

to about \$300,000 annually. Over \$100,000 a year is spent on public roads, which are the best in the State. All public roads in the county are sprinkled every day throughout the dry season, keeping them in excellent condition. The county has no debt, and only needs to raise by taxation sufficient funds for current expenses. That the people are fairly well satisfied with the conduct of county affairs is evinced by the fact that delinquent taxes rarely amount to more than \$250, though the amount raised annually averages about \$650,000. The rate of taxation is lower than in any other county in the State except Yolo. Statements furnished by the Assessor to the Board of Supervisors for the past five years give the following figures:—

YEAR.	VALUATION.	RATE PER \$100.	AMOUNT RAISED.
1894.....	\$56,512,650.....	\$1.25	\$640,752.32
1895.....	56,728,125.....	1.45	755,919.55
1896.....	59,524,700*.....	1.30	704,409.12
1897.....	50,629,867†.....	1.38	629,558.81
1898.....	51,228,807.....	1.40	657,745.54

*Assessment raised 5% by State Board of Equalization.

†Assessment reduced 10% by State Board of Equalization.

PEOPLE.

The population of the county in 1890 was 47,895. At present it is about 60,000. It is cosmopolitan in character, though a great majority are Americans. The county originally was settled by the Spanish, and about 5 per cent of the present population are of that nationality.

INDUSTRIES.

The industries of Santa Clara County, while many and somewhat varied, are not equal to the increasing demands. Chief among them is of course the fruit industry. Canneries and fruit drying plants, with their acres of floorage, thousands of fruit trays and miles of track, abound in all sections of the valley. Some idea of the extent of the canning industry may be gained from the statement that a single company has canned in one day no less than 111,000 cans of fruit. Their output for the season was over 5,000,000 cans. One fruit drying yard covers over 40 acres, and they have over 40,000 trays. One firm made over 2,000,000 fruit cans, and another firm over 1,000,000 fruit boxes last season. The lumber trade is also a heavy industry in this county, the freightage of one firm being over \$100,000 per year. Clothing is made here from cloths manufactured at the San Jose Woolen Mills. Many of the largest buildings in San Francisco have been supplied with San Jose terra cotta. Our elegant new Hall of Records was built by our Western Granite and Marble Company. The stone for our new Government postoffice came from the Greystone Quarry, six miles south, which quarry also supplied the stone for the Leland Stanford Jr. University. Our building trades industries, wood and metal working, household and general supply factories, etc., are, however, unequal to the demands of our section, and many lines of goods that should be made here are purchased abroad. Time alone will remedy these shortcomings. Agriculture and stock-raising are also important industries with us. So is dairying and the manufacture of cheese. Manufacturers of agricultural implements, wagons and