	35	1	22	...	10	1	3	...
„ Common	1,029	932	97	310	38	619	59	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
„ on Police	247	236	11	30	3	206	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rescue from Custody, and Attempt to Obstructing Police Constables on Duty	17	17	...	1	...	15	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to commit Suicide	227	219	8	36	2	183	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
79	49	30	41	24	4	6	4	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...
<i>Offences against Property committed with Violence :</i>															
Burglary	80	78	2	17	2	...	...	61	...	48	...	9	...	4	...
Breaking into a Dwelling-house and Stealing	52	50	2	8	1	...	...	42	1	32	1	4	...	6	...
„ into a Dwelling-house, with intent to Steal	6	6	...	4	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
„ into Shops, Warehouses, Counting-houses, &c.	23	22	1	3	1	...	...	19	...	18	...	1	...	...	...
Robbery	74	68	6	36	2	...	...	32	4	19	1	11	3	2	...
Assault with intent to Rob	8	8	...	5	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Offences against Property committed without Violence :</i>															
Cattle Stealing	44	44	...	18	...	1	...	25	...	15	...	7	...	3	...
Horse Stealing	85	85	...	33	...	3	...	49	...	38	...	6	...	5	...
Sheep Stealing	14	14	...	6	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
Illegally using Horses and Cattle	25	25	...	8	...	16	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny in a Dwelling to the value of £5	22	16	6	9	4	...	...	7	2	2	2	5	...	...	...
„ in a Dwelling	610	503	107	129	41	301	58	73	8	55	6	16	2	2	...
„ from the Person	269	162	107	73	76	45	21	44	10	27	8	17	2	...	...
„ by Servants	26	25	1	13	1	3	...	9	...	6	...	2	...	1	...
„ Simple	1,485	1,300	185	434	68	799	112	67	5	39	2	26	2	2	1
Misdemeanor with intent to Steal	46	44	2	17	1	27	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Embezzlement	67	67	...	30	...	19	...	18	...	11	...	7	...	...	...
Receiving Stolen Property	58	46	12	28	7	4	2	14	3	4	3	9	...	1	...
Frauds	217	198	19	82	12	61	6	65	1	29	...	14	1	12	...
Conspiracy with intent to Defraud	21	19	2	2	...	...	...	17	2	6	...	11	2	...	...
Unlawful Possession of Goods	20	17	3	6	...	11	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dog Stealing	17	17	...	10	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Malicious Offences against Property :</i>															
Arson	42	36	6	23	...	...	...	13	6	6	2	6	3	1	1
Feloniously Wounding Cattle	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Wilful Damage	661	561	100	161	36	399	64	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
<i>Forgery and Offences against the Currency :</i>															
Forgery and Uttering Forged Instruments	91	90	1	21	1	2	...	67	...	49	...	8	...	10	...
Coining	2	2	...	1	1	1
Coin (Counterfeit), putting off, uttering, &c.	10	10	...	4	6	...	5	1	...

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Offence.	Taken into Custody.			Discharged by the Magistrate.		Summarily Convicted or held to Bail.		Committed for Trial.		Convicted and Sentenced.		Acquitted.		Not Prosecuted.	
	Both Sexes.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<i>Other Offences not included in the above Clauses:</i>															
Absconding from Bail ...	6	5	1	2	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Accessory to Felony before the fact	7	7	...	4	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	1	...
Apprentice, Runaway ...	38	38	...	33	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Being Unlawfully on the Premises	228	203	25	109	16	94	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Breach of Corporate and Municipal Bye-Laws ...	62	62	...	17	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Breach of Ticket-of-Leave Regulations ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bribery ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Commitment in Default of Paying a Penalty ...	106	93	13	6	1	87	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Contempt of Court ...	196	165	31	93	19	72	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Crown Lands, Illegal Occupation of, &c. ...	18	18	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cruelty to Animals ...	22	22	...	5	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deserters, Military and Naval ...	35	36	...	8	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" from Merchant Service	31	31	...	14	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deserting their Families ...	192	184	8	98	7	85	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...
Disorderly Characters ...	50	42	8	13	2	29	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Prostitutes ...	184	...	184	...	28	...	156	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Drunkenness ...	1,083	883	200	264	55	619	145	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Drunk and Disorderly Characters	9,520	7,947	1,573	2,379	545	5,568	1,028	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furious Driving ...	73	72	1	17	...	55	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gambling and found in Gambling Houses ...	75	75	...	31	...	40	4	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...
Indecently Exposing the Person ...	209	188	21	36	1	152	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Keeping a Common Brothel ...	7	1	6	1	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Keeping a Gambling-house ...	3	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lunacy ...	582	414	168	110	22	304	146	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous Offences under—															
Dog Act ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fisheries and Game Statute ...	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gaols Statute ...	21	20	1	5	...	15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hawkers and Pedlers Statute ...	7	7	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Imprisonment for Debt Acts ...	141	136	5	11	...	125	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Influx of Criminals Prevention Act ...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Insolvency Statute ...	9	9	...	4	...	...	5	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...
Local Government Act (Roads, &c.) ...	4	4	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Masters and Servants Statute ...	77	74	3	36	3	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Municipal Institutions Act ...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Neglected and Criminal Children Act ...	681	389	292	75	40	314	252	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute ...	10	10	...	3	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Police Offences Statute ...	1,449	1,080	369	289	106	790	263	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Police Regulation Statute ...	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pounds Statute ...	5	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prevention of Diseases of Animals Statute ...	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Public Works Statute ...	18	18	...	2	...	15	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Seamen Statute ...	202	202	...	58	...	144	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wine, Beer, and Spirits Sale Statute ...	54	49	5	1	...	48	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Negligence causing Bodily Harm ...	4	4	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuisances ...	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Obscene Language ...	755	527	228	66	23	461	205	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perjury and Subornation of Perjury	36	31	5	9	...	...	22	5	10	...	9	4	3	1	...
Personating a Police Constable ...	14	14	...	8	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prisonbreaking and Escape, &c. ...	31	30	1	4	...	26	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Riot, Breach of the Peace, Pound Breach ...	274	242	32	73	4	169	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Selling, or Exposing for Sale, Indecent Prints ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Smuggling ...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Threatening Language ...	458	395	63	125	21	270	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vagrancy ...	769	488	281	168	86	320	195
Total ...	23,790	19,525	4,265	5,889	1,315	12,794	2,884	842	66	535	33	241	29	66	4

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AGE AND DEGREE OF INSTRUCTION OF CRIMINALS.

RETURN showing the Ages and Degree of Instruction of Persons of both Sexes taken into Custody by the Victorian Police, of those Summarily Convicted or held to Bail by Magistrates, and of those Tried and Convicted, during the Year 1870.

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	Total.			Ages.																Degree of Instruction.									
				Under 10 Years.		10 to 15.		15 to 20.		20 to 25.		25 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		60 and upwards.		Unable to Read.		Read only, or Read and Write imperfectly.		Read and Write well.		Superior Instruction.	
	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Taken into Custody ...	23,790	19,525	4,265	287	221	369	101	854	209	1,965	395	2,648	612	6,013	1,451	4,316	834	2,156	311	917	131	3,263	1,390	11,154	2,259	4,926	607	182	9
Summarily disposed of or held to Bail	15,678	12,794	2,884	224	191	209	67	511	125	1,323	229	1,745	417	3,926	983	2,807	578	1,496	220	553	74	2,184	947	7,127	1,520	3,394	410	89	7
Tried and Convicted ...	568	535	33	2	...	34	1	96	8	87	9	145	14	103	1	50	...	18	...	80	13	315	17	127	3	13	...

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COUNTRY AND RELIGION OF CRIMINALS.

RETURN showing the Country and Religion of Persons of both Sexes taken into Custody by the Victorian Police, of those Summarily Convicted or held to Bail by Magistrates, and of those Tried and Convicted, during the Year 1870.

	Total.			COUNTRY.																													
				United Kingdom.								Australia.		Other British Colonies and Possessions.		United States.		France.		Germany.		Spain.		Italy.		China.		Other Foreigners.		Aboriginals.		Unknown.	
	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.	England.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Wales.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Taken into Custody ...	23,790	19,525	4,265	6,967	1,003	6,352	1,958	2,135	467	238	21	1,462	536	642	234	281	11	82	4	301	11	4	6	34	1	584	...	389	5	53	8	1	...
Summarily disposed of or held to Bail	15,678	12,794	2,884	4,496	644	4,266	1,349	1,486	332	174	11	924	375	391	148	194	6	53	3	185	5	3	5	38	1	312	...	253	3	18	2	1	...
Tried and Convicted ...	568	535	33	241	12	117	10	29	1	2	...	48	4	38	5	7	...	1	...	11	...	...	...	1	...	37	...	3	1	...	...	...

	Total.			RELIGION.												
				Protestants.				Roman Catholics.		Jews.		Mahometans.		Pagans.		Unknown.
	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Taken into Custody ...	23,790	19,525	4,265	11,727	2,320	7,064	1,929	65	2	6	...	587	1	76	13	
Summarily disposed of or held to Bail	15,678	12,794	2,884	7,660	1,562	4,748	1,315	32	...	4	...	310	...	40	7	
Tried and Convicted ...	568	535	33	334	18	158	15	6	37	

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COMMITMENTS FOR TRIAL.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Offences.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.
<i>Offences against the Person.</i>										
Murder	20	33	21	9	21	16	10	8	17	25
" Attempt to	5	5	5	7	3	3	4	2	1	1
Administering Poison with intent to Injure .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
Shooting at, Stabbing, Wounding, &c.	56	54	37	39	30	35	30	34	31	39
Manslaughter	18	15	13	16	15	17	18	14	22	13
Concealing Birth of their Infants .. .. .	..	3	3	3	3	2	7	3	1	2
Sodomy	5	2	6	..	5	2	4	5	4	2
Assault with intent to commit Sodomy	2	1	..	1	3	..	4	2	4	3
Rape	14	11	19	14	11	6	8	8	5	14
Assault with intent to commit Rape	25	33	15	23	22	13	14	17	15	22
Carnally knowing a Girl under ten years .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	3	1	5
Indecent Assault .. .. .	..	..	8	13	17	16	14	12	10	8
Abduction	2	..	3	5	3	1	3	3	..	..
Bestiality	9	9	7	3	4	1	3	3	10	6
Bigamy	3	1	..	1	3	5	1	5	4	1
Child Dropping .. .. .	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	1	4	2
" Stealing .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1
Feloniously demanding Money with Menaces .. .. .	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Assaults and Inflicting Bodily Harm	80	35	30	34	28	33	28	25	20	36
" Common	4	13	4	2	1	3	6	..	2	3
" on Police .. .. .	..	..	1	..	4	..	4	2	9	..
Rescue from Custody, and Attempt to .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Obstructing Police Constables on Duty .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Attempt to commit Suicide .. .. .	..	2	1	5	4	5	5	3	1	4
Feloniously throwing over the Person a Corrosive Fluid .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
<i>Offences against Property committed with Violence.</i>										
Burglary	45	43	34	34	80	43	37	45	26	61
" attended with Violence to Persons .. .. .	..	..	2	3	4	..	..	2	..	..
Breaking into a Dwelling-house and Stealing	15	20	23	14	28	36	22	54	30	43
" into a Dwelling-house with intent to Steal .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	..	..	2
" into Shops, Warehouses, Counting-houses, &c. .. .. .	..	2	32	16	23	21	8	3	11	19
Robbery	307	225	47	63	79	25	40	39	48	36
Assault with intent to Rob	6	22	6	12	10	6	4	5	6	3
Feloniously breaking into a Church and Stealing .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	2	..	..
<i>Offences against Property committed without Violence.</i>										
Cattle Stealing	44	24	29	19	56	53	34	24	10	25
Horse Stealing	66	61	31	65	43	54	39	44	33	49
Sheep Stealing	5	3	6	11	5	19	8	12	9	4
Illegally using Horses and Cattle .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1
Larceny in a Dwelling to the value of £5 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	66	70	72	29	5	9
" in a Dwelling	189	141	128	134	65	66	62	78	89	81
" from the Person	97	102	110	81	84	81	67	69	75	54
" by Servants .. .. .	..	..	..	3	7	12	11	10	9	9
" from Letters containing Bank Notes, &c. .. .. .	..	..	..	3	7	5	4	5	3	..
" of Written Instruments .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
" Simple	30	82	236	177	116	125	107	97	95	72
Misdemeanor with intent to Steal .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
Embezzlement	31	24	25	20	49	20	21	27	38	18
Receiving Stolen Property	33	16	28	21	35	22	24	15	15	17
Frauds	46	48	54	38	52	65	56	58	35	56
Conspiracy with intent to Defraud .. .. .	..	..	..	12	6	5	4	..	1	19
Unlawful Possession of Goods .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	1	..
Dog Stealing .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Malicious Offences against Property.</i>										
Arson	11	20	11	14	8	14	19	16	17	19
Feloniously Wounding Cattle .. .. .	..	..	2	3	6	4	3	7	4	1
Wilful Damage .. .. .	..	2	4	2	3	8	9	..	2	1
<i>Forgery and Offences against the Currency.</i>										
Forgery, and uttering Forged Instrument	43	43	47	51	78	83	93	62	77	67
Coining .. .. .	..	1	..	2	2	..	1	..	2	1
Coin (Counterfeit), putting off, uttering, &c. .. .. .	..	7	1	4	8	7	3	2	3	6
<i>Other Offences not included in the above Clauses.</i>										
Accessory to Felony before the fact .. .. .	..	..	6	5	3	..	..	..	..	3
" to Felony after the fact	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Being unlawfully on the Premises .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Contempt of Court .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Deserting their Families .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Gambling, and found in Gambling-houses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Indecently Exposing the Person .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Inhumanity .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Keeping a Common Brothel .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Libel .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous Offences under—	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	1	..
Foreign Enlistment Act .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Insolvency Statute	6	4	3	5	3	..	..	..	..	5
Local Government Act (Roads, &c.) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	1	3	1
Pawnbrokers Statute .. .. .	..	1	7	..	3	2	..	..	2	..
Police Offences Statute .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1
Prevention of Diseases of Animals Statute .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Public Works Statute .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Municipal Institutions Act .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Negligence, causing Bodily Harm by .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	..
Perjury and Subornation of Perjury	26	21	18	19	22	18	18	15	13	27
Personation at Elections	10	..	3	1	..	2	2	..	..	..
Prison Breaking and Escape, &c. .. .. .	..	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	..	..
Riot, Breach of the Peace, Pound Breach	6	4	11	16	19	1	3	13	9	..
Sending a Threatening Letter .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Smuggling .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Threatening Language .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Unlawfully soliciting and inciting a person to commit a Felony	1
Vagrancy	18	7
Total	1,283	1,144	1,081	1,031	1,167	1,040	957	901	842	809

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PERSONS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Offences.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.
<i>Offences against the Person.</i>										
Murder	38	56	61	28	44	32	16	28	28	43
" Attempt to	8	7	18	12	8	4	6	3	3	1
Administering Poison with intent to Injure, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	1	2
Shooting at, Stabbing, Wounding, with intent to Maim	87	80	66	58	56	50	51	51	46	52
Manslaughter	24	20	22	20	18	20	27	22	36	15
Feloniously attempting to procure Abortion	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...
Concealing Birth of their Infants	2	7	6	7	5	4	15	6	5	3
Sodomy	7	3	7	2	8	4	5	6	4	4
Assault with intent to commit Sodomy	3	1	...	2	3	1	5	4	7	3
Rape	19	21	29	31	29	9	19	16	19	21
Assault with intent to commit Rape	43	58	34	36	35	26	16	30	20	45
Accessory to Assault with intent to commit Rape	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Carnally knowing a Girl under ten years	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	4	4	5
Procuring the Defilement of Girls	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...
Indecent Assault	...	...	18	21	23	28	24	22	14	15
Abduction	4	6	8	11	9	5	6	4	1	9
Bestiality	12	12	11	10	4	1	4	8	11	8
Bigamy	7	2	1	3	7	8	2	8	8	2
Child Dropping	...	...	2	1	5	5	1	2	5	3
" Stealing	1	2	1	...	1	...	3	3	4	1
Feloniously demanding Money with Menaces	...	...	...	2	3	1	2	...	...	...
Threatening a Witness	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Assaults and inflicting Bodily Harm	324	193	91	94	200	179	163	121	112	119
" Common	353	450	659	641	583	644	657	880	961	1,029
" on Police	311	270	208	230	275	266	240	225	280	247
Rescue from Custody, and Attempt to	27	31	24	18	19	14	15	19	10	17
Obstructing Police Constables on Duty	154	154	144	125	119	149	168	149	194	227
Attempt to commit Suicide	41	39	41	50	51	50	61	58	76	79
Feloniously throwing over the Person a Corrosive Fluid	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...
<i>Offences against Property committed with Violence.</i>										
Burglary	72	84	44	57	117	61	53	73	37	80
" attended with Violence to Persons	...	...	3	3	4	3	...	3	...	...
Breaking into a Dwelling-house and Stealing	27	33	30	25	49	54	48	72	46	52
" into a Dwelling-house with intent to Steal	...	...	2	4	11	4	10	...	1	6
" into Shops, Warehouses, Counting-houses, &c.	...	3	48	29	43	34	31	5	21	23
" into a Church and Stealing	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	8	2	...
Robbery	768	495	133	150	152	73	83	96	91	74
" Accessory after the fact	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
" Accessory before the fact	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Assault with intent to Rob	24	29	19	15	24	29	21	12	17	8
Feloniously Breaking into a Church and Stealing	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Offences against Property committed without Violence.</i>										
Cattle Stealing	86	61	60	49	87	96	56	39	30	44
Horse Stealing	182	134	83	127	105	102	94	92	83	85
Sheep Stealing	12	7	10	14	17	27	17	21	14	14
Illegally using Horses and Cattle	16	10	28	15	32	38	28	31	25	25
Larceny in a Dwelling to the value of £5	...	...	...	...	124	121	122	47	23	22
" in a Dwelling	694	540	484	624	580	568	420	479	465	610
" from the Person	348	393	382	341	349	313	293	247	294	269
" by Servants	...	...	...	3	22	40	47	33	45	26
" from Letters containing Bank Notes, &c.	...	...	...	3	9	12	5	5	4	...
" of Written Instruments	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
" Simple	1,324	1,587	1,892	1,769	1,838	2,040	1,695	1,845	1,771	1,485
Misdemeanor with intent to Steal	...	2	20	8	11	9	19	30	25	46
Embezzlement	73	45	55	69	85	64	45	47	69	67
Receiving Stolen Property	129	94	84	72	116	84	91	99	91	58
Frauds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Conspiracy with intent to Defraud	154	155	181	199	200	260	220	182	175	217
Unlawful Possession of Goods	...	...	...	20	14	8	7	2	6	21
Pawning Illegally	6	13	50	46	42	70	27	31	9	20
Dog Stealing	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Malicious Offences against Property.</i>										
Arson	40	45	31	36	31	26	41	34	30	42
Feloniously Wounding Cattle	...	...	2	6	14	14	6	13	7	1
Wilful Damage	709	701	734	701	694	810	641	717	703	661
<i>Forgery and Offences against the Currency.</i>										
Forgery and Uttering Forged Instrument	87	91	65	71	97	103	120	88	96	91
Coin (Counterfeit), putting off, having, uttering, &c.	4	13	4	10	16	7	6	5	7	10
Coining	...	...	...	5	2	...	2	2	2	2
<i>Other Offences not included in the above Clauses.</i>										
Absconding from Bail	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	6
Accessory to Felony before the fact	...	...	...	...	7	1	3	8	1	7
" to Felony after the fact	10	1	31	26	4	3	...	...	...	...
Apprentice, Runaway	...	...	...	20	20	12	12	6	10	38
Being unlawfully on the Premises	267	257	214	192	190	210	193	219	225	228
Breach of Corporate and Municipal Bye-laws	...	...	17	22	75	103	42	33	30	62

PERSONS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.—DECENNIAL RETURN—continued.

Offences.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.
<i>Other Offences, &c.—continued.</i>										
Breach of Chinese Regulations ...	1,083	162	118	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" of Gunpowder Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
" of Mining Regulations ...	127	8	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" of Ticket-of-Leave Regulations ...	91	74	51	38	15	9	6	7	4	1
Bribery ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
Commitment in default of paying a Penalty ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	105	123	106
Compounding a Felony ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Contempt of Court ...	393	212	204	255	262	244	199	194	226	196
Crown Lands — Illegal occupation of, Cutting Timber on, &c. ...	56	69	50	47	55	80	36	33	29	18
Cruelty to Animals ...	52	36	34	35	28	23	44	27	22	22
Deserters, Military and Naval ...	36	38	15	16	12	20	17	24	48	35
" from Merchant Service ...	157	125	201	150	67	72	48	61	98	31
Deserting their Families ...	175	166	186	223	229	235	179	187	185	192
Disorderly Characters ...	402	587	293	60	195	104	74	75	65	50
" Prostitutes ...	331	375	246	229	297	243	323	259	230	184
Drunk and Disorderly Characters ...	2,628	2,346	2,326	3,008	3,492	3,779	4,482	5,205	7,573	9,520
Drunkenness ...	7,227	7,466	6,791	6,336	6,133	5,588	4,869	4,538	3,074	1,083
Endeavoring to obtain a Situation by False Characters ...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furious Driving ...	87	92	79	82	75	56	71	74	64	73
Keeping a Gambling-house ...	...	...	...	9	44	8	5	14	9	3
Gambling, and found in Gambling-houses ...	31	75	59	227	309	194	126	162	140	75
Indecently Exposing the Person ...	210	239	232	272	273	182	215	218	210	209
Inhumanity ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Keeping a Common Brothel ...	72	52	40	32	31	31	47	28	26	7
Libel ...	...	1	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	...
Lunacy ...	652	542	525	681	650	616	657	634	585	582
Miscellaneous Offences under—										
Distillation Act ...	13	15	14	8	9	11	8	5	1	...
Dog Act ...	...	...	...	...	4	8	8	3	2	1
Fire (Prevention of careless use of) Act ...	...	12	12	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fisheries and Game Statute ...	9	12	5	11	14	9	12	9	2	2
Foreign Enlistment Act ...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Gaols Statute ...	...	...	...	...	18	12	18	8	14	21
Hawkers and Pedlers Statute ...	60	58	46	47	61	13	18	8	14	7
Imprisonment for Debt Acts ...	...	...	...	...	529	189	223	166	140	141
Influx of Criminals Prevention Act ...	...	...	...	15	15	...	2	3	1	2
Insolvency Statute ...	10	10	5	7	11	3	7	2	4	9
Licensed Butchers Statute ...	2	1	2	2	...	5	2	1	...	...
Licensed Carriages Statute ...	147	221	29	50	13	4	13	...	...	...
Licensed Theatres Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...
Local Government Act (Roads, &c.) ...	5	3	...	...	6	1	4	...	2	4
Masters and Servants Statute ...	102	116	145	90	100	74	88	84	91	77
Medical Practitioners Statute ...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4	...	1	...
Mining Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...
Municipal Institutions Act ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Neglected and Criminal Children Act ...	...	...	...	211	1,031	890	676	867	693	681
Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	4	23	14	16	10
Pawnbrokers Statute ...	...	1	13	2	12	12	5	4	10	...
Police Offences Statute ...	489	632	380	377	431	372	386	437	1,382	1,449
Police Regulation Statute ...	13	20	10	12	11	6	3	2	2	2
Post Office Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Pounds Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Prevention of Diseases of Animals Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	2
Public Health Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Public Works Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	36	27	18
Railway Acts ...	12	19	23	39	23	40	...	...	...	...
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Statute ...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Scab Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...
Seamen Statute ...	252	324	371	334	192	280	171	236	267	202
Shipping Acts ...	...	...	...	...	26	21	...	...	...	...
Small Debts Act ...	284	237	286	449	...	...	...	...	...	...
Thistle Prevention Statute ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Wines, Beer, and Spirits Sale Statute ...	47	28	13	36	78	64	60	23	36	54
Mutiny ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...
Negligence causing Bodily Harm ...	...	...	1	11	10	1	7	8	2	4
Nuisances ...	27	44	22	33	7	4	7	2	2	2
Obscene Language ...	1,135	1,020	806	890	921	865	904	801	844	755
Perjury and Subornation of Perjury ...	36	29	26	29	32	30	25	23	30	36
Personation at Elections ...	14	1	5	2	2	3	2	4	2	...
Personating a Police Constable ...	...	...	11	9	10	6	11	13	9	14
Prison Breaking and Escape from Legal Custody, &c. ...	...	6	33	38	63	62	57	24	65	31
Riot, Breach of the Peace, Pound Breach ...	380	281	397	891	893	1,113	1,201	1,361	350	274
Selling and Exposing Obscene Prints for Sale ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Sending a Threatening Letter ...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	2	...	...
Smuggling ...	...	3	5	3	6	4	7	5	...	2
Threatening Language ...	...	...	418	480	512	500	569	564	420	458
Unlawfully soliciting and inciting a person to commit a Felony ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vagrancy ...	2,415	2,038	1,550	1,548	1,581	1,789	1,707	1,502	1,295	769
Witness refusing to enter into Recognizance to Appear ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Total ...	25,766	24,006	22,255	23,493	25,499	24,811	23,721	24,384	24,770	23,790

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

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

TRADE OR OCCUPATION OF CRIMINALS.

RETURN showing the Trade or Occupation of Persons of both Sexes taken into Custody by the Victorian Police during the Year 1870.

Trade or Occupation.	Males and Females.	Males.	Females.	Trade or Occupation.	Males and Females.	Males.	Females.
Actors	3	3	...	Masons... ..	209	209	...
Architects	9	9	...	Medical Men	22	22	...
Artists	3	3	...	Milliners and Dressmakers	32	...	32
Bakers	272	272	...	Miners	2,550	2,550	...
Barbers	36	36	...	Moulders	19	19	...
Brewers	16	16	...	Musicians	42	42	...
Bricklayers	108	108	...	Painters	164	164	...
Brickmakers	63	63	...	Pawnbrokers	2	2	...
Brokers and Dealers	204	199	5	Plasterers	83	83	...
Butchers	395	395	...	Printers	57	57	...
Carpenters	538	538	...	Prostitutes	1,654	...	1,654
Carters	233	233	...	Publicans	166	146	20
Clerks	325	325	...	Seamen	1,142	1,142	...
Coach and Cabmen	307	307	...	Saddlers	83	83	...
Coachbuilders	21	21	...	Servants	300	63	237
Constables	3	3	...	Shepherds	90	90	...
Cooks	187	174	13	Shoemakers	564	564	...
Drapers	62	61	1	Smiths	384	384	...
Engineers	124	124	...	Soldiers	56	56	...
Farmers	547	547	...	Splitters and Sawyers	171	171	...
Gardeners	121	121	...	Storekeepers	97	94	3
Grocers	36	36	...	Tailors	248	238	10
Grooms	155	155	...	Teachers	52	50	2
Hawkers	207	197	10	Watchmakers	35	35	...
Horsedealers	16	16	...	Watermen	9	9	...
Housekeepers	90	...	90	Other Occupations	1,299	1,281	18
Laborers	6,948	6,948	...	No Occupations	3,096	1,021	2,075
Laundresses	95	...	95				
Lawyers	40	40	...				
				Total	23,790	19,525	4,265

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

LITIGATION.

RETURN of Civil Cases Tried in the Supreme Court, Melbourne, and in the various Circuit Courts of the Colony of Victoria, during the Year 1870.

Name of Courts.	Causes Entered.		Amount of Damages laid In Declaration.	Number of Causes Tried.				Verdicts returned for—		Amount awarded by Jury.	Nonsuits.	Writs of Summons Issued.
	For Assessment of Damages.	For Trial.		Juries of Four.		Juries of Twelve.		Plaintif.	Defendant.			
				Defended.	Undefended.	Defended.	Undefended.					
Ararat	3	£ 1,050 0 0	3	...	...	...	3	...	50 5 8	...	
Ballarat	9	8,079 2 0	5	...	3	...	8	...	3,432 10 3	...	
Beechworth	1	20 6 0	1	...	...	...	1	...	8 10 0	...	
Belfast	4	500 0 0	2	...	...	...	1	1	220 0 0	...	
Castlemaine...	5	1,768 16 0	5	...	...	...	4	...	1,091 19 2	1	
Geelong	7	1,438 9 9	5	...	...	...	5	...	740 2 0	...	
Maryborough	
Melbourne	2	194	138,996 9 9	106	1	22	1	103	25	23,101 10 8	2	
Sale	
Sandhurst	12	2,443 1 6	11	...	...	...	8	3	652 19 9	...	
Total	2	235	154,296 5 0	138	1	25	1	133	29	29,297 17 6	3	

JOHN A. PORTER, Prothonotary.

LITIGATION.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places at which Courts were held.	Causes Entered.		Amount of Damages laid in Declaration. £ s. d.	Number of Causes Tried.				Verdicts returned for—		Amount awarded by Jury. £ s. d.	Nonsuits.	Writs of Summons Issued.
		For Assessment of Damages.	For Trial.		Juries of Four.		Juries of Twelve.		Plaintiff.	Defendant.			
					Defended.	Undeferred.	Defended.	Undeferred.					
1861	9	...	...	...	154	2	37	...	...	...	...	...	...
1862	9	...	...	...	125	2	39	...	...	...	...	...	...
1863	9	8	246	213,032 19 7	141	4	34	3	139	35	40,917 19 8	8	2,773
1864	9	2	293	56,453 5 2	160	1	37	...	140	51	30,619 16 2	7	3,343
1865	9	...	227	306,492 2 0	166	...	30	...	142	46	49,592 16 0	8	3,933
1866	9	2	273	457,008 0 5	127	2	28	...	109	37	194,416 7 0	11	5,277
1867	10	1	310	154,931 3 5	181	1	18	...	144	50	27,379 1 3	5	4,542
1868	10	3	221	135,336 1 11	122	3	26	...	116	35	40,906 12 4	...	3,629
1869	10	2	287	220,049 5 9	144	3	38	...	142	39	33,517 2 5	4	4,004
1870	10	2	235	154,296 5 0	138	1	25	1	133	29	29,297 17 6	3	5,583

JOHN A. PORTER, Prothonotary.

SUPREME COURT.—CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

RETURN of Cases Tried and the Number of Convictions in the Supreme Court, Melbourne, and the various Circuit Courts of the Colony of Victoria, during the Year 1870.

Name of Courts.	Number of Courts held.	Total Duration of Courts. Days.	Number of Cases Tried.			Number of Convictions.		
			Felonies.	Misdemeanors.	Total.	Felonies.	Misdemeanors.	Total.
Ararat ...	2	2	5	1	6	5	1	6
Ballarat ...	4	10	65	9	74	47	10	57
Beechworth ...	2	8	36	10	46	21	6	27
Belfast ...	2	5	12	4	16	9	2	11
Castlemaine ...	4	6	13	4	17	12	2	14
Geelong ...	2	5	15	3	18	11	2	13
Maryborough ...	2	2	9	2	11	3	2	5
Melbourne ...	11	66	147	51	198	106	25	131
Sale ...	2	2	6	4	10	4	3	7
Sandhurst ...	4	9	45	16	61	39	11	50
Total ...	35	115	353	104	457	257	64	321

JOHN A. PORTER, Prothonotary.

SUPREME COURT.—CRIMINAL SESSIONS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places at which Courts were held.	Number of Convictions.				Total.
		For Felony.			For Misdemeanors.	
		Offences against the Person.	Offences against Property.	Total.		
1861	9	111	247	358	104	462
1862	14	70	235	305	109	414
1863	9	*	*	284	91	375
1864	9	*	*	259	71	330
1865	9	*	*	264	69	333
1866	9	*	*	235	69	304
1867	10	*	*	247	56	303
1868	10	*	*	170	51	221
1869	10	*	*	195	58	253
1870	10	*	*	257	64	321

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

JOHN A. PORTER, Prothonotary.

COURTS OF GENERAL SESSIONS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places where Courts were held.	Number of Courts held.	Total Duration of Courts.		Total Number of Cases Tried.	Total Number of Convictions.	Total Number of Appeals.
			Days	hours.			
1861	16	52	140	0	590	384	154
1862	15	44	115	0	487	355	108
1863	17	57	103	1	458	309	117
1864	21	70	118	4	384	237	69
1865	24	79	137	0	483	342	96
1866	26	91	138	0	520	335	88
1867	26	86	116	1	407	263	86
1868	26	94	137	10½	462	305	72
1869	24	80	125	6	370	233	87
1870	25	82	131	10	378	252	127

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

COUNTY COURTS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places where Courts were held.	Number of Courts held.	Total Duration of Courts.	Total Number of Causes tried.	Aggregate Amount Sued for.		Aggregate Amount Recovered.		Aggregate Amount of Costs awarded to—				Fees paid to Revenue.		Fees paid to Bailiff.	
					Plaintiff.		Defendant.		Plaintiff.		Defendant.		Plaintiff.		Defendant.	
					£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1861	36	154	540 0	16,608	398,812	4 7	155,502	14 2¾	15,629	12 0	7,525	19 6	4,979	13 6	4,619	1 2
1862	38	163	546 0	15,130	374,693	16 5½	152,640	17 5¼	18,740	5 5	4,938	0 9	4,849	18 7	4,262	19 1
1863	40	167	510 3½	16,737	331,642	9 3	131,116	19 5½	15,617	5 6	4,070	6 6	4,475	15 3	4,463	10 8
1864	40	165	456 4	16,587	303,597	3 9	116,353	0 7	14,478	9 6	3,385	16 5	3,723	17 9	4,087	0 2
1865	50	193	498 0	19,201	319,403	3 3½	120,946	4 10	14,661	9 5	3,882	3 4	4,175	0 4	4,346	5 5
1866	50	205	567 0	18,120	328,022	14 1½	115,004	16 9½	14,175	9 2	3,247	11 6	3,808	14 11	3,515	16 3
1867	50	195	540 1	14,433	276,372	7 6	105,346	11 10	13,660	12 9	3,367	10 4	3,022	6 6	3,011	0 0
1868	51	203	446 11½	11,711	215,511	3 10	78,595	2 0½	10,797	9 6	3,279	6 5	2,427	8 4	2,188	3 8
1869	54	209	441 4¼	11,944	217,209	9 4¼	76,188	14 5½	9,658	9 2	2,777	10 4	2,698	5 2	2,276	10 4
1870	58	219	510 0	11,866	277,236	6 9¾	102,822	0 1¼	13,814	12 8	4,267	16 4	3,357	17 8	2,548	16 11

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

COURTS OF MINES.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Places where Courts were held.	Number of Courts held.	Total Duration of Courts.	Total Number of Suits.	Aggregate Amount or Value of Demand.		Aggregate Amount of Costs awarded to—				Fees paid to Revenue.		Fees paid to Bailiff.			
					Plaintiff.		Defendant.		Plaintiff.		Defendant.		Plaintiff.		Defendant.	
					£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1861	20	103	205 0	431	53,643	19 3	771	16 0	1,135	2 10	733	7 3	222	14 0		
1862	24	108	224 0	422	91,107	18 3½	1,033	19 9	1,107	17 2	962	7 6	184	19 0		
1863	29	108	206 0½	278	26,089	1 10	1,734	0 5	1,584	4 2	547	11 6	188	8 0		
1864	27	100	175 0	219	56,231	5 9	1,654	9 0	1,447	1 11	649	18 2	137	9 0		
1865	32	109	170 0	289	58,195	1 11	1,421	17 8	1,542	3 8	669	10 9	166	9 0		
1866	34	124	229 0	308	105,101	16 0	1,624	11 10	1,350	14 6	560	10 1	92	4 0		
1867	33	126	158 7½	203	50,096	18 1	1,348	13 4	786	4 8	337	7 6	88	3 0		
1868	32	111	150 1½	188	335,408	5 6	879	5 6½	1,026	11 6	932	12 5	75	6 0		
1869	34	116	117 0	148	93,599	2 6	1,250	11 4	456	16 4	208	10 6	30	1 0		
1870	35	103	83 4	155	29,846	9 9	262	8 0	497	7 0	698	5 10	18	5 4		

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS.—RETURN FOR EIGHT YEARS.

Year.	Number of Places where Courts were held.	Indictable Offences.					Summary Jurisdiction.										Other Cases not included in the foregoing columns.			
		Against the Person.	Against Property.	Other Offences.	Total Cases heard.	Persons Committed or held to Bail for Trial.	Offences.					Civil Cases.					Appeals against Rates.	Licences and Certificates.	Examination of Lunatics.	Cases at Revision Court.
							Against the Person.	Against Property.	Other Offences.	Total Cases heard.	Con- victions.	Number of Cases heard.	Aggregate Amount of Debts or Damages claimed.	Aggregate Amount awarded.						
1861	141	1,185	2,527	495	4,207	1,265	5,781	6,742	29,725	42,248	23,496	31,395	173,095	13 2¼	78,440	11 4½	..	14,285	..	..
1862	146	946	2,383	612	4,446	1,101	5,904	6,265	31,467	43,636	25,660	31,300	150,512	19 1	77,715	0 11½	..	16,370	..	..
1863	165	643	2,750	864	4,257	1,531	5,405	4,967	38,429	48,801	27,887	39,490	215,849	19 11½	104,482	7 8½	..	11,662	..	..
1864	173	575	2,301	467	3,343	1,159	4,720	5,510	35,621	45,853	27,613	41,690	305,831	5 0	141,181	14 2	..	10,109	..	..
1865	173	367	1,784	319	2,470	1,082	3,302	3,919	32,644	39,865	25,379	27,693	194,633	13 2	108,350	1 4	..	10,400	..	..
1866	177	330	1,576	244	2,150	978	4,089	4,121	32,140	40,350	26,405	25,094	180,621	11 9½	94,934	8 10	..	10,350	..	..
1867	168	403	2,001	307	2,711	1,085	3,829	2,972	31,833	38,634	24,540	23,518	152,461	16 10½	78,933	6 1½	..	9,797	..	..
1870	176	397	2,097	313	2,817	1,332	4,265	3,045	31,130	38,296	24,430	27,722	190,242	1 9	105,086	4 1¼	124	8,457	308	494

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

WRITS.

RETURN of the Number of Writs received by the Sheriff of Victoria and the several Sheriffs throughout the Colony during the Year 1870.

Name of Place.	Queen's Writs against Person and Property.	Subjects' Writs.		Total.
		Against the Person.	Against Property.	
Ararat ... ..	...	...	56	56
Ballarat	4	4	449	457
Beechworth ... ..	...	...	116	116
Belfast	3	...	83	86
Geelong	2	...	72	74
Maryborough ... ..	...	...	72	72
Melbourne... ..	21	65	1,162	1,248
Sale	1	...	20	21
Sandhurst and Castlemaine	4	6	116	126
Total	35	75	2,146	2,256

W. H. WRIGHT, Sheriff.

CRIMINALS EXECUTED.

RETURN of the Number of Criminals Executed in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1870.

Date.	Place of Execution.	Name.	Age.	Sex.	Where Born.	Religion.	Offence.	Free or Bond.
1870.								
May 23	Castlemaine ...	Ah Pew ...	32	Male	China ...	Pagan ...	Murder	Free
Aug. 4	Melbourne ...	Patrick Smith ...	35	Male	Dublin, Ireland ...	Roman Catholic...	Murder	Free
Aug. 15	Ararat ...	Andrew Vair ...	33	Male	Dumfries, Scotland ...	Church of Scotland	Murder	Free
Aug. 30	Melbourne ...	James Cusick ...	33	Male	Clare, Ireland ...	Roman Catholic...	Murder	Free
Nov. 14	Melbourne ...	James Scery ...	33	Male	Westmeath, Ireland ...	Roman Catholic ...	Murder	Free

W. H. WRIGHT, Sheriff.

CRIMINALS EXECUTED.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Persons Executed.	Year.									
	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.
Total Number	5	1	6*	4	6	3	5	3	3	5
Birthplace—										
Australian Colonies (not Victoria)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
England	3	1	2*	4	3	...	2	...	1	...
Wales ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Ireland	1	...	3	...	1	1	2	3	2	3
Scotland	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Belgium ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
United States of America	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
China ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Religion—										
Church of England	2	...	2*	4	2	2	3	...	...	...
Roman Catholic	2	...	4	...	4	...	2	3	2	3
Presbyterian ... ..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wesleyan	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
Pagan ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Offence—										
Murder	4	...	6*	2	6	3	4	3	3	5
Attempt at Murder ... ..	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rape	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sodomy on a Child ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Free	5	1	6*	4	6	3	5	3	3	5

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

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

RETURN of Gaols and of the Number of Prisoners confined therein for the Year ending 31st December 1870.

No. 92.

Name of Gaol.	Number of Prisoners for whom there is Accommodation.			Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the Commencement of the Year.													Number of Prisoners Received during the Year.																		
	In separate Cells, intended for only one Prisoner.	In Wards or Cells adapted for more than one Prisoner.	Total.	Debtors.	Lunatics.			For Felony.				For Misdemeanors.				For other Offences.		Total.		Debtors.	Lunatics.		For Trial.		In Transitu.		Sentenced to—					Total.			
								Tried.		Untried.		Tried.		Untried.													Death.	Hard Labor.		Imprisonment.				Solitary Confinement.	
					M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.		F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.		F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.		F.
Ararat ...	28	8	36	1	4	...	3	...	8	1	16	1	2	20	1	5	2	28	5	24	5	...	79	13
Ballarat ...	56	3	59	...	...	...	19	5	3	...	50	10	...	...	...	72	15	...	...	...	...	507	61	1	...	...	133	15	514	177	...	1,155	253
Beechworth ...	68	12	80	...	...	...	23	...	8	...	45	6	...	...	3	79	6	...	...	...	...	76	13	...	...	...	110	17	90	25	...	276	55
Castlemaine ...	63	37	100	1	...	...	22	...	2	1	27	6	1	...	3	56	10	9	1	...	...	20	1	56	10	1	123	21	46	14	...	255	47
Geelong ...	34	40	74	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	20	7	2	...	...	23	7	...	...	10	5	30	10	...	1	...	70	16	161	59	...	272	90
Kilmore ...	4	26	30	2	...	...	7	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	8	1	24	1	11	...	2	1	6	...	...	...	44	...	128	11	...	191	12
Maryborough ...	42	...	42	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	12	3	1	...	...	18	3	...	...	...	...	66	10	...	2	...	90	25	21	6	...	177	43
Melbourne ...	197	268	465	...	1	1	55	15	5	1	71	20	11	1	96	31	239	69	17	...	...	260	25	1,317	321	5	996	447	1,106	633	3	3,704	1,427
Portland ...	6	56	62	...	...	...	12	...	2	...	12	1	...	...	...	26	1	...	...	...	...	16	1	1	...	...	68	1	15	7	...	100	9
Sandhurst ...	47	43	90	...	...	...	27	10	11	1	11	5	2	...	13	1	64	17	2	...	...	190	34	...	...	1	162	16	204	81	...	559	131
Total ...	545	493	1,038	4	1	1	174	30	40	3	258	58	17	1	123	37	617	130	41	1	12	6	1,191	156	1,380	335	8	1	1,824	563	2,309	1,018	3	6,768	2,080

Name of Gaol.	Number of Prisoners Discharged during the Year.																	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the end of the Year.														
	Debtors.		Lunatics.				Pardoned.	On Remission of Sentence.	At Expiration of Sentence.	Transferred to another Gaol or Penal Establishment.	After Trial and on Remand.	Executed.	Died.	Total.		Debtors.	For Felony.				For Misdemeanors.				For other Offences.		Total.					
			Transferred to Lunatic Asylum.		Discharged altogether.												Tried.		Untried.		Tried.		Untried.									
			M.	F.	M.	F.								M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Ararat ...	2	17	6	49	5	7	2	1	76	13	...	8	...	2	...	3	1	6	...	19	1
Ballarat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99	15	982	223	71	9	...	...	...	1	1	1,153	248	...	38	4	7	1	26	15	3	...	...	74	20
Beechworth ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	5	221	38	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	287	43	...	26	...	3	...	33	18	6	...	...	68	18
Castlemaine ...	10	1	...	...	...	...	39	5	186	44	10	...	...	...	1	...	...	246	50	...	19	1	4	...	32	2	4	...	6	65	7
Geelong ...	...	...	3	1	7	4	43	17	203	68	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	269	90	...	7	3	2	...	16	4	1	...	...	26	7
Kilmore ...	13	...	1	1	1	2	13	2	150	10	9	...	...	...	...	1	...	190	13	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	21	...	25	...
Maryborough	17	7	129	26	19	6	167	39	...	14	2	3	1	9	3	2	1	28	7
Melbourne ...	13	...	16	3	247	48	2,961	1,102	404	123	3	8	2	3,652	1,278	4	107	47	10	3	63	3	2	...	105	165	291	218
Portland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	1	46	7	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	96	8	...	17	1	3	...	10	1	...	...	...	30	2
Sandhurst ...	2	...	2	77	18	264	83	29	...	187	31	561	132	...	38	8	5	1	11	6	1	...	7	1	62	16
Total ...	40	1	22	5	8	4	660	124	5,191	1,606	567	140	187	31	5	15	3	6,697	1,914	4	275	66	39	6	206	53	19	1	145	170	688	296

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GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

RETURN of Gaols and of the Number of Prisoners confined therein for the Year ending 31st December 1870—continued.

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Name of Gaol.	Number of Prisoners Employed during the Year at—								Number of Prisoners not Employed.		Punishment for Offences committed within the Prison during the Year.							
	Hard Labor in the Prison.		Hard Labor without the Prison.		Employments not Hard Labor.		Total.				Irons.		Solitary Confinement.		Other Punishments.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Ararat	10	...	32	...	14	7	56	7	39	7	...	...	4	...	2	...	6	...
Ballarat	37	101	301	...	135	60	473	161	754	107	...	...	13	1	6	...	19	1
Beechworth	100	38	131	...	66	16	297	54	58	7	...	...	24	2	16	5	40	7
Castlemaine	18	44	201	...	...	...	219	44	92	13	...	...	251	10	24	...	275	10
Geelong	48	18	14	...	91	43	153	61	119	29	...	...	8	5	1	1	9	6
Kilmore	51	...	...	...	10	...	61	...	154	13	...	...	4	...	2	...	6	...
Maryborough	90	17	...	...	24	6	114	23	83	23	...	...	7	1	...	...	7	1
Melbourne	996	447	...	...	...	...	996	447	2,708	980	1	...	73	32	31	12	105	44
Portland	6	...	51	...	20	...	77	...	49	10	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	...
Sandhurst	29	10	159	...	117	67	305	77	254	54	...	...	36	13	6	...	42	13
Total	1,385	675	889	...	447	199	2,751	874	4,310	1,243	1	...	424	64	88	18	513	82

Name of Gaol.	Number of Prisoners Committed before.								Number of Prisoners—								Number of Cases of Sickness.				Greatest Number in Confinement at any one time during the Year.	
	Once.		Twice.		Three or more times.		Total.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		Total.		Greatest at any one time.		Total during the Year.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Ararat	8	3	1	2	2	1	11	6	47	6	4	2	28	5	79	13	4	...	29	9	20	7
Ballarat	29	18	25	18	17	13	71	49	876	156	38	20	241	77	1,155	253	5	6	146	70	99	27
Beechworth	35	3	17	5	23	32	75	40	198	31	21	15	57	9	276	55	5	1	105	26	73	18
Castlemaine	31	3	15	2	44	20	90	25	115	18	9	10	131	19	255	47	7	...	101	30	79	10
Geelong	52	12	15	7	19	26	86	45	96	25	113	42	63	23	272	90	5	3	105	63	35	12
Kilmore	28	...	8	...	9	2	45	2	145	8	8	3	38	1	191	12	4	...	40	3	30	2
Maryborough	23	3	16	3	11	12	50	18	125	21	5	16	47	6	177	43	6	1	21	5	28	10
Melbourne	726	189	280	163	941	753	1,947	1,105	2,870	91	619	1,266	215	70	3,704	1,427	44	36	960	576	291	218
Portland	17	...	3	...	9	4	29	4	79	6	13	1	8	2	100	9	9	1	59	1	40	1
Sandhurst	36	12	12	16	22	37	70	65	408	84	57	31	94	16	559	131	7	4	156	76	86	15
Total	985	243	392	216	1,097	900	2,474	1,359	4,959	446	887	1,406	922	228	6,768	2,080	96	52	1,722	859	781	320

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Gaols.	Number of Prisoners they can contain in separate Cells.	Number of Prisoners they can contain where more than one sleeps in a Cell.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the commencement of the Year.	Number of Prisoners Received during the Year.	Number of Prisoners Discharged during the Year, including Deaths.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the end of the Year.	Number of Prisoners Employed during the Year.	Number of Punishments for Offences within the Prison during the Year.	Number of Prisoners Committed before.			Number of Cases of Sickness during the Year.	Number of Deaths during the Year.	Greatest Number in Confinement at any one time during the Year.
										Once.	Twice.	Three times or more.			
1861	12	466	1,324	708	10,254	10,242	720	3,703	155	1,392	551	989	2,101	24	1,008
1862	12	473	988	720	9,645	9,607	758	3,170	250	822	417	952	2,315	31	1,049
1863	12	626	1,139	754	9,405	9,340	819	3,054	180	1,503	632	968	2,359	32	1,169
1864	11	653	1,000	762	9,569	8,947	831	3,152	226	1,779	883	645	2,630	21	1,007
1865	10	620	876	832	11,111	10,519	841	3,172	268	2,124	1,171	867	2,909	26	1,172
1866	10	633	838	846	10,849	10,295	833	2,984	283	2,093	1,034	974	2,814	53	1,096
1867	10	599	712	831	10,188	9,766	767	3,159	287	1,969	1,126	808	2,861	40	1,102
1868	10	597	710	768	9,521	9,381	905	3,394	404	1,635	567	591	2,841	24	1,045
1869	10	545	493	902	9,095	9,249	748	3,300	569	1,684	787	845	2,333	31	1,016
1870	10	545	493	747	8,848	8,611	984	3,625	595	1,228	608	1,997	2,581	18	1,101

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HULK.

RETURN of Penal Establishments at Pentridge and Williamstown, and Hulk *Sacramento*, and of the Number of Prisoners confined therein, for the Year ending 31st December 1870.

Name of Penal Establishment.	Number of Prisoners for whom there is Accommodation.			Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the Commencement of the Year.						Number of Prisoners Received during the Year.			Number of Prisoners Discharged during the Year.																	
	In Separate Cells, intended for only one prisoner.	In Wards or Cells adapted for more than one prisoner.	Total.	For Felony.		For Misdemeanors.		For other Offences.		Total.		Sentenced to—			Transferred to Lunatic Asylum.	Transferred on Writ of Habeas Corpus.	On Remission of Sentence.		At Expiration of Sentence.		Transferred to another Gaol or Penal Establishment.		On Ticket-of-Leave.		Died.		Total.			
				M.	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Hard Labor.		Imprisonment.	Total.			M.	M.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
											M.	F.																		
Penal Establishment, Pentridge ¹ ...	599	368	967	555	44	26	21	28	602	72	429	114	5	434	114	1	13	173	43	59	68	156	74	1	6	1	409	186		
Penal Establishment, Williamstown ² ...	...	30	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	...	...	34	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	23	...
Hulk <i>Sacramento</i> , Hobson's Bay ...	22	99	121	70	...	30	...	...	100	...	277	...	11	288	...	...	...	101	...	143	...	39	...	...	1	...	284	...
Total ...	621	497	1,118	625	44	56	21	28	702	72	740	114	16	756	114	1	13	296	43	202	68	196	74	1	7	1	716	186		

¹ In addition to the figures given here, there was an average of 5½ children of female prisoners detained with their mothers. The whole of the female prisoners, with their children, were transferred to the Melbourne Gaol on the 28th December 1870.
² This station was first occupied on the 17th October 1870.

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PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HULK.

RETURN of the Penal Establishments at Pentridge and Williamstown, and Hulk *Sacramento*, and of the Number of Prisoners confined therein, for the Year ending 31st December 1870—*continued.*

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Name of Penal Establishment.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the end of the Year.								Daily Average Number of Prisoners Employed during the Year at—								Punishment for Offences within the Prison during the Year.									
	For Felony.		For Misdemeanors.		For other Offences.		Total.		Hard Labor in the Prison.		Hard Labor without the Prison.		Employments not Hard Labor.		Total.		Daily Average Number of Prisoners not employed on Working Days.		Irons.		Solitary Confinement.		Other Punishments.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Penal Establishment, Pentridge	545	...	53	...	29	...	627	...	492	61	...	...	92	22	584	83	38	8	1	...	442	69	1,744	223	2,187	292
Penal Establishment, Williamstown	11	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	33	...	...	...	1	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hulk <i>Sacramento</i> , Hobson's Bay	82	...	22	...	...	...	104	...	13	...	74	...	10	...	97	...	23	...	5	...	39	...	197	...	241	...
Total	638	...	75	...	29	...	742	...	538	61	74	...	103	22	715	83	61	8	6	...	481	69	1,941	223	2,428	292

Name of Penal Establishment.	Number of Prisoners Convicted before.								Number of Prisoners.								Number of Cases of Sickness.				Greatest Number in Confinement at any one time during the Year.	
	Once.		Twice.		Three or more times.		Total.		Able to Read and Write.		Able to Read only.		Unable to Read.		Total.		Greatest at any one time.		Total during the Year.		Greatest Number in Confinement at any one time during the Year.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Penal Establishment, Pentridge	222	18	129	10	267	75	618	103	790	106	116	50	130	30	1,036	186	42	14	462	125	657	119
Penal Establishment, Williamstown	7	...	2	...	...	...	9	...	18	...	2	...	14	...	34	...	1	...	1	...	24	...
Hulk <i>Sacramento</i> , Hobson's Bay	24	...	21	...	40	...	85	...	194	...	37	...	59	...	290	...	11	...	198	...	106	...
Total	253	18	152	10	307	75	712	103	1,002	106	155	50	203	30	1,360	186	54	14	661	125	787	119

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HULKS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Penal Establishments.	Number of Prisoners they can contain in separate Cells.	Number of Prisoners they can contain where more than one sleeps in a Cell.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the commencement of the Year.	Number of Prisoners Received during the Year.	Number of Prisoners Discharged during the Year, including Deaths.	Number of Prisoners in Confinement at the end of the Year.	Number of Prisoners Employed during the Year.	Number of Punishments for Offences within the Prison during the Year.	Number of Prisoners Convicted before.			Number of Cases of Sickness during the Year.	Number of Deaths during the Year.	Greatest Number in Confinement at any one time during the Year.
										Once.	Twice.	Three times or more.			
1861	4	626	988	1,176	1,791	1,847	1,120	1,120	2,042	331	115	266	712	4	1,381
1862	4	613	859	1,120	1,268	1,333	1,055	962	1,900	294	153	287	724	10	1,172
1863	4	571	787	1,055	1,429	1,443	1,041	1,025	2,317	423	245	429	723	6	1,216
1864	5	542	904	1,041	1,188	1,341	888	982	2,846	413	217	368	719	11	1,180
1865	6	549	1,168	888	1,239	1,070	1,057	951	2,650	442	234	435	558	6	1,206
1866	6	677	1,168	1,057	1,138	1,120	1,075	1,079	2,748	460	232	418	651	9	1,243
1867	5	665	965	1,075	977	1,039	1,013	992	2,910	368	210	451	500	7	1,136
1868	4	659	771	1,013	869	1,062	820	984	2,818	324	194	549	578	10	1,153
1869	2	617	471	820	970	1,016	774	790	2,542	346	190	411	577	6	950
1870	3	621	497	774	870	902	742	798	2,720	271	162	382	786	8	906

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

GAOLS AND PRISONERS.—BIRTHPLACES AND RELIGIONS OF PRISONERS.

RETURN of the Birthplaces and Religions of Prisoners in the various Gaols in the Colony of Victoria for the Year ending 31st December 1870.

Religions of Prisoners.	Total Number of Prisoners.	Birthplaces of Prisoners in Confinement for—																												
		Felony.							Misdemeanors.							Minor Offences.						Debt or Lunacy.								
		Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries.	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries.	China.	
Church of England	4,152	303	1,083	133	26	28	88	..	136	624	83	26	22	36	1	169	1,080	158	35	18	73	..	1	28	..	..	..	..	..	..
Presbyterians	770	11	5	15	181	1	3	..	18	8	27	155	2	2	..	25	8	35	263	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westleyans	172	26	39	6	4	5	1	..	17	16	4	..	1	3	2	9	30	2	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Independents	20	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Baptists	45	1	10	..	1	..	..	..	6	5	1	1	3	..	..	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Protestants	69	..	1	..	..	4	16	..	..	2	1	..	13	..	..	1	4	..	..	5	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roman Catholics	3,160	201	121	506	11	13	31	2	138	67	632	13	8	34	..	167	80	1,028	15	13	52	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jews	36	3	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pagans	398	3	..	..	..	..	..	190	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Persuasions	16	3	..	..	..	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
No Religion	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Religion unknown	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	* 8,848	552	1,282	660	224	53	150	192	319	730	748	195	38	91	171	379	1,225	1,223	314	40	154	35	2	28	23	9	1	8	2	..

* Four Aborigines are included in this total.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

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

RETURN of the Birthplaces and Religions of Prisoners in the Penal Establishments and Hulks in the Colony of Victoria for the Year ending 31st December 1870.

Religions of Prisoners.	Total Number of Prisoners.	Birthplaces of Prisoners in Confinement for—																												
		Felony.							Misdemeanors.							Minor Offences.														
		Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Other British Possessions.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	China.	Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Foreign Countries.	China.									
Church of England	799	61	390	39	18	22	12	1	22	150	23	9	8	11	..	5	23	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Presbyterians	128	9	17	7	42	7	4	..	1	4	6	20	..	4	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westleyans	136	19	66	13	3	2	5	1	1	12	3	3	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Baptists	5	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Protestants	29	..	1	2	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roman Catholics	427	45	50	156	6	7	15	2	15	18	78	2	4	12	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jews	17	1	9	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pagans	99	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Persuasions	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	* 1,644	135	535	220	70	41	45	90	39	187	108	34	16	46	14	11	27	15	5	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* One Aboriginal is included in this total.

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER, Registrar-General.

REFORMATORIES.—BIRTHPLACES AND RELIGIONS.

RETURN of the Birthplaces and Religions of Inmates of Reformatories in Victoria during the Year 1870.

Religions.	Total.	Birthplaces.						
		Australian Colonies.	England and Wales.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Foreign Countries (exclusive of China).	At Sea.	Birthplaces unknown.
Church of England ...	63	51	7	...	1	...	2	2
Presbyterians ...	9	5	...	...	3	1	...	...
Wesleyans ...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baptists ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Protestants and Protestants unspecified ...	25	22	3	...	...	...	...	...
Roman Catholics ...	62	52	1	3	...	2	1	3
Jews ...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
No Religion and Religion unknown ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	166	136	12	3	4	3	3	5

GEO. O. DUNCAN, Inspector of I. and R. Schools.

SUICIDES.—(I.)

RETURN of the Number of Persons of both Sexes who committed Suicide in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1870, distinguishing the Modes of Death and the Number in each Month.

Month.	Cause of Death.										Total.		
	Wounds.				Poisoning.		Drowning.		Hanging.		Males.	Females.	Total.
	Gunshot.		Cut, Stab, &c.		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.							Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
January ...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
February ...	1	...	2	1	2	...	1	1	1	...	7	2	9
March ...	...	...	...	...	5	1	...	1	1	...	6	2	8
April ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	2
May ...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	4
June ...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	6	...	6
July ...	...	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	6	...	6
August ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	3	1	4
September ...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	4	1	5
October	1	...	2	1	1	2	4	...	8	3	11
November	2	...	1	2	1	...	4	2	6
December	2	...	2	...	4	1	8	1	9
Total ...	5	...	14	1	17	4	12	9	12	...	60	14	74

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SUICIDES.—(II.)

RETURN of the Number and Ages of Persons of both Sexes who committed Suicide in the Coast, Rural, and Goldfields Districts of the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1870.

Districts.	Ages.														Total.								
	15 to 20 years.		20 to 25 years.		25 to 30 years.		30 to 35 years.		35 to 40 years.		40 to 45 years.		45 to 50 years.		50 to 55 years.		55 to 60 years.		Un-specified.				
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.		
Coast { Melbourn and Suburbs	2	1	2	2	2	1	7	...	4	1	2	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	26	5	31
Coast { Exclusive of Melbourn and Suburbs	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Rural	1	1	...	...	1	4	1	3	...	1	1	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	12	5	17
Goldfields	1	...	3	2	5	...	1	...	7	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	21	4	25
Total	4	1	5	4	8	2	12	1	14	2	4	2	8	1	4	...	1	...	60	14	74

NOTE.—This and the preceding Table have been compiled from the registrations of deaths. The number of suicides as shown in them differs from that given in the Table of Inquests, *post*, according to which the number of persons who committed suicide in 1870, including those who died from "self-inflicted wounds," appears to have been 86, viz., 73 males and 13 females.

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SUICIDES.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Number of Persons who committed Suicide.			Year.	Number of Persons who committed Suicide.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
1861	54	10	64	1866	68	13	81
1862	62	8	70	1867	55	8	63
1863	56	7	63	1868	59	11	70
1864	55	11	66	1869	62	15	77
1865	61	14	75	1870	60	14	74

NOTE.—In most of the years, the number of inquests in this Table, which has been compiled from the registrations of deaths, differs from that given in the Decennial Return of Inquests (*post*), which see.

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INQUESTS.

RETURN of the Number of Inquests held, and the Verdicts returned, throughout the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1870.

Verdicts returned.	Number of Inquests.			Verdicts returned.	Number of Inquests.		
	On Males.	On Females.	Total.		On Males.	On Females.	Total.
Abscess ...	2	...	2	Enlargement of the liver ...	2	...	2
Accidental burns ...	12	16	28	Enlargement of the heart ...	1	...	1
Accidental drowning ...	164	36	200	Enteritis ...	1	...	1
Accidental falls ...	8	2	10	Epilepsy ...	5	5	10
Accidental injuries ...	10	1	11	Erysipelas ...	1	...	1
Accidental scalds ...	11	6	17	Exhaustion ...	...	1	1
Accidental suffocation ...	11	11	22	Explosion of a blast ...	3	...	3
Accidental wounds ...	1	...	1	Explosion of a boiler ...	1	...	1
Accidentally killed ...	5	...	5	Explosion of fire-damp ...	3	...	3
Accidentally overlain ...	5	5	10	Explosion of gunpowder ...	1	...	1
Accidentally poisoned ...	2	3	5	Exposure ...	6	...	6
Accidentally shot ...	2	...	2	Fall down a cesspool ...	2	...	2
Accidentally swallowing a nail ...	1	...	1	Fall down a quarry ...	...	1	1
Alcoholic poisoning ...	...	4	4	Fall down a shaft ...	31	...	31
Aneurism of the aorta ...	4	...	4	Fall down a well ...	1	...	1
Apoplexy ...	18	7	25	Fall down stairs ...	1	2	3
Asphyxia ...	1	...	1	Fall from a buggy ...	2	...	2
Bite of a snake ...	2	...	2	Fall from a cart ...	5	...	5
Bronchitis ...	3	2	5	Fall from a dray ...	10	...	10
Burnt to death ...	...	5	5	Fall from a gig ...	1	...	1
Cab passing over him ...	2	...	2	Fall from a horse ...	33	1	34
Cancer of bowels ...	2	...	2	Fall from a house ...	1	...	1
Childbirth ...	...	5	5	Fall from a ladder ...	1	...	1
Choked by a piece of meat ...	4	...	4	Fall from a platform ...	1	...	1
Choked by an orange-pip ...	1	...	1	Fall from a tree ...	1	...	1
Cold ...	...	2	2	Fall from a scaffold ...	5	...	5
Colic ...	2	...	2	Fall from a waggon ...	2	...	2
Compression of the brain ...	1	...	1	Fall of a bag of oats ...	1	...	1
Concussion of the brain ...	2	...	2	Fall of a branch ...	4	...	4
Congestion of the brain ...	21	9	30	Fall of a bucket ...	2	...	2
Congestion of the liver ...	...	2	2	Fall of a case of iron ...	1	...	1
Congestion of the lungs ...	9	6	15	Fall of a cask ...	2	...	2
Consumption ...	4	1	5	Fall of a dray ...	5	...	5
Convulsions ...	5	4	9	Fall of a fence ...	1	...	1
Croup ...	2	...	2	Fall of a log ...	1	...	1
Debility ...	11	5	16	Fall of a pick down a shaft ...	1	...	1
Delirium tremens ...	9	1	10	Fall of a straw stack ...	2	...	2
Dentition ...	1	2	3	Fall of a tree ...	9	3	12
Diarrhoea ...	6	3	9	Fall of a wood stack ...	1	...	1
Diphtheria ...	1	4	5	Fall of earth ...	56	...	56
Disease of the bowels ...	3	1	4	Fall of iron down a shaft ...	2	...	2
Disease of the brain ...	45	17	62	Fall of stone down a shaft ...	4	...	4
Disease of the heart ...	65	30	95	Fall of wood down a shaft ...	1	...	1
Disease of the hip joint ...	...	1	1	Fall on board ship ...	3	...	3
Disease of the kidneys ...	2	2	4	Fever ...	1	...	1
Disease of the liver ...	2	2	4	Fit ...	1	1	2
Disease of the lungs ...	15	5	20	Flooding ...	...	1	1
Disease of the stomach ...	2	...	2	Found dead ...	14	9	23
Disease of the uterus ...	...	1	1	Found drowned ...	41	10	51
Dropsy ...	2	2	4	Fracture of the arm ...	...	1	1
Dysentery ...	10	1	11	Fracture of the leg ...	6	...	6
Effects of amputation ...	1	...	1	Fracture of the skull ...	9	...	9
Effects of a blow ...	1	...	1	Fracture of the spine ...	2	...	2
Effects of chloroform ...	1	...	1	Fracture of the thigh ...	1	...	1
Effusion on the brain ...	4	7	11	Fracture of the vertebrae ...	2	...	2
Effusion on the chest ...	2	1	3	Gangrene of the bowels ...	1	...	1
Effusion into the pericardium ...	2	1	3	Gangrene of the leg ...	1	...	1

INQUESTS.

RETURN of the Number of Inquests held, and the Verdicts returned, throughout the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1870—continued.

Verdicts returned.	Number of Inquests.			Verdicts returned.	Number of Inquests.		
	On Males.	On Females	Total.		On Males.	On Females	Total.
Gangrene of the lungs ...	1	1	2	Retention of urine ...	1	...	1
Hæmorrhage from the lungs ...	1	...	1	Run over by a dray ...	10	3	13
Hæmorrhage from the stomach ...	1	...	1	Run over by a railway train ...	3	...	3
Horse falling on him ...	1	...	1	Rupture of an aneurism ...	11	2	13
Hydatid cyst ...	1	...	1	Rupture of the aorta ...	1	1	2
Hydatid disease ...	1	...	1	Rupture of the bladder ...	2	...	2
Hypertrophy of the heart ...	1	...	1	Rupture of a blood-vessel ...	15	1	16
Inanition ...	2	...	2	Rupture of a cyst ...	...	1	1
Infantile cholera ...	...	1	1	Rupture of the gall-bladder ...	1	...	1
Inflammation of the bowels ...	7	2	9	Rupture of the heart ...	3	1	4
Inflammation of the brain ...	4	...	4	Rupture of the liver ...	1	...	1
Inflammation of the heart ...	1	...	1	Rupture of the womb ...	...	2	2
Inflammation of the larynx ...	...	1	1	Sanguineous apoplexy ...	18	7	25
Inflammation of the lungs ...	15	4	19	Self-inflicted wounds ...	6	...	6
Inflammation of the peritoneum ...	1	...	1	Serous apoplexy ...	25	6	31
Inflammation of the stomach ...	2	...	2	Spasms of the glottis ...	...	1	1
Inflammation of the throat ...	1	...	1	Starvation ...	2	...	2
Injuries at birth ...	...	2	2	Still-born ...	6	3	9
Injuries from machinery ...	5	1	6	Strangulated hernia ...	3	...	3
Intemperance ...	9	4	13	Struck by lightning ...	3	...	3
Judicial hanging ...	5	...	5	Struck by the shafts of a car ...	1	...	1
Kick from a horse ...	9	1	10	Suffocated by foul air ...	3	...	3
Killed by a horse ...	6	...	6	Suffocated during birth ...	...	1	1
Killed in a claim ...	11	...	11	Sunstroke ...	...	1	1
Leprosy ...	3	...	3	Suicide by cutting of throat ...	12	1	13
Log rolling over him ...	2	...	2	Suicide by drowning ...	12	8	20
Murder ...	2	6	8	Suicide by hanging ...	15	...	15
Mortification ...	1	...	1	Suicide by poisoning ...	24	4	28
Natural causes ...	10	2	12	Suicide by shooting ...	4	...	4
No evidence to show ...	1	...	1	Syncope ...	2	...	2
Old age ...	7	...	7	Syphilis ...	...	1	1
Overdose of opium ...	3	2	5	Tetanic convulsions ...	1	...	1
Overlain ...	1	...	1	Tetanus ...	1	1	2
Paralysis ...	3	...	3	Thrush ...	1	...	1
Perforation of stomach ...	...	1	1	Tubercular consumption ...	1	1	2
Pericarditis ...	1	1	2	Tubercular pneumonia ...	...	1	1
Peritonitis ...	5	2	7	Typhoid fever ...	1	...	1
Phthisis ...	2	1	3	Ulceration of the bowels ...	1	2	3
Pleuro-pneumonia ...	3	2	5	Unspecified * ...	22	13	35
Pneumonia ...	5	4	9	Vomiting ...	2	1	3
Poisoned ...	...	1	1	Waggon passing over him ...	1	...	1
Premature birth ...	1	1	2	Want of nourishment ...	4	2	6
Pulmonary apoplexy ...	4	1	5	Want of medical attention ...	...	2	2
Pulmonary consumption ...	5	8	13	Want of water ...	1	...	1
Pyæmia ...	1	1	2				
Remains found ...	2	...	2				
				Total ...	1,165	365	1,530

* These depositions are at present in the hands of the Crown Law Officers for legal purposes.

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INQUESTS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Total Number of Inquests held.	Causes of Death, as gathered from the Verdicts returned.							Unspecified or Doubtful Causes.	Verdicts of "Still-born" returned.
		Disease or Natural Causes.	Intemperance.	External Causes.						
				Accident.	Homicide.	Suicide.	Execution.	Doubtful.		
1861	1,410	550	13	660	2	64	5	59	50	7
1862	1,459	615	16	656	1	81	1	52	31	6
1863	1,528	689	17	625	5	67	6	58	57	4
1864	1,496	725	18	571	3	65	4	56	42	12
1865	1,650	801	25	621	7	80	6	59	38	13
1866	1,640	821	15	596	4	78	3	58	57	8
1867	1,507	690	28	590	10	65	4	55	51	14
1868	1,489	639	33	638	10	70	3	61	23	12
1869	1,503	655	39	587	8	77	3	69	56	9
1870	1,530	636	27	629	8	86	5	69	61	9

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FIRE INQUESTS.
RETURN of Fire Inquests during the Year 1870.

County or Unsettled District.	Total Number of Fire Inquests.	Verdicts returned.					
		Accidental.	Set on Fire purposely.	Not sufficient evidence.	Carelessness.	No Verdict returned.	Unknown.*
Anglesey	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bourke	13	3	5	2	...	...	3
Dalhousie	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Dundas	2	...	1	...	1	...	...
Grant	3	...	...	2	...	...	1
Grenville	6	1	4	...	...	1	...
Hampden	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Normanby	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Talbot	2	...	...	1	...	...	1
Villiers	3	...	1	2	...	...	...
Gippsland	2	1	1	...	...	...	...
The Loddon	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
The Murray	7	1	3	1	...	...	2
	45	6	20	9	1	1	8

* The depositions in these cases are in the hands of the Crown Solicitor for legal purposes.

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FIRE INQUESTS.—DECENNIAL RETURN.

Year.	Total Number of Inquests held.	Verdicts returned.						
		accidental.	Set on Fire purposely.	Not sufficient evidence.	Carelessness.	Spontaneous Combustion.	Explosion of Gas.	Not stated.
1861	6	...	3	3	...	...	...	...
1862	11	1	5	3	...	...	...	2
1863	4	1	1	1	...	...	...	1
1864	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
1865	47	16	12	18	...	...	...	1
1866	164	44	42	68	...	2	1	7
1867	160	47	43	62	...	...	...	8
1868	156	35	39	80	2	...	...	...
1869	95	13	16	52	6	...	...	8
1870	45	6	20	9	1	...	...	9

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

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