NATIONAL EXPENDITURE FROM 1870 TO 1879.

FROM THE STATISTICAL ABSTRACT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The actual amount of national expenditure during the last ten years was as follows:—1870, £68,864.752; 1871, £69,548 539; 1872, £71,490.020; 1873, £70,714,448; 1874, £76,466,510: total for five years under Mr Gladstone's rule, £357,084,269; average of five years, £71,416,853. This shows an increase of eight millions per annum.

The figures for the five years of Lord Beaconsfield's rule are as under:—1875. £74,328.040; 1876, £76,621,773; 1877, £78,125,227; 1878, £82,403.495; 1879. £85,407,789: total of five years' expenditure under Tory rule, £396,886,324; average of the five years, £79,377,264. Thus showing, in round numbers, an average increase of eight millions per annum.

From another return, issued by the National Debt Commissioners, we learn that under

MR. GLADSTONE'S FIVE YEARS.

Net Reduction of National Debt	£26,196,919
Net Remission of Taxes	12,451.298
Total Relief	£38,648,217

LORD BEACONSFIELD'S FIVE YEARS.

Net Reduction of National Debt	£1,204,405
Net Increase of Taxes	1,378,900
Total Increase	£174,495

THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT.

By a recent Order in Council a new standard of Apothecaries' Weights and Measures has been brought into force; and it is enacted that the following denominations shall in future be the standards:—

APOTHECARIES' WEIGHT.

Denomination.	Weight in grains in terms of the Imperial Standard Pound which contains 700 such grains.
Ounces.—10 ounces	4800 grains
8 "	3840 "
6 "	2880 "
4 "	1920 "
2 "	960 "
1 ounce	480 "
Drachms.—4 drachms, or ½ oz. ...	240 "
1 drachm	60 "
Scruples.—2 scruples	40 "

APOTHECARIES' MEASURE.

Denomination.	Containing the following weight of Distilled Water, Temperature - 62 deg. Fahrenheit. Barometer—30 inches. Imperial Pound—7000 grains.
A fluid ounce and the multiples thereof from one to forty fluid ounces	One fluid ounce contains 437·5 grains weight, or 1-160th imperial gallon.
Half a fluid ounce	
A fluid drachm and the multiples thereof from one to sixteen fluid drachms	One fluid drachm equals ⅛th fluid ounce.
Half a fluid drachm	
A minim and the multiples thereof from one to sixty minims ...	One minim equals 1-60th fluid drachm.

AVOIRDUPOIS WEIGHT.

	Cwt	Qrs.	Pounds.	Ounces.	Drachms.
Ounce (437½ grains)	...	...	...	...	16
Pound (7000 grains)	...	...	...	16	256
Stone	...	...	14	224	3,584
Quarter	...	...	28	448	7,168
Hundredweight	...	4	112	1,792	28.672
Ton	20	80	2240	35,840	573,440

POPULATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

ESTIMATED TOTAL POPULATION (exclusive of the Army, Navy, and Merchant Seamen abroad), on June 30, in each of the Years 1874, 1875, and 1876; and TOTAL NUMBER of LIVING BIRTHS, DEATHS, and MARRIAGES, in each of the Years ended Dec. 31, 1873, 1874, and 1875, from the Miscellaneous Statistics of 1879.

——	Years.	England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	United Kingdom.
POPULATION.					
Males	1874	11,512,956	1,656,372	2 573,543	15,742 871
	1875	11,656,400	1,673,105	2,572,088	15,901,593
	1876	11,801,633	1,690,005	2,578,850	16,070,488
Females	1874	12,135,653	1,806,544	2.741,301	16,683,498
	1875	12 288,059	1.822,109	2,737,406	16,847,574
	1876	12,442.377	1.837,806	2,742,768	17,022,951
Total... ...	1874	23,648,609	3,462.916	5,314,844	32,426,369
	1875	23,944,459	3,495.214	5,309,494	32,749,167
	1876	24,241,010	3,527,811	5,321,618	33,093,439
LIVING BIRTHS.					
Males	1873	422.757	61,467	*74,229	558,453
	1874	435,179	63,602	*72.516	571.297
	1875	434.225	63,436	*71,118	568.779
Females	1873	407.021	58,243	*70,148	535,402
	1874	419.777	60.109	*68,772	548.658
	1875	416,382	60,257	*67,202	543.841
Total... ...	1873	829.778	119,700	*144,377	1,093,855
	1874	854.956	123.711	*141,288	1,119,955
	1875	850,607	123,693	*138,320	1,112,620
DEATHS.					
Males	1873	254,985	39,037	*48,956	342,978
	1874	272,178	40,678	*46,474	359,330
	1875	282,202	40,414	*48,924	371,540
Females	1873	237,535	37,909	*48,581	324,025
	1874	254,454	40,042	*45,487	339,983
	1875	264,251	41,371	*49,190	354,812
Total... ...	1873	492 520	76 946	*97,537	667,003
	1874	526.632	80,720	*91,961	699.313
	1875	546,453	81,785	*98,114	726,352
MARRIAGES:—	1873	205,615	26,748	*25,730	258,093
	1874	202.010	26,390	*24,481	252,881
	1875	201,212	25,921	*24,037	251,170

* The Registration consists of groups of Superintending Registrars' districts or Poor-Law Unions.

POPULATION OF BRITISH INDIA, WITH ESTIMATE FOR THE NATIVE STATES.

Provinces.	Divisions.	Districts.	British.	Feudatory States.	Total.
Government of India:					
Ajmere	1	1	316,590	.....	316,590
Berar	2	6	2,231.565	.....	2,231,565
Coorg	1	6	168,312	.....	168,312
Mysore	3	8	5,055,412	.....	5,055,412
Central India States..	...	...	.....	8,360,571	8,360,571
Hyderabad	...	...	.....	9,000,000	9,000.000
Munnipoor	...	...	.....	126,000	126,000
Rajpootana	...	...	.....	9,261,607	9.261,607
Bengal	10	44	60,595.524	2,271,943	62,867,467
Assam	1	13	4,132 019	...	4,132.019
North-West Provinces	7	35	30,781.204	1,091,810	31 873,014
Oudh	4	12	11,220,232	.....	11,220 232
Punjaub...	10	32	17,611,498	5,567,478	23,178,976
Central Provinces ...	4	19	8,201,519	1,049,710	9.251.229
British Burmah ...	3	15	2,747.148	.....	2.747.148
Madras	...	21	30,203,009	4.756,235	34,959,244
Bombay	4	24	16,349,206	8,840,103	25,189,309
Total for British India... ...			189,613,238	50,325,457	239,938,695

TABLE FOR THE CONVERSION OF METRIC WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INTO ENGLISH.

Mètres into yards.		Kilomètres to miles and yards.			Litres into gallons and quarts.			Hectolitres into quarts and bushels.			Kilogrammes into cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	oz.	Hectares into acres	r.	p.
1	1·094	1	0	1094	1	0	0·880	1	0	2·751	1	0	0	2	3½	1	2	1	35
2	2·187	2	1	427	2	0	1·761	2	0	5·502	2	0	0	4	6½	2	4	3	31
3	3·281	3	1	1521	3	0	2·641	3	1	0·254	3	0	0	6	9¾	3	7	1	26
4	4·374	4	2	855	4	0	3·521	4	1	3·005	4	0	0	8	13	4	9	3	22
5	5·468	5	3	188	5	1	0·402	5	1	5·756	5	0	0	11	0¼	5	12	1	17
6	6·562	6	3	1282	6	1	1·282	6	2	0·507	6	0	0	13	3½	6	14	3	12
7	7·655	7	4	615	7	1	2·163	7	2	3·258	7	0	0	15	7	7	17	1	8
8	8·749	8	4	1709	8	1	3·041	8	2	6 018	8	0	0	17	10¼	8	19	3	3
9	9·843	9	5	1043	9	1	3·923	9	3	0·761	9	0	0	19	13¾	9	22	0	38
10	10 936	10	6	376	10	2	0·804	10	3	3·512	10	0	0	22	0¾	10	24	2	34
20	21·873	20	12	753	20	4	1·608	20	6	7·024	20	0	1	16	1½	20	49	1	28
30	32·809	30	18	1129	30	6	2·412	30	10	2·536	30	0	2	10	2½	30	74	0	21
40	43·745	40	24	1505	40	8	3·215	40	13	6·048	40	0	3	4	3	40	98	3	15
50	54 682	50	31	122	50	11	0·019	50	17	1·560	50	0	3	26	3¾	50	123	2	9
60	65·618	60	37	498	60	13	0.823	60	20	5·072	60	1	0	29	4½	60	148	1	3
70	76 554	70	43	874	70	15	1·627	70	24	0·585	70	1	1	14	5¼	70	172	3	37
80	87·491	80	49	1251	80	17	2·431	80	27	4·097	80	1	2	8	6	80	197	2	38
90	98·427	90	55	1627	90	19	3·235	90	30	7·609	90	1	3	2	6½	90	222	1	24
100	109·363	100	62	243	100	22	0·039	100	34	3·121	100	1	3	24	7	100	247	0	18