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R E P O R T .

Registrar-General's Office,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1864.

SIR,

I have the honor to present herewith the "Health of the People," being the eighth and last part of the returns compiled from the Census taken on the 7th April, 1861. Health of the people.

2. This return, which, in the absence of a better term, I have thus designated, shows the numbers and ages of persons unable to perform their usual avocations on account of sickness or accidents, of lunatics, of deaf and dumb persons, and of the blind. The enquiry into these various particulars was instituted for the first time in Victoria in the Census under notice. Nature of the enquiry.

The following results will be found in the various tables :—

I. The total number of sick persons of both sexes, of lunatics, of those suffering from accidents, of the deaf and dumb, and of the blind, and the numbers of each to every 10,000 of the population. Summary of the contents of tables.

II. The number and ages of sick persons of both sexes, of lunatics, of those suffering from accidents, of the deaf and dumb, and of the blind, in the Colony of Victoria.

III. The number and ages of sick persons of both sexes in each county and pastoral district.

IV. The number and ages of persons of both sexes suffering from accidents in each county and pastoral district.

V. The number and ages of deaf and dumb persons of both sexes in each county and pastoral district.

VI. The number and ages of blind persons of both sexes in each county and pastoral district.

3. The total number of cases of infirmity, including the sick, the maimed, the insane, the deaf and dumb, and the blind, amounted to 3,745; which, upon a population of 540,322, gives a proportion of 1 person in every 145 rendered non-effective, either temporarily or permanently, by one of the causes adduced. The disabled males numbered 3,112, or 1 in every 106 of the male population; the disabled females numbered 633, or 1 in every 334 of the female population of the colony. Number of non-effectives and proportion to the population.

4. The sick amounted to 2,343, or 1 in every 231 of the population; males contributed 2,045, females 298, to this number. Those suffering from accidents numbered 556, or 1 maimed person in every 971 of the population; of these, only 11 were females. The sick and the maimed, taken together, amount in the aggregate to 2,899, a number which furnishes a proportion relatively to the whole population of 1 in 186. Of the sick 1,485, and of the maimed 130, were inmates of hospitals at the period of the Census. Sick and maimed.

Lunatics.

5. The lunatics given in these returns are only those in the Yarra Bend Asylum. If lunatics existed elsewhere, which was probably the case to a small extent, especially in some of the gaols, they could not be traced in the schedules. The number returned was 660, viz., 397 males and 263 females. This gives a proportion of 1 lunatic to every 819 inhabitants of the colony,—1 lunatic male to every 828 males, 1 lunatic female to every 805 females.

Deaf and Dumb.

6. The deaf and dumb returned amounted to 60, viz:—37 males, and 23 females. These numbers in proportion to the population of the colony, give 1 deaf mute in every 9,005 persons of both sexes, 1 deaf and dumb male in every 8,343 males, 1 deaf and dumb female in every 9,203 females.

Blind.

7. The blind numbered 126, or 1 blind person in every 4,288 of both sexes. Of the blind, 88 were males, or 1 in every 3,735 males in the colony; 38 were females, or 1 in every 5,570 females.

Statistics of blindness and deaf-dumbness in Victoria and South Australia compared.

8. Since Victoria is indebted to immigration for three-fourths of her population, and persons afflicted with deaf mutism or blindness would not be likely to become immigrants, it would obviously be unfair to compare the statistics of these maladies as they exist in this colony with those of older countries, in all of which the proportional number of deaf and dumb and of blind persons is much higher than it is with us.* The results obtained however also contrast favorably with those of South Australia, which is the only other colony of this group which appears to have published returns similar to these. In South Australia there is 1 deaf mute in as few as 6,341 persons; in Victoria there is only 1 in 9,005. In South Australia there is 1 blind person in every 3,252 inhabitants against 1 in 4,288 in Victoria.

Ages of sick and infirm.

9. The ages of the sick and infirm are given in the tables, in quinquennial periods; by grouping these periods the following results are obtained:—

Under 20.

10. Seven per cent. of the sick and 9 per cent. of the maimed were under 20 years of age; but less than 2 per cent. of the lunatics. As many as 55 per cent. of the deaf and dumb and 21 per cent. of the blind were under 20 years old.

20 to 40.

11. At the period between 20 and 40 are found 53 per cent. of the sick; 64 per cent. of the lunatics; 60 per cent. of the crippled; 27 per cent. of the deaf and dumb, and 29 per cent. of the blind.

40 to 60.

12. The next vicennial period, from 40 to 60, contains 30 per cent. of the sick; 30 per cent. of the lunatics; 26 per cent. of those suffering from accidents; 13 per cent. of the deaf and dumb, and 33 per cent. of the blind.

60 to 80.

13. The period between 60 and 80 embraces 10 per cent. of the sick, less than 2 per cent. of the lunatics; 5 per cent. of the maimed; 5 per cent. of the deaf and dumb, and as many as 16 per cent. of the blind.

Upwards of 80.

14. Twelve sick and 2 blind persons were returned as being upwards of 80 years of age.

Idiots, Chinese, Aborigines, &c.

15. It may be interesting to note, that 1 person, a male, was returned as deaf and dumb and blind, and that 2 of the deaf and dumb, 1 male and 1 female, were returned as idiots, also that 1 Chinese was returned as deaf and dumb, and 3 Aborigines as blind.

* In some parts of Switzerland there is said to be 1 deaf mute in every 206 of the population. In England and Wales, according to the latest returns, the proportion is 1 in 1,738. The statistics relating to blindness show a range varying from 1 blind person in 482 of the inhabitants of Norway, to 1 in 979 of those of England and Wales.—(*Report of the Census of Great Britain, 1851.*)

16. Before bringing to a close this last Report upon the subject of the Census, I feel it is only due to myself again to place on record what I have several times stated in the course of the Reports upon the various Parts, viz., that the returns were all ready for the press before the end of 1862, and that the delay in their publication since that period has arisen from circumstances entirely outside this Department, and consequently beyond my own control.

Delay in publishing the returns alluded to.

17. In conclusion, I feel it due to the officers of the Statistic Branch of this Department to record my approbation of the assiduity and fidelity with which they have respectively discharged their various duties from time to time in relation to the Census. And in so doing I also beg to make special mention of the services of Mr. H. H. Hayter, the senior statistic clerk of this Department, who has rendered me at all times zealous and efficient assistance, not only in the preparation of this and previous reports, but in the supervision and compilation of all the tables.

Conclusion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

WILLIAM HENRY ARCHER,

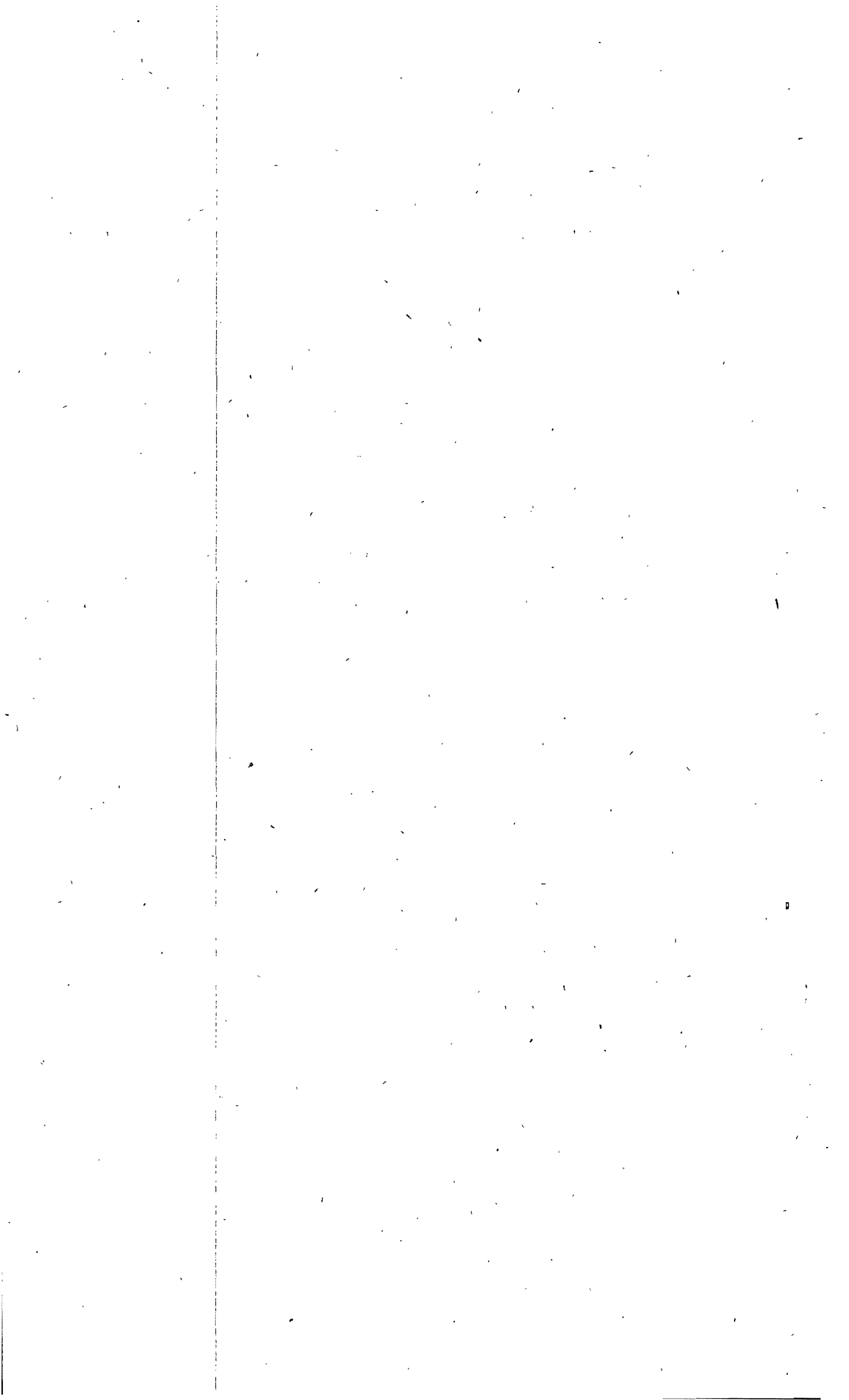
Registrar-General.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

SUMMARY TABLES

AND

TABULAR RESULTS.



SICK.

TABLE III.—Showing, by Quinquennial Age Periods, the Number of Sick of both Sexes in each County and Pastoral District.

Counties and Pastoral Districts.	All Ages.	Under 5 Years.	5 and under 10	10 and under 15	15 and under 20	20 and under 25	25 and under 30	30 and under 35	35 and under 40	40 and under 45	45 and under 50	50 and under 55	55 and under 60	60 and under 65	65 and under 70	70 and under 75	75 and under 80	80 and upwards	Age unspecified.
Anglesey ... { Males	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	-1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Anglesey ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bourke ... { Males	1,125	2	5	7	28	90	196	181	157	135	97	79	41	35	17	14	11	11	19
Bourke ... { Females	491	7	7	8	24	85	113	58	52	53	29	31	7	7	6	2	...	1	1
Dalhousie ... { Males	79	...	1	1	3	9	18	7	9	11	7	4	2	1	1	2	3	...	...
Dalhousie ... { Females	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dundas ... { Males	8	...	...	...	1	2	1	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dundas ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Evelyn ... { Males	13	...	...	1	...	3	2	1	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Evelyn ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Follett... { Males	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Follett... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grant ... { Males	219	...	2	4	11	18	22	28	25	24	19	33	11	11	7	3	1	...	...
Grant ... { Females	32	...	2	2	2	6	3	4	2	2	1	2	1	1	...	2	2	...	...
Grenville ... { Males	160	...	...	...	1	12	28	36	19	16	10	9	7	8	9	1	4	...	...
Grenville ... { Females	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hampden ... { Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hampden ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Heytesbury ... { Males	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Heytesbury ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mornington ... { Males	17	1	2	...	3	3	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mornington ... { Females	6	...	1	1	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Normanby ... { Males	26	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	2	1	3	...	...	...
Normanby ... { Females	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polwarth ... { Males	4	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polwarth ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ripon ... { Males	14	...	...	...	1	4	1	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Ripon ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Talbot... { Males	218	...	1	6	13	6	15	46	37	28	20	13	6	18	5	5	1	...	...
Talbot... { Females	8	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Villiers ... { Males	29	...	...	1	...	2	2	3	1	5	2	5	...	4	1	2	1	...	...
Villiers ... { Females	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gipps Land ... { Males	16	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	2	2	...	2	1	1	1	1	1	...	...
Gipps Land ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Loddon ... { Males	238	1	2	1	7	22	34	44	39	27	13	17	12	10	6	2	1	...	...
The Loddon ... { Females	8	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rodney ... { Males	9	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rodney ... { Females	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Murray ... { Males	123	...	...	1	5	10	31	14	14	13	11	6	4	7	5	2	...	...	...
The Murray ... { Females	10	...	...	1	...	2	1	1	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
The Wimmera ... { Males	130	...	...	...	1	8	22	35	19	16	7	11	3	3	2	2	1	...	...
The Wimmera ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Shipping ... { Males	5	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Shipping ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Colony { Males	2,442	4	13	22	75	197	383	409	331	288	192	188	91	100	56	39	24	11	19
The Colony { Females	561	7	9	12	28	96	123	67	60	61	30	36	9	8	6	5	2	1	1
Both Sexes ...	3,003	11	22	34	103	293	506	476	391	349	222	224	100	108	62	44	26	12	20

NOTE.—The Lunatics are included with the sick in this Table—they are all in the County of Bourke—their ages are given in the preceding Table.

ACCIDENTS.

TABLE IV.—Showing, by Quinquennial Age Periods, the Number of Persons of both Sexes suffering from Accidents in each County and Pastoral District.

Counties and Pastoral Districts.	All Ages.	Under 5 Years.	5 and under 10	10 and under 15	15 and under 20	20 and under 25	25 and under 30	30 and under 35	35 and under 40	40 and under 45	45 and under 50	50 and under 55	55 and under 60	60 and under 65	65 and under 70	70 and under 75	75 and under 80	Age unspecified
Anglesey ... { Males	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Anglesey ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bourke ... { Males	141	1	...	2	12	15	20	18	30	19	7	10	3	3	1	...	...	...
Bourke ... { Females	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Dalhousie ... { Males	20	...	...	1	1	3	4	4	3	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Dalhousie ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dundas ... { Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dundas ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Evelyn ... { Males	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Evelyn ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Follett ... { Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Follett ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grant ... { Males	104	...	...	1	4	8	11	17	15	9	10	14	7	5	2	1	...	...
Grant ... { Females	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grenville ... { Males	41	...	...	...	1	6	9	13	2	5	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grenville ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hampden ... { Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hampden ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Heytesbury ... { Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Heytesbury ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mornington ... { Males	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mornington ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Normanby ... { Males	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Normanby ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polwarth ... { Males	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polwarth ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ripon ... { Males	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ripon ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Talbot ... { Males	57	...	...	2	2	5	4	6	12	9	6	4	2	3	1	1	...	...
Talbot ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Villiers ... { Males	11	...	...	1	2	2	1	2	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Villiers ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gipps Land ... { Males	6	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Gipps Land ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Loddon ... { Males	76	1	1	1	5	11	19	13	11	6	2	1	1	2	2	...	...	...
The Loddon ... { Females	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rodney ... { Males	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rodney ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Murray ... { Males	36	...	...	...	2	4	6	4	7	5	2	1	...	2	...	...	1	2
The Murray ... { Females	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Wimmera ... { Males	38	...	...	2	1	4	3	9	11	2	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
The Wimmera ... { Females	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Shipping ... { Males	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Shipping ... { Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Colony ... { Males	545	2	1	10	32	61	82	87	97	57	37	36	14	18	6	2	1	2
The Colony ... { Females	11	1	2	...	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Both Sexes ...	556	3	3	10	32	63	84	88	98	57	37	36	14	19	7	2	1	2

DEAF AND DUMB.

TABLE V.—Showing, by Quinquennial Age Periods, the Number of Deaf and Dumb of both Sexes in each County and Pastoral District.

Counties and Pastoral Districts.	All Ages.	Under	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
		5 Years and under	and under 10	and under 15	and under 20	and under 25	and under 30	and under 35	and under 40	and under 45	and under 50	and under 55	and under 60	and under 65	and under 70	and under 75
Anglesey	{ Males Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bourke	{ Males Females	15 12	1 1	3 6	2 5	3 ...	3 ...	...	1 ...	...	1 ...	...	...	...	...	1
Dalhousie	{ Males Females	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dundas	{ Males Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Evelyn	{ Males Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Follett...	{ Males Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grant ...	{ Males Females	6 5	...	1	...	...	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grenville	{ Males Females	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hampden	{ Males Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Heytesbury	{ Males Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mornington	{ Males Females	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Normanby	{ Males Females	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polwarth	{ Males Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ripon ...	{ Males Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Talbot...	{ Males Females	6	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Villiers	{ Males Females	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gipps Land	{ Males Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Loddon	{ Males Females	3 4	...	1	...	1	...	1 2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Rodney	{ Males Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Murray	{ Males Females	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
The Wimmera ...	{ Males Females	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Colony	{ Males Females	37 23	2 2	9 7	2 6	4 1	4 ...	3 2	3 2	1 1	4 2	1 ...	1 ...	...	2...	...
Both Sexes...	...	60	4	16	8	5	4	5	5	2	6	1	1	...	2	...

BLIND.

TABLE VI.—Showing, by Quinquennial Age Periods, the Number of Blind of both Sexes in each County and Pastoral District.

Counties and Pastoral Districts.	All Ages.	Under 5 Years.	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	80 and upwards
			and under 10	and under 15	and under 20	and under 25	and under 30	and under 35	and under 40	and under 45	and under 50	and under 55	and under 60	and under 65	and under 70	and under 75	and under 80		
Anglesey ...	{ Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bourke ...	{ Males	45	...	2	...	...	3	6	4	4	8	8	3	4	...	...	2	1	1
	{ Females	21	...	3	2	2	1	...	1	...	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	...	...
Dalhousie ...	{ Males	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Dundas ...	{ Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Evelyn ...	{ Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Follett ...	{ Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grant ...	{ Males	11	1	...	2	...	1	1	...	2	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	5	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Grenville ...	{ Males	4	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Hampden ...	{ Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Heytesbury ...	{ Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mornington ...	{ Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Normanby ...	{ Males	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	{ Females	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polwarth ...	{ Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ripon ...	{ Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Talbot ...	{ Males	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Villiers ...	{ Males	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
	{ Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gipps Land ...	{ Males	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	{ Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Loddon ...	{ Males	12	...	2	...	2	1	1	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	5	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rodney ...	{ Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Murray ...	{ Males	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
	{ Females	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Wimmera ...	{ Males	4	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Females	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Colony ...	{ Males	88	1	5	3	3	6	12	6	8	11	9	7	6	1	2	3	2	2
	{ Females	38	2	4	6	2	4	2	2	...	3	2	1	2	3	2	1	...	...
Both Sexes ...	...	126	3	9	9	5	7	8	14	8	14	11	8	8	4	4	4	4	2