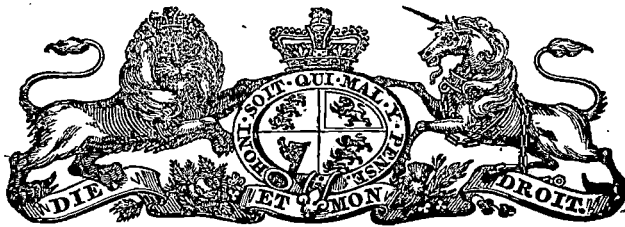


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COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF THE
AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

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AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1873,

WITH

INTRODUCTORY REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT STATIST OF VICTORIA.

*Office of the Government Statist,
Melbourne, 17th November, 1874.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to present herewith a series of tables embodying statistical information, brought down to the end of 1873, relating to the five colonies upon the Australian continent and to Tasmania and New Zealand.

2. In order to procure the matter for compiling these tables, a form which I drew up, containing enquiries with blank spaces for replies, was forwarded by the Government of Victoria, about the beginning of last August, to the Government of each of the other colonies, accompanied with a request that the form might be filled up and returned as soon as possible.

3. In process of time these forms were sent back, with the desired information duly entered, so far as it could be obtained from the records of the respective colonies. Since the receipt of the last return no delay has occurred beyond that absolutely necessary to complete the entries and calculations and to print the present document.

4. A copy of the form sent out to the various colonies is reprinted as an appendix. It will be seen that it embodies no enquiry which, under a proper statistical system, should not be easily answerable by the middle of the year succeeding that for which the information might be required. Present experience has, however, shown that scarcely any of the colonies were able to furnish the information until considerably later, and, even up to the present date, some of them have been unable to supply it fully.

5. This circumstance, in itself, speaks volumes in favour of the necessity for a mutual understanding between the colonies in regard to uniformity in the compilation of their official statistics. It will be remembered that a resolution of the Intercolonial Conference, held in Sydney during the months of January and February 1873, affirmed the desirability of such uniformity, and recommended that a plan for its attainment should be prepared by the Governments of Victoria and New South Wales.

6. Since then the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Carnarvon, has requested that the Australasian Colonies should mutually agree upon a scheme for the compilation, upon a uniform system, of one of the most important sections of the statistics, namely, those relating to Crimes and Convictions.

7. In order to settle upon a satisfactory basis the general question embodied in the resolution of the Sydney Conference, and at the same time to comply as far as possible with the wishes of the Secretary of State, I venture respectfully to suggest that the heads of the Statistical departments of all the Colonies should meet in conference, and that they should be empowered to consider the two questions jointly. I would strongly urge that such a conference should take place in one or other of the capitals at an early date.

8. The attempt to procure comparative statistics of these colonies systematically was first originated by His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson, the present Governor of New South Wales, who, both this year and last, forwarded to the Governor of Victoria, His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, a most interesting table containing statistics of the Australasian Colonies under some of the more prominent heads. Most if not all the particulars embraced in the latest of those tables are also given here, and many fresh facts are introduced. The figures, however, published by Sir Hercules Robinson differ sometimes considerably from those in the present tables, especially those relating to New Zealand, from which Colony His Excellency states he was unable to procure a direct return.

9. It is my intention, with approval, to continue the publication of statistics similar to those now presented from year to year. I trust I may find it possible in future to obtain the information necessary for their preparation at a much earlier date than upon this occasion.

10. It has been my aim to make the tables as comprehensive and clear as possible, and they will, I believe, speak for themselves. Were I to extend this report so as to give a complete digest of their contents, I might, perhaps, make the information still plainer; but the value of such an analysis would, I conceive, scarcely compensate for the time which its preparation and printing would occupy, and the consequent risk of the statistics being delayed too late to enable them to be presented to Parliament during the present Session.

11. Trusting that the information I have obtained and formulated may be of service, not only to this colony, but to the other colonies of the group, as well as to all persons seeking information on, or taking an interest in, the communities inhabiting this portion of Her Majesty's Dominions,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

HENRY HEYLYN HAYTER,

Government Statist.

The Honorable ROBERT RAMSAY, *M.P.*

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1873.—GENERAL SUMMARY.

NAME OF COLONY.	Area in Square Miles.	Population on the 31st December. ¹	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Immigrants.	Emigrants.	Public Revenue. ²		Public Expenditure. ²	Public Debt on the 31st December.	Imports.	Exports.	Shipping Inwards and Outwards.		Miles of Railway open on the 31st December.	Miles of Telegraph open on the 31st December.	Crown Lands.	
								Total.	Proportion raised by Taxation.					Vessels.	Tons.			Granted and sold to the 31st December.	Amount realized to the 31st December.
Victoria	88,198	790,492	28,100	11,501	4974	29,460	26,294	3,644,135	1,784,056	£ 3,504,953	£ 12,445,722	£ 16,533,856	£ 15,302,454	4413	1,519,015	458	3870	9,401,050 ³	£ 16,207,095
New South Wales	323,437	560,275	21,444	7611	4384	24,022	16,770	3,324,713	1,382,752	2,333,166	10,842,415	11,088,388	11,815,829	4373	1,762,478	401	6521	14,066,133	7,421,203
Queensland	678,600	146,690	5720	2250	1354	15,141	5474	1,120,034	546,732	956,395	4,786,850	2,885,499	3,542,513	1151	352,524	218	3059	1,350,538	1,669,369
South Australia	914,730	198,075	7107	2631	1562	4548	3172	937,648	362,246	839,152	2,174,900	3,841,100	4,587,859	1531	515,640	202	3807	5,369,634	5,878,569
Western Australia	978,299	25,761	809	418	161	285	639	134,832	71,625	114,270	35,000	297,328	265,217	287	140,237	30	900	1,512,210	*
TOTAL	2,983,264	1,721,293	63,180	24,411	12,435	73,456	52,349	9,161,362	4,147,411	7,747,876	30,284,887	34,646,171	35,513,872	11,755	4,289,894	1309	18,157	31,699,565	*
Tasmania	26,215	104,217	3048	1504	659	6787	7039	293,753	178,942	299,995	1,477,600	1,107,167	893,556	1342	238,112	45	291	3,905,485	1,507,652
New Zealand	105,000	295,946	11,222	3647	2276	13,572	4761	2,776,388	1,055,296	2,119,524	10,913,936	6,464,687	5,610,371	1443	571,144	145	2389	16,526,789	*
GRAND TOTAL	3,114,479	2,121,456	77,450	29,562	15,370	93,815	64,149	12,231,503	5,381,649	10,167,395	42,676,423	42,218,025	42,017,799	14,540	5,099,150	1499	20,837	52,131,839	*

NAME OF COLONY.	AGRICULTURE. ⁴																	LIVE STOCK.					
	Total Cultivation.	Wheat.		Oats.		Barley.		Maize.		Other Cereals. ⁵		Potatoes.		Hay.		Vines.		Green ⁶ Forage.	Other ⁷ Tillage.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.
	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Bushels.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Tons.	Acres.	Wine, Gallons.	Acres.	Acres.				
Victoria	964,996	349,976	4,752,289	110,991	1,741,451	25,333	502,601	1959	40,347	14,951	207,020	38,349	109,822	115,672	147,398	5222	562,713	213,069	89,474	180,342	883,763	11,323,080	160,336
New South Wales	456,825	166,647	2,238,414	16,173	302,600	3559	66,225	116,141	4,120,112	1607	25,191	14,212	42,281	70,701	108,945	4526	575,985	36,399	26,860	328,014	2,710,374	19,928,590	238,342
Queensland	64,218	3554	47,730	353	6605	588	10,943	21,140	750,047	178	2791	3069	9146	5772	8889	364	*	1894	27,306	99,243	1,343,093	7,268,946	42,884
South Australia	1,225,073	784,784	6,178,816	2011	21,337	11,827	126,398	..	..	..	..	3813	13,014	142,167	145,389	5217	733,478	27,469	247,785	87,455	174,381	5,617,419	87,336
Western Australia	51,724	25,697	345,368	1474	28,330	5083	87,529	113	2110	1475	18,243	473	1263	15,941	31,882	775	*	..	693	26,290	47,640	748,536	20,948
Total	2,762,836	1,330,658	13,562,617	131,002	2,100,323	46,390	793,696	139,353	4,912,616	18,211	253,245	59,916	175,526	350,253	442,503	16,104	*	278,831	392,118	721,344	5,159,251	44,886,571	549,846
Tasmania	167,931	58,610	947,813	26,750	561,247	6440	124,459	..	..	..	..	7910	24,970	26,406	58,430	..	..	1565	40,250	22,612	106,308	1,490,746	59,628
New Zealand	376,156 ⁸	132,428	3,391,634	110,472	3,292,807	22,124	606,492	1253	18,795 ⁹	5000	75,000 ⁹	11,617	51,758	43,616	62,187	..	..	25,515 ⁹	24,131	99,261	494,113	11,674,863	123,741
GRAND TOTAL	3,306,923	1,521,696	17,902,064	268,224	5,954,377	74,954	1,524,647	140,606	4,931,411	23,211	328,245	79,443	252,254	420,275	533,120	16,104	*	305,911	456,499	843,217	5,759,672	58,052,180	733,215

¹ For later information respecting the Population of some of the Colonies, see footnotes to Table I., post.

² The Revenue and Expenditure of Victoria are for the year ended 30th June, 1873; those for the other Colonies are for the year ended 31st December, 1873. See footnote (3) to Table IV., post.

³ These figures do not comprise the land of which the purchase was not completed at the end of 1873. See footnote (1) to Table IX., post.

⁴ No return of the produce of crops has been received from Queensland; I have, therefore, estimated the quantities according to the same acreable rate as that of New South Wales.

⁵ Including beans and peas.

⁶ Including permanent artificial grass covering the following areas in the Colonies named:—Victoria, 191,644 acres; New South Wales, 29,761 acres; Queensland, 1100 acres; South Australia, 15,357 acres.

⁷ Including the following areas lying fallow:—Victoria, 66,989 acres; South Australia, 235,210 acres; Tasmania, 23,360 acres.

⁸ Exclusive of land under permanent artificial grass, which amounted to 1,107,116 acres.

⁹ No returns of the produce of Maize or "Other Cereals" were furnished from New Zealand; it has, therefore, been calculated at the estimated rate of 15 bushels to the acre.

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

HENRY HEYLYN HAYTER, Government Statist of Victoria.

TABLE I.—POPULATION, 1873.

Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles.	On the 31st December.						Estimated Mean Population of the Year.		
		Estimated Population.			Number of—		Persons to the Square Mile.	Males.	Females.	Total.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males to 100 Females.	Females to 100 Males.				
Victoria	88,198	430,042	360,450	1,790,492	119·307	83·817	8·963	424,729	355,633	780,362
New South Wales	323,437	307,329	252,946	2,560,275	121·50	82·30	1·732	301,505	248,228	549,733
Queensland	678,600	87,154	59,536	146,690	146·39	68·31	·216	83,386	56,736	140,122
South Australia	914,730	101,540	96,535	1,198,075	105·18	95·07	·217	100,611	95,138	195,749
Western Australia	978,299	15,569	10,192	25,761	152·76	65·46	·026	15,625	10,118	25,743
Total	2,983,264	941,634	779,659	1,721,293	120·78	82·80	·577	925,256	765,853	1,691,109
Tasmania	26,215	55,368	48,849	104,217	113·35	88·23	3·975	54,893	48,678	103,571
New Zealand	105,000	170,406	125,540	1,295,946	135·74	73·67	2·819	166,405	121,348	287,753
Grand Total	3,114,479	1,167,408	954,048	2,121,456	122·36	81·72	·681	1,146,554	935,879	2,082,433

¹ On the 30th September, 1874, the Population of Victoria was estimated as follows:—Males, 435,960; Females, 366,981; Total, 802,941.

² On the 30th June, 1874, the Population of New South Wales was estimated as follows:—Males, 313,112; Females, 257,358; Total 570,470.

³ On the 30th September, 1874, the Population of South Australia was estimated as follows:—Males, 104,657; Females, 99,435; Total, 204,092.

⁴ According to the Census of New Zealand, taken on the 1st March, 1874, the Population at that date was as follows:—Males, 170,903; Females, 123,482; Total, 299,385.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1873.

Name of Colony.	Births of—			Deaths of—			Marriages.	Per 1000 of Mean Population—Number of—			Excess of Births over Deaths.		Males to 100 Females.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Numerical.	Per cent.	Born.	Died.
Victoria	14,234	13,866	28,100	6565	4936	11,501	4974	36·01	14·74	6·37	16,599	144·33	102·65	133·00
New South Wales	10,952	10,492	21,444	4599	3012	7611	4384	39·01	13·84	7·97	13,833	181·75	104·33	152·69
Queensland	2945	2775	5720	1371	879	2250	1354	40·82	16·06	9·66	3470	154·22	106·13	155·97
South Australia	3602	3505	7107	1481	1150	2631	1562	36·42	13·48	8·00	4476	170·13	102·77	128·78
Western Australia	422	387	809	269	149	418	161	31·43	16·24	6·25	391	93·54	109·04	180·54
Total	32,155	31,025	63,180	14,285	10,126	24,411	12,435	37·36	14·43	7·35	38,769	158·82	103·64	141·07
Tasmania	1512	1536	3048	896	607	1504	659	29·43	14·52	6·36	1544	102·66	98·44	147·61
New Zealand	5707	5515	11,222	2069	1578	3647	2276	39·00	12·67	7·91	7575	207·70	103·48	131·05
Grand Total	39,374	38,076	77,450	17,250	12,311	29,562	15,370	37·19	14·20	7·38	47,888	161·99	103·41	140·12

¹ The sum of the deaths of males and females is one less than the total deaths in consequence of the death of a person, sex unknown, having been registered in Tasmania.

TABLE III.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1873.

Name of Colony.	Number of Immigrants.									Number of Emigrants.			Excess of Immigrants over Emigrants.			Excess of Emigrants over Immigrants.		
	Assisted.			Unassisted.			Total.			Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.									
Victoria.....	456	407	863	20,349	8248	28,597	20,805	8655	29,460	18,335	7959	26,294	2470	696	3166	..	..	..
New South Wales	16	124	140	17,616	6260	23,882	17,632	6390	24,022	12,336	4434	16,770	5296	1956	7252	..	..	..
Queensland	*	*	6904 ¹	*	*	8237	10,216	4925	15,141	4253	1221	5474	5963	3704	9667	..	..	..
South Australia	104	122	226	2960	1362	4322	3064	1484	4548	2126	1046	3172	938	438	1376	..	..	..
Western Australia .....	..	..	..	228	57	285	223	57	285	492	147	639	..	..	..	264	90	354
Total	*	*	8133	*	*	65,323	51,945	21,511	73,456	37,542	14,807	52,349	14,403 ²	6704 ²	21,107 ²	..	..	..
Tasmania	19	9	28	4907	1852	6759	4,225	1861	6787	4501	2448	7039	335	..	..	..	587	252
New Zealand	*	*	8754	*	*	4818	7871	5701	13,572	3507	1254	4761	4364	4447	8811	..	..	..
Grand Total	*	*	16,915	*	*	76,900	64,742	29,073	93,815	45,640	18,509	64,149	19,102 ²	10,564 ²	29,666 ²	..	..	..

¹ Including 4837 free immigrants.² These are the net figures.

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.

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

TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1873.

Name of Colony.	Date on which Financial Year terminates.	Public Revenue.			Public Expenditure.	Per head of Mean Population. ²		
		Raised by Taxation. ¹	Not raised by Taxation.	Total		Taxation.	Total Revenue.	Expenditure.
		£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria.....	30th June ³	1,784,056	1,860,079	3,644,135	3,504,953	£ 2 6 4	£ 4 14 7½	£ 4 11 0
New South Wales	31st Dec.	1,382,752	1,941,961	3,324,713	2,333,166	2 10 3½	6 0 11½	4 4 10½
Queensland	31st Dec.	546,732	573,302	1,120,034	956,335	3 14 6½	7 19 10½	6 16 6
South Australia	31st Dec.	362,246	575,402	937,648	839,152	1 17 1½	4 16 1¼	4 6 0
Western Australia	31st Dec.	71,625	63,207	134,832	114,270	2 15 7¾	5 4 9	4 8 9½
Total .....	..	4,147,411	5,013,951	9,161,362	7,747,876	2 9 4	5 9 0	4 12 2½
Tasmania	31st Dec.	178,942	114,811	293,753	299,995	1 14 6¼	2 16 8¾	2 17 11¼
New Zealand	31st Dec.	1,055,296	1,721,092	2,776,388	2,119,524	3 13 4¼	9 12 11¾	7 7 3¾
Grand Total.....	..	5,381,649	6,849,854	12,231,503	10,167,395	2 11 11½	5 16 0½	4 18 1½

¹ In most of the colonies the amounts in this column are made up of the net Customs Revenue, and of the revenue derived from Stamp Duties. In Tasmania the following items have been included in addition:—Probate duty, £1949; dog tax, £701; and rural police rate, £3430. In New Zealand the amount of export duty on gold (£47,744) has been deducted from the Customs Revenue.

² In calculating these amounts the average population of Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1873, (770,306) has been taken. For the other colonies the mean populations shown in the last column of Table I. have been used.

³ The returns for Victoria during the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1874, are as follow:—Mean Population, 790,492; Revenue raised by taxation £1,896,823; Revenue not so raised, £2,168,101; Total Revenue, £4,064,924. Expenditure, £4,177,262. Taxation per head, £2 8s.; Revenue per head, £5 2s. 10¼d.; Expenditure per head, £5 5s. 8d.

TABLE V.—PUBLIC DEBT, 1873.

Name of the Colony.	On the 31st December.	
	Total amount of Public Debt.	Indebtedness per head of Population.
	£	£ s. d.
Victoria	12,445,722	15 14 10¾
New South Wales	10,842,415	19 7 0½
Queensland	4,786,850	32 12 7¾
South Australia	2,174,900	10 19 7¼
Western Australia	35,000	1 7 2
Total	30,284,887	17 11 10½
Tasmania	1,477,600	14 3 6¾
New Zealand	10,913,936	36 17 6¾
Grand Total.....	42,676,423	20 2 4

TABLE VI.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1873.

Name of Colony.	Total Value of—			Value per Head of Mean Population of—		
	Imports.	Exports.	Both.	Imports.	Exports.	Both.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria.....	16,533,856	15,302,454	31,836,310	21 3 9	19 12 2½	40 15 11½
New South Wales.....	11,088,388 ¹	11,815,829 ¹	22,904,217	20 3 5	21 9 10½	41 13 3½
Queensland.....	2,885,499	3,542,513	6,428,012	20 11 10½	25 5 7½	45 17 5½
South Australia.....	3,841,100	4,587,859	8,428,959	19 13 8	23 10 2½	43 3 10½
Western Australia.....	297,328	265,217	562,545	11 11 0	10 6 0½	21 17 0½
TOTAL.....	34,646,171	35,513,872	70,160,043	20 9 9	21 0 0	41 9 9
Tasmania.....	1,107,167	893,556	2,000,723	10 13 9½	8 12 6½	19 6 4½
New Zealand.....	6,464,687	5,610,371	12,075,058	22 9 3½	19 9 11½	41 19 3
GRAND TOTAL.....	42,218,025	42,017,799	84,235,824	20 5 5½	20 3 6½	40 9 0

¹ In furnishing this statement the Registrar-General of New South Wales explained that the returns of Imports and Exports *via* and across the Murray during 1873 had not been received, and consequently that the figures had been made up of the Riverine returns during 1872 added to the seaward traffic during 1873.

TABLE VII.—SHIPPING, 1873.

NAME OF COLONY.	INWARDS.		OUTWARDS.		TOTAL.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria.....	2187	756,103	2226	762,912	4413	1,519,015
New South Wales.....	2161	874,804	2212	887,674	4373	1,762,478
Queensland.....	582	176,172	569	176,352	1151	352,524
South Australia.....	799	265,437	732	250,203	1531	515,640
Western Australia.....	137	69,669	150	70,568	287	140,237
Total.....	5866	2,142,185	5889	2,147,709	11,755	4,289,894
Tasmania.....	661	118,353	681	119,759	1342	238,112
New Zealand.....	739	289,297	704	281,847	1443	571,144
Grand Total.....	7266	2,549,835	7274	2,549,315	14,540	5,099,150

TABLE VIII.—RAILWAYS AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS, 1873.

NAME OF COLONY.	ON THE 31st DECEMBER.					
	Number of Miles of Railway.			Number of Miles of Electric Telegraph.		
	Open.	In course of Construction.	TOTAL.	Open.	In course of Construction.	TOTAL.
Victoria.....	458	145	603	3870 ¹	210	4080
New South Wales.....	401	58	459	6521	912½	7433½
Queensland.....	218	144	362	3059	330	3389
South Australia.....	202	148	350	3807	65	3872
Western Australia.....	30	35	65	900	..	900
Total.....	1309	530	1839	18,157	1517½	19,674½
Tasmania.....	45	121	166	291	..	291
New Zealand.....	145	434	579	2389	233	2622
Grand Total...	1499	1085	2584	20,837	175	22,587½

¹ These figures, as the heading states, represent the number of miles of electric telegraph. The number of miles of telegraph wire in operation in Victoria at the end of 1873 was 3923.

TABLE IX.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED, 1873.

NAME OF COLONY.	AREA IN STATUTE ACRES.	ACRES GRANTED AND SOLD.			AMOUNT REALISED ON LAND SALES.						EXTENT UNALIENATED AT END OF 1873. Acres.
		Prior to 1873.	During 1873.	TOTAL.	TOTAL.			AVERAGE PER ACRE.			
					Prior to 1873.	During 1873.	TOTAL.	Prior to 1873.	During 1873.	TOTAL.	
Victoria	56,446,720	8,870,166	530,884	9,401,050 ¹	£ 15,585,623	£ 621,472	£ 16,207,095	£ s. d. 1 15 1 ³ / ₄	£ s. d. 1 3 6	£ s. d. 1 14 5 ³ / ₄	47,045,670
New South Wales..	206,999,680	12,279,313	1,786,820	14,066,133	6,575,793	845,410	7,421,203	0 10 8 ¹ / ₂	0 9 5 ¹ / ₂	0 10 6 ¹ / ₂	192,933,547
Queensland	434,304,000	1,262,978	87,560	1,350,538	1,615,970	53,999	1,669,969	1 5 7 0 12 2 ¹ / ₂	1 4 8 ³ / ₄	1 4 8 ³ / ₄	432,953,462
South Australia ..	585,427,200	5,012,040	357,594	5,369,634	5,721,726	156,843	5,878,569	1 2 10 0 8 9 ¹ / ₄	1 1 10 ³ / ₄	1 1 10 ³ / ₄	580,057,566
Western Australia	626,111,323	1,496,598 ²	15,612	1,512,210	*	7676	*	* 0 9 10	*	*	624,599,113
Total	1,909,288,923	28,921,095	2,778,470	31,699,565	*	1,684,800	*	* 0 12 1 ¹ / ₂	*	*	1,877,589,358
Tasmania	16,777,600	3,863,350	42,135	3,905,485	1,460,845	46,807	1,507,652	0 7 6 ³ / ₄	1 2 2 ¹ / ₂	0 7 8 ³ / ₄	12,872,115
New Zealand. ...	67,200,000	15,179,208 ³	1,347,581 ³	16,526,789	*	1,017,759	*	* 0 15 1	*	*	50,673,211
Grand Total..	1,993,266,523	47,963,653	4,168,186	52,131,839	*	2,749,366	*	* 0 13 2 ¹ / ₂	*	*	1,941,134,684

¹ These figures do not include land of which the purchase was not completed. The Honorable the Minister of Lands recently laid before Parliament a Report, in which it was stated that, up to the 30th June, 1874, the total extent alienated from the Crown was 14,551,268 acres. This acreage embraced not only the land of which the fee simple had passed to the purchaser, but the area in process of alienation under the system of deferred payments. Portion of the latter might possibly revert to the Crown in consequence of non-fulfilment of conditions, &c.

² Inclusive of leases.

³ These amounts are only approximate.

* Where asterisks occur the returns have not been furnished, or are incomplete.

TABLE X.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1873-4.—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 1874. In calculating the ratio of tillage per head, the population at the 31st December, 1873, has been taken.

Name of Colony.	Number of Acres under Tillage.		Number of Acres under—									
	Total.	Per head of Population.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. ^a	Potatoes.	Hay.	Vines.	Green Forage. ^b	Other Tillage. ^c
Victoria	964,996	1·22	349,976	110,991	25,333	1959	14,951	38,349	115,672	5222	213,069	89,474
New South Wales	456,825	·82	166,647	16,173	3559	116,141	1607	14,212	70,701	4526	36,399	26,860 ^d
Queensland	64,218	·43	3554	353	588	21,140	178	3069	5772	364	1894	27,306 ^e
South Australia..	1,225,073	6·18	784,784	2011	11,827	..	..	3813	142,167	5217	27,469	247,785
Western Australia	51,724	2·01	25,697	1474	5083	113	1475	473	15,941 ^f	775	..	693
Total	2,762,836	1·60	1,330,658	131,002	46,390	139,353	18,211	59,916	350,253	16,104	278,831	392,118
Tasmania	167,931	1·61	58,610	26,750	6446	..	g	7910	26,406	..	1565	40,250
New Zealand. ...	376,156 ^h	1·27	132,428	110,472	22,124	1253	5000	11,617	43,616	..	25,515 ^h	24,131
Grand Total	3,306,923	1·55	1,521,696	268,224	74,954	140,606	23,211	79,443	420,275	16,104	305,911	456,499

^a Including beans and pease.

^b 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 grasses in the respective colonies named:—Victoria, 191,644 acres; New South Wales, 29,761 acres; Queensland, 1,100 acres; South Australia, 15,357 acres.

^c 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, 66,989 acres; South Australia, 235,210 acres; Tasmania, 23,360 acres.

^d Including 6671 acres under sugar cane, which produced 13,958 tons of cane, or 731¹/₂ tons of sugar.

^e Including 9663 acres under cotton, and 14,495 acres under sugar cane.

^f Including green crops.

^g Included in "Other Tillage."

^h Exclusive of land under permanent artificial grass, which amounted to 1,107,116 acres.

TABLE XI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1873-4.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

Name of Colony.	Bushels raised of—					Tons raised of—		Gallons of Wine made.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals. ¹	Potatoes.	Hay.	
Victoria.....	4,752,289	1,741,451	502,601	40,347	207,020	109,822	147,398	562,713
New South Wales	2,238,414	302,600	66,225	4,120,112	25,191	42,281	108,945	575,985
Queensland ²	47,730	6,605	10,943	750,047	2791	9146	8889	*
South Australia	6,178,816	21,337	126,398	..	..	13,014	145,389	733,478
Western Australia.....	345,368	28,330	87,529	2110	18,243	1263	31,882	*
Total	13,562,617	2,100,323	793,696	4,912,616	253,245	175,526	442,503	*
Tasmania	947,813	561,247	124,459	..	..	24,970	28,430	..
New Zealand	3,391,634	3,292,807	606,492	18,795 ³	75,000 ³	51,758	62,187	..
Grand Total	17,902,064	5,954,377	1,524,647	4,931,411	328,245	252,254	533,120	*

Name of Colony.	Bushels per acre of—					Tons per acre of—	
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria	13·58	15·69	19·84	20·60	13·85	2·86	1·27
New South Wales	13·43	18·71	18·61	35·48	15·68	2·98	1·54
Queensland ²	13·43	18·71	18·61	35·48	15·68	2·98	1·54
South Australia	7·87	10·61	10·69	..	..	3·41	1·02
Western Australia.....	13·44	19·22	17·22	18·67	12·37	2·67	2·00
Total	10·19	16·03	17·11	35·25	13·91	2·93	1·26
Tasmania	16·17	20·98	19·33	..	..	3·16	1·08
New Zealand	25·61	29·81	27·41	15·00	15·00	4·46	1·43
Grand Total	11·76	22·20	20·34	35·07	14·14	3·18	1·27

¹ Including beans and pease.

² No returns of the produce of crops have been received from Queensland; the quantities have therefore been estimated according to the same acreable rates as those obtaining in New South Wales.

³ No returns. Estimated at 15 bushels per acre.

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

TABLE XII.—LIVE STOCK, 1873-4.

** The Live Stock Statistics in most of the colonies are collected with the Agricultural Statistics in the months of February and March. The present returns are for those months of 1874.

Name of Colony.	Number of—					Total Number of Stock of all descriptions to the Square Mile.
	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.	
Victoria ¹	180,342	883,763	11,323,080	160,336	12,547,521	142·27
New South Wales	328,014	2,710,374	19,928,590	238,342	23,205,320	71·75
Queensland	99,243	1,343,093	7,268,946	42,884	8,754,166	12·90
South Australia	87,455	174,381	5,617,419	87,336	5,966,591	6·52
Western Australia.....	26,290	47,640	748,536	20,948	843,414	·86
Total	721,344	5,159,251	44,886,571	549,846	51,317,012	17·20
Tasmania	22,612	106,308	1,490,746	59,628	1,679,294	64·06
New Zealand	99,261	494,113	11,674,863	123,741	12,391,978	118·03
Grand Total	843,217	5,759,672	58,052,180	733,215	65,388,284	20·99

¹ The Returns of Live Stock in Victoria are in all probability under the mark, in consequence of the collectors of statistics being in many cases unable to furnish estimates of the numbers kept in towns and villages, and on allotments of land smaller than those they were required by their instructions to visit personally.

APPENDIX.

FORM sent by the Government of Victoria to the Government of each of the other Australasian Colonies.

NAME OF COLONY.	YEAR 1873.		
<i>Enquiries.</i>	<i>Replies.</i>		
1. Area of colony	Square miles,		
2. Estimated population :—			
(a.) At beginning of year	Males,	; females,	; total,
(b.) At end of year	Males,	; females,	; total,
3. Births	Males,	; females,	; total,
4. Deaths	Males,	; females,	; total,
5. Marriages			
6. Immigrants :—			
(a.) Assisted	Males,	; females,	; total,
(b.) Unassisted	Males,	; females,	; total,
Total	Males,	; females,	; total,
7. Emigrants	Males,	; females,	; total,
8. Public revenue :—			
(a.) Raised by taxation ¹	£		
(b.) Not raised by taxation	£		
Total	£		
9. Public expenditure	£		
10. Public debt on 31st December	£		
11. Value of imports	£		
12. Value of exports	£		
13. Shipping inwards	Vessels,	; tons,	
14. Shipping outwards	Vessels,	; tons,	
15. Miles of railway on 31st December	Open,	; being made,	
16. Miles of telegraph on 31st December	Open,	; being made,	
17. Lands granted and sold and amount realized ;—			
(a.) Prior to year under review	Acres,	; £	
(b.) During year under review	Acres,	; £	
Total	Acres,	; £	
18. Agricultural Statistics :—			
(a.) Wheat grown for grain	Acres,	; bushels,	
(b.) Oats	Acres,	; bushels,	
(c.) Barley	Acres,	; bushels,	
(d.) Maize	Acres,	; bushels,	
(e.) Other cereals	Acres,	; bushels,	
(f.) Potatoes	Acres,	; tons,	
(g.) Hay of all kinds	Acres,	; tons,	
(h.) Vines, and wine made	Acres,	; gallons,	
(i.) Green forage	Acres,		
(j.) Other tillage	Acres,		
Total cultivation	Acres,		
19. Live Stock :—			
(a.) Horses	Number,		
(b.) Cattle	Number,		
(c.) Sheep	Number,		
(d.) Pigs	Number,		

¹ In most of the colonies the figures for this line will be made up of the net Customs Revenue added to the Revenue derived from Stamp duties. Railway, Postal, and Telegraph receipts, Moneys derived from Land Sales, Rents, Licences, &c. should not be considered as Taxation.

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