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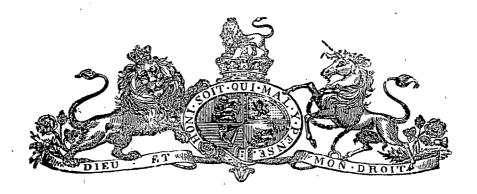
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS

FOR 1875.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be printed, April 24, 1877.



AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1875.

WITH

INTRODUCTORY REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT STATIST OF VICTORIA.

Office of the Government Statist, Melbourne, 2nd October, 1876.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith the Australasian Statistics for the year 1875.

- 2. This being the third year of the issue of these statistics, the folding sheet at the commencement now contains particulars for three years. The other tables relate to 1875 only, and are precisely similar in form to those embodied in the Australasian Statistics of 1873 and 1874.
- 3. The Government of each of the other colonies was, as before, requested by the Victorian Government to supply the information necessary for compiling its portion of these statistics by the 30th June. At this period all the data respecting Victoria were ready, but scarcely any of the other Governments were able to furnish the particulars asked for until long afterwards; and although all have now sent in returns, some have expressed their inability, even at this date, to furnish every item of the very simple though important informatiom sought to be obtained.*
- 4. Some delay has also taken place in consequence of more than one of the colonies having furnished figures which were inconsistent with those supplied in former years, and its having been therefore necessary to refer these back for explanation or amendment.
- 5. As the completed returns have been received the figures have been duly entered in the various tables, and the necessary calculations made. The work has thus been kept in a forward state, and within a very short period of the receipt of the last return the whole was placed in the printer's hands.
- 6. In the Victorian Year Book for 1875, now nearly ready for issue, I have extensively utilised the figures contained in the Australasian Statistics of this and former years. It is not therefore necessary to give a digest of their contents upon the present occasion.

^{*} Whilst this return was passing through the press, information on several material points was received from three of the colonies, and it has been inserted in the tables.

7. These returns, showing as they do the progress, condition, and comparative importance of the respective colonies, are full of interest, and will be found to amply repay the most minute examination and the most careful study.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,

HENRY HEYLYN HAYTER,

Government Statist.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

Note.— Whilst this return was passing through the press, a table embodying information on a few of the leading points respecting which information is now given was issued from the Government Printing Office of an adjacent colony. By this document the average indebtedness of the people of Victoria on the 31st December, 1875, is made to appear to have been 3s. 5\darksquareda. per head greater than it really was, figures calculated upon an incorrect basis having been substituted for those furnished by this colony. The table contains many other inaccuracies.

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1875.—GENERAL SUMMARY.

NAME OF GOVERN	Area in S	Square		ulation	701.41			Immis	grants Emi	grants	Public R	evenue.²	Public		ic Debt				Shipping In Outw	nwards and ards.	Miles Railwa		liles of	Crown	Lands.
NAME OF COLONY.	Mile			he 31st ember.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriage	s. by s		Sea.	Total.	Proportion raised by Taxation.	Expenditure		he 31st eember.	Imports.	Exp		Vessels.	Tons.	open of the 31 Decemb	on ope st 31st	n on the Decem-	Granted and old to the 31s December.	Amount realized to the 31st December.
Victoria	. 88,	198 18	874 80 875 82	0,492 8,437 3,272	28,100 26,800 26,720	11,501 12,222 15,287	4974 4925 4985	30,	732 27	,365	£ 3,644,135 1,106,790 1,236,423	£ 1,784,056 1,896,842 1,724,822	£ 3,504,953 4,177,338 4,318,121	12,4 13,9	£ 145,722 990,553 995,093	£ 16,533,856 16,953,988 16,685,874	5 15,44	2,454 1,109	4413 4222 4394	1,519,015 1,569,619 1,673,885	60	5	2295 2467 2629	acres. 9,401,050 9,932,633 10,351,194	£ 16,207,095 16,786,146 17,416,200
New South Wales	310,	938 18	58 60 60	0,275 4,278 6,652	21,444 22,178 22,528	7611 8652 10,771	4384 4343 4605	29, 30,	756 19 967 20	,279 ,350	3,509,966 4,121,996	1,382,752 1,217,401 1,138,901	2,333,166 2,939,227 3,341,324	10,6	842,415 516,371 470,637	11,088,388 11,293,739 13,490,200	9 12,34	5,603	4373 4385 4670	1,762,478 1,990,894 2,168,187	40	1 1 <u>1</u>	6521 7449 8012	14,066,133 16,357,033 19,249,658	7,421,203 8,532,244 10,235,776
Queensland	678,	600 { 18	74 16 75 18	6,690 3,517 1,288	5720 6376 6706	2250 2789 4104	1354 1337 1487	20,	725 809	7794 9640	1,120,034 1,160,947 1,261,464	546,732 552,758 562,227	956,335 1,121,710 1,404,198	5,9 6,9	786,850 253,286 948,586	2,885,499 2,962,439 3,328,009	4,10	2,513 6,462 7,576	1151 1370 1699	352,524 572,750 764,182	24	9	3059 3616 3956	1,350,538 1,392,664 1,745,102	1,669,369 1,736,414 1,932,620
South Australia	914,	$730 \begin{cases} 18 \\ 18 \end{cases}$	74 20 75 21	8,075 4,623 0,442	7107 7696 7408	2631 3434 4036	1562 1611 1663	5. 6.	557 5 566 6	1919	937,648 1,003,820 1,143,312	362,246 370,440 339,103	839,152 1,051,622 1,176,412	2,9	174,900 989,750 320,600	3,841,100 3,983,290 4,203,805	2 4,40 2 4,80	7,859 2,855 5,051	1531 1440 1634	515,640 53 4 ,550 611,381	23	4	3807 3900 3904	5,369,634 5,712,773 6,398,823	5,878,569 6,084,069 6,374,702
Western Australia	1,000,	000 18	74 2	5,761 6,209 6,709	809 876 760	418 487 473	161 181 192	- (285 360 733	639 601 520	134,832 148,073 157,775	71,625 82,275 80,645	114,270 143,266 169,230	1	35,000 119,000 135,000	297,328 364,268 349,840	3 42	5,217 8,837 1,217	287 297 305	140,237 132,827 134,161	' 3	80 88 88	900 763 766	1,806,643 1,875,473 1,903,083	*
TOTAL	2,992,	466 🐉 1 8	$ \begin{array}{c c} 74 & 1,78 \\ 75 & 1,846 \end{array} $	8,363	63,180 63,926 64,122	24,411 27,584 34,671	12,435 12,397 12,932	73.4 87,4 95,8	130 58 319 63	,310 9 ,871 10		4,147,411 4,119,716 3,845,698	7,747,876 9,433,163 10,409,285	32,8	284,887 868,960 869,916	34,646,171 35,557,716 38,057,728	36,72	4,866	11,755 11,714 12,702	4,289,894 4,800,640 5,351,796	152	7 1	$7,446\frac{1}{2}$ $9,115\frac{1}{2}$ $9,267$	31,993,998 35,270,576 39,647,860	*
Tasmania	26,9	215 18	74 104 75 105	4,217 4,176 3,663	3048 309 7 3105	1504 1689 2078	659 712 689	62 68	265 7 535 8	7039 714 8075	293,753 327,925 343,676	178,942 215,233 213,642	299,995 318,278 385,731	1,4	177,600 176,700 189,400	1,107,167 1,257,788 1,185,949	5 92	3,556 5,325 5,976	1542 1227 1295	238,112 239,507 262,209	' 4	5 5	291 291 396	3,905,485 3,982,003 4,024,808	1,507,652 1,593,401 1,640,396
New Zealand	104,9	$\frac{18}{18}$	74 34	5,946 1,860 5,856	11,222 12,844 14,438	3647 4161 5712	2276 2828 3209	13,5 43,9 31,7	65 5	859		1,055,296 1,294,276 1,350,296	2,119,524 3,035,711 3,431,973	13,3	913,936 366,936 400,031	6,464,683 8,121,813 8,029,173	2 5,25	0,371 1,269 8,627	1443 1678 1866	571,144 784.829 834,547	20	9	2389 2632 3156	* 12,662,625 12,983,393	*
GRAND TOTAL	3,123,6	581 { 18 18 18	74 2,238	3,100	77,450 79,867 81,665	29,562 33,434 42,461	15,370 15,937 16,830	93,8 137,6 134,6	60 71	,883 13	2,231,503 8,321,332 1,078,574	5,381,649 5,629,225 5,409,636	10,167,395 12,787,152 14,226,989	47,7	376.423 712,596 759,347	42,218,026 44,937,313 47,272,838	$3 \mid 42,90$	1,460	14,619	5,099,150 5,824,976 6,448,552	178	11 2	0,126; 2,038; 2,819	* 51,915,204 56,656,061	* * *
NAME OF COLONY.					*					A	RICULTU	RE.											L	IVE STOCK	I
	Year.	Total Cultivation		Wheat.		Oa		Ва	rley.		Maize.		Cereals.6	Pot	tatoes.	H	ny.	Vi	nes.	Green Forage. ⁷	Other Tillage.	Horses	. Catt	e. She	p. Pigs.
Victoria	187 3 1874 18 7 5	Acres. 964,996 1,011,776 1,126,831	332,9	76 4, 36 4,	Nushels. ,752,289 ,850,165 ,978,914	114,921		Acres. 25,333 29,505 31,568	Bushels. 502,601 619,896 700,665	Acres 1959 1520 2340	9 40,34 3 24,26	7 14,951 3 17,266	333,002	Acres. 38,349 35,183 36,901	124,310	119,031	Tons. 147,398 157,261 206,613	5222 4937	577,493	Acres. 213,069 254,329 308,405	Acres. 89,474 102,145 121,609	180,349 180,254 196,184	958,	763 11,323 658 11,221 598 11,749	036 137,941
New South Wales	1873 1874 1875	456,826 464,957 4 51,139	7 166,9	12 2,	,238,414 ,148,394 ,958,640	16,173 17,973 18,856	302,600 293,135 352,966	3559 3984 4817	69,053	118,43	1 4,120,11 7 3,618,48 2 3,410,51	6 1351	20,997	14,212 13,604 13,806	38,564	68,088	108,945 93,440 88,968	4308	575,985 684,258 831,749	36,399 40,589 50,634	26,860 29,711	328,014 346,691	2,710,	$\begin{vmatrix} 19,928 \\ 699 \end{vmatrix}$	590 238,342 882 219,958
${\tt Queensland^9} \bigg\{$	1873 1874 18 75	64,218 70,333 77,343	1 350 7 44	92	82,381 46,229 65,645	353 178 114	7060 2902 2134	588 361 613	11,760 6256 12,545	30,99	946,98	9 387	6014	3069 3316 3056	9384	5554	11,544 7609 9841	364 413 376		1894 3359 2863	27,306 22,173 18,354	99,243 107,507 121,497	1,343, 1,610,	$ \begin{array}{c cccc} 093 & 7,268 \\ 105 & 7,180 \end{array} $,946 42,884 ,792 44,517
South Australia	1873 1874 1875	1,225,073 1,330,484 1,444,586	839,6	38 9,	,178,816 ,862,693 ,739,834	2011 2785 3640	40,701	11,827 13,724 13,969	126,398 208,373 197,315			4854	78,050	3813 4582 5941		160,931	145,389 202,934 194,794	5051	733,478 648,186 727,979	27,076	247,785 276,697 313,700	87,458 93,129 107,164	174, 2 185,	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$,419 87,336 ,211 78,019
Western Australia {	1873 1874 1875	51,724 45,295 47,571	2 23,45	27	345,368 281,124 237,171	1474 1067 1256	28,330 17,072 18,840	5083 4702 5014	87,529 75,232 70,196	113 88 60	3 132	0 1022	10,220	473 329 393	987	13,366	31,882 20,049 17,319	775 779 675			693 512	26,290 26,636 29,379	47, 3 46,	640 748 748 777	,536 20,948 ,861 13,290 ,861 14,420
TOTAL	1873 1874 1875	2,762,836 2,922,846 3,147,476	$0 \mid 1,366,50$	05 17,	,597,268 ,188,605 ,980,204	136,924	2,475,422	46,390 52,276 55,981	794,513 978,810 1,079,297	139,356 151,046 158,698		8 20,026		59,916 57,014 60,097	190,291	366,970	445,158 481,293 517,535	16,104 15,488 15,563	*	278,831 325,353 399,163	431,238	721,344 754,210 811,920	5,657,	552 48,172	,782 493,725
Tasmania	1873 1874 1875	167,933 326,486 332,826	57,6	33 1,		26,750 32,704 32,556	561,247 877,243 827,043	6440 5129 5939	124,459 125,469 165,35 7			5714 6585	112,342 137,050	7910 6978 6906	26,169	30,486	28,430 41,144 49,217	••	 	1565 94,234	40,250 93,608 100,168	22,619 23,208 23,478	2 106, 3 110,	308 1,490 450 1,714	' ' '
New Zealand ¹¹ $\left\{ \right.$	1873 1874 1875	376,156 549,84 607,139	105,6	74 2,	,391,634 ,974,339 ,863,619	157,545	5,548,729	22,124 16,236 27,656	606,492 477,162 993,219	125	18,79	5 5000	75,000	11,617 12,154 14,655		62,216	62,187 52,202 72,184	••		25,515 30,883	24,131 196,019 225,351	399,26		113 11,674	
Grand Total $\ldots \Big\{$	1873 1874 1875	3,306,923 3,799,170 4,087,430		12 21,	,936,715 ,229,805 ,543,915	327,173	8,901,394	74,954 73,641 89,576	1,525,464 1,581,441 2,237,873	151,046	5,026,96 4,591,00 4,571,72	8 25,740	482,575	79,443 76,146 81,658	280,145	420,275 459,672 503,973	574,639	16,104 15,488 15,563	* *	305,911 419,587 533,213	720,865	876.679	9 + 6.262.	672 58,052 115 61,561 723 63,815	813 668 934

^{*} Where asterisks occur, the information has not been furnished, or is incomplete.

¹ For information respecting the Population of two of the Colonies to 30th June, 1875,

see footnote to Table I., post.

2 The Revenue and Expenditure of Victoria are for the years ended 30th June; those for the other Colonies are for the years ended 31st December. See footnote (3) to Table IV., post.

3 This column should contain statements of the number of miles of telegraph line open in the respective Colonies. There is, however, reason to believe that some of the Colonies return the number of miles of vire instead. The latter is always much greater than the number of miles of line. See footnote (1) to Table VIII., post.

4 Not including the land of which the purchase was not completed. See footnote (2) to Table IX., post.

⁵ These figures do not represent all the Crown Lands alienated in New Zealand. See
footnote (3) to Table IX., post.
6 Including beans and pease.
7 Including permanent artificial grass in all the Colonies except New Zealand. See
footnotes (2 and 6) to Table X., post.
8 Including land in fallow. See footnote (3) to Table X., post.
9 The produce of crops in Queensland for 1874 and 1875 is calculated upon the average per acre of the same crops in New South Wales.
10 Not including Sheep on islands in Bass's Straits.
11 In the New Zealand returns, the land under permanent artificial grass, which in other Colonies is classed with green forage, is not considered as under cultivation. See footnote (6) to Table X., post.

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1875.

TABLE I.—POPULATION, 1875.

. ,			. (on the 31st	i	Estimated Mean Population of the Year.				
Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles.	Estim	nated Popu	ilation.	Numb	er of—	Persons to the			m.,,
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males to 100 Females	Females to 100 Males	Square Mile.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria	88,198 310,938 678,600 914,730 1,000,000	334,461 111,272 107,944	376,124 272,191 70,016 102,498	$606,652^{2}$ $181,288$ $210,442$	118.88 122.88 158.92 105.31 147.32	84·12 81·38 62·92 94·95 67·88	9·334 1·951 ·267 ·230 ·027	442,623 327,954 104,566 106,407 15,816	267,511 67,837 101,126	595,465 172,403 207,533
Total Tasmania New Zealand 3 Grand Total	26,215 104,900	54,643 213,294	49,020 162,562	375,856	122·26 111·47 131·21 123·15	81·79 89·71 76·22 81·20	·618 3·954 3·583	997,366 54,880 203,822 1,256,068	49,040 155,036	358,858

On the 30th June, 1876, the estimated Population of Victoria was as follows:—Males, 450,390; Females, 378,894; Total, 829,284.
 On the 30th June, 1876, the estimated Population of New South Wales was as follows:—Males, 340,806; Females, 276,360; Total, 617,166.
 The Population of New Zealand is given exclusive of Maoris.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1875.

Name of Colony.	В	irths of-	_	Deaths of—		Mar- riages.	Per 1000 of Mean Population—Number of—			Excess of over De		Males to 100 Females.		
	Males.	Females.	Total,	Males.	Females.	Total.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Numerical.	Per cent.	Born.	Died.
Victoria	11,380 3419	11,148 3287 3634	7408	6245 2658 2118	4526 1446 1918	4036	4605 1487 . 1663	37·83 38·90 35·70	18.76 18.09 23.80 19.45 17.88	7·73 8·63	11,433 11,757 2602 3372 287	109·16 63·40	104·95 102·08 104·01 103·85 98·95	137·98 183·82
Total		1482		1204	874	2078	689	29.88	19.08 20.00 15.92	7·12 6:63 8·94	29,451 1027 8726	49.42	103·64 109·51 107·80	137.76
Grand Total	41,747	39,918	81,665	24,473	17,988	42,461	16,830	35.82	18.63	7.38	39,204	92.33	104.58	136.05

TABLE III.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1875.

	Assist	ed and			of Im	migrants	•	Total.		<u> </u>	Number of Emigran		Imn	Excess on the contract of the	over	Emig	xcess grants nigra	sover
Name of Colony.			1			 		1 .	·	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Γ			}		'n	ı
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Fomules	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.
																		_
Victoria	50			23,276			23,326			20,457		29,342 20,350				••	••	••
Queensland	, 530 2963			22,473 17,668			23,003 20,631			15,124 7980			12,651		10,617 15,169	::	• • •	::
South Australia	1156															::		::
Western Australia.	••	••		516	217	733	516	217	733	397	123	520	119	94	213		••	
Total	4699	3806	8505	67,088	20,226	87,314	71,787	24,032	95,819	46,676	17,195			6837	31,948			••
Tasmania		9	16													921	619	1540
New Zealand	11,435	8935	20,370	8123	3244	11,367	19,558	13,179	31,737	4727	1740	6467	14.831	10,439	25,270	••	••	••
Grand Total.	16,141	12,750	28,891	79,589	25,611	105,200	95,730	38,361	134,091	56,709	21,704	78,413	39,0211	16,6571	55,678¹	••	••	••

Note.—The Immigration and Emigration in this table is by sea. No official account is, or can be, taken of the number of persons going overland from one colony to another.

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1875.

	Date on which	P	ublic Revenu	0.		Per Head	of Mean Po	pulation. 2
Name of Colony.	Financial Year terminates.	Raised by Taxation,1	Not raised by Taxation.	Total.	Public Expenditure.	Taxation.	Total Revenue.	Expenditure.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	31st December	£ 1,724,822 1,138,901 562,227 339,103 80,645	£ 2,511,601 2,983,095 699,237 804,209 77,130	£ 4,236,423 4,121,996 1,261,464 1,143,312 157,775	3,341,324 1,404,198 1,176,412	£ s. d. 2 2 9 1 18 3 3 5 23 1 12 83 3 0 113	£ s. d. 5 5 0¼ 6 18 5½ 7 6 4 5 10 2½ 5 19 3	8 2 10
Total	31st December 31st December	3,845,698 213,642 1,350,296	7,075,272 130,034 1,463,632	10,920,970 343,676 2,813,928	10,409,285 385,731 3,431,973	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6 0 2½ 3 6 1¾ 7 16 10	5 14 7 3 14 23 9 11 34
Grand Total		5,409,636	8,668,938	14,078,574	14,226,989	2 7 5}	6 3 61	6 4 93

¹ The amounts in this column are made up of Customs duties, exclusive of duties on the export of gold, drawbacks, &c.; also of excise duties, including licences imposed for revenue purposes; stamps, other than those for fees of office; legacy, succession, and probate duties; property or income taxes; and any other impost, payable to the General Government, levied distinctly as a tax; but excluding fees, charges, and licences for special services rendered.

¹These are the net figures.

² In calculating these amounts, the average population of Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1875, (806,760) has been taken. For the other Colonies, the mean populations shown in the last column of Table I. have been used.

³ According to the Treasurer's Balance Sheet (not audited up to the time of this going to press), the returns for Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1876, were as follow:—Revenue raised by taxation, £1,780,391; revenue not so raised, £2,545,452; total revenue, £4,325,843; total expenditure, £4,572,844. The estimated mean population during the same period was £822,231; therefore the revenue per head was £5 5s. 2½d.; the expenditure per head was £5 11s. 2½d.; and the taxation per head was £2 3s. 3¾d.

TABLE V.-PUBLIC DEBT, 1875.

Name of Colony.	On the 31s	st December.
Name of Colony.	Total Amount of Public Debt.	Indebtedness per Head of Population.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	£ 13,995,093 11,470,637 6,948,586 3,320,600 135,000	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Total	35,869,916 1,489,400 17,400,031 ²	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Grand Total	54,759,347	23 10 51

¹ On the 30th June, 1876, the Public Debt of Victoria was £14,056,822. At the same date the estimated population was 829,284. The amount of indebtedness per head was thus £16 19s. $0\frac{1}{2}d$.

TABLE VI.-IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1875.

Name of Galaxy		Total Value of-		Value per Head of Mean Population of—					
Name of Colony.	Imports.	Exports.	Both.	Imports.	Exports.	Both.			
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	£ 16,685,874 13,490,200 3,328,009 4,203,802 349,840	£ 14,766,974 13,671,580 3,857,576 4,805,051 391,217	£ 31,452,848 27,161,780 7,185,585 9,008,853 741,057	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	\pounds s. d. 18 2 $\frac{41}{4}$ 22 19 $\frac{21}{2}$ 22 7 6 23 3 $\frac{03}{4}$ 14 15 $\frac{81}{2}$	£ s. d. 38 11 9½ 45 12 3½ 41 13 7 43 8 2¼ 28 0 1½			
Total	38,057,725 1,185,942 8,029,172	37,492,398 1,085,976 5,828,627	75,550,123 2,271,918 13,857,799	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	20 12 84 10 9 0 16 4 10	41 11 '7 ² / ₄ 21 17 3 38 12 4			
Grand Total	47,272,839	44,407,001	91,679,840	20 14 83	19 9 7	40 4 4			

¹ Not including the values of 95 packages of drapery, 1497 cases of hardware and ironmongery, 2465 packages of oilmen's stores, and 2451 packages of sardines, imported overland from South Australia.

TABLE VII. SHIPPING, 1875.

	INW	ARDS.	OUT	WARDS.	TOTAL.			
NAME OF COLONY.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.		
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	2171 2376 868 844 154	840,386 1,109,086 395,234 316,823 66,919	2223 2294 831 790 151	833,499 1,059,101 368,948 294,558 67,242	4394 4670 1699 1634 305	1,673,885 2,168,187 764,182 611,381 134,161		
Total	6413	2,728,448	6289	2,623,348	12,702	5,351,796		
Tasmania	631 926	129,102 416,727	664	133,107 417,820	1295 1866	262,209 834,547		
Grand Total	7970	3,274,277	7893	3,174,275	15,863	6,448,552		

²The "Accrued Sinking Funds" of New Zealand amounted at this date to £1,100,120. These consist of sums set aside annually for the liquidation of the Public Debt. A large portion of the money has been invested in the various debentures forming part of the debt, and thus so much of the debt may be said to have been already paid off.

TABLE VIII.—RAILWAYS AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS, 1875

			ON THE 31s	T DECEMBER.		
NAME OF COLONY.	Nu	nber of Miles of Rail	way.	Number	of Miles of Electric To	elegraph.
	Open.	In course of Construction.	TOTAL.	Open.	In course of Construction.	TOTAL.
Victoria	617 437 265 274 38	358 251 <u>1</u> 113 174 35	975 6881 378 444 73	2629 8012 3956 3904 766	181 1317 616 1100 830	2647} 9329 4572 5004 1596
Total	1631	9313	25621	19,267	38813	23,148}
Tasmania	150 542	22 <u>1</u> 2 464	1723 1006	396 3156	117	513 3156
Grand Total	2323	1418	3741	22,819	39984	26,8171

¹ These columns, as the heading states, should show the number of miles of telegraph in each colony, i.e., the number of miles of telegraph line. There is, however, reason to believe that some of the colonies return the number of miles of wire instead. This mode of computation causes the colonies which return the miles of line to appear at a disadvantage. In Victoria, at the end of 1875, the number of miles of wire open was 4510, besides 18½ miles in course of being laid, and in Tasmania at the same date 468 miles of wire were open, and 117 miles were being laid.

TABLE IX.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED, 1875.

		Acres	Granted ar	nd Sold.		Amoun	t realised or	n Land Sa	les.		
Name of Colony.	Area in Statute Acres.	Prior to	During		,	Total.		Ave	rage por A	cre.1	Extent Unalienated at end of
	Acres.	1875.	1875.	Total.	Prior to 1875.	During 1875	Total.	Prior to 1875.	During 1875.	Total.	1875.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Austrajia	434,304,000 585,427,200	16,357,033 1,392,664 5,712,773	2,892,625 352,438 686,050	10,351,194 ² 19,249,658 1,745,102 6,398,823 1,903,083	£ 16,786,146 8.532,244 1,736,414 6,084,069	£ 630,054 1,703,532 196,206 290,633 10,906	£ 17,416,200 10,235,776 1,932,620 6,374,702			1 13 74 0 10 74 1 2 14 0 19 11	46,095,526
Total	1,915,177,920	35,270,576	4,377,284	39,647,860	Ф.	2,831,331	*	-59	0 12 11}	ě	1,875,530,060
Tasmania New Zealand ³	16,777,600 67,136,000	3.982,003 12,662,625	42,805 320,768	4,024,808 12,983,393	1,593,401	46,995 448,697	1,640,396	0 8 0	1 1 113 1 7 113	0 8 14	12,752,792
Grand Total.	1,999,091,520	51,915,204	4,740,857	56,656,061	Ġ.	3,327,023	#	•	0 14 0}	#	9

¹ To compute the amounts in these columns the money realised has been divided by the sum of the acres granted and sold. The amounts therefore express the average price realised for all the land parted with, including not only that for which money was paid, but that which was granted without payment.

² Including a private line of railway 5½ miles in length in course of construction by the British and Tasmanian Charcoal Iron Company.

² These figures do not include land of which the purchase was not completed. The total extent alienated from the Crown at the end of 1875 was 16,349,943 acres. This acreage embraced not only land of which the fee simple had passed to the purchaser, but land in process of alienation under the system of deferred payments. Portion of the latter might revert to the Crown in consequence of non-fulfilment of conditions, &c.

³ The figures showing the Crown lands alienated in New Zealand only refer to those sold under the various Provincial land laws, but do not include confiscated lands sold by the General Government, reserves granted for public purposes, or lands for which titles have been granted to natives. The figures furnished by the New Zealand Government for the Australasian Statistics of 1873 and 1874 contained some of these amounts, and are therefore, by request, cancelled.

[·] Where asterisks occur, the returns have not been furnished, or are incomplete.

TABLE X.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1875-6.—LAND IN CULTIVATION.

• ** The Agricultural Statistics in most of the colonies are collected in the months of February and March of each year. The present returns are for those months of 1876. In calculating the rates of tillage per head, the population at the 31st December, 1875, has been taken.

Name of Colony.	Number under T			Number of Acres under—											
	Total.	Per head of Population.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals 1	Potatoes.	Hay.	Vines.	Green Forage.2	Other Tillage.3			
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	451,139 77,347 1,444,586	•43	321,401 133,610 4478 898,820 21,561	18,856 114	613 13,969	117,582 38,711	251 4854	36,901 13,806 3056 5941 393		4459 376 4972	308,405 50,634 2863 37,261	121,609 29,159 18,354 313,700			
Total		,	1,379,870	,	, í	158,699		60,097		´		482,822			
Tasmania New Zealand	332,824 607,138 ⁶	3·21 1·62 ⁶	42,745 90,804	32,556 168,252			6585	6906 14,655	,		103,167 30,883 ⁶	100,168 225,351			
Grand Total.	4,087,436	1.76	1,513,419	348,774	89,576	158,699	34,220	81,658	503,973	15,563	533,213	808,341			

¹ Including beans and pease.
² 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, 293,178 acres; South Australia, 29,004 acres; Tasmania, 102,023 acres.
³ In the returns of some of the colonies 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, 97,133 acres; South Australia, 303,700 acres; Tasmania, 20,517 acres; New Zoeland, 146,414 agres

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4 Including 6454 acres of sugar-cane, of which 3654 acres were productive and 2800 acres non-productive. The former produced 2,310,860 cwt. of cane, of which was made 98,715 cwt. of sugar. Including also 41 acres of arrowroot, which produced 46,787 lbs.

5 Including 13,459 acres of sugar-cane, 1674 acres of cotton, 138 acres of arrowroot, 243 acres of bananas, 86 acres of pine-apples.

6 In the figures for New Zealand, the land under permanent artificial grass, amounting in 1875-6 to 1,770,264 acres is not included in the land under green forage and in the total number of acres under tillage, as in other colonies. Were it so included, it would bring the land under green forage up to 1,801,147 acres; the total land under tillage up to 2,377,402 acres; and the land under tillage per head of population up to 633 acres.

TABLE XI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1875-6.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

Many of Chilann		Bus	shels raised	of—		Tons rai	sed of—	Gallons of Wine
Name of Colony.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.1	Potatoes.	Hay.	made.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland ² South Australia Western Australia	4,978,914 1,958,640 65,645 10,739,834 237,171	2,719,795 352,966 2134 60,749 18,840	700,665 98,576 12,545 197,315 70,196	37,177 3,410,517 1,122,829 	470,304 14,349 3301 78,050 8880	41,203 9120 26,833	206,613 88,968 9841 194,794 17,319	755,000 831,749 77,404 727,979
Total	17,980,204	3,154,484	1,079,297	4,571,723	574,884	202,712	517,535	2,392,132
Tasmania	700,092 2,863,619	827,043 6,357,431	165,35 7 993,219	•••	137,050	24,455 71,599	49,217 72, 184	••
Grand Total	21,543,915	10,338,958	2,237,873	4,571,723	,711,934	298,766	638,936	2,392,132
N	-		Bushels po	r Acre of—			Tons per	Acre of—
Name of Colony.	Wheat.	Oats.	Bar	rley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.1	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland ³ South Australia Western Australia	15·49 14·66 14·66 11·95 11·00	21·9: 18·7: 18·7: 16·6: 15·0:	2 20 2 20 3 14	9·46 9·46 •12	15.85 29.01 29.01 	23·34 13·15 13·15 16·08 6·87	3·37 2·98 2·98 4·52 3·00	1·33 1·15 1·15 1·21 1·00
Total	13.03	21.35	2 19	28	28.81	20.80	3.37	1.23
Tasmania New Zealand	16·38 31·54	25·40 37·79		·84 ·91	:	20.81	3·54 4·89	1·42 1·46
Grand Total	14.24	29.64	24	.98	28.81	20.80	3.66	1.27

¹ Including beans and pease.
² The Agricultural Statistics of Queensland do not give the produce of the various crops. The totals have therefore been computed by multiplying the Queensland acreage under each crop by the average produce of the same crop in New South Wales.

In the absence of information from Queensland, the New South Wales averages are repeated.

TABLE XII.—LIVE STOCK, 1875-6.

** The Live Stock Statistics in most of the Colonies are collected with the Agricultural Statistics in the mouths of February and March.

The present returns are for those months of 1876.

Name of Colony.	Number of—					Total Number of Stock
	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.	of all descriptions to the Square Mile.
Victoria ¹ New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	196,184 357,696 121,497 107,164 29,379	1,054,598 3,134.086 1,812,576 219,240 50,416	11,749,532 24,382,536 7,227,774 6,179,395 881,861	140,765 199,950 46,447 100,562 14,420	13,141.079 28,074,268 9,208,294 6,606,361 976,076	149·00 90·29 13·57 7·22 ·98
Total	811,920	6,270,916	50,421,098	502,144	58,006,078	19:38
Tasmania	23,473 99,261	118,694 494,113	1,719,768 ² 1,1,674,863	47,664 123,741	1,909,599 12,391,978	72·84 118·02
Grand Total	934,654	6,883,723	63,815,729	673,549	72,307,655	23·15

¹ Portion of the returns of Live Stock in Victoria is derived from estimates, which can only be verified at a general census. ² Not including the sheep on islands in Bass's Straits, of which there were 11,955.