

2.—THE GASCOYNE DIVISION.

This Division contains an area of 133,000 square miles. The country is, in its present state, only suitable for pastoral purposes, and has been proved to be healthy for all kinds of stock. It is fairly well watered, and is capable of much improvement by fencing the land and conserving and sinking for water. It is generally a very flat country.

Included in this division is the rich Murchison Goldfield. The climate is good, though the heat is great in summer. The average temperature is 72 deg., while the average rainfall is 7.50 inches. The Murchison and Gascoyne Rivers, and their tributaries, drain this important Division.

The rent required per 1,000 acres is 10s. per annum.

3.—THE NORTH-WEST DIVISION.

This Division contains 81,000 square miles. It is a rich pastoral Division, consisting of well grassed plains intersected by bold ranges and hills covered with triodia in most cases. It is capable in the best portions, when fenced in, of carrying a sheep to two acres.

It is fairly well watered, and stock thrive and increase satisfactorily.

The climate is healthy, but the heat in summer is great.

Average temperature 76.5 deg.; average rainfall 9.60 inches.

The Pilbarra Goldfield is within this Division, and is yielding an increasing quantity of gold.

Land rents are for 1,000 acres 10s. per annum.

4.—THE KIMBERLEY DIVISION.

This Division contains an area of 144,000 square miles.

The two principal rivers are the Fitzroy, emptying into King Sound, and the Ord emptying into Cambridge Gulf.

The coast line between King Sound and Cambridge Gulf has been lately surveyed by the Admiralty but the country bordering on it is almost unknown.

The Kimberley Goldfields, situated at the watershed of the Fitzroy and the Ord, have attracted considerable notice, and it is certain will eventually prove to be very valuable; owing however, to their distance from either of the two Ports, Wyndham and Derby, and the great expense of transport, provisions, and the want of suitable labour, they have not thus far had a fair chance of development.

A telegraph line connects Derby and the Goldfields with Perth, and the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company's alternative Cable lands at Roebuck Bay.

There is magnificent country in this division for both sheep and cattle, which, especially the latter, thrive remarkably well, and in the future this portion of the Colony is likely to be a great source of a meat supply for export or home consumption.

The climate is fairly good, though trying, on account of the heat. The land on the alluvial plains is very rich, and, with irrigation, suitable for tropical culture.

Average temperature 83.5 deg.; average rainfall 18.75 inches.

Land rents are similar to those in the North-West Division.

5.—THE EUCLA DIVISION.

This Division contains 59,000 square miles, and is almost unoccupied. That portion eastward of Point Culver is very badly watered, and with the exception of a few places along the coast, it is altogether destitute of permanent water.

The country between the Fitzgerald River and Point Culver is fairly watered and moderately grassed.

The country North of Eucla is an elevated plateau, splendidly grassed and well suited for stock if permanent water could be obtained.

With the exception of a small fringe along the coast this Division is unoccupied, and, unless water is conserved, must remain so.

Average temperature 61 deg.; average rainfall 15.90 inches.

Rents in this division are as follows: For lands West from Point Culver 10s. per annum; and East from Point Culver 5s. per annum for 1,000 acres.

6.—THE EASTERN DIVISION.

This immense Division contains 491,920 square miles, and comprises the interior of Western Australia.

The Yilgarn Goldfields, which lie within this Division are amply fulfilling the hopes originally entertained as to their permanency and richness.

Average temperature 63 deg., and rainfall 10.19 inches.

The land rent required is 2s. 6d. per 1,000 acres for first seven years, 5s. for the remainder of the lease.

PASTORAL LEASES, DURATION OF.

All pastoral leases terminate at end of 1907.

PURCHASE OF LAND.

All town and suburban lands in these divisions must be sold by public auction, at an upset price to be determined by the Governor in Council. Any person may apply to the Commissioner to put up for sale by auction any town or suburban lands already surveyed, on depositing 10 per cent. of the upset price, which is returned if he does not become the purchaser; should the purchaser not have been the applicant, he must pay 10 per cent. on the fall of the hammer; purchase must be completed within thirty days of the date of the auction.

The following is a list of the towns and other localities in which land is open for purchase under the Regulation referred to, showing the upset prices and other particulars:—

TOWN AND SUBURBAN LANDS.

Town.	Upset Prices.		Place of Sale.	Day of month on which Sales are usually held.	Remarks.
	Town Lots per lot.	Suburban Lots per Acre.			
Albany	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Albany	1st Wednesday	
Augusta	50 0 0	10 0 0	Busselton	" "	
Bannister	10 0 0	3 0 0	Katanning	" "	
Beverley	30 0 0	2 0 0	Beverley	" Thursday	
Beelording	—	*6 0 0	Nowanville	" Wednesday	*Sub. Lots, 41 to 122, £30 each.
Boyanup	10 0 0	2 0 0	Bunbury	" "	
Bridgetown	10 0 0	—	Bridgetown	" Thursday	
Broomo	30 0 0	—	Perth	" Friday	
Barracoppin	10 0 0	—	do	" "	
Bunbury	50 0 0	—	Bunbury	" Wednesday	
Busselton	30 0 0	5 0 0	Busselton	" Friday	
Backland Hill	—	20 0 0	Perth	" Friday	
Carnarvon	30 0 0	6 0 0	Carnarvon	" Wednesday	
Child's Well	10 0 0	—	Perth	" Friday	
Carpeneo	—	3 0 0	do	" "	
Cleaverville	15 0 0	—	Roebourne	" Wednesday	
Cossack	30 0 0	—	do	" "	
Conkerup	10 0 0	2 0 0	Pinjara	" "	
Collingup	—	2 0 0	Bunbury	" "	
Cooleville	20 0 0	—	Cooleville	" Friday	
Cottesloe	—	20 0 0	Perth	" "	
Cue	20 0 0	—	Cue	2nd Saturday	