

APPENDIX C.

AUSTRALASIAN STATISTICS, 1898.

TABLE I.—AREA AND ESTIMATED POPULATION 1898 AND 1899.

Name of Colony.	Area in Square Miles. <sup>1</sup>	On the 31st December, 1898.					Mean Population, 1898.	Population on 31st December 1899.
		Population.			Number of—			
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Females to 100 Males.	Persons to the Square Mile.		
Victoria .. ..	87,884	593,423	582,040	1,175,463	98·1	13·4	1,172,952	1,163,400 <sup>2</sup>
New South Wales ..	309,175	721,335	624,905	1,346,240	86·6	4·4	1,334,850	1,356,650 <sup>2</sup>
Queensland .. ..	668,224	279,670	218,853	498,523	78·3	·75	492,602	482,400 <sup>2</sup>
S. Australia Proper	379,805	187,251	175,646	362,897	93·8	·96	358,035	} 370,700 <sup>2</sup>
„ Nthrn. Territory	523,620	4,494	409	4,903	9·1	·01	4,904	
Western Australia ..	975,920	112,054	56,075	168,129	50·0	·17	169,270	171,000
Tasmania .. ..	26,375	95,633	81,707	177,340	85·4	6·7	174,530	182,300 <sup>2</sup>
New Zealand .. ..	104,471	392,124	351,339	743,463	89·6	7·1	736,260	756,500
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>3,075,474</b>	<b>2,385,984</b>	<b>2,090,974</b>	<b>4,476,958</b>	<b>87·6</b>	<b>1·45</b>	<b>4,443,403</b>	<b>4,482,950</b>

NOTE.—Aborigines are not included, except in the case of Victoria and New South Wales; in the former colony they numbered about 500, and in the latter about 8,250. In Queensland, in 1898, there were 3,589 Polynesians, 9,989 Chinese, 3,269 Japanese, 358 Javanese, and 2,242 other Asiatics included in the population. In New Zealand the aborigines (Maoris) numbered 39,854.

<sup>1</sup> The areas here given, except in the case of New Zealand, are the results of planimetric calculations made in the office of the Surveyor-General, Melbourne, and the results agree closely with the figures furnished officially by the various colonies. The official figures for four of the colonies which differ from those given above are as follow:—New South Wales, 310,700 (recently altered from 306,066); Queensland, 668,497; South Australia (proper), 380,070; Tasmania, 26,215 square miles.

<sup>2</sup> According to estimates framed and adopted at a Conference of Australian Statisticians held in Sydney, in February, 1900, together with an addition for aborigines in the case of Victoria and New South Wales of 500 and 8,250 respectively.

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Births.		Deaths.	Marriages.	Per 1,000 of Mean Population.			Excess of Births over Deaths.		Deaths of Infants under One Year.	
	Total.	Percentage Illegitimate.			Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Number.	Per Cent.	Total.	Per 100 Births.
Victoria	30,172	5·3	18,695	7,620	25·72	15·94	6·50	11,477	61·3	4,047	13·41
New South Wales	36,222	6·9	16,661	8,888	27·14	12·48	6·66	19,561	117·4	4,418	12·20
Queensland ..	13,933	6·0	6,243	2,972	28·29	12·67	6·03	7,690	123·2	1,540	11·05
South Australia—											
Proper ..	8,945	3·6	4,675	2,214	24·98	13·06	6·18	4,270	91·3	} 1257	14·01
Nthn. Territory	25	4·0	57	7	5·10	11·62	1·43	—32	—128·0		
Western Australia	4,968	5·0	2,716	1,674	29·35	16·05	9·89	2,252	82·9	830	16·71
Tasmania ..	4,580	5·1	2,359	1,097	26·24	13·52	6·29	2,221	94·3	531	11·59
New Zealand ..	18,955	4·2	7,244	5,091	25·74	9·84	6·91	11,711	161·7	1,510	7·97
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>117,800</b>	<b>5·6</b>	<b>58,650</b>	<b>29,563</b>	<b>26·51</b>	<b>13·20</b>	<b>6·65</b>	<b>59,150</b>	<b>100·8</b>	<b>14,133</b>	<b>12·00</b>

NOTE.—In 1899 the birth rates of the respective colonies in the order named were as follow:—26·7, 27·1, 29·2, 25·9, 5·1, 30·6, 26·0, and 25·1. The death rates were—14·3, 11·8, 12·9, 12·1, 14·6, 13·7, 12·3, and 10·2. The marriage rates were—7·0, 6·9, 7·3, 6·2, 2·2, 9·9, 6·3, 7·3.

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

TABLE III.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS OF CAPITAL CITIES, 1898.

Capital City (with Suburbs).	Area in Square Miles.	Population, 1898.		Number of—				Per 1,000 of Mean Population.		
		At end of Year.	Mean.	Births.		Deaths.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.
				Total.	Percentage Illegitimate.					
Melbourne (Vic.)..	254	469,880	464,690	12,016	8·3	8,523	3,992	25·9	18·3	8·6
Sydney (N.S.W.)..	142	426,950	422,100	11,913	10·4	6,363	3,876	28·2	15·1	9·2
Brisbane	314 <sup>1</sup>	118,193 <sup>1</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(Queensland)		..	64,400 <sup>2</sup>	64,000 <sup>3</sup>	3,129	8·0	1,157	640	48·9	18·1
Adelaide (S.A.) ..	262	147,616	146,870	3,927	..	2,542	1,213	26·7	17·3	8·3
Perth (W.A.) ..	25	39,600	39,800	1,339	8·5	739	588	33·6	18·6	14·8
Hobart (Tasmania)	99	40,450	39,808	857	8·8	591	291	21·5	14·9	7·3
Wellington (N.Z.)	20	47,207	45,999	1,198	8·4	549	<sup>4</sup>	26·0	11·9	<sup>4</sup>

NOTE—In 1899 the population of Melbourne was 477,790; of Sydney, 438,300; of Adelaide, 149,672; and of Wellington, 47,862.

<sup>1</sup> Within 10-mile radius.

<sup>2</sup> Brisbane proper (less than 5-mile radius).

<sup>3</sup> Approximate.

<sup>4</sup> Figures not furnished.

TABLE IV.—METEOROLOGY IN CAPITAL CITIES, 1898.

Capital City.	Geographical Position.			Mean Barometric Pressure.	Temperature in Shade.			Rainfall.	
	Latitude S.	Longitude E.			Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Number of Days.	Amount.
Melbourne (Victoria) ..	37 49 53	144 58 32	29 91	109·4	32·3	58·7	102	15·61*	
Sydney (N.S.W.) ..	33 51 41	151 12 23	29·87	99·7	40·4	63·5	149	42·97	
Brisbane (Queensland) ..	27 28 0	153 1 36	30·03	105·4	40·1	68·3	131	60·06	
Adelaide (South Australia)	34 55 34	138 35 4	30·04	113·3	36·1	63·8	116	20·75	
Perth (Western Australia)	31 57 24	115 52 42	30·02	107·0	37·1	64·8	118	31·76	
Hobart (Tasmania) ..	42 53 25	147 19 57	29·90	102·2	33·6	54·9	164	20·40	
Wellington (New Zealand)	41 16 25	174 46 38	29·91	77·3	31·9	55·2	162	41·96	

\* Lowest on record, i.e., since 1840.

TABLE V.—IMMIGRATION, 1898.

Name of Colony.	By Sea as Recorded.			Further Allowances for—		Estimated Net Immigration <sup>1</sup> used in Estimating the population (Recorded and Unrecorded).			
	Gross Arrivals.	Net Arrivals. <sup>1</sup>		Unrecorded Departures by Sea.	Overland Migration by Rail. Immigration (+). <sup>2</sup> Emigration (-). <sup>2</sup>	Males.	Females.	Total.	
		Males.	Females.						Total.
Victoria ..	94,436	- 441	- 3,348	-3,789	8,473	3	- 6,888	-5,374	-12,262
New South Wales	75,526	7,195	2,599	9,794	4,449	- 2,126	2,888	331	3,219
Queensland ..	23,713	4,761	869	5,630	.	+ 503	4,986	1,147	6,133
S. Australia Proper	54,828	1,171	- 457	714	782	+ 471	347	- 944	403
„ Northern Ter.	637	115	..	115	..	Nil	115	..	115
Western Australia	32,709	914	3,039	3,953	..	Nil	914	3,039	3,953
Tasmania ..	24,074	3,803	949	4,752	1,352	Nil	2,945	465	3,400
New Zealand ..	18,855	2,086	610	2,696	..	Nil	2,046	610	2,696
Total ..	324,778	19,604 <sup>4</sup>	4,261 <sup>4</sup>	23,865 <sup>4</sup>	15,056	-1,152	8,333	726	7,657

NOTE.—The numbers of assisted and free immigrants were as follow:—New South Wales, 3 males, 2 females, total 5; Western Australia, 28 males, 69 females, total 97; total Australasia, 31 males, 71 females—total 102. In 1899 the recorded net arrivals by sea in the different colonies in the order named were as follows:—1,563, 11,817, 5,946, 2,638, 89, 53, 4,154, and 1887.

<sup>1</sup> The minus sign ( - ) indicates an excess of departures. An estimated allowance to provide for unrecorded departures has been made in four colonies as shown in the next column.

<sup>2</sup> It will be seen that three out of the four colonies between which there is a considerable overland traffic take note of the movements by rail; but as the traffic by road is not accounted for, the figures as a guide to overland movements must be regarded as inconclusive.

<sup>3</sup> In Victoria, the net emigration by rail in 1898 was 185, but this was not taken into account in estimating the population.

<sup>4</sup> Net figures. In the United Kingdom in 1898 according to Imperial returns the excess of departures for over arrivals from the Australasian colonies was 3,705, or less than one-sixth of the excess of immigrants over emigrants shown in the table; or less than one-half, if allowance be made for unrecorded departures by sea, as shown in the next column.

TABLE VI.—STATE-ASSISTED IMMIGRATION, 1851 TO 1898.

Period.	Number of Immigrants introduced in each year.							Total.
	Victoria.	New South Wales.*	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	
1851-60 ..	87,963	71,649	..	48,905	..	16,636	†	225,153
1861-70 ..	46,594	18,212	1,617	13,730	..	1,852	†	82,005
1871-80 ..	5,545	24,412	50,782	25,415	889	477	100,920	208,440
1881-90 ..	2	34,079	103,140	7,295	4,552	2,734	14,614	166,416
1891-8 ..	..	650	3,405	..	1,393	..	44	5,492
Total ..	140,104	149,002	158,944	95,345	6,834	21,699	115,578†	687,506†

\* In New South Wales, prior to the period embraced in the table, there were 62,961 assisted immigrants between 1832 and 1850.

† Exclusive of the numbers for New Zealand for years prior to 1870.

TABLE VII.—BALANCES OF CONSOLIDATED REVENUE  
AT END OF 1897-8.

Colony.	Surplus.	Accumulated Deficiency.		
		Covered by—		Total.
		Treasury Bills.	Cash Overdraft.	
	£	£	£	£
Victoria .. .. .	..	250,000	2,194,355	2,444,355
New South Wales .. .. .	..	2,327,584	- 126,262*	2,201,322
Queensland .. .. .	20,724	..	..	..
South Australia .. .. .	..	..	28,671	28,671
Western Australia .. .. .	..	..	186,803	186,803
Tasmania .. .. .	..	256,322†	..	256,322
New Zealand .. .. .	221,144‡	..	..	..
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>241,868</b>	<b>2,833,906</b>	<b>2,283,567</b>	<b>5,117,473</b>

NOTE.—In South Australia, the large deficiency which formerly existed was wiped out by the flotation of funded loans.

\* Cash in hand.

† Local stock of short currency.

‡ After allowing for transfer of £300,000 to Public Works Fund.

TABLE VIII.—STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE—SUMMARY,  
1897-8 and 1898-9.\*

Colony.	Amount of—			Average per Head.		
	Revenue.		Expenditure	Revenue.		Expenditure.
	Total.	Raised by Taxation.		Total.	Raised by Taxation.	
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>YEAR 1897-8.</b>						
Victoria .. .. .	6,898,240	2,910,237	6,692,444	5 17 4	2 9 6	5 13 10
New South Wales .. .. .	9,304,253	2,511,298	9,069,940	7 0 8	1 18 0	6 17 1
Queensland .. .. .	3,768,152	1,559,645	3,747,428	7 15 6	3 4 4	7 14 8
S. Australia Proper .. .. .	2,566,611	853,599	2,598,939	7 3 4	2 7 8	7 5 1
„ Northern Ter. .. .. .	67,116	37,725	152,020	13 18 6	7 16 7	31 10 9
Western Australia .. .. .	2,754,747	1,114,326	3,256,912	17 0 3	6 17 7	20 2 3
Tasmania .. .. .	908,223	540,503	830,163	5 4 1	3 1 11	4 15 2
New Zealand .. .. .	4,987,630	2,678,576	4,842,772	6 16 10	3 13 6	6 12 10
<b>Total Australasia</b>	<b>31,254,972</b>	<b>12,205,909</b>	<b>31,190,623</b>	<b>7 1 8</b>	<b>2 15 4</b>	<b>7 1 5</b>
<b>YEAR 1898-9.</b>						
Victoria .. .. .	7,396,944	3,085,805	7,014,706	6 5 10	2 12 6	5 19 4
New South Wales .. .. .	9,572,912	2,515,231	9,403,144	7 2 3	1 17 4	6 19 8
Queensland .. .. .	4,174,086	1,750,410	4,044,894	8 7 5	3 10 2	8 2 3
S. Australia Proper .. .. .	2,665,477	907,504	2,632,840	7 6 11	2 10 0	7 5 1
„ Northern Ter. .. .. .	65,731	35,418	144,774	13 8 1	7 4 6	29 10 7
Western Australia .. .. .	2,478,811	932,967	2,539,358	14 14 10	5 11 0	15 2 1
Tasmania .. .. .	943,970	547,528	871,454	5 5 0	3 0 11	4 17 0
New Zealand .. .. .	5,258,228	2,707,099	5,283,511	7 1 5	3 12 10	7 2 0
<b>Total Australasia</b>	<b>32,556,159</b>	<b>12,481,962</b>	<b>31,934,681</b>	<b>7 5 4</b>	<b>2 15 9</b>	<b>7 2 7</b>

\* The figures relate to the years ended 30th June, except in the cases of Tasmania and New Zealand—those for the former colony being for the calendar year ended six months later, and those for New Zealand for the year ended 31st March, three months earlier. In 1899-1900, the revenue and expenditure of the colonies named were as follow:—Victoria, £7,463,117 and £7,331,386; Western Australia, £2,875,396 and £2,615,675; New Zealand, £5,699,618 and £5,590,128.

TABLE IX.—SOURCES OF STATE REVENUE, 1897-8 AND 1898-9.\*

Sources.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total Australasian Colonies.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.				
YEAR 1897-8.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Taxation—</b>									
Customs, &c. ..	1,840,404	1,247,793	1,207,849	534,842	35,969	1,017,724	406,782	1,935,252	8,226,615
Excise ..	301,318	289,479	123,396	36,409	6	..	21,181	72,179	843,968
Land and income taxes ..	301,676	508,400	61,596	164,453	918	..	60,969	382,497	1,480,509
Other ..	1 466,839	465,626	166,804	117,895	832	96,602	51,571	1 288,648	1,654,817
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>2,910,237</b>	<b>2,511,298</b>	<b>1,559,645</b>	<b>853,599</b>	<b>37,725</b>	<b>1,114,326</b>	<b>540,503</b>	<b>2,678,576</b>	<b>12,205,909</b>
<b>Land—</b>									
Sales (including interest) ..	285,164	1,196,468	163,929	38,227	..	69,798	34,882	92,579	1,881,047
Occupation ..	111,132	780,348	396,747	141,047	10,507	186,575	31,016	170,717	1,828,089
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>396,296</b>	<b>1,976,816</b>	<b>560,676</b>	<b>179,274</b>	<b>10,507</b>	<b>256,373</b>	<b>65,898</b>	<b>263,296</b>	<b>3,709,136</b>
<b>Railways and tramways ..</b>	<b>2,602,547</b>	<b>2 3,336,350</b>	<b>1,158,657</b>	<b>987,745</b>	<b>14,727</b>	<b>1,035,199</b>	<b>175,125</b>	<b>1,370,572</b>	<b>10,680,922</b>
<b>Posts and telegraphs † ..</b>	<b>1 526,401</b>	<b>728,135</b>	<b>258,939</b>	<b>255,356</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>220,912</b>	<b>84,732</b>	<b>1 406,848</b>	<b>2,482,402</b>
<b>Interest on loans to local bodies</b>	<b>151,512</b>	<b>13,955</b>	<b>78,403</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>4,175</b>	<b>43,864</b>	<b>293,285</b>
<b>Miscellaneous ..</b>	<b>1 311,247</b>	<b>737,699</b>	<b>151,832</b>	<b>289,261</b>	<b>3,078</b>	<b>127,937</b>	<b>37,790</b>	<b>1 224,474</b>	<b>1,883,318</b>
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>3,591,707</b>	<b>4,816,139</b>	<b>1,647,831</b>	<b>1,533,738</b>	<b>18,884</b>	<b>1,384,048</b>	<b>301,822</b>	<b>2,045,758</b>	<b>15,339,927</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>6,898,240</b>	<b>9,304,253</b>	<b>3,768,152</b>	<b>2,566,611</b>	<b>67,116</b>	<b>2,754,747</b>	<b>908,223</b>	<b>4,987,630</b>	<b>31,254,972</b>
<b>YEAR 1898-9.</b>									
<b>Taxation—</b>									
Customs, &c. ..	1,952,453	1,293,769	1,367,926	558,122	33,861	844,247	425,574	1,965,018	8,440,970
Excise ..	315,721	315,090	143,904	37,415	..	23,273	22,546	76,213	934,162
Land and income taxes ..	290,899	425,174	60,487	162,860	879	..	36,325	413,533	1,390,157
Other ..	1 526,732	481,198	178,093	149,107	678	65,447	63,083	1 252,335	1,716,673
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>3,085,805</b>	<b>2,515,231</b>	<b>1,750,410</b>	<b>907,504</b>	<b>35,418</b>	<b>932,967</b>	<b>547,528</b>	<b>2,707,099</b>	<b>12,481,962</b>
<b>Land—</b>									
Sales (including interest) ..	287,643	1,201,342	183,344	34,030	117	39,464	35,454	103,295	1,884,689
Occupation ..	121,009	751,732	391,762	130,346	10,644	103,256	35,749	170,504	1,715,002
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>408,652</b>	<b>1,953,074</b>	<b>575,106</b>	<b>164,376</b>	<b>10,761</b>	<b>142,720</b>	<b>71,203</b>	<b>273,799</b>	<b>3,599,691</b>
<b>Railways and tramways ..</b>	<b>2,849,370</b>	<b>2 3,513,491</b>	<b>1,322,606</b>	<b>1,055,093</b>	<b>14,549</b>	<b>1,020,937</b>	<b>192,561</b>	<b>1 465,507</b>	<b>11,434,114</b>
<b>Posts and telegraphs † ..</b>	<b>1 553,672</b>	<b>755,970</b>	<b>284,179</b>	<b>254,171</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>197,171</b>	<b>92,096</b>	<b>1 406,052</b>	<b>2,544,015</b>
<b>Interest on loans to local bodies</b>	<b>155,063</b>	<b>13,659</b>	<b>86,598</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>47,278</b>	<b>308,543</b>
<b>Miscellaneous ..</b>	<b>1 344,379</b>	<b>821,487</b>	<b>155,187</b>	<b>282,520</b>	<b>4,299</b>	<b>185,016</b>	<b>36,453</b>	<b>1 358,493</b>	<b>2,187,834</b>
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>3,902,487</b>	<b>5,104,607</b>	<b>1,848,570</b>	<b>1,593,597</b>	<b>19,552</b>	<b>1,403,124</b>	<b>325,239</b>	<b>2,277,330</b>	<b>16,474,506</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>7,396,944</b>	<b>9,572,912</b>	<b>4,174,086</b>	<b>2,665,477</b>	<b>65,731</b>	<b>2,478,811</b>	<b>943,970</b>	<b>5,258,228</b>	<b>32,556,159</b>

\* For exact periods to which the figures relate see footnote (\*) to preceding table.

† In New South Wales, Queensland (in the case of letters only), South Australia, and Western Australia the values of official letters and telegrams are included as postal and telegraphic revenue.

<sup>1</sup> The proportion of the revenue of Victoria and New Zealand collected by means of stamps for "stamp duties" (included in "other taxation"), "post-office" (included under "Posts and telegraphs"), and fines, fees, &c. (under "miscellaneous"), has been roughly estimated.

<sup>2</sup> Including tramways (steam), £314,580 in 1897-8, and £348,208 in 1898-9; also £15,000 in the former year, and £18,000 in the latter, credited for free passes to Members of Parliament and distinguished visitors.

TABLE X.—HEADS OF STATE EXPENDITURE, 1897-8.\*

(Exclusive of Loan Expenditure.)

Heads.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia Proper.	South Australia (Northern Territory).	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Administration † .. ..	1,010,572	1,091,861	482,665	225,555	3,814	269,606	93,551	437,093	3,624,717
Defences .. ..	184,316	240,542	82,879	33,562	..	23,534	12,707	93,267	670,807
Crown Lands—									
Administration, &c. .. ..	67,128	278,846	65,892	36,823	426	75,263	36,956	159,717	721,051
Mining and Agriculture ‡ .. ..	143,423	141,358	109,989	43,088	10,523	104,865	7,535	81,817	642,598
Public Instruction, Science, &c. .. ..	572,372	716,594	237,985	161,814	235	49,147	45,159	410,300	2,193,606
Charitable Institutions, Medical, &c. ..	277,181	333,651	157,520	91,449	1,761	126,371	45,530	160,373	1,193,836
Public Works and Services—									
Railways and Tramways .. ..	1,559,552	1,844,418	684,566	608,939	20,310	852,648	141,184	849,923	6,561,540
Post and Telegraphs (Working Expenses) § ..	506,268	700,904	312,254	205,377	4,894	289,474	73,249	362,868	2,455,288
Water Supply, Irrigation, and Sewerage    ..	18,368	91,680	3,336	26,490	439	52,646	..	..	192,959
General Public Works ¶ .. ..	228,561	742,280	135,135	145,992	2,647	787,125	24,112	412,865	2,478,717
Interest on Savings Banks Deposits .. ..	70,034	84,531	..	..	..	26,857	..	..	181,422
Public Debt. (Raised chiefly for Public Works)—									
Interest and Expenses ** .. ..	1,852,056	2,312,419	1,324,333	881,140	87,294	292,325	323,229	1,688,100	8,760,896
Redemption of Loans .. ..	..	129,300 <sup>1</sup>	..	56,540	4,165	45,938	429	..	236,372
Customs and Excise .. ..	64,777	51,225	54,799	23,046	3,406	36,951	8,423	66,191	308,818
Ports and Harbors †† .. ..	27,441	57,151	57,580	17,604	932	27,361	425	42,217	230,711
Miscellaneous †† .. ..	110,395	253,180	38,495	41,520	1,174	196,801	17,679	78,041	737,285
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>6,692,444</b>	<b>9,069,940<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>3,747,428</b>	<b>2,598,939</b>	<b>152,020</b>	<b>3,256,912</b>	<b>830,168</b>	<b>4,842,772<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>31,190,623</b>

[For footnotes, see next page.]

\* For years to which the figures relate see footnote \*, Table VIII.

† GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.—Consisting of cost of Legislature, Civil, Judicial, and Legal Establishments, Police, and Gaols; also State aid to religion (if any); and all pensions payable out of the general revenue. The amount for New South Wales does not include pensions and gratuities, to the extent of about £113,600, which were paid out of the Civil Service Superannuation Account.

‡ AGRICULTURE, ETC.—Including amounts paid towards the *Extermination of Rabbits* and other vermin—£14,303 in Victoria, £34,467 in Queensland, and £153 in South Australia; towards the *Eradication of vine and other vegetable diseases*—£18,447 in Victoria, and £1,778 in New South Wales; also *Advances to distressed farmers for purchase of seed*—Victoria £2,602, New South Wales £445. *Bonuses* were also granted to encourage the export of colonial products as follows:—£24,930 to dairying, agriculture, and wine and fruit industries in Victoria, £5,571 in South Australia proper, and £3,750 in Northern Territory (for export of cattle). The following payments on account of *Labour and Village Settlements* are also included:—£5,018 in Victoria, £34 in New South Wales, and £700 in South Australia.

§ POST OFFICE, ETC.—Exclusive of cost of maintenance of Buildings, &c. (under “Public Works.”)

|| WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.—In Victoria, the Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage works is under the control of a Board of Works. In Queensland also the expenditure on sewerage has not been included.

¶ GENERAL PUBLIC WORKS —Including capital expenditure (other than that from loans) on public works and buildings of all kinds—such as public offices, court-houses, gaols and police buildings, customs houses, roads and bridges, harbor, drainage and reclamation works, &c.; also *Endowments or Subsidies to Municipalities* as follows:—£100,000 in Victoria, £1,754 in New South Wales, £63,010 in Queensland, £93,523 in South Australia, £53,668 in Western Australia, £7,098 in Tasmania, and £70,262 in New Zealand.

\*\* INTEREST, ETC., ON DEBT.—The amounts for New Zealand and New South Wales include contributions to the sinking fund. But, in the case of New Zealand, £69,600, proceeds of debentures issued to cover accretions of sinking fund, have been deducted. Interest on Treasury Bonds, &c., in aid of revenue included as follows:—Victoria, £24,363; New South Wales, £47,193; South Australia, £18,591; Tasmania (Local Stock), £23,000; New Zealand, £29,336.

†† PORTS AND HARBORS.—In Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand the principal ports, and in Tasmania light-houses also, are under the control of Trusts, the expenditure by which is, of course, not included.

‡‡ MISCELLANEOUS.—Including the following items of general interest:—*Royal Mint Subsidy*—£20,000 in Victoria, £15,000 in New South Wales, and £4,470 in Western Australia. *Payments to Postal Department for Official Letters and Telegrams* in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia. In *New South Wales* there are also included rates paid to municipalities and charges claimed by certain Departments of State for services rendered to other Departments generally—items which are not so included in the public accounts of Victoria, as follows:—Municipal rates on Government buildings, £11,040; Water and Sewerage rates on ditto, £9,000. Free passes to Members of Parliament and distinguished visitors, £15,000. The following *special items* are also included:—Victoria—Fire Brigades Act, £13,941; New South Wales—Government Labour Bureau and Relief of Unemployed, £8,862; Queensland—Labour Bureau, £7,195; New Zealand—Native expenditure (chiefly on native land courts and schools), £30,984, and Labour Departments, £6,870.

<sup>1</sup> Including eighth instalment of £75,000 towards redemption of a loan of £1,000,000 for the “reconstruction and improvement of rolling-stock and permanent-way” on railways. Amount paid in redemption of Treasury Bonds in aid of revenue—£150,000—is excluded.

<sup>2</sup> Net expenditure as far as possible; some book entries, however, are still included. An amount of £150,000 paid towards redemption of Treasury Bills is excluded.

<sup>3</sup> Including £300,000 transferred to Public Works Fund.

TABLE XI.—EXPENDITURE UNDER LEADING HEADS, 1898-9.

Items.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	Tasmania. (1899.)	New Zealand.	Total.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Railways (Working Expenses) ..	1,710,350	1,953,324	783,311	606,409	17,684	749,129	152,775	968,917	6,941,899
Post and Telegraphs .. ..	506,829	694,862	328,463	208,059	5,327	237,262	78,095	388,546	2,447,443
Defences .. ..	197,934	247,079	94,403	32,405	..	17,370 <sup>1</sup>	17,473	119,051	725,715
Public Instruction .. ..	608,229	750,119	275,714	156,952	317	56,949	47,984	475,218	2,371,482
Interest and charges on Public Debt <sup>2</sup>	1,875,398	2,262,214	1,326,963	882,191	66,417	426,760	316,417	1,767,468	8,923,828
All other services .. ..	2,115,966	3,495,546	1,236,040 <sup>3</sup>	746,824	55,029	1,051,888	258,710	1,564,311	10,524,314
Total .. ..	7,014,706	9,403,144 <sup>4</sup>	4,044,894	2,632,840	144,774	2,539,358	871,454	5,283,511 <sup>5</sup>	31,934,681

<sup>1</sup> Including Admiralty surveys, £407.<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of amounts paid towards redemption of loans.<sup>3</sup> Including £20,724 surplus revenue of 1897-8 transferred in 1898-9 to Trustees Public Debt Redemption Fund.<sup>4</sup> Exclusive of £150,000 for redemption of Treasury Bills.<sup>5</sup> Including £425,000 transferred to the "Public Works Fund."

TABLE XII.—EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS DURING 1897-8 AND 1898-9.

Year and Name of Colony.	Railways and Tramways.	Telegraphs and Telephones.	Water Supply.	Sewerage.	Harbors, Rivers, Lighthouses, and Docks.	Roads and Bridges.
<b>IN 1897-8.</b>						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria .. ..	248,140	..	45,871	..	..	..
New South Wales	421,885	44,818	243,737	294,885	282,421	59,526
Queensland ..	626,974	36,101	7,598	..	11,717	70
South Australia ..	163,869	8,001	112,069	36,649	4,256	21,002
Western Australia	2,092,025	..	46,152	14,485	194,026	12,986
Tasmania ..	41,769	4,243	..	..	6,598	50,475
New Zealand ..	258,651	21,616	..	..	3,895	227,715
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>3,853,313</b>	<b>114,779</b>	<b>455,427</b>	<b>346,019</b>	<b>502,913</b>	<b>371,774</b>
<b>IN 1898-9.</b>						
Victoria .. ..	451,087	..	100,077	..	..	..
New South Wales	593,620	33,270	575,003	386,565	113,910	..
Queensland ..	648,828	34,569	18,236	37,003	29,325	..
South Australia ..	121,977	46,285	221,837	9,901	15,427	..
Western Australia	546,128	..	147,209	207,141	8,280	..
Tasmania ..	64,967	- 507	..	9,903	73,608	..
New Zealand ..	374,141	28,551	..	15,662	313,040	..
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>2,800,748</b>	<b>142,168</b>	<b>1,062,362</b>	<b>666,175</b>	<b>553,590</b>	<b>..</b>

  

Name of Colony.	Defences.	Public Buildings.	Immigration.	Other Works and Services. <sup>1</sup>	Total.
<b>IN 1897-8.</b>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria .. ..	..	..	..	40,000	334,011
New South Wales ..	34,147	156,980	..	106,370	1,644,769
Queensland ..	3,875	12,274	9,926	228,531	937,066
South Australia ..	3,523	19,949	..	125,874	495,192
Western Australia	..	2,633	4,652	628,004	2,994,963
Tasmania ..	604	15,001	..	11,567	130,257
New Zealand ..	7,621	54,133	51	261,130	834,812 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>49,770</b>	<b>260,970</b>	<b>14,629</b>	<b>1,401,476</b>	<b>7,371,070</b>
<b>IN 1898-9.</b>					
Victoria .. ..	34,827	..	..	126,102	712,093
New South Wales	54,713	189,697	..	88,606	2,035,384
Queensland ..	13,342	47,497	18,849	207,138	1,054,787
South Australia ..	3,402	48,657	..	114,091	581,577
Western Australia	..	..	2,058	121,874	1,032,690
Tasmania ..	1,827	13,292	..	13,167	176,257
New Zealand ..	13,867	107,267	105	691,050	1,543,683
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>121,978</b>	<b>406,410</b>	<b>21,012</b>	<b>1,362,028</b>	<b>7,136,471</b>

NOTE.—Expenditure towards the redemption of old loans is excluded. For periods to which the figures relate see note \* to Table VIII, *ante*. For Loan aggregate expenditure to date see Table XIX. *post*.

<sup>1</sup> Including the following items :—

In Queensland—Loans to Local Bodies, &c., £209,148 (including £70,016 advanced to Sugar Mills) in 1897-8; and in 1898-9 £138,172 (including £48,356 advanced to Sugar Mills), making total to date of £408,356, repayable, principal and interest, by instalments; also £24,556 for purchase of Wire Netting; and £44,410 Endowment to Harbor Boards.

(For other notes see next page.)

In South Australia—In 1897-8, improvements Pastoral Leases, £87,829; Vermin-proof Fencing, £21,665; Village Settlements, Working Men's Blocks, Blockholders' Loans, £15,851. These are the gross amounts from which certain credits must be deducted to obtain the net amount as shown in the table. In 1898-9—Improvements Pastoral Leases, £35,129; Working Men's Blocks, Blockholders' Loans, Village Settlements, £14,093; Vermin-proof Fencing, £26,225; and Land Repurchase, £51,013.

In Western Australia—In 1897-8—Development of Gold-fields and Mining, £174,944; Development of Agriculture, £303,632; and Departmental, £106,616.

In New Zealand—Land Purchases, £174,163 in 1897-8, and £546,600 in 1898-9; Loans to Local Bodies, £69,170 in 1897-8, and £96,749 in 1898-9.

<sup>2</sup> According to the Loan Account, the expenditure was £1,134,812, but as this included the expenditure of £300,000 transferred from the general revenue, the latter has been deducted, and the various items reduced *pro rata*.

TABLE XIII.—REVENUE FROM CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES FOR YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1898 AND 1899.  
(Less Drawbacks, Rebates, and Refunds.)

Name of Colony.	1898.				
	Net Revenue.			Amount per Head.	
	Customs.	Excise.	Total.	Customs.	Excise.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	s. d.
Victoria .. .. .	1,908,051	309,520	2,217,571	1 12 7	5 3
New South Wales .. .. .	1,250,290	300,471	1,550,761	0 18 9	4 6
Queensland .. .. .	1,287,757	131,084	1,418,841	2 12 3	5 4
South Australia Proper .. .. .	550,391	36,966	587,357	1 10 9	2 1
Do. Northern Territory	31,034	..	31,034	6 6 7	..
Western Australia .. .. .	896,620	10,211	906,831	5 5 11	1 2
Tasmania .. .. .	405,618	21,188	426,806	2 6 6	2 5
New Zealand .. .. .	1,975,964	78,842	2,054,806	2 13 8	2 2
Total .. .. .	8,305,725	888,282	9,194,007	1 17 5	4 0

  

Name of Colony.	1899.				
	Net Revenue.			Amount per Head.	
	Customs.	Excise.	Total.	Customs.	Excise.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	s. d.
Victoria .. .. .	1,904,105	321,117	2,225,222	1 12 10	5 6
New South Wales .. .. .	1,335,195	325,138	1,660,333	0 19 10	4 10
Queensland .. .. .	1,434,542	134,473	1,569,015	3 0 4	5 8
South Australia Proper .. .. .	570,498	37,966	608,464	1 11 5	2 1
Do. Northern Territory	32,617	..	32,617	6 12 5	..
Western Australia .. .. .	833,158	26,757	859,915	4 18 8	3 2
Tasmania .. .. .	424,490	22,546	447,036	2 7 3	2 6
New Zealand .. .. .	2,046,452	78,265	2,124,717	2 14 7	2 1
Total .. .. .	8,581,057	946,262	9,527,319	1 18 7	4 3

NOTE.—Revenue from Miscellaneous Sources (such as licences, rents, fees, and forfeitures, &c.), other than Duties, are excluded. It amounted in 1898 to £19,644 in Victoria, £10,135 in New South Wales, £7,265 in Queensland, £5,333 in South Australia Proper, £556 in Northern Territory, £18,052 in Western Australia, £1,164 in Tasmania, and £7,734 in New Zealand, or a total of £69,883—equivalent to the average of 4d. per head.

TABLE XIV.—SOURCES OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE,  
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

(a) Revenue from Customs Duties.

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Alcoholic Liquors and Materials therefor.</i>									
Spirits .. ..	399,578	685,854	302,239	84,264	7,094	205,863	55,168	392,430	2,132,490
Wine .. ..	18,345	22,626	14,801	2,742	76	21,223	5,797	31,138	116,748
Beer .. ..	30,632	50,416	31,451	10,907	709	51,608	4,377	19,158	199,258
Hops .. ..	13,943	..	11,379	5,173	3	4,532	985	3,731	39,746
Malt .. ..	39	..	29,900	3,930	..	15,388	190	313	49,760
Total .. ..	462,537	758,896	389,770	107,016	7,882	298,614	66,517	446,770	2,538,002
<i>Narcotics.</i>									
Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, and snuff	233,462	279,191	173,582	66,335	4,035	132,256	56,270	328,945	1,274,076
Opium .. ..	8,992	18,726	21,543	364	6,380	2,864	555	5,501	64,925
Total .. ..	242,454	297,917	195,125	66,699	10,415	135,120	56,825	334,446	1,339,001
<i>Foods and Food Adjuncts.</i>									
Sugar and molasses ..	319,872	108,219	1,311	46,725	541	45	43,168	154,355	674,236
Fruits, vegetables, &c. (fresh and preserved)	78,935	50,773	58,980	26,333	634	34,547	10,691	58,504	319,417
Tea .. ..	123,856	3,786	86,571	37,716	795	..	12,653	78,675	344,052
Grain pulse, flour, &c. (other than rice)	3,619	..	59,065	1,520	108	43,003	2,157	4,079	113,551
Rice .. ..	21,309	454	34,502	2,526	6,714	..	4,090	16,205	85,800
Fish (fresh and preserved)	33,260	..	11,909	8,913	135	5,580	48	11,798	71,643
Salt .. ..	7,001	..	..	228	41	1,343	1,599	4,849	15,061
Coffee, chicory, cocoa, and chocolate	5,777	322	6,660	7,318	28	699	4,350	5,409	30,563
Total * .. ..	593,629	103,554	258,998	131,299	8,996	85,217	78,756	333,874	1,654,323
<i>Textile Fabrics and Dress. †</i>									
Woollen and worsted manufactures, &c.	82,659	..	27,797	20,561	125	b 1,600	c 1,721	65,625	200,088
Cotton and linen manufactures	..	..	17,306	..	..	..	..a	33,073	50,379
Silk manufactures ..	42,680	..	3,620	..a	..a	..a	..a	19,896	66,196
Bags and sacks ..	735	..	1,067	..	..	..	586	82	2,470
Hosiery .. ..	19,956	..	9,786	4,574	..a	..a	..a	15,139	49,455
Apparel and slops ..	49,413	..	29,347	26,262	253	24,055	..a	89,059	218,389
Hats, caps, and bonnets	18,403	..	12,238	6,689	..a	2,220	..a	16,523	56,073
Gloves .. ..	13,808	..	4,246	..a	..a	..a	..a	..a	18,054
Boots and shoes ..	11,200	..	10,950	8,862	194	15,291	6,509	27,529	80,535
Drapery and haberdashery †	..	..	31,738	24,694	331	36,060	65,215	57,523	215,561
All other .. ..	6,474	..	1,017	379	10	539	..	16,504	24,923
Total .. ..	245,328	..	149,112	92,021	913	79,765	74,031	340,953	982,123

\* From principal articles of food only; the balance are included under "All other articles."

† The indefinite term of "Drapery, &c.," which figures so largely in the returns of all the other colonies, is not used in Victoria, the articles embraced thereunder being distributed under more specific heads. Hence this circumstance must be borne in mind when comparing the figures under this and other items as follows:—Silks, Hosiery, Gloves, Apparel and Slops, Hats and Caps, and Cotton and Linen manufactures.

TABLE XIV.—SOURCES OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE,  
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1898—*continued.*

(a) Revenue from Customs Duties—*continued.*

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.		West Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total.
				Proper.	Northern Territory.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>									
Live stock ..	103,261	..	..	33,248	..	33,667	4,570	13,767	188,513
Kerosene oil ..	..	..	44,741	17,619	249	..	7,076	59,320	129,005
Machinery, tools, and implements*	30,826	..	10,500	10,053	30	10,146	14,621	20,220	96,396
Medicines and drugs	11,720	..	12,701	8,891	118	7,800	5,562	31,211	78,003
Timber .. ..	22,917	..	3,438	10,255	71	7,586	4,476	4,237	52,980
Oil (other than kerosene)	9,729	..	12,176	6,704	433	622	3,548	13,767	46,979
Candles .. ..	1,135	7,305	1,205	1,485	7	1,964	1,400	14,972	29,473
Soap .. ..	5,554	..	1,851	1,242	1	3,243	1,090	792	13,773
Furniture and upholstery	7,478	..	7,878	6,019	39	4,399	3,028	7,158	35,999
Cement .. ..	9,914	..	6,073	769	24	5,241	1,820	8,317	32,158
Matches and vestas	4,271	..	4,980	1,362	65	1,215	446	3,209	15,548
Bottles .. ..	13,423	..	..	..	..	549	230	..	14,202
All other articles ..	278,629	31,565	d199,253	123,165	1,830	223,920	86,981	d347,612	1,292,955
Total ..	498,857	38,870	304,796	220,812	2,867	300,352	134,848	524,582	2,025,984
Grand Total (gross)	2,042,805	1,259,237	1,297,801	617,847	31,073	899,068	410,977	1,980,625	8,539,433
Less drawbacks, re-funds, &c.	134,754	8,947	10,044	67,456	39	2,448	5,359	4,661	233,708
Net Revenue ..	1,908,051	1,250,290	1,287,757	550,391	31,034	896,620	405,618	1,975,964	8,305,725

(b) Revenue from Excise Duties.

Spirits .. ..	86,524	2,865	42,444	11,196	..	..	..	1,244	144,273
Beer .. ..	167,647	145,936	58,157	25,770	..	10,241	21,188	75,164	504,103
Tobacco .. ..	55,357	153,620	30,521	..	..	..	..	2,434	241,932
Total Gross ..	309,528	302,421	131,122	36,966	..	10,241	21,188	78,842	890,308
Less drawbacks, re-funds, &c.	8	1,950	38	..	..	30	..	..	2,026
Net Excise Revenue	309,520	300,471	131,084	36,966	..	10,211	21,188	78,842	888,282

\* Including steam boilers and engines, cream separators, cutlery, tools and implements, machinery—agricultural, spinning and weaving, &c., and sewing machines.

*a* Included under "Drapery."—*b* Carpets and rugs only.—*c* Chiefly included under "All other Articles."—*d* Including export duty, viz.:—In *Queensland*—£286 on cedar, and £617 (border tax) on wool; and in *New Zealand*—14,238 on gold.

TABLE XV.—RATES OF CUSTOMS DUTIES ON ARTICLES ENUMERATED IN PRECEDING STATEMENT (EXCEPT NEW ZEALAND), DECEMBER, 1898.

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.		
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		
<i>Alcoholic Liquors and Materials therefor.</i>								
Spirits ... per gall.	12 0	14 0	14 0	15 0	16 0	15 0		
„ Methylated ... „	1 0	0 1	5 0	4 0	2 0	3 0		
„ Perfumed ... „	24 0	20 0	20 0	25 0	...	24 0		
Wine—Still ... „	8 0	5 0	6 0	12 0*	6 6	8 0		
„ Sparkling ... „	12 0	10 0	10 0	15 0	10 0	10 0		
Beer—Bottled ... „	{ 1 3 and 1 6 }	0 9	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 6		
„ Draught ... „	0 10	0 6	1 3	1 2	1 3	1 0		
Hops ... per lb.	0 8	Nil	0 8	0 6	0 4	0 3		
Malt ... per bush.	4 6	„	4 6	4 6	3 0	1 0		
<i>Narcotics.</i>								
Tobacco—								
Manufactured ... per lb.	3 0	3 0	4 0	2 9	3 0	3 0		
Unmanufactured ... „	1 0	1 0†	2 0	1 7½	1 10½	3 0		
Cigars and Cigarettes ... „	6 0	6 0	6 0	6 3	6 0	7 0		
Snuff ... „	3 0	3 0	5 0	6 0	6 0	7 0		
Opium ... „	20 0	20 0	20 0	20 0	30 0	20 0		
<i>Foods and Non-Alcoholic Beverages.</i>								
Sugar—Raw... per cwt.	5 9	3 0§	5 0	} 3 0	Nil	6 0		
„ Refined ... „	6 0‡	4 0§	6 8			} 3 0	Nil	6 0
„ Beet... „	12 0	Not specified	Not specified					} 3 0
Fruits—Bottled per doz. pts.	3 0	Nil	1 6	2 0	15%	3 9		
„ Dried (including Currants and Raisins) ... per lb.	0 3	0 2¶	0 3	{ 0 3 0 2**	{ 0 3 0 2**	} 0 2		
Fruits—								
Oranges and Lemons, per bush.	0 9	Nil	Nil	1 0	10%	1 0		
Unenumerated ... „	1 6							
Pulp ... per lb.	0 3	0 0½††	0 0½	0 4	0 2	...		
Vegetables—								
Fresh ... „	Nil	Nil	25%	...	15%	} 20%		
Bottled ... per doz. pints	3 0	„	25%	...	...			
Dried and Preserved per lb.	0 3	„	25%	0 2	10%			
Tea ... „	0 3	0 1‡‡	0 6	0 3	Nil	0 3		

\* If not containing more than 35 per cent. of proof spirit.  
 † If entered for home manufacture; otherwise 3s.  
 ‡ Including glucose and refined molasses; raw molasses is charged only 2s.  
 § Molasses and treacle, 2s.; solid glucose, 3s.; and liquid glucose, 2s. per cwt.  
 || Molasses charged 3s. 6d. per cwt.  
 ¶ Exclusive of dates.  
 \*\* Currants only.  
 †† Prior to 1st July, 1898, nil.  
 ‡‡ Prior to 3rd November, 1898, nil.

RATES OF CUSTOMS DUTIES ON PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IN  
AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1898—continued.

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	
<i>Foods and Non-Alcoholic Beverages.</i>							
s. d. s. d. s. d. s. d. s. d. s. d.							
<i>Grain and Pulse—</i>							
Wheat ... per cental	2 11	} Nil }	0 6 $\frac{2}{3}$	2 0	0 10	} 1 6	
Oats ... .. "	3 0		1 8	2 0	0 10		
Barley ... .. "	3 0		1 6	3 0	0 8		
Maize ... .. "	2 11		1 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 0	0 10 $\frac{3}{4}$		
Beans and Peas ... .. "	2 11		1 8	Nil	0 10		
<i>Grain, Prepared—</i>							
Flour ... .. "	5 0	} Nil }	1 0	2 0	1 6	2 0	
Bran ... .. "	5 0		1 8	2 0	1 0	1 6	
Pollard ... .. "	5 0		1 8	2 0	1 0	1 6	
<i>Rice—</i>							
Dressed ... .. "	6 0	} "	8 4	2 8	Nil	8 4	
" in bond ... .. "	4 0		"	0 3	0 2	0 2	0 2
Butter ... .. per lb.	0 2	"	0 4	0 4	0 2*	0 2	
Cheese ... .. "	0 3	"					
<i>Fish—</i>							
Fresh ... .. "	Nil	"	Nil	...	15%	Nil	
Preserved ... .. per lb.	0 2	"	0 2	0 2	0 1	20%	
Salted ... .. per cwt.	5 0	"	9 4	9 4	9 4	20%	
Salt ... .. per ton	20 0	"	Nil	25 0	20 0	30 0	
" Rock ... .. "	Nil	"	"	Nil	5%	Nil	
Coffee ... .. per lb.	0 3	"	0 6	0 4	0 3	0 4	
" Raw ... .. "	Nil	"	0 4	0 3	Nil	0 2	
Chicory ... .. "	0 3	"	0 6	0 6	0 3	0 4	
Cocoa, Raw ... .. "	Nil	"	15%	Nil	Nil	} 0 4	
" and Chocolate per lb.	0 3	"	0 4	0 3	"		
<i>Textile Fabrics and Dress</i> † ...	7·4%	Nil	12·0%	9·5%	12·2%	18·7%	
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>							
<i>Live Stock—</i>							
Horses ... .. each	Nil	} "	} Nil }	40 0	20 0	40 0	
Cattle ... .. "	30 0			20 0	15 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 0	
Sheep ... .. "	2 0			1 0	1 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 0	
Pigs ... .. "	10 0			5 0	2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 6	
Machinery and Implements † ...	8·5%	"	3·5%	6·1%	2·1%	9·1%	
<i>Timber—</i>							
Boards ... per 100 sup. ft.	1 6	} "	} Vari- ous }	1 6	} Un- worked, 10%, worked, 20%	} 5 0 10% Nil	
Deals ... per 100 sup. ft.	Nil			"			2 6§
Undressed ... per 100 sup. ft.	"			"			Nil

\* Prior to 18th August, 1898, 3d. per lb.

† Calculated on the gross value of imports (dutiable and free) of these articles and the gross amount of duty received thereon. If drawbacks and refunds were deducted, the proportions would be somewhat lower, especially in Victoria.

‡ Prior to 18th August, 1898—Cattle, 30s.; Sheep, 2s. 6d.; and Pigs, 4s. each.

§ Per 40 cubic feet.

RATES OF CUSTOMS DUTIES ON PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1898—continued.

Articles.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Medicines ... ..	25 %	}	}	}	}	}
Drugs and Chemicals—						
Ammonia, carbonate of, per lb.	0 2					
" liquid ... ..	Nil					
Gelatine ... .. per lb.	0 6					
Glycerine, pure ... ..	0 1½					
" crude ... ..	0 0½					
Unenumerated ... ..	Nil					
Oils—						
Castor (in bulk) ... per gall.	6	"	Nil and 1 0	0 6	Nil	20 %
Chinese ... ..	0 6	"	1 0	0 6	"	...
Cocoanut ... ..	Nil	"	1 0	Nil	"	Nil
Cod Liver ... ..	"	"	1 0	"	"	"
Kerosene ... ..	"	"	0 6	0 3	"	0 6
Linseed ... ..	0 6	"	1 0	0 6	"	20 %
Unenumerated ... ..	0 6	"	{ 1 0 0 6	{ 0 6	Nil and 15 %	{ 1 3
Hay and Chaff ... per ton	Nil	"	15 0	10 %	30 0	20 %
Soap—						
Common ... .. per lb.	0 2	"	0 1	0 1	0 0¾*	0 1
Perfumed ... ..	0 4	"	0 3	0 4	20 %	0 3
Candles ... ..	0 1	0 0½	0 2	0 2	0 2	0 2
Cement ... .. per cwt.	1 0	Nil	2 0†	2 0†	2 0†	0 9
Matches and Vestas ... per gross	Nil, 6d., 1s., and 1s. 3d.	"	Nil and 25 %	1s. and 10 %	15 %	20 %
Furniture and Upholstery ...	30 %	"	25 %	25 %	20 %	20 %
Bottles ... .. per doz.	{ 0 3 0 6	} "	Free	15 %	5 %	{ Free 20 %

\* Prior to 18th August, 1898, ½d. per lb.

† Per barrel.

TABLE XVI.--RATES OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTY ON SPIRITS, BEER, AND TOBACCO, DECEMBER, 1898.

Article.	Victoria.		New South Wales.		Queensland		South Australia.		Western Australia.		Tasmania.		New Zealand.		
	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	Import Duty.	Excise Duty.	
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
Spirits .. .. per proof gallon	12 0	10 0*	14 0	14 0	14 0	12 0	15 0	9 4	16 0	..	15 0	..	16 0	..	
Beer, in wood .. .. per gallon	0 10	} 0 3†	0 6	} 0 3	1 3	} 0 3	1 2	0 2	1 3	} 0 3†	1 0	} 0 4	2 0	0 3	
„ in bottle .. .. „	1 3		0 9		1 6		1 6	1 6	0 2		1 6		1 6		
„ Lager .. .. „	1 6		0 2		..		..	..	..		..		..	..	..
Tobacco, Manufactured .. per lb.	3 0	} 0 9	3 0	1 3	4 0	1 0	2 9	..	3 0	..	3 0	..	3 6	1 0	
„ Cigars .. .. „	6 0		6 0	2 6	6 0	2 0	6 3	..	6 0	..	7 0	..	7 0	1 6	
„ Cigarettes .. .. „	6 0		1 6	6 0	2 6	6 0	2 0	6 3	..	6 0	..	7 0	..	7 0§	1 6
„ Unmanufactured .. .. „	1 0		..	1 0	..	2 0	..	1 7½	..	1 10½	..	3 0	..	2 0	..
„ Snuff .. .. „	3 0	0 9	3 0	..	5 0	1 0	6 0	..	6 0	..	7 0	..	7 0	1 6	

\* Excluding grape brandy and pure malt whisky, which are only 8s. —† If manufactured from malt and hops, 2d. —‡ Imposed about 18th August, 1898. —§ The exact rate is “17s. 6d. per 1,000, if weight does not exceed 2½ lbs.; and for all weight in excess of 2½ lbs. per 1,000, 6d. per oz.” —|| If made by machinery, 2s. 6d. per lb.

TABLE XVII.—STATE FUNDED DEBT AND ANNUAL INTEREST AND SINKING FUNDS ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Name of Colony.	Nominal Debt.		Annual Interest.			Accumulated Sinking Fund.
	Amount.	Per Head.	Amount.	Average Rate.	Per Head.	
	£	£ s. d.	£	per cent.	£ s. d.	
Victoria .. ..	48,354,277	41 1 9	1,851,686	3·83	1 11 6	114,631
New South Wales ..	61,572,831*	45 7 5	2,241,548	3·64	1 13 0	77,409
Queensland .. ..	33,598,414	66 2 9	1,274,244	3·79	2 10 2	“
South Australia ..	24,916,310	66 12 11	958,719	3·85	2 11 3	20,000
Western Australia ..	10,488,363	62 5 1	365,809	3·49	2 3 5	310,373
Tasmania .. ..	7,721,220	43 3 9	294,106	3·81	1 12 11	156,960
Total Six Colonies	186,651,415	49 12 0	6,986,112	3·74	1 17 2	679,373
New Zealand .. ..	46,937,606	62 15 2	1,787,272	3·81	2 7 10	857,279
Grand Total .. ..	233,589,021	51 15 8	8,773,384	3·76	1 18 11	1,536,652

NOTE.—In cases where a Redemption Loan and the Loan to be redeemed by it are both current at the same time, one or the other has been omitted. The figures for New Zealand relate to the 31st March, 1899. On 30th June, 1900, the debt of Victoria was £48,774,885; Western Australia £11,804,178; New Zealand, £47,874,452 (31st March).

\* Exclusive of £11,250 overdue debentures unrepresented.

TABLE XVIII.—UNFUNDED DEBT (NOT INCLUDED IN PRECEDING TABLE) ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.

Colony.	To Cover Deficiencies in—			Total.
	Consolidated Revenue.		Loan and Suspense Accounts.	
	Treasury Bills.	Advanced from Trust Funds, &c.	Advanced from Trust Funds.	
	£	£	£	£
Victoria .. ..	525,000 <sup>a</sup>	1,962,117	420,768	2,907,885
New South Wales ..	2,177,584	+ 116,523*	2,193,340	4,254,401
Queensland .. ..	..	+ 149,916*	2,167,834†	2,017,918
South Australia ..	500,000	28,671	..	528,671
Western Australia ..	..	247,350	..	247,350
Tasmania † .. ..	838,355	..	..	838,355
New Zealand § .. ..	710,000	+ 70,861*	..	639,139
Total .. ..	4,750,939	1,900,838	4,781,942	11,433,719

\* The plus sign indicates revenue credit balance—not advances from Trust Fund - which forms a set-off to the Treasury Bills outstanding. In the case of New Zealand the balance has been reduced by £425,000 transferred to the Public Works Fund.

† Including £941,996 proceeds of Government Savings Bank Stock applied to the repurchase of debentures and Treasury Bills, less Stock repurchased by trustees.

‡ On 31st December, 1898, and including Local Inscribed Stock (of short currency) for revenue purposes, viz. :—£591,484.

§ On 31st March.

<sup>a</sup>—As against this, £50,000 was at the credit of a Redemption Fund.

TABLE XIX.—STATE FUNDED DEBT.—EXPENDITURE FROM LOANS AND BALANCES UNEXPENDED TO  
30TH JUNE, 1899.

(Exclusive of Loans finally paid off.)

Expenditure on—	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.	Total Australasia.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>REVENUE-YIELDING WORKS.</b>								
Railways and Tramways .. ..	35,992,025	39,372,498	18,914,724	12,186,673	6,485,125	3,610,763	15,390,000	131,951,808
Telegraphs and Telephones .. ..	..	996,473	867,925	879,455	269,308	120,712	829,000	3,962,873
Water Supply and Sewerage .. ..	7,377,704	8,506,802	843,504	4,068,464	249,960	..	..	21,046,434
Harbors, Rivers, Light-houses, and Docks	611,059	4,508,586	2,088,520	1,178,104	1,239,931	41,296 <sup>a</sup>	490,000	10,157,496
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>43,980,788</b>	<b>53,384,359</b>	<b>22,714,673</b>	<b>18,312,696</b>	<b>8,244,324</b>	<b>3,772,771</b>	<b>16,709,000</b>	<b>167,118,611</b>
<b>ALL OTHER WORKS.</b>								
Roads and Bridges .. .. .	106,259	1,103,916	1,669,731	1,357,393	140,557	2,184,750 <sup>a</sup>	4,417,000	10,979,606
Defence Works .. .. .	133,126	1,264,886	223,424	226,303	..	117,877	4,007,000 <sup>b</sup>	5,972,616
Public Buildings .. .. .	850,138	2,513,585	980,953	953,484	63,876	649,274	3,736,000	9,747,310
Immigration .. .. .	..	853,943	2,587,238	..	23,033	227,009	2,459,000	6,150,223
Other purposes* .. .. .	1,131,689	1,073,700	2,136,412	2,552,739	1,040,721	576,873	13,972,606	22,484,740
<b>Total expended .. .. .</b>	<b>46,202,000</b>	<b>60,194,389</b>	<b>30,312,431</b>	<b>23,402,615</b>	<b>9,512,511</b>	<b>7,528,554</b>	<b>45,300,606</b>	<b>222,453,106</b>
Unexpended .. .. .	1,109,112	{ - 1,550,000 <sup>c</sup> + 78,102	{ - 600,000 <sup>d</sup> 1,645,837 <sup>e</sup>	698,033	688,373	77,174	..	2,146,631
<b>Total Proceeds of Loans .. .. .</b>	<b>47,311,112</b>	<b>58,722,491</b>	<b>31,358,268</b>	<b>24,100,648</b>	<b>10,200,884</b>	<b>7,605,728</b>	<b>45,300,606</b>	<b>224,599,737</b>
Expenses of Floating, Discounts, &c. ..	1,043,165	2,850,340	2,240,146	815,662	287,479	115,492	1,637,000	8,989,284
<b>Total Debt .. .. .</b>	<b>48,354,277</b>	<b>61,572,831</b>	<b>33,598,414</b>	<b>24,916,310</b>	<b>10,488,363</b>	<b>7,721,220</b>	<b>46,937,606</b>	<b>233,589,021</b>

\* Including the following amounts:— In Victoria, £1,064,595 expended on schools; South Australia, £1,006,936 for revenue deficiencies, about £6,000 on general public works for the Northern Territory, and £914,148 paid to lessees for improvements on pastoral leases; in Queensland, £1,455,803 for revenue deficiencies, £18,135 on schools, and £478,362 loans to sugar companies; in Western Australia, over £300,000 on the development of mineral resources; in Tasmania, £100,000, State aid to religion; in New Zealand, £3,542,000 for land purchases (partly from the Maoris), £721,000 on mining, £2,000,000 for advances to settlers, £500,000 for Bank of New Zealand preference shares, £386,000 for New Zealand Consols Deposits, and £786,000 to cover old provincial liabilities. Including also premiums on loans, which in some colonies are paid into the consolidated revenue; the amounts are, however, of small importance.

<sup>a</sup> Portion of the expenditure on Harbors, &c., is included with that for Roads and Bridges.

<sup>b</sup> Including £2,357,000 towards cost of the Maori War.

<sup>c</sup> Deficit covered by a temporary advance of £1,500,000 from the Trust funds.

<sup>d</sup> Apparent overdraft; if so, the cash balance—shown in the next line—would be reduced accordingly.

<sup>e</sup> Of this amount, about £1,243,000 consists of suspended deposits in the Queensland National and other Queensland banks.

TABLE XIXA.—ADVANCES\* FROM STATE LOANS TO LOCAL BODIES, ETC., OUTSTANDING ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.

(Included in preceding table.)

Headings under which included in preceding table.	Victoria.	Queensland.	Tasmania.	New Zealand.
	£	£	£	£
Tramways .. .. .	198,683	20,016	..	..
Waterworks .. .. .	4,997,341†	783,272	76,850‡	600,000
Harbors, &c. .. .. .	..	150,766	24,139	..
Roads and Bridges .. .. .	37,500	526,826	6,200	615,500
Other Public Works—Buildings ..	..	..	1,300	..
Other Purposes —				
Mining Companies .. .. .	..	13,706	..	..
Sugar Companies .. .. .	62,000	478,361	..	..
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	166,450	..	..
Total .. .. .	5,295,524	2,139,397	108,489	1,215,500

\* In some cases there are sinking funds, but the amounts at the credit of these have not been deducted.

† Of which £1,068,457 was subsequently written off under Act No. 1625.

‡ Of which £35,000 was for light and water.

TABLE XX.—STATE FUNDED DEBT—INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL—30TH JUNE, 1899.

Name of Colony.	Loans repayable in—								Total Debt Outstanding.
	London.				Australasia.				
	Debentures.	Inscribed Stock.	Treasury Bills in aid of Public Works.*	Total.	Debentures.	Inscribed Stock.	Treasury Bills in aid of Public Works.*	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Vict. ..	9,651,200	34,512,800	500,000	44,664,000	809,795	2,790,482	90,000	3,690,277	48,354,277
N.S.W.	9,528,050	44,512,500	..	54,040,550	579,750	6,952,531	..	7,532,281	61,572,831
Q'land	9,810,100	22,064,034	..	31,874,134	1,724,280	..	..	1,724,280	33,598,414
S.A. ..	9,883,500	12,885,400	..	22,768,900	..	1,903,910	243,500	2,147,410	24,916,310
W.A. ..	393,138	8,448,595	750,000	9,591,733	83,000	13,630	800,000	896,630	10,488,363
Tas. ..	3,023,750	4,456,500	..	7,480,250	240,970	..	..	240,970	7,721,220
N.Z. ..	1,956,800	40,973,589	..	42,930,389	3,621,292	385,925	..	4,007,217	46,937,606
Total	44,246,538	167,853,418	1,250,000	213,349,956	7,059,087	12,046,478	1,133,500	20,239,065	233,589,021

\* Included with Funded Debt, as they will, as opportunity offers, be replaced by Debentures or Stock.

TABLE XXI.—DUE DATES OF STATE LOANS ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.

When Repayable.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand. (31.3.1899.)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1899 ..	..	..	..	..	800,000	..	1,009,292
1900 ..	590,000	861,600	..	303,500	250,000	31,220	327,100
1901 ..	3,000,000	420,900	..	67,300	532,500	100,000	..
1902 ..	..	459,000	..	65,000	34,000	31,200	250,000
1903 ..	..	1,003,700	..	65,000	31,500	55,680	100,000
1904 ..	5,457,000	58,000	..	62,500	..	21,870	150,000
1905 ..	..	903,800	..	72,500	17,600	10,500	151,400
1906 ..	..	224,900	..	37,500	..	..	..
1907 ..	4,000,000	..	..	1,037,500	..	..	1,500,000*
1908 ..	2,000,000	1,450,000	..	1,951,100	..	300,000	400,000
1909 ..	..	1,799,500	..	3,122,700	..	..	389,000
1910 ..	..	2,863,700	..	60,300	13,630	..	410,925
1911 ..	2,107,000 [15]	..	..	68,300	1,876,000 [20]	1,000,000	..
1912 ..	63,000 [10]	5,841,972	..	85,000	..	..	..
1913 ..	4,746,795 †	..	1,466,500	46,300	..	546,650	497,500
1914 ..	..	..	..	35,000	..	800,000	333,800
1915 ..	..	..	11,728,800	35,000	3,500,000 [20]	..	3,800
1916 ..	..	..	..	6,675,410 ‡	1,100,000 [20]	..	12,200
1917 ..	2,790,482 ∞	..	..	3,546,200 §	..	..	..
1918 ..	..	12,826,200	..	1,474,400	..	..	..
1919 ..	4,000,000	220,050	..	26,000	..	..	..
1920 ..	6,000,000	..	..	336,300	..	4,756,500	..
1921 ..	5,000,000 [5]	..	..	..	..	..	..
1922 ..	..	..	..	..	19,065	..	..
1923 ..	7,000,000	..	..	..	25,473	..	..
1924 ..	..	16,698,065	12,973,834	1,651,300	..	..	..
1925 ..	..	222,255	..	..	..	..	..
1926 ..	..	..	..	839,500	..	67,600	..
1927 ..	..	..	..	..	1,000,000	..	..
1929 ..	1,600,000 [20]	..	..	200,000	..	..	29,150,302
1930 ..	..	..	3,704,800	..	..	..	..
1933 ..	..	9,686,300	..	..	..	..	..
1934 ..	..	..	..	..	972,595	..	..
1935 ..	..	5,500,000	..	..	..	..	..
1936 ..	..	..	..	332,900	..	..	..
1939 ..	..	..	..	2,719,800	..	..	..
1940 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,161,167
1945 ..	..	..	2,000,000	..	..	..	5,662,120
1947 ..	..	..	1,724,480	..	..	..	..
Annual Drawings } ..	..	..	..	..	245,000	..	429,000
Indefinite } ..	..	532,889	..	..	71,000	..	..
Total Debt	48,354,277	61,572,831	33,598,414	24,916,310	10,488,363	7,721,220	46,937,606

NOTE.—The earliest date of repayment is given in all cases. When it is optional to continue the loan for a further term of years, without redemption, such period is shown in brackets after the amount. When the term is indefinite the sign ∞ appears.

\* Including £500,000 [14].

† Including £746,795 [10].

‡ Including £1,560,400 [19], and £3,151,710 ∞

§ Including £2,182,400 [19].

|| Including £4,456,500 [20]

TABLE XXII.—STATE DEBTS ON 30TH JUNE, 1899.—SUMMARY FOR AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA.

Earliest Year when Repayable.	Amount at each rate of Interest.					Total.
	6 per cent.	5 per cent.	4 per cent.	3½ per cent.	Other (as indicated).	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1899 .. ..	..	..	800,000	..	..	800,000
1900 .. ..	84,000	857,100	257,220	590,000	{ (£4/11/3) 243,500 (5½%) 4,500 }	2,036,320
1901 .. ..	229,800	390,900	3,000,000	500,000	..	4,120,700
1902 .. ..	127,800	433,300	28,100	..	..	589,200
1903 .. ..	65,000	31,500	1,055,680	..	(4½%) 3,700	1,155,880
1904 .. ..	37,500	83,000	478,870	..	(4½%) 5,000,000	5,599,370
1905 .. ..	49,800	42,700	911,900	..	..	1,004,400
1906 .. ..	37,500	..	224,900	..	..	262,400
1907 .. ..	37,500	..	5,000,000	..	..	5,037,500
1908 .. ..	11,000	..	5,690,100	..	..	5,701,100
1909 .. ..	28,100	..	4,894,100	..	..	4,922,200
1910 .. ..	60,300	..	2,863,700	13,630	..	2,937,630
1911 .. ..	18,300	50,000	4,983,000	..	..	5,051,300
1912 .. ..	35,000	50,000	2,609,350	..	(3%) 3,295,622	5,989,972
1913 .. ..	46,300	..	6,759,245	700	..	6,806,245
1914 .. ..	35,000	..	800,000	..	..	835,000
1915 .. ..	25,000	10,000	11,728,800	750,000	(3%) 2,750,000	15,263,800
1916 .. ..	20,000	26,000	3,477,700	..	(3%) 4,251,710	7,775,410
1917 .. ..	20,000	26,000	3,500,200	..	(3%) 2,790,482	6,336,682
1918 .. ..	9,900	26,000	1,438,500	12,826,200	..	14,300,600
1919 .. ..	..	26,000	4,000,000	..	(3%) 220,050	4,246,050
1920 .. ..	..	26,000	7,300,000	3,766,800	..	11,092,800
1921 .. ..	..	..	..	5,000,000	..	5,000,000
1922 .. ..	..	..	19,065	..	..	19,065
1923 .. ..	..	..	..	7,000,000	(3%) 25,473	7,025,473
1924 .. ..	..	..	9,840,300	21,284,834	(3%) 198,065	31,323,199
1925 .. ..	..	..	..	..	(3%) 222,255	222,255
1926 .. ..	..	..	67,600	..	(3%) 839,500	907,100
1927 .. ..	..	..	..	..	(3%) 1,000,000	1,000,000
1929 .. ..	..	..	200,000	..	(3%) 1,600,000	1,800,000
1930 .. ..	..	..	..	3,704,800	..	3,704,800
1933 .. ..	..	..	9,686,300	..	..	9,686,300
1934 .. ..	..	..	972,595	..	..	972,595
1935 .. ..	..	..	..	..	(3%) 5,500,000	5,500,000
1936 .. ..	..	..	..	332 900	..	332,900
1939 .. ..	..	..	..	2,719,800	..	2,719,800
1945 .. ..	..	..	..	2,000,000	..	2,000,000
1947 .. ..	..	..	..	..	(3%) 1,724,480	1,724,480
Annual drawing .. ..	..	..	165,300	..	(4½%) 79,700	245,000
Indefinite .. ..	..	2,700	530,189	..	(3¼%) 71,000	603,889
Total debt .. ..	977,800	2,081,200	93,282,714	60,489,664	{ (4½%) 5,083,400 (3%) 24,417,637 (Other) 319,000 }	186,651,415

NOTE.—The loans of New Zealand have not been included in this table.

TABLE XXIII.—RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS OUTSTANDING,  
30TH JUNE, 1899.

Name of Colony.	Nominal Amount of Loans bearing Interest at—							Total.
	6%	5%	4½%	4%	3½%	3%	Other Rates.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ..	..	..	5,000,000	26,310,795	12,590,000	4,453,482	..	48,354,277
New South Wales	92,000	1,708,000	3,700	21,065,439	29,326,200	9,372,992	4,500†	61,572,831
Queensland ..	..	..	..	21,384,300	10,489,634	1,724,480	..	33,598,414
South Australia	726,200	290,000	*243,500	16,302,400	3,363,000	3,991,210	..	24,916,310
West'rn Australia	32,500	83,100	79,700	4,082,960	1,263,630	4,875,473	71,000‡	10,488,363
Tasmania ..	127,100	100	..	4,136,820	3,457,200	..	..	7,721,220
New Zealand ..	56,000	807,200	265,402	31,146,402	8,651,482	5,662,120	349,000§	46,937,606
Total ..	1,033,800	2,888,400	5,592,302	124,429,116	69,141,146	30,079,757	424,500	233,589,021

NOTE.—*Expenses of Paying Interest.*—The charges for paying interest in London consist of exchange on remittances, averaging about '67 (13s. 5d.) per cent.; also, in the case of debenture loans, a commission of ½ per cent. on the interest payable, except South Australia, which transacts the business free of charge in the office of the Agent-General; or, in the case of inscribed loans, an annual charge on the amount of debt inscribed for inscription and management. The average annual charge for such inscription, &c., was as follows in the colonies named:—Victoria, £250 per million; New South Wales, £428; Queensland, £457; South Australia, about £100 (business probably transacted by Agent-General); New Zealand, £436.

\* Exact rate, £4 11s. 3d. per £100 in this case.

† 5½ per cent.

‡ 3¼ per cent.

§ 3¾ per cent.

TABLE XXIV.—FINANCES OF CHIEF LOCAL BODIES OR  
CORPORATIONS, 1898.

(a) MUNICIPALITIES.

Name of Colony.	No.	Area.		Population.		Loans Outstanding.	
		Acres. (000's omitted).	Percentage of whole Colony.	Number. (000's omitted).	Percentage of Total Population.	Government Loans.	Other Loans.
						£	£
Victoria ..	208	55,886,	99·36	1,163,	98·98	499,050	3,536,264
New South Wales	184	1,769,	·90	777,	57·73	..	2,727,569 <sup>1</sup>
Queensland ..	153	427,681,	99·96	451,	90·40	476,515	(?)
South Australia	174	27,190,	11·18	(?)	..	(?)	(?)
Tasmania ..	140	7,150,	42·62	(?)	..	42,500	469,652
New Zealand ..	182 <sup>2</sup>	65,361,	97·76	703,	94·60	789,965	2,895,547
Total ..	1,041	585,037,	58·11	..	..	..	..

<sup>1</sup> Including Government loans.

<sup>2</sup> Boroughs and counties, but contained within the counties were 274 Town Districts and Road Districts.

TABLE XXIV.—FINANCES OF CHIEF LOCAL BODIES OR CORPORATIONS, 1898—*continued.*

(a) MUNICIPALITIES—*continued.*

Name of Colony.	Revenue (exclusive of Loans).				Expenditure.	
	From Government.	Raised by Local Taxation.	From other Sources.	Total.	Ordinary.	From Loans.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria .. ..	92,328	832,489	17,516	1,100,333	1,133,798	39,241
New South Wales .. ..	94,870	465,421	160,604	720,895	838,868	..
Queensland .. ..	73,859	239,391	73,707	386,957	506,137 <sup>1</sup>	(?)
South Australia .. ..	25,750	132,892	107,476	266,118	272,735 <sup>1</sup>	(?)
Tasmania .. ..	12,281	89,225	33,186	134,692	147,012	(?)
New Zealand .. ..	172,006	618,221	282,234	1,072,461 <sup>2</sup>	1,230,199 <sup>1</sup>	(?)
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>471,094</b>	<b>2,377,639</b>	<b>832,723</b>	<b>3,681,456</b>	<b>4,128,749</b>	<b>..</b>

(b) HARBOR AND RIVER TRUSTS OR BOARDS.

Name of Colony.	Number.	Revenue (exclusive of Loans).	Expenditure.		Loans Outstanding.
			Ordinary.	From Loans.	
		£	£	£	£
Victoria .. ..	1	132,948	137,909	..	2,000,000
Tasmania .. ..	7	39,531	33,114	..	44,139
New Zealand .. ..	54	409,668	397,415	88,986	3,846,507
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>582,147</b>	<b>568,438</b>	<b>88,986</b>	<b>5,890,646</b>

(c) CITY BOARDS OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.

Name of Colony.	Number.	Revenue (exclusive of Loans).	Expenditure.		Loans Outstanding.	
			Ordinary.	From Loans.	Government Loans.	Other Loans.
		£	£	£	£	£
Victoria .. ..	1	168,553	281,421 <sup>3</sup>	439,969	2,359,157	3,893,580
Queensland .. ..	1	53,040	55,486 <sup>1</sup>	(?)	476,005	..
New Zealand .. ..	1	18,891	20,039	..	..	200,000
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>240,484</b>	<b>356,946</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>2,835,162</b>	<b>4,093,580</b>

<sup>1</sup> Including expenditure from loans.—<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of £271,535 other receipts (not revenue) consisting of loans, special grants from Government, and subscriptions for ordinary and special work.—<sup>3</sup> Including £93,701 interest paid on account of Government loans.

TABLE XXV.—IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Total Value of—		Value per Head of*—			Exports of Home Produce.		
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.		Value.	Value per Head.*	Percentage of Total Exports.
	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£	£ s. d.	
Victoria ..	16,768,904	15,872,246	14 5 11	13 10 8		11,778,883	10 0 10	74·21
New South Wales	24,453,560	27,648,117	18 6 5	20 14 3		17,727,067	13 5 7	64·12
Queensland ..	6,007,266	10,856,127	12 3 11	22 0 9		10,482,668	21 5 7	96·56
South Australia—								
Proper ..	6,184,805	6,795,774	17 5 6	18 19 7		2,487,009	6 18 11	36·60
N. Territory ..	113,960	182,596	23 4 9	37 4 8		179,823	36 13 4	98·48
Western Australia	5,241,965	4,960,006	30 19 4	29 6 1		4,820,420	28 9 7	97·19
Tasmania ..	1,650,018	1,803,369	9 9 1	10 6 8		1,720,697	9 17 2	95·42
New Zealand ..	8,230,600	10,517,955	11 3 7	14 5 9		10,324,988	14 0 6	98·17
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>68,651,078</b>	<b>78,636,190</b>	<b>15 9 0</b>	<b>17 13 11</b>		<b>59,521,555</b>	<b>13 7 11</b>	<b>75·69</b>

Name of 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 ..	36·95	45·74	17·31	42·46	41·85	15·69
New South Wales	31·67	50·98	17·35	27·98	31·38	40·64
Queensland ..	42·60	45·91	11·49	40·09	57·75	2·16
South Australia—						
Proper ..	31·93	54·14	13·93	33·94	49·03	17·03
N. Territory ..	10·38	59·01	30·61	15·10	76·85	8·05
Western Australia	39·14	52·34	8·52	46·24	49·66	4·10
Tasmania ..	28·21	68·30	3·49	23·93	74·81	1·26
New Zealand ..	62·56	14·08	23·36	78·58	14·03	7·39
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>38·10</b>	<b>45·65</b>	<b>16·25</b>	<b>40·89</b>	<b>38·59</b>	<b>20·52</b>

NOTE.—During the year 1899 the Imports and Exports of the different colonies in the order named were as follow :—£17,952,894 and £18,567,780 ; £25,594,315 and £28,445,466 ; £6,764,097 and £11,942,858 ; £7,016,238 and £8,547,046 ; £4,473,532 and £6,985,642 ; £1,769,324 and £2,577,475 ; £8,739,633 and £11,938,335.

\* In calculating these results the mean populations shown in the second last column of Table I. have been used.

† It is believed that the real origin of a considerable proportion of these imports is not the United Kingdom but the Continent of Europe ; and in like manner the ultimate destination of a large proportion of the exports to the United Kingdom is probably the same.

TABLE XXVI.—PRINCIPAL GROUPS OF ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALASIA, 1898.

Class of Articles.	Fit for Immediate Consumption.		Requiring Further Manufacture.		Total.
	Primary Products.	Manufactured Articles.	Primary Products.	Partly Manufactured Articles.	
	£	£	£	£	
IMPORTS.					
Foods—					
Stimulants .. .. .	..	2,061,452	..	..	2,061,452
Narcotics .. .. .	..	909,066	123,307	..	1,032,373
Tea .. .. .	1,138,787	..	..	..	1,138,787
Sugar .. .. .	..	920,680	1,459,382	..	2,380,062
Other* .. .. .	4,192,796	2,599,506	603,424	..	7,395,726
Textile fabrics and dress .. .. .	..	9,310,343	..	3,549,995	12,860,338
Railway materials, &c. .. .. .	..	880,722	..	..	880,722
Metals, minerals, &c. .. .. .	..	5,212,957	150,614	2,366,072	7,729,643
Precious metals .. .. .	..	8,813,064	1,408,398	..	10,221,462
Ceramics .. .. .	..	624,778	..	..	624,778
Heat, light, and energy .. .. .	703,169	616,101	..	..	1,319,270
Books, &c. .. .. .	..	1,003,343	..	..	1,003,343
Other articles classified .. .. .	808,792	2,509,583	4,712,533	2,083,223	10,114,131
Total classified .. .. .	6,843,544	35,461,595	8,457,658	7,999,290	58,762,087
Unclassified articles .. .. .	..	..	..	..	9,888,991
Grand total .. .. .	..	..	..	..	68,651,078
EXPORTS.					
Foods—					
Wine .. .. .	..	153,926	..	..	153,926
Narcotics .. .. .	..	195,633	10,275	..	205,908
Sugar .. .. .	..	1,443,659	361,786	..	1,805,445
Other* .. .. .	5,799,171	2,650,571	700,197	..	9,149,939
Textile fabrics and dress .. .. .	..	923,400	..	185,186	1,108,586
Precious metals .. .. .	..	22,714,842	3,409,164	..	26,124,006
Wool, hides and skins, tallow, leather .. .. .	..	..	26,427,001	799,866	27,226,867
Shells and kauri gum .. .. .	..	..	242,428	..	242,428
Other articles classified .. .. .	1,622,058	312,413	1,573,136	59,119	3,566,726
Total classified .. .. .	7,421,229	28,394,444	32,723,987	1,044,171	69,583,831
Unclassified articles .. .. .	..	..	..	..	9,052,359
Grand total .. .. .	..	..	..	..	78,636,190

NOTE.—For details for each colony, see original tables of "Australasian Statistics, 1898."

\* Principal kinds only.

TABLE XXVII.—SHIPPING,\* 1898.

Name of Colony.	Inwards.		Outwards.		Inwards and Outwards.			
					Steam only.		Steam and Sailing.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Victoria ..	2,008	2,472,745	2,043	2,483,992	3,567	4,586,050	4,051	4,956,737
New South Wales	3,316	3,464,867	3,263	3,455,061	5,196	5,585,233	6,579	6,919,928
Queensland ..	615	602,006	593	596,313	†	†	1,213	1,198,319
South Australia—								
Proper ..	1,068	1,722,358	1,083	1,760,167	1,803	3,178,480	2,151	3,482,525
N. Territory ..	72	92,560	74	92,441	†	†	146	185,001
Western Australia	633	1,199,894	631	1,189,732	1,016	2,201,963	1,264	2,389,626
Tasmania ..	739	574,964	736	584,029	1,279	698,474	1,525	1,158,993
New Zealand ..	620	765,255	622	765,793	707	1,262,765	1,242	1,531,048
Total ..	9,071	10,894,649	9,100	10,927,528	13,568†	17,512,965†	18,171	21,822,177

\* Exclusive of coastal trade.

† No separate returns.

‡ Totals incomplete.

TABLE XXVIII.—SHIPPING\* TO AND FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES 1898.

Name of Colony.	Tonnage of Vessels Entered—				Tonnage of Vessels Cleared—			
	From United Kingdom.	From Australasian Colonies.	From Other Countries.	Total.	To United Kingdom.	To Australasian Colonies.	To Other Countries.	Total.
Victoria ..	403,478	1,699,194	370,073	2,472,745	353,502	1,879,654	250,836	2,483,992
New South Wales	441,320	2,265,992	757,555	3,464,867	389,433	1,942,774	1,122,854	3,455,061
Queensland ..	95,702	400,741	105,563	602,006	100,975	404,892	90,446	596,313
South Australia—								
Proper ..	339,024	1,073,778	309,556	1,722,358	268,956	1,318,117	173,094	1,760,167
N. Territory ..	..	46,432	46,128	92,560	..	92,045	396	92,441
Western Australia	237,392	737,409	225,093	1,199,894	294,044	686,045	209,643	1,189,732
Tasmania ..	111,567	442,847	20,550	574,964	38,152	542,897	2,980	584,029
New Zealand ..	202,475	396,355	166,425	765,255	252,449	395,038	118,306	765,793
Total ..	1,830,958	7,062,748	2,000,943	10,894,649	1,697,511	7,261,462	1,968,555	10,927,528

\* Exclusive of coastal trade.

TABLE XXIX.—GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1897-8.

Name of Colony.	Length in Miles.			Rolling-stock.		Traffic.		
	At End of Year.		Average Extent Open.	Locomotives.	Vehicles of All Kinds.	Train Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.*	Tons of Goods and Live Stock Carried.
	Open.	Being Constructed.						
Victoria ..	3,113 <sup>1</sup>	30½	3,108	517	10,232	9,239,657	43,090,749	2,408,665 <sup>2</sup>
New South Wales	2,691	78½	2,659	494	11,520	8,340,338	23,233,206	4,630,564
Queensland ..	2,636	133	2,586	310	5,194	5,007,370	5,882,112	1,323,782 <sup>3</sup>
South Australia— Proper ..	1,724	..	1,724	332	6,597	3,715,748	6,050,189	1,189,095
N. Territory ..	146	..	145	6	141	30,004	3,126	2,678
Western Australia †	992	357	974	186	4,767	3,613,874	5,669,444	1,203,911
Tasmania ..	438	..	438	66	1,373	761,309	617,643	235,096
New Zealand ..	2,055	..	2,043	273	9,518	3,666,483 <sup>4</sup>	7,572,288	2,518,367
Total ..	13,795	599	13,677	2,184	49,342	34,374,783	92,118,757	13,512,158

Name of Colony.	Capital Cost of Lines Open for Traffic at End of Year. ‡	Revenue Account. §							
		Gross Receipts.				Working Expenses.		Net Receipts.	
		Coaching.	Goods.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Amount.	Percentage of Receipts.	Amount.	Percentage of Capital Cost.
Victoria ..	£ 38,593,205	£ 1,263,316	£ 1,283,835	£ 61,745	£ 2,608,896	£ 1,646,054	* 63·09	£ 962,842	2·50
New South Wales	37,719,402	1,099,659	1,892,821	34,268	3,026,748	1,614,605 <sup>5</sup>	53·34	1,412,143	3·76
Queensland ..	18,056,285	358,185	810,486	47,140	1,215,811	686,066	56·43	529,745	3·00
South Australia— Proper ..	12,764,106	291,411	664,048	28,469	983,928	603,474	61·33	380,454	3·00
N. Territory ..	1,155,152	3,556	8,570	1,998	14,124	20,268	143·50	—6,144	—·53
Western Australia	5,047,261	404,275	561,273	54,129 <sup>6</sup>	1,019,677	786,318	77·11	233,359	4·96
Tasmania ..	3,585,040	75,273	81,538	21,369	178,180	141,179	79·23	37,001	1·04
New Zealand ..	15,993,903	494,302	837,590	44,116	1,376,008	857,191	62·30	518,817	3·29
Total ..	132,914,354	3,989,977	6,140,161	293,234	10,423,372	6,355,155	60·97	4,068,217	3·09

(For references see next page.)

TABLE XXIX.—GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1897-8—continued.

Name of Colony.	General Averages.								
	Miles Open per 1,000 Inhabitants.	Train Miles run per Head of Population.	Rolling-stock per 100 Miles Open.		Traffic per Mile Open.		Per Train Mile.		Average Capital Cost Per Mile Open.
			Locomotives.	Other Vehicles.	Passengers.	Tons of Goods.	Gross Receipts.	Working Expenses.	
Victoria ..	2·65	7·86	16·61	329	13,842	774	d. 67·77	d. 42·76	£ 12,397
New South Wales	2·02	6·30	18·36	428	8,634	1,721	87·10	46·46	14,017
Queensland ..	5·35	10·33	11·76	197	2,231	502	58·27	32·88	6,850
South Australia— Proper ..	4·82	10·37	19·26	383	3,509	690	63·55	38·98	7,404
N. Territory ..	29·77	6·22	4·11	97	21	18	112·97	162·12	7,912
Western Australia	5·86	22·32	18·75	481	5,715	1,214	67·73	52·22	5,088
Tasmania ..	2·51	4·43	15·07	313	1,410	537	56·18	44·50	8,185
New Zealand ..	2·79	5·03	13·28	463	3,685	1,225	90·07	56·11	7,783
Total ..	3·10	7·79	15·83	358	6,678	979	72·77	44·38	9,635

NOTE.—The gauges of the respective colonies are as follow :—5ft. 3in. throughout Victoria, and also for 495 miles in South Australia Proper ; 4ft. 8½in. throughout New South Wales, whilst all the remaining lines in Australasia are 3ft. 6in. gauge, excepting 18 miles of 2-ft. gauge in Tasmania.

The figures for Tasmania relate to the calendar year 1898, and those for New Zealand to the year ended 31st March, 1898. In other cases the figures relate to the year ended 30th June, 1898.

\* In comparing the railway traffic in Victoria and New South Wales the large metropolitan tramway traffic, as well as the steam-boat traffic in the latter colony, must also be taken into account ; and it must also be borne in mind that in New South Wales the trams, being under State control, run only to districts and places not served by railways, and do not, therefore, enter into competition with the latter ; whereas in Victoria the metropolitan trams, belonging as they do to a private company, enter into competition with the State railways in nearly all directions.

† Exclusive of Cossack to Roebourne Tramway, 8 miles long, constructed at a cost of £21,767 ; its gross earnings in 1896-7 were £3,686, and working expenses £2,491, resulting in a net profit (without allowing for interest on capital) of £1,195. In 1897-8 the net receipts were £125.

‡ 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, except South Australia, which includes on this account £433,623, also interest paid during construction, £56,035. The capital cost includes contributions from the general revenue as follow :—In Victoria, £2,803,740 ; New South Wales, about £2,200,000 ; South Australia, £476,222 ; Western Australia, about £210,000. 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.

§ Including the traffic of 17 miles in Victoria and 7½ miles in Tasmania worked by Government for a shire council and a private company respectively.

|| In South Australia over £394,784 of the amount shown was derived from the line to Broken Hill, N.S.W.

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of 16½ miles dismantled in the previous year, but capital cost still included.

<sup>2</sup> Each consignment of goods is reckoned as a unit.

<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of live stock.

<sup>4</sup> Exclusive of 1,125,209 miles ballasting and shunting. It is probable, however, that this item is also excluded in the other colonies.

<sup>5</sup> Including annual instalment of £75,000 towards the redemption of a loan of £1,000,000 for the reconstruction and improvement of rolling-stock and permanent way.

<sup>6</sup> Chiefly Wharfage and Jetty dues.

TABLE XXIXA.—GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1898-9.

Name of Colony.	Length Open.	Capital Cost of Lines Open at end of Year.	Gross Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Net Receipts.	Percentage of Net Revenue to Mean Capital Cost.
	Miles.	£	£	£	£	
Victoria .. .. .	3,127	38,974,410	2,873,729*	1,797,726*	1,076,003*	2·77
New South Wales .. .. .	2,707	37,992,276	3,145,273	1,690,442	1,454,831	3·87
Queensland .. .. .	2,746	18,670,208	1,373,475	784,811	588,664	3·21
South Australia Proper .. .. .	1,724	12,886,359	1,058,397	617,380	441,017	3·44
„ Northern Territory	146	1,155,648	14,758	17,375	- 2,617†	-·23†
Western Australia .. .. .	1,355	6,427,370	663,220	712,329	- 49,109†	-·86†
New Zealand .. .. .	2,090	16,404,076	1,469,665	929,737	539,928	3·33

\* Including amounts for Dookie and Katamatite Tramway (17 miles—not included in length open). The working expenses included the charge for pensions, &c.

† The minus sign (-) indicates excess of expenses over receipts.

TABLE XXX.—PRIVATE RAILWAYS, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Miles Open.		Capital Cost.	Revenue Account.				Train Mileage.
	At end of Year.	Average.		Gross Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Net Receipts.		
						Amount.	Percentage of Capital Cost.	
			£	£	£	£		
New South Wales ..	84½*	84½	564,113	144,934†	53,121†	91,813†	16·28	215,045
South Australia Proper	20	20	160,497	24,066	12,913	11,153	6·95	140,421
Western Australia ..	495	495	¶	¶	¶	¶	¶	¶
Tasmania .. .. .	71	71	406,571	48,930	24,508	24,422	6·01	105,464
New Zealand .. .. .	167	167	1,527,665‡	106,323‡	59,310‡	47,013‡	3·08	(?)
Grand Total ..	837½	837½	2,658,846§	324,253§	149,852§	174,401§	6·56§	460,930

NOTE.—There were no private railways in Victoria or Queensland.

\* Exclusive of about 200 miles of coal lines.

† Exclusive of the amounts for two short lines less than 4 miles in length.

‡ Exclusive of the amounts for the Kaitangata Company's line, 4 miles in length.

§ Exclusive of Western Australia.

|| Exclusive of Western Australia and New Zealand.

¶ No information available.

TABLE XXXI.—TRAMWAYS, 1897-8.

Name of Colony.	Miles Open.					Capital Cost.	Revenue Account.			
	Cable.	Steam.	Electric.	Horse.	Total.		Gross Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Net Receipts.	
									Amount.	Percentage of Mean Capital Cost.
<i>Government Lines.</i>						£	£	£	£	
New South Wales	4	54	8	..	66	1,478,251	313,871	259,141	54,730	3·73
Western Australia	..	..	..	8	8	21 767	2,748	2,623	125	·57
Total	4	54	8	8	74	1,500,018	316,619	261,764	54,855	3·69
<i>Private Lines.</i>										
Victoria	44	..	..	4	48	1,705,794	370,477	..	..	..
New South Wales	..	7	..	..	7	(?)	(?)	..	..	..
Queensland	..	..	15	..	15†	30,300	(?)	..	..	..
Tasmania	..	2	9	..	{ 9 2	90,000 1,750	12,205* (?)	..	..	..
Total	44	9	24	4	81	(?)	(?)	..	..	..
Grand Total	48	63	32	12	155	(?)	(?)	..	..	..

NOTE.—There were no State tramways in any of the other colonies, and no private tramways in South Australia, Western Australia, or New Zealand. In New South Wales, the estimated number of passengers carried on Government lines was 26,937,000, and in Victoria on private lines, 36,245,280 passengers. The Victorian tramways were constructed by a Municipal Trust, but are leased to a company for a term of years, after which the lines revert to the Trust.

\* Figures for 1897.

† Embracing 25 miles of track.

TABLE XXXII.—POSTAL RETURNS, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Number of Post Offices on 31st December.	Number (000's omitted).			Per Head of Population.		
		Letters and Post Cards.	Newspapers.	Packets and Parcels.	Letters and Post Cards.	Newspapers.	Packets and Parcels.
Victoria	1,581†	66,191,*	26,390,	10,751,	57*	22	9
New South Wales	2,098	76,982,	42,571,	17,094,	58	32	13
Queensland	1,116	19,724,	11,647,	5,369,	40	24	11
South Australia	693	12,392,	8,803,	1,502,	53	24	4
Western Australia	171	13,430,	7,390,	3,262,	79	44	19
Tasmania	344	9,397,	5,575,	1,478,	54	32	8
New Zealand	1,561	37,135,	15,096,	16,823,	50	21	23
Total	7,564	242,251,*	117,472,	56,279,	55*	26	13

NOTE.—The numbers given for letters, newspapers, and parcels represent those posted in the colony (counted once) added to those received from abroad.

\* Revised and corrected by Postal Department since last publication.

† There are also 17 receiving offices, 15 travelling offices, and 836 letter-boxes.

TABLE XXXIII.—TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Telegraphs.						Telephones and Private Wires.			
	Miles open on 31st December (exclusive of Telephones).*					Telegraph Stations at end of Year.	Number of Telegrams.	Number of Public Exchanges.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Connexions at end of the Year.
	Postal Department.		Railway Department.		Cable.					
	Line.	Wire.	Line.	Wire.						
Victoria ..	3,841	9,455	2,758	5,274	..	782	2,204,407	13	11,232 <sup>1</sup>	3,630
New South Wales	13,242	35,637	2,691	5,000	..	916	2,866,570 <sup>2</sup>	33 <sup>3</sup>	4	8,928
Queensland ..	10,088	18,565	..	..	58	422	1,334,846	8	1,334	1,516
South Australia ..	5,514	11,785	242	2,408	37	1,880	783,973 <sup>5</sup>	8	3,073	1,141
Western Australia	5,886	8,650	..	..	..	147	1,178,928	10	2,099 <sup>1</sup>	1,915
Tasmania ..	1,523	2,485	808	2,485	428	168	371,364	4	705	860
New Zealand † ..	6,736	18,746	507	977	242	878	3,017,034	31	5,803	6,203
Total ..	46,830	105,323	7,006	16,144	765	5,193	11,757,122	107	24,246	24,193

NOTE. —The telegrams refer to those transmitted and received (each telegram being counted only once). Nearly 9,000,000 of the telegrams were Inland, 2,600,000 Intercolonial, and about 175,000 Cablegrams.

\* Telephone wire is included in the case of New South Wales.

† Figures in this case are for the year ended 31st March, 1899.

<sup>1</sup> Excluding wire used solely for railway purposes, viz., 1,193 miles in Victoria and 1,857 Western Australia.

<sup>2</sup> Including messages *in transitu*, 134,672.

<sup>3</sup> In addition there were 35 bureaux for the use of the public.

<sup>4</sup> Included with telegraph wire.

<sup>5</sup> Including messages *in transitu*, 173,968 ; but excluding about 100,000 International Cablegrams transmitted on behalf of other colonies.

<sup>6</sup> Including 329 connexions at Government Departments.

TABLE XXXIV.—MONEY ORDERS, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Money Orders.				Postal Notes Issued.	
	Number.		Amount.		Number.	Amount.
	Issued.	Paid.	Issued.	Paid.		
Victoria ..	216,165	304,783	£ 678,616	£ 1,064,180	1,142,999	£ 453,881
New South Wales ..	407,161	410,772	1,371,727	1,432,373	1,158,010	424,423
Queensland ..	130,309	87,601	478,061	357,920	248,612	95,524
South Australia ..	82,187	86,606	237,590	307,858	259,627	87,587
Western Australia ..	231,387	80,784	888,389	330,597	23,499	6,296
Tasmania ..	121,738	228,121	244,971	330,229	50,353	15,530
New Zealand ..	318,370	229,720	1,029,241	880,053	431,449	139,957
Total ..	1,507,317	1,428,387	4,928,595	4,703,210	3,314,549	1,223,198

TABLE XXXV.—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF GOVERNMENT  
POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENTS, 1898.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Revenue.							
	Vic-toria.	New South Wales.	Queens-land.	South Aus-tralia	Western Aus-tralia.	Tas-mania.	New Zealand.	Total Aus-tralasia.
<i>Revenue.</i>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Postage, &c.—								
Ordinary .. ..	375,499	474,519	148,224	120,568	86,678	68,101	282,212	1,555,801
O.H.M.S. .. ..	(*25,000)	30,498	27,000	5,741	7,699	(*17,157)†	(*70,730)	70,938
Money Orders and Postal Notes ..	19,911	25,162	6,983	5,651	13,054	3,726	18,264	92,751
Telegrams—								
Ordinary .. ..	97,565	147,432	75,962	96,413	77,926	17,002	105,576	617,876
O H M.S. .. ..	(*5,421)	14,475	(*12,765)	2,526	11,878	(*4,867)	(*25,500)	28,879
Telephones and Private Wires—								
Ordinary .. ..	37,200	45,181	8,896	15,028	16,890	3,838	} 39,718	177,757
O.H.M.S. .. ..	1,192	5,52	..	2,687	†1,600	(*1,007)		
Total credited ..	531,367	742,794	267,065	248,614	215,725	92,667	445,770	2,544,002
Total earned ..	566,588 <sup>a</sup>	742,794	279,830	248,614	215,725	115,698	542,000	2,711,249
	Expenditure.‡							
<i>Working Expenses and Maintenance.</i>								
Salaries and Allowances to Officers .. ..	315,772	391,975	141,052	116,768	177,505	34,831	225,367	1,403,270
Conveyance of Mails by—								
(a) Contract Packets ..	33,407	43,967	20,882	11,577	11,053	} 26,292	} 50,707	} 695,482
(b) Non-contract Vessels ..	4,628	7,740	4,476	2,062	843			
(c) Railway .. ..	58,535	69,733	40,000	15,822	} 45,388			
(d) Road .. ..	36,591	87,973	49,490	21,457				
Cable Subsidies and Guarantees ..	14,102	16,663	2,507	4,363	1,525	2,060	1,428	42,648
Printing, Stamps, Books, Forms, &c. ..	5,190	12,299	..	5,368	2,742	..	} 159,836	} 324,163
Clothing, Stores, Fuel, Light, and Water ..	12,282	6,086	5,193	7,441	6,008	..		
Rates Paid to Municipalities, &c. ..	..	2,545	..	..	..	..		
Rent§ .. ..	..	..	1,291	410	557	..		
Maintenance of Buildings, Furniture, &c. ..	2,306	2,947	8,633	1,145	..	..	} 6,020	} 324,163
Maintenance of Telegraph and Telephone Lines, Instruments, &c. ..	1,879	} 79,806	} 23,091	11,846	13,114	} 4,045		
Other (if any) ..	15,714						17,156	9,848
-9,008 <sup>b</sup>								
Total .. ..	491,398	721,734	313,771	208,107	267,108	73,248	390,197	2,465,563

\* Estimated value—not counted as revenue. In the case of Telegrams O H.M.S. in Queensland, it is stated that if work done for the meteorological service, free shipping, savings bank, &c., were also taken into account, the amount would be increased from £12,765 to £64,215; but this probably also applies to the other colonies.

† Approximate.

‡ Including expenditure by other Government Departments on account of Postal Department.

§ The item "rent" has evidently not been taken into account in most of the colonies.

|| Including £15,300 for maintenance of telegraph lines.

<sup>a</sup> Including also £4,800 for services rendered to Treasury and other Departments.

<sup>b</sup> Debit.

TABLE XXXVI.—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF STATE POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENTS IN AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA.—SUMMARY FOR FIVE YEARS.

Colony.	Revenue earned ( <i>i.e.</i> , inclusive of Unpaid O.H.M.S. Letters, &c.)				
	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria .. .. .	553,974	536,346	543,660	560,299	566,588
New South Wales .. .. .	600,665	633,374	695,626	697,676	742,794
Queensland .. .. .	224,699	243,412	249,613	257,592	279,830
South Australia .. .. .	207,874	228,012	259,980	257,695	248,614
Western Australia .. .. .	60,946	112,434	186,586	221,572	215,725
Total Australia .. .. .	1,648,158	1,753,578	1,935,465	1,994,834	2,053,551
Tasmania .. .. .	75,594	77,256	94,433	98,456	115,698
Total Six Colonies .. .. .	1,723,752	1,830,834	2,029,898	2,093,290	2,169,249

  

Colony.	Working Expenses.				
	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria .. .. .	582,523	531,259	503,581	494,257	491,398
New South Wales .. .. .	784,180	778,680	755,332	722,793	721,734
Queensland .. .. .	296,251	295,065	300,479	312,276	313,771
South Australia .. .. .	190,643	194,849	197,766	204,174	208,107
Western Australia .. .. .	77,459	118,298	222,421	261,328	267,108
Total Australia .. .. .	1,931,056	1,918,151	1,979,579	1,994,828	2,002,118
Tasmania .. .. .	71,767	62,421	61,689	65,268	73,248
Total Six Colonies .. .. .	2,002,823	1,980,572	2,041,268	2,060,096	2,075,366

TABLE XXXVII.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED AND IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Area of Colony in Acres.* (000's omitted).	During the Year 1898.					
		Sold by Auction, Private Contract, &c.			Selected under System of Deferred Payments.	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 .. .. .	56,246,	3,990	16,348	4 1 11	61,329	154	65,473
New South Wales .. .. .	197,872,	53,067	119,183	2 4 11	759,785	17,119	829,971
Queensland .. .. .	427,663,	92,815	57,276	0 12 4	360,051	401	453,267
South Australia—							
Proper .. .. .	243,075,	28,567	28,503	0 19 11	.. <sup>1</sup>	90	28,657
Northern Territory	335,117,	6	117	19 10 0	..	..	6
Western Australia .. .. .	621,589,	13,669	54,887	4 0 4	440,626	225	454,520
Tasmania .. .. .	16,880,	558	26,677	47 16 2	20,071	..	20,629
New Zealand <sup>2</sup> .. .. .	66,861,	37,430	26,979	0 14 5	13 <sup>1</sup>	438,257	475,700
Total .. .. .	1,968,303,	230,102	329,970	1 8 8	1,641,875	456,246	2,328,223

\* These areas do not exactly agree with those officially furnished in some cases. See footnote (') to Table I., ante.

<sup>1</sup> The system has been discarded in South Australia and New Zealand.

TABLE XXXVII.—CROWN LANDS ALIENATED AND IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, 1898—*continued.*

Name of Colony.	At the End of 1898.—Extent (000's omitted)—					Unoccupied or reserved for Public Purposes.
	Alienated in Fee simple.		In Process of Alienation under System of Deferred Payments.	Under Licence or Lease.		
	Sold.	Granted without Purchase.		Perpetual Leases.	All other Kinds.	
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Victoria .. ..	18,422,	79,	4,675,	117,	13,223,	19,730,
New South Wales ..	24,675,	406,	21,307,	..	127,610,	23,874,
Queensland .. ..	12,974,	70,	2,034,	..	237,952,	174,633,
South Australia—						
Proper .. ..	7,253,	122,	680,	4,877,	71,933,	158,210,
Northern Territory	473,	..	..	..	89,041,	245,603,
Western Australia ..	6,244,	*	2,910,	..	91,134,	524,301,
Tasmania .. ..	4,778,	*	*	..	1,236,	10,866,
New Zealand <sup>2</sup> ..	14,761,	7,823, <sup>2</sup>	307,	1,385, <sup>3</sup>	12,676,	29,909, <sup>4</sup>
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>89,580,</b>	<b>8,500,</b>	<b>31,913,</b>	<b>6,379,</b>	<b>644,805,</b>	<b>1,187,126,</b>

\* Probably included with area "Sold."

<sup>2</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. Lands reserved for various public purposes are also included, which is not the case in other colonies.

<sup>3</sup> Consisting of 443,851 acres under perpetual lease, and 941,032 acres under leases in perpetuity

<sup>4</sup> Of this extent, about 14,000,000 acres belong to the Maoris, or to Europeans who have purchased from them.

TABLE XXXVIII.—STATE PRIMARY EDUCATION, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Number of State Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Gross Enrolment.	Average Attendance.		
				Total.	Number to each Teacher.	Percentage of Scholars on the Rolls.
Victoria .. ..	1,877	4,618	238,357	134,976	29	56.63
New South Wales ..	2,602	4,759	258,592	141,723	30	54.81
Queensland .. ..	833	1,887	99,097	58,296	31	58.83
South Australia ..	670	1,253	67,613	39,102	31	57.83
Western Australia ..	167	391	14,424	10,915	28	75.67
Tasmania .. ..	292	548	22,517	12,015	22	53.36
New Zealand † ..	1,624	3,664 <sup>1</sup>	172,525	110,256	30	63.91
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>8,065</b>	<b>17,120</b>	<b>873,125</b>	<b>507,283</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>58.10</b>

TABLE XXXVIII.—STATE PRIMARY EDUCATION, 1898—*continued.*

Name of Colony.	Estimated Net Enrolment (Distinct Children).	Cost of Instruction and Administration.				
		Contributed by—		Total.	Per Head of Mean Population.	Per Head of Scholars in Average Attendance.
		State.*	Parents, &c., in Fees.			
		£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria .. ..	212,164	591,722	4,822 <sup>2</sup>	596,544	0 10 2	4 8 5
New South Wales ..	227,561	551,775	73,093	624,868	0 9 4	4 8 2
Queensland .. ..	88,691	211,801	..	211,801	0 8 7	3 12 8
South Australia ..	61,763	135,041	1,499	136,540	0 7 6	3 9 10
Western Australia ..	11,000	51,079	4,516	55,595	0 6 7	5 1 10
Tasmania .. ..	17,136	31,822	10,210	42,032	0 4 10	3 10 0
New Zealand † ..	150,000	439,682	6,313 <sup>3</sup>	445,995	0 12 1	4 0 11
Total .. ..	768,315	2,012,922	100,453	2,113,375	0 9 6	4 3 4

\* Portions of the amounts in this column are derived from Education Reserves, &c., viz., £6,904 in South Australia, and £38,024 in New Zealand.

† Exclusive of Maori schools.

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of 191 sewing mistresses.

<sup>2</sup> For extra subjects.

<sup>3</sup> Inclusive of amounts raised locally.

TABLE XXXIX.—PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1898.

Colony.	Schools.	Teachers.	Gross Enrolment.	Contributions by State.
Victoria .. ..	945	2,440	43,926	£ ..
New South Wales ..	956	3,269	58,179	..
Queensland .. ..	181	598	13,163	10,000
South Australia ..	238	752	12,049	..
Western Australia ..	87	257	5,651	..
Tasmania .. ..	246	*	9,973	..
New Zealand .. ..	294	77	14,782	..
Total .. ..	2,947	..	157,723	10,000

\* Information not collected.

TABLE XL.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1898-9.—LAND IN CULTIVATION.

Name of Colony.	Total Area.			
	Under Crops.		Under Cultivation.	
	Acres.	Per Head of Population.	Acres.	Per Head of Population.
Victoria .. ..	3,210,445	2·73	3,877,922	3·30
New South Wales .. ..	2,206,500	1·64	2,555,329	1·90
Queensland .. ..	363,254	·73	421,830	·85
South Australia .. ..	2,211,814	6·09	2,967,370	8·18
Western Australia .. ..	171,777	1·02	215,960	1·29
Tasmania .. ..	258,542	1·46	532,267	3·00
New Zealand* .. ..	1,964,022	2·64	2,015,186	2·71
Total .. ..	10,386,354	2·32	12,585,864	2·81

\* In the figures for New Zealand, the land under permanent artificial grass, amounting to 10,036,549 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. In Victoria, in like manner, there are large tracts of land under permanent artificial grasses which are not included; it is only returned for holdings on which other cultivation also exists.

TABLE XLI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1898-9.—AREA AND PRODUCE OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Name of Colony.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other * Cereals	Pota-toes.	Hay.	Vines.	Green Forage.	Other Tillage.
Area in Acres.										
Victoria	2,154,163	266,159	47,859	10,647	13,246	41,252	565,345	27,568	169,962	581,721
N.S.W.	1,319,503	19,874	4,459	193,286	3,379	27,978	461,784	8,078	429,136	87,852
Q'land.	46,219	271	2,944	102,835	1,162	7,961	35,263	2,020	39,523	183,632
S.A. ..	1,788,770	25,823	16,962	..	3,491	6,653	316,413	19,159	31,097	759,002
W.A. ..	75,032	3,073	2,186	110	700	1,675	79,223	2,961	3,154	47,846
Tasmania	85,287	59,509	5,693	..	11,120	20,241	49,277	..	240,771	60,369
N.Z. ..	399,034	417,320	45,671	18,539	11,904	38,604	75,620	357	431,917 †	576,220
Total	5,868,008	792,029	125,774	325,417	45,002	144,364	1,582,925	60,143	1,345,560	2,296,542

Name of Colony.	Produce.							
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other * Cereals.	Pota-toes.	Hay.	Wine.
	bushels. ‡	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons
Victoria .. ..	19,581,304	5,523,419	1,112,567	587,064	237,361	161,142	723,299	1,882,209
New South Wales	9,286,216	278,007	64,094	6,064,842	56,599	61,900	334,287	845,232
Queensland .. ..	607,012	4,047	34,865	2,252,481	42,007	16,413	70,235	134,334
South Australia ..	8,778,900	304,002	234,135	..	51,151	14,445	258,518	1,080,772
Western Australia	870,909	55,854	29,295	1,365	7,726	5,698	77,297	113,799
Tasmania .. ..	2,303,512	2,271,070	184,225	..	237,666	88,166	82,448	..
New Zealand .. ..	13,073,416	16,511,388	1,677,908	813,379	340,993	298,561	151,240 §	..
Total .. ..	54,501,269	24,947,787	3,337,089	9,719,131	973,503	646,325	1,697,324	4,056,346

\* Chiefly beans and pease.

† See footnote (\*) to previous Table.

‡ In 1899-1900 the wheat crop was as follows for the colonies named:—Victoria, 15,237,948 bushels; New South Wales, 13,604,166; Queensland, 614,414; South Australia, 8,453,135; Western Australia, 987,329; Tasmania, 1,101,303; New Zealand 8,581,898 bushels.

§ Estimated.

TABLE XLI.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1898-9.—AREA AND PRODUCE OF PRINCIPAL CROPS—continued.

Name of Colony.	Average per Acre.							
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Other* Cereals.	Pota- toes.	Hay.	Wine.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.
Victoria ..	9·09	20·75	23·25	55·14	17·92	3·91	1·28	68·28
New South Wales	7·04	13·99	14·37	31·38	16·75	2·21	·72	104·63
Queensland ..	13·13	14·93	11·84	21·90	36·15	2·06	1·99	66·50
South Australia ..	4·90	11·77	13·80	..	14·65	2·17	·82	56·41
Western Australia	11·61	18·18	13·40	12·40	11·04	3·40	·98	38·43
Tasmania ..	27·01	38·16	32·36	..	21·37	4·35	1·67	..
New Zealand ..	32·76	39·56	36·74	43·88	28·65	7·73	2·00†	..
Total ..	9·30	31·50	26·53	29·87	21·63	4·48	1·07	67·45

NOTE.—Land in fallow is not included in New South Wales; and land under permanent artificial grasses is not included in New Zealand. See also Note (\*) to preceding Table.

\* Chiefly beans and pease.

† Estimated.

MISCELLANEOUS CROPS (INCLUDED IN "OTHER TILLAGE").

a.—Area in Acres.

Name of Colony.	Root Crops.				Tobacco.	Hops.	Sugar Cane.		Oranges.		Grass Seeds.	Market Gardens.	Other Gardens and Orchards.
	Turnips.	Mangel- wurzel.	Beet, Carrots, and Parsnips.	Onions.			Total.	Productive.	Total.	Productive.			
Vic. ..	..	1,008	2,122	4,472	78	847	..	..	583	..	2,220	9,073	41,448
N.S.W.	519	68	..	331	1,405	..	24,759	14,578	14,389	10,487	..	7,026	31,738
Q.	..	..	..	..	617	..	111,012	82,391	2,272	(?)	..	..	3,501
S.A.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,422	(?)	..	..	22,390
W.A.	..	..	..	96	..	..	..	..	424	141	..	1,437	4,124
Tas. ..	4,857	1,540	194	151	..	533	..	..	..	..	4,759	..	12,277
N.Z. ..	..	..	..	..	..	947	..	..	..	..	118,878	3,433	36,118

b.—Produce.

Name of Colony.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	cwt.	cwt.	tons of Sugar.	cwt.	bushels	Bees.	
										Honey. lbs.	Wax. lbs.
Vic. ..	..	9,701	14,926	17,308	190	6,849	..	7,796	23,088	881,121	22,213
N.S.W.	2,456	292	..	1,019	12,706	..	23,658	199,980	..	2,974,830	52,904
Q.	..	..	..	..	3,276	..	163,734	38,966	..	852,415	..
S.A.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,829	..	886,084	(?)
W.A.	..	..	..	245	..	..	..	(?)	..	47,487	3,205
Tas. ..	58653	29,758	2,708	746	..	5,371	..	..	109,628	..	..
N.Z. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	158,020	..	..

MISCELLANEOUS CROPS—*continued.*

## Crops peculiar to individual colonies—

Victoria—	Area(Acres).	Produce.
Sugar-beet	.. 1,677	348 tons
Flax	.. 72	{ Fibre 60 cwt. Seed 260 "
Fruits gathered for sale—		
Apples	.. ..	199,265 cwt.
Pears	.. ..	47,634 "
Quinces	.. ..	25,630 "
Plums	.. ..	49,788 "
Cherries	.. ..	30,096 "
Peaches	.. ..	58,992 "
Apricots	.. ..	70,433 "
Lemons	.. ..	15,456 "
Figs	.. ..	7,267 "
Raspberries	.. ..	9,892 "
Strawberries	.. ..	1,889 "
Gooseberries	.. ..	6,541 "
Olives	.. ..	596 "
Currants (red, white, black)	.. ..	845 "
Melons	.. ..	29,701 "
Rhubarb	.. 65,453	doz. bundles
Tomatoes	.. ..	16,775 cwt.
Almonds	.. ..	67,164 lbs.
Walnuts	.. ..	17,694 "
Dried Fruits produced—		
Apples	.. ..	6,289 lbs.
Prunes	.. ..	8,026 "
Peaches	.. ..	59,222 "
Apricots	.. ..	275,026 "
Figs	.. ..	39,175 "
Raisins	.. ..	17,979 cwt.
Currants	.. ..	1,034 "

## New South Wales—Area (Acres).

## Produce.

Pumpkins and melons 5,217 .. 17,944 tons

## Queensland—

Arrowroot .. .. 455 tubers, 6,116 tons

Coffee .. .. 432 .. 56,552 lbs.

Cotton .. .. 1 .. 50 "

Sweet potatoes .. 3,696 .. 20,069 "

## Fruit—

Bananas .. .. 5,264 46,547,090 doz.

Pineapples .. 1,130 .. 462,752 "

## South Australia—

Almond trees, No. 130,801 .. 1,325 cwt.

Olive " " 57,337 .. oil, 3,180 gal.

Lemon " " 63,654 .. 6,860 cases

Raisins .. .. 6,190 cwt.

Currants (Dried) .. .. 1,133 "

## Western Australia—

Other root crops .. 128 .. 457 tons

## Tasmania—

Flax .. .. 35 .. 18,910 lbs.

## Fruit—

Apples .. .. 8,373 .. 363,915 bush.

Pears .. .. 1,255 .. 33,738 "

## New Zealand—

Linseed .. .. 469 .. —

TABLE XLII.—LIVE STOCK, 1898-9.

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

Name of Colony.	Number of—				
	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.	Total all kinds.		
Victoria .. ..	431,547*	399,617	1,833,900*	12,300,000	337,588*
New South Wales .. ..	491,553	416,053	2,029,516	41,241,004	247,061
Queensland .. ..	480,469	†	5,571,292	17,552,608	127,081
South Australia Proper .. ..	161,774	76,709	260,343	5,012,620	60,132
Do. Northern Territory	15,406	971	353,551	64,076	1,710
Western Australia .. ..	62,442	21,141	245,907	2,244,880	39,284
Tasmania .. ..	29,797	37,825	148,558	1,493,638	45,274
New Zealand .. ..	258,115	333,536	1,203,024	19,348,506	193,512
Total .. ..	1,931,103	..	11,646,091	99,257,332	1,051,642

\* Figures for 1895, except in the case of dairy cows, which have been returned, and sheep which have been roughly estimated.

† Dairy cows included with total.

TABLE XLII.—LIVE STOCK, 1898-9—continued.

Name of Colony.	Number of—									
	Horses.	Cattle.				Sheep.	Pigs.			
		Dairy Cows.		Total all kinds.						
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.	Per Square Mile.	Per 100 Persons Living.	
Victoria* .. .. .	4.91	37	4.55	34	20.87	156	140	1,046	3.84	29
New South Wales .. .. .	1.59	37	1.35	31	6.56	151	133	3,063	.80	18
Queensland .. .. .	.72	96	?	?	8.34	1,118	26	3,521	.19	25
South Australia Proper .. .. .	.43	45	.20	21	.69	72	13	1,382	.16	17
Do. Northern Territory .. .. .	.03	314	..	20	.68	7,211	.1	1,307	..	35
Western Australia .. .. .	.06	37	.02	13	.25	146	2.3	1,335	.04	23
Tasmania .. .. .	1.13	17	1.43	21	5.63	84	57	842	1.71	26
New Zealand .. .. .	2.47	35	3.19	45	11.52	162	185	2,602	1.85	26
Total .. .. .	.63	43	?	?	3.79	260	33	2,217	.34	23

\* See footnote (\*) on previous page.

TABLE XLIII.—WOOL PRODUCTION, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Quantity.		Value.	
	Total Greasy, Washed, and Scoured.	Equivalent in Grease.	Total.	Average per Head of Population.
	lbs.	lbs.	£	£ s. d.
Victoria .. .. .	68,909,968	75,892,783	2,329,193	1 19 9
New South Wales .. .. .	249,788,303	271,864,300	8,396,062	6 5 10
Queensland .. .. .	87,078,960	102,163,690	3,027,946	6 3 0
South Australia Proper .. .. .	33,322,132	34,886,397	908,702	2 10 9
Do. Northern Territory .. .. .	517,460	517,460	14,275	2 18 3
Western Australia .. .. .	10,124,306	10,420,344	287,731	1 14 0
Tasmania .. .. .	8,426,976	8,426,976	278,735	1 11 11
New Zealand .. .. .	153,140,716	174,432,927	4,786,686	6 10 0
Total .. .. .	611,310,821	678,604,877	20,029,330	4 10 2

NOTE.—Net export of wool in 1899:—Victoria, 58,810,469 lbs., valued at £3,350,351; New South Wales, 205,333,794 lbs., valued at £10,149,563; Queensland, 70,822,751 lbs., valued at £3,379,179; South Australia, 35,068,093 lbs., valued at £1,496,462; Western Australia, 9,948,417 lbs., valued at £423,296; Tasmania, 8,584,140 lbs., valued at £357,065; and New Zealand, 147,159,391 lbs., valued at £4,324,171.

TABLE XLIV.—CHILLED OR FROZEN MEAT EXPORTED, 1898.  
(Less Imports from other Colonies.)

Name of Colony.	Beef.		Mutton.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	centals.	£	centals.	£
Victoria .. .. .	7,983	9,757	83,618	77,757
New South Wales .. .. .	68,024	45,541	536,210	284,784
Queensland .. .. .	573,845	660,800	12,247	12,947
South Australia .. .. .	..	..	10,793	13,600
New Zealand .. .. .	106,734	104,052	1,498,756*	1,492,547
Total .. .. .	756,586	820,150	2,141,624	1,881,635

NOTE.—There were no exports from Tasmania or Western Australia. A cental is equal to 100 lbs.  
\* Of this, 28 per cent. was lamb.

TABLE XLV.—BREADSTUFFS IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, 1898.

Colony.	Wheat, Flour and Biscuit.		Excess of —	
	Imported.	Exported.	Imports over Exports.	Exports over Imports.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Victoria .. .. .	781,032	2,636,983	..	1,855,951
New South Wales .. .. .	1,556,270	2,701,388	..	1,145,118
Queensland .. .. .	2,131,255	6,915	2,124,340	..
South Australia* .. .. .	66,384	1,238,632	..	1,172,248
Western Australia .. .. .	1,046,966	..	1,046,966	..
Tasmania . . . . .	561	198,244	..	197,683
New Zealand .. .. .	87,916	49,658	38,258	..
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>5,670,384</b>	<b>6,831,820</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>1,161,436†</b>

\* Exclusive of Northern Territory.

† Net figures.

TABLE XLVI.—NET EXPORTS\* OF BUTTER AND CHEESE, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Butter.		Cheese.	
	Total.	To Countries outside Australasia.	Total.	To Countries outside Australasia.
<i>Quantity.</i>	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Victoria .. .. .	17,414,654	15,706,230	51,699	36,007
New South Wales .. .. .	7,759,421	6,505,157	-1,670,525	73,857
Queensland .. .. .	942,529	630,849	-57,613	-304
South Australia Proper .. .. .	316,222	387,249	-65,082	-12,297
"    Northern Territory	-14,855	-690	-5,955	-748
Western Australia .. .. .	-4,102,200	-47,182	-1,001,890	-12,991
Tasmania .. .. .	-859,266	..	-130,255	-241
New Zealand .. .. .	10,757,376	9,064,832	7,694,288	4,715,872
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>32,213,881</b>	<b>32,246,445</b>	<b>4,814,667</b>	<b>4,799,155</b>
<i>Value.</i>	£	£	£	£
Victoria .. .. .	670,715	601,708	1,188	323
New South Wales .. .. .	319,802	268,113	-32,802	663
Queensland .. .. .	36,079	21,308	-1,670	-41
South Australia Proper .. .. .	11,827	14,479	-1,445	-701
"    Northern Territory	-1,044	-29	-193	-33
Western Australia .. .. .	-195,460	-2,304	-20,955	-553
Tasmania .. .. .	-37,101	..	-2,590	-11
New Zealand .. .. .	399,655	323,346	135,718	81,631
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>1,204,473</b>	<b>1,226,621</b>	<b>77,251</b>	<b>81,278</b>

NOTE.—Net export of butter in 1899 :—Victoria, 36,226,948 lbs.

\* The minus sign (-) indicates a net import.

TABLE XLVII.—BUTTER, CHEESE, AND BACON AND HAM PRODUCED, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Produced in Factories only.				Bacon and Ham Cured in Factories and on Farms.	
	Butter.		Cheese.		Total.	Per Head of Population.
	Total.	Per Head of Population.	Total.	Per Head of Population.		
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Victoria .. ..	26,886,860	22·92	2,289,170	1·95	8,931,112	7·61
New South Wales *	26,522,467	19·87	2,220,445	1·66	7,184,058	5·38
Queensland ..	4,589,934	9·32	1,486,534	3·02	6,973,007	14·16
Tasmania ..	462,591	2·65	113,343	·65	188,912	1·08
New Zealand † ..	10,037,440	13·90	10,109,120	14·00	3,814,720	5·29
Total ..	68,499,292	17·58	16,218,612	4·16	27,091,809	6·95

\* Including the produce of farms using steam dairy appliances, which was not so included in Victoria.

† Figures for 1897, no later figures being available.

NOTE.—Particulars for South Australia are not available. In addition to the quantities shown in the table, large quantities were also returned as having been made on farms in the following colonies; the figures for New Zealand being for 1891 :—

Name of Colony.	Made on Farms.		Total for Colony.	
	Butter.	Cheese.	Butter.	Cheese.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Victoria .. ..	7,193,450	2,108,199	34,080,310	4,397,369
New South Wales ..	4,961,134 <sup>a</sup>	1,024,867 <sup>a</sup>	31,483,601	3,245,312
Queensland ..	1,847,322	357,269	6,437,256	1,843,803
New Zealand (1891) ..	14,340,253	2,585,298	16,310,012	6,975,698

<sup>a</sup> Excluding the produce of farms using steam dairy appliances, which was reckoned as having been made in factories.

TABLE XLVIII.—GOLD PRODUCTION.

Name of Colony.	Prior to 1898.		During 1898.		Total.	
	Quantity in fine ozs.	Value.	Quantity in fine ozs.	Value.	Quantity in fine ozs.	Value.
		£		£		£
Victoria .. ..	58,323,723	247,389,792	789,555	3,349,028	59,113,278	250,738,820
New South Wales ..	10,488,419	44,488,371	288,644	1,224,330	10,777,063	45,712,701
Queensland ..	9,842,687	41,749,399	648,412	2,750,349	10,491,099	44,499,748
South Australia ..	496,506	2,106,014	22,430	95,143	518,936	2,201,157
Western Australia ..	1,571,320	6,665,015	940,832	3,990,698	2,512,152	10,655,713
Tasmania ..	873,746	3,706,141	66,362	281,485	940,108	3,987,626
New Zealand ..	12,582,939	53,372,634	254,780	1,080,691	12,837,719	54,453,325
Total ..	94,179,340	399,477,366	3,011,015	12,771,724	97,190,355	412,249,090

NOTE.—The purity, and consequently the value, of gold varies considerably in different localities. In Victoria the average value of crude gold 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. to the Mint, but commercially the latter may be reckoned at £4 4s. 10d.

The yield in 1899 was as follows, so far as available :—

YIELD FOR 1899.

Victoria ..	854,500	Queensland ..	947,626	Tasmania ..	83,992
New South Wales	496,196	Western Australia	1,643,877	New Zealand ..	389,558

TABLE XLIX.—COAL RAISED, 1898.

Colony.	Coal Raised.		Average Price at Pit's Mouth at end of Year.
	Quantity.	Value at Pit's Mouth.	
	tons.	£	s. d.
Victoria .. .. .	245,728	103,866	8 5
New South Wales .. .. .	4,706,251	1,271,832	5 5
Queensland .. .. .	407,934	150,493	7 5
Western Australia .. .. .	3,250	1,625	10 0
Tasmania .. .. .	49,116	19,454	7 11
New Zealand .. .. .	907,033	453,517	10 0
Total .. .. .	6,319,312	2,000,787	6 4

NOTE.—No coal was produced in South Australia.

TABLE L.—MINERAL PRODUCTION (OTHER THAN GOLD AND COAL), 1898.

Name of Colony.	Silver.		Silver-lead, &c.		Copper.		Tin.		Other Minerals.	Total.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Value.	Value.
	ozs.	£	tons.	£	tons.	£	tons.	£	£	£
Victoria .. .. .	81,911	9,215	20	240	..	..	87	3,913	25,290	38,658
New South Wales	533,059	59,278	398,569	1,644,777	6,000*	280,887	1,900*	60,600	250,326	2,295,868
Queensland .. .. .	104,021	10,585	248	2,480	62	2,166	1,025	36,502	10,136	61,869
South Australia .. .. .	..	..	95*	950	5,307†	248,857	3	120	4,366	254,293
Western Australia .. .. .	..	..	5	33	355	4,266	68	2,760	..	7,059
Tasmania .. .. .	606,123	65,663	20,159	205,230	4,783	382,640	2,837	115,762	..	769,295
New Zealand .. .. .	293,851	33,107	..	..	2	70	..	..	592,276‡	625,453
Total .. .. .	1,618,965	177,848	419,096	1,853,710	16,509	918,886	5,920	219,657	882,394	4,052,495

\* Roughly estimated.

† Including 536 tons of ore.

‡ Including Kauri gum, £586,767.

TABLE LI.—INTERCHANGE OF COIN AND BULLION, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Net Export of Gold.				Net Export of Silver.			
	Coin.	Bullion.	Total.		Coin.	Bullion. †	Silver-lead Ore.	Total.
			Value.	Per cent. of Total Production				
	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Victoria .. ..	5,643,168	-2,346,386	3,296,782	98·4	-44,388	-1,306	..	-45,694
New South Wales ..	2,864,264	-1,508,682	1,355,582	110·7	-27,330	29,651	1,681,133	1,683,454
Queensland .. ..	-42,067	2,832,656	2,790,589	101·5	-10,454	663	2,667	-7,124
South Australia ..	465,700	158,857	624,557*	656·4	-7,200	634,064†	149,348	776,212
Western Australia	-120,000	3,990,485	3,870,485	97·0	-210	-206	..	-416
Tasmania .. ..	62,991	184,865	247,856	88·1	-11,715	..	167,618	155,903
New Zealand .. ..	47,000	1,080,691	1,127,691	104·3	2,756	33,011	..	35,767
Total .. ..	8,921,056	4,392,486	13,313,542	104·2	-98,541	695,877	2,000,766	2,598,102

NOTE.—The minus (–) sign, wherever it appears, denotes a “net import.”

\* There is evidently some discrepancy in the official returns, showing a large export of gold coin and bullion from South Australia, which (except to a small extent in the Northern Territory) is not a gold-producing colony.

† The bulk of the silver exported from New South Wales and Tasmania goes out in the form of Silver-lead ore. The large exportation from South Australia (which is not a silver-producing country), is due to the reduction in that colony of large quantities of ore, &c., imported from Broken Hill, in New South Wales.

TABLE LII.—CONSUMPTION OF SIX LEADING DUTIABLE ARTICLES IN AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA, 1898.

Colony.	(000's omitted.)					Sugar.
	Spirits.	Beer.	Wine.	Tobacco.	Tea.	
	gallons.	gallons.	gallons.	lbs.	lbs.	
Victoria .. ..	852,	14,150,	1,735,	2,403,	8,097,	55,951
New South Wales ..	984,	13,252,	919,	3,431,	9,443,	53,629
Queensland .. ..	499,	5,085,	254,	1,360,	3,410,	39,433
South Australia ..	183,	3,239,	774,	630,	3,017,	15,575
Western Australia ..	257,	4,003,	151,	775,	1,602,	8,246
Tasmania .. ..	73,	1,330,	18,	334,	1,012,	7,432
Total .. ..	2,848,	41,059,	3,851,	8,933,	26,581,	180,266

TABLE LIII.—CONSUMPTION PER HEAD OF SIX LEADING DUTIABLE ARTICLES IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1891 TO 1898.

Article.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia and Tasmania.	
Spirits (galls.)	1891	1·18	1·16	1·15	·65	1·46	·70	1·08
	1892	1·00	1·02	1·07	·67	1·55	·51	·97
	1893	·59	·82	·95	·56	1·40	·42	·73
	1894	·63	·77	·91	·53	1·45	·37	·71
	1895	·55	·74	·91	·55	1·78	·37	·69
	1896	·74	·73	·91	·55	2·16	·38	·77
	1897	·68	·70	·86	·52	1·80	·38	·73
	1898	·73	·74	1·01	·50	1·52	·42	·77
Beer (galls.)	1891	16·32	11·39	10·48	..	..	9·97	..
	1892	14·46	11·19	9·31	..	..	9·43	..
	1893	11·28	9·33	8·75	..	..	7·94	..
	1894	11·07	9·07	8·99	..	..	6·99	..
	1895	11·15	9·04	10·91	9·05	..	7·13	..
	1896	11·44	9·22	13·03	9·22	21·04	7·19	10·76
	1897	11·50	9·59	12·04	8·77	24·31	7·15	10·95
	1898	12·06	9·93	10·32	8·92	23·65	7·62	11·00
Wine (galls.)	1891	1·72	·84	·64	1·51	4·10	·21	1·22
	1892	1·22	·86	·55	1·47	3·29	·13	1·02
	1893	1·19	·83	·55	1·00	2·83	·09	·94
	1894	1·09	·65	·30	1·32	1·35	·08	·81
	1895	1·37	·63	·48	2·32	1·32	·09	1·02
	1896	1·62	·73	·60	3·32	1·35	·09	1·26
	1897	2·16	·65	·44	3·41	·98	·09	1·37
	1898	1·48	·69	·52	2·13	·89	·10	1·04
Tobacco (lbs.)	1891	2·40	2·91	4·74	2·05	4·41	2·20	2·86
	1892	2·35	2·86	3·22	2·00	3·61	1·95	2·61
	1893	2·21	2·54	2·65	1·97	3·29	1·78	2·36
	1894	1·93	2·42	4·25	1·85	4·02	1·61	2·43
	1895	2·19	2·53	2·84	1·86	4·20	1·87	2·38
	1896	2·06	2·50	2·73	1·71	5·81	1·82	2·40
	1897	2·05	2·49	2·65	1·72	5·10	1·76	2·37
	1898	2·05	2·57	2·76	1·74	4·58	1·91	2·41
Tea (lbs.)	1891	8·01	7·92	8·17	7·45	10·45	6·18	7·91
	1892	7·63	8·33	7·72	7·50	9·80	7·19	7·85
	1893	6·64	8·25	7·44	7·47	8·41	5·93	7·41
	1894	6·37	8·58	7·17	7·52	9·98	5·69	7·43
	1895	6·65	8·28	6·76	7·83	6·03	6·15	7·33
	1896	6·94	6·04	7·09	8·13	11·58	5·70	6·86
	1897	6·60	7·32	6·68	7·67	8·87	5·34	7·00
	1898	6·90	7·07	6·92	8·31	9·46	5·80	7·17
Sugar and Molasses (lbs.)*	1891	87·85	83·34	56·95	96·37	97·84	77·56	82·75
	1892	107·09	94·19	125·03	94·57	85·89	82·86	101·84
	1893	78·40	78·87	125·38	100·30	76·91	80·74	86·95
	1894	92·77	97·20	137·13	97·76	103·26	73·58	99·76
	1895	91·39	88·78	92·85	94·98	64·05	87·88	90·00
	1896	97·01	100·23	119·39	97·34	117·21	84·80	101·12
	1897	98·70	95·00	161·38	98·94	103·85	92·57	105·42
	1898	106·85	89·99	179·31	96·13	109·12	95·38	108·85

\* About 10 per cent. of the sugar consumed in Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland is used in brewing and distilling.

TABLE LIV.—BANKS OF ISSUE.—AVERAGE OF QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

Name of Colony.	Number of Banks. *	Paid-up Capital.	Deposits.	Bank Notes in Circulation.	Advances	Coin and Bullion.
			£	£	£	£
Victoria .. ..	11	£21,940,959	28,027,140†	904,301	31,766,849	6,705,525
New South Wales .. ..	13		29,852,710	1,278,940	37,207,731	5,765,132
Queensland .. ..	11		12,555,675	.. ‡	14,076,424	1,826,632
South Australia .. ..	8		5,752,890	347,201	4,459,673	1,779,546
Western Australia .. ..	6		3,574,636	321,026	12,789,666	1,804,107
Tasmania .. ..	4		2,873,902	121,432	2,426,169	726,844
New Zealand .. ..	5		13,859,354	1,074,143	3,140,806	2,752,245
Total .. ..	22		96,496,307	4,047,043	105,867,318	21,360,081

\* Net number; many banks do business in more than one colony.

† Inclusive of Perpetual Inscribed Stock, £967,600.

‡ In Queensland, Treasury notes have taken the place of bank notes. On the 30th June, 1898 the value of Treasury notes outstanding was £1,005,960, of which over one-third was represented by gold and coin, one-fourth by Fixed Deposits in Banks, and nearly two-fifths were advanced to Banks at 2 per centum.

TABLE LV.—PUBLIC SAVINGS BANKS, 1898.

(Including both Trustee and Post Office Savings Banks.)

Name of Colony.	On the 31st December, 1898.				Maximum Amount on which Interest is allowed.
	Number of Depositors.		Amount remaining on Deposit.		
	Total.	Per 100 of the Population.	Total.	Average to each Depositor.	
				£ s. d.	£
Victoria .. ..	345,450	29·39	8,200,966	23 14 10	250
New South Wales .. ..	242,365	18·00	9,480,944	39 2 4	200
Queensland .. ..	76,001	15·43	3,171,047	41 14 6	200
South Australia .. ..	100,763	27·76	3,257,837	32 6 7	250
Western Australia .. ..	29,791	17·60	1,072,058	35 19 9	300
Tasmania .. ..	36,619	20·60	788,125	21 10 5	150
New Zealand .. ..	199,464	26·83	5,618,758	28 3 5	500
Total .. ..	1,030,453	23·02	31,589,735	30 13 1	..

TABLE LVI.—ADVANCES BY STATE OR SAVINGS BANKS TO FARMERS, 1898-9.

	Victoria.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	New Zealand.
During the Year—				
Applications received .. .. . No.	1,277	..	..	1,599
"    amount .. .. . £	626,088	..	..	446,880
"    approved .. .. . No.	643	..	..	1,213
"    amount .. .. . £	267,695	..	17,765	337,220
"    value of securities .. .. . £	..	..	..	607,628
Amount advanced .. .. . £	262,290	91,632	..	281,540
Bonds sold .. .. . £	244,325	88,800	..	..
Totals to Date—				
Applications approved .. .. . No.	2,035	..	925	7,050
"    "    amount .. .. . £	914,265	..	97,815	2,073,425
Advances outstanding .. .. . £	759,679	420,297	..	1,434,829
Bonds authorized to be issued .. .. . £	2,000,000	459,000	100,000	3,000,000
"    outstanding .. .. . £	768,550*	415,300	100,000	1,500,000
"    "    proceeds realized .. .. . £	768,550	..	..	1,394,102
Advances—				
Rate of interest charged † .. .. . per cent.	4½	4½	5	5
Maximum term .. .. . years	31½	42	..	36½
"    amount allowed .. .. . £	2,000	..	800	3,000
Highest proportion of valuation advanced .. .. . per cent.	67	60	75‡	60

\* Three per cents., of which the Saving Banks Department of the institution held £623,400, the balance being held by the public.

† Exclusive of payments towards redemption,

‡ Of improvements to be effected, but in addition there is the value of the land and improvements previously effected.

TABLE LVII.—CAPITAL AND ANNUAL VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTY, 1898.

Colony.	Value of Rateable Property.	
	Capital.	Annual.
	£	£
Victoria .. .. .	168,456,523	10,134,108
New South Wales* .. .. .	120,625,600	7,379,350
Queensland .. .. .	42,537,070	2,659,000†
South Australia .. .. .	50,175,540	2,508,777
Tasmania .. .. .	19,261,841	963,092
New Zealand .. .. .	115,957,137	6,821,000†
Total ‡ .. .. .	517,013,711	30,465,327

\* In municipal districts only, not for whole colony. See also Table XXIV., *ante*.

† Estimated from capital value.

‡ Exclusive of Western Australia and the unincorporated portion of New South Wales, for which the information is not available.

TABLE LVIII.—PROBATES AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, 1898.

Colony.					Number of Estates.	Sworn Value of Property.
Victoria	..	..	..	..	3,590	£ 6,269,345
New South Wales	..	..	..	..	2,231	5,925,366
Queensland	..	..	..	..	640	1,228,033
South Australia	..	..	..	..	863	2,375,028
Western Australia	..	..	..	..	285	658,879
Tasmania	..	..	..	..	196	241,426
New Zealand	..	..	..	..	1,287	2,281,386
Total	..	..	..	..	9,092	18,979,463

TABLE LIX.—LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES IN FORCE AT END OF 1898.

Colony.	Policies.		Amount Assured.	
	Number.	Per 100 of Population.	Total.	Average per Policy.
Victoria	147,150	12.5	£ 23,533,082	£ 159.9
New South Wales	145,238	10.8	26,230,775	180.6
South Australia	60,044	16.5	7,731,208	128.8
Western Australia	15,359	9.1	3,146,784	204.9
Tasmania	17,091	9.7	2,975,351	174.1
New Zealand*	80,326	10.8	20,706,439	257.8
Total (exclusive of Queensland)	465,208	11.7	84,323,639	181.3

NOTE.—In Victoria there were also 192 annuities for £14,605; in New South Wales, 275 for £19,024; in South Australia, 52 for £2,262; in Western Australia, 1 for £121; in Tasmania, 46 for £2,889; and in New Zealand, about 370 for £25,971.

\* Including 37,848 policies for £9,304,741, paid by the Government Insurance Department.

TABLE LX.—FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Colony.	Year.	Number of Branches.	Members.		During Year		Funds.	
			Number	Per 100 of Population	Revenue	Expenditure.	Amount.	Average per Member.
Victoria	1898	1,088	88,726	7.55	£ 326,413	£ 295,210	£ 1,220,276	£ s. d. 13 15 1
New South Wales	1897	817	69,124	5.22	252,327	218,453	596,463	8 12 7
Queensland	1898	328	27,135	5.44	89,092	74,735	201,830	7 8 10
South Australia	1895	487	42,703	11.95	165,445	151,563	475,654	11 2 9
Western Australia	1898	68	4,543	2.70	15,557	12,976	35,409	7 15 11
Tasmania	1898	130	11,871	6.69	37,837	34,639	95,202	8 0 5
New Zealand	1898	410	35,501	4.78	134,556	111,635	678,746	19 2 5
Total	..	3,328	279,603	6.25	1,021,227	899,211	3,303,580	11 16 4

TABLE LXI.—INMATES OF CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

(Not including Hospitals.)

Colony.	Under 15 years.	15 years or over.	Total.
Victoria .. ..	1,809	3,024	4,833
New South Wales .. ..	*	*	6,465
Queensland .. ..	*	*	1,911
South Australia .. ..	105	438	543
Western Australia .. ..	350	308	658
Tasmania .. ..	13	581	594
New Zealand .. ..	208	1,117	1,325
Total .. ..	..	..	16,329

\* The ages of inmates in these colonies are not available.

TABLE LXII.—CRIME, 1898.

Colony.	Number of Offences brought before Magistrates on Arrest or Summons.					Result of Disposal by Magistrates.			In Superior Courts.—Number.		Number of Prisoners in Gaols on 31st December.
	Against the Person.	Against Property.	Drunkenness.	Other Offences.	Total.	Summarily convicted.		Committed for Trial.	Tried.	Convicted.	
						Drunkenness.	Other Offences.				
Victoria .. ..	2,236	4,082	13,728	27,930	47,976	8,037	26,787	789	700	446	1,211
New South Wales .. ..	4,320	6,041	19,397	25,684	55,442	19,263	25,613	1,295	1,199	758	2,081
Queensland .. ..	2,098	2,133	7,172	9,085	20,488	7,091	8,542	447	438	248	546
South Australia .. ..	323	656	1,856	3,723	6,558	1,805	3,208	216	172	116	295
Western Australia .. ..	1,071	1,955	3,100	8,776	14,902	1,630	8,029	330	292	154	668†
Tasmania .. ..	344	694	608	2,690	4,336	569	2,794	58	43	33	96
New Zealand* .. ..	1,395	2,788	5,559	12,492	22,234	5,458	11,184	641	452	351	595
Total .. ..	11,787	18,349	51,420	90,380	171,936	43,853	86,157	3,776	3,296	2,106	5,492

\* Excluding Maoris of whom 518 were brought before magistrates—349 being summarily convicted, and 71 committed for trial; also 41 in the Superior Courts—35 being convicted and 6 acquitted.

† Daily average per year.

TABLE LXIII.—INSOLVENCIES, 1898.

Colony.	Number of Petitions.			Total Liabilities.	Total Assets.
	Compulsory (adjudicated).	Voluntary.	Total.		
Victoria .. .. .	27	551	578	£ 466,132	£ 224,193
New South Wales .. .. .	108	677	785	605,563	263,500
Queensland .. .. .	18	356	374	60,336	16,746
South Australia .. .. .	6	45	51	23,226	7,971
Western Australia .. .. .	54	103	157	228,790	171,261
Tasmania .. .. .	12	83	95	22,899	8,491
New Zealand .. .. .	45	362	407	188,023	90,068
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>2,177</b>	<b>2,447</b>	<b>1,594,969</b>	<b>782,230</b>

NOTE.—This does not take into account compositions with creditors, &c. In 1898, there were in Victoria, besides the above insolvencies, 4 liquidations and 12 compositions; in South Australia, 223 private arrangements; in Queensland, 75 liquidations; and in New Zealand, 5 compositions, under their respective Insolvency Acts.

ADDENDUM A.—STATISTICS OF FIJI, 1878, 1880, 1885, 1890, AND 1895 TO 1898.

\*\* 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 (Polynesians 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
1895 ..	63,350	53,895	120,245	4,154	5,812	1,241	1,175	461	1,636
1896 ..	66,571	53,929	120,500	4,126	4,995	1,129	921	352	1,273
1897 ..	67,410	54,388	121,798	4,075	4,443	1,303	925	406	1,331
1898 ..	67,245	54,493	121,738	4,078	4,716	1,404	500	170	670

Year.	Emigrants (Polynesians and Coolies only).			Public Revenue.			Public Expenditure.	Public Debt.	Value of Imports.	Value of Exports.
	Males.	Fe-males.	Total.	Raised by Taxation.	Not raised by Taxation.	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
1895 ..	522	442	964	63,215	15,025	78,240	76,204	221,037	241,759	332,208
1896 ..	449	234	683	56,293	17,576	73,869	73,099	217,897	242,492	435,342
1897 ..	25	9	34	56,474	18,018	74,492	73,232	213,257	248,748	431,860
1898 ..	537	132	669	72,274	21,890	94,164	87,594	209,216	234,849	534,105

ADDENDUM A.—STATISTICS OF FIJI 1878, 1880, 1885, 1890, AND 1895 TO 1898—continued.

Year.	Shipping.				Crown Lands Granted and sold in each Year.*	Live Stock.			
	Inwards.		Outwards.			Number of—			
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.		Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.†
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
1895 ..	142	118,533	139	116,869	90‡	1,579	11,018	4,037	1,452
1896 ..	132	115,470	129	115,586	21	1,631	12,558	4,760	1,276
1897 ..	129	124,128	127	123,887	6	1,832	15,136	4,716	1,185
1898 ..	127	133,752	127	132,767	1	1,909	15,675	4,577	1,290

NOTE.—The following additional information is for the year 1898 :—Birth rate, 33.49 ; Death rate, 38.73 ; Marriage rate, 11.53 per 1,000 persons living. *Immigration*—The total number of arrivals in 1898 was 1,624, of whom 726 were Europeans. *Emigration* (1898)—Total departures, 938, of whom 254 were Europeans. *Sources of Revenue*—Customs duties, £45,300 ; other taxes, £26,974 ; other sources, £21,890. *Heads of Expenditure*—Interest on public debt, £9,290 ; Post Office, &c., £2,542 ; general administration, £37,372 ; law and protection, £17,311 ; public works, £7,114 ; other expenditure, £13,965. *Public Debt*—In 1898, consisted of £96,516 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 £37,300 redeemed, bearing interest at 4½ per cent. *Imports and Exports*—Of the total value of imports, £215,104, or about 91 per cent., was from the Australasian Colonies (nearly four-fifths being from New South Wales and about one-eighth from New Zealand), and £19,745 from other countries ; and of the total value of exports, £510,153, or over 95 per cent., was to Australasian Colonies (two-thirds being to New Zealand, more than one-tenth to Victoria and one-sixth nearly to New South Wales), and £23,952 to other countries ; almost the whole of the exports were of Fijian production. *Postal Returns* (1898)—Number of offices, 38 ; letters, 415,941 ; newspapers, 318,453. *Education*—Number of schools, 7 (2 public and 5 private) ; teachers, 18, viz., 7 males and 11 females ; scholars on the rolls, 414 viz., 225 males and 189 females. *Agriculture*—Land under cultivation (by whites only), 47,035 acres. The area and produce of the principal crops in 1898 were as follow :—

	Area in Acres.	Produce.
Maize .. ..	469	23,960 bushels
Cocoanuts .. ..	21,544	Nuts, 7,834 sacks ; copra, 6,474 tons
Sugar .. ..	22,078	34,156 tons
Bananas .. ..	1,536	364,486 bunches
Tea .. ..	210	14 cwt.
Peanuts .. ..	170	162 tons
Rice .. ..	508	..
Pineapples, hemp, coffee, tobacco, beans	520	Pines and bananas, 40 730 cases

} Exports only.

\* The total area alienated at the end of 1898 was 423,018 acres, and the area unalienated 4,530,902 acres. The amount realized by the State for sales of land to the end of 1895 was only £27,042, 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.

† Returns from Europeans only since 1886.

‡ Against this there were Crown grants recalled for correction of an area 0.98 acres.

ADDENDUM B.—STATISTICS OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA, 1888-9 TO 1897-8.

Area, 90,000 square miles ; estimated 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 <sup>1</sup> ..	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	23,755	11,289	56	4,966	55	5,977
1892-3 ..	4,605	10,395	15,000	15,000	25,261	14,966	42	3,351	34	3,300
1893-4 ..	5,867	9,133	15,000	15,000	28,501	14,952	35	3,872	27	2,791
1894-5 ..	5,109	9,891	15,000	15,000	28,367	16,215	104	6,605	78	6,082
1895-6 ..	6,547	8,453	15,000	15,000	34,521	19,401	89	10,387	60	9,472
1896-7 ..	10,663	4,337	15,000	16,228	51,391	35,654	85	13,650	65	15,174
1897-8 ..	10,281	4,719	15,000	14,991	46,971	49,859	92	13,642	76	12,909

Financial Year.	Gold Produced. <sup>2</sup>		Postal Returns.					
	Quantity.	Value.	Received.			Despatched.		
			Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.	Letters.	Packets.	Newspapers.
	ozs.	£						
1888-9 <sup>1</sup> ..	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
1892-3 ..	582	2,236	4,679	230	6,749	4,011	427	276
1893-4 ..	1,128	3,906	6,280	157	8,131	5,297	467	240
1894-5 ..	728	2,565	6,279	129	7,146	6,189	468	776
1895-6 ..	1,373	4,735	7,130	246	7,197	4,987	281	828
1896-7 ..	7,148	25,018	11,148	181	7,441	11,550	475	1,635
1897-8 ..	6,831	25,612	9,604	249	8,691	10,203	497	2,135

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 1897-8:—*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, &c. *Sources of Local Revenue*—Customs duties, £9,208; licences, £304; gold-fields, £285; fees, fines, &c., £213; miscellaneous, £271. *Heads of Expenditure*—Salaries and allowances, £8,347; vessels, £1,589; buildings and works, £395; agriculture, £88; and miscellaneous, £4,572. *Chief Exports*—Gold, £25,612; sandalwood, £2,940; copra, 312 tons, value £2,425; pearl shell, 104 tons, value £3,469; indiarubber, 15 tons, value £3,683; and bêche-de-mer, 37 tons, value £3,395.

<sup>1</sup> Ten months only.

<sup>2</sup> Gold entered at Cooktown, Queensland, as received from British New Guinea, no other record being available. The number of miners on the gold-fields fell off from 700 or 800 in 1888-9 to about 40 in 1891-2, but again increased to over 200 in 1894-5, owing to the discovery of a new gold-field at Murna or Woodlark, and prospecting was being vigorously pursued along the course of the rivers N.E. coast with rather encouraging prospects.