

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

For the purposes of the Land Regulations and Geographical divisions the Colony is divided into six Divisions:

South-West Division contains 67,000 square miles, & is the most temperate part of Western Australia. It was the portion of the Colony first settled, & is that in which about four-fifths out of the whole population now reside.

Gascoyne Division contains an area of 133,000 square miles, & in its present state is only suitable for pastoral purposes, & has been proved to be healthy for all kinds of stock. Included in this division is the rich Murchison Goldfield.

North-West Division contains 81,000 square miles, & is a rich pastoral division, consisting of

well grassed plains, fairly well watered. The Pilbarra Goldfield is within this division, & is yielding an increasing quantity of gold.

Kimberley Division contains an area of 144,000 sq. miles. The Kimberley Goldfields, situated at the watershed of the Fitzroy & the Ord, have attracted considerable notice, & it is certain will eventually prove to be very valuable.

Eucla Division contains 59,000 square miles, & is almost unoccupied.

Eastern Division contains 491,920 square miles, & comprises the interior of the Colony. The Yilgarn Goldfields are within this division.

Area.—The greatest length of the territory of W. A. from Cape Londonderry in the north to Peak Head (south of King George's Sound) in the south, is 1,450 miles, & its breadth from Steep Point, near Dirk Hartog's Island on the west, to the 129th meridian, on the east, about 850 miles, containing, according to the latest computations, an area of 975,920 square miles, or 624,588,800 acres. The area of the whole Continent of Europe is 3,797,000 square miles, whilst the grand total of the British Dominions is 9,178,071 square miles, & that of Great Britain & Ireland, 120,840 square miles.

DISTRICT ROAD BOARDS.

The formation, construction, and maintenance of the public roads throughout the Colony, excepting those within the boundaries of a municipality, is entrusted to the care of Local Boards, appointed to represent the several Road Board Districts into which the Colony is divided, and which it is optional for the Governor to designate, define, or alter at any time, by notice in the Government Gazette.

The districts as at present constituted are 52 in number, namely:

ARTHUR RIVER
ASHBURTON
AUGUSTA
BEVERLEY
BROOME HILL
BLACKWOOD, LOWER
BUNBURY
CANNING
GLAREMONT
DANDARAGAN
FREMANTLE
GASCOYNE, LOWER
GASCOYNE, UPPER
GERALDTON
GINGIN
GREEN HILLS
GREENOUGH
IRWIN

JANDAKOT
KATANNING
KILMISGOTT
KOJONUP
KIMBERLEY, EAST
KIMBERLEY, WEST
KIMBERLEY GOLDFIELDS
MARRADONG
MINILYA
MOORADONG
MOORUMBINE
MURCHISON
MURRAY
NARROGIN
NANNINE
NELSON
NEWCASTLE

NORTHAM
NORTHAMPTON
PERTH
PERTH, SOUTH
PILBARRA
PLANTAGENET
ROBOURNE
SUSSEX
SWAN
TOODYAY
VICTORIA PLAINS
VICTORIA PARK
WANDERING
WELLINGTON
WILLIAMS
YILGARN
YORK

Roads Boards consist of seven persons, inclusive of the chairman, whom the members choose from amongst themselves.

MUNICIPALITIES.

Showing Year Proclaimed, Name of Division and Electorate, Capital Value of Rateable Property, Annual Revenue, Rates per £, Miles of Streets formed, Estimated Population &c.

Albany Municipality—Division, South-East Province; electorate, Albany. Town clerk, engineer & surveyor, Robert P. Greenshields; mayor, John Moir J.P.; councillors, W. G. Knight J.P., E. Barnett, J. W. Muir, T. Placo, A. Gee, J. Edwards, C. Pearson, E. H. James & F. Turner. Annual value of rate. prop. £25,000; amount of rates, £2,291; rate per £—general rate, 1s.; loans, 6d. & health, 1d.; amount bor-

rowed, £11,000 at 6 per cent.; sinking fund, £1,819; lighted by gas; miles of streets, about 10; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871; estimated population, 3,000
Beverley Municipality—Division, Eastern; electorate, Beverley. Town clerk, W. Voules Brown, Beverley; mayor, Wm. Smith J.P. Beverley; councillors, Edward Langsford, W. F. Horley, P. Whitely, Richard B. Smith, James Wansborough & J. G. Mann

annual value rate. prop. £1,250; amount of rates, £65; rate per £, 1s.; pop. 300; miles of streets, 1 mile 12 ch.; proclaimed 25 March, 1892
Bunbury Municipality—Division, South-West; electorate, Bunbury. Town clerk, James H. Dixon, Financial chmbrs.; mayor, E. M. Clarke, Colonial house; councillors, W. Spencer, G. E. Spencer, J. Banting, J. Moore, J. Sloan & F. Caporn; annual value

rate. prop. £6,000; amount of rates, £300; rate per £, 1s.; pop. 700; miles of streets, 3; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871

Busselton (Vasse)—Electorate, Sussex. Town clerk, W. R. P. Smith, Albert street; mayor, Anthony Moore, Queen street; councillors, Thomas Fox, A. R. Pries, E. A. Pries, George W. Barnard, John Bovell & John A. Holgate; annual value rate. prop. £2,000; amount of rates, £41; rate per £, 6d.; pop. 400; miles of streets, 3; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871

Camarvon Municipality—Division, Central; electorate, Gascoyne. Town clerk, H. A. Gors; mayor, W. E. Fenner; councillors, Michael Carroll, J. Morrell, — Walcott, J. P. Meadows & — Pratt; annual value rate. prop. £20,000; amount of rates, £90; rate per £, 1s.; pop. 250; miles of streets, 3; council meet 1st Monday in every month; proclaimed 19 May, 1891

Coolgardie Municipality—Division, Eastern; electorate, Yilgarn. Town clerk & engineer, J. J. Tucker; councillors, A. W. McDonald, S. P. Askin, A. McKenzie, J. Howard Taylor, A. Leevens & J. L. Hinde; annual value of rate. prop. £21,000; gen. rate, 1s. 6d. & health 3d.; pop. 1,900; proclaimed 1894

Cossack Municipality—Proclaimed 30 November, 1887

Cue Municipality—Division, Gascoyne. Town clerk, A. Brydon; chairman, W. Hepburn Gale; councillors, George Payze, H. Thain, W. Sutton, R. N. Bagot, C. T. Von Arnheim & Dr. R. Ramsay; annual value rate. prop. £5,920; amount of rates, £296; rate per £, 1s.; pop. in municipality 750, in district 2,000; proclaimed 1894

Day Dawn Municipality—Proclaimed January, 1895

Fremantle Municipality—Co. Perth Mayor, G. A. Davies; town clerk, Geo. Bland Humble; town surveyor, E. Howard Gliddon; value rate. prop. £70,579; amount of gen. rates 1s.; special rate, 10d. for loans raised; pop. 7,000 to 8,000; miles of streets, 66; gas supplied by Fremantle

Gas & Coke Co. Lim.; council meets 1st Tues. in each month; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871

Geraldton Municipality—Division, South-West; Electorate, Geraldton. Mayor, C. P. Reilly; town clerk, Thomas W. Stroud; councillors—East ward, T. Rowe, P. Stone & J. Cream; West ward, C. Mitchell, F. H. Critch & R. D. Hutchinson; Central ward, H. Pass, W. H. Jones & E. A. Trigg; annual value rate. prop. £17,334; amount of gen. rate, £798 17s.; loan rate, £433 7s.; health rate, £72 4s.; rate per £, total 1s. 7d.; pop. 2,000; miles of streets, 10; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871

Gingin Municipality—Division, Eastern; Electorate, Moore. Town clerk, W. George, Gingin; mayor, H. Brockman; annual value rate. prop. £1,310; amount of rates, £65; rate per £, 1s.; miles of streets, 2; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1893

Guildford Municipality—Division, South-West; Electorate, Swan. Town clerk, James M. Hubbard, Waylen st. Guildford; mayor, W. G. Johnson J.P.; councillors, F. I. Read, R. Clark, S. J. Sainsbury, W. N. Howell, W. F. Guppy & Rev. George Sadler; treasurer, John Alp ke; annual value rate. prop. £5,612 10s.; amount of rates, £280 12s.; rate per £, 1s.; pop. about 700; miles of streets, 10; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871

Newcastle Municipality—Division, South-West; Electorate, Toodyay. Town clerk, Ernest Al. Archdeacon; councillors, G. A. D. Sinclair, A. J. Wroth & C. Carpanzoli; East ward, James Donegan, H. Davey & D. Connor; mayor, Wm. G. Leeder; annual value rate. prop. £2,118; amount of gen. rates, £90; pop. about 700; miles of streets, about 4; council meets 1st Monday in month; proclaimed 28 Sept. 1877

Northam Municipality—Division, East; Electorate, Northam. Town clerk, J. H. Lloyd, Northam; mayor, Thos. Crookan; councillors, Jas. Byfield, Jn. Sermon, G. H. Smith, James Inglis, O. L. Barnard & Thos. Sinclair; annual value rate. prop. £6,424; amount of rates, £321; rate per £, 1s.,

pop. 1,100; miles of streets, 10 proclaimed 28 Oct. 1879

Northampton Municipality—No returns

Perth Municipality—Province, Metropolitan; Electorates, Perth, West Perth & East Perth. Mayor, Alexr. Forrest (p. r. St. George's terrace); town clerk, W. E. Victor; surveyor, H. G. Castilla A.M.T.C.E.; councillors, Thos. G. Molloy, H. Williams, William Traylen, T. F. Quinlan, W. H. James, John Varyard, John Hurst, R. H. Barrett, H. McKernan, C. J. Reeve, W. J. George & A. Tee, jun.; inspector, T. Halliday; book-keeper, James Corbett; annual value rate. prop. £97,189; amount of rates, £9,160; rates per £—gen. (including gas), 1s. 4d.; special rate, 1s. 8d.; amount borrowed, £45,000; miles of streets formed, about 30; gas supplied by W. A. Gas Co. (rate included in gen.); proclaimed 2 Jan. 1871

Robourne Municipality—Division, North; Electorate, Robourne. Town clerk, A. T. Stanbridge; mayor, Henry Osborn; councillors, H. J. Watson, W. A. Watson, Alfred Hill, William Kruger, Thomas Porter & F. Teesdale; annual value rate. prop. £3,345; amount of rates, £284; rate per £, 1s.; pop. about 400; proclaimed 30 Nov. 1887; meets 1st Monday in month

Southern Cross Municipality—Electorate, Yilgarn. Town clerk, H. P. Ramsay, Southern Cross; mayor, William Oats; councillors, J. J. K. Cohn, C. A. Saw, W. Sheard, R. Cobham, A. E. Booth & H. H. Roche; proclaimed 6 June, 1892; particulars as to rates &c. not supplied

Vasse Municipality, see Busselton

York Municipality—Division, Eastern; Electorate, East. Town clerk, G. A. Stevens, Georgina st.; mayor, Kenneth Edwards J.P.; councillors—South ward, T. H. Thorn, P. G. Evans & Jos. Bower; North ward, R. McKay, A. J. Stewart & J. Kinsdale; East ward, G. E. Inkpen & Henry Pike; annual value rate. prop. £13,307; amount of rates, £600; rate per £, 1s. 1d.; pop. 1,500; miles of streets, 10; proclaimed 4 March, 1871