

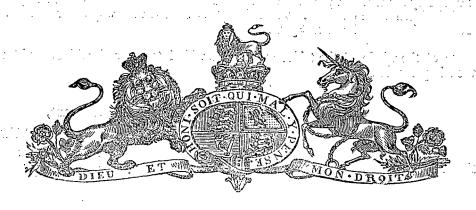
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS FOR 1874.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary and ordered by the House to be printed, September 12, 1876.



AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1874,

WITH

INTRODUCTORY REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT STATIST OF VICTORIA.

Office of the Government Statist, Melbourne, 1st October, 1875.

SIR.

In continuation of the Australasian Statistics presented to Parliament last year, I have the honor to forward herewith a series of tables embodying information, brought down to the end of 1874, relating to the five colonies upon this continent and to Tasmania and New Zealand.

- 2. These tables, as in the case of those for 1873, have been compiled from materials received direct from the other colonies, in compliance with the request of, and on forms sent to each colony by, the Government of Victoria. These forms the respective Governments were, upon the present occasion, requested to cause to be filled up and returned, if possible, by the 30th June.
- 3. Several of the colonies, with due punctuality, returned the forms properly filled at the appointed time, but in the case of others considerable delay took place. In more than one instance the document was sent in deficient in some important particular, and detention occurred whilst this was being supplied. It is only within the last few days that the materials have been so far perfected as to enable me to make up the tables for publication, and even now the information is not quite complete.*
- 4. Being strongly impressed with the feeling that the interest and utility of statistical information of this character is materially added to by its early publication, I trust I shall not be considered as going beyond my province in respectfully urging that, if it be considered advisable to continue the publication of these statistics in future years, steps may be taken to impress upon the other colonies the desirability of making an effort to supply the information at an earlier period.
- 5. In the Introductory Report which I prefixed to the former issue of the Australasian Statistics I suggested the desirability of the heads of the Statistical departments of all the colonies in the group meeting in conference, for the purpose of agreeing upon a scheme for the compilation of their statistical records upon a uniform system. Such a conference, as you are aware—attended, however, by representatives of only four of the colonies—took place in Tasmania in February last, the Government Statist of this colony being the representative of Victoria. The result of the deliberations of this conference have been already laid before Parliament. It was decided that its recommendations should come into force from the beginning of next year: if these are faithfully carried out in the colonies represented at the conference, and adopted also, as it is to be hoped they will be, in the non-represented colonies, the supplying of such particulars as are required for the preparation of these statistics, or of such other ordinary information as the respective Governments might desire at any time to obtain or mutually to interchange, should be a much simpler matter than it has hitherto been.

^{*} Some figures were received whilst this return was passing through the press and have been entered in the tables. The most important statements still missing are those of the Revenue, Expenditure, and Public Debt of New Zealand.

- 6. The large summary sheet which precedes this Report contains particulars for the two years in respect to which these statistics have been obtained. The subsequent tables in no way differ in form from those published in the Australasian Statistics of last year.
- 7. The contents of the whole of the tables are replete with interest, and will no doubt receive that attention which their importance merits.

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

HENRY HEYLYN HAYTER,

Government Statist.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1874.—GENERAL SUMMARY.

	Anga in Sa	1070								Public Reve	nue.2	Public	Public 1	Debt			SI	hipping In Outwa	wards and irds.	Miles of Railway			Crown 1	Lands.
NAME OF COLONY.	Area in Sq Miles.	Year.	Population.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages	. Immigra	nts. Emigra	1	otal. ra	oportion ised by axation.	Expenditure. ²	1	31st	Imports.	Export	1	Vessels.	Tons.	open on the 31s Decembe	open of t 31st De	n the Greem-sold		Amount realized to the 31st December.
Victoria	88,19	98 { 1873 1874	790,492 808,437	28,100 26,800	11,501 12,222	4974 4925	29,46 30,73		94 3,6 65 4,1	£ 44,135 1,7 06,790 1,8	£ 784,056 896,842	£ 3,504,953 4,177,338	12,445 13,990	5,722	£ 16,533,856 16,953,985	£ 15,302, 15,441,		4413 4222	1,519,015 1,569,619	458 605	315 338		acres. 9,401,050 ⁴ 9,932,633 ⁴	£ 16,207,095 16,786,146
New South Wales	325,00	0 { 1873 1874	560,275 584,278	21,444 22,178	7611 8652	4384 4343	24,02 29,75		70 3,39 79 3,50	$\begin{bmatrix} 24,713 & 1,3 \\ 09,966 & 1,5 \end{bmatrix}$	382,752 217,401	2,333,166 2,939,227	10,842 10,516	2,415 3,371	11,088,388 11,293,739	11,815, 12,345,		4373 4385	1,762,478 1,990,894	401 401	652 744		4,066,133 6,357,033	7,421,203 8,532,244
Queensland	678,60	00 { 1873 1874	146,690 163,51 7	5720 6376	2250 2789	1354 1337	15,14 20,72			20,034 60,94 7	546,732 552,758	956,335 1,121,710	4,786 5,253	3,850 3,286	2,885,499 2,962,439	3,542, 4,106,		1151 1370	352,524 572,750	218 249			1,350,538 1,368,470 ⁴	1,669,369 1,708,945
South Australia	914,78	1873	198,075 204,623	7107 7696	2631 3434	1562 1611	454 555			37,648 03,820	362,246 370,440	839,152 1,051,622	2,174 2,989	1,900 9,750	3,841,100 3,983,290	4,587, 4,402,		1531 1440	515,640 534,550	262 234			5,369,634 5,712,773	5,878,569 6,08 4 ,069
Western Australia	278,29	9 { 1873 1874	25,761 26,209	809 876	418 487	161 181	28 66			34,932 48,073	71,625 82,275	114,270 143,266		5,000 9,000	297,328 364,263	265, 428,	21 7 83 7	287 297	140,237 132,827	30 38			1,806,643 1,823,799	*
Total	2,984,82	1873 1874	1,721,293 1,787,064	63,180 63,926	24,411 27,584	12,435 12,397	73,45 87,43		19 9,1 10 9,9		147,411 119,716	7,747,876 9,433,163	30,284 32,868	4,887 8,960	34,646,171 35,557,716	35,513, 36,724,		11,755 11,714	4,289,894 4,809,640	1309 1527			31,993,998 35,194,708	*
Tasmania	26,21	5 { 1873 1874	104,217 104,176	3048 3097	1504 1689	659 712	678 626				178,942 215,233	299,995 374,078	1,477 1,476	7,600 3,700	1,107,167 1,257,785	893, 925,		1342 1227	238,112 239,507	45 45			3,905,485 3,982,003	1,507,652 1,593,401
New Zealand	105,00	1873	295,946 341,860	11,222 12,844	3647 4161	2276 2828	13,57 43,96		61 2,7	76,388 1,	055,296	2,119,524	10,918	3,936	6,464,687 8,121,812	5,610, 5,251,		1443 1678	571,144 784,829	145 209		1	16,526,789 17,414,169	*
GRAND TOTAL	3,116, 04	1873	2,121,456 2,233,100	77,450 79,867	29,562 33,434	15,370 15,937	93,81 137,66		49 12,2 83	231,503 5,	381,649	10,167,395	42,676		42,218,025 44,937,313	42,017, 42,901,		14,540 14,619	5,099,150 5,824,976		20,12 22,08	26½ 5 38½ £	52,426,272 56,590,880	*
									AGR	ICULTURI	E.											LIV	E STOCK.	
NAME OF COLONY.	Year.	Total Cultivation.	Whe	eat.	Oa	ts.	Bar	ley.	М	Taize.	Other	Cereals.	Potat	oes.	На	y. (Vi	nes.	Green Forage.8	Other Tillage. ⁹	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheer	Pigs.
Victoria	1873 1874	Acres. 964,996 1,011,776	Acres. 349,976 332,936	Bushels. 4,752,289 4,850,165		Bushels. 1,741,451 2,121,612	Acres. 25,333 29,505	Bushels, 502,601 619,896	Acres. 1959 1523	Bushels. 40,347 24,263		1 207,020		Tons. 109,822 124,310		Tons. 147,398 157,261	5222		Acres. 213,069 254,329		180,342 180,254	883,76 958,65	33 11,323,0 58 11,221,0	080 160,336 036 137,911
New South Wales {	1873 1874	456,825 464,957	166,647 166,912	2,238,414 2,148,394	16,173 17,973	302,600 293,135	3559 3984	66,225 69,053	116,141 118,437	4,120,112 3,618,436			14.212 13,604	42,281 38,564	70,701 68,088	108,945 93,440	4526 4308	575 985 684,258	36,399 40,589	26,860 29,711	328,014 346,691	2,710,37 2,856,69	74 19,928,6 99 22,872,8	590 238,342 582 219,958
Queensland 10	1873 1873	64,218 64,218	3554 3554	82,381 82,381	353 353	7060 7060	588 588	11,760 11,760	21,140 21,140	845,600 845,600	178 178	3560 3560	3069 3069	6138 6138		11,544 11,544	$\frac{364}{364}$	41,479 41,479	1894 1894	27,306 27,306		1,343,09 1,343,09		
South Australia {	1873 1874	1,225,073 1,330,484	784,784 839,638	6,178,816 9,862,693	2011 2785	21,337 40,701	11,827 13,724	126,398 208,373	••	::	::	1 1	3813 4582	13,014 17,046	142,167 160,931	145,389 202,934	521 7 5051	733,478 648,186	27,469 27,076	247,785 276,697	87,455 93,122	174,38 185,34	5,617,4 6,120,9	87,336
Western Australia {	1873 1874	51,724 45,292	25,697 23,427	345,368 281,124	1474 1067	28,330 17,072	5083 4702	87,529 75,232	113 88	2110 1320			473 329	1263 987		31,882 20,049	775 779	*	:	693 512	26.290 26,636	47,64 46,74		
TOTAL {	1873 1874	2,762,836 2,916,727	1,330,658 1,366,467	13,597,268 17,224,757	131,002 137,099	2,100,778 2,479,580	46,390 52,503	794,513 984,314	139,353 141,188	5,00 ,169 4,489,619	18,211 19,817	254,014 367,779	59,916 56,767	172,518 187,045		445,158 485,223	16,104 15,489	*	278,831 323,888	392,118 436,371	721,344 745,946	5,159,25 5,390,54	44,886,5 40 48,260,9	549.846
Tasmania	18 73 18 74	167,931 326,486	58,610 57,633	947,813 1,066,861	26,750 32,704	561,247 877,243	6440 5129	124,459 125,469	••	::	5714	112,342	7910 6978	24,970 26,169	26,406 30,486	28,430 41,144		::	1565 94,234	40,250 93,608	22,612 23,208	106,30 110,45	08 1,490,7 50 1,714,1	746 59,628 68 ¹¹ 51,468
New Zealand {		376,156 ¹² 549,844 ¹²	132,428 105,674	3,391,634 2,974,339	157,545	5,548,729	22,124 16,236	606,492 477,162	1253 ¹³	·		3	11,617 12,154	51,758 63,685		62,187 52,202			25,515 ¹⁴	24.131 196,019	99,261 99,261	494,11 494,11	11,674.8 11,674.8	663 123,741 663 123,741
GRAND TOTAL {	1873 1874	3,306,923 3,793,057	1,521,696 1,529,774	17,936,715 21,265,957	268,224 327,348	5,954,832 8,905,552	74,954 73,868	1,525,4 6 4 1,586,945	140,606 141,188	5,026,964 4,489,619		1 329,014 1 480,121	79,443 75,899	249,246 276,899	420,275 459,890		16,104 15,439	*	305,911 418,122	456,499 725,998	843,217 868.415	5,759,67 5,995,10	2 58,052,1	80 733,215 67 667,301

^{*} 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 footnotes to Table I., post.

The Revenue and Expenditure of Victoria are for the years ended 30th June, 1873, and 1874; those for the other colonies are for the same years ended 31st December. See footnote (3) to Table IV., post.

This column should contain statements of the number of miles of telegraph line

open in the respective colonies. It is pretty certain, however, that some of the colonies return the number of miles of wire instead. The latter is always much greater than the number of miles of line. See footnote (1) to Table VIII., post.

<sup>Not including the land of which the purchase was not completed. See footnote (1) to Table IX., post.
It is officially stated that the values here given of imports to and exports from New South Wales in 1874 are, to a small extent, below the truth.
The returns of the Public Debt of New Zealand for 1874, as well as those of the Revenue and Expenditure of the same year, have not been received. According, however, to the published Financial Statement of the Hon. Major Atkinson, Colonial Treasurer of that Colony, the net Public Debt on the 30th June, 1875, was £16,596,459. See Tables IV. and V., post.</sup>

⁷ Including beans and pease.

<sup>Including beans and pease.
Including permanent artificial grass, covering the following areas in the colonies named: -Victoria, 238,043 acres; New South Wales, 33,208 acres; South Australia, 19,260 acres; I'asmania, 93,176 acres.
Including the following areas lying fallow in the colonies named: -Victoria, 77,912 acres; South Australia, 264,327 acres; Tasmaria, 22,512.
The Queensland return of live stock and agriculture for 1874 being incomplete, the figures for 1873 have been repeated.
Not including sheep on islands in Bass's Straits, of which, on the 31st March, 1874, there were returned 10,785.</sup>

¹² 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. It amounted in 1873 to 1,107,116 acres, and in 1874 to 1,303,823

acres.

13 In the returns of New Zealand for 1874, the acreage under maize and other cereals is included under the head of "Other Tiliage."

14 In the returns of New Zealand for 1874 the acreage under green forage is included in the amounts set down in the columns for "Hay" and "Other "Tiliage."

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1874.

TABLE I.—POPULATION, 1874.

		-		On the 31st	December.				d Mean Po f the Year	
Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles.	Estin	nated Popu	lation.	Numb	er of—	Persons to	Males.	Females.	Total
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males to 100 Females	Females to 100 Males	Square Mile.			
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	678,600	321,447 97,860	262,831 65,657	808,437 ¹ 584,278 163,517 204,623 ² 26,209	118·92 122·30 149·05 105·13 149·92	84·09 81·76 67·09 95·12 66·70	9·166 1·798 ·241 ·224 ·027	434,073 314,388 92,507 103,205 15,646	364,615 257,889 62,597 98,144	572,277 155,104 201,349
Total	105,000	194,349	49,059 147,511	341,860	121·17 112·35 131·75 122·29	82·53 89·01 75·90 81·77	·599 3·974 3·256	959,819 55,243 182,378 1,197,440	48,954 136,525	

¹ On the 30th June, 1875, the Population of Victoria was estimated as follows: Males, 441,742; Females, 371,846; Total, 813,588.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1874.

Name of Colony.	E	irths of-	_	1	Deaths o	f	Mar-		00 of Me 1—Num	an Popu- ber of—	Excess o			les to emales.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Numerical.	Per cent.	Born.	Died.
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Victoria New South Wales Qucensland South Australia Western Australia	11,323 3277 3913	10,855 3099 37 83	22,178 6376	5022 1 77 3	3630 1016	2789 3434	4343 1337 1611	33·56 38·75 41·11 38·22 33·71	15:30 15:12 17:98 17:05 18:74	6·17 7·59 8·62 8·00 6·96	14,578 13,526 3587 4262 389	156·33 128·61 124·11		125.62
Total	32,617	31,309	63,926	16,025	11,559	27,584	12,397	36.46	15.73	7.07	36,342	131.75	104.18	138.64
Tasmania NewZealand		6210	12,844		1795		2828	29· 7 2 40·27	16·21 13·05	6·83 8·87	1408 8683	83·36 208·68	107·02 106·83	
Grand Total	40,852	39,015	79,867	19,413	14,021	33,434	15,937	36.70	15.36	7.32	46,433	138.88	104.71	138-46

² On the 30th June, 1875, the Population of South Australia was estimated as follows:—Males, 105,746; Females, 100,730; Total, 206,476.

TABLE III.—IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 1874.

			1	Number	of Im	nigrant	s.				Number of	r.		Excess o			cess	of sover
	Assist	ed and	Free.) U:	nassiste	à.		Total.	•.	E	migran	is.		migran			migra	
Name of Colony.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Mules.	Females.	Total:	Males.	Females.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
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Victoria				21,812 $21,845$			21,876 $22,381$			19,424 14,564		27,365 19,279			3367 10,477		••	••
Queensland	5148			10,084			15,232		20,725			7794			12,931		••	
South Australia. Western Australia.	1192	960	2152	2363 481	1042 179	3405 660		2002 179	555 7 660			3271 601			2286 59		••	::
Total	6940	5318	12,258	56,585	18,587	75,172	63,525	23,905	87,430	42,998	15,312	58,310	20,527	8593	29,120		••	••
Tasmania ¹ New Zealand		8 14,549		4274 8261		6247 11,847	4284 25,830				.2608 1492		21,463	16,643	38,106	822	627	1449
Grand Total.	24,519	19,875	44,394	69,120	24,146	93,266	93,639	44,021	137,660	52,471	19,412	71,883	41,168²	24,609²	65,777			••

¹ The sex was not distinguished in the case of 182 children arriving in and 386 departing from Tasmania. These have been equally divided between the male and female columns.

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TABLE IV.—PUBLIC REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1874.

	Date on which	IP	ublic Revenu	e.	Public	Per Hea	ad of Mean Po	pulation.2
Name of Colony.	Financial Year terminates.	Raised by Taxation.1	Not raised by Taxation.	Total.	Expenditure.	'Taxation.	Total Revenue.	Expe iture
Victoria	31st Dec. 31st Dec.	£ 1,896,842 1,217,401 552,758 370,440 82,275	£ 2,209,948 2,292,565 608,189 633,380 65,798	£ 4,106,790 3,509,966 1,160,947 1,003,820 148,073	£ 4,177,338 2,939,227 1,121,710 1,051,622 143,266	£ s. d. 2 8 03 2 2 61 3 11 31 1 16 91 3 3 4	£ s. d. 5 4 0½ 6 2 8 7 9 8½ 4 19 8½ 5 13 11½	£ s. d. 5 5 10 5 2 88 7 4 78 5 4 58 5 10 38
Total		4,119,716	5,809,880	9,929,596	9,433,163	2 7 3	5 13 101	5 8 2
Tasmania	31st Dec. 31st Dec.	215,233 1,055,296	112,692 1,721,092	327,925 2,776,388	374,078 2,119,524	2 1 3 ³ 3 13 4 ¹ / ₂	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 11 \\ 9 & 12 & 11 \\ \end{bmatrix}$	3 11 9 7 7 3
Grand Total	1	5,390,245	7,643,664	13,033,909	11,926,765	2 10 51	6 2 03	5 11 8

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.

MEMORANDUM.

In the above Table the Public Expenditure of Tasmania for the year 1874 is stated to be £374,078; but this amount includes the following payments, viz.—£29,800 Debentures paid off,

and £26,000 Treasury Bills paid off.

Together £55,800, thus reducing the ordinary expenditure for the year 1874

to £318,278, as shown by the Treasury statement published in the Statistics (page 14) for that year, and being £9648 less than the Revenue actually received for 1874, thereby reducing the expenditure per head from £3 11s. 9d. to £3 1s. 1d.

Colonial Secretury's Office, Tasmania, December 15th, 1875.

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.

² In calculating these amounts, the average population of Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1874, (789,438) has been taken. For the other colonies, excepting New Zealand, the mean populations shown in the last column of Table J. have been used. For New Zealand, the mean population of 1873 (287,753) has been used.

³ The returns for Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1875, are, approximately, as follows: Mean population, 806,760. Revenue raised by taxation, £1,723,886; Revenue not so raised, £2,408,232; Total revenue, £4,132,118. Expenditure, £4,325,277. Taxation per head, £2 2s. 8\frac{3}{4}d. Revenue per head, £5 2s. 5\frac{1}{4}d. Expenditure per head, £5 7s. 2\frac{3}{4}d.

⁴ The returns for 1874 have not been received.

TABLE V.—PUBLIC DEBT, 1874.

	On the 31s	st December.	
Name of the Colony.	Total Amount of Public Debt.	Indebtedness per Head of Population.	
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	2.989.750	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
Total	32,868,960	18 7 101	
Taşmania New Zealand (1873²)	1,476,700 10,913,936	14 3 6 36 17 63	•
Grand Total	45,259,596	20 13 101	

¹ For the figures of population on 31st December, 1874, by means of which these calculations for all the colonies except New Zealand were made, see Table I., ante. The calculation for New Zealand was made by means of the population at the end of 1873 (295,946).

TABLE VI.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1874.

Name of Gal		Total Value of—		Value per He	ead of Mean Pop	ulation of—
Name of Colony.	Imports.	Exports.	Both.	Imports.	Exports.	Both.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	£ 16,953,985 11,293,739 ¹ 2,962,439 3,983,290 364,263	£ 15,441,109 12,345,603 ¹ 4,106,462 4,402,855 4 28,837	£ 32,395,094 23,639,342 7,068,901 8,386,145 793,100	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	£ s. d. 19 6 8 21 11 $5\frac{1}{2}$ 26 9 $6\frac{1}{4}$ 21 17 4 16 10 $0\frac{3}{4}$	£ s. d. 40 11 2½ 41 6 1½ 45 11 6 41 13 0 30 10 5½
Total	35,557,716	36,724,866	72,282,582	20 5 7	20 18 103	41 4 53
Tasmania New Zealand	- 1,257,785 8,121,812	925,325 5,251,269	2,183,110 13,373,081	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Grand Total	44,937,313	42,901,460	. 87,838,773	20 12 114	19 14 23	40 7 13

¹ It has been officially explained that, in consequence of the returns of the New South Wales overland trade not having been made up for the entire year, these figures, to a small extent, understate the truth.

TABLE VII.—SHIPPING, 1874.

THE OF GOLOVA	INW	ARDS.	OUTV	VARDS.	TO	TAL.
NAME OF COLONY.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	2100 2217 713 720 144	777,110 1,016,869 302,825 265,899 65,851	2122 2168 657 720 153	792,509 974,525 269,925 268,651 67,476	4222 4385 1370 1440 297	1,569,619 1,990,894 572,750 584,550 132,827
Total	5894 607 856	2,427,551 119,706 399,296	5820 620 823	2,373,086 119,801 385,533	11,714 1227 1678	4,800,640 239,507 784,829
Grand Total	7357	2,946,556	7262	2,878,420	14,619	5,824,976

² The returns for 1874 have not been received. According, however, to the published financial statement of the Hon. Major Atkinson, Colonial Treasurer of New Zealand, the "Net Public Delt" on 30th June, 1875, was £16,596,459. The estimated population at that date is not given.

TABLE VIII.-RAILWAYS AND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS, 1874.

			ON THE 31st	DECEMBER.	·	
NAME OF COLONY.	Nu	mber of Miles of Rail	way.	Number of	Miles of Electric	relegraph.
	Open.	In course of Construction.	TOTAL.	Open. ¹	In course of Construction.	TOTAL.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Western Australia	605 401½ 249 234 38	65 2854 106 142 35	670 687 ₄ 355 376 73	3387½ 7449 3616 3900 763	426 616 990 850	3387} 7875 4232 4890 1613
Total	1527 }	6333	21613	19,1151	2882	21,9974
Tasmania	45 209	121 ² 621	166 830	291 2632	205	496 2632
Grand Total	17811	13753	31574	22,0381	3087	25,125}

¹ These columns, as the headings state, should show the number of miles of electric telegraph in each colony, *i.e.*, the number of miles of telegraph *line*. It is pretty certain, however, 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 1874, the number of miles of wire open was 4464, and 529 miles besides in course of erection.

TABLE IX.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED, 1874.

	.	Acres	Granted an	d Sold.		Amount	realised or	Land Sa	iles.		Extent
Name of Colony.	Area in Statute Acres.	Prior to	During	m		Total.	,	Ave	age per	Acre.	Unalienated at end of 1874.
		1874.	1874.	Total.	Prior to 1874.	During 1874.	Total.	Prior to 1874.	During 1874.	Total	-
	434,304,000 585,427,200	9,401,050 14,066,133 1,350,538 5,369,634 1,806,643 31,993,998	531,583 2,290,900 17,932 343,139 17,156 3,200,710	9,932,633 ¹ 16,357,033 1,368,470 ² 5,712,773 1,823,799 35,194,708	£ 16,207,095 7,421,203 1,669,369 5,878,569 **	£ 579,051 1,111,041 39,576 205,500 7,679 1,942,847	£ 16,786,146 8,532,244 1,708,945 6,084,069	£ s. d. 1 14 53 0 10 61 1 4 83 1 1 103	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Acres. 46,514,087 191,642,967 432,935,530 579,714,427 624,287,524 1,875,094,535
Tasmania New Zealand	16,777,600 67,200,000	3,905,485 16,526,789	76,518 887,380 ³	3,982,003 17,414,169	1,507,652	85,749 840,471	1,593,401	υ 7 8≱ *	1 2 5 0 18 114	0 8 0	12,795,597 49,785,831
Grand Total	1,994,266,843	52,426,272	4,164,608	56,590,880	19 ·	2,869,067	4	*	0 13 91	•	1,937,675,963

¹ These figures do not include land of which the purchase was not completed. According to the Report of the Honorable the Minister of Lands (Parliamentary Papers, No. 16, Session 1875), the total extent alienated from the Crown at the end of 1874 was 15,583,028 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 revert to the Crown in consequence of non-fulfilment of conditions, &c.

 $^{^{2}}$ By a private company, on a Government guarantee of 5 per cent. upon £650,600.

² In addition to the land granted and sold, 3,642,128 acres had, up to the end of 1874, been leased in Queensland upon the "deferred payment system."

³ Of this quantity, 648,800 acres were sold, and 238,580 were otherwise alienated.

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

TABLE X.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1874-5.—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, except those of Queensland, are for those months of 1875. In calculating the ratio of tillage per head, the population on the 31st December, 1874, has been taken.

Name of Colony.	Number under T					Nun	nber of	Acres un	ler—			,
	Total.	Per bead of Population.	Wheat.	Oals.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals, I	Potatoes.	Hay.	Vines.	Green Forage.2	Other Tillage 3
Victoria New South Wales Queensland,	1,011,776 464,957 64,218	1·25 ·80 ·39	332,936 166,912 3554		29,505 3984 588	118,437	17,266 1351 178	13,604	119,031 68,088 5772		254,329 40,589 1894	102,145 29,7114 27,306
(1873-4 ⁵) South Australia Western Australia		6·50 1·73	839,639 23,427	2785 1067	13,724 4702	88	1022	4582 329	160,931 13,366	5051 779		276,697 512
Total	2,916,727	1.63	1,366,467	137,099	52,503	141,188	19,817	56,767	367,188	15,439	323,888	436,371
Tasmania New Zealand ^s	326,486 549,844	3·13 1·61	57,633 105,674		5129 16,236		5714	6978 12,154	30,486 62,216		94,234	93,608 196,019
Grand Total	3,793,057	1.70	1,529,774	327,348	73,868	141,188	25,531	75,899	459,890	15,439	418,122	725,998

Includings 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, 238,043 acres; New South Wales, 33,208 acres; South Australia, 19,260 acres; Tasmania, 93,176 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, 77,912 acres; South Australia, 264,327 acres; Tasmania, 22,512 acres.

⁴ Including 8540½ acres under sugar-cane—viz., 4087 acres productive, and 4453½ acres unproductive. The former produced 6885 tons of sugar.

tons of sugar.

5 The returns of Queensland are for the year 1873-4, those for 1874-5 being incomplete.
6 Including sugar-cane, 14,495 acres; cotton, 9663 acres.
7 The green forage in Western Australia is included in the return of hay.
8 Exclusive of land under permanent artificial grass, which amounted to 1,393,823 acres.
9 The acreage under maize and other cereals in New Zealand is included under the head of "Other Tillage."
10 The acreage under green forage raised in New Zealand is included in the columns of "Hay" and "Other Tillage"

TABLE XI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1874-5.—PRODUCE OF CROPS.

,		Bu	shels raised o	1 —		Tons rai	sed of—	Gallons
Name of Colony.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.1	Potatoes.	Hay.	of Wine made.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland (1873–4²) South Australia Western Australia	4,850,165 2,148,394 82,381 9,862,693 281,124	2,121,619 293,135 7,060 40,701 17,072	619,896 69,053 11,760 208,373 75,232	24,263 3,618,436 845,600 1320	333,002 20,997 3560 10,220	38,564 6138 17,046	157,261 93,440 11,544 202,934 20,049	577,493 684,258 41,479 648,186.
Total	17,224,757	2,479,580	984,314	4,489,619	367,779	187,045	485,228	*
Tasmania	1,066,861 2,974,329	877,248 5,548,729	125,469 477,162	••	112,342	26,169 63,685	41,144 52,202	
Grand Total	21,265,957	8,905,552	1,586,945	4,489,619	480,121	276,899	578,574	*
			Bushels p	er acre of—			Tons per	acre of—
Name of Colony.	Wheat.	Oats	. Bar	ley.	Maize.	Other Cereals.	Potatoes.	Hay.
Victoria New South Wales Queensland ² South Australia Western Australia	14·57 12·87 23·18 11·75 12·00	18:46 16:31 20:00 14:61 16:00	17° 20° 15°	933 900 18	15·90 30·55 40·00 15·00	19·29 15·54 20·00	3·53 2·83 2·00 3·72 3·00	1 32 1 37 2 00 1 26 1 50
Total	12.61	18 09	18	75	31.80	18.56	3.29	1.32
Tasmania	18·51 28·15	26·82 35·22		·46 ·39	::	19.66	3·75 5·24	1·35 0·84
Grand Total	13 90	27.21	21	48	31.80	18:81	3.65	1.26

¹ Including beans and pease. ² The returns of Queensland are for the year 1873-4, those for 1874-5 being incomplete. * Where asterisks occur the returns have not been furnished or are incomplete.

TABLE XII.—LIVE STOCK, 1874-75.

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, except those of Queensland, are for those months of 1875.

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 (1873-4 ²) South Australia Western Australia	180,254 346,691 99,243 93,122 26,636	958,658 2,856,699 1,343,093 185,842 46,748	11,221,036 22,872,882 7,268,946 6,120,211 777,861	137,941 219,958 42,884 78,019 13,290	12,497,889 26,296,230 8,754,166 6,476,694 864,535	141·70 80·91 12·90 7·08 88
Total	745,946	5,390,540	48,260,936	492,092	54,889,514	18•39
Tasmania	23,208 99,261	110,450 494,113	1,714,168 ³ 11,674,86 3	51,468 123,741	1,899,294 12,391,978	72·45 118·02
Grand Total	868,415	5,995,103	61,649,967	667,301	69,180,786	22:20

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.

² The returns for Queensland are for the year 1873-4, those for 1874-5 being incomplete.

³ Not including the sheep on islands in Bass's Straits, of which, on the 31st March, 1874, there were returned 10,785.