

## APPENDIX C.

## AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1892.

TABLE I.—POPULATION, 1892.

Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles. <sup>1</sup>	Estimated Population <sup>2</sup> on 31st December.			Females to 100 Males.	Persons to the Square Mile.
		Males.	Females.	Total.		
Victoria .. ..	87,884	607,801	559,572	1,167,373	92·07	13·28
New South Wales ..	309,175	646,380	550,670	1,197,050	85·19	3·87
Queensland .. ..	668,224	237,965	183,332	421,297	77·04	·63
S. Australia Proper	379,805	171,476	160,245	331,721	93·45	·87
„, North. Territory	523,620	4,625	356	4,981	7·70	·01
Western Australia ..	975,920	36,095	22,579	58,674	62·55	·06
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>2,944,628</b>	<b>1,704,342</b>	<b>1,476,754</b>	<b>3,181,096</b>	<b>86·65</b>	<b>1·08</b>
Tasmania .. ..	26,375	82,009	71,135	153,144	86·74	5·81
New Zealand .. ..	104,471	345,146	305,287	650,433	88·45	6·23
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	<b>3,075,474</b>	<b>2,131,497</b>	<b>1,853,176</b>	<b>3,984,673</b>	<b>86·94</b>	<b>1·30</b>

NOTE.—Aborigines are not included, except in the case of Victoria, New South Wales, and Tasmania.

<sup>1</sup> The areas here given, except in the case of New Zealand, are the results of planimetrical calculations made in the office of the Surveyor-General, Melbourne, and the results agree closely with the figures furnished officially by the various colonies. Formerly the official estimate for Western Australia differed by as much as 84,000 square miles from the above estimate, but in April, 1892, the area was recalculated officially, and the result was so close to the Melbourne Surveyor-General's estimate that the latter was adopted.

<sup>2</sup> On the 31st December, 1893, the estimated populations were as follow:—Victoria, 1,174,022; New South Wales, 1,223,370; Queensland, 432,299; South Australia (proper), 341,978; Northern Territory, 4,896; Western Australia, 65,064; Tasmania, 154,424; New Zealand, 672,265.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES, 1892.

Name of Colony.	Births of—			Deaths of—			Marriages.	Per 1,000 of Mean Population— Number of—			Excess of Births over Deaths.	
	Males.	Fe- males.	Total.	Males.	Fe- males.	Total.		Births.	Deaths.	Mar- riages.	Numeri- cal.	Per cent.
Victoria .. ..	19,405	18,426	37,831	9,098	6,753	15,851	7,723	32·54	13·63	6·65	21,980	138·67
New South Wales	20,532	19,509	40,041	8,544	5,866	14,410	8,022	33·90	12·20	6·79	25,631	177·87
Queensland .. ..	7,738	7,165	14,903	3,355	1,911	5,266	2,774	35·84	12·66	6·67	9,637	183·00
S. Australia Proper	5,227	5,317	10,544	2,039	1,672	3,711	2,119	32·32	11·38	6·50	6,833	184·13
„, Northern Ter.	14	12	26	29	1	30	4	5·19	5·99	·80	<sup>1</sup> —4	<sup>1</sup> —13·33
Western Australia	959	889	1,848	621	310	931	412	33·01	16·63	7·36	917	98·49
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>53,875</b>	<b>51,318</b>	<b>105,193</b>	<b>23,686</b>	<b>16,513</b>	<b>40,199</b>	<b>21,054</b>	<b>33·43</b>	<b>12·77</b>	<b>6·69</b>	<b>64,994</b>	<b>161·68</b>
Tasmania .. ..	2,588	2,377	4,965	1,173	896	2,069	995	32·47	13·53	6·51	2,896	139·97
New Zealand .. ..	9,101	8,775	17,876	3,791	2,668	6,459	4,002	27·83	10·06	6·23	11,417	176·76
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	<b>65,564</b>	<b>62,470</b>	<b>128,034</b>	<b>28,650</b>	<b>20,077</b>	<b>48,727</b>	<b>26,051</b>	<b>32·48</b>	<b>12·36</b>	<b>6·61</b>	<b>79,307</b>	<b>162·76</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excess of deaths over births.

TABLE III.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION BY SEA, 1892.  
(As Recorded.)

Name of Colony.	Number of Immigrants.			Number of Emigrants. <sup>1</sup>			Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants. <sup>2</sup>		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria ..	42,849	20,102	62,951	46,718	22,496	69,214	-3,869	-2,394	-6,263
New South Wales	42,921	19,276	62,197	36,634	16,053	52,687	6,287	3,223	9,510
Queensland ..	10,211	4,435	14,646	9,395	4,171	13,566	816	264	1,080
S. Australia Proper	12,745	4,688	17,433	10,768	3,706	14,474	1,977	982	2,959
„ Northern Ter.	378	95	473	449	82	531	-71	13	-58
Western Australia	5,828	1,612	7,440	2,299	669	2,968	3,529	943	4,472
Total ..	114,932	50,208	165,140	106,263	47,177	153,440	8,669	3,031	11,700
Tasmania ..	16,849	6,895	23,744	16,049	8,358	24,407	800	-1,463	-663
New Zealand ..	12,131	5,991	18,122	8,469	4,695	13,164	3,662	1,296	4,958
Grand Total	143,912	63,094	207,006	130,781	60,230	191,011	13,131 <sup>3</sup>	2,864 <sup>3</sup>	15,995 <sup>3</sup>

NOTE.—The numbers of assisted and free immigrants were as follow :—Victoria, *nil*; New South Wales, 179; Queensland, 729; South Australia and Northern Territory, *nil*; Western Australia, 317; Tasmania, *nil*; New Zealand, *nil*; total, 1,225.

<sup>1</sup> The figures in these columns generally understate the truth. Many persons leave all the colonies by sea without their departure being noted.

<sup>2</sup> In consequence of the emigration returns being defective, as stated in the last footnote, the figures in these columns are too high, except where the minus sign (-) appears, indicating that the emigrants exceeded the immigrants by the number against which it is placed, when the figures are too low.

<sup>3</sup> Net figures. According to Imperial returns, the number of persons who left the United Kingdom for the Australasian colonies in 1892 was 16,183, and the number who returned to the United Kingdom from these colonies was 10,793. The excess in favour of departures was thus 5,390, or little more than one-third of the excess of immigrants over emigrants shown in the table.

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1892.

Name of Colony.	Public Revenue derived from—					Total Revenue.
	Taxation. <sup>1</sup>	Crown Lands.	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Other Sources.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ..	3,149,310 <sup>2</sup>	519,584	3,098,251	502,806 <sup>2</sup>	459,621	7,729,572
New South Wales	3,449,787	2,214,062	3,390,827 <sup>3</sup>	650,635	795,793	10,501,104 <sup>4</sup>
Queensland ..	1,403,885	692,159	1,049,870	212,048	180,844	3,538,806
South Australia*	782,362	231,933	1,073,020	208,082	243,598	2,538,995
Western Australia	304,760	78,628	94,258	35,572	30,671	543,889
Total ..	9,090,104	3,736,366	8,706,226	1,609,143	1,710,527	24,852,366
Tasmania ..	438,136	63,680	178,410	63,174	44,364	787,764
New Zealand ..	2,392,796 <sup>2</sup>	349,850 <sup>5</sup>	1,154,592	318,758 <sup>2</sup>	173,255	4,389,251
Grand Total	11,921,036	4,149,896	10,039,228	1,991,075	1,928,146	30,029,381

NOTE.—The figures of revenue and expenditure for Victoria are for the twelve months ended 30th June, but those for the other colonies are for the calendar year. Refunds of revenue, drawbacks, and such similar entries are rigidly excluded from the accounts of revenue and expenditure of Victoria and New Zealand, but are included in those of New South Wales and Queensland, also in those of some of the other colonies. See also Note 4.

\* Including the Northern Territory.

<sup>1</sup> The amounts in this column are made up of Customs and Excise duties, including licences imposed for revenue purposes; duties on bank notes; duty stamps; legacy, succession, and probate duties; property and income taxes; and any other impost, payable to the General Government, levied distinctly as a tax; but excluding fees and charges for special services rendered. Over three-fourths of the taxation in Australasia as a whole is levied by means of Customs duties.

<sup>2</sup> The proportion of the revenue of Victoria and New Zealand derived from "Taxation" and "Post and Telegraphs" has been roughly estimated, there being no means of obtaining the exact figures.

<sup>3</sup> Inclusive of tramways, £302,629; but exclusive of revenue collected for Victoria, Queensland, and South Australian steamship companies, etc., £25,669.

<sup>4</sup> Including revenue afterwards returned to the extent of at least £347,432—viz., £85,560, for drawbacks and refunds of duty; £25,669, railway revenue collected for the neighbouring Governments, steamship companies, etc.; £158,254 land revenue; and £77,949, being other revenue returned, etc.; also £10,414, premium on sale of Inscribed Stock transferred to revenue. See also footnote 4 to next table *in re* refunds to pastoral lessees.

<sup>5</sup> Inclusive of revenue from gold-fields, £19,953.

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE, 1892—continued.

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Revenue derived from—					Amounts per Head.	
	Taxation.	Crown Lands.	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Other Sources.	Total Revenue.	Taxation.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria .. ..	40·75	6·72	40·08	6·50	5·95	6 13 6	2 14 5
New South Wales ..	32·85	21·08	32·29	6·20	7·58	8 17 10	2 18 5
Queensland .. ..	39·67	19·56	29·67	5·99	5·11	8 10 2	3 7 6
South Australia* ..	30·81	9·14	42·26	8·20	9·59	7 13 4	2 7 3
Western Australia	56·03	14·46	17·33	6·54	5·64	9 14 4	5 8 11
Total .. ..	36·58	15·03	35·03	6·48	6·88	7 18 2	2 17 10
Tasmania .. ..	55·62	8·08	22·65	8·02	5·63	5 3 1	2 17 4
New Zealand .. ..	54·51	7·97	26·31	7·26	3·95	6 16 8	3 14 6
Grand Total	39·70	13·82	33·43	6·63	6·42	7 12 7	3 0 6

\* Including the Northern Territory.

TABLE V.—PUBLIC EXPENDITURE, 1892.

Name of Colony.	Public Expenditure on—					Total Expenditure. <sup>1</sup>
	Railways (Working Expenses).	Post and Telegraphs.	Interest and Expenses of Public Debt.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria .. ..	2,118,377	756,190	1,726,700	..	3,881,650	8,482,917
New South Wales ..	2,150,220 <sup>2</sup>	759,017	1,979,327 <sup>3</sup>	2,333	5,487,052	10,377,949 <sup>3</sup>
Queensland .. ..	632,182	320,832	1,190,829 <sup>4</sup>	6,551	1,430,590	3,580,984
South Australia* ..	688,079	201,446	813,962	..	1,004,288	2,707,775
Western Australia ..	92,600	49,975	98,211	..	309,830	550,616
Total .. ..	5,681,458	2,087,460	5,809,029	8,884	12,113,410	25,700,241
Tasmania .. ..	161,553	84,471	308,108	..	365,670	919,802
New Zealand .. ..	690,627	283,693	1,601,706 <sup>5</sup>	..	1,468,664	4,044,690
Grand Total .. ..	6,533,638	2,455,624	7,718,843	8,884	13,947,744	30,664,733

Name of Colony.	Proportion of Total Expenditure expended on—					Total Expenditure per Head.
	Railways.	Post and Telegraphs.	Interest and Expenses of Public Debt.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.
Victoria .. ..	24·97	8·92	20·35	..	45·76	7 6 7
New South Wales ..	20·72	7·31	19·08	·02	52·87	8 15 9
Queensland .. ..	17·65	8·96	33·26	·18	39·95	8 12 3
South Australia* ..	25·41	7·44	30·06	..	37·09	8 3 6
Western Australia ..	16·82	9·07	17·84	..	56·27	9 16 9
Total .. ..	22·11	8·12	22·60	·04	47·13	8 3 7
Tasmania .. ..	17·56	9·18	33·50	..	39·76	6 0 4
New Zealand .. ..	17·08	7·01	39·60	..	36·31	6 5 11
Grand Total .. ..	21·31	8·01	25·17	·03	45·48	7 15 9

NOTE.—For periods to which the figures relate in each colony, also for remarks in reference to the practice of swelling the returns of some of the colonies by including refunds of revenue, etc., on both sides of the account, see note to last table. \* Including the Northern Territory.

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of amounts paid towards Redemption of Treasury Bills, viz., £150,000 in New South Wales and £50,000 in South Australia.

<sup>2</sup> Inclusive of Tramways, about £234,000; also £75,000, being second instalment towards redemption of loan of £1,000,000 for "Reconstruction and improvement of rolling-stock and permanent way."

<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of £288,750 for interest paid in London not brought to account but rightly chargeable to the year. Refunds to pastoral lessees of £108,208 received in 1892 or previous years is included in the total. See also footnote (4) to last table.

<sup>4</sup> Interest only.

<sup>5</sup> Exclusive of charges for the Sinking Fund (viz., £280,300), formerly charged to revenue, but now met by debentures raised for the purpose.

TABLE VI.—EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS, 1892.

Name of Colony.	Expenditure from Loans on—						Total Expenditure from Loans.
	Railways.	Water Supply.	Roads and Bridges.	Harbours, Rivers, Light-houses, etc.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria .. ..	613,157	438,497	..	65	..	..	1,051,719
New South Wales ..	1,834,927 <sup>1</sup>	553,044 <sup>3</sup>	90,027	185,340	..	2,150,442	4,813,780 <sup>2</sup>
Queensland .. ..	433,117	11,923	..	39,893	28,986	148,362 <sup>4</sup>	662,281
South Australia* ..	294,742	137,585 <sup>3</sup>	29,553	34,019	..	80,814	576,713
Western Australia ..	231,413	..	17,056	55,847	..	38,316	342,632
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>3,407,356</b>	<b>1,141,049</b>	<b>136,636</b>	<b>315,164</b>	<b>28,986</b>	<b>2,417,934</b>	<b>7,447,125</b>
Tasmania .. ..	130,760	..	164,876 <sup>5</sup>	.. <sup>5</sup>	..	57,430	353,066
New Zealand .. ..	179,273	2,742	102,090	8,896 <sup>6</sup>	194	195,586 <sup>7</sup>	488,781
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	<b>3,717,389</b>	<b>1,143,791</b>	<b>403,602</b>	<b>324,060</b>	<b>29,180</b>	<b>2,670,950</b>	<b>8,288,972</b>

Name of Colony.	Proportion Expended from Loans on—						Expenditure from Loans per Head.
	Railways.	Water Supply.	Roads and Bridges.	Harbours, Rivers, Light-houses, etc.	Immigration.	Other Services.	
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	£ s. d.
Victoria .. ..	58·30	41·69	..	·01	..	..	0 18 2
New South Wales ..	38·12	11·49	1·87	3·85	..	44·67	4 1 6
Queensland .. ..	65·40	1·80	..	6·02	4·38	22·40	1 11 10
South Australia* ..	51·11	23·86	5·12	5·90	..	14·01	1 14 10
Western Australia ..	67·54	..	4·98	16·30	..	11·18	6 2 5
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>45·76</b>	<b>15·32</b>	<b>1·83</b>	<b>4·23</b>	<b>·39</b>	<b>32·47</b>	<b>2 7 5</b>
Tasmania .. ..	37·04	..	46·70	..	..	16·26	2 6 2
New Zealand .. ..	36·68	·56	20·88	1·82	·04	40·02	0 15 3
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	<b>44·85</b>	<b>13·80</b>	<b>4·87</b>	<b>3·91</b>	<b>·35</b>	<b>32·22</b>	<b>2 2 2</b>

NOTE.—The figures for Victoria and South Australia relate to the year ended 30th June, and those for the other colonies to that ended 31st December. \* Including the Northern Territory.

<sup>1</sup> Inclusive of Tramways, £36,246.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of £1,799,100, loans paid off.

<sup>3</sup> Including expenditure on Sewerage—£281,462 in New South Wales.

<sup>4</sup> Including £3,580 for Telegraphs; £23,617 for Defences; £67,002 for Local Public Works; £54,147 for Public Buildings, etc.

<sup>5</sup> In Tasmania, the expenditure on Harbours, etc., is included with that on Roads and Bridges.

<sup>6</sup> Including expenditure on Defences.

<sup>7</sup> Including £80,345, rent to Local Bodies, repayable by annual instalments.

TABLE VII.—PUBLIC DEBT, 1892.

(On the 31st December.)

Name of Colony.	Public Debt contracted for—							
	Railways and Tramways	Electric Telegraphs.	Water Supply and Sewerage.	Roads and Bridges.	Harbours, Rivers, Light-houses, Docks, etc.	School Buildings	Defence Works.	Other Public Works.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria .. ..	36,672,449	..	7,395,150	108,042	626,019	1,105,557	100,000	766,908
New South Wales <sup>1</sup> ..	37,261,215	797,958	6,094,308	788,008	3,272,506	612,280	1,091,955	1,421,620
Queensland .. ..	17,872,458	828,346	2,172,099	870,091	1,977,625	.. <sup>3</sup>	212,127	973,148
South Australia* ..	11,719,038	848,081	3,278,200	1,289,084	1,160,627	477,800	250,645	223,925
Wst'rn Australia <sup>1</sup> ..	1,359,651	254,881	29,310	79,345	218,212	..	..	200,906
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>104,884,811</b>	<b>2,729,266</b>	<b>18,523,067</b>	<b>3,134,570</b>	<b>7,254,989</b>	<b>2,195,637</b>	<b>1,654,727</b>	<b>3,586,507</b>
Tasmania .. ..	3,769,643	116,648	..	.. <sup>4</sup>	2,067,980	134,128	128,389	693,207
New Zealand <sup>5</sup> .. ..	14,478,723	663,666	581,769	3,708,817	900,370	..	429,719 <sup>6</sup>	2,214,434
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>123,133,177</b>	<b>3,509,580</b>	<b>19,104,836</b>	<b>6,843,387</b>	<b>10,223,339</b>	<b>2,329,765</b>	<b>2,212,835</b>	<b>6,494,148</b>

NOTE.—For footnotes to this table see page 478.

TABLE VII.—PUBLIC DEBT, 1892—*continued.*

(On the 31st December.)

Name of Colony.	Public Debt contracted for—			Total Public Debt.			Proportion of Total Debt contracted for Railways and Telegraphs.
	Immigration.	Other Services. <sup>7</sup>	Unapportioned. <sup>8</sup>	Amount. <sup>9</sup>	Average per Head.	Multiple of Revenue.	
	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.		per cent.
Victoria .. ..	..	..	..	46,774,125	40 1 4	6·05	78·40
New South Wales <sup>1</sup>	567,552	49,647	..	51,957,049	43 8 1	4·95	73·25
Queensland ..	2,763,768	397,337	1,836,135	29,457,134	69 18 5	8·32	63·48
South Australia*	..	1,051,000	932,300	21,230,700	63 1 1	8·36	59·19
Western Australia <sup>1</sup>	..	32,839	86,720	2,261,864	38 11 0	4·16	71·38
Total ..	3,331,320	1,530,823	2,855,155	151,680,872	47 13 8	6·10	70·95
Tasmania .. ..	235,714	10,361	..	7,156,070	46 14 7	9·08	54·31
New Zealand <sup>5</sup> ..	2,146,209	1,585,618	12,548,515	39,257,840	60 7 2	8·94	38·57
Grand Total	5,713,243	3,126,802	15,403,670	198,094,782	49 14 3	6·60	63·93

NOTE.—The amounts set down are exclusive of temporary Treasury Bills in aid of revenue—£2,052,884 in New South Wales, £849,225 in South Australia, and £242,930 in Tasmania. The figures for New Zealand relate to the 31st March, 1893.

\* Including the Northern Territory.

<sup>1</sup> The figures for New South Wales were based on the gross expenditure from the Loan Account to end of year (£52,174,720), the loans paid off being deducted, and the charges of floating loans (£2,450,793) being added proportionately. In like manner the cost of floating loans in Western Australia has been proportionately added to the expenditure under each head.

<sup>2</sup> Including £1,447,564, loans to local bodies, chiefly for Waterworks, but also for Roads and Bridges.

<sup>3</sup> Included with other public works.

<sup>4</sup> The amount for Roads and Bridges is included with that for Harbours, etc.

<sup>5</sup> The figures set down as showing the objects for which the Public Debt of New Zealand was contracted represent the net expenditure out of the "Public Works Fund" since 1870—the date of the first Immigration and Public Works Loan—which is the only existing record of the loan expenditure; it is, however, stated that, besides loan moneys, receipts in aid from Stamp Duties, etc., contributed somewhat towards the total sum so expended. The balance required to make up the total debt at the end of March, 1893, has been entered as "Unapportioned."

<sup>6</sup> In New Zealand, a portion of the expenditure on "Defences" is included under the head of "Harbours," etc., and a portion is under the head of "Unapportioned."

<sup>7</sup> In New South Wales, the amount under this head was expended on public works on behalf of Queensland when it formed part of New South Wales; in South Australia, on general public works for the Northern Territory, £591,000, and payments to lessees for improvements of pastoral leases, £450,000; in New Zealand, on land purchases (presumably from the Maoris), £1,295,625, and rates on native lands, £60,658, etc. From the amount returned for Tasmania, debentures redeemed, etc., have been deducted, since the purposes are not specified for which the original loans thereby paid off were raised; and as the deduction is greater than the original figures, there results a minus (-) quantity.

<sup>8</sup> Consisting of deficiencies in floating loans (the whole in New South Wales), and unexpended balances. In Victoria and Queensland—but only periodically in the latter case—deficiencies in floating loans are distributed over the heads for which the loans were raised.

<sup>9</sup> As a set-off against the public debt, New Zealand possessed an accrued sinking fund amounting, on the 31st March, 1893, to £1,113,770; the net liability of that colony was, therefore, £38,144,070, or £58 12s. 11d. per head of population, nearly equal to nine times the revenue. The Sinking Funds possessed by the other colonies are comparatively small, consisting of the following amounts:—Victoria, £156,100; Western Australia, £114,294; Tasmania, £115,515.



TABLE VIII.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1892.

Colony.	Total Value of—		Value per Head of—		Exports of Home Produce.	
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Value per Head.	Percentage of Total Exports.
	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Victoria .. ..	17,174,545	14,214,546	14 15 5	12 4 6	9 16 3	80·28
New South Wales	20,776,526	21,972,247	17 11 10	18 12 1	14 19 10	80·59
Queensland ..	4,382,657	9,170,408	10 10 10	22 1 1	21 13 5	98·26
S. Australia Proper	7,395,178	7,819,539	22 13 5	23 19 5	9 18 2	41·34
„ Northern Ter.	122,269	179,174	24 7 11	35 15 0	33 10 11	93·84
Western Australia	1,391,109	882,148	24 17 0	15 15 2	15 11 1	98·71
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>51,242,284</b>	<b>54,238,062</b>	<b>16 5 8</b>	<b>17 4 9</b>	<b>13 9 6</b>	<b>78·17</b>
Tasmania ..	1,497,161	1,346,965	9 15 11	8 16 3	8 14 0	98·75
New Zealand ..	6,943,056	9,534,851	10 16 3	14 17 0	14 11 8	98·23
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>59,682,501</b>	<b>65,119,878</b>	<b>15 2 10</b>	<b>16 10 5</b>	<b>13 9 5</b>	<b>81·54</b>

Colony.	Proportion of Total Imports from—			Proportion of Total Exports to—		
	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.	The United Kingdom.	The Australasian Colonies.	Other Countries.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.
Victoria .. ..	39·93	41·32	18·75	53·47	28·07	18·46
New South Wales ..	42·76	44·29	12·95	34·84	40·58	24·58
Queensland .. ..	46·76	45·83	7·41	44·67	54·26	1·07
South Australia Proper ..	32·08	54·80	13·12	40·51	46·17	13·32
„ Northern Territory ..	2·33	65·19	32·48	3·83	80·79	15·38
Western Australia ..	42·59	48·87	8·54	44·86	35·63	19·51
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>40·50</b>	<b>45·12</b>	<b>14·38</b>	<b>42·26</b>	<b>40·48</b>	<b>17·26</b>
Tasmania .. ..	36·18	62·48	1·34	23·45	76·55	·00
New Zealand ... ..	68·67	16·02	15·31	78·49	14·34	7·17
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	<b>43·67</b>	<b>42·17</b>	<b>14·16</b>	<b>47·18</b>	<b>37·40</b>	<b>15·42</b>

NOTE.—There is reason to believe that both imports and exports are over-valued in most of the colonies. See Report to *Australasian Statistics*, 1884.

TABLE IX.—SHIPPING, 1892.

Colony	Inwards.		Outwards.		Total.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria .. ..	2,255	2,224,652	2,266	2,231,602	4,521	4,456,254
New South Wales ..	2,960	2,804,549	3,067	2,842,635	6,027	5,647,184
Queensland .. ..	566	490,869	532	481,559	1,098	972,428
South Australia Proper ..	1,006	1,202,268	995	1,180,995	2,001	2,383,263
„ Northern Territory ..	85	81,123	84	80,690	169	161,813
Western Australia ..	356	572,090	320	552,475	676	1,124,565
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>7,228</b>	<b>7,375,551</b>	<b>7,264</b>	<b>7,369,956</b>	<b>14,492</b>	<b>14,745,507</b>
Tasmania .. ..	816	566,538	829	570,602	1,645	1,137,140
New Zealand .. ..	686	675,223	689	656,100	1,375	1,331,323
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	<b>8,730</b>	<b>8,617,312</b>	<b>8,782</b>	<b>8,596,658</b>	<b>17,512</b>	<b>17,213,970</b>

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1891-2.

Colony.	Miles Open.*			In Course of Construction.	Capital Cost <sup>1</sup> of Lines Open for Traffic.	
	At End of Year.		Average.		Amount.	Average per Mile Open.
	Total.	Per 1,000 Inhabitants.				
Victoria .. .. .	2,903	2·49	2,829	miles. 54	£ 37,048,300	£ 12,762
New South Wales .. .. .	2,185	1·83	2,182	333	33,312,608	15,246
Queensland .. .. .	2,320	5·58	2,298	53	16,046,851	6,917
South Australia Proper .. .. .	487	5·00	1,663	58	11,714,434	7,057
Northern Territory .. .. .	1,173					
Western Australia .. .. .	146	29·31	146	..	1,154,034	7,904
Western Australia .. .. .	198	3·37	198	114 <sup>6</sup>	914,823	4,620
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>9,412</b>	<b>2·96</b>	<b>9,316</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>100,191,050</b>	<b>10,645</b>
Tasmania .. .. .	420	2·74	417	..	3,499,920	3,333
New Zealand .. .. .	1,886	2·90	1,877	188	14,733,120	7,812
<b>Grand Total .. .. .</b>	<b>11,718</b>	<b>2·94</b>	<b>11,610</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>118,424,090</b>	<b>10,106</b>

Colony.	Revenue Account.						
	Gross Receipts.		Working Expenses. <sup>2</sup>			Net Receipts.	
	Amount.	Per Train Mile.	Amount.	Percentage of Receipts.	Per Train Mile.	Amount.	Percentage of Capital Cost
Victoria .. .. .	£ 3,095,122	d. 62·91	£ 2,138,139	69·08	d. 43·46	£ 956,983	2·64
New South Wales .. .. .	3,107,296	89·25	1,914,252	61·60	54·98	1,193,044	3·67
Queensland .. .. .	1,052,536 <sup>4</sup>	63·69	639,502	60·76	38·70	413,034	2·65
South Australia Proper .. .. .	1,213,290 <sup>5</sup>	69·69	652,941	53·82	37·50	560,349	4·85
Northern Territory .. .. .	15,221	117·45	11,665	76·64	90·02	3,556	·31
Western Australia .. .. .	94,201	55·58	90,654	96·23	53·48	3,547	·39
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>8,577,666</b>	<b>71·61</b>	<b>5,447,153</b>	<b>63·50</b>	<b>45·48</b>	<b>3,130,513</b>	<b>3·19</b>
Tasmania .. .. .	176,926	46·73	161,586	91·33	42·68	15,340	·46
New Zealand .. .. .	1,181,521 <sup>7</sup>	94·45	732,141	61·97	58·53	449,380 <sup>7</sup>	3·06
<b>Grand Total .. .. .</b>	<b>9,936,113</b>	<b>73·02</b>	<b>6,340,880</b>	<b>63·82</b>	<b>46·60</b>	<b>3,595,233</b>	<b>3·10</b>

Colony.	Traffic.					
	Train Mileage.		Passenger Journeys.		Goods and Live Stock.	
	Total.	Per Head.	Number. <sup>s</sup>	Average per Mile Open.	Tons Carried.	Average Tonnage per Mile Open.
Victoria .. .. .	11,807,677	10·16	55,218,860	19,519	3,654,967	1,292
New South Wales .. .. .	8,356,096	7·07	19,918,916	9,129	4,151,483	1,903
Queensland .. .. .	3,966,120	9·54	3,671,809	1,598	768,527 <sup>9</sup>	334
South Australia Proper .. .. .	4,178,286	12·81	5,744,487	3,454	1,104,122	664
Northern Territory .. .. .	31,099	6·20	4,541	31	2,633	18
Western Australia .. .. .	406,750	7·27	456,631	2,306	135,890	686
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>28,746,028</b>	<b>9·13</b>	<b>85,015,244</b>	<b>9,126</b>	<b>9,817,622</b>	<b>1,054</b>
Tasmania .. .. .	908,501	5·94	704,531	1,690	178,224	427
New Zealand .. .. .	3,002,174	4·67	5,769,203	3,074	2,258,235	1,203
<b>Grand Total .. .. .</b>	<b>32,656,703</b>	<b>8·28</b>	<b>91,488,978</b>	<b>7,880</b>	<b>12,254,081</b>	<b>1,055</b>

NOTE.—For footnotes to this table see next page.

TABLE X.—GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1891-2—continued.

NOTE.—The figures for all the colonies, except Western Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand relate to the year ended 30th June, 1892; those for the two former being for the calendar year 1892, and those for the last for the year ended 31st March, 1893.

\* The gauges in use are as follow:—5ft. 3in. in Victoria; 4ft. 8½in. in New South Wales; 5ft. 3in., but chiefly 3ft. 6in., in South Australia; and 3ft. 6in. in the other colonies.

<sup>1</sup> The amounts included in these columns generally represent the actual expenditure on construction, irrespective of the cost of floating loans, and without regard to the deficiencies below or premiums received above the nominal amount of loans for railway purposes as contracted by the different colonies. The figures for South Australia, however, include all discounts and expenses incurred in floating loans. In regard to the relative cost of constructing the lines in the different colonies, it should be borne in mind that a much larger proportion of double lines exist in Victoria than in any other colony.

<sup>2</sup> Including compensation, paid as follows:—Victoria, £10,167; New South Wales, £7,803; etc.

<sup>3</sup> The calculations in this column are based on the average capital cost for the year.

<sup>4</sup> Including £27,438 credited for non-paying traffic.

<sup>5</sup> Of this amount, over £500,000 was derived from the Broken Hill line.

<sup>6</sup> Exclusive of 84 miles under survey.

<sup>7</sup> Exclusive of Postal services, valued at about £26,000.

<sup>8</sup> The number of passenger journeys have been carefully computed for all the colonies (except Western Australia) on the following uniform basis:—There has been allowed 720 journeys for each yearly, 360 for each half-yearly, 180 for each quarterly, 60 for each monthly, 2 for each return, and 1 for each single ticket issued to adults and youths; and one-half of those numbers respectively for tickets issued to boys and girls. No allowance has been made for free passes issued, nor have 571,300 free journeys made by school children in New Zealand been included; whilst the figures for South Australia are also exclusive of journeys on yearly and half-yearly *contract* tickets available for all lines. The numbers given differ in many cases from those returned by the various colonies, which are not compiled in a uniform manner. From the Victorian Railway figures 14,328,061, added for journeys on single tickets over more than one system, have been deducted. In comparing the traffic in Victoria and New South Wales the large metropolitan tramway and steamboat traffic in those colonies must also be taken into account.

<sup>9</sup> Exclusive of live stock.

PRIVATE RAILWAYS.—In addition to Government lines, there were also private lines, as follow, in the colonies named:—New South Wales, 84½ miles; South Australia, 18; Western Australia, 453; Tasmania, 55; New Zealand, 150 miles.

TRAMWAYS.—These are not included in the foregoing table. On the 30th June, 1893, there were 47¼ miles of street tramways (chiefly cable), in the metropolis of Victoria, constructed by a municipal trust at a cost (to 30th April, 1892) of £1,673,584, but leased to a company, which works the lines, the receipts from which in 1892-3 amounted to £407,929, and the passengers carried numbered 36,404,556; in New South Wales, 49 miles of street tramways (chiefly steam), constructed by the Government at a cost of £1,118,471, the gross receipts for the year being £295,367, the working expenses £233,808, and the estimated number of passengers carried (allowing 2½d. for each) 25,237,500; in Queensland, 24½ miles, including 15½ of street lines, the gross receipts of which in 1891-2, were £31,189, and the number of passengers carried 2,564,304; and in Western Australia, 8 miles of Government lines. There are other lines in the colonies named, but of less importance.

ADDENDUM.—GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1892-3.

Colony.	Length Open.	Capital Cost.	Gross Receipts.	Working Expenses	Net Receipts.	Percentage of Net Revenue to Mean Capital Cost
	Miles.	£	£	£	£	
Victoria .. .. .	2,975	37,451,487	2,925,948	1,850,291	1,075,657	2·89
New South Wales .. .. .	2,351	34,657,571	2,927,056	1,738,516	1,188,540	3·50
Queensland .. .. .	2,373	16,230,490	1,022,677	638,889	383,788	2·38
S. Australia (Proper) .. .. .	1,664	11,936,256	1,007,059	640,122	366,937	3·10
„ (Northern Territory)	146	1,155,588	15,668	11,704	3,964	0·34



TABLE XI.—POSTAL RETURNS, 1892.

Name of Colony.	Number of Post Offices.	Number passing through the Post Office (counted once).				Post and Telegraph.	
		Letters and Post Cards.		Newspapers. <sup>1</sup>		Revenue. <sup>2</sup>	Expenditure. <sup>3</sup>
		Total.	Per Head of Population.	Total.	Per Head of Population.		
Victoria .. ..	1,766	*62,526,448	*55·90	*22,729,005	*20·32	£ 521,262	£ 650,520 <sup>4</sup>
New South Wales ..	1,423	77,402,760	65·53	45,520,500	38·54	652,269	771,016 <sup>5</sup>
Queensland .. ..	951	15,779,569	37·95	11,405,904	27·43	218,675	314,812
South Australia ..	638	17,409,769	53·37	8,733,718	26·77	222,189	193,963
Western Australia ..	188	4,998,975	89·30	4,205,329	75·12	35,572	49,975
Total .. ..	4,966	178,117,521	57·50	92,594,456	29·89	1,649,967	1,985,286
Tasmania .. ..	345	6,063,548	39·66	4,692,676	30·69	80,505	93,276
New Zealand .. ..	1,263	28,572,856	44·49	12,027,582	18·73	318,758	278,394
Grand Total .. ..	6,574	212,753,925	54·65	109,314,714	28·08	2,049,230	2,356,956

NOTE.—The numbers given for letters and newspapers represent those posted in the colony (counted once), added to those received from abroad. Owing to the difficulties of distinguishing telegraphic from postal revenue and expenditure, they are shown in a combined form.

\* Figures for 1890, those for a later year not having been compiled.

<sup>1</sup> Newspapers posted in New South Wales (within seven days of publication) travel free to Tasmania, Western Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji, and in both New South Wales and Western Australia they travel free to places within the colony itself. In the other colonies a small postage fee is charged on newspapers to all places.

<sup>2</sup> Including commission on money orders. The revenue for New South Wales includes £26,405 for postage on letters, and £15,221 for telegrams O.H.M.S.; but the values of Government and other correspondence, not charged for in the case of most of the other colonies, were as follow:—Victoria, about £70,000 for letters, and £5,950 for telegrams; Queensland, £34,531 for telegrams; New Zealand, £62,996 for letters, etc., and £24,863 for telegrams. In other cases the information was not available.

<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of interest on Savings' Banks Deposits.

<sup>4</sup> The expenditure includes cost of printing books, forms, and stamps by the Government Printer; but is exclusive of expenditure on buildings and on construction and maintenance of telegraph lines, which moreover is, it is believed, not taken into account in the case of all the other colonies.

<sup>5</sup> The amount is inclusive of £30,898, expenditure on account of the Post Office by other Government Departments; but is exclusive of interest on cost of construction of telegraphs, £32,077, and on cost of postal buildings owned by Government, £28,844.

TABLE XII.—ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES, 1892.

Name of Colony.	Telegraphs.				Telephones and Private Wires.			
	Miles open at end of the Year. <sup>1</sup>		Telegrams Transmitted.	Net Amount Received.	Number of Public Exchanges.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Subscribers—Exchange and Other.	Amount Received.
	Line.	Wire.						
Victoria ..	7,112	14,038	2,723,096	116,066	11	9,460 <sup>2</sup>	2,414	39,591
New South Wales ..	14,090	26,443	2,578,197	166,347	11	.. <sup>3</sup>	2,354	18,667
Queensland ..	9,996	17,646	994,440	78,422	18	*	705	4,530
South Australia ..	5,493	10,779	853,273 <sup>4</sup>	90,361 <sup>5</sup>	6	2,132	1,070	.. <sup>5</sup>
Western Australia ..	3,288	4,013	252,110	13,787	2	642	197	1,210
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>39,979</b>	<b>72,919</b>	<b>7,401,116</b>	<b>464,983</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>12,234*</b>	<b>6,740</b>	<b>*63,998</b>
Tasmania ..	2,222	3,749	329,334	25,769	3	556	711	3,599
New Zealand ..	5,479	13,459	1,904,143 <sup>6</sup>	85,601 <sup>6</sup>	22	3,160	3,811	19,155
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>47,680</b>	<b>90,127</b>	<b>9,634,593</b>	<b>576,353</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>15,950*</b>	<b>11,262</b>	<b>*86,752</b>

NOTE.—The extent open embraces, besides cables worked by companies, not only lines under the control of the Postal Department, but also those managed by the Railway authorities, which are often largely availed of by the public.

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

<sup>1</sup> Including miles of Railway Telegraphs, as follow:—Victoria—line 3,040, wire 4,897; New South Wales, line 2,351 (the wires belong to Postal Department); Queensland, length not stated; South Australia—line 107, wire 2,012; Western Australia, length not stated; Tasmania—line 386, wire 585; Telephone line and wire are excluded, except in the case of New South Wales. Cables are included, as follow:—Tasmania, 366 miles, worked by a public company; New Zealand, 226 miles.

<sup>2</sup> Including 856 miles, used solely for railway purposes.

<sup>3</sup> Included with telegraph wire.

<sup>4</sup> Including 88,130 international telegrams.

<sup>5</sup> In the case of South Australia the telegraph revenue includes telephone revenue.

<sup>6</sup> Inclusive of Cable.

TABLE XIII.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED AND IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, 1892.

Name of Colony.	Sold by Auction, Private Contract, etc.			Selected under System of Deferred Payments. <sup>1</sup>	Granted without Purchase.	Total Extent Wholly or Conditionally Alienated.
	Area.	Amount of Purchase Money.	Average Price per Acre.			
	acres.	£	£ s. d.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria ..	22,608	64,457	2 17 0	88,723	129	111,460
New South Wales ..	83,610	322,480	3 17 1	927,709	9,235	1,020,554
Queensland ..	731,866	381,750	0 10 5	844,876	395	1,577,137
South Australia ..	7,032	4,433	0 12 7	..	..	7,032
Western Australia ..	14,520	3,283	0 4 6	122,937	311,542	448,999
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>859,636</b>	<b>776,403</b>	<b>0 18 1</b>	<b>1,984,245</b>	<b>321,301</b>	<b>3,165,182</b>
Tasmania ..	306	18,623	60 17 10	31,204	1,968	33,478
New Zealand ..	33,659	34,156	1 0 4	27,785	243,008 <sup>2</sup>	304,452
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	<b>893,601</b>	<b>829,192</b>	<b>0 18 7</b>	<b>2,043,234</b>	<b>566,277</b>	<b>3,503,112</b>

NOTE.—For footnotes to this table see next page

TABLE XIII.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED AND IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, 1892—continued.

Name of Colony.	Up to the end of 1892.—Extent—			At the end of 1892.—Extent—	
	Alienated in Fee Simple. <sup>3</sup>		In Process of Alienation under System of Deferred Payments. <sup>4</sup>	Alienated or in Process of Alienation.	Neither Alienated nor in Process of Alienation.
	Sold.	Granted without purchase.			
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria ..	16,556,085	15,627	5,993,492	22,565,204	33,680,556
New South Wales ..	23,612,686	3,132,329	19,550,939	46,295,954	151,576,046
Queensland ..	10,965,259	68,128	2,470,750 <sup>5</sup>	13,504,137	414,159,223
South Australia ..	7,061,411	728,453	4,261,430 <sup>5</sup>	12,651,294	565,540,706
Western Australia ..	5,505,209	*	123,161*	5,628,370*	618,960,430*
Total ..	63,700,650	*	32,399,772	100,644,959	1,783,916,961
Tasmania ..	*	*	*	4,762,977	12,117,023
New Zealand ..	13,469,370	6,894,839 <sup>6</sup>	471,384	20,835,593	46,025,871 <sup>7</sup>
Grand Total ..	*	*	*	126,243,529	1,842,059,855

\* Where asterisks occur, the information has not been furnished, cannot be completed, or is only roughly approximate.

<sup>1</sup> The purchase money for selected land varies in the different colonies from 10s. to 30s. per acre, payable by annual instalments (generally without interest) extending over a period of 10 or 20 years. For particulars of the terms and conditions under which such land is acquired, see Part "Production," ante.

<sup>2</sup> Of this area 150,288 acres were granted to Natives, or Europeans who had purchased from them, under Native Land Acts.

<sup>3</sup> Including only that of which the purchase has been completed.

<sup>4</sup> Exclusive of the extent estimated to have been forfeited for non-fulfilment of conditions, etc., except in the case of Western Australia.

<sup>5</sup> Including land held under leases with right of purchase on certain conditions, viz., 1,415,862 acres in Queensland, and over 4,234,030 acres in South Australia.

<sup>6</sup> These figures relate partly to lands in respect to which Crown grants have been issued either to the original Maori possessors, or to Europeans or Maoris who have purchased from them, under certain Native Land Acts.

<sup>7</sup> Of this extent, about 14,000,000 acres belong to the Maoris, or to Europeans who have purchased from them; and 1,188,071 acres were held under "Perpetual Lease."

TABLE XIV.—STATE PRIMARY EDUCATION, 1892.

Name of Colony.	At the end of 1892.				Gross Enrolment of Scholars during 1892.		
	Number of State Schools.	Number of Teachers.			Males.	Females.	Total.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
Victoria ..	2,140	1,910	3,067	4,977	129,209	120,577	249,786
New South Wales ..	2,502	2,332	2,304	4,636	124,469	114,895	239,364
Queensland ..	657	709	789	1,498	41,382	37,507	78,889
South Australia ..	579	436	786	1,222	31,041 <sup>1</sup>	28,710 <sup>1</sup>	59,751
Western Australia ..	117 <sup>2</sup>	51	155	206	3,025	2,948	5,973
Total ..	5,995	5,438	7,101	12,539	329,126	304,637	633,763
Tasmania ..	251	208	300	508	11,150	9,509	20,659
New Zealand ..	1,302	1,356	1,984	3,340	83,958 <sup>1</sup>	77,511 <sup>1</sup>	161,469
Grand Total ..	7,548	7,002	9,385	16,387	424,234	391,657	815,891

NOTE.—For footnotes to this table see next page.

TABLE XIV.—STATE PRIMARY EDUCATION, 1892—continued.

Name of Colony.	Scholars in Average Daily Attendance during the Year.			Net Enrolment. (Estimated).	Expenditure on State Education. <sup>3</sup>			Cost of Instruction per head of—		
	Total Number	Number to each Teacher	Percentage of Scholars on the Rolls.		Amount contributed by—		Total.	Mean Population.	Scholars in Average Attendance.	
					State. <sup>4</sup>	Parents, etc., in Fees.				
Victoria ..	141,864	29	56·79	215,020	£ 728,159	£ 2,216 <sup>5</sup>	£ 730,375	£ s. d. 0 12 7	£ s. d. 5 3 0	
New South Wales ..	132,580	29	55·39	210,641	533,191	77,525	610,716	0 10 4	4 12 2	
Queensland ..	45,975	31	58·28	69,510 <sup>1</sup>	187,964	..	187,964	0 9 0	4 1 9	
South Australia ..	35,371	29	59·20	53,457	123,029	593	123,622	0 7 7	3 9 11	
Western Australia ..	4,324	21	72·39	5,450 <sup>1</sup>	11,143	1,632 <sup>6</sup>	12,775	0 4 7	2 19 1 <sup>7</sup>	
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>360,114</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>56·82</b>	<b>554,078</b>	<b>1,583,486</b>	<b>81,966</b>	<b>1,665,452</b>	<b>0 10 7</b>	<b>4 12 6</b>	
Tasmania ..	10,654	21	51·57	14,549	37,313	10,980	48,293	0 6 4	4 10 8	
New Zealand ..	99,070	30	61·36	136,000	376,240	2,687 <sup>8</sup>	378,927	0 11 10	3 16 6	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>469,838</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>57·59</b>	<b>704,627</b>	<b>1,997,039</b>	<b>95,633</b>	<b>2,092,672</b>	<b>0 10 8</b>	<b>4 9 1</b>	

NOTE.—The State system of education is compulsory and undenominational or secular in all the colonies, and Western Australia is now the only colony which grants assistance to denominational schools. Public instruction is free in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia (from 1st January, 1892), and New Zealand; but fees are charged in the other colonies, although they are partially or entirely remitted in cases where the parents are unable to pay them. The prescribed school age differs in the various colonies—in Victoria it is from 6 to 13 years; in New South Wales and Western Australia, from 6 to 14; in Queensland, from 6 to 12; in South Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, from 7 to 13. For further particulars relating to the educational systems of the various colonies, see Part "Social Condition," ante.

<sup>1</sup> Estimated.

<sup>2</sup> Including 21 assisted schools.

<sup>3</sup> The figures under this head represent the cost of State (Primary) Education, including expenditure on head office, staff, and inspection, but exclusive only of expenditure on buildings (either for repairs or erection) and rent. In the case of New Zealand, however, rent is included, as the amount could not be separated.

<sup>4</sup> Portions of the amounts in this column are derived from Education Reserves, etc., viz., £8,152 in South Australia, and £37,374 in New Zealand.

<sup>5</sup> For extra subjects.

<sup>6</sup> Exclusive of amounts received by assisted schools, which were not returned.

<sup>7</sup> In Government schools only. The average amount also paid by the State to assisted schools was £1 14s. 10d.

<sup>8</sup> In the figures for New Zealand, amounts received by Boards from local sources, and sums raised locally by School Committees, are also included.

TABLE XV.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1892-3.—LAND IN CULTIVATION.

\* \* The Agricultural Statistics in most of the colonies are collected in the months of February and March in each year. The present returns are for those months of 1893. In calculating the rates of tillage per head, the population on the 31st December, 1892, has been taken.

Name of Colony.	Number of Acres under Tillage.	
	Total.	Per Head of Population.
Victoria ..	2,970,115	2·54
New South Wales ..	1,372,007	1·14
Queensland ..	260,828	·62
South Australia ..	2,625,741	7·92
Western Australia ..	161,466	2·75
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>7,390,157</b>	<b>2·32</b>
Tasmania ..	535,433	3·50
New Zealand ..	1,543,359	2·37
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	<b>9,468,949</b>	<b>2·38</b>

TABLE XV.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1892-3.—LAND IN CULTIVATION—continued.

Name of Colony.	Number of Acres under—									
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other <sup>1</sup> Cereals.	Pota- toes.	Hay.	Vines.	Green Forage. <sup>2</sup>	Other Tillage. <sup>3</sup>
Victoria ..	1,342,504	177,645	37,533	6,667	32,971	40,594	512,648	28,052	249,719	541,782
New South Wales ..	452,921	20,890	4,618	167,549	2,258	18,502	214,468	8,264	405,704	76,833
Queensland ..	31,742	591	385	92,172	1,473	8,493	25,665	1,908	14,690	83,709
South Australia ..	1,520,580	15,745	13,285	..	4,705	6,014	434,116	15,418	27,999	587,879
West. Australia ..	35,061	1,694	3,666	33	454	529	35,124	1,218	214	83,473
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>3,382,808</b>	<b>216,565</b>	<b>59,487</b>	<b>266,421</b>	<b>41,861</b>	<b>74,132</b>	<b>1,222,021</b>	<b>54,860</b>	<b>698,326</b>	<b>1,373,676</b>
Tasmania ..	58,897	22,976	3,929	..	10,898	16,535	46,070	..	228,786	147,342
New Zealand ..	381,245	326,531	24,906	4,491	15,918	18,338	61,811	..	513,636 <sup>4</sup>	196,483
<b>Grand Total..</b>	<b>3,822,950</b>	<b>566,072</b>	<b>88,322</b>	<b>270,912</b>	<b>68,677</b>	<b>109,005</b>	<b>1,329,902</b>	<b>54,860</b>	<b>1,440,748</b>	<b>1,717,501</b>

NOTE.—Land in fallow is included in the total area under tillage in all the colonies, except New South Wales; but land under permanent artificial grasses is not included in Queensland, Western Australia, and New Zealand. See also Notes 2, 3, and 4.

<sup>1</sup> Including beans and pease, except in the case of Queensland; also rice and rye in Queensland.

<sup>2</sup> In addition to crops sown for the purpose of being cut green for cattle, this column contains the following areas laid down in permanent artificial grass in the colonies named:—Victoria, 233,114 acres; New South Wales, 361,280 acres; South Australia, 20,210 acres; Western Australia, only small area; Tasmania, 217,905 acres. In Queensland, where it is not so included, the area returned is 28,919 acres. For extent of such land in New Zealand, see Note 4.

<sup>3</sup> This column embraces land in fallow as well as land under crop. The following are the areas in fallow included in the returns of such colonies:—Victoria, 493,744 acres; New South Wales, not returned; Queensland, 13,097 acres; South Australia, 567,878 acres; Western Australia, 81,862 acres; Tasmania, 52,551 acres; New Zealand, 154,254 acres. Total, 1,363,386 acres. The following is a statement of the acreage under various crops included in the same column, also of the produce so far as it has been given:—

*Miscellaneous Crops.*

Victoria—	Acres.	Produce.	Queensland (continued)—	Acres.	Produce.
Turnips, carrots, parsnips, and beet ..	764	8,729 tons	Pineapples .. ..	1,035	663,803 doz.
Mangel-wurzel ..	1,138	18,727 „	Tobacco .. ..	318	3,808 cwt.
Onions .. ..	1,973	11,793 „	Cotton .. ..	717	212,370 lbs.
Tobacco .. ..	477	658 cwt.	Sweet Potatoes ..	2,964	16,168 tons
Chicory .. ..	43	223 tons	Gardens and orchards	3,359	—
Hops .. ..	806	7,573 cwt.	South Australia—		
Grass seeds .. ..	2,264	30,430 bush.	Almond trees, No.	111,607	—
Gardens and orchards (including market gardens) ..	39,926	—	Orange „ „	73,365	—
N.S. Wales—Tobacco	848	8,344 cwt.	Olive „ „	48,252	—
Sugar cane .. ..	26,751	—	Raisins .. ..	—	711 cwt.
Of which productive	11,560	264,832 tons of cane.	Gardens and orchards	15,771	—
Oranges .. ..	11,158	—	Honey, No. hives	22,142	—
Of which productive	8,661	10,383,990 doz.	Tasmania—Turnips ..	3,154	23,285 tons
Other fruit orchards	26,280	—	Mangel-wurzel ..	1,156	14,271 „
Of which productive	18,117	—	Gardens and orchards	10,881	—
Market and kitchen gardens .. ..	5,311	—	Fenced and cleared land, not strictly under tillage, devoted to pastoral purposes .. ..	112,581	—
Turnips .. ..	222	1,080 tons	New Zealand—		
Pumpkins and melons	2,827	10,034 „	Mangolds, beet, carrots, parsnips, etc. ..	6,881	—
Chicory .. ..	360	973 „	Hops .. ..	706	7,059 cwt.
Queensland—Sugar cane	55,520	—	Tobacco .. ..	4	2,212 lbs. dried leaf.
Of which crushed	40,572	61,368 tons of sugar.	Gardens and orchards	29,848	—
Arrowroot .. ..	222	576,738 lbs.	Other crops .. ..	4,790	—
Oranges .. ..	1,724	1,689,466 doz.			
Bananas .. ..	3,059	14,277,663 „			

<sup>4</sup> In the figures for New Zealand, the land under permanent artificial grass, amounting to 8,200,234 acres—of which about one-half had been, and the other half had not been, previously ploughed—is not entered as green forage, nor is it included in the total area under tillage, as in the majority of the other colonies. Were the whole so placed, it would bring the land under tillage up to 9,743,593 acres, or to 14.98 acres per head of the population. The green forage entered above consists of 132,140 acres of green oats, 379,447 acres of turnips, and 2,049 acres of green maize.



TABLE XVI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1892-3.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

Name of Colony.	Bushels raised of—					Tons raised of—	
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. <sup>1</sup>	Pota-toes.	Hay.
Victoria .. ..	14,814,645	4,574,816	774,207	373,183	989,503	142,623	740,049
New South Wales .. ..	6,817,457	466,603	91,701	5,037,256	39,977	52,105	302,134
Queensland .. ..	462,583	12,965	6,969	2,333,553	41,381	20,498	53,933
South Australia .. ..	9,240,108	166,489	175,468	..	69,922	20,057	389,277
Western Australia .. ..	429,497	29,645	56,823	775	9,080 <sup>2</sup>	1,586	43,904
Total .. ..	31,764,290	5,250,518	1,105,168	7,744,767	1,149,863	236,869	1,529,297
Tasmania .. ..	1,018,553	631,746	80,205	..	196,653	60,245	53,544
New Zealand .. ..	8,378,217	9,873,989	654,231	171,661	382,517	104,173	93,293
Grand Total .. ..	41,161,060	15,756,253	1,839,604	7,916,428	1,729,033	401,287	1,676,134

Name of Colony.	Gallons of Wine made.	Bushels per Acre of—					Tons per Acre of	
		Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.	Pota-toes.	Hay.
Victoria .. ..	1,694,745	11·04	25·75	20·63	55·97	30·01	3·51	1·44
New South Wales .. ..	931,542	15·05	22·34	19·86	30·06	17·70	2·82	1·41
Queensland .. ..	193,337	14·57	21·94	18·10	25·32	28·09	2·41	2·10
South Australia .. ..	594,033	6·08	10·57	13·21	..	14·86	3·33	·90
Western Australia .. ..	160,776	12·25	17·50	15·50	23·48	20·00 <sup>2</sup>	3·00	1·25
Total .. ..	3,574,438	9·39	24·24	18·58	29·07	27·47	3·20	1·25
Tasmania .. ..	..	17·29	27·50	20·41	..	18·04	3·64	1·16
New Zealand .. ..	..	21·98	30·24	26·27	38·22	24·03	5·68	1·51
Grand Total .. ..	3,574,438	10·77	27·83	20·83	29·22	25·18	3·68	1·26

<sup>1</sup> Including beans and pease, except in the case of Queensland; also rice 33,380, and rye 8,001, in the case of Queensland.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated.

TABLE XVII.—LIVE STOCK, 1892-3.

\*\*\* The Live Stock Statistics are collected in October in Western Australia, and in most of the other colonies simultaneously with the Agricultural Statistics, in the months of February and March.

Name of Colony.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.
Victoria .. ..	439,596	1,824,704	12,965,306	290,339
New South Wales .. ..	481,416	2,147,074	58,080,114	249,522
Queensland .. ..	422,769	6,591,416	21,708,310	116,930
South Australia Proper .. ..	186,726	411,793	7,152,047	61,180
"    "    Northern Territory .. ..	14,319	277,856	99,302	1,849
Western Australia .. ..	44,973	162,886	1,685,500	24,417
Total .. ..	1,589,799	11,415,729	101,690,579	744,237
Tasmania .. ..	31,976	170,085	1,623,338	59,267
New Zealand <sup>1</sup> .. ..	211,040	851,351	18,570,752	308,812
Grand Total .. ..	1,832,815	12,437,165	121,884,669	1,112,316

<sup>1</sup> The figures for New Zealand are those returned at the Census of April, 1891; those for cattle relate to March, and those for sheep to April, 1893.

TABLE XVII.—LIVE STOCK, 1892-3—continued.

Name of Colony.	Horses.		Cattle.		Sheep.		Pigs.	
	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.
Victoria .. .. .	5·00	38	20·76	156	148	1,111	3·30	25
New South Wales .. .. .	1·56	40	6·94	179	188	4,852	·81	21
Queensland .. .. .	·63	100	9·86	1,564	32	5,153	·17	28
South Australia Proper .. .. .	·49	56	1·08	124	19	2,156	·16	19
"    " Northern Territory .. .. .	·03	288	·53	5,578	·19	1,994	·00	37
Western Australia .. .. .	·05	77	·17	277	1·73	2,873	·02	42
Total .. .. .	·54	50	3·88	359	35	3,197	·25	23
Tasmania .. .. .	1·21	21	6·45	111	62	1,060	2·25	39
New Zealand <sup>1</sup> .. .. .	2·02	33	8·15	131	178	2,855	2·96	47
Grand Total .. .. .	·60	46	4·04	312	40	3,059	·36	28

NOTE.—For footnote to this table see page 487.

TABLE XVIII.—WOOL PRODUCTION, 1892.

Name of Colony.	Wool Imported.		Wool Exported.		Wool used in Manufacture in the Colony.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value, at 9d. per lb.
	lbs.	£	lbs.	£	lbs.	£
Victoria .. .. .	86,144,501	3,134,917	165,590,377	6,619,141	1,059,458	39,730
New South Wales .. .. .	15,628,621	502,769	323,052,014	10,540,147	303,000	11,500
Queensland .. .. .	195,320	6,532	105,228,383	4,262,471	130,000 <sup>2</sup>	4,875
South Australia Proper .. .. .	16,808,837	527,934	63,868,922	1,954,403	100,000 <sup>2</sup>	3,750
South Australia, Northern Territory .. .. .	..	..	346,247	13,022	..	..
Western Australia .. .. .	..	..	8,712,080	326,703	..	..
Total .. .. .	118,777,279	4,172,152	666,798,023	23,715,887	1,592,458	59,855
Tasmania .. .. .	..	..	8,437,931	329,585	125,000	4,688
New Zealand .. .. .	14,342	394	118,187,212	4,313,502	3,388,954	127,085
Grand Total .. .. .	118,791,621	4,172,546	793,423,166	28,358,974	5,106,412	191,628

Name of Colony.	Wool Production, 1892.				Proportion of Exports of Wool to Total General Exports.	Average Export Price per lb.
	Quantity. <sup>1</sup>		Value.			
	Total.	Average to each Sheep in the Colony.	Total.	Average per Head of Population.		
	lbs.	lbs.	£	£ s. d.	per cent.	d.
Victoria .. .. .	80,505,334	6·21	3,523,954	3 0 7	46·57	9½
New South Wales .. .. .	307,723,393	5·30	10,057,378	8 10 4	47·97	8
Queensland .. .. .	105,163,063	4·84	4,260,814	10 4 11	46·48	9¾
South Australia Proper .. .. .	47,160,085	6·59	1,430,219	4 7 8	24·99	7¼
South Australia, Northern Territory .. .. .	346,247	3·49	13,022	2 12 0	7·27	9
Western Australia .. .. .	8,712,080	5·17	326,703	5 16 9	37·03	9
Total .. .. .	549,610,202	5·40	19,612,090	6 4 8	43·73	8½
Tasmania .. .. .	8,562,931	5·28	337,918	2 4 2	24·47	9½
New Zealand .. .. .	121,561,824	6·55	4,539,038	7 1 4	45·24	8¾
Grand Total .. .. .	679,734,957	5·58	24,489,046	6 4 3	43·55	8½

NOTE.—It is believed that the value of wool imported and exported is furnished to the Customs authorities with a considerable amount of looseness.

<sup>1</sup> These figures are made up of the sum of the total quantities exported from and used for manufactures in, less the quantities imported by, the respective colonies. The wool referred to is, of course, not homogeneous in quality, some being greasy and some washed or scoured. The Government Statistician of New South Wales has estimated that the equivalent weight in greasy wool of the whole clip for that colony was 331,980,550 lbs.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated.

TABLE XIX.—GOLD PRODUCTION.

Name of Colony.	Prior to 1892.		During 1892.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value. <sup>1</sup>	Quantity.	Value. <sup>1</sup>	Quantity.	Value. <sup>1</sup>
	oz.	£	oz.	£	oz.	£
Victoria .. .. .	57,415,759	229,663,036	654,456	2,617,824	58,070,215	232,280,860
New South Wales ..	10,400,434	38,633,488	156,870	569,178	10,557,304	39,202,666
Queensland .. .. .	8,014,914	28,052,199	615,558	2,154,453	8,630,472	30,206,652
South Australia* ..	338,712	1,299,825	38,974	139,370	377,686	1,439,195
Western Australia ..	188,609	716,714	59,548 <sup>2</sup>	226,284	248,157	942,998
Total .. .. .	76,358,428	298,365,262	1,525,406	5,707,109	77,883,834	304,072,371
Tasmania .. .. .	637,442	2,421,567	45,110	174,070	682,552	2,595,637
New Zealand .. .. .	12,070,217	47,433,117	238,079	954,744	12,308,296	48,387,861
Grand Total .. .. .	89,066,087	348,219,946	1,808,595	6,835,923	90,874,682	355,055,869

NOTE.—The figures for Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland express the quantity and value of all the gold known to have been raised in those colonies since the period of its first discovery in Australia in 1851; those for South Australia are estimated chiefly from the returns of the Melbourne and Sydney Mints, and partly from the export returns; those for New Zealand express the total gold entered for duty for export from the earliest period; and those for Tasmania express the quantity known to have been raised since 1866, there being no record of the gold raised prior to that period. There being no reliable returns of the gold raised in Western Australia, the yield prior to 1889 has been estimated roughly at 100,000 oz., to which have been added the quantities which have since appeared in the export returns of the colony, which, however, are admittedly very defective.

\* Including Northern Territory.

<sup>1</sup> The purity, and consequently the value, of gold varies considerably in different localities. In Victoria the average value is set down as £4 per oz., in Western Australia as £3 16s., and in Queensland as £3 10s. per oz. Standard gold (*i.e.*, 22 carats fine) is worth £3 17s. 10½d., and pure gold £4 4s. 11½d. per oz.

<sup>2</sup> Quantity declared for export only.

TABLE XX.—PUBLIC SAVINGS BANKS, 31ST DECEMBER, 1892.

(Including both Trustee and Post Office Savings Banks.)

Name of Colony.	Number of Depositors.		Amount remaining on Deposit.		Rates of Interest allowed to Depositors.
	Total.	Per 100 of the Population.	Total.	Average to each Depositor.	
			£	£ s. d.	per cent.
Victoria .. .. .	315,404	27·02	5,993,216	19 0 0	4 <sup>1</sup>
New South Wales ..	167,726	14·01	5,706,081	34 0 5	4 and 5
Queensland .. .. .	47,093	11·18	1,708,393	36 5 6	4
South Australia ..	79,433	23·95	2,216,394	27 18 0	5
Western Australia ..	4,463	7·61	61,990	13 17 10	3½
Total .. .. .	614,119	19·34	15,686,074	25 10 10	3½ to 5
Tasmania .. .. .	22,751	14·86	485,256	21 6 7	3½ to 5
New Zealand .. .. .	135,827	20·88	3,580,545	26 7 3	4 and 5
Grand Total .. .. .	772,697	19·42	19,751,875	25 11 3	3½ to 5

NOTE.—There are both Post Office and General Savings Banks in Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, and New Zealand; Post Office Savings Banks only in Queensland and Western Australia; and General Savings Banks only in South Australia. There is a limit to the amount of an interest-bearing deposit, varying from £100 to £250 in the different colonies. When two rates of interest are quoted, the lower one is that allowed by the Post Office Banks.

<sup>1</sup> Rate reduced to 3½ per cent. on 1st September, 1893.

TABLE XXI.—STATE-ASSISTED IMMIGRATION, 1851 TO 1892.

Year.	Number of Immigrants introduced in each year.							
	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
1851 to 1860 ..	87,963	71,649	..	48,905	..	16,636	No record.	225,153
1861 to 1870 ..	46,594	18,212	1,617	13,730	..	1,852	..	82,005
1871 to 1880 ..	5,545	24,412	50,782	25,415	889	477	100,920	208,440
1881 to 1890 ..	2	34,079	103,140	7,295	4,552	2,734	14,614	166,416
1891 ..	..	190	2,676	..	134	..	44	3,044
1892 ..	..	179	729	..	317	..	..	1,225
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>140,104</b>	<b>148,721</b>	<b>158,944</b>	<b>95,345</b>	<b>5,892</b>	<b>21,699</b>	<b>115,578*</b>	<b>686,283</b>

\* Exclusive of the number for New Zealand for years prior to 1870.

TABLE XXII.—STATISTICS OF FIJI, 1878, 1880, 1885, 1890, 1891, AND 1892.

\*\* Fiji consists of from 70 to 80 inhabited islands, the estimated area of which is 7,500 square miles. There are also about 150 smaller islands uninhabited. The total area of the group is estimated to be 7,740 square miles.

Year.	Estimated Population on the 31st December.			Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Immigrants (Polyne- sians and Coolies only).		
	Males.	Females	Total.				Males.	Females	Total.
1878 .. ..	64,748	52,350	117,098	2,262	2,244	419	1,346	174	1,520
1880 .. ..	67,598	54,286	121,884	4,103	4,326	1,358	2,500	34	2,534
1885 .. ..	69,860	57,419	127,279	4,319	5,775	1,133	1,422	736	2,158
1890 .. ..	67,902	57,780	125,682	3,681	4,035	1,980	968	392	1,360
1891 .. ..	67,981	57,421	125,402	4,335	5,948	1,065	993	377	1,370
1892 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Year.	Emigrants (Poly- nesians and Coolies only).			Public Revenue.			Public Expen- diture.	Public Debt.	Value of Imports	Value of Ex- ports.
	Males.	Fe- males.	Total.	Raised by Taxa- tion.	Not raised by Taxa- tion.	Total.				
1878 .. ..	638	71	709	£ 42,697	£ 18,324	£ 61,021	£ 65,267	£ 100,000	£ 136,608	£ 192,865
1880 .. ..	170	18	188	46,544	34,134	80,678	91,102	210,000	185,741	229,528
1885 .. ..	1,681	265	1,946	62,985	13,684	76,669	92,209	264,025	294,585	326,750
1890 .. ..	239	41	280	46,928	19,889	66,817	60,826	248,989	206,757	364,533
1891 .. ..	364	125	489	57,267	13,983	71,250	67,820	246,690	253,049	474,334
1892 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	71,553	67,652	242,236	253,586	434,791

Year.	Shipping.				Crown Lands Granted and Sold in each Year. <sup>1</sup>	Live Stock. <sup>2</sup>			
	Inwards.		Outwards.			Number of—			
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.		Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs. <sup>3</sup>
1878 .. ..	124	23,180	128	24,080	acres. 39,476	200	3,000	3,100	50,000
1880 .. ..	157	32,933	150	32,689	27,562	360	5,000	4,769	50,000
1885 .. ..	124	54,056	135	55,892	26,368	650	5,953	6,350	50,000
1890 .. ..	79	56,711	89	60,644	2,824	695	6,988	6,800	2,000
1891 .. ..	101	69,276	97	63,865	..	959	9,861	6,072	1,778
1892 .. ..	91	71,444	91	67,865	..	..	..	..	..

<sup>1</sup> The total area alienated at the end of 1891 was 413,440 acres, and the area unalienated 4,540,520 acres. The amount realized by the State for sales of land to the end of 1888 was only £26,446, which, however, represents the price of but a small proportion of the acreage alienated. The majority of the grants issued were for lands acquired by whites and others previously to annexation, and these received their titles at the nominal price of one shilling.

<sup>2</sup> In addition to the live stock referred to in these columns, about 5,000 Angora goats were kept on the islands.

<sup>3</sup> Returns from Europeans only since 1836.

TABLE XXII.—STATISTICS OF FIJI—continued.

NOTE.—The following additional information is for the year 1891 :—Birth rate, 34·57 ; death rate, 47·43 ; marriage rate, 8·49. per 1,000 persons living. *Immigration*—The total number of arrivals was 2,229, of whom 533 were Europeans. *Emigration*—Total departures, 1,137, of whom 497 were Europeans. *Sources of Revenue*—Customs duties, £31,269 (£32,424 in 1892) ; other taxes, £25,998 ; other sources, £13,983. *Heads of Expenditure*—Interest on public debt, £8,248 ; post office, etc., £942 ; immigration, £6,368 ; other expenditure, £52,262. *Public Debt*—Consists of £115,390 Imperial advances, bearing no interest, in aid of annexation, and in payment of compensation in respect of disallowed land claims ; £100,000 for payment of liabilities of former so-called Government ; and £50,000 for public works and immigration, less £18,700 redeemed, bearing interest at 4½ per cent. *Imports and Exports*—Of the total value of imports, £228,260 (£244,386 in 1892) was from the Australasian Colonies, and £24,789 (£9,200 in 1892) from other countries ; and of the total value of exports, £420,783 (£388,177 in 1892) was to Australasian Colonies, and £53,551 (£46,614 in 1892) to other countries ; almost the whole of the exports were of Fijian production. *Postal Returns, 1891*—Number of offices, 36 ; letters, 197,398 ; newspapers, 153,218. *State Education*—Number of schools, 3 ; teachers, 5—viz., 3 males and 2 females ; scholars on the rolls, 214—viz., 150 males and 64 females. *Agriculture*—Land under cultivation (by whites only), 37,809 acres, of which 300 acres were under maize ; 20,666 acres under cocoanuts ; 12,828 acres under sugar-cane ; 2,708 acres under bananas ; 250 acres under tea, 214 acres under peanuts ; and 843 acres under cotton, coffee, tobacco, tapioca, pineapples, and other crops. The produce of these crops was as follows :—Maize, 2,444 bushels ; cocoanuts, 42 tons ; copra, 6,669 tons ; sugar, 20,470 tons ; molasses, 167,508 gallons ; bananas exported, 784,675 bunches (788,100 in 1892) ; peanuts, 300 tons ; cotton, 98 tons. The following new industries have been started :—Desiccated cocoanut (of which 56 tons exported in 1892), vanilla, and tobacco.

TABLE XXIII.—STATISTICS OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA, 1888-9 TO 1891-2.

Area, 90,000 square miles ; population, between 300,000 and 350,000.

Financial Year.	Public Revenue.			Public Expenditure.	Value of—		Shipping.			
	Locally Raised.	Provided by Guarantee.	Total.		Imports.	Exports.	Inwards.		Outwards.	
							Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
1888-9† ..	£ 2,680	£ 12,320	£ 15,000	£ 10,770	£ 11,109	£ 5,943	198	7,482	188	6,952
1889-90 ..	3,016	11,984	15,000	14,975	16,104	6,455	92	5,897	96	6,287
1890-91 ..	2,674	12,326	15,000	15,000	15,530	8,434	64	4,597	61	4,365
1891-2 ..	4,784	10,216	15,000	15,000	23,756	11,289	56	4,966	55	5,977

Financial Year.	Gold Produced.*		Postal Returns.					
	Quantity.	Value.	Received.			Despatched.		
			Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.
1888-9† ..	ozs. 3,850	£ 14,387	2,366	93	4,071	2,587	98	574
1889-90 ..	3,470	12,440	3,166	111	6,844	2,586	84	590
1890-91 ..	2,426	8,371	2,664	142	6,042	2,191	88	468
1891-2 ..	1,235	4,322	4,393	260	8,505	3,917	160	756

NOTES.—The finances are supplied by a sum not exceeding £15,000 per annum, for which the colony of Queensland has made itself primarily responsible, Victoria and New South Wales contributing equally with Queensland towards this amount. Local revenue is applied in reduction of the sums payable by the contributing colonies, and any credit balance in the appropriation account must be written off at the end of the year.

Crown lands may be alienated for agricultural purposes, at not less than 2s. 6d. per acre, conditional on the introduction of some new industry. Where no such condition as to improvements is imposed, the minimum prices are :—For agricultural land, 10s. per acre ; pastoral land, 2s. ; for trading or fishing purposes, £5 ; and for cocoanut planting, 5s. per acre. Areas not exceeding 50 acres may be sold under deferred payments, extending over 5 years, the minimum price in such cases being £1 per acre.

The following is additional information for the year 1891-2 :—*Population*.—It is impossible to obtain anything more than a rude guess at the total of the indigenous population. The non-native population of the possession in April, 1891, was about 272, of whom only 156 were whites, the remainder being chiefly Polynesians, Malays, etc. *Sources of Local Revenue*.—Customs duties, £4,429 ; licences, £137 ; gold-fields, £24 ; fees, fines, etc., £45 ; miscellaneous, £149. *Heads of Expenditure*.—Salaries and allowances, £8,215 ; vessels, £2,993 ; buildings, £781 ; agriculture, £336 ; and miscellaneous, £2,675. *Chief Exports*.—Bêche-de-mer, 49 tons, value £3,401 ; pearl shell, value £542 ; copra, 340 tons, value £2,084.

\* Gold entered at Cooktown, Queensland, as received from British New Guinea, no other record being available. The number of miners on the goldfields has fallen off from 700 or 800 in 1888-9, to only about 40 in 1891-2. The alluvial washing is stated to have come to an end. The miners are principally men that are acclimatized, and who possess such knowledge of the natives and of the country as often gives them great advantage over new comers, who are not likely to meet with success.

† Ten months only.