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STATISTICAL REGISTER  
OF  
THE COLONY OF VICTORIA,  
FOR THE YEAR  
1897.

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POPULATION.  
(EXCLUSIVE OF MUNICIPAL FINANCES.)

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# STATISTICAL REGISTER OF VICTORIA, 1897.

## POPULATION.

\*\* For Tables embodying the principal results of the Census of 1891 see issue of this Part for 1893, pages 5 to 47.

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### POPULATION OF VICTORIA.

RETURN showing the Estimated Population of Victoria at the end of the Year 1897; also the Estimated Increase of Population and the Estimated Mean Population during that Year.

Year 1897.								Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Births	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,013	15,297				
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,534	6,592				
Natural increase	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,479	8,705	16,184	
Arrivals by sea (recorded)	...	...	...	...	...	...	63,123	27,724				
Departures by sea (recorded)	...	...	...	...	...	...	64,706	32,595				
Departures (unrecorded), estimated	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,470	1,956				
Net loss by emigration	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,053	6,827	14,880	
Increase during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	- 574*	1,878	1,304	
Estimated population on the 1st January, 1897	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	595,983	578,961	1,174,944	
Estimated population on the 31st December, 1897	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	595,409	580,839	1,176,248	
Estimated mean population for the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	593,180	579,610	1,172,790	

NOTE.—In this estimate of population allowance has been made for the unrecorded departures which have occurred since the Census of 1891 was taken. Such departures, between the date of the Census and the end of 1897, are estimated to have amounted to 49,019, viz., 38,179 of males and 10,840 of females. Had this allowance not been made, the population of Victoria would have apparently amounted at the end of 1897 to 1,225,257, viz., 633,581 males and 591,676 females. On the 30th June, 1898, the estimated population was 1,169,434.

\* The minus sign (-) indicates decrease.

### POPULATION OF VICTORIA.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Population on the 31st December.			Year.	Mean Population during the Year.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
1887	546,918	486,075	1,032,993	1887	537,920	478,830	1,016,750
1888	570,480	506,486	1,076,966	1888	558,700	496,280	1,054,980
1889	582,547	521,180	1,103,727	1889	576,520	513,830	1,090,350
1890	596,064	537,202	1,133,266	1890	589,310	529,190	1,118,500
1891	606,035	551,643	1,157,678	1891	600,860	546,070	1,146,930
1892	607,801	559,572	1,167,373	1892	606,990	555,720	1,162,710
1893	608,049	565,957	1,174,006	1893	607,570	562,760	1,170,330
1894	607,260	571,843	1,179,103	1894	606,160	568,570	1,174,730
1895	605,164	576,587	1,181,751	1895	605,810	574,230	1,180,040
1896	595,983	578,961	1,174,944	1896	599,147	578,288	1,177,435
1897	595,409	580,839	1,176,248	1897	593,180	579,610	1,172,790

## ENUMERATED POPULATION AND HABITATIONS, 1836-1891.

RETURN showing the Population of Victoria at the Period of each Enumeration from 1836 to 1891, and the Habitations at such of those periods as their number was ascertained.

Date of Enumeration.	Population.			Habitations.								
	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Total Number.	Number.							
					Occupied.	Un-occupied.	Being Built.	Constructed of—				
Brick or Stone.	Wood, Iron, &c.	Canvas, Bark, Mud, &c.	Un-specified Materials.									
25th May, 1836 ...	177	142	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8th November, 1836	224	186	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12th September, 1838	3,511	3,080	431	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2nd March, 1841 ...	11,738	8,274	3,464	1,490	1,465	25	...	450	1,040	...	...	...
2nd March, 1846 ...	32,879	20,184	12,695	5,198	5,070	128	...	1,835	3,363	...	...	...
2nd March, 1851 ...	77,345	46,202	31,143	10,935	10,866	69	...	4,835	6,100	...	...	...
26th April, 1854 ...	236,798	155,887	80,911	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29th March, 1857 ...	410,766	264,334	146,432	102,001	96,662	4,724	615	12,612	42,594	45,161	1,634	...
7th April, 1861 ...	540,322	328,651	211,671	134,332	129,196	5,017	119	18,990	59,346	52,030	3,966	...
2nd April, 1871 ...	731,528	401,050	330,478	158,481	150,618	6,997	866	33,461	101,635	21,155	2,230	...
3rd April, 1881 ...	862,346	452,083	410,263	179,816	170,086	9,049	681	45,615	115,143	15,236	3,822	...
5th April, 1891 ...	1,140,405	598,414	541,991	241,560	224,021	15,846	1,693	69,545	154,843	10,699	6,473	...

## URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 1881 TO 1897.

Year.	Estimated Mean Population.			
	Urban Districts.		Extra-Urban Districts.	Total.
	Greater Melbourne.	Extra-Metropolitan.		
1881*	282,947	189,583	389,816	862,346
1882	291,464	190,839	407,417	889,720
1883	304,409	190,738	414,983	910,130
1884	322,690	190,636	419,304	932,630
1885	345,380	191,020	420,480	956,880
1886	371,630	190,500	422,730	984,860
1887	391,546	190,000	435,204	1,016,750
1888	419,490	194,000	441,490	1,054,980
1889	445,220	195,000	450,130	1,090,350
1890	473,500	192,140	452,860	1,118,500
1891*	491,378	192,880	456,147	1,140,405
1892	481,550	194,182	486,978	1,162,710
1893	457,230	193,810	519,290	1,170,330
1894	441,891	205,310	527,529	1,174,730
1895	445,600	201,210	533,230	1,180,040
1896	451,684	198,434	527,317	1,177,435
1897	454,852	197,110	520,828	1,172,790

NOTE.—Melbourne and Suburbs (Greater Melbourne) comprises the area within a radius of 10 miles from the centre of the City of Melbourne, the Extra-Metropolitan the space outside that limit, embraced in cities, towns, and boroughs (present and former). The remainder of the colony is considered as Extra-Urban. In 1896 the area of Greater Melbourne was 254 square miles, that of other Urban Districts 376 square miles, and that of Extra-Urban Districts 87,254 square miles.

\* Census figures are given for this year.

AGES OF THE PEOPLE, 1894 TO 1897 (ESTIMATED).

Age.	Year 1894.			Year 1895.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 5 years ... ..	77,713	75,810	153,523	77,681	75,598	153,279
5 to 10 ... ..	69,535	68,554	138,089	70,137	69,342	139,479
10 to 15 ... ..	60,255	60,074	120,329	61,305	61,202	122,507
15 to 20 ... ..	53,949	54,335	108,284	53,264	53,731	106,995
20 to 25 ... ..	51,527	57,129	108,656	47,809	54,439	102,248
25 to 30 ... ..	61,034	59,419	120,453	57,926	59,363	117,289
30 to 35 ... ..	55,708	48,328	104,036	57,296	50,758	108,054
35 to 40 ... ..	39,365	32,901	72,266	42,051	35,395	77,446
40 to 45 ... ..	26,175	22,892	49,067	27,407	23,769	51,176
45 to 50 ... ..	21,361	19,677	41,038	21,354	19,794	41,148
50 to 55 ... ..	20,738	18,807	39,545	20,138	18,554	38,692
55 to 60 ... ..	21,042	17,477	38,519	20,610	17,693	38,303
60 to 65 ... ..	19,741	14,042	33,783	19,269	14,243	33,512
65 to 70 ... ..	14,586	9,561	24,147	15,617	10,409	26,026
70 to 75 ... ..	7,310	5,057	12,367	7,534	5,224	12,758
75 to 80 ... ..	4,069	2,922	6,991	4,322	3,084	7,406
80 and upwards ... ..	2,052	1,585	3,637	2,090	1,632	3,722
<b>Total mean Population</b> ...	<b>606,160</b>	<b>568,570</b>	<b>1,174,730</b>	<b>605,810</b>	<b>574,230</b>	<b>1,180,040</b>

Age.	Year 1896.			Year 1897.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 5 years ... ..	75,666	73,560	149,226	73,168	70,880	144,048
5 to 10 ... ..	71,687	71,352	143,039	72,980	72,426	145,406
10 to 15 ... ..	62,235	62,026	124,261	63,368	63,246	126,614
15 to 20 ... ..	51,890	53,690	105,580	51,030	53,187	104,217
20 to 25 ... ..	42,861	51,564	94,425	38,913	48,717	87,630
25 to 30 ... ..	53,383	58,436	111,819	47,874	56,396	104,270
30 to 35 ... ..	57,769	52,805	110,574	57,440	54,256	111,696
35 to 40 ... ..	44,526	37,964	82,490	47,118	40,565	87,683
40 to 45 ... ..	28,740	24,888	53,628	30,744	26,524	57,268
45 to 50 ... ..	21,398	20,004	41,402	21,700	20,223	41,923
50 to 55 ... ..	19,448	18,300	37,748	19,016	18,113	37,129
55 to 60 ... ..	20,025	17,793	37,818	19,420	17,686	37,106
60 to 65 ... ..	18,680	14,388	33,068	18,430	14,768	33,198
65 to 70 ... ..	16,353	11,099	27,452	16,392	11,457	27,849
70 to 75 ... ..	7,870	5,478	13,348	8,870	6,120	14,990
75 to 80 ... ..	4,493	3,255	7,748	4,433	3,270	7,703
80 and upwards ... ..	2,123	1,686	3,809	2,284	1,776	4,060
<b>Total mean Population</b> ...	<b>599,147</b>	<b>578,288</b>	<b>1,177,435</b>	<b>593,180</b>	<b>579,610</b>	<b>1,172,790</b>

NOTE.—This return has been carefully brought on from the numbers enumerated at the Census of 1891 by means of the recorded births, and the deaths, and net immigration or emigration at various ages which have since occurred. The details, which have been worked out in single ages, are here summarized in quinquennial groups of ages.

## GOLD MINERS.

RETURN showing the Estimated Total Number of Gold Miners employed in the several Mining Districts during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1897.

Mining Districts.				Alluvial Miners.	Quartz Miners.	Total.
Ballarat	...	...	...	2,988	3,484	6,472
Beechworth	...	...	...	3,014	3,042	6,056
Bendigo	...	...	...	598	4,370	4,968
Maryborough	...	...	...	2,898	1,425	4,323
Castlemaine	...	...	...	3,200	2,339	5,539
Ararat	...	...	...	1,326	426	1,752
Gippsland	...	...	...	1,157	2,553	3,710
Total	...	...	...	15,181	17,639	32,820

NOTE.—This Return has been furnished by the Secretary for Mines.

## GOLD MINERS.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Gold Miners at the end of each Year.				
	Total Number.	Alluvial Miners.	Quartz Miners.	Europeans.	Chinese.
1887	25,797	13,413	12,384	21,621	4,176
1888	25,142	12,416	12,726	21,373	3,769
1889	24,047	11,686	12,361	20,668	3,379
1890	23,712	11,063	12,649	20,548	3,164
1891	23,526	10,520	13,006	20,779	2,747
1892	23,518	10,308	13,210	20,982	2,536
1893	25,519	11,847	13,672	23,106	2,413
1894	27,856	13,019	14,837	25,628	2,228
1895	29,897	14,421	15,476	27,883	2,014
1896	32,123	15,450	16,673	30,184	1,939
1897	32,820	15,181	17,639		32,820*

\* No record made of the number of Europeans and of Chinese during 1897.

NOTE.—This Return has been compiled from information furnished each year by the Mining Department.

## NATURAL INCREASE OF POPULATION OF VICTORIA.

(AS RECORDED.)

RETURN showing the Excess of Births over Deaths, 1887 to 1897.

Year.	In Melbourne and Suburbs (Greater Melbourne).			Outside Melbourne and Suburbs.			Total of Victoria.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1887	2,928	3,334	6,262	4,735	6,041	10,776	7,663	9,375	17,038
1888	3,259	3,780	7,039	4,973	6,204	11,177	8,232	9,984	18,216
1889	2,987	3,535	6,522	4,662	5,783	10,445	7,649	9,318	16,967
1890	4,000	4,562	8,562	4,806	6,198	11,004	8,806	10,760	19,566
1891	4,153	4,497	8,650	4,779	6,445	11,224	8,932	10,942	19,874
1892	4,715	4,986	9,701	5,592	6,687	12,279	10,307	11,673	21,980
1893	3,569	3,964	7,533	5,703	6,808	12,511	9,272	10,772	20,044
1894	3,180	3,621	6,801	5,424	6,603	12,027	8,604	10,224	18,828
1895	3,023	3,109	6,132	5,468	6,470	11,938	8,491	9,579	18,070
1896	2,755	2,893	5,648	4,803	6,013	10,816	7,558	8,906	16,464
1897	2,691	2,779	5,470	4,788	5,926	10,714	7,479	8,705	16,184



IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION.

RETURN of the Number of Immigrants who arrived in, and of the Number of Emigrants who departed from, the Colony of Victoria by Sea during each Month of the Year 1897, distinguishing Males and Females, and Adults, Children, and Infants; also showing the Numbers arriving from, and departing to, the adjacent Colonies, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and Foreign Ports.

IMMIGRATION, 1897.

Month.	Total Number.	Males.	Females.	Adults.	Children.	Infants.	New South Wales and Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand and South Seas.	Total from the neighbouring Colonies.	South Africa.	The United Kingdom.	Foreign Ports.
January ...	8,012	5,482	2,530	7,313	620	79	3,733	265	1,107	1,612	314	7,031	68	463	450
February ...	8,016	5,434	2,582	7,359	572	85	3,361	242	1,214	1,943	387	7,147	51	423	395
March ...	9,570	6,453	3,117	8,729	765	76	3,726	410	1,744	1,844	432	8,156	28	519	867
April ...	8,340	5,678	2,662	7,577	672	91	3,463	354	1,533	1,360	323	7,033	91	685	531
May ...	7,037	4,809	2,228	6,421	533	83	2,787	433	1,520	821	475	6,036	85	403	513
June ...	5,820	4,123	1,697	5,305	466	49	1,987	317	1,346	885	231	4,766	96	314	644
July ...	5,689	4,096	1,593	5,150	471	68	2,451	251	1,189	815	129	4,835	71	421	362
August ...	5,896	4,197	1,699	5,339	494	63	1,770	289	1,648	886	383	4,976	81	444	395
September ...	6,113	4,309	1,804	5,523	517	73	2,147	363	1,562	688	258	5,018	24	543	528
October ...	8,675	6,109	2,566	7,962	643	70	3,018	419	2,040	1,290	172	6,939	88	1,162	486
November ...	7,499	5,096	2,403	6,819	597	83	2,384	406	2,019	936	203	5,948	61	911	579
December ...	10,180	7,337	2,843	9,303	773	104	2,673	727	3,658	1,324	232	8,614	80	889	597
Total * ...	90,847	63,123	27,724	82,800	7,123	924	33,500	4,476	20,580	14,404	3,539	76,499	824	7,177	6,347
Chinese ...	762	760	2	762	...	...	60	7	14	169	12	262	...	8	492

EMIGRATION, 1897.

January ...	10,955	7,814	3,141	10,067	802	86	2,142	378	5,052	1,786	555	9,913	173	533	336
February ...	9,774	6,728	3,046	8,978	720	76	2,134	270	4,434	1,332	478	8,648	38	762	326
March ...	11,135	7,488	3,647	9,935	1,038	162	2,796	270	3,814	1,039	758	8,677	281	1,261	916
April ...	8,965	5,718	3,247	7,931	913	121	2,655	422	2,936	1,001	222	7,236	120	1,208	401
May ...	7,967	5,112	2,855	7,024	830	113	2,469	605	2,294	603	355	6,326	268	1,021	352
June ...	6,071	4,016	2,055	5,338	664	69	2,316	362	2,016	546	186	5,426	10	394	241
July ...	6,908	4,708	2,200	6,080	738	90	2,177	370	2,367	711	268	5,893	99	337	579
August ...	5,830	3,889	1,941	5,196	567	67	1,901	274	1,975	678	306	5,134	131	459	106
September ...	5,846	3,854	1,992	5,187	592	67	2,207	190	1,634	824	410	5,265	85	318	178
October ...	6,566	4,261	2,305	5,864	628	74	2,734	335	1,521	975	288	5,853	171	254	288
November ...	8,203	5,401	2,802	7,234	884	85	3,169	274	2,180	1,487	494	7,604	123	279	197
December ...	9,081	5,717	3,364	8,107	895	79	3,781	355	1,552	2,256	585	8,529	71	306	175
Total * ...	97,301	64,706	32,595	86,941	9,271	1,089	30,481	4,105	31,775	13,238	4,905	84,504	1,570	7,132	4,095
Chinese ...	435	431	4	433	2	...	27	...	113	2	...	142	...	...	293

BALANCE OF EMIGRATION OVER IMMIGRATION.†

Total * ...	6,454	1,583	4,871	4,141	2,148	165	-3,019	-371	11,195	-1,166	1,366	8,005	746	-45	-2,252
Chinese ...	-327	-329	2	-329	2	...	-33	-7	99	-167	-12	-120	...	-8	-199

\* Including Chinese.

† Where the minus sign (-) appears the immigrants exceeded the emigrants by the number against which it is placed.

Note.—In consequence of the migration returns being inflated by the inclusion of persons passing through Victorian ports *en route* to other countries, the figures in the lower half of the above table are misleading as a guide to the movements of population as between Victoria and other colonies and countries individually. The net emigration of 11,195 persons to Western Australia, for example, consists not only of Victorians, but also of emigrants bound for that colony from New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, and New Zealand, in vessels which happen to call in on their way at the port of Melbourne. Hence this number may be regarded as practically the net emigration from the whole of Eastern Australasia (including Tasmania and New Zealand).

## IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

## IMMIGRANTS.

Year.	Total Number.	Males.	Females.	Numbers from—								
				New South Wales and Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand and South Seas.	South Africa.	The United Kingdom.	Foreign Ports.	
1887	90,147	63,219	26,928	36,246		12,849		11,536	5,191	...	16,761	7,564
1888	102,032	68,575	33,457	39,774		9,384		18,030	12,364	...	18,406	4,074
1889	84,582	56,163	28,419	30,142		6,625		18,436	5,288	...	19,282	4,809
1890	79,777	52,171	27,606	30,396		4,969		21,779	5,613	...	11,715	5,305
1891	62,448	41,537	20,911	24,456	6,898	344		18,346	4,028	...	5,846	2,530
1892	62,951	42,849	20,102	23,543	6,663	632		22,631	3,334	...	4,091	2,057
1893	74,047	50,674	23,373	33,254	9,955	1,922		14,233	5,112	...	5,571	4,000
1894	84,261	58,688	25,573	41,510	9,509	6,545		12,474	3,489	...	7,555	3,579
1895	81,199	55,481	25,718	37,646	7,437	6,344		14,775	3,395	136	6,467	4,999
1896	84,872	59,137	25,735	39,014	4,376	12,951		13,844	3,416	333	6,066	4,872
1897	90,847	63,123	27,724	33,500	4,476	20,580		14,404	3,539	824	7,177	6,347

## EMIGRANTS.

Year.	Total Number.	Males.	Females.	Numbers to—								
				New South Wales and Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New Zealand and South Seas.	South Africa.	The United Kingdom.	Foreign Ports.	
1887	68,121	47,536	20,585	35,307		8,858		8,430	3,653	...	7,948	3,925
1888	60,229	41,380	18,849	29,257		5,982		9,381	3,889	...	8,512	3,208
1889	68,418	46,679	21,739	30,401		6,118		13,177	4,927	...	8,995	4,800
1890	63,820	42,740	21,080	26,362		6,391		14,831	4,314	...	8,213	3,709
1891	53,172	36,033	17,139	20,438	5,038	2,304		15,217	3,313	...	4,853	2,009
1892	69,214	46,718	22,496	29,069	11,208	2,346		16,804	4,181	...	3,917	1,689
1893	80,460	54,271	26,189	33,701	10,327	4,177		12,186	8,321	...	7,187	4,561
1894	90,110	61,892	28,218	36,126	8,428	16,690		11,440	4,828	...	8,223	4,375
1895	88,886	60,061	28,825	33,490	6,591	17,471		13,517	4,958	1,524	6,248	5,087
1896	99,419	68,978	30,441	26,805	4,052	37,448		12,175	4,008	3,214	6,550	5,167
1897	97,301	64,706	32,595	30,481	4,105	31,775		13,238	4,905	1,570	7,132	4,095

NOTE.—The immigration and emigration referred to in this table is all by sea. See also note to preceding table.

NET IMMIGRATION,\* 1887 TO 1897.

(BY SEA, AS RECORDED.)

Year.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1887 ... ..	15,683	6,343	22,026
1888 ... ..	27,195	14,608	41,803
1889 ... ..	9,484	6,680	16,164
1890 ... ..	9,431	6,526	15,957
1891 ... ..	5,504	3,772	9,276
1892 ... ..	-3,869*	-2,394*	-6,263*
1893 ... ..	-3,597*	-2,816*	-6,413*
1894 ... ..	-3,204*	-2,645*	-5,849*
1895 ... ..	-4,580*	-3,107*	-7,687*
1896 ... ..	-9,841*	-4,706*	-14,547*
1897 ... ..	-1,583	-4,871	-6,454*

\* The minus sign (-) indicates net emigration, the emigrants having exceeded the immigrants by the number against which the minus sign is placed.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Chinese Immigrants.	Chinese Emigrants.	Year.	Chinese Immigrants.	Chinese Emigrants.
1887 ...	2,049	902	1893 ...	1,094	507
1888 ...	372	582	1894 ...	416	415
1889 ...	124	655	1895 ...	569	416
1890 ...	232	593	1896 ...	709	512
1891 ...	293	604	1897 ...	762	435
1892 ...	584	709			

NOTE.—According to the Census taken on the 5th April, 1891, the number of Chinese in Victoria was 9,377.

CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.

RETURNS of the Area, Population, Number of Dwellings, Number of Ratepayers, Amount of Rate levied, Total and Annual Value of Rateable Property in the various Cities, Towns, and Boroughs throughout the Colony of Victoria at the Periods when the Valuations were made up for the Municipal Financial Years 1896-7 and 1897-8.\*

Name of City, Town, or Borough.	Estimated Area in Acres at end of 1898.	Date of Completion of Latest Valuation (v); or Estimate (e).	Estimated Population.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Number of Ratepayers (both sexes).	Amount of General Rate levied in the £.†	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Date of Latest Valuation (v); or Estimate (e).	Estimated Population.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Number of Ratepayers (both sexes).	Amount of General Rate levied in the £.†	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.	
				Inhabited.	Uninhabited.			Total Value.	Annual Value.			Inhabited.	Uninhabited.			Total Value.	Annual Value.
Ararat ...	3,840	(v) 17.2.97	3,800	700	14	623	s. d. 1 0	18,000	18,000	(v) 31.1.98	3,985	570	47	943	1 0	18,000	18,000
Ballarat ...	4,090	(v) 12.6.96	22,278	5,340	286	5,480	1 0	2,368,872	157,925	(v) 11.6.97	22,392	5,525	286	5,459	2 0	2,340,108	156,007
Ballarat East ...	4,331	(v) 30.11.96	17,000	4,170	250	4,401	2 0	960,558	80,049	(v) 30.11.97	16,750	4,100	150	4,352	2 0	784,270	78,427
Bendigo ...	7,900	(v) 18.11.96	29,774	6,596	100	6,693	1 3	1,606,340	183,009	(v) 18.11.97	30,349	6,842	455	6,841	1 0	2,196,108	183,009
Brighton ...	3,288	(e) 9.4.97	9,373	2,206	255	2,485	2 0	80,317	80,317	(v) 28.3.98	9,534	2,208	216	2,451	2 4	1,424,000	71,200
Browns and Seardsdale ...	5,760	(v) 17.8.96	800	190	Nil	160	1 0	11,090	2,218	(v) 18.8.97	995	157	4	154	1 0	11,060	2,218
Brunswick ...	2,722	(v) 8.2.97	20,426	4,700	355	5,078	2 6	1,868,080	93,404	(v) 24.1.98	21,117	5,251	80	5,000	2 6	1,831,120	91,556
Buninyong ...	3,424	(v) 7.5.96	1,208	304	4	433	1 3	60,860	5,873	...	1,208	304	4	433	1 3	61,950	6,195
Carisbrook ...	5,395	(v) 6.4.97	1,558	2,904	...	266	1 0	48,098	5,873	(v) 5.4.98	1,500	276	8	301	1 0	48,400	5,974
Castlemaine ...	5,760	(v) 11.2.97	4,700	1,100	50	1,150	1 0	309,950	30,995	(v) 2.2.98	4,700	1,100	30	1,200	1 0	309,950	30,995
Chewton ...	5,760	(v) 28.2.97	1,327	340	20	309	1 0	29,885	5,977	(v) 4.8.98	1,355	322	22	302	1 0	29,475	5,895
Clunes ...	5,760	(e) 31.8.96	3,028	617	56	727	1 6	74,270	10,610	(v) 20.10.97	2,611	654	52	738	1 4	74,375	10,625
Collingwood ...	1,139	(v) 19.10.96	3,1756	7,818	...	7,507	1 9	1,990,060	165,144	(v) 4.10.97	31,885	6,698	932	6,698	1 9	2,666,933	160,014
Creswick ...	4,760	(v) 21.10.96	3,127	630	32	584	1 6	99,480	9,948	(v) 22.10.97	3,191	670	14	654	1 6	99,370	9,937
Daylesford ...	4,062	(v) 28.2.96	4,976	760	60	862	1 9	158,080	15,808	(v) 2.2.98	4,050	818	50	798	1 9	158,080	15,898
Dunolly ...	5,760	(v) 2.12.96	1,380	330	20	385	1 9	77,690	7,769	(v) 1.12.97	1,390	330	20	325	1 6	77,240	7,724
Eaglehawk ...	3,640	(v) 2.12.96	4,100	894	4	1,871	1 6	462,560	34,692	(v) 30.11.97	8,240	1,847	2	1,871	1 6	462,560	34,907
Essendon ...	4,000	(v) 8.11.96	13,895	3,580	130	4,380	2 6	459,000	24,900	(v) 15.11.97	4,102	894	116	995	1 3	300,000	24,460
Fitzroy ...	923	(v) 1.10.96	28,998	6,590	444	6,928	2 0	2,136,280	211,417	(v) 13.10.97	29,574	6,596	444	6,928	2 0	2,193,840	109,692
Flemington and Kensington ...	1,088	(v) 2.2.97	10,205	2,212	81	2,298	2 0	4,228,340	249,810	(v) 4.1.98	10,280	2,212	81	3,354	2 0	4,188,940	209,447
Geelong ...	3,577	(v) 13.1.97	16,107	4,017	181	7,002	2 6	1,723,180	86,159	(v) 24.1.98	16,522	3,918	120	6,983	2 6	1,313,340	65,667
Geelong West ...	859	(v) 30.3.96	12,464	3,145	...	4,228	1 8	1,784,380	89,219	(v) 31.12.97	12,500	3,102	...	3,257	1 8	1,320,775**	81,985
Hamilton ...	5,100	(v) 14.1.97	3,650	710	50	845	1 9	392,854	23,355	(v) 6.1.98	5,668	1,327	177	1,800	1 6	373,422	26,673
Hawthorn ...	2,400	(v) 21.11.96	19,868	4,201	305	5,243	1 9	3,274,500	163,725	(v) 14.1.98	19,868	4,201	305	5,243	1 9	3,274,500	163,725
Horsham ...	5,760	(v) 18.1.97	2,320	515	93	574	2 6	285,000	14,000	(e) 1.1.98	2,320	515	93	574	2 6	285,000	14,014
Inglewood ...	2,560	(e) 31.1.97	1,309	310	12	350	1 6	79,700	7,070	(v) 24.12.97	1,309	310	12	350	1 6	69,380	6,938
Kew ...	3,553	(v) 23.11.96	8,400	1,314	91	1,972	1 0	1,153,120	76,875	(v) 23.11.97	8,650	1,500	70	1,800	1 1	1,156,515	77,101
Koroit ...	5,599	(v) 4.12.96	1,922	285	Nil	442	1 4	130,824	10,992	(v) 7.1.98	1,620	310	Nil	446	1 4	163,500	10,900
Majorca ...	5,095	(v) 4.4.97	1,922	257	3	249	1 0	31,760	3,970	(e) ...	1,907	257	...	249	1 0	31,520	3,940
Malmsbury ...	4,214	(e) ...	1,356	269	15	255	1 0	31,160	6,632	(e) ...	1,350	248	24	310	1 0	31,355	6,271
Maryborough ...	5,760	(v) 15.10.96	5,374	910	137	1,106	1 3	248,400	24,840	(v) 7.10.97	5,257	900	135	1,018	1 3	248,400	24,840
Melbourne ...	6,005	(v) 26.4.97	68,093	14,385	933	17,830	1 0	14,331,310	1,433,131	(e) —9.98	70,180	14,577	498	17,830	1 0	13,110,490	1,311,049
Newtown and Chilwell ...	1,422	(v) 9.12.96	5,027	1,043	123	1,420	1 9	575,060	28,733	(v) 1.12.97	4,893	1,083	94	1,420	1 9	564,700	28,235
Northcote ...	2,850	(v) 9.1.96	7,400	1,670	204	2,260	2 3	1,262,000	52,602	(e) ...	7,400	1,794	80	2,295	2 3	1,262,000	52,602

(a) Year 1896-7.

(b) Year 1897-8.

Municipality	1897	1896	1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1889	1888	1887	1886	1885	1884	1883	1882	1881	1880	1879	1878	1877	1876	1875	1874	1873	1872	1871	1870	1869	1868	1867	1866	1865	1864	1863	1862	1861	1860	
North Melbourne	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	565	
Oakleigh	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	2,178	
Port Fairy	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902	5,902
Port Melbourne	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366	2,366
Portland	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860
Prahran	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320
Queenscliff	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173	2,173
Raywood	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760
Richmond	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430
Rutherglen	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280	1,280
Sale	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442
Sebastopol	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880
Smithesdale	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	
South Melbourne	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	2,311	
St. Arnaud	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	6,355	
St. Kilda	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	2,049	
Stawell	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	5,996	
Talbot	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	5,578	
Tarnagulla	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	5,133	
Wangaratta	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	3,932	
Warmsborough	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	3,450	
Williamstown	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	2,775	
Total	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561	217,561

\* The financial year of Melbourne and Geelong ends on the 31st August; that of all other municipalities on the 30th September. —† In addition, the following rates were levied in the municipalities named in each year:—Sanitary rates in Bendigo and Eaglehawk of 4d. in the £1, and in Brunswick of 8s. per pan; Lighting rates in Geelong and Melbourne of 4d. in the £1, and in Wangaratta of 18s. per pan; and Water rates in Sale and Wangaratta of 1s. in the £1. In 1897-8, moreover, Sanitary rates were levied in Footscray and Hamilton of 1s. Per pan, and in Wangaratta of 18s. per pan; and Water rates in Sale and Wangaratta of 1s. in the £1. It must not, however, be inferred that similar rates were not levied in other municipalities, as many of them furnished no particulars respecting the rates levied in addition to the general rates. —‡ Including uninhabited, not distinguished. —§ No estimate made for 1897-8, figures for 1896-7 repeated. —|| Including the inmates of the Benevolent Asylum, viz. 676. —\*\* Information not furnished, but an estimate has been made from the annual value. —†† In the case of 11,473 dwellings returned in 1896-7, and of 3,654 in 1897-8, the uninhabited were not distinguished.

SHIRES.

RETURN of the Area, Population, Number of Dwellings, Number of Ratepayers, Amount of Rate levied, Total and Annual Value of Rateable Property in the various Shires throughout the Colony of Victoria at the periods when the Valuations were made for the Municipal Financial Years ended on the 30th September, 1897 and 1898.

Name of Shire	Estimated Area in Square Miles on 31st December, 1897.	(a) Year 1896-7.						(b) Year 1897-8.											
		Date of Completion of Latest Valuation (a); Revision (r); or Estimate (e).		Estimated Population.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Number of Ratepayers.	Amount of General Rate levied in the £1.	Date of Completion of Latest Valuation (a); Revision (r); or Estimate (e).		Estimated Population.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Number of Ratepayers.	Amount of General Rate levied in the £1.				
		Inhabited.	Uninhabited.		Inhabited.	Uninhabited.			Inhabited.	Uninhabited.									
Albion	900	(a)	30.9.96	5,140	700	80	s. 1	(r)	11.9.97	5,140	700	80	s. 1	(r)	11.9.97	5,140	700	80	s. 1
Alexandra	766	(v)	9.9.96	2,110	620	30	1	(v)	31.12.97	2,300	630	20	0	(v)	31.12.97	2,300	630	20	0
Ararales	769	(v)	20.1.97	2,692	448	30	1	(v)	31.12.97	2,622	470	38	0	(v)	31.12.97	2,622	470	38	0
Ararat	1,556	(v)	20.9.96	4,796	920	23	1	(v)	23.9.97	4,710	865	45	0	(v)	23.9.97	4,710	865	45	0
Avoca	453	(v)	12.9.96	4,513	850	30	1	(v)	31.12.97	4,263	900	25	0	(v)	31.12.97	4,263	900	25	0
Ayon	652	(e)	...	2,370	474	5	0	(e)	...	2,370	474	6	0	(e)	...	2,370	474	6	0
Bacchus Marsh	210	(v)	14.9.96	2,370	465	10	0	(v)	13.9.97	2,710	447	7	0	(v)	13.9.97	2,710	447	7	0
Bairnsdale	1,118	(v)	29.2.96	8,350	1,850	150	0	(v)	26.8.97	8,550	1,850	150	0	(v)	26.8.97	8,550	1,850	150	0
Balla	359	(v)	31.8.96	6,370	1,220	...	0	(v)	...	6,490	1,195	30	0	(v)	...	6,490	1,195	30	0
Ballaarat	182	(v)	30.9.96	5,000	700	12	0	(v)	29.9.97	5,400	700	12	0	(v)	29.9.97	5,400	700	12	0
Bannockburn	328	(v)	11.1.97	1,925	328	Nil	0	(v)	4.1.98	1,925	332	5	0	(v)	4.1.98	1,925	332	5	0
Barrabool	195	(v)	30.10.96	2,998	413	9	0	(v)	14.10.97	1,947	387	9	0	(v)	14.10.97	1,947	387	9	0
Beechworth	314	(v)	3.10.96	9,000	1,670	30	1	(v)	7.10.97	9,000	1,445	55	0	(v)	7.10.97	9,000	1,445	55	0
Belfast	201	(v)	18.12.96	2,700	600	Nil	0	(v)	17.12.97	2,750	514	26	0	(v)	17.12.97	2,750	514	26	0
Bellarine	128	(v)	2.12.96	4,417	1,047	15	0	(v)	31.12.97	4,428	1,074	26	0	(v)	31.12.97	4,428	1,074	26	0
Benalla	1,074	(v)	11.2.97	9,000	2,100	30	0	(v)	7.3.98	9,000	2,495	30	0	(v)	7.3.98	9,000	2,495	30	0
Berwick	387	(v)	...	5,000	950	50	0	(v)	14.8.97	5,100	925	75	0	(v)	14.8.97	5,100	925	75	0
Bet Bet	337	(v)	30.8.96	3,500	700	100	0	(v)	30.9.97	3,600	800	100	0	(v)	30.9.97	3,600	800	100	0
Birchip	572	(v)	21.9.96	2,330	854	136	0	(v)	9.8.97	3,465	790	200	0	(v)	9.8.97	3,465	790	200	0
Boroondara	13	(v)	...	6,500	1,485	164	0	(v)	6.9.97	7,318	1,580	69	0	(v)	6.9.97	7,318	1,580	69	0
Borong	744	(v)	31.1.97	7,000	1,200	Nil	0	(v)	11.9.97	6,700	1,200	Nil	0	(v)	11.9.97	6,700	1,200	Nil	0
Braybrook	92	(v)	...	1,496	302	36	0	(v)	30.9.97	1,363	305	33	0	(v)	30.9.97	1,363	305	33	0
Bright	1,543	(v)	21.12.96	4,443	1,000	12	0	(v)	1.12.97	4,440	1,003	10	0	(v)	1.12.97	4,440	1,003	10	0
Broadford	218	(v)	...	1,600	350	Nil	0	(v)	...	1,580	350	Nil	0	(v)	...	1,580	350	Nil	0
Broadmeadows	74	(v)	...	1,427	447	Nil	0	(v)	...	1,391	429	...	0	(v)	...	1,391	429	...	0
Bulla	112	(v)	7.9.96	1,866	320	20	0	(v)	10.2.98	1,896	320	20	0	(v)	10.2.98	1,896	320	20	0
Bun Buln	472	(v)	...	4,100	960	40	0	(v)	...	4,400	970	30	0	(v)	...	4,400	970	30	0
Bungaree	88	(v)	...	6,000	1,000	80	0	(v)	...	6,200	1,100	100	0	(v)	...	6,200	1,100	100	0
Buninyong	296	(v)	...	6,950	1,300	30	0	(v)	...	6,900	1,300	30	0	(v)	...	6,900	1,300	30	0
Castle Donnington	3,392	(v)	30.6.96	5,344	732	...	0	(v)	1.9.97	3,880	670	30	0	(v)	1.9.97	3,880	670	30	0
Caulfield	91	(v)	2.12.96	8,500	1,810	100	0	(v)	17.11.97	9,345	1,950	70	0	(v)	17.11.97	9,345	1,950	70	0
Charlton	455	(v)	27.10.96	2,660	630	15	0	(v)	1.10.97	2,600	590	10	0	(v)	1.10.97	2,600	590	10	0
Chiltern	95	(v)	16.12.96	5,679	1,128	173	0	(v)	27.11.97	2,690	620	15	0	(v)	27.11.97	2,690	620	15	0
Coburg	71	(v)	18.11.96	8,775	1,630	25	0	(v)	17.11.97	8,860	1,306	20	0	(v)	17.11.97	8,860	1,306	20	0
Colac	1,094	(v)	25.2.96	2,159	428	Nil	0	(v)	29.11.97	2,060	453	Nil	0	(v)	29.11.97	2,060	453	Nil	0
Corio	243	(v)	...	34,000	34,000	661	0	(v)	...	34,000	34,000	661	0	(v)	...	34,000	34,000	661	0

Localities	290	(e)	3,000	550	40	1,061	I	0	701,160	35,058	(e)	...	3,045	600	12	1,091	I	0	700,940	35,047
Cranbourne	168	(v)	8,200	1,780	30	1,752	I	0	1,217,060	60,853	(v)	1.9.97	8,254	1,700	15	1,760	I	0	1,217,060	60,853
Creswick	60	(v)	2,229	517	48	1,158	I	6	27,287	2,234	(v)	22.2.97	2,234	538	9	1,535	I	6	403,290	26,886
Dandenong	366	(v)	1,705	354	48	736	I	0	936,960	31,168	(v)	31.8.97	1,705	350	48	712	I	0	603,800	30,190
Deakin	3,253	(v)	5,000	1,000	20	1,182	I	0	536,760	35,784	(v)		5,000	1,000	20	1,182	I	0	536,760	35,784
Dimboola	593	(v)	4,210	750	50	849	I	0	822,180	41,109	(v)		4,210	750	50	849	I	0	822,180	41,109
Donald (St. Arnaud)†	134	(v)	900	191	9	292	I	3	207,480	925	(e)		925	184	10	301	I	0	207,480	10,374
Doncaster	1,364	(v)	2,455	453	6	766	I	0	1,231,875	82,125	(e)		2,600	460	10	763	I	0	1,231,875	82,125
Dundas	551	(v)	5,350	1,047	Nil	1,029	I	9	1,203,957	57,317	(v)	16.11.97	5,580	1,050	Nil	1,124	I	6	1,230,000	57,285
Dunmunkle	455	(v)	2,000	340	15	369	I	0	344,470	34,447	(v)	10.9.97	2,000	280	10	344	I	0	338,570	33,857
East Loddon	749	(v)	4,480	930	§	1,530	I	0	1,182,820	59,141	(v)	30.9.97	4,480	1,040	40	1,430	I	0	1,181,400	59,170
Echuca	216	(v)	3,200	617	15	908	I	0	568,900	28,445	(v)	—11.97	3,200	588	18	970	I	0	570,220	28,511
Eltham	81	(e)	1,420	258	4	420	I	0	275,400	18,360	(v)	—6.97	1,420	273	8	333	I	0	282,600	18,840
Epping	504	(v)	5,300	1,220	30	1,458	I	0	908,640	45,432	(v)	—12.97	6,004	1,044	45	1,458	I	0	791,224	44,068
Euroa	184	(v)	2,382	820	10	973	I	6	382,120	19,106	(v)	4.9.97	2,433	715	17	1,009	I	0	382,120	29,106
Fernree Gully	83	(v)	2,540	620	Nil	885	I	0	501,820	25,091	(e)		2,540	620	Nil	947	I	0	496,160	24,808
Flinders and Kangerong...	100	(v)	2,350	550†	...	1,025	I	0	412,430	20,621	(e)		1,950	428	31	1,025	I	0	412,430	20,621
Frankston and Hastings...	1411	(v)	1,900	881	6	1,359	I	0	400,600	20,930	(v)	16.12.97	4,209	892	6	1,346	I	0	1,07,540	19,754
Gisborne	772	(v)	3,300	800	Nil	781	I	0	1,213,485	80,899	(v)	15.2.98	4,209	700	31	699	I	0	1,07,540	19,754
Glenelg	121	(v)	3,860	745	5	1,038	I	0	161,570	16,157	(v)	15.2.98	3,030	700	3	1,047	I	0	161,590	16,160
Glenyon	260	(v)	3,150	650	50	743	I	0	850,000	48,100	(v)	15.11.97	3,138	620	50	754	I	0	954,680	47,734
Gordon	315	(v)	3,650	850	50	874	I	0	484,940	24,447	(v)	30.9.97	3,675	870	30	892	I	0	484,940	24,247
Goulburn	1,030	(v)	5,600	1,007	30	1,074	I	0	670,420	33,521	(v)	—10.97	5,700	980	30	1,109	I	0	673,540	33,677
Grenville	241	(e)	1,350	200	50	463	I	0	244,610	12,080	(v)		1,350	215	16	527	I	0	244,810	12,418
Hampden	41	(e)	4,300	650	50	1,430	I	0	871,410	43,570	(e)		4,009	919	45	1,420	I	4	200,000	11,133
Healesville	708	(v)	3,076	900	Nil	902	I	0	720,220	36,011	(v)	30.9.97	4,009	919	45	1,420	I	4	690,820	34,541
Heidelberg	838	(v)	2,610	606	Nil	562	I	0	31,075	6,215	(v)	12.10.97	2,700	600	Nil	685	I	0	720,000	36,000
Heytesbury	335	(v)	4,100	606	50	780	I	0	433,095	29,473	(v)	16.11.97	4,100	650	50	750	I	0	600,420	30,021
Howqua	911	(v)	5,003	1,094	64	1,518	I	0	496,780	49,678	(v)	—1.98	5,000	1,094	6	1,394	I	0	490,620	49,062
Huntly	1,778	(v)	2,847	730	27	814	I	0	600,220	30,011	(v)	30.4.98	2,492	764	50	814	I	0	600,000	30,000
Kara Kara	53	(v)	2,138	469	57	532	I	0	186,245	14,519	(v)	13.11.97	2,286	469	27	509	I	0	230,000	11,517
Karooc	92	(v)	7,700	1,820	30	1,683	I	0	979,940	48,997	(v)	1.3.98	7,000	1,820	57	589	I	0	186,380	18,638
Kellora	925	(v)	6,300	1,150	50	1,255	I	0	1,142,180	57,109	(v)	1.10.97	6,310	1,180	40	1,650	I	0	965,380	48,264
Kilmore	2,114	(v)	9,000	1,749	60	1,721	I	0	1,291,810	64,590	(v)	6.12.97	8,980	1,710	93	1,743	I	0	1,107,680	55,384
Korwee	253	(v)	1,200	260	15	290	I	0	275,780	13,789	(v)	2.10.97	1,200	260	15	243	I	0	1,276,640	63,832
Kyneton	38	(e)	2,224	520†	...	564	I	0	453,824	28,464	(e)		2,179	431	40	541	I	0	270,440	13,522
Lancefield	2,265	(v)	2,014	432	Nil	652	I	0	381,330	38,133	(v)	—9.97	2,102	396	Nil	563	I	0	435,460	28,364
Lawloit	381	(v)	2,091	450	20	437	I	0	420,090	28,006	(v)	8.12.97	2,130	460	20	464	I	0	383,630	38,363
Leigh	300	(e)	5,317	1,060†	...	1,181	I	0	865,835	43,292	(e)	24.1.98	5,327	1,060†	...	1,181	I	0	422,640	28,176
Lilydale	180	(v)	4,335	693	212	981	I	0	732,640	36,532	(v)	16.11.97	4,200	677	183	941	I	6	701,899	36,271
Lowan	1,623	(v)	3,500	600	20	808	I	0	906,060	45,503	(v)	1.1.98	3,800	675	15	970	I	0	930,000	46,780
Maffra	966	(v)	4,576	1,280	9	1,289	I	0	586,200	29,310	(v)	31.12.97	4,626	1,300	Nil	1,000	I	0	600,400	30,020
Maldon	212	(v)	9,400	1,818	210	2,004	I	3	2,623,660	131,183	(v)	12.10.97	9,757	1,969	79	2,287	I	3	2,456,520	120,326
Malvern	64	(v)	4,500	653	50	1,001	I	0	635,000	37,221	(v)	7.10.97	4,500	660	40	1,050	I	0	630,000	31,435
Mansfield	825	(v)	7,759	1,530	30	2,507	I	0	1,344,420	67,221	(v)	31.12.97	7,725	1,530	30	2,500	I	0	1,343,610	67,180
Marong	562	(v)	1,300	206	28	269	I	0	306,620	15,311	(v)	24.9.27	1,391	215	18	276	I	0	306,620	15,331
Marong	181	(v)	1,198	335	50	542	I	0	290,380	14,519	(v)		1,425	408	49	530	I	0	290,380	14,519
Melton	121	(v)	702	183	Nil	274	I	0	230,000	15,134	(e)	1.1.98	775	188	Nil	234	I	0	230,055	15,337
Merredith	213	(v)	3,097	570	32	826	I	0	282,180	23,515	(v)	31.1.98	3,810	578	21	1,076	I	0	351,225	23,415
Merriang	4,564	(v)	2,000	600	100	1,078	I	4	482,410	24,142	(v)	31.7.97	2,500	642	55	1,182	I	4	301,140	18,057
Mildura	541	(v)	1,870	400	30	433	I	0	1,149,085	40,220	(v)	—2.97	2,108	442	Nil	527	I	0	1,007,616	40,304
Minhamite	76	(v)	1,870	400	30	433	I	0	1,149,085	40,220	(v)	—2.97	2,108	442	Nil	527	I	0	1,007,616	40,304
Mirboo	32	(v)	956	158	20	201	I	0	185,040	9,252	(v)	1.10.97	995	194	7	320	I	0	184,320	9,216
Moorabbin	76	(v)	9,603	1,475	22	3,378	I	9	1,558,620	57,931	(v)	7.2.98	7,118	1,460	37	3,300	I	10	1,153,400	57,620
Mornington	35	(v)	1,350	270†	...	551	I	0	300,280	15,014	(e)		1,350	270†	...	630	I	0	1,598,280	14,914

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	409	5.1.97	3,615	1,093	35	937	1	6	163,755	18,195	(v)	14.1.98	3,641	915	200	1,038	1	6	163,755	18,195
Walhalla	...	(v) 17.11.96	2,651	54†	...	694	1	0	1,339,660	66,983	(v)	30.9.97	2,667	508	47	694	1	0	1,338,900	66,950
Wannon	...	(v) 30.4.97	5,900	2,000	117	1,491	1	0	1,228,500	61,428	(v)	31.3.98	5,403	1,300	255	1,555	1	0	1,237,400	61,870
Waranga	...	(v) 5.3.97	3,820	980	20	900	1	0	729,220	36,401	(v)	22.2.98	3,900	991	10	1,187	1	0	700,500	35,025
Warramboul	...	(v) 28.12.96	9,377	1,579	95	1,789	1	0	2,315,500	115,778	(v)	29.12.97	9,400	1,647†	...	1,791	1	0	2,355,040	117,752
Whittlesea	...	(e) 1.1.97	1,844	364	12	450	1	0	271,500	18,100	(e)	1.1.98	1,774	364	10	460	1	0	283,350	18,800
Wimmera	...	(v) 2.2.97	4,910	730†	...	1,137	1	0	933,000	46,653	(v)	1.10.97	4,910	798†	...	982	1	0	1,033,340	51,667
Winchelsea	...	(v) 30.9.96	3,100	560	50	1,229	1	0	1,000,000	50,000	(v)	30.9.97	3,229	559	54	757	1	0	961,090	48,054
Woodonga	...	(v) 2.12.96	1,774	319	16	547	1	0	123,040	12,304	(v)	8.12.97	1,741	323	16	535	1	0	123,360	12,336
Wooreyl	...	(v) 29.9.96	3,000	600	Nil	1,202	1	0	565,140	28,257	(v)	26.10.97	3,000	600	Nil	1,195	1	0	564,820	28,241
Wycheproof	...	(v) 1.1.96	1,850	700	Nil	1,089	1	0	639,020	31,951	(v)	1.1.97	3,276	700	Nil	1,270	1	0	827,380	41,369
Wyndham	...	(v) 30.9.96	2,042	398	25	619	1	0	1,142,500	57,125	(v)	30.9.97	2,050	400	26	622	1	0	1,121,400	56,073
Yaakandah	...	(v) 10.12.96	4,200	990	10	954	1	0	674,200	33,713	(v)	30.9.97	3,755	864	13	1,066	1	0	663,580	33,189
Yarrowonga	...	(e) 1.1.96	3,200	600†	...	760	1	0	723,300	36,168	(e)	1.1.97	3,200	600†	...	1,028	1	0	723,680	36,184
Yea	...	(e) 1.1.96	3,300	750	Nil	743	1	0	546,460	27,223	(e)	...	3,300	750	Nil	743	1	0	546,460	27,223
<b>Total</b>	...	...	560,614	117,514†	4,533	155,499	...	102,998,270	5,576,190	5,576,190	...	...	560,616	116,354†	4,556	157,354	...	102,019,767	5,556,965	

NOTE.—The following alterations took place in the areas of the respective districts during the year 1897:—Borong increased by 79 square miles, and Wimmera correspondingly reduced on the 2nd April; Dimboola reduced by 397 square miles, and Karkaroo correspondingly increased on 29th May; Castle Donnington reduced by 773 square miles, and Karkaroo by 130, whilst Wycheproof was increased by 566 on the 31st May; Merrivale increased by 4 square miles, and Whittlesea reduced to little extent on same date.

\* In addition, the following rates were levied in the municipalities named in each year:—An extra rate of 6d. in the East Riding of Bannockburn, of 3d. in Doncaster, and of 1s. in Fernree Gully during 1896-7; a water rate of 1s. in the Borong Riding of Beechworth; a separate rate of 6d. in the Township of Birchip; a sanitary rate of 6d. in Charlton, in Mildura Riding of Mildura, and in Newham respectively; an extra rate of 3d. in Donald, in Tonero Riding of Omeo, and in the South and West Ridings of Warramboul; a lighting rate of 4d., and an improvement rate of 6d. in the Town of Shepparton. In 1897-8, moreover, an extra rate of 6d. in the South Riding, and of 3d. in the East Riding of Borong; an extra rate of 6d. in Lowan, and a sanitary rate of 30s. per pan in the Townships of Corryong and Talangatta in the Shire of Yowong. It must not, however, be inferred that similar rates were not levied in other municipal alikes, as many of them furnished no particulars respecting the rates levied in addition to the general rates.

† Donald was formerly called St. Arnaud, and Mulgrave was formerly called Oakleigh. The names were altered on the 11th February, 1897.

‡ Including uninhabited, not distinguished.

§ Information not furnished, but an estimate has been made from the annual value.

|| No return furnished for 1897-8, figures for 1896-7 repeated.

¶ In the case of 6,827 dwellings returned for 1896-7, and of 6,049 for 1897-8, the uninhabited were not distinguished.

**CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.**

Year.	Number of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Estimated Population.	Number of Ratepayers (both sexes).	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.	
					Total.	Annual.
1888	59	570,873	151,898	123,922	£ 76,951,240	£ 6,301,200
1889	59	589,485	129,314	127,523	85,211,558	6,659,735
1890	59	619,581	137,944	131,034	86,226,966	6,833,043
1891	60	620,258	138,218	136,084	91,276,090	7,141,270
1892	59	607,560	142,477	139,553	88,138,720	7,006,030
1893	59	581,728	137,079	141,135	79,006,270	6,303,590
1894	58	574,272	146,813	141,358	70,423,015	5,526,092
1895	58	583,654	140,383	140,564	65,700,580	4,900,000
1896	58	581,921	138,119	142,013	65,626,300	4,790,000
1897	58	582,618	148,679	139,804	68,255,714	4,709,345
1898	58	588,269	151,654	140,206	66,592,139	4,595,535

## SHIRES.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year ended 30th September.	Number of Shires.	Estimated Population.	Number of Ratepayers (both sexes).	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		
					Total. £	Annual. £	
1888	...	128	501,746	135,838	109,049	90,433,970	5,612,273
1889	...	130	506,965	129,666	109,485	102,346,953	6,271,791
1890	...	133	515,185	135,908	110,953	108,086,680	6,432,500
1891	...	137	523,699	138,919	112,447	112,075,270	6,592,500
1892	...	139	537,127	141,470	117,238	109,228,220	6,599,960
1893	...	142	548,207	141,613	118,342	109,855,080	6,476,010
1894	...	145	553,760	151,746	121,465	104,561,836	6,149,987
1895	...	149	560,600	152,137	124,667	101,497,200	5,741,200
1896	...	150	555,251	151,732	123,302	102,801,400	5,603,000
1897	...	150	560,614	155,499	122,047	102,998,270	5,576,190
1898	...	150	560,616	157,354	120,910	102,019,767	5,556,965

## CLASSIFICATION OF RATEABLE PROPERTIES.—NUMBER AND VALUE, 1874 TO 1897.

Year.	Number of Properties rated.							Total.
	Under £50.	£50 and less than £100.	£100 and less than £200.	£200 and less than £300.	£300 and less than £400.	£400 and less than £500.	£500 and upwards.	

## CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.

1874	91,320	7,981	2,964	764	289	153	235	103,706
1879	99,846	8,877	3,166	826	331	145	287	113,478
1884	114,615	11,003	3,947	1,018	445	194	362	131,584
1889	149,068	17,434	6,077	1,582	723	401	993	176,278
1890	149,936	18,198	6,179	1,526	742	410	991	177,982
1891	153,012	18,497	6,224	1,600	697	422	1,087	181,539
1892	155,629	17,725	5,949	1,669	653	416	1,091	183,132
1893	158,006	15,824	5,076	1,451	596	389	1,012	182,354
1894	162,380	12,554	4,477	1,214	506	349	765	182,245
1895	165,640	11,046	4,261	1,100	462	289	685	183,483
1896	166,496	10,499	4,126	1,054	463	282	671	183,591
1897	169,248	9,769	3,775	971	428	249	645	185,085

## SHIRES.

1874	75,852	7,537	2,398	552	268	117	612	87,336
1879	88,598	10,436	3,051	683	296	159	672	103,895
1884	98,089	10,701	3,463	736	321	154	711	114,175
1889	138,466	16,764	6,123	1,547	648	326	1,141	165,015
1890	148,705	17,666	6,436	1,711	679	355	1,044	176,596
1891	153,300	19,126	6,468	1,561	637	366	968	182,426
1892	156,198	19,171	6,677	1,572	616	343	914	185,491
1893	155,015	18,864	6,423	1,484	559	286	850	183,481
1894	163,472	18,521	6,177	1,343	540	280	806	191,139
1895	168,234	16,834	5,454	1,161	469	258	729	193,139
1896	165,910	15,971	5,228	1,088	430	259	711	189,597
1897	166,703	15,956	5,252	1,053	432	230	740	190,366

## TOTAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.

1874	167,172	15,518	5,362	1,316	557	270	847	191,042
1879	188,444	19,313	6,217	1,509	627	304	959	217,373
1884	212,704	21,704	7,410	1,754	766	348	1,073	245,759
1889	287,534	34,198	12,200	3,129	1,371	727	2,134	341,293
1890	298,641	35,864	12,615	3,237	1,421	765	2,035	354,578
1891	306,312	37,623	12,692	3,161	1,334	788	2,055	363,965
1892	311,827	36,896	12,626	3,241	1,269	759	2,005	368,623
1893	313,021	34,688	11,499	2,935	1,155	675	1,862	365,835
1894	325,852	31,075	10,654	2,557	1,046	629	1,571	373,384
1895	333,874	27,880	9,715	2,261	931	547	1,414	376,622
1896	332,405	26,470	9,354	2,142	893	541	1,382	373,188
1897	335,951	25,725	9,227	2,024	860	479	1,385	375,451

CLASSIFICATION OF RATEABLE PROPERTIES—continued.

Year.	Total Value of Properties rated annually at—					Annual Value of rateable Properties.				
	Under £50.	£50 to £100.	£100 to £200.	£200 and Upwards.	Total.	Under £50.	£50 to £100.	£100 to £200.	£200 and upwards.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.										
1874	12,620,396	5,201,090	3,717,516	5,785,603	27,324,605	1,352,679	537,885	381,885	584,033	2,856,482
1879	14,833,220	5,960,162	4,045,167	6,514,331	31,352,880	1,494,247	600,406	407,496	656,231	3,158,380
1884	19,855,306	7,715,575	5,061,994	8,625,789	41,261,664	1,851,434	719,449	472,292	804,323	3,847,498
1889	36,840,166	14,534,828	10,907,233	22,929,331	85,211,558	2,879,254	1,135,974	852,458	1,792,049	6,659,735
1890	37,863,106	14,924,540	11,074,410	22,364,910	86,226,966	3,000,456	1,182,693	877,590	1,772,304	6,833,043
1891	39,072,130	16,152,230	11,377,190	24,674,540	91,276,090	3,056,930	1,263,720	890,130	1,930,490	7,141,270
1892	38,521,240	15,055,360	10,777,530	23,784,590	88,138,720	3,062,000	1,196,730	856,690	1,890,610	7,006,030
1893	35,857,460	12,798,010	9,629,230	21,321,570	79,606,270	2,839,360	1,013,400	762,490	1,688,340	6,303,590
1894	33,756,570	10,034,549	7,892,675	18,739,221	70,423,015	2,648,876	789,761	619,335	1,468,120	5,526,092
1895	32,943,848	8,977,031	7,293,014	16,486,687	65,700,580	2,456,978	669,514	543,918	1,229,590	4,900,000
1896	32,241,400	8,669,470	7,271,820	17,443,610	65,626,300	2,353,270	632,780	530,760	1,273,190	4,790,000
1897	33,974,576	8,841,860	7,145,623	18,293,655	68,255,714	2,373,962	617,822	499,298	1,278,263	4,769,345

SHIRES.

1874	13,105,624	5,070,283	3,319,425	13,401,702	34,897,034	1,220,327	492,313	315,056	1,111,299	3,138,995
1879	20,914,381	8,653,809	5,304,667	17,018,379	51,891,236	1,605,387	664,266	407,186	1,306,330	3,983,169
1884	26,106,636	10,335,547	6,573,698	19,518,287	62,534,168	1,774,831	702,650	440,907	1,326,928	4,251,316
1889	38,784,570	18,258,460	12,920,346	32,383,577	102,346,953	2,376,707	1,118,873	791,755	1,984,456	6,271,791
1890	41,449,164	19,596,816	14,143,030	32,897,670	108,086,680	2,466,740	1,166,254	841,686	1,957,820	6,432,500
1891	43,934,720	20,993,170	14,591,210	32,556,170	112,075,270	2,584,330	1,234,860	858,290	1,915,020	6,592,500
1892	42,479,450	20,795,360	14,763,930	31,189,480	109,228,220	2,566,760	1,256,530	892,090	1,884,580	6,599,960
1893	43,865,620	21,078,210	14,665,400	30,245,850	109,855,080	2,585,900	1,242,570	864,530	1,783,010	6,476,010
1894	43,526,766	20,247,725	13,472,028	27,515,317	104,561,836	2,558,451	1,190,117	791,870	1,609,549	6,149,987
1895	44,602,832	19,223,953	12,477,533	25,192,882	101,497,200	2,522,964	1,087,405	705,793	1,425,038	5,741,200
1896	45,720,200	19,145,500	12,407,900	25,527,800	102,801,400	2,492,500	1,042,600	676,300	1,391,600	5,603,000
1897	44,953,315	19,099,925	12,611,672	26,333,358	102,998,270	2,433,815	1,034,050	682,685	1,425,640	5,576,190

TOTAL MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.

1874	25,726,020	10,271,373	7,036,941	19,187,305	62,221,639	2,573,006	1,030,198	696,941	1,695,332	5,995,477
1879	35,747,601	14,613,971	9,349,834	23,532,710	83,244,116	3,099,634	1,264,672	814,682	1,962,561	7,141,549
1884	45,961,942	18,051,122	11,638,692	28,144,076	103,795,832	3,626,265	1,422,099	919,199	2,131,251	8,098,814
1889	75,624,736	32,733,288	23,827,579	55,312,908	187,558,511	5,255,961	2,254,847	1,644,213	3,776,505	12,931,526
1890	79,312,270	34,521,356	25,217,440	55,262,580	194,313,646	5,467,196	2,348,947	1,719,276	3,730,124	13,265,543
1891	83,006,850	37,145,400	25,968,400	57,237,710	203,351,360	5,641,260	2,498,580	1,748,420	3,845,510	13,733,770
1892	81,000,690	35,850,720	25,541,460	54,974,070	197,366,940	5,628,760	2,453,260	1,748,780	3,775,190	13,605,990
1893	79,723,080	33,876,220	24,204,630	51,567,420	189,461,350	5,425,260	2,255,970	1,627,020	3,471,350	12,779,600
1894	77,283,336	30,282,274	21,364,703	46,054,538	174,984,851	5,207,327	1,979,878	1,411,205	3,077,669	11,676,079
1895	77,546,680	28,200,984	19,770,547	41,679,569	167,197,780	4,979,942	1,756,919	1,249,711	2,654,628	10,641,200
1896	77,961,600	27,814,970	19,679,720	42,971,410	168,427,700	4,845,770	1,675,380	1,207,060	2,664,790	10,393,000
1897	78,927,891	27,941,785	19,757,295	44,627,013	171,253,984	4,807,777	1,651,872	1,181,983	2,703,903	10,345,535

INCREASE IN NUMBER AND VALUE OF RATEABLE PROPERTIES, 1874 TO 1897.

Rateable Values.	Increase during Twenty-three Years in the—		
	Number of Properties.	Total Value	Annual Value.
		£	£
Under £50 ...	168,779	53,201,871	2,234,771
£50 to £100 ...	10,207	17,670,412	621,674
£100 to £200 ...	3,665	12,720,354	485,042
£200 and upwards ...	1,758	25,439,708	1,008,571
<b>Total increase</b> ...	<b>184,409</b>	<b>109,032,345</b>	<b>4,350,058</b>

## NATURALIZATION.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Native Places.	Numbers Naturalized in each Year.										
	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
France ... ..	5	11	4	6	2	9	11	7	7	2	16
Belgium ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Austria ... ..	6	6	7	5	10	8	12	10	7	5	26
Germany ... ..	14	46	48	42	52	88	118	129	81	88	440
Russia ... ..	1	3	13	20	37	18	7	28	7	9	61
Norway and Sweden ... ..	...	...	...	...	16	11	15	20	21	20	114
Other European Countries ... ..	29	46	38	67	32	62	109	80	81	44	264
United States ... ..	1	1	...	...	1	4	7	7	7	1	5
China ... ..	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Countries ... ..	3	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	10	5	20
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>946</b>

NOTE.—The material for this Return has been derived from information furnished each year by the Under-Secretary.

## NUMBER OF ELECTORS.—LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—(I.)

RETURN of the Number of Electors on the Rolls, and the Number who Voted at the Election for the Legislative Council held during the Year 1897.

Electoral Provinces.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.	Electors who Voted.
		Number.
Gippsland ... ..	8,948	No election
Melbourne ... ..	14,156	" "
Nelson ... ..	5,387	" "
Northern ... ..	8,544	" "
North-Central ... ..	5,368	" "
North-Eastern ... ..	9,156	" "
North-Western ... ..	12,239	Uncontested
North Yarra ... ..	10,141	No election
Southern ... ..	1,0787	Uncontested
South-Eastern ... ..	13,098	No election
South-Western ... ..	7,169	" "
South Yarra ... ..	13,638	" "
Wellington ... ..	8,558	" "
Western ... ..	6,386	" "
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>133,575</b>	

NOTE.—This Return was furnished by the Under-Secretary.

## NUMBER OF ELECTORS.—LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—(II.)

RETURN of the Number of Electors for each Electoral Province on the Rolls for 1897-8.

Electoral Provinces.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.		
	Ratepayers.	Non-Ratepayers.	Total.
1. Melbourne ... ..	13,988	89	14,077
2. North Yarra ... ..	9,228	70	9,298
3. South Yarra ... ..	12,737	364	13,101
4. Southern ... ..	10,126	47	10,173
5. South-Western ... ..	7,152	42	7,194
6. Nelson ... ..	5,365	44	5,409
7. Western ... ..	6,418	17	6,435
8. North-Western ... ..	11,670	75	11,745
9. Northern ... ..	8,183	48	8,231
10. Wellington ... ..	8,408	44	8,452
11. North-Central ... ..	5,315	26	5,341
12. North-Eastern ... ..	8,965	31	8,996
13. Gippsland ... ..	9,112	46	9,158
14. South-Eastern ... ..	12,858	77	12,935
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>129,525</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>130,545</b>

NOTE.—This Return was furnished by the Under-Secretary.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND ELECTORS.—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

RETURN showing the Number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Number of Electors on the Rolls for each Electoral District; also the Number of Electors who Voted at the General Election on the 14th October, 1897.

Electoral Districts.	Number of Members.	Number of Electors on Rolls at Period of General Election.	Electors who Voted.	
			Number.	Percentage to Number on Rolls.
1. Albert Park ... ..	1	2,784	2,137	76·76
2. Anglesey ... ..	1	3,531	2,505	70·94
3. Ararat ... ..	1	1,770	1,272	71·86
4. Ballarat East ... ..	1	3,333	2,796	83·88
5. Ballarat West ... ..	2	5,660	4,263	73·55
6. Barwon ... ..	1	2,401	1,815	75·59
7. Benalla and Yarrawonga ... ..	1	2,729	2,025	74·20
8. Benambra ... ..	1	2,060	1,388	67·37
9. Bogong ... ..	1	1,933	*	*
10. Borung ... ..	1	2,497	1,654	66·23
11. Bourke East... ..	1	2,537	1,829	72·09
12. Bourke West ... ..	1	1,902	1,366	71·81
13. Bourke (East) Boroughs ... ..	2	8,871	6,237	70·30
14. Brighton ... ..	1	3,441	2,424	70·44
15. Carlton ... ..	1	3,626	2,758	76·06
16. Carlton South ... ..	1	2,310	1,691	73·20
17. Castlemaine ... ..	2	3,385	2,798	82·65
18. Clunes and Allandale ... ..	1	1,743	*	*
19. Collingwood ... ..	2	5,059	3,961	78·29
20. Creswick ... ..	1	1,941	1,607	82·79
21. Dandenong and Berwick ... ..	1	3,572	2,126	59·51
22. Daylesford ... ..	1	1,814	1,244	68·57
23. Delatite ... ..	1	2,528	1,640	64·87
24. Donald and Swan Hill ... ..	1	6,000	2,434	40·56
25. Dundas ... ..	1	2,265	*	*
26. Dunolly ... ..	1	2,048	*	*
27. Eaglehawk ... ..	1	2,020	1,516	75·04
28. Eastern Suburbs ... ..	1	4,904	3,580	73·00
29. Emerald Hill ... ..	1	2,521	1,908	75·68
30. Essendon and Flemington ... ..	1	5,108	3,293	64·46
31. Evelyn ... ..	1	3,410	1,597	46·83
32. Fitzroy ... ..	2	6,091	4,040	66·32
33. Footscray ... ..	1	3,776	2,368	62·71
34. Geelong ... ..	2	5,391	3,669	68·05
35. Gippsland Central ... ..	1	2,907	1,897	65·25
36. Gippsland East ... ..	1	3,028	1,684	55·61
37. Gippsland North ... ..	1	1,985	1,274	64·18
38. Gippsland South ... ..	1	2,644	1,521	57·14
39. Gippsland West ... ..	1	4,205	2,442	58·07
40. Grant ... ..	1	2,347	*	*
41. Grenville ... ..	2	3,727	2,882	77·32
42. Gunbower ... ..	1	2,736	2,099	76·71
43. Hawthorn ... ..	1	4,119	3,096	75·16
44. Horsham ... ..	1	1,906	1,302	68·31
45. Jolimont and West Richmond ... ..	1	2,452	1,822	74·30
46. Kara Kara ... ..	1	2,309	*	*
47. Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield ... ..	1	2,127	1,494	70·23
48. Korong ... ..	1	2,244	*	*
49. Kyneton ... ..	1	2,154	1,670	77·53
50. Lowan ... ..	1	2,429	1,490	61·34
51. Maldon ... ..	1	1,781	1,439	80·79
52. Mandurang ... ..	1	2,025	1,585	78·27
53. Maryborough ... ..	1	2,306	*	*
54. Melbourne ... ..	1	3,996	2,751	68·84
55. Melbourne East ... ..	2	4,322	3,190	73·80
56. Melbourne North ... ..	1	2,938	2,360	80·32
57. Melbourne South ... ..	1	2,469	1,781	72·13
58. Melbourne West ... ..	1	2,324	1,861	80·07
59. Mornington ... ..	1	4,395	2,181	49·62
60. Normanby ... ..	1	1,873	*	*
61. Numurkah and Nathalia ... ..	1	2,092	*	*
62. Ovens ... ..	1	1,954	*	*
63. Polwarth ... ..	1	3,128	2,454	78·45
64. Port Fairy ... ..	1	1,936	1,454	75·10
65. Port Melbourne ... ..	1	2,538	1,947	76·71
66. Portland ... ..	1	1,743	1,184	67·92
67. Prahran ... ..	1	2,851	2,167	76·00
68. Richmond ... ..	2	5,372	3,786	70·47
69. Ripon and Hampden ... ..	1	2,656	1,867	70·29
70. Rodney ... ..	2	4,881	3,190	65·36
71. Sandhurst ... ..	2	5,099	3,912	76·72
72. Sandhurst South ... ..	1	2,218	1,625	73·26
73. Shepparton and Euroa ... ..	1	2,162	1,539	71·18
74. South Yarra... ..	1	2,491	1,991	79·92
75. St. Kilda ... ..	1	3,838	*	*
76. Stawell ... ..	1	2,216	*	*
77. Talbot and Avoca ... ..	1	1,882	1,341	71·25
78. Toorak ... ..	1	4,000	3,063	76·57

\* Uncontested.

## NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND ELECTORS.—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

RETURN showing the Number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Number of Electors on the Rolls for each Electoral District; also the Number of Electors who Voted at the General Election on the 14th October, 1897—*continued*.

Electoral Districts.	Number of Members.	Number of Electors on Rolls at Period of General Election.	Electors who Voted.	
			Number.	Percentage to Number on Rolls.
79. Villiers and Heytesbury ... ..	1	2,384	1,786	74'91
80. Wangaratta and Rutherglen ... ..	1	3,559	2,656	74'62
81. Warrenheip ... ..	1	1,803	1,426	79'09
82. Warrnambool ... ..	1	1,912	1,499	78'39
83. Williamstown ... ..	1	3,231	2,324	71'92
84. Windermere ... ..	1	1,500	1,252	83'46
Total ... ..	95	254,155	...	...
Deduct for Uncontested Districts (13) ... ..	...	29,168	...	...
Net result ... ..	...	224,987	158,225	70'33

NOTE.—This Return was furnished by the Under-Secretary.

## NUMBER OF ELECTORS.—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

RETURN of the Number of Electors for each Electoral District on the Rolls for 1897-8.

Electoral Districts.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.			Electoral Districts.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.		
	Ratepayers	Non-Rate-payers.	Total.		Ratepayers	Non-Rate-payers.	Total.
1. Albert Park ... ..	1,869	782	2,651	45. Jolimont and West Richmond	1,616	725	2,341
2. Anglesey ... ..	2,617	912	3,529	46. Kara Kara ... ..	1,688	554	2,242
3. Ararat ... ..	1,451	391	1,842	47. Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield	1,786	409	2,195
4. Ballarat East ... ..	2,621	836	3,457	48. Korong ... ..	1,777	350	2,127
5. Ballarat West ... ..	4,655	1,089	5,744	49. Kyneton ... ..	1,490	599	2,089
6. Barwon ... ..	1,810	517	2,327	50. Lowan ... ..	2,158	247	2,405
7. Benalla and Yarrawonga	2,065	689	2,754	51. Maldon ... ..	1,450	306	1,756
8. Benambra ... ..	1,762	316	2,078	52. Mandurang ... ..	1,453	484	1,937
9. Bogong ... ..	1,474	443	1,917	53. Maryborough ... ..	1,925	285	2,210
10. Borung ... ..	2,149	317	2,466	54. Melbourne ... ..	3,717	401	4,118
11. Bourke East ... ..	2,096	437	2,533	55. Melbourne East ... ..	3,496	744	4,240
12. Bourke West ... ..	1,639	401	2,040	56. Melbourne North ... ..	2,129	852	2,981
13. East Bourke Boroughs ... ..	7,643	1,271	8,914	57. Melbourne South ... ..	2,008	619	2,627
14. Brighton ... ..	2,867	438	3,305	58. Melbourne West ... ..	1,686	654	2,340
15. Carlton ... ..	2,735	638	3,373	59. Mornington ... ..	3,493	905	4,398
16. Carlton South ... ..	1,723	481	2,204	60. Normanby ... ..	1,598	239	1,837
17. Castlemaine ... ..	2,281	937	3,218	61. Numurkah and Nathalia	1,849	175	2,024
18. Clunes and Allandale ... ..	1,422	284	1,706	62. Ovens ... ..	1,451	460	1,911
19. Collingwood ... ..	4,134	853	4,987	63. Polwarth ... ..	2,370	904	3,274
20. Creswick ... ..	1,420	472	1,892	64. Port Fairy ... ..	1,587	347	1,934
21. Dandenong and Berwick	3,240	278	3,518	65. Port Melbourne ... ..	1,955	458	2,413
22. Daylesford ... ..	1,600	213	1,813	66. Portland ... ..	1,560	252	1,812
23. Delatite ... ..	2,177	253	2,430	67. Prahra ... ..	2,747	568	3,315
24. Donald and Swan Hill ... ..	5,144	457	5,601	68. Richmond ... ..	4,478	930	5,408
25. Dundas ... ..	1,783	435	2,218	69. Ripon and Hampden ... ..	2,068	641	2,709
26. Dunolly ... ..	1,537	461	1,998	70. Rodney ... ..	3,959	808	4,767
27. Eaglehawk ... ..	1,752	271	2,023	71. Sandhurst ... ..	4,364	957	5,321
28. Eastern Suburbs ... ..	3,961	745	4,706	72. Sandhurst South ... ..	1,908	318	2,226
29. Emerald Hill ... ..	2,027	720	2,747	73. Shepparton and Euroa ... ..	1,860	315	2,175
30. Essendon and Flemington	4,356	621	5,007	74. South Yarra ... ..	2,226	605	2,831
31. Evelyn ... ..	3,043	284	3,327	75. St. Kilda ... ..	2,845	998	3,843
32. Fitzroy ... ..	4,262	1,110	5,372	76. Stawell ... ..	1,708	474	2,182
33. Footscray ... ..	3,397	485	3,882	77. Talbot and Avoca ... ..	1,521	304	1,825
34. Geelong ... ..	4,369	912	5,281	78. Toorak ... ..	3,386	722	4,108
35. Gippsland Central ... ..	2,444	478	2,922	79. Villiers and Heytesbury	1,896	505	2,401
36. Gippsland East ... ..	2,555	494	3,049	80. Wangaratta and Rutherglen	2,512	1,043	3,555
37. Gippsland North ... ..	1,828	164	1,992	81. Warrenheip ... ..	1,524	349	1,873
38. Gippsland South ... ..	2,426	346	2,772	82. Warrnambool ... ..	1,525	483	2,008
39. Gippsland West ... ..	3,343	600	3,943	83. Williamstown ... ..	2,568	454	3,022
40. Grant ... ..	1,896	432	2,328	84. Windermere ... ..	1,164	337	1,501
41. Grenville ... ..	2,935	903	3,838	Total ... ..	205,888	46,672	252,560
42. Gunbower ... ..	2,114	571	2,685				
43. Hawthorn ... ..	3,229	844	4,073				
44. Horsham ... ..	1,506	311	1,817				

NOTE.—This Return was furnished by the Under-Secretary.

\* According to a Return to an Order of the Legislative Assembly dated 3rd August, 1898, the approximate number of names which appear twice or oftener on the Ratepayers' Rolls was 27,445, hence the number of distinct ratepayers would appear to have been 178,443.

FEDERAL CONVENTION ELECTION AND REFERENDUM.

RETURN showing the Number of Electors on the Rolls for each Electoral District, also the Number of Electors who voted at the Federal Convention Election on the 4th March, 1897, and at the Referendum on the Australasian Federal Constitution on the 3rd June, 1898.

Electoral Districts.	Federal Convention Election.			Referendum on the Australasian Federal Constitution.					Percentage of Electors who Voted to Number on Rolls.
	Number of Electors on Rolls, 1896-7.	Electors who Voted.		Number of Electors on Rolls, 1897-8.	Number of Electors who Voted.			Total.	
		Number.	Percentage to Number on Rolls.		For Acceptance of Constitution.	For Rejection of Constitution.	Informal Votes.		
Albert Park ... ..	2,354	1,114	47'32	2,651	1,179	234	10	1,423	53'67
Anglesey ... ..	3,225	1,610	49'92	3,529	1,404	348	15	1,767	50'07
Ararat ... ..	1,670	838	50'17	1,842	862	130	7	999	54'23
Ballaarat East ... ..	2,985	1,619	54'23	3,457	1,767	129	10	1,906	55'13
Ballaarat West... ..	5,212	2,844	54'56	5,744	3,357	116	6	3,479	60'56
Barwon ... ..	2,321	913	39'33	2,327	995	92	15	1,102	47'35
Benalla and Yarrawonga	2,593	1,127	43'46	2,754	1,159	206	12	1,377	50'00
Benambra ... ..	1,965	735	37'40	2,078	849	161	9	1,019	49'03
Bogong ... ..	1,860	1,055	56'72	1,917	951	87	8	1,046	54'56
Borong ... ..	2,358	810	34'35	2,466	851	196	14	1,061	43'02
Bourke East ... ..	2,441	884	36'21	2,533	883	193	7	1,083	42'75
Bourke West ... ..	1,816	769	42'34	2,040	739	201	15	955	46'81
East Bourke Boroughs ...	8,411	3,573	42'49	8,914	2,895	1,171	49	4,115	46'16
Brighton ... ..	3,285	1,269	38'63	3,305	1,468	97	11	1,576	47'68
Carlton ... ..	3,456	1,608	46'52	3,373	1,139	555	8	1,702	50'45
Carlton South ... ..	2,140	910	42'52	2,204	694	280	11	985	44'69
Castlemaine ... ..	3,130	1,730	55'27	3,218	1,564	197	12	1,773	55'09
Clunes and Allendale ...	1,658	934	56'33	1,706	698	77	1	776	45'48
Collingwood ... ..	4,671	2,099	44'93	4,987	1,331	1,088	23	2,442	48'96
Creswick ... ..	1,793	1,051	58'61	1,892	692	132	8	832	43'97
Dandenong and Berwick	3,460	1,149	33'20	3,518	1,126	295	13	1,434	40'76
Daylesford ... ..	1,762	751	42'62	1,813	663	99	1	763	42'08
Delatite ... ..	2,443	957	39'17	2,430	821	242	5	1,068	43'95
Donald and Swan Hill ...	5,738	1,311	22'84	5,601	1,593	142	12	1,747	31'19
Dundas ... ..	2,173	1,067	49'10	2,218	1,125	79	13	1,217	54'86
Dunolly ... ..	1,913	824	43'07	1,998	798	133	8	939	46'99
Eaglehawk ... ..	1,944	937	48'19	2,023	1,078	56	7	1,141	56'40
Eastern Suburbs ... ..	4,491	1,965	43'75	4,706	2,155	223	12	2,390	50'78
Emerald Hill ... ..	2,284	1,084	47'46	2,747	818	435	15	1,268	46'15
Essendon and Flemington	4,842	2,339	48'30	5,007	2,341	530	16	2,887	57'65
Evelyn ... ..	3,301	786	23'81	3,327	854	192	9	1,055	31'71
Fitzroy ... ..	5,620	2,210	39'32	5,372	1,927	677	21	2,625	48'86
Footscray ... ..	3,575	1,259	35'21	3,882	1,221	591	17	1,829	47'11
Geelong ... ..	5,162	2,644	51'22	5,281	2,280	494	9	2,783	52'69
Gippsland Central ... ..	2,735	1,130	41'31	2,922	1,036	397	11	1,444	49'41
Gippsland East ... ..	2,882	742	25'74	3,049	906	200	16	1,122	36'79
Gippsland North ... ..	1,920	609	31'71	1,992	690	310	24	1,024	51'40
Gippsland South ... ..	2,511	726	28'91	2,772	841	263	14	1,118	40'33
Gippsland West ... ..	3,950	1,323	33'49	3,943	1,142	440	19	1,601	46'03
Grant ... ..	2,213	982	44'37	2,328	813	146	8	967	41'53
Grenville ... ..	3,519	1,650	46'88	3,838	1,828	143	13	1,984	51'69
Gunbower ... ..	2,471	1,040	42'08	2,685	978	285	14	1,277	47'56
Hawthorn ... ..	3,843	2,101	54'67	4,073	2,047	237	10	2,294	56'32
Horsham ... ..	1,775	728	41'01	1,817	905	62	7	974	53'60
Jolimont and West Richmond	2,163	1,076	49'74	2,341	1,034	219	5	1,258	53'73
Kara Kara ... ..	1,978	659	33'31	2,242	696	217	11	924	41'21
Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield	2,045	808	39'51	2,195	686	239	13	938	42'73
Korong ... ..	2,122	951	44'81	2,127	919	74	6	999	46'96
Kyneton ... ..	1,978	1,092	55'20	2,089	903	218	14	1,135	54'33
Lowan ... ..	2,374	904	38'07	2,405	1,291	56	7	1,354	56'29
Maldon ... ..	1,647	812	49'30	1,756	851	67	11	929	52'90
Mandurang ... ..	1,932	841	43'53	1,937	788	201	11	1,000	51'62
Maryborough ... ..	2,211	1,073	48'53	2,210	877	170	8	1,055	47'73
Melbourne ... ..	3,854	1,365	35'41	4,118	1,432	216	6	1,654	40'16
Melbourne East ... ..	4,036	1,780	44'10	4,240	1,769	281	13	2,063	48'65
Melbourne North ... ..	2,666	1,321	49'54	2,981	1,052	513	12	1,577	52'90
Melbourne South ... ..	2,230	996	44'66	2,627	823	337	3	1,163	44'27
Melbourne West ... ..	2,095	1,046	49'92	2,340	664	581	12	1,257	53'71
Mornington ... ..	4,174	1,578	37'80	4,398	1,361	303	18	1,682	38'24
Normanby ... ..	1,812	757	41'77	1,837	825	70	8	903	49'15
Numurkah and Nathalia	2,027	752	37'09	2,024	538	476	10	1,024	50'59
Ovens ... ..	1,784	844	47'30	1,911	757	188	12	957	50'07
Polwarth ... ..	2,852	1,169	40'98	3,274	1,114	431	17	1,562	47'70
Port Fairy ... ..	1,800	691	38'48	1,934	668	223	13	904	46'74
Portland ... ..	2,400	1,133	47'20	1,812	855	68	10	933	51'49
Port Melbourne ... ..	1,677	686	40'90	2,413	897	460	20	1,377	51'06
Prahran ... ..	2,694	1,354	50'25	3,315	1,459	205	11	1,675	50'52
Richmond ... ..	5,020	2,476	49'32	5,408	1,964	769	25	2,758	50'99
Ripon and Hampden ... ..	2,472	1,140	46'11	2,709	1,443	120	10	1,573	58'06
Rodney ... ..	4,680	2,013	43'01	4,767	1,744	490	27	2,261	47'40
Sandhurst ... ..	4,788	2,558	53'42	5,321	2,827	199	12	3,038	57'09
Sandhurst South ... ..	2,129	877	41'19	2,226	933	77	9	1,019	45'77
Shepparton and Euroa ...	2,060	967	46'94	2,175	804	263	12	1,079	49'60
South Yarra ... ..	2,296	1,203	52'39	2,831	1,227	239	10	1,476	52'13

FEDERAL CONVENTION ELECTION AND REFERENDUM—*continued.*

RETURN showing the Number of Electors on the Rolls for each Electoral District, also the Number of Electors who Voted at the Federal Convention Election on the 4th March, 1897, and at the Referendum on the Australasian Federal Constitution on the 3rd June, 1898—*continued.*

Electoral Districts.	Federal Convention Election.			Referendum on the Australasian Federal Constitution.					Percentage of Electors who Voted to Number on Rolls.
	Number of Electors on Rolls, 1896-7.	Electors who Voted.		Number of Electors on Rolls 1897-8	Number of Electors who Voted.				
		Number.	Percentage to Number on Rolls.		For Acceptance of Constitution.	For Rejection of Constitution.	Informal Votes.	Total.	
St. Kilda ... ..	3,594	1,895	52·72	3,843	1,820	157	16	1,993	51·86
Stawell .. ..	2,095	1,091	52·26	2,182	1,055	128	6	1,189	54·49
Talbot and Avoca ... ..	1,788	728	40·71	1,825	661	130	11	802	43·94
Toorak ... ..	3,630	1,697	46·74	4,108	1,921	184	6	2,111	51·38
Villiers and Heytesbury ... ..	2,260	903	39·95	2,401	1,088	158	14	1,260	52·47
Wangaratta and Rutherglen ... ..	2,890	1,151	39·82	3,555	1,265	269	8	1,542	43·37
Warrenheip ... ..	1,642	565	34·4	1,873	627	44	7	678	36·19
Warrnambool ... ..	1,819	817	39·41	2,008	1,059	108	4	1,171	58·31
Williamstown ... ..	3,092	1,656	53·5	3,022	1,209	507	16	1,732	57·31
Windermere ... ..	1,362	701	51·4	1,501	1,151	83	19	1,253	83·47
<b>Total</b> ... ..	<b>238,039</b>	<b>103,932</b>	<b>43·66</b>	<b>252,560</b>	<b>100,520</b>	<b>22,099</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>123,627</b>	<b>48·94</b>

NOTE.—The information for compiling this Return was obtained from the Under-Secretary.

## NUMBER OF ELECTORS.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Number of Electors on the Rolls.					
	Legislative Council.			Legislative Assembly.		
	Ordinary, or Non-Ratepayers.	Ratepayers.	Total.	Ordinary, or Non-Ratepayers.	Ratepayers.	Total.
1887-8	944	129,392	130,336	19,079	196,207	215,286
1888-9	1,111	137,458	138,569	36,593	207,331	243,924
1889-90	1,121	150,682	151,803	35,902	218,960	254,862
1890-91	860	156,169	157,029	34,747	229,107	263,854
1891-2	1,239	162,047	163,286	51,664	229,616	281,280
1892-3	1,204	161,075	162,279	46,311	216,103	262,414
1893-4	579	152,939	153,518	29,081	205,471	234,552
1894-5	762	144,903	145,665	45,461	206,385	251,846
1895-6	1,141	137,565	138,706	43,881	206,147	250,028
1896-7	1,019	132,556	133,575	50,794*	203,361*	254,155*
1897-8	1,020	129,525	130,545	46,672	205,888	252,560

NOTE.—This Return has been compiled from information furnished each year by the Under-Secretary.

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