II.—Tabulated Return showing Number of Members, Hours of Sitting, &c., of the Principal Parliaments of the World-continued.

| Tenure of Office of<br>Members.            | Life.<br>3 years.  | One - third retire<br>every 2 years.<br>3 years.  | : :   | Life.<br>5 years.  | Every 3 years those<br>first on roll retire<br>3 years.                  | 6 years.<br>5 "  | Life.<br>5 years.                                     | 7 years.<br>5 "   |
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| Te   | Life.  | On 3 y  |   | Life.  | Εν<br>3 y  | 6 3  | Life.<br>5 yea  | 7. T. J.  |
| Payment to<br>Members.                     | £210; £140 .<br>£210; £140 .   | 0083  | :   | £200   | : :  | ::   | : :   | Are paid.   |
| Total No.<br>of<br>Hours<br>of<br>Sitting. | н. м.<br>189 28<br>515 33  | 131 23  | 271 8<br>1324 39  | 456 20   | 124 49   | 137 21<br>353 20   | ::  | 344 0   |
| Hours of Sitting after Mid-                | н. м.<br>5 5<br>79 3   | 0 40  | Nil 271   | <br>   | Nil<br>1 48  | 0<br>8<br>6  | ::  | ::  |
| No. of Days<br>of<br>Meeting.              | 63<br>69<br>(av. for 5 yrs.<br>to 1885, 67<br>days)                                      | 38<br>76<br>(av. for nine<br>sess. to 1880,<br>64 days)   | 99<br>180<br>(av. for 5 yrs.<br>to 1882, 96<br>days)                                  | 19.  | 47 75 (av. to 1880, 82.3 days)   | 45<br>69<br>(av. to 1880,<br>34 days)                            | ::  | 59  |
| Average<br>Duration of<br>Sitting.         | H. M.<br>3 0<br>7 28<br>(av. for 5 yrs.<br>to 1885, 7h.<br>27m.)                         | 3 27<br>5 48<br>(av. for nine<br>sess. to 1880,<br>6h. 51m.)  | 2 44<br>7 21<br>(av. for 5 yrs.<br>to 1882, 6h.<br>13m.)                              | 6.49   | ( 2 39<br>5 39<br>(av. to 1880,  | 3 3<br>5 7<br>(av. to 1880,<br>4h. 28m.)                         | 0.8   | 5 49  |
| Hour of<br>Separating<br>(average).        | : :  |   |   | not available  | ;  | : :  | :   | 2 p.m 6 p.m<br>2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and 8<br>p.m. to 11 p.m.                 |
| Hour of<br>Meeting.                        | 2.30 p.m<br>2.30 p.m   | 4.30 p.m<br>and Thurs.,<br>hour of meet-  | 4 p.m   | of Legislative Council d., Thurs. 3 p.m 1 p.m ptt 3 p.m            | 2 p.m.   | 4 p.m  | 9 p.m.  | 2 p.m 6 p.r.<br>2 p.m. to 6 p.m.,<br>p.m. to 11 p.m.                      |
| Days of Sitting.                           | Tues., Wed., Thurs.,<br>Friday<br>Tues., Wed., Thurs.,<br>Fri.; after July 27,<br>Monday | Tues., Wed., Thurs. 4.30 p.m  Tues., 4 p.m.; Wed. and Thurs., 3 p.m. On Nov. 18 hour of meeting on Wed. and Thurs. altered to 1.30 p.m. | Wed., Thurs., and<br>after Aug. 6, 1884,<br>Tuesday<br>Tues., Wed., Thurs.,<br>Friday | Journals of Legislat<br>Tues., Wed., Thurs.<br>Friday              | Tues., Wed., Thurs.  | Tues., Wed., Thurs.,<br>Friday                                   | Mon., Tues., Wed.,<br>Thurs., Friday                  | Tues., Thurs<br>Mon., Wed., Friday  |
| Duration of Session.                       | 14 weeks 6 days (average for 5 years to 1885, 3½ months)                                 | 26 weeks 3 days   | 1 year 26 days  | 19 weeks 3 days  | 37 weeks 2 days  | 21 weeks (average duration to 1880, 83 days)                     | 2½ months to 3 months                                 | ::  |
| Time of Session.                           | 53 June 11 to Sep. 22  | 42 June 17 to December 18 ber 18 Ditto  | October 9, 1883,<br>to November 1,<br>1884<br>Ditto                                   | July 7, 1885, to<br>Nov. 19, 1885                                  | June 4 to Dec. 11  | 16 July 1 to Novem-<br>32 ber 24                                 | Early in February                                     |   |
| Nembers.                                   |  |   | 121   | 33<br>55   | 52   |  | 0<br>77<br>213  | 74  |
| Population.                                | 614,812  | 961,276   | 921,268   | 309,913  | 312,781  | 130,541  | 4,324,810<br>   | 1,027,168   |
| Country.                                   | New Zealand (1886)—<br>Leg. Council (Sess. 1885)<br>H. of Reps. "                        | Victoria (1884)—<br>Leg. Council (Sess. 1885)<br>Leg. Assembly "  | New South Wales (1884)— Leg. Coun. (Sess. 1883-4) Leg. Assem. "                       | Queensland (1884)—<br>Leg. Council (Sess. 1885)<br>Leg. Assembly " | South Australia (1884)—<br>Leg. Council (Sess. 1885)<br>H. of Assembly " | Tasmania (1884)—<br>Leg. Council (Sess. 1884)<br>Leg. Assembly " | Canada (1881)—<br>Senate (Sess. 1885)<br>H. of Com. " | Cape of Good Hope (1883)<br>Leg. Council (Sess. 1880)<br>H. of Assembly " |