

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1877.

RENTAL PER ACRE OF OWNERS IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

The following table gives a summary of the average rental per acre of each class of owners in England and Wales, exclusive of the metropolis:—

Total No. of Owners of	Number.	Extent of Landis.	Gross Estimated Rental.	Average Rental per Acre of each Class.		Proportion p.c. of Land held by each Class.
				£	s.	
less than 1 acre	703 289	151,171	29,127,679	192	14	5
1 acre & under 10	121 933	478 679	6,438,325	13	9	14
10	50	72 610	1,750,080	6	5	53
50	100	25 839	1,791,676	4	3	54
100	500	32 317	6,827,317	2	0	207
500	1,000	4 799	3,317,678	6	4	102
1,000	2,000	2 719	3,799,307	7	9	115
2,000	5,000	1,815	5,529,190	9	5	165
5,000	10,000	681	3,974,725	5	2	121
10,000	20,000	223	3,098,675	4	3	94
20,000	50,000	66	1,917,076	2	3	58
50,000	100,000	3	194,939	1	8	9
100,000 and upwards	1	181,617	161,874	0	18	6
Areas not returned	6,448	—	2,831,452	—	—	—
Rentals not returned	113	1,424	—	—	—	—
Total	972,836	33,013,514	99,352,301	3	0	100

From these figures it will be seen that the holders of 100 and under 500 acres form the class which holds the largest proportion of the land; this class holds 6,827,317 acres, or about one fifth of the whole of England and Wales, exclusive of the metropolis, and a like proportion prevails more or less in thirty-six out of the fifty-four counties.

In looking at the details of each county, in respect of the distribution of land, it will be observed that the major part of the land is in the hands of a few owners; and, without going through the whole of the counties, we take the first three on the list, which, perhaps, may be considered an index to the others. In Bedfordshire 46 owners out of 7684 appear to hold 161,168 acres, which is more than one half of the area of the county; 77 owners out of 7240 in Berkshire hold 244,744 acres out of the 430,848 acres, the total of the county; and in Buckinghamshire 87 out of 9708 hold 245,408 acres, which is more than one half of the county.

There are considerable difficulties as regards the average rental per acre of the several classes in the same county, as well as the averages of the counties themselves, which will be seen by the following statement for the counties. The averages of a few of the counties are somewhat enhanced owing to the fact of some owners having been returned without the extent of their land, such, for instance, as Lancaster, Warwick, Stafford, Durham, &c.:

Counties.	Average Rental.	Counties.	Average Rental.
Lancaster	£14 13	Lincoln	£2 0
Middlesex	11 5	Rutland	2 0
Warwick	6 3	Norfolk	1 19
Surrey	5 15	Suffolk	1 19
Stafford	5 14	Wilts	1 19
Durham	5 12	Devon	1 18
York, W. R.	5 7	Salop	1 17
Chester	5 0	Hereford	1 16
Worcester	3 16	Northumberland	1 16
Kent	3 11	York, N. R.	1 16
Gloucester	3 10	Dorset	1 14
Nottingham	3 2	Cornwall	1 13
Hertford	3 1	Cumberland	1 13
Leicester	2 18	Westmorland	1 6
Monmouth	2 18		
Somerset	2 18		
York, E. R.	2 18	Glamorgan	3 15
Derby	2 17	Flint	2 14
Southampton	2 16	Denbigh	1 6
Sussex	2 16	Carnarvon	1 5
Northampton	2 15	Pembroke	1 2
Bedford	2 10	Anglesey	1 1
Oxford	2 8	Montgomery	1 0
Berks	2 7	Carmarthen	0 16
Buckingham	2 6	Brecknock	0 14
Essex	2 6	Radnor	0 14
Cambridge	2 5	Merioneth	0 12
Huntingdon	2 0	Cardigan	0 10

Average of England and Wales, £3.

OWNERS OF LAND HOLDING OVER ONE HUNDRED ACRES EACH.

ENGLAND.	
Bedford	360
Berks	544
Bucks	665
Cambridge	871
Chester	592
Cornwall	1054
Cumberland	1304
Derby	670
Devon	2327
Dorset	518
Durham	605
Essex	1660
Gloucester	1036
Hereford	764
Hertford	519
Huntingdon	359
Kent	1415
Lancaster	1240
Leicester	890
Lincoln	2062
Middlesex	276
Monmouth	416
Norfolk	1502
Northampton	767
Northumberland	671
Nottingham	583
Oxford	610
Rutland	73
Salop	879
Somerset	1392
Southampton	948
Stafford	742
Suffolk	1342
Surrey	626
Sussex	1032
Warwick	811
Westmorland	518
Wilts	779
Worcester	710
Yorkshire	3762
Total	37,719

WALES.

Anglesey	150	Glamorgan	431
Brecknock	414	Merioneth	283
Cardigan	489	Montgomery	53
Carmarthen	804	Pembroke	486
Carnarvon	213	Radnor	324
Denbigh	444		
Flint	209		
Total	4246	Total	4750

Total: England and Wales, 42,463.

In Northumberland twenty-six gentlemen own half the 1,220,000 acres in the county:—

Name.	Acres.	Name.	Acres.
Mr. S. J. A. Good	15,773	Mrs. B. Ord	13,810
W. Beaumont	14,279	C. W. Orde	13,522
Sir E. Blackell	15,351	Mr. W. J. Pawson	10,913
Earl of Carlisle	17,780	Duke of Portland	10,822
W. H. Charlton	19,730	Lord R. desdale	17,294
Sir H. Claveing	8,344	Mr. J. G. Riddell	12,912
Mr. John Cayton	9,579	Sir M. W. Ridley	9,636
Mr. Ad-son Cresswell	15,251	Mr. J. Ridley	10,367
Earl of Durham	15,807	Mr. W. C. Schy	25,327
Earl Grey	17,599	Sir J. Swinburne	28,057
Sir J. Haggerston	14,285	Earl of Tankerville	28,930
Captain J. Leyland	17,614	Sir W. C. Trevelyan	21,342
Mr. Hugh Lisle	9,975		
Duke of Northumberland	181,616		575,924

OWNERS OF LAND IN IRELAND.

There are in Ireland 68,758 owners of land, of whom 36,144 hold less than one acre, and 32,614 one acre and upwards; the following are the largest owners.

- Antrim.—Lord O'Neill and Earl of Antrim.
- Armagh.—Lord Lurgan and Duke of Manchester.
- Carlow.—Mr. A. M'M. Kavanagh and Mr. H. Bruen.
- Cavan.—Lord Farnham and Earl Annesley.
- Clare.—Lord Leonfield and Marquis Conyngham.
- Cork.—Earl of Bantry and Earl of Bandon.
- Donegal.—Marquis Conyngham and Mr. H. G. M. Stewart.
- Down.—Marquis of Downshire and Trustees of Kilmerey Estate.
- Dublin.—Mr. Charles Cobbe and Earl of Howth.
- Fermanagh.—Marquis of Ely and Earl of Erne.
- Galway.—Richard Berridge and Marquis of Clanricarde.
- Kerry.—Marquis of Lansdowne and Lord Ventry.
- Kildare.—Duke of Leinster and Marquis of Drogheda.
- Kilkenny.—Viscount Clifden and Earl of Bessborough.
- King's.—Lord Digby and Earl of Charleville.
- Leitrim.—Lord Massy and Earl of Leitrim.
- Limerick.—Earl of Devon and Earl of Dunraven.
- Londonderry.—The Drapers' Company and the Skinners' Company.
- Longford.—Earl of Granard and Lord Annaly.
- Louth.—Lord Clermont and Mr. A. H. S. Barry.
- Mayo.—Marquis of Sligo and Viscount Dillon.
- Meath.—Earl of Darnley and Mr. James L. Napier.
- Monaghan.—Marquis of Bath and Earl of Dartrey.
- Queen's.—Sir Charles H. Coote and Lord Castletown.
- Roscommon.—Representative of the Hon. L. H. King-Harman and H. S. P. Mahon.
- Sligo.—Colonel E. H. Cooper and Sir R. G. Booth.
- Tipperary.—Viscount Lisdoon and Lord Dunally.
- Tyrone.—Duke of Abercorn and Earl of Castle Stuart.
- Waterford.—Marquis of Waterford and Lord Stuart de Decies.
- Westmeath.—Earl of Longford and Mr. J. Malone.
- Wexford.—Lord Carew and Lady Adelaide Forbes.
- Wicklow.—Earl Fitzwilliam and Viscount Powerscourt.

THE CONSOLIDATED FUND.

Estimated expenditure for Consolidated Fund services during the year 1876-7, as compared with the actual issues during 1875-6:—

	Estimated, 1876-7	Actual, 1875-6
Interest of the Funded Debt	21,380,000	21,415,292
Management of the Debt	206,500	207,381
Terminable Annuities	5,431,500	5,364,487
Interest of Exchequer Bills, &c.	130,000	132,050
Sum Applicable to Reduction of Debt	552,000	280,150
Permanent charge of Debt	£27,700,000	£27,400,000
Interest on Loans for Local Purposes	160,000	43,750
Interest, &c., on Suez Canal Bonds	150,000	—
Civil List	408,000	406,841
Annuities and Pensions	325,000	328,110
Salaries and Allowances	97,250	97,930
Courts of Justice	639,000	629,652
Miscellaneous	120,750	94,657
	1,500,000	1,557,090
Total	£29,600,000	£29,000,840