

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

COUNTRY.	Year.	REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
		Amount.	Per Head.	Amount.	Per Head.
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
West Indies—					
Bahamas	1885	221,267	4 92	345,947	7 68
Turks Island	1885	47,484	10 03	34,435	7 28
Jamaica	1885	2,980,336	5 00	2,810,105	4 71
Windward Islands	1885	1,269,362	3 90	1,351,028	4 15
Leeward Islands	1885	488,730	4 03	511,204	4 21
Trinidad	1885	2,088,960	12 15	2,160,415	12 56
Australasia—					
New South Wales	1885	36,911,685	39 66	36,717,024	39 44
Victoria	1885	30,613,090	31 87	29,883,065	30 12
South Australia	1885	11,240,014	35 17	11,946,732	38 11
Western Australia	1885	1,572,969	46 17	1,503,065	44 11
Queensland	1885	13,863,885	43 41	14,004,215	43 98
Tasmania	1885	2,780,788	21 02	2,855,541	21 34
New Zealand	1885	19,938,713	35 27	20,840,118	36 88
South Seas—					
Fiji	1885	373,122	2 93	448,750	3 52
Falkland Islands	1885	50,798	29 88	36,926	21 75
Total	976,481,730	3 85	1,000,629,250	3 94

* Year ended 31st March.

† Including expenditure from loans on public works.

Excess of
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170. It will be seen that out of the 36 countries and colonies named, the expenditure exceeded the revenue in 27, and that the total expenditure exceeded the total revenue by \$24,147,520. The proportions to population both of revenue and expenditure in the Australasian Colonies, are very much higher than in other places. Mr. Hayter, Government Statist of Victoria, in commenting on this says: *
“ A considerable revenue is derived from the usufruct of the
“ unsold lands, which is not generally the case elsewhere,
“ the revenues also are swelled by the large sums which are
“ received annually from the alienation of Crown lands, and
“ from the working of the State railways.” If all the Canadian railways were in the hands of the Government, as is

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*Victorian Year Book, 1884-85, page 131.