

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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

South-West Division contains 77,980 square miles, & is the most temperate part of Western Australia. It was the portion of the Colony first settled. It is heavily timbered & well watered & capable of supporting a large population.

Western Division contains an area of 133,000 square miles. It is suitable for pastoral purposes, & has been proved to be healthy for all kinds of stock. Included in this division is the Muchison 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.

Kimberley Division contains an area of 144,000 square miles. The Kimberley Goldfields, situated at the watershed of the Fitzroy & the Ord, are within this division.

Eucla Division contains 50,880 square miles, & is almost unoccupied.

Eastern Division contains 49,060 square miles, & comprises the interior of the Colony. The Yilgarn, Coolgardie, East Coolgardie, Dundas, East Murchison & other goldfields of the Eastern Goldfield group 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 1,480 miles, & its breadth from Steep Point, near Dirk Hartog's Island on the west, to the 129th meridian on the east, about 1,000 miles, containing, according to the latest computations, an area of 975,920 square miles, or 624,588,800 acres.

The area of the whole of Europe is 3,823,197 square miles, whilst the grand total of the British Dominions & Protectorates, is 11,334,391 square miles, & that of Great Britain & Ireland 120,840 square miles.

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, Jas. S. Butler C.E.; mayor, C. McKenzie; councillors, R. Bradley, H. J. Moody, J. W. Muir, C. Pearson, F. Dunn, F. R. Dymes, F. Norman & A. Geo.; C. F. Layton, rate collector; C. E. Keyser, sanitary inspector. Annual value of rate, prop. £29,885; amount of rates, £2,739 9s. 2d.; rate per £—general rate, 1s. 3d.; loans, 6d. & health, 1d.; amount borrowed, £10,000 at 6 per cent.; sinking fund, £2,332 3s. 5d.; lighted by gas, miles of streets, about 10; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871; estimated population, 3,500; council meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday in each month.

Beverley Municipality—Division, Eastern; electorate, Beverley. Town clerk, G. E. H. House, Beverley; mayor, Wm. Smith; councillors, Edward Langford, W. F. Horley, P. Whitely, J. Wansbrough, E. Fairhead & H. Monger. Annual value rate, prop. £1,250; amount of rates, £65; rate per £, 1s.; pop. 300; miles of streets, 5; proclaimed 25 March, 1892;

council meets last Thursday in each month.

Boulder City—Electorate, Boulder & East Coolgardie. Town clerk, E. J. Powell; mayor, J. M. Hopkins J.P.; councillors, W. Dart, J. Keegan, A. H. Evans, J. B. Vernon, A. H. De Baux, L. Cullen, A. Foote, P. J. Green & R. Thomson. Annual value rate, prop. £63,484; gen. rate, 1s. 6d.; health rate, 3d.; loan rate, 3d.; pop. 6,000; council meets fortnightly.

Broad Arrow (Kurawa) Municipality—Electorate, North-East Coolgardie. Town clerk & engineer, James Campbell C.E.; mayor, Paul Berthold J.P.; councillors, C. S. Yeoc, Martin Murphy, D. G. Whyte, P. Fielding, Jno. Raffan, Jos. Grant, M. A. Fitzpatrick, J. Devlin & T. Elliott. Annual value rate, prop. £15,000; general rate, 1s.; pop. about 2,000; council meets on alternate Mondays; proclaimed 1897.

Bulong Municipality—Electorate, North-East Coolgardie. Town clerk, Geo. McNaboe J.P.; mayor, R. C. Jones J.P.; councillors, O. Vetter, C. G. Burden, Jno. Stevenson J.P. Jas. Townsend, Jno. S. Lyons & W. G.

McLean. Annual value of rateable prop. £5,888; general rate, 1s. 6d.; special rate, 6d.; pop. 1,000; council meets every alternate Wednesday.

Bunbury Municipality—Division, South-West; electorate, Bunbury. Town clerk, H. I. Farrell; mayor, James Moore; councillors, C. E. Spencer, G. Hayward, M. E. Wallis, J. J. Tuxford, G. Parker, J. Hislop H. Brashaw, W. Brown & W. Prosser. Annual value rate, prop. £18,718; amount of rates, £1,403; rate per £, 1s. 6d.; pop. 2,500; miles of streets, 14; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871; council meets at Municipal chambers twice monthly, 1st & 3rd Mondays.

Busselton (Vasse)—Electorate, Sussex. Mayor, Frank H. Baikhoust, Queen st.; councillors, Thomas Fox, T. Prosser, Jos. Bovell, H. Russell, Geo. Cross & G. W. Barnard; auditors, W. J. Bovell & C. M. Barnard. Annual value rate, prop. £3,045; general rate, 1s. 1d.; health rate, 1d.; pop. 480; miles of streets, 3; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871.

Carnarvon Municipality—Division, Central; electorate, Gascoyne. Town clerk, H. A.

Gors; mayor, John Pincombe; councillors, P. McNish, D. Matheson, E. Bird, R. Gooch. 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.

Claremont Municipality—Town clerk, G. A. Harris C.E.; mayor, James King; councillors, A. Barratt, J. de Castilla, T. J. Briggs, A. G. Ross, E. A. Harney, James Grave, P. J. Fitzpatrick, G. H. Johnston & J. H. Williams (treasurer); med. health officer, Dr. Hodge; inspector, C. H. Evans. Councillors are also members of Health Board; proclaimed 15 June, 1898; council meets 3rd Tuesday in each month; pop. 2,000.

Coolgardie Municipality—Division, Eastern; electorate, Coolgardie. Mayor, Hon. C. Sommers M.L.C.; town clerk, W. J. Cochrane; councillors, J. E. Hardwick, A. P. McCormick, G. M. Dewsnap, J. F. Moore, C. Swanston M.P. Alfred Mercer, L. Levinson, W. T. Eddy, W. J. Vance, J. McC. Smith, D. McKenzie & Shirley White. Annual value of rate, prop. £57,038; amount of rates for year £4,277 17s. od.; gen. rate, 1s. 6d. and health 3d.; pop. 5,000; proclaimed 1894.

Cossack Municipality—Proclaimed 30 November, 1887.

Cue Municipality—Division, Gascoyne. Town clerk, Alex. Mitchell; chairman, W. H. Gale; councillors, Robt. Allan, James Campbell, W. Sutton, O. K. Jaques, C. Stewart & C. O'Brien. Annual value rate, prop. £12,507 10s.; amount of rates, £625 7s. 6d.; rate per £, 1s.; pop. in municipality, 1,000; in district, 2,000; proclaimed 1894; council meets fortnightly.

Day Dawn Municipality—Electorate, Central Murchison. Mayor, J. A. Coonan; town clerk, C. J. Kelly; councillors, J. P. Meehan, Bernard Murphy, Edwd. Scott, J. H. Luke, Victor Vincent & Thos. Murphy. Annual value of rate, prop. (approximate only) £5,500; general rate per £, 1s.; pop. about 500; council meets 1st Tuesday in every month; proclaimed January, 1895.

East Fremantle Municipality—Electorate, East Fremantle. Town clerk, H. H. Parker; mayor, M. L. Moss; councillors, Angwin, McDonald, Box, Knox, Gihsson, Reynolds, Nathan, McCarthy & Thomson. Annual value rate, prop.

£20,000; gen. rate, 1s. 3d.; health rate, 6d.; loan rate, 3d.; pop. 2,500; council meets alternate Wednesdays.

Esperance—South Western Division. Town clerk & engineer, Henry C. Sims J.P.; chairman, E. J. McCarthy; councillors, D. M. Peck, W. E. Hughes, W. E. Dempster, Louis Weise, R. J. Sharkey J.P. & M. A. Agraman; health officer, Dr. W. Farmer. Annual value rate, prop. £11,378 10s.; general rates, 1s. 3d. in £; health rate, 2d.; pop. 1,000; council meets every alternate Tuesday; proclaimed Nov. 1895.

Fremantle Municipality—Mayor, Elias Solomon M.L.A. Town clerk, Major George Bland Humble J.P.; town surveyor, Thos. B. Barnatt; councillors—West ward, Alfred J. Manning, E. W. Davies & Fred Jones; North ward, Thos. O'Beirne, Kenneth McKenzie & Alfred E. Webster; South ward, Wm. C. Forsyth, Wm. B. Putger & Thos. C. Burgess; East ward, Thos. Smith, Geo. Willis & Chas. H. Pierce. Value rate, prop. £121,817; amount of gen. rates, 1s. 2d.; special rate, 1s. for loans raised; pop. town & suburbs, 17,000; miles of streets, 75; gas supplied by Fremantle Gas & Coke Co. Lim.; council meets 1st Tues. in each month; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871.

Fremantle North—See North Fremantle.

Geraldton Municipality—Division, South-West; Province, Central; electorate, Geraldton. Mayor, R. D. Hutchinson J.P.; town clerk, Thomas W. Stroud; councillors—East ward, P. Stone, C. Conway & H. Lester; West ward, W. Moore, E. Pope & F. H. Critch; Central ward, H. Pass, F. G. Armstrong & J. Youard; health officer, C. B. Elliott; town surveyor, C. R. Heath; sanitary inspector & ranger, T. T. Moore; annual value rate, prop. £22,302; gen. rate, 1s.; loan rate, 1s.; health rate, 2d.; pop. 2,500; miles of streets, 10; council meets 1st & 3rd Monday in each month; 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, R. Anwyll-Thomas; mayor, R. J. Wilson; councillors, F. J. Read, James

Jecks, F. Pircey, C. Tattersoll, E. E. Giles, R. Taylor, R. A. Dixon, A. D. Jones & G. H. Holmes; treasurer, S. B. Devenish; annual value rate, prop. £7,208 2s. 3d.; gen. rate per £, 1s. 6d.; health rate, 3d.; pop. 1,343; miles of streets, 14; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871; council meets 1st & 3rd Thursday in each month.

Helena Vale—Eastern Division; Swan electorate. Town clerk, David Pascoe; mayor, Alex. E. Watt; councillors, West ward, T. J. Niland, A. Roberts & F. Meyers; North ward, T. M. Clune, W. Elgee & S.A. Brown; East ward, O. F. Hoakon; Wm. Brown & F. R. Honey; annual value rate, prop. £16,000; general rate per £, 1s. 2d.; health rate per £, 2d.; population, 1,750; the mayor & councillors are the members of the Local Board of Health, the limits of which extend beyond the boundaries of the municipality; meet 1st Thursday in each month; health officer, Dr. J. E. F. Stewart; council meets bi-monthly; proclaimed 1895.

Kalgoorlie—Division, Eastern; electorate, East Coolgardie. Town clerk, Ernest E. Hawkins; mayor, Jno. W. Elmister; councillors, F. A. Chapple J.P. J. D. Connolly, M. S. Smith J.P. M. J. Richardson, A. Richardson M.P. J. G. Aldordice, N. H. Hawkins, W. J. Cutler J.P. & Owen W. Gaze; annual value rate, prop. £112,511; general rate, 1s.; health rate, 1d.; No. 1 loan rate, 3d.; No. 2 loan rate, 3d.; population, 10,000; council meets every alternate Monday; proclaimed May 1st, 1895.

Kanowna—Electorate, Kanowna. Town clerk, A. W. Glover; mayor, Thos. Doyle; councillors, John Barry, G. P. Futeher, Conrad Long, W. McDonald, R. H. James, A. Whitworth, W. A. Wyatt, C. H. Smith & W. Daniel; annual value of rate, prop. £20,882; gen. rate, 1s. 3d.; health rate, 3d. in the £; special loan rate, 3d.; pop. about 2,500; council meets every alternate Tuesday.

Kurawa, see Broad Arrow.

Leederville—Electorate, Subinco. Mayor, John Varyard J.P.; town clerk, H. Barry; councillors, H. G. Ashworth, H. Thompson, G. H. Reece, J. Rae, H. Dickson, W. Thorpe, T. H. Cavanaugh, R. J. Dickson & J. J. Haroon; annual value rate, prop. £12,000; gen. rate, 1s. 6d.; health rate, 4d.; loan rate 5d.; population, 3,000; council meets 1st & 3rd Thursday in each month; proclaimed 1st April, 1896.