

plasterers, bricklayers, carpenters, painters, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, and quarrymen, 10s. to 11s.; brickmakers, 7s.; sheep-washers and general labourers, 5s. to 7s. Wages in the north are generally higher.

Food.—Per lb., beef and mutton, 4d. to 5d.; bread, 2d.; sugar, 3d. to 5d.; tea, 2s. to 3s. 1d.; flour, 2d.; potatoes, $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 1d.; butter, 1s. to 2s.; bacon, 10d. to 1s. 1d. All kinds of tropical fruits are very cheap.

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VICTORIA.

Area, &c., 87,884 square miles, a little smaller than Great Britain, or about a thirty-fourth part of the Australian continent, having high mountains and several streams. Government, popular and representative. Population, 952,836, nearly 60,000 more males than females. Over 618,000 are Protestants. Capital, Melbourne; founded 1837; population 305,000; a very fine city, with beautiful gardens and public buildings.

Climate.—Hot, but healthy. Mean for the year, $57\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$. Summer very hot, winters mild. Average wet days in the year are 131, and yearly rainfall 26 inches.

Education.—Five-sixths of the children (six to fifteen years) attend the State schools, where a free secular elementary education is given. All children, whether they attend these or private schools, must pass a given standard. Out of every 10,000 children in 1881, 8,535 could read and write.

Friendly Societies.—Charities (no poor law), free libraries, mechanics' institutes, &c., English amusements, abound. No