

INTERCHANGE.

COMMERCE.

**Customs and
Excise.** By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries and among the States was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on 1st January, 1901. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on 8th October, 1901, from which date the duties came into effect. The Tariff Act was assented to on 16th September, 1902. Extensive alterations of duties were made by Tariffs brought down on 8th August, 1907, 3rd December, 1914, 25th March, 1920, 4th March, 1926, and 25th November, 1927. On the 4th April, 1930, the importation of 78 classes of goods was prohibited by proclamation. The principal items affected were of a luxury nature. The prohibition was finally removed on the 31st August, 1932. The present Tariff which also very materially altered previous duties came into operation and was assented to on 4th December, 1933. This Tariff includes amendments arising out of the determinations of the Ottawa Conference 1932, and provides for a greater margin of preference to most goods of United Kingdom origin. There are two scales of duties—British Preferential and General. The first relates to goods which are the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, but its provisions may be applied wholly or in part to non-self-governing British colonies, some of which are now obtaining the benefits of these provisions in respect of certain specified goods. Australia also has separate Tariff agreements with the Dominions of Canada and New Zealand, and Papua and the Territory of New Guinea.

A Custom Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act assented to on 4th December, 1933, varies the duty imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933 in respect of a large range of goods which fall under the British Preferential Tariff of specified items deemed to be protective in their incidence and section 5 of that Act is quoted hereunder :—

The duties of Customs (other than primage duty and duty imposed by the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act* 1921-1922 or any Act amending or in substitution for that Act) which would, but for the provisions of this Act, be payable on goods to which protective duties apply and which are admissible under the British Preferential Tariff and which are entered for home

consumption on or after the fifth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, shall be varied in accordance with the following provisions :—

- (a) Whenever at the date of exportation of any such goods Australian currency is depreciated to the extent of not less than sixteen and two-thirds per centum in relation to the currency of the British country from which those goods are imported, a deduction from the amount of duty payable on those goods in accordance with any law of the Commonwealth for the time being in force imposing Duties of Customs (other than primage duty and duty imposed by the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-1922* or any Act amending or in substitution for that Act) or in accordance with Customs Tariff proposals shall be made of—
- (i) one-fourth of that amount of duty ; or
 - (ii) twelve and one-half per centum of the value for duty, whichever is the less ; and
- (b) Whenever at the date of exportation of any such goods Australian currency is depreciated to the extent of not less than eleven and one-ninth per centum and less than sixteen and two-thirds per centum in relation to the currency of the British country from which those goods are imported, a deduction from the amount of duty payable on those goods in accordance with any law of the Commonwealth for the time being in force imposing Duties of Customs (other than primage duty and duty imposed by the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-1922* or any Act amending or in substitution for that Act) or in accordance with Customs Tariff proposals shall be made of—
- (i) one-eighth of that amount of duty ; or
 - (ii) six and one-quarter per centum of the value for duty, whichever is the less.

**Primage
Duty.**

In addition to duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933 *ad valorem* primage duties at rates of 4 per cent., 5 per cent., or 10 per cent. according to the type of goods and origin thereof are charged. Goods of New Zealand origin are exempt from primage duty as are a number of specified goods for use by primary producers whilst many machines, tools of trade and raw materials not manufactured in Australia are also free of primage duty when subject to the British Preferential Tariff. Primage duty was originally imposed on 10th July, 1930. The rate of duty was then $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. *ad valorem* and it was charged on all goods whether dutiable or not dutiable, excepting bullion, specie, radium, and certain other special imports.

**Recorded
Value of
Imports and
Exports.**

The recorded value of goods imported represents the amount on which duty is payable or would be payable if the duty were charged *ad valorem*. Such amount is:—

- (a) (i) the actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus any special deduction, or
- (ii) the current domestic value of the goods, whichever is the higher; plus
- (b) all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at port of export; plus
- (c) ten per cent. of the total of (a) and (b) as representing cost of insurance, freight and other charges.

When the value of imported goods is shown on invoices in any currency other than British, the equivalent value in British currency is ascertained according to the commercial rates of exchange.

The value of goods exported is, generally, taken to represent the value in the principal markets of the State in the ordinary commercial acceptance of the term. As the sale price abroad of the following items was less than their value in the principal markets of the Commonwealth, an alteration to the following effect was made in the method of valuation of such goods on export as from 1st July, 1929:—

- (1) *Sugar*—the value f.o.b. at which sold to overseas buyers;
- (2) *Butter*—the current market value less the amount paid as export bonus;
- (3) *Goods on which bounty or rebate is paid on export*—the value in the principal markets of the Commonwealth less the amount of any bounty or rebate payable.

From 1st July, 1930, the following basis of valuation was adopted for exports of wool, viz. :—

Wool sold in Australia—the actual price paid plus the cost of services incurred in placing the wool on board ship.

Wool shipped on consignment—the f.o.b. equivalent of ruling prices.

From 1st July, 1932, the following basis of valuation was adopted for export of wheat, viz. :—

Wheat sold in Australia for export—the f.o.b. equivalent of the price at which the wheat was sold.

Wheat shipped on consignment—the f.o.b. equivalent of the current selling price overseas.

The recorded values of the goods exported are in terms of Australian currency and include the cost of containers.

**Variation in
External
Exchange
Position.**

As a result of the disturbed state of Australia's financial position the rate of exchange—the telegraphic transfer selling rate for £100, Australia on London—had reached £130 10s. on 29th January, 1931. This rate was reduced to £125 10s. on 3rd December, 1931, and has since remained constant.

The variation in the exchange rate has an important bearing on trade figures and it should be taken into account when consideration is being given to balance of trade.

**Oversea
Trade of
Victoria.**

The total values and the values per head of population of imports from and exports to oversea countries for the five years 1928-29 to 1932-33 are set forth hereunder:—

**RECORDED VALUE OF VICTORIAN OVERSEA IMPORTS
AND EXPORTS, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.**

Year.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.*	Total.	Per Head of Population.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).				
	£	£	£	£ - s. d.
1928-29	45,849,841	155,809	46,005,650	26 2 5
1929-30	42,178,662	122,431	42,301,093	23 15 7
1930-31	20,152,675	152,526	20,305,201	11 6 6
1931-32	15,771,949	271,868	16,043,817	8 17 10
1932-33	21,197,497	319,491	21,516,988	11 17 1
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).				
1928-29	37,805,020	1,285,687	39,090,707	22 3 11
1929-30	22,839,787	13,660,156	36,499,943	20 10 5
1930-31	22,270,997	4,298,703	26,569,700†	14 16 5
1931-32	24,346,345	3,240,975	27,587,320†	15 5 10
1932-33	26,797,014	3,153,054	29,950,068†	16 10 1

* Includes gold, silver, and bronze specie, and gold and silver bullion.

† The estimated British Currency value was £22,578,000 in 1930-31, £21,714,000 in 1931-32, and £23,917,000 in 1932-33.

Percentage
of Common-
wealth Trade.

Victoria's portion of the value of Commonwealth trade for each of the last five years is shown in the table which follows:—

Year.	Commonwealth Trade—			Victoria's Portion of Commonwealth Trade—		
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
	£	£	£	%	%	%
1928-29 ..	143,647,881	141,632,589	285,280,470	32.0	27.8	29.9
1929-30 ..	131,081,320	125,127,148	256,208,468	31.9	29.1	30.5
1930-31 (a) ..	60,959,633	104,354,638	..	33.3	25.4	..
1930-31 (b) ..	60,959,633	88,904,142	149,863,775	33.3	25.4	30.8
1931-32 (a) ..	44,712,868	107,967,143	..	35.9	25.6	..
1931-32 (b) ..	44,712,868	85,002,631	129,715,499	35.9	25.6	29.2
1932-33 (a) ..	58,013,860	121,267,974	..	37.1	24.7	..
1932-33 (b) ..	58,013,860	96,857,471	154,871,331	37.1	24.7	29.3

(a) Recorded values.

(b) British Currency values.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.

The recorded values of the principal articles imported from oversea countries into Victoria during each of the last four years are shown below in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification of 21 classes.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIA DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1929-30 TO 1932-33.

(British Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1930	1931.	1932.	1933.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£	£	£	£
Butter	155	169	62	..
Cheese	10,462	800	657	2,144
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins ..	335,774	126,897	116,786	120,099
All other	102,520	59,787	38,868	35,714
Meats	92,177	40,616	32,572	37,522
All other Animal Foodstuffs	13,072	9,434	4,442	3,999
Total, Class I. ..	554,160	237,703	193,387	199,478

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1929-30 TO 1932-33—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.	£	£	£	£
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Cocoa				
Butter, &c.	37,872	18,868	5,662	1,435
Cocoa and Chocolate	113,261	52,670	48,407	75,417
Coffee and Chicory	69,637	29,275	33,646	34,174
Confectionery	53,078	3,442	2,951	8,955
Fruits, Dried	44,055	12,478	22,994	17,983
Fruits, Fresh	10,474	38	227	3,457
Fruits &c., Preserved	20,827	848	290	1,273
Grain and Pulse—				
Rice	10,639	4,642	3,082	2,733
All other	18,238	22,415	24,672	13,690
Hops	518	792	342	191
Mustard	23,680	23,909	14,435	20,858
Nuts, Edible	120,575	70,046	77,222	57,460
Pickles and Sauces	19,202	3,707	909	2,032
Sago and Tapioca	19,408	11,691	14,391	9,763
Spices	93,543	51,523	37,884	31,264
Tea	677,115	483,535	294,113	259,228
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	151,417	59,932	54,296	64,027
Total, Class II.	1,483,339	855,811	635,523	603,940
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, and Porter, &c. ..	47,498	13,346	7,471	9,369
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	27,514	2,124	2,064	5,512
Gin	56,137	836	1,217	2,086
Whisky	168,097	111,170	50,396	86,632
Other	9,244	2,739	2,023	3,041
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling	18,597	1,579	72	2,974
Other	10,474	1,639	1,236	2,999
Total, Class III.	337,561	133,503	64,479	112,613
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	27,888	6,231	5,072	5,863
Unmanufactured	341,873	381,842	185,322	297,807
Cigars	29,048	8,070	2,994	2,122
Cigarettes	123,102	19,322	1,776	2,608
Snuff	360	244	297	297
Total, Class IV.	522,271	415,709	195,461	308,697

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INTO VICTORIA, 1929-30 TO 1932-33—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	46,112	12,189	11,768	19,061
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	21,970	10,415	16,422	6,680
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	221,437	77,867	68,250	121,900
Other	198,041	96,500	88,006	116,327
Silk, Raw	212,645	230,391	228,140	214,088
Wool	188,099	14,439	17,138	21,287
All other Animal Substances ..	57,251	21,164	25,049	42,125
Total, Class VI. ..	899,443	450,776	443,005	522,407
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUB- STANCES AND FIBRES.				
Fibres—				
Flax and Hemp	186,760	112,686	112,125	114,363
Kapok	70,236	38,341	25,861	31,832
All other	104,445	50,638	59,441	100,775
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats. &c. ..	10,465	4,266	28,621	38,497
Gums and Resins	108,821	54,000	53,776	69,922
Pulp for Papermaking	132,262	125,442	113,127	149,937
Seeds	152,823	93,882	94,000	79,561
Tanning Substances	33,047	20,123	18,603	21,637
All other Vegetable Substances	48,744	30,735	24,782	30,708
Total, Class VII. ..	847,603	530,113	530,336	637,232
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFAC- TURED FIBRES.				
(a) <i>Apparel.</i>				
Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c.	92,317	16,874	4,518	13,906
Boots and Shoes	175,361	42,550	62,788	77,070
Corsets	25,356	3,570	2,043	3,231
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	166,289	63,815	51,246	102,306
Gloves	246,380	115,388	140,488	185,920
Hats and Caps	268,863	49,821	43,740	47,066
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stock- ings)	301,712	21,236	4,043	7,573
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	63,918	2,083	191	6,648
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	32,796	9,858	2,078	2,639
Trimmings	349,343	248,776	175,758	165,363
Other	292,221	74,835	62,955	102,395

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INTO VICTORIA, 1929-30 TO 1932-33—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES— <i>continued.</i>	£	£	£	£
(b) <i>Textiles.</i>				
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	271,135	94,151	118,224	165,347
Cotton and Linen	2,988,427	1,503,470	1,642,009	2,027,870
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	213,601	102,381	110,155	166,878
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	149,459	72,372	84,859	91,972
Silk	2,179,207	1,234,578	1,083,897	1,241,063
Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, &c.	217,866	130,356	126,960	146,266
Woollen	553,933	96,929	30,193	63,805
Other	370,812	210,243	207,995	327,016
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c.	746,602	291,349	241,394	405,758
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	323,602	164,298	177,297	209,132
All other Textiles	569,129	263,090	162,167	240,978
(c) <i>Manufactured Fibres.</i>				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder	198,093	77,326	41,702	71,037
Corn and Flour	616,804	817,480	402,691	604,037
All other	132,021	101,488	95,550	94,381
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	41,062	18,906	23,081	45,750
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	369,181	213,555	254,592	261,681
Cotton	607,299	300,006	286,515	370,158
Wool	169,166	23,578	15,411	22,043
Other	50,104	24,955	12,878	12,724
Total, Class VIII.	12,782,059	6,389,317	5,667,418	7,282,013
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Oils (in bulk)—				
Kerosene, &c.	219,279	137,681	78,796	158,849
Lubricating (Mineral)	342,119	222,129	151,691	238,559
Petroleum, Crude.	237,042	165,888	142,375	169,201
Petroleum and Shale Spirit	2,062,278	1,224,730	858,727	1,014,437
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	254,658	224,100	202,359	227,181
Total, Class IX.	3,115,376	1,974,528	1,433,948	1,808,227
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	215,596	82,359	91,137	119,466
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	612,095	141,116	67,245	116,741

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INTO VICTORIA, 1929-30 TO 1932-33—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Electrical Machinery and Appliances—				
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	284,139	114,087	74,529	104,096
Dynamo Machines ..	188,400	88,631	60,222	45,755
Telephones and Switchboards ..	114,643	40,816	5,418	19,471
Wireless and Parts ..	149,994	88,510	54,766	66,182
Other	780,491	342,706	118,308	145,971
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural)	148,553	55,438	16,805	33,492
Engines	423,652	172,978	58,457	54,061
All other Machines and Machinery	1,767,012	758,888	472,338	709,228
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures, other than Machinery.</i>				
Alloys	114,437	48,281	28,261	33,707
Gas Appliances	21,440	6,075	4,891	7,418
Iron and Steel—				
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	282,355	112,839	70,613	124,690
Pig and Scrap	15,444	3,087	1,778	2,862
Plate and Sheet	1,251,094	489,366	460,628	571,642
Girders, Beams, Channels, Joists, &c.	92,130	163	233	331
Wire	234,391	46,635	28,181	40,687
Railway and Tramway Material	14,771	790	295	1,778
Lamps and Lampware	140,645	38,843	27,197	61,247
Pipes and Tubes	364,140	153,642	76,416	141,983
Plated Ware and Cutlery	180,944	75,326	54,176	102,040
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	267,876	124,180	95,598	159,781
Vehicles—				
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c. ..	146,339	34,107	11,030	29,928
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c. ..	195,214	4,490	829	5,493
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c. ..	1,945,129	277,600	211,356	821,015
Other, and Parts.	613,031	193,616	113,705	263,941
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	1,119,392	476,305	342,992	456,137
Total, Class XII.	10,858,666	3,747,399	2,389,022	4,002,936

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article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1930.	1931.	1932	1933.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIII. — RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>				
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	382,048	142,080	139,828	162,837
Rubber Manufactures	261,091	131,425	130,965	131,973
(b) <i>Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>				
Glace Kid	81,480	5,385	169	711
Patent and Enamelled	3,075	365	10	141
All other	100,497	38,318	27,377	27,682
Total, Class XIII. ..	828,191	317,573	298,349	323,344
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.				
Timber—				
Dressed	566,955	79,004	33,845	58,743
Undressed	864,423	216,169	208,616	342,424
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	199,318	120,840	74,345	83,181
Total, Class XIV. ..	1,630,696	416,013	316,806	484,348
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE.				
Cement (Portland)	6,539	1,092	737	1,751
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	218,406	128,908	92,695	145,381
Glass and Glassware	330,469	112,785	78,329	146,320
All other Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass, and Stoneware	69,778	18,934	8,846	28,748
Total, Class XV. ..	625,192	261,719	180,607	322,200

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Paper—</i>				
Cardboard and other Paper				
Boards	121,442	57,170	47,253	65,977
Printing	1,009,014	562,119	538,329	601,002
Wrapping of all Colours ..	128,532	72,334	64,893	74,750
Writing and Typewriting ..	228,831	154,243	118,177	148,363
All other	211,541	136,881	135,593	190,848
(b) <i>Stationery and Paper Manufactures—</i>				
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	401,771	336,348	230,853	233,404
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. ..	84,313	37,994	23,348	14,224
Pens and Pencils	57,961	41,366	23,903	37,501
All other.. .. .	282,488	184,242	115,038	124,682
Total, Class XVI. ..	2,525,893	1,582,697	1,297,387	1,490,751
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Fancy Goods	400,872	202,350	123,968	123,119
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	175,140	59,101	45,851	68,876
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	157,038	63,582	40,807	81,632
Total, Class XVII.	733,050	325,033	210,626	273,627
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c... .. .	105,879	70,561	67,092	75,250
Talking Machines — Phonographs, &c.	34,326	7,369	4,153	2,860
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	168,469	75,490	55,181	65,323
Total, Class XVIII. ..	308,674	153,420	126,426	143,433
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS				
Acids	64,947	33,656	30,984	48,306
Cream of Tartar	48,027	5,184	4	181
Dyes	96,065	74,486	125,476	166,383
Fertilizers	537,828	243,216	123,802	222,135
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous)	52,679	24,745	21,001	28,074

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1929-30 TO 1932-33—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—<i>continued.</i>	£	£	£	£
Perfumery and Toilet Prepara- tions	116,861	56,242	38,149	43,225
Proprietary Medicines	74,981	53,638	37,949	49,686
Sodium Salts	109,644	99,450	126,380	144,985
Spirits and Spirituous Prepara- tions	74,810	26,162	8,531	12,083
Sulphur (Erimstone).. .. .	217,978	120,810	114,908	221,807
All other Drugs and Chemicals	388,366	256,226	238,544	284,010
Total, Class XIX.	1,782,186	993,815	865,728	1,220,875
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explo- sives	266,260	194,446	103,902	224,841
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c.	92,948	24,808	13,699	26,838
Brushware	105,101	50,618	23,386	45,271
Matches and Vestas	29,927	300	11	340
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos and Parts	63,676	7,577	514	815
Other and Parts	45,541	20,033	10,255	12,949
Soap and Soap Substitutes	33,667	5,145	5,578	12,540
All other Articles	833,379	828,955	595,946	882,514
Total, Class XX.	1,470,499	1,131,882	753,291	1,206,108
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	114,164	147,200	269,625	316,581
Silver	8,214	5,242	2,148	2,833
Bronze—Specie	53	84	95	77
Total, Class XXI.	122,431	152,526	271,868	319,491
Grand Total	42,301,093	20,305,201	16,043,817	21,516,988

The articles imported were mainly manufactured goods. Apparel, textiles, manufactured fibres, machinery, and manufactures of metal amounted to over 54 per cent. of the total value of imports in the last five years. Excluding bullion and specie, the imports for 1932-33 showed an increase of £5,425,548, as compared with the previous year.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Exports.

The recorded values of the principal articles exported to oversea countries from Victoria during each of the last four years are shown hereunder in 21 divisions, in accordance with the statistical classification :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIA DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1929-30 TO 1932-33.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Butter	2,668,755	2,998,170	3,972,723	4,005,971
Cheese	5,172	24,113	59,347	107,947
Eggs	35,135	83,776	151,729	240,777
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	13,016	5,896	4,131	3,452
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	10,471	10,412	30,028	90,352
Lamb	1,279,836	1,075,532	1,186,155	1,521,078
Mutton	248,021	186,903	190,621	197,056
Pork	481	71,719	38,993	54,812
Rabbits and Hares ..	123,492	157,665	148,058	170,899
Preserved in Tins.. ..	15,607	9,206	10,402	16,646
Sausage Casings	162,934	120,545	75,567	118,907
Other	11,420	21,993	23,770	58,063
Milk and Cream	985,292	611,646	625,424	900,778
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	4,004	3,159	3,410	2,926
Total, Class I.	5,563,636	5,380,735	6,520,358	7,489,664
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Biscuits	37,059	23,734	17,484	15,161
Fruits, Dried	1,426,593	1,531,659	1,278,327	1,507,299
Fruits, Fresh	428,989	279,700	173,112	687,583
Fruits, Preserved in liquid ..	469,327	427,268	399,526	475,636
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat.. .. .	690,247	3,016,409	4,246,048	3,621,571
Other	41,078	67,152	66,702	47,769
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten)	1,880,057	1,221,250	1,347,302	1,564,396
Other	10,570	16,344	43,314	47,688
Jams and Fruit Jellies	6,411	7,132	10,119	5,982
Tea	19,411	8,147	4,662	13,609
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	105,168	90,509	76,622	66,486
Total, Class II.	5,114,900	6,689,304	7,663,218	8,053,180

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1929-30 TO 1932-33—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.. ..	96,157	91,375	87,640	70,124
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.. ..	177,141	168,265	137,578	112,236
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	61,682	34,459	33,103	40,264
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	67,018	83,923	21,113	38,190
Opossum	59,240	173,622	32,655	10,139
Rabbit and Hare	441,074	143,672	126,088	127,598
Sheep	1,363,874	889,836	492,081	663,732
Other	51,598	50,620	22,188	33,437
Wool—				
Greasy	7,031,516	6,369,274	7,017,683	7,757,782
Scoured and Washed ..	831,918	561,264	641,220	850,457
Tops, Noils and Waste ..	25,706	30,176	35,628	30,697
All other Animal Substances ..	17,736	20,970	12,364	14,841
Total, Class VI	9,889,680	8,323,357	8,401,020	9,526,873
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES ..	63,841	29,986	22,848	20,270
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	2,096	8,137	33,078	33,426
All other Apparel	51,861	61,785	65,561	80,437
All other Textiles, including Bags, Cordage, Yarns, &c. ..	130,811	105,390	76,135	91,052
Total, Class VIII.	184,768	175,312	174,774	204,915
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Tallow—Unrefined	256,863	133,801	220,611	240,262
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	55,171	33,054	35,895	44,741
Total, Class IX.	312,034	166,855	256,506	285,003
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	1,786	2,539	5,065	5,268
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	28,018	5,446	10,855	7,409

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1929-30 TO 1932-33—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Machines and Machinery ..	198,769	182,391	126,738	100,540
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery.</i>				
Iron and Steel	25,935	20,081	24,434	28,037
Lead—Pig and in Matte ..	1,493	2,108	369	13
Tin Ingots	8,084	3,296	37	28
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	377	11,497	7,268	7,725
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof	169,636	163,389	107,113	125,580
Total, Class XII. ..	404,294	382,762	265,959	261,923
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
Rubber and Manufactures ..	19,015	22,744	18,393	22,966
Leather and Manufactures ..	123,910	115,219	135,590	164,582
Total, Class XIII. ..	142,925	137,963	163,983	187,548
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..				
	26,138	24,096	24,701	23,432
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE				
	16,133	15,253	24,842	27,041
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
Paper	16,136	11,506	12,356	9,275
Stationery	53,926	43,871	32,330	32,024
Total, Class XVI. ..	70,062	55,377	44,686	41,299
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones, Unset ;				
Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	40,963	22,512	15,554	16,704
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, and Fancy Goods ..	28,877	18,997	17,179	22,280
Total, Class XVII. ..	69,840	41,509	32,733	38,984

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1929-30 TO 1932-33—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS..	58,295	68,587	43,152	56,984
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	64,539	21,674	23,431	14,341
Fertilizers	5,841	1,914	3,176	1,376
Medicines	5,027	6,633	5,086	3,725
Oil—Eucalyptus	53,500	37,858	34,112	35,405
All other Drugs and Chemicals	37,545	36,358	45,979	52,207
Total, Class XIX. ..	166,452	104,437	111,784	107,054
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Soap	217,483	207,902	152,582	110,427
Vessels transferred abroad ..	46,000	50,500	11,250	...
All other Articles	128,522	114,978	167,708	127,116
Total, Class XX. ..	392,005	373,380	331,540	237,543
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	13,653,275	4,239,731	3,198,015	3,134,058
Silver	6,876	51,104	24,179	15,952
Bronze	5	7,868	18,781	3,044
Total, Class XXI. ..	13,660,156	4,298,703	3,240,975	3,153,054
Australian produce	36,019,351	26,067,195	27,216,065	29,659,326
Other produce	480,592	502,505	371,255	290,742
Grand Total	36,499,943	26,569,700	27,587,320	29,950,068

The export trade consists largely of agricultural and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, skins, and milk and cream exported during the last five years amounted to more than 92 per cent. of the total Australian produce exported (merchandise only) for that period—wool alone represented over 35 per cent. Excluding bullion and specie, the exports during 1932-33 showed an increase of £2,450,669 as compared with the previous year.

The value of the trade with various countries of the world in each of the last five years was as specified in the following table:—

IMPORTS (CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN)
FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES. AND EXPORTS DIRECT
THERE TO, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
	British Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	10,014,408	18,437,775	8,165,121	6,788,092	9,285,960
Canada	1,595,998	1,163,251	376,970	349,100	802,921
Hong Kong	427	1,233	373	234	656
India and Ceylon	2,587,664	1,989,143	1,554,581	968,978	1,180,644
Malaya (British)	637,856	409,942	119,984	123,918	138,676
New Zealand	967,812	654,246	436,581	534,533	616,303
Pacific Islands (British)	454,394	307,498	175,879	190,513	272,060
South African Union	106,224	61,079	22,289	15,320	18,751
Other British Possessions	191,166	184,630	124,272	76,224	143,534
Belgium	325,336	363,211	111,452	107,355	150,466
China	186,882	176,194	122,153	110,172	106,355
Czecho-Slovakia	240,869	219,189	101,348	89,797	108,654
Egypt	12,092	3,347	3,863	7,064	5,450
France	1,457,446	1,168,745	541,311	431,656	471,348
Germany	1,876,528	1,831,512	885,223	644,165	807,395
Italy	619,447	541,390	260,274	221,556	344,759
Japan	1,387,183	1,345,268	856,436	904,790	1,424,339
Netherlands	297,798	314,142	127,184	118,532	169,613
Netherlands East Indies	1,657,275	1,293,043	936,763	613,140	766,879
Norway	438,935	302,944	91,061	61,088	122,099
Persia	160,535	199,032	191,489	146,674	214,899
Peru	60	156	40	968	12,622
Philippine Islands	67,773	63,746	18,752	18,139	16,321
Spain	52,290	68,494	36,044	24,200	33,355
Sweden	459,941	689,111	323,570	273,593	378,338
Switzerland	779,292	647,773	362,145	229,295	226,680
United Socialistic Soviet Republic	41,942	46,667	14,879	23,459	45,908
United States of America	9,767,973	8,774,519	3,394,743	2,336,012	2,781,912
Other Foreign Countries	620,104	624,344	369,073	226,498	337,050
Total	46,005,650	41,881,524*	19,721,853*	15,633,362*	20,998,947*
	Australian Currency Values—				
United Kingdom	16,654,156	23,398,177	14,060,273	14,472,071	16,342,794
Canada	309,224	304,192	379,384	444,405	396,899
Hong Kong	165,114	75,998	118,439	238,940	176,948
India and Ceylon	2,772,572	1,779,827	721,164	350,524	464,825
Malaya (British)	1,164,703	655,721	329,668	446,976	459,874
New Zealand	1,022,654	942,860	816,099	898,651	982,368
Pacific Islands (British)	116,047	111,468	112,386	82,791	111,041
South African Union	585,665	266,447	149,683	138,897	69,833
Other British Possessions	265,325	157,102	190,808	257,251	195,379
Belgium	1,154,896	468,927	432,761	435,811	635,902
China	626,833	138,487	1,005,800	1,060,291	1,957,152
Czecho-Slovakia	2,436	473	109	465	41
Egypt	834,512	433,723	340,400	325,599	85,366
France	3,664,286	1,932,576	1,271,429	1,084,737	1,404,548
Germany	1,216,684	805,943	689,108	591,959	631,060
Italy	1,253,526	452,437	586,303	1,046,769	691,547
Japan	2,779,580	1,593,424	2,454,382	3,638,481	3,584,468
Netherlands	320,123	58,097	197,555	135,215	93,226
Netherlands East Indies	1,307,296	1,351,901	858,893	798,943	677,788
Norway	3,078	20,536	31,164	2,153	1,568
Persia	152	65	290	150	163
Peru	155,780	32,163	109	109,419	38,321
Philippine Islands	33,601	38,945	25,833	47,650	150,707
Spain	3,147	2,115	12,382	203,244	43,250
Sweden	84,414	33,097	28,225	24,710	39,879
Switzerland	5,468	11,240	3,590	2,816	2,610
United Socialistic Soviet Republic	487,634	102,485	528	52,923	75,370
United States of America	1,985,545	1,102,538*	867,257	513,246	383,121
Other Foreign Countries	462,744	228,979	173,865	182,233	254,030
Total	39,437,225	36,499,943	25,857,887	27,587,320	20,950,068

* Excluding "Outside Packages," 1929-30, £419,569; 1930-31, £583,348; 1931-32, £410,455; 1932-33, £518,041.

Slightly over 54 per cent. of the total value of exports in 1932-33 were sent to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whilst a little more than 44 per cent. of imports were the products or manufactures of those countries. The chief articles of United Kingdom origin imported in the last five years and the principal articles exported direct thereto in the same period were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of United Kingdom origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Whisky	195,905	167,904	111,170	50,396	86,404
Cigarettes	167,547	115,541	17,580	734	1,510
Apparel	896,047	749,235	165,041	160,624	247,215
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	268,008	267,923	90,846	116,253	157,006
Cotton and Linen	2,605,936	2,685,020	1,339,835	1,469,740	1,788,704
Silk	525,304	637,508	360,086	297,924	404,335
Woolen	564,585	465,956	67,032	26,138	56,845
Velvets, and Lace for Attire	215,813	172,232	104,823	111,064	115,233
Other	379,145	354,878	195,363	185,051	262,542
Floor Coverings	764,448	674,242	251,622	222,827	382,655
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c	255,635	283,834	144,833	160,695	188,205
Yarns	805,201	754,596	335,939	350,496	407,787
Machines and Machinery	1,668,934	1,788,952	806,589	420,638	506,410
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	1,782,087	1,757,633	594,863	533,477	686,499
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	549,699	549,305	148,407	107,836	364,109
Pipes and Tubes	300,630	261,601	124,539	57,556	126,150
Platedware and Cutlery	178,369	153,381	60,622	44,962	85,046
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.l.	408,623	381,668	103,500	75,337	161,445
Other Metals and Manufactures	1,068,628	943,480	414,768	315,742	485,329
Rubber and Rubber Goods	118,469	118,023	79,915	68,844	79,689
Crockery and Household Ware	165,997	148,532	88,905	54,061	75,607
Glass and Glassware	148,345	111,992	40,191	17,621	43,156
Paper	954,892	990,097	653,970	560,098	580,986
Books	359,562	356,404	296,318	197,899	212,458
Fancy Goods	188,273	181,109	92,189	42,589	39,639
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	110,991	97,800	71,282	49,467	64,015
Sodium Salts	119,496	103,862	83,634	110,217	125,013
Dyes	74,522	72,680	50,069	94,877	116,866
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	297,371	201,129	174,423	90,614	192,910
All other Articles	2,873,046	2,891,752	1,096,766	791,765	1,150,392
Total	19,014,408	18,437,775	8,165,121	6,786,092	9,285,960
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter	2,470,892	2,041,829	2,509,860	3,484,527	3,619,952
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	1,396,269	1,418,406	1,217,541	1,374,825	1,770,485
Rabbits and Hares	134,792	121,796	155,648	144,408	164,367
Other	41,301	22,220	10,958	64,057	117,820*
Milk and Cream	27,343	18,295	3,012	39,556	150,301
Fruits—all kinds	1,618,745	1,870,975	1,698,336	1,151,200	2,136,759
Wheat and Flour	1,355,737	439,527	855,881	911,613	1,179,142
Wine, fermented	54,584	45,622	48,098	55,590	36,622
Hides and Skins	1,128,699	848,558	628,002	205,746	198,754
Wool	6,285,869	3,406,481	2,700,811	3,144,862	3,016,411
Tallow, unrefined	126,123	48,368	13,733	53,328	81,086
Tin Ingots	42,427	1,050	..	..	3
Leather, &c.	36,655	53,393	64,327	63,799	82,604
Soap	160,452	173,214	174,968	128,103	92,135
Bullion and Specie	1,263,848	12,506,268	3,463,739	3,233,098	3,152,074
All other Articles	520,420	382,175	418,736	417,269	543,429
Total	16,654,156	23,398,177	14,060,273	14,472,071	16,342,794

* Including "Pork," £54,812.

Trade with
India and
Ceylon.

During 1932-33 imports from India and Ceylon were greater by £220,666 than in the previous year, while exports to those countries also increased by £114,301.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
INDIA AND CEYLON, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Indian and Cingalese origin).</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Cocoa Beans	12,976	10,312	4,320	5,168	4,473
Coffee	11,874	17,939	11,141	13,613	4,997
Rice	392	1,113	191	58	1
Nuts	35,219	538	3,547	1,258	631
Spices	12,486	7,755	12,010	4,867	4,660
Tea	626,488	496,827	259,678	118,559	121,240
Hides and Skins.. .. .	37,405	88,080	39,128	40,390	36,181
Fibres	49,474	47,130	21,707	32,925	41,763
Gums and Resins	18,953	23,598	9,332	12,302	8,413
Seeds	82,122	53,430	28,477	35,503	24,766
Hessians	181,279	187,592	88,432	100,959	131,281
Floor Coverings	12,264	7,548	2,455	2,015	5,527
Bags and Sacks	1,374,578	938,381	991,114	537,241	758,739
Yarns—Coir	16,284	17,415	12,895	7,989	8,569
Oils in Bulk	2,499	2,750	228	520	1,379
Waxes	5,709	8,459	4,455	3,716	3,758
Rubber, &c.	40,317	5,515	13,530	10,235	3,568
All other Articles	67,345	74,783	51,945	41,660	29,698
Total	2,587,664	1,989,143	1,554,581	968,978	1,189,644
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter	20,314	23,902	10,640	9,626	10,490
Meats	17,061	10,551	15,804	8,351	13,806
Milk and Cream	44,545	42,529	48,372	66,870	124,807
Biscuits	4,786	4,358	3,213	3,186	2,097
Hay and Chaff	5,242	9,544	3,072	3,271	1,873
Fruits (all kinds)	5,812	7,837	8,312	9,821	11,717
Wheat	2,217,338	194,245	249,059	628	497
Flour	162,016	150,424	100,053	91,689	92,981
Horses	43,540	44,444	26,492	23,308	27,684
Wool	106,668	70,966	37,415	43,023	72,492
Tallow (unrefined)	55,896	44,901	29,237	28,641	50,805
Soap	6,983	5,802	4,380	2,871	1,921
Specie and Bullion	31,119	1,142,502	120,000	7,700	..
All other Articles	51,272	27,322	65,115	51,589	53,565
Total	2,772,572	1,779,827	721,164	350,524	464,825

The value of imports from New Zealand for the year ended 30th June, 1933, was £616,303. The exports thereto amounted to £982,368, and represented a little more than 3 per cent. of the total oversea exports. The principal articles of trade during the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF CHIEF IMPORTS OF NEW ZEALAND ORIGIN
AND OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED DIRECT TO
THAT COUNTRY, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of New Zealand origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	45,861	38,627	25,366	18,229	19,069
Milk and Cream	6,098	5,358	2,482	450	897
Meats	21,772	13,215	5,080	5,582	5,412
Grain and Pulse	16,950	16,796	15,578	15,524	9,070
Hops	551	518	792	342	191
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	13,043	10,707	7,084	7,861	13,397
Hides and Skins	277,446	145,526	66,449	61,155	95,329
Wool	131,787	10,809	14,416	17,138	21,002
Flax and Hemp	63,889	58,634	27,690	13,038	18,129
Oakum and Tow	18,335	13,229	5,625	2,667	2,775
Seeds	40,830	22,025	18,780	32,728	19,443
Timber	123,996	148,853	72,114	87,774	117,412
Gold and Silver	129,318	100,182	127,007	240,840	263,283
All other Articles	77,936	60,767	48,218	31,205	28,894
Total	967,812	654,246	436,581	534,533	616,303
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to New Zealand.</i>					
Fruits, all kinds	133,864	157,688	150,565	223,322	111,859
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat.. .. .	3,800	2,481	134	..	190,811
Flour	19,973	19,045	6,526	5,477	2,679
Oats	1,823	11,469	9,195	17,138	7,507
Rice and Rice Meal	7,324	4,208	2,665	2,511	1,239
Tea	33,669	18,929	7,590	4,500	13,337
Spirituos and Alcoholic Liquors	11,969	14,661	11,515	6,380	6,834
Tobacco manufactured	210,240	171,339	159,914	131,076	93,146
Apparel	22,366	16,349	17,083	68,511	85,447
Textiles	51,189	46,217	31,187	24,036	21,297
Manufactured Fibres	14,574	38,599	24,077	21,280	11,114
Oils	5,851	6,360	6,805	4,808	6,663
Machines and Machinery	78,204	53,002	47,810	42,937	40,602
Metal manufactures	41,528	50,196	31,785	34,165	47,949
Rubber manufactures	15,273	16,109	12,843	14,744	19,469
Leather, &c.	9,764	12,982	11,327	18,963	29,736
Books	9,512	11,361	11,245	6,697	6,286
Photographic goods and materials	46,103	46,730	45,450	32,058	33,774
Drugs and Chemicals	28,435	36,778	34,215	36,180	33,987
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	36,621	49,101	45,606	55,306	56,524
Vessels transferred Abroad	89,000	20,000	..	..	..
All other Articles	151,602	139,157	139,472	148,562	162,108
Australian produce	736,751	778,250	706,812	818,834	895,117
Other produce	285,933	164,610	109,197	79,817	87,251
Total	1,022,684	942,860	816,009	898,651	982,368

Trade with
Belgium.

The trade with Belgium has not yet recovered its pre-war proportion, which was 3 per cent. of the total oversea trade of Victoria. The principal articles of trade with Belgium in the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
BELGIUM, 1928-29 TO 1932-33

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Belgian origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Furs and other Skins, dressed	19,343	4,393	81	1,716	1,313
Gloves	15,890	13,152	7,652	4,821	5,329
Piece Goods	54,503	61,112	22,885	23,271	38,485
Artificial Silk Yarn	9,686	16,882	4,252	3,717	891
Electrical Machinery, &c.	4,820	6,789	2,200	1,797	4,495
Metal Manufactures—					
Copper	4,789	585	1,105	231	42
Iron and Steel	8,288	7,842	2,987	2,703	7,134
Vehicles	980	1,783	112	..	10
Other	16,436	14,116	6,709	3,593	3,814
Glass and Glassware	70,016	80,350	20,996	23,778	39,430
Paper	16,366	16,497	11,491	11,576	12,496
Precious Stones, Unset	23,102	21,454	1,128	2,364	11,300
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	18,523	23,582	6,178	3,089	8,743
All other Articles	56,594	94,674	23,586	19,696	22,475
Total	325,336	363,211	111,452	107,352	156,466
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to Belgium.</i>					
Meats	10,414	18,301	6,385	2,002	1,548
Wheat	42,440	..	71,650	126,225	33,045
Hides and Skins	73,454	76,471	23,588	1,703	4,494
Wool	901,035	340,200	303,023	280,159	579,449
Tallow (unrefined)	17,409	11,926	1,587	187	..
Cameos and Precious Stones	1,106	8,614	2,123	950	971
All other Articles	19,038	13,415	24,405	24,635	16,395
Total	1,154,890	468,927	432,761	435,811	635,902

Trade with France. Imports from France during 1932-33 increased by slightly over 9 per cent. as compared with the previous year, while exports increased by nearly 30 per cent. Details of the exports to France and of the goods of French origin received in the past five years are given in the appended table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH FRANCE, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of French origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Brandy	34,310	27,509	2,194	2,060	5,512
Hides and Skins	25,519	14,006	3,248	296	653
Wine	22,887	22,791	2,159	289	3,915
Gums and Resins	30,141	29,749	17,426	8,584	11,734
Apparel—					
Trimmings and Ornaments	84,844	59,810	43,374	30,499	38,979
Gloves	19,055	24,021	13,684	9,595	6,927
Other	184,798	110,496	24,972	10,710	20,694
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	641,331	462,217	242,656	238,356	239,107
Other	21,131	21,433	9,814	4,835	3,923
Oils	20,470	24,304	12,730	16,640	17,201
Electrical Machinery and Appliances	3,690	2,737	1,055	3,082	1,407
Other Machines and Machinery	15,285	15,238	12,871	5,043	8,482
Motor Bodies, Chassis and Parts	16,786	14,203	998	406	4,774
Rubber Manufactures	48,828	23,715	2,269	2,401	4,146
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	28,778	42,744	38,989	18,210	4,017
Pipes (smoking)	11,755	10,570	6,602	4,192	4,258
Cream of Tartar	15,948	21,344	2,099	..	72
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	27,227	23,498	12,813	8,379	8,908
All other Articles	209,663	217,370	91,358	68,079	86,639
Total	1,457,446	1,168,745	541,311	431,656	471,348
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to France.</i>					
Butter	8,440	..	..	..	..
Meats	2,791	5,484	9,574	3,731	12,165
Wheat and Flour	76,696	51,338	..	2,023	..
Hides and Skins	768,964	504,312	333,750	223,199	469,904
Wool	2,787,804	1,347,570	907,691	839,953	906,906
Tallow (unrefined)	1,400	2,006	..	275	1,255
All other Articles	18,191	21,866	20,414	15,556	14,318
Total	3,664,286	1,932,576	1,271,429	1,084,737	1,404,548

Trade with Germany. Prior to the war (1913) the percentage of trade with Germany amounted to 8·4 per cent. of the total with oversea countries, but that percentage has not since been regained. Wool was the chief item exported to Germany, and during the past five years accounted for 73·8 per cent. of the total exports to that country—the percentage for 1932-33 being 87.

The principal articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH GERMANY, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Articles.	Value in year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of German origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Hides and Skins	16,218	11,805	2,363	1,558	246
Apparel—					
Gloves	97,919	66,753	35,345	57,356	83,954
Other	283,674	249,522	81,765	47,839	53,230
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	167,669	143,476	70,957	56,650	65,406
Other	34,569	40,761	17,344	13,257	16,519
Artificial Silk Yarn	16,355	22,027	23,177	25,441	14,165
Machines and Machinery ..	346,041	354,138	191,538	101,505	108,211
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Vehicles and Parts	49,977	8,148	5,791	3,044	3,728
Plated Ware and Cutlery ..	21,272	18,803	10,056	7,076	11,319
Other	192,416	195,088	102,370	53,912	77,459
Glass and Glassware	29,289	31,690	10,596	8,721	11,204
Paper	48,549	64,157	37,338	28,223	29,662
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	29,420	23,503	17,730	10,197	12,696
Fancy Goods	82,707	82,544	37,204	16,020	13,890
Timepieces	32,780	28,695	13,308	8,824	15,082
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	40,901	39,181	24,524	20,798	31,544
Drugs, Chemicals, and Fertilizers	92,905	109,171	81,300	83,373	114,588
Bags, Baskets, &c.	21,471	26,739	7,034	6,668	10,439
Brushware	14,744	14,564	3,319	1,277	2,680
Musical Instruments	47,201	28,223	6,513	4,123	7,656
All other Articles	210,451	272,524	105,601	88,303	123,717
Total	1,876,528	1,831,512	885,223	644,165	807,395
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to Germany.</i>					
Butter	13,303	1,456	356	426	228
Sausage Casings	5,872	2,641	3,827	3,030	2,682
Fruits (all kinds)	154	71,111	35,336	6	40,586
Wheat and Flour	3,052	..	8,972	15,743	1,617
Wool	812,573	558,208	508,361	477,017	549,192
Hides and Skins	308,239	109,086	85,302	62,227	8,887
Tallow (unrefined)	4,878	132	1,724	709	4,284
Casein	13,653	7,650	..	26	..
Eucalyptus Oil	18,688	16,006	7,526	6,470	8,393
All other Articles	36,272	39,653	37,704	26,305	15,191
Total	1,216,684	805,943	639,108	591,959	631,060

Imports from Japan during 1932-33 showed a considerable increase—£519,549—over those of the previous year. Exports in 1932-33 were less by £54,013 than those of 1931-32. The principal articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH JAPAN, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values into Victoria (of Japanese origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	8,806	21,681	9,228	111	2,769
Silk, Raw	130,189	210,045	213,273	211,337	213,375
Fibres	6,141	6,620	3,808	2,626	5,409
Grass or Straw, &c.	4,630	3,758	1,112	7,768	11,082
Apparel—					
Buttons	18,220	14,797	9,456	7,034	15,234
Hats and Caps	35,242	15,880	2,622	9,995	12,334
Other	14,463	18,981	6,943	6,834	13,501
Piece Goods—Silk	885,362	728,388	391,542	392,766	550,963
Cotton and Linen	69,777	74,130	70,532	89,710	170,545
Other	8,485	2,693	12,965	18,812	41,742
Other Textiles	18,523	26,296	19,335	18,423	43,043
Yarns	17,451	25,030	4,841	14,389	28,033
Oils	11,461	12,409	5,636	3,441	8,661
Timber	40,347	47,220	5,826	1,995	4,959
China-ware	31,234	26,633	17,538	24,451	44,464
Glass and Glassware	17,004	14,088	5,374	2,655	11,378
Fancy Goods	19,222	20,186	17,881	19,998	32,064
Jewellery and Precious Stones	6,434	5,161	2,841	3,436	9,537
Camphor	4,346	3,768	3,047	3,060	1,802
All other Articles	42,846	61,594	52,636	70,949	202,944
Total	1,387,183	1,345,268	856,436	904,790	1,424,339
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to Japan.</i>					
Butter	948	8,108	1,557	938	2,787
Hides and Skins	3,076	5,230	6,031	4,715	8,373
Milk and Cream	68,786	62,027	51,939	18,001	15,104
Wheat	637,577	176,112	606,125	1,301,815	836,788
Flour	2,939	4,753	4,541	3,966	6,937
Wool	1,857,225	1,146,193	1,715,800	2,181,729	2,602,950
Tallow (unrefined)	112,979	93,625	38,094	73,198	55,561
Casein	52,125	54,843	20,704	21,803	14,333
Fertilizers	1,588	2,557	795	1,966	1,358
All other Articles	42,337	39,976	9,090	30,290	40,277
Total	2,779,580	1,593,424	2,454,382	3,638,481	3,584,468

Trade with
Netherlands
East Indies.

The chief articles interchanged with Netherlands East Indies during the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Netherlands East Indies origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Coffee and Chicory	22,106	31,672	10,266	9,912	12,018
Sago and Tapioca	6,362	3,909	463	1,081	221
Spices	10,087	7,952	3,810	5,795	4,555
Tea	311,902	167,310	207,861	168,855	132,495
Tobacco—unmanufactured	45,715	11,211	9,161	5,283	7,760
Hides and Skins	33,248	23,184	14,978	3,598	18,999
Fibres	165,732	113,854	87,611	74,658	68,476
Seeds	17,717	16,079	6,411	3,709	5,056
Oils	902,988	843,415	535,936	291,044	455,945
Rubber, crude	94,093	36,928	38,672	25,538	30,630
All other Articles	46,675	37,529	21,599	23,667	24,724
Total	1,657,275	1,293,043	936,763	613,140	766,879
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to the Netherlands East Indies.</i>					
Butter	488,019	442,216	346,405	379,763	292,564
Meats	2,674	2,743	743	1,267	1,296
Milk and Cream	208,202	336,408	197,744	103,938	76,685
Biscuits	31,890	21,232	13,894	8,133	6,014
Fruits, and fruit juices	40,575	38,312	36,408	33,287	27,075
Flour	445,157	452,321	223,337	234,214	215,701
Machines and Machinery	2,722	1,761	2,755	95	64
Leather, &c.	32,328	20,583	13,174	11,063	20,651
Soap	15,902	12,407	3,191	3,193	1,477
All other Articles	39,827	23,918	21,242	23,990	36,261
Total	1,307,296	1,351,901	858,893	798,943	677,788

Imports from the United States of America increased by £445,900 during 1932-33 as compared with 1931-32, whilst exports to that country decreased by £130,125. The principal articles included in the trade with the United States of America in the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of United States origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish, Preserved in Tins	45,282	32,842	7,298	195	7,900
Sausage Casings	63,146	32,385	30,250	19,175	21,979
Tobacco, &c.	344,402	354,635	371,519	183,137	273,068
Gums and Resins	19,043	25,626	9,939	13,509	18,573
Apparel—					
Socks and Stockings	149,654	110,319	6,909	244	847
Other	153,404	139,483	45,113	27,670	15,304
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	337,991	283,486	143,966	103,244	64,647
Other	101,871	86,585	40,633	17,587	12,285
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns	179,134	204,819	106,139	44,562	37,633
Oils	1,693,750	1,878,157	1,080,827	853,098	958,480
Paints and Varnishes	74,737	60,225	20,442	24,289	28,718
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Natural Pitch	71,982	89,038	32,884	25,408	25,524
Machines and Machinery	1,364,069	1,314,841	464,283	215,684	288,408
Metals and Metal manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	90,502	72,143	27,819	23,390	20,974
Tools of Trade	130,667	109,759	48,269	30,345	30,030
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c. ..	1,953,478	1,284,818	115,007	96,299	244,720
Other	423,739	309,395	62,644	39,771	80,061
Other Metals, &c.	421,998	376,022	110,009	55,939	59,216
Rubber, &c.	87,562	70,057	21,619	28,998	30,916
Leather, &c.	115,898	84,962	9,683	2,814	1,787
Timber	645,735	588,481	75,729	36,557	56,217
Glass and Glassware	34,166	19,591	15,015	13,906	8,162
Paper	99,309	79,974	41,636	46,226	51,548
Stationery	140,215	132,826	82,640	58,264	32,532
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods	84,711	77,465	31,587	17,465	6,523
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	128,885	140,301	51,378	43,947	50,095
Sulphur (Brimstone)	161,653	216,577	87,822	98,450	89,389
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	28,179	35,435	11,438	6,457	4,861
Instruments—Musical	93,773	42,097	7,264	3,025	1,883
All other articles	528,738	522,195	234,982	206,357	259,614
Total	9,767,973	8,774,519	3,394,743	2,336,012	2,781,912
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	162,486	154,698	100,977	69,326	109,105
Hides and Skins	612,412	424,808	231,780	180,450	141,950
Wool	1,039,700	405,798	410,962	164,400	79,602
Tallow (unrefined)	44,840	1,675	..	1,173	..
Machines and Machinery	16,906	21,923	46,006	19,304	10,325
Metals and Metal Manufactures	7,565	13,309	13,644	8,909	9,158
Leather, &c.	7,871	18,051	7,437	..	629
Eucalyptus Oil	25,668	15,175	14,295	7,536	8,639
All other articles	68,097	47,101	42,156	56,148	23,713
Total	1,983,545	1,102,638	867,257	513,246	383,121

Destination of principal articles exported. Wool, wheat and flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, and milk and cream were the six principal articles of merchandise exported from Victoria in 1933—their value being equal to over 88 per cent. of the total exports of merchandise. The countries which received these products are shown in the following statement:—

**DESTINATION OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF
MERCHANDISE EXPORTED IN 1932-33.**

(Australian Currency Values.)

Destination.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Fruits (all kinds).	Meats.	Milk and Cream.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	3,016,411	1,179,142	3,619,952	2,136,759	2,052,622	150,301
Aden .. .. .	..	10,927	20	238	..	..
Canada	49,805	..	..	323,415	1,467	..
Hong Kong	1,428	122,806	1,343	5,614	776	16,011
India and Ceylon ..	72,492	93,478	10,490	11,717	13,806	124,807
Malaya (British) ..	..	45,833	32,802	5,572	8,721	311,895
Malta .. .. .	..	16,819	196	61	8,863	1,111
Mauritius .. .. .	..	64,853	6,014	149	250	52
New Zealand	6,202	193,490	..	111,859	706	..
Pacific Islands (British)	..	1,656	596	2,099	4,428	3,011
South African Union ..	..	307	..	1,435	734	..
Sudan .. .. .	..	31,146	51	126	7	44
Other British Countries	..	17,747	5,324	1,090	1,283	17,164
Africa, Portuguese East	..	45,788	229	693	17	310
Africa, Portuguese West	..	20,746	..	..	..	..
Belgium	579,449	33,486	1,809	1	1,548	..
China	5,761	1,874,566	11,640	3,135	84	38,332
Egypt .. .. .	..	78,389	2,125	1,018	2,332	698
France	906,906	..	..	56	12,165	..
French Indo-China ..	..	5,544	..	138	..	66
Germany	549,192	1,617	228	40,586	2,682	..
Italy	628,347	44,360	..	..	967	..
Japan	2,602,950	843,725	2,787	101	6,543	15,104
Netherlands	50,549	22,112	..	5,015	..	..
Netherlands East Indies	..	215,724	292,564	18,602	1,296	76,685
Norway	1,432	..	..	7	..	..
Peru .. .. .	..	38,312	..	..	..	..
Philippine Islands ..	..	16,527	7,941	4	631	123,141
Siam .. .. .	..	29,959	..	16	17	22,016
Spain	30,167	..	..	..	14	..
Sweden	31,968	..	..	..	45	..
U.S.S. Republic .. ..	..	75,367	..	..	..	..
United States of America	79,602	..	..	700	109,105	..
Other Foreign Countries	26,275	61,541	9,860	312	156	30
Total	8,638,936	5,185,967	4,005,971	2,670,518	2,231,265	900,778

The value of the above-mentioned six articles added to that of the next principal item (hides and skins) represented slightly over 91 per cent. of the total merchandise exported. The value of hides and skins exported amounted to £873,096, of which £469,904 was sent to France, 198,754 to the United Kingdom, and £141,950 to the United States of America.

Principal
Exports—
Quantity and
Value.

In the following table particulars relating to quantities and values of the principal items of primary produce exported, are given:—

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL PRIMARY PRODUCTS EXPORTED DURING THE YEARS 1929-30 TO 1932-33.

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

Commodity.		1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
Wool	{ lb.	160,674,506	175,410,800	182,978,607	214,621,692
	{ £	7,889,140	6,960,714	7,694,531	8,638,936
Butter	{ lb.	40,305,160	61,751,348	81,068,322	95,492,925
	{ £	2,668,755	2,998,170	3,972,723	4,005,971
Wheat	{ centals	1,632,278	15,404,314	16,812,761	14,710,399
	{ £	690,247	3,016,409	4,246,048	3,621,571
Flour (wheaten) ..	{ centals	3,589,050	3,805,375	4,357,440	4,832,238
	{ £	1,880,057	1,221,250	1,347,302	1,564,396
Fruits— Dried	{ lb.	74,922,352	83,524,007	64,087,466	72,156,497
	{ £	1,426,593	1,531,659	1,278,327	1,507,299
Fresh	{ lb.	42,705,500	29,038,900	17,840,700	78,250,600
	{ £	423,989	279,700	173,112	687,583
Preserved in Liquid	{ lb.	29,644,263	25,932,607	22,878,506	26,045,887
	{ £	409,327	427,268	399,526	475,636
Meats— ..	{ lb.	503,264	673,442	2,345,825	6,980,439
	{ £	10,471	10,412	30,028	90,352
Lamb (frozen) ..	{ lb.	47,238,316	44,050,955	53,730,762	70,792,912
	{ £	1,279,836	1,075,532	1,186,155	1,521,078
Mutton (frozen)	{ lb.	13,666,929	12,798,586	11,816,831	14,385,563
	{ £	248,021	186,903	190,621	197,056
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	{ pairs	1,474,898	2,308,703	2,540,163	2,045,707
	{ £	123,492	157,665	148,058	170,899
All other	{ —	—	—	—	—
	{ £	203,458	229,359	152,863	251,880
Milk and Cream ..	{ lb.	16,190,931	12,364,601	15,514,090	23,683,146
	{ £	985,292	611,646	625,424	900,778
Hides and Skins— Sheep	{ lb.	36,653,104	37,245,945	29,297,222	34,623,178
	{ £	1,363,874	889,836	492,081	663,732
Calf, Cattle, Horse	{ No.	129,143	172,871	28,491	53,643
	{ £	67,018	83,923	21,113	38,190
Rabbits and Hares	{ lb.	2,604,601	2,231,117	2,255,125	2,874,945
	{ £	441,074	143,672	126,088	127,598
Other Skins	{ —	—	—	—	—
	{ £	110,838	224,242	54,843	43,576
Tallow (unrefined)	{ cwt.	150,833	108,475	209,957	240,598
	{ £	256,863	133,801	220,611	240,262
Eggs in shell	{ dozen	475,800	1,633,633	2,751,820	3,858,036
	{ £	34,906	83,705	138,382	223,426

Customs and
Excise
Revenue.

The following statement shows the oversea trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports and inland stations, during the year 1932-33 :—

OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED
AT VICTORIAN PORTS AND INLAND STATIONS, 1932-33.

Heading.	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Warrnam- bool.	Inland Sta- tions.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Oversea Trade—						
Imports (British Cur- rency)	20,845,801	564,527	30,873	66,787	..	21,516,988
Exports (Australian Currency)	26,277,920	2,488,992	322,560	860,587	..	29,950,068
Total*	47,123,721	3,053,519	362,442	927,374	..	51,467,056
Gross Revenue—						
Import Duties ..	5,696,185	148,604	60,019	14,555	..	5,919,363
Excise Duties ..	3,451,449	12,628	..	124	20,568	3,484,709
Primage	1,731,248	35,319	3,346	6,572	..	1,776,485
Other sources ..	36,893	245	20	52	36	37,246
Total	10,915,775	196,796	63,385	21,303	20,604	11,217,863†

* Recorded Values.

† After deducting £389,506 for Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £10,828,357.

Interstate
Trade.

On the 13th September, 1910, the Commonwealth Government abandoned the collecting and recording of information relating to Interstate imports and exports, but at the Statisticians' Conference, held in 1926 at Perth, it was resolved that action should be taken by each Statistician, with the exception of Western Australia and Tasmania (where schemes for collecting Interstate trade statistics were in force), with a view to obtaining a record of the principal items of Interstate trade. It has not been possible to obtain complete information in respect of the value of the Interstate trade of Victoria.

Returns of fourteen specified articles (quantities only) interchanged between Victoria and the other States, have been received

from the Harbor Trusts, Railways Department, Ports and Harbors Department, Warrnambool Harbor Board, and the Department of Agriculture. The tabulated totals of these items for the year 1932-33, excluding all oversea cargo interchanged, are shown in the following table:—

INTERSTATE TRADE OF 14 SPECIFIED ARTICLES
(QUANTITIES ONLY).

Article.	Imported into Victoria from other States during 1932-33, and recorded by—					
	Department of Agriculture (Live Stock by Land and Sea).	Victorian Railways.	Port of Melbourne.	Port of Geelong.	Ports of Portland and Warrnam- bool.	Total.
		tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter .. ..	..	29	2,902	..	..	2,931
Coal .. ..	..	20	702,137	166,939	13,176	882,272
Flour .. ..	..	20,544	85	..	..	20,629
Fruits, fresh .. ..	..	20,577	8,196*	..	..	†
Fruits, dried .. ..	..	466	1,376*	..	..	‡
Oats .. ..	..	3,280	328	..	..	3,608
Onions .. ..	..	121	89	..	..	210
Potatoes .. ..	..	562	54	..	..	616
Wheat .. ..	..	127,826	..	..	..	127,826
Wool .. ..	..	30,766	7,703	3,120	804	42,393
	No.					No.
Cattle	139,679	..	..	..	..	139,679
Sheep	3,199,842	..	..	..	..	3,199,842
Horses	3,692	..	..	..	..	3,692
Pigs	9,473	..	..	..	..	9,473
Article.	Exported from Victoria to other States during 1932-33, and recorded by—					
	Department of Agriculture (Live Stock by Land and Sea).	Victorian Railways.	Port of Melbourne.	Port of Geelong.	Ports of Portland and Warrnam- bool.	Total.
		tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter .. ..	..	64	1,645	..	..	1,709
Coal .. ..	..	663	1,045	..	..	1,708
Flour .. ..	..	3,288	7,223	..	..	10,511
Fruits, fresh .. ..	..	10,900	12,615*	..	..	‡
Fruits, dried .. ..	..	414	5,980*	..	..	||
Oats .. ..	..	669	6,772	..	..	7,441
Onions .. ..	..	2,724	9,081	6,640	..	18,445
Potatoes .. ..	..	28,589	27,958	321	..	56,868
Wheat .. ..	..	87	6,392	1,378	..	7,857
Wool .. ..	..	657	9,880	1,345	..	11,882
	No.					No.
Cattle	34,451	..	..	..	..	34,451
Sheep	438,671	..	..	..	..	438,671
Horses	3,141	..	..	..	..	3,141
Pigs	2,084	..	..	..	..	2,084

* Measurement tons.

† Comprising 20,577 tons weight and 8,196 tons measurement.

‡ Comprising 466 tons weight and 1,376 tons measurement.

§ Comprising 10,900 tons weight and 12,615 tons measurement.

|| Comprising 414 tons weight and 5,980 tons measurement.

The foregoing table refers to the quantities of fourteen articles interchanged between Victoria and the other States. The States from and to in the case of imports and exports respectively are available for only seven of the aforementioned items. These consist of butter, flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses, and pigs, and information relating to the importing and exporting State of these articles is given below :—

INTERSTATE TRADE OF SEVEN SPECIFIED ARTICLES,
CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE STATE OF IMPORT
AND EXPORT, 1932-33.

Article.	Imported into Victoria from—					
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	68	89	1	..	2,773	2,931
Flour	19,735	..	882	12	..	20,629
Wheat	112,654	..	15,172	..	..	127,826
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cattle	138,320	..	938	..	421	139,679
Sheep	3,142,900	..	52,861	..	4,081	3,199,842
Horses	3,371	6	164	25	126	3,692
Pigs	6,720	..	1,339	..	1,414	9,473

Article.	Exported from Victoria to—					
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	125	293	479	612	200	1,709
Flour	2,404	199	970	24	6,914	10,511
Wheat	125	1	10	1	7,720	7,857
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cattle	28,022	2	6,389	23	15	34,451
Sheep	279,286	44	144,757	1,717	12,867	438,671
Horses	934	19	1,187	842	159	3,141
Pigs	2,024	6	33	4	17	2,084

SHIPPING.

Victorian shipping as dealt with in the succeeding tables. **Vessels entered and cleared.** refers to vessels trading with other States and overseas countries; the tonnage quoted is net. Vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray have not been taken into consideration. In the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 318) and at the port of Melbourne (page 320) coastal shipping is included.

The number of vessels entered and cleared, and their total tonnage in each of the last five years were as follows—

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	2,474	2,499	2,166	2,097	2,343
Tons	6,798,092	6,911,048	6,161,699	5,996,094	6,688,911
Average tonnage ..	2,748	2,766	2,845	2,859	2,855
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	2,466	2,488	2,181	2,101	2,296
Tons	6,815,305	6,877,418	6,238,325	6,018,664	6,674,138
Average tonnage ..	2,764	2,764	2,860	2,865	2,907

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1933, steamers numbered 2,338 of the vessels entered, and 2,291 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 6,688,511 and 6,673,738 respectively. The inward shipping included 92 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 299,699, whilst the outward shipping included 205 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 349,032.

The more important of the countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1932-33 are set out in the following statement:—

Shipping with principal countries.

SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1932-33.

Countries.	Entered.				Cleared.			
	Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
Australian States	1,673	3,594,592	5	400	1,637	3,519,528	5	400
United Kingdom	174	1,182,939	..	..	226	1,499,171	..	..
New Zealand	58	112,867	..	..	63	134,041	..	..
India	17	72,143	..	..	5	22,265	..	..
Straits Settlements	23	80,276	..	..	12	38,292	..	..
Other British	90	279,776	..	..	56	168,893	..	..
Total British Countries ..	2,035	5,322,593	5	400	1,990	5,382,190	5	400
Japan	60	240,973	..	..	74	206,386	..	..
Dutch East Indies	25	129,456	..	..	33	155,455	..	..
United States of America ..	92	461,567	..	..	51	292,824	..	..
Other Foreign	126	533,922	..	..	134	546,883	..	..
Total Foreign Countries ..	303	1,365,918	..	..	292	1,291,548	..	..
Grand Total	2,338	6,688,511	5	400	2,291	6,673,738	5	400

Nationality of vessels. The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1932-33 was as shown hereunder :-

NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1932-33.

Nationality.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
British—	No.		No.	
Australian	1,412	1,970,062	1,360	1,915,855
United Kingdom	493	2,983,057	498	3,024,923
Canadian	16	58,668	15	55,204
Hong Kong	18	55,760	18	55,760
New Zealand	60	84,493	61	87,759
South African	5	16,000	5	16,000
Other British	9	18,900	9	18,900
Total, British	2,013	5,186,940	1,966	5,174,401
Foreign—				
Danish	9	30,574	11	37,754
French	8	42,329	8	42,329
German	44	194,373	42	184,663
Holland	40	223,440	40	223,591
Italian	23	128,819	22	125,730
Japanese	71	283,218	71	286,965
Norwegian	69	264,116	68	258,971
Swedish	28	94,429	28	92,290
United States of America ..	34	221,244	35	224,933
Other Foreign	4	19,429	5	22,511
Total, Foreign	330	1,501,971	330	1,499,737
Grand Total	2,343	6,688,911	2,296	6,674,138

Shipping
entered at
Victorian
Ports.

Particulars of shipping—Oversea, Interstate, and Coastwise—which entered at each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1933 :—

VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH OF THE VICTORIAN PORTS, 1932-33.

Direction.	Melbourne.		Cunning- hame (Lakes Entrance).		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnam- bool.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
Oversea—	No.		No.		No.		No.		No.	
Steam ..	181	632,533	..	..	50	153,434	8	33,142	..	..
Sailing ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate*—										
Steam ..	1,953	5,554,480	..	..	131	276,325	9	33,582	6	5,015
Sailing ..	5	400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oversea <i>via</i> Ports—										
Steam ..	29	94,541	..	..	25	98,046	2	8,584	..	..
Interstate <i>via</i> Ports—										
Steam ..	86	184,105	..	..	96	147,989	8	40,333	12	11,325
Local (within the State)—										
Steam ..	707	304,967	45	9,000	383	170,821	63	12,652	107	21,273
Sailing ..	148	4,718	..	..	21	1,699	..	..	..	..
Total—										
Steam ..	2,956	6,770,626	45	9,000	685	846,615	90	128,293	125	37,613
Sailing ..	153	5,118	..	..	21	1,699	..	..	..	..
Grand Total	3,109	6,775,744	45	9,000	706	848,314	90	128,293	125	37,613

NOTE.—“ Ports ” mean Victorian ports.

* Including “ Oversea *via* States.”

Cargo discharged and shipped. Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1933, are shown in the following tables. The first table gives the tonnage of interstate and oversea cargo handled at each port in the State, and the second tabulation shows only the tonnage of oversea cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels carrying.

**TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO
DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT
DURING THE YEAR 1932-33.**

Port.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Melbourne	1,408,958	1,178,786	651,781	957,321
Geelong	174,612	109,900	32,356	357,026
Portland .. .. .	..	12,426	90	37,339
Warrnambool	13,316	..	4,496	..
Total	1,596,886	1,301,112	688,723	1,351,686

**TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED
IN VICTORIA DURING THE YEAR 1932-33, ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF THE VESSELS
IN WHICH SUCH CARGO WAS CARRIED.**

Nationality of Vessels Carrying Cargo.	Tonnage.	
	Discharged.	Shipped.
Australian	9,923	8,834
Great Britain	636,501	788,333
Canadian	29,959	15,918
Hong Kong	26,198	10,047
New Zealand	41,031	62,068
South African	2,955	5,126
Other British	16,853	12,329
Total British	763,420	902,655
Danish	27,773	25,220
French	2,446	944
German	21,915	28,296
Dutch	29,354	63,070
Italian	13,539	15,985
Japanese	91,880	210,109
Norwegian	178,145	71,710
Swedish	84,010	20,483
United States of America	74,992	1,796
Other Foreign	13,638	11,418
Total, Foreign	537,692	449,031
Grand Total	1,301,112	1,351,686

PORT OF MELBOURNE.

Port of Melbourne. The Port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which had 12·01 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1933. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 62 acres, of which 28·5 acres are under sheds. The constitution of the Trust and revenue and expenditure are shown in part "Municipal Statistics."

Trade of the Port. In the year 1933, vessels to the number of 3,188 (2,928 steamers and 260 sailing vessels), with registered gross tonnage aggregating 11,861,317, berthed within the Port. The tonnage of imports in 1933 was 2,638,524, and that of exports 1,715,676. These figures include Interstate and Coastal tonnage, which amounted to 1,424,064 in the case of imports and 725,374 in the case of exports. Coal forms a great part of the Interstate imports, and, excluding 50,540 tons transhipped to vessels and 139,785 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1933 amounted to 652,020 tons.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, AND TELEPHONES.

Post Offices, Mails, &c. The following statement contains particulars in relation to the number of post offices in Victoria, and the number of mails despatched and received in this State in each of the last five years :—

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
		Despatched.	Received.
1929	2,738	2,721,760	2,627,126
1930	2,732	2,679,997	2,601,010
1931	2,559	2,396,006	2,331,389
1932	2,548	2,365,756	2,389,447
1933	2,533	2,330,810	2,247,505

* Excluding "telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1928-29, 237; 1929-30, 241; 1930-31, 260; 1931-32, 258; 1932-33, 261.

Postal Returns. Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1931-32 and 1932-33 are given hereunder:—

NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS
DEALT WITH, 1931-32 AND 1932-33.

Particulars.	1931-32.			1932-33.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards, and Packets.	Newspapers.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards, and Packets.	Newspapers.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>						
<i>Within the Commonwealth ..</i>	207,952,200	25,002,400	232,954,600	205,401,900	25,243,200	230,645,100
<i>Beyond the Commonwealth—</i>						
Despatched ..	8,623,000	4,184,000	12,807,000	8,966,900	4,292,000	13,258,900
Received ..	5,991,800	2,042,900	8,034,700	6,453,900	2,105,000	8,558,900
Total ..	222,567,000	31,229,300	253,796,300	220,822,700	31,640,200	252,462,900

The number of registered articles posted and received and particulars concerning parcels post, for the last five years, are shown below:—

REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST, 1928-29
TO 1932-33.

Year ended 30th June—	Registered Articles (Other than Parcels)—				Parcels Post*—			
	Posted for Delivery Within the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery Beyond the Commonwealth.	Total Posted.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery Within the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery Beyond the Commonwealth.	Total Posted.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1929 ..	2,084,423	119,544	2,203,967	162,750	2,962,800	68,100	3,030,900	142,800
1930 ..	2,031,560	111,479	2,143,039	171,002	2,450,600	74,400	2,525,000	132,800
1931 ..	1,772,144	79,506	1,851,650	138,646	1,788,800	46,200	1,833,000	81,100
1932 ..	1,702,882	47,238	1,750,120	114,448	1,667,800	42,700	1,710,500	62,600
1933 ..	1,719,900	54,718	1,774,618	105,668	1,611,500	41,400	1,652,900	67,300

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

Dead Letters. During 1932-33 money and valuables to the amount of £22,091 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Postal articles numbering 24,276 were posted without address, and of that number 216 contained money and valuables to the extent of £2,304.

The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in Victoria in each of the last five years:—

MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Heading.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
Number of Money Order Offices open	709	735	740	741	742
Money Orders Issued—					
Inland	{ Number .. 494,732	{ Number .. 505,212	{ Number .. 483,730	{ Number .. 426,438	{ Number .. 429,186
	{ Amount £ 2,612,542	{ Amount £ 2,623,002	{ Amount £ 2,449,057	{ Amount £ 2,160,546	{ Amount £ 2,197,455
Interstate	{ Number .. 84,227	{ Number .. 81,507	{ Number .. 75,576	{ Number .. 68,751	{ Number .. 66,061
	{ Amount £ 471,370	{ Amount £ 451,021	{ Amount £ 394,506	{ Amount £ 336,870	{ Amount £ 342,422
Beyond the monwealth Com-	{ Number .. 86,772	{ Number .. 87,618	{ Number .. 62,930	{ Number .. 35,342	{ Number .. 37,151
	{ Amount £ 286,976	{ Amount £ 316,125	{ Amount £ 262,008	{ Amount £ 117,104	{ Amount £ 104,803
Total	{ Number .. 665,731	{ Number .. 674,337	{ Number .. 622,236	{ Number .. 530,531	{ Number .. 532,398
	{ Amount £ 3,370,888	{ Amount £ 3,390,148	{ Amount £ 3,105,571	{ Amount £ 2,614,520	{ Amount £ 2,644,680
Money Orders Paid—					
Inland	{ Number .. 495,276	{ Number .. 503,593	{ Number .. 480,379	{ Number .. 428,766	{ Number .. 431,956
	{ Amount £ 2,618,878	{ Amount £ 2,627,713	{ Amount £ 2,460,484	{ Amount £ 2,167,972	{ Amount £ 2,197,719
Interstate	{ Number .. 148,090	{ Number .. 144,178	{ Number .. 127,916	{ Number .. 122,443	{ Number .. 127,351
	{ Amount £ 760,638	{ Amount £ 732,916	{ Amount £ 609,132	{ Amount £ 548,951	{ Amount £ 566,044
Beyond the monwealth Com-	{ Number .. 37,364	{ Number .. 38,573	{ Number .. 36,540	{ Number .. 29,395	{ Number .. 26,972
	{ Amount £ 135,220	{ Amount £ 135,988	{ Amount £ 125,416	{ Amount £ 102,049	{ Amount £ 84,139
Total	{ Number .. 680,730	{ Number .. 686,344	{ Number .. 644,835	{ Number .. 580,604	{ Number .. 586,279
	{ Amount £ 3,514,736	{ Amount £ 3,496,617	{ Amount £ 3,195,032	{ Amount £ 2,818,972	{ Amount £ 2,847,902
Postal Notes—					
Issued	{ Number .. 4,759,531	{ Number .. 4,893,975	{ Number .. 4,516,951	{ Number .. 4,529,707	{ Number .. 4,916,564
	{ Amount £ 1,720,553	{ Amount £ 1,765,486	{ Amount £ 1,600,160	{ Amount £ 1,543,392	{ Amount £ 1,650,113
Paid—Issued with- in the State	{ Number .. 3,106,130	{ Number .. 3,142,456	{ Number .. 3,053,663	{ Number .. 3,019,162	{ Number .. 3,295,818
	{ Amount £ 1,169,662	{ Amount £ 1,186,140	{ Amount £ 1,121,683	{ Amount £ 1,081,211	{ Amount £ 1,156,571
Paid — Issued in other States	{ Number .. 441,366	{ Number .. 422,514	{ Number .. 403,930	{ Number .. 420,634	{ Number .. 488,793
	{ Amount £ 166,406	{ Amount £ 164,853	{ Amount £ 156,852	{ Amount £ 169,769	{ Amount £ 172,422

Of the money orders issued in 1932-33, 3,252 for £10,796 were payable in New Zealand, and 22,869 for £54,114 were payable in the United Kingdom. The orders paid included 10,520 for £19,116 issued in New Zealand, and 12,323 for £51,451 issued in the United Kingdom.

The following statement gives particulars relating to the telegraph business in the Victorian offices during the last five years :—

TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Heading.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)..	2,409	2,442	2,428	2,426	2,423
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Despatched ..	3,874,173	3,741,895	3,070,104	3,012,693	2,998,849
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched ..	256,167	250,769	209,356	202,870	215,591
Received ..	230,293	229,231	196,951	187,894	190,856
Transiting the State ..	346,559	329,909	252,332	294,145	317,412
Total Number of Messages Handled..	4,707,192	4,551,804	3,728,743	3,697,602	3,722,708
Revenue Credited—	£	£	£	£	£
Telegrams within the Commonwealth	258,671	241,332	197,772	191,934	192,652
Telegrams transiting the State	46,477	40,712	35,269	34,950	36,361
Total	305,148	282,044	233,041	226,884	229,013

The connexion of one or more subscribers to a telephone office constitutes an exchange. Information relating to the telephone service in Victoria is given below for the years 1928-29 to 1932-33 :—

TELEPHONES, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Heading.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,620	1,656	1,652	1,641	1,639
Public Telephones ..	2,256	2,295	2,213	2,199	2,226
Lines Connected ..	114,603	118,074	113,282	110,213	110,386
Instruments Connected ..	155,841	160,381	154,647	151,455	152,693
Instruments per 1,000 of Population	88.2	89.9	86.0	83.9	83.9

Details of wireless licences issued in Victoria for the years 1930-31 to 1932-33 are shown hereunder. The licences issued to broadcast listeners in Victoria at 30th June, 1933, represented over 36 per cent. of the total for Australia, viz., 468,430.

WIRELESS LICENCES ISSUED IN VICTORIA,
1930-31 TO 1932-33.

Class of Licence.	Number of Licences issued during—		
	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
Coast	1	1	1
Ship	50	54	60
Land	6	3	3
Broadcasting*	10	13	14
Broadcast Listeners	137,005	139,323	170,995
Experimental	260	269	323
Portable	1	1	1
Special	10	12	11
Total	137,343	139,676	171,408

* Exclusive of the 2 stations operated by the National Broadcasting Service (P.M.G.'s Department).

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Post and Telegraph Department in Victoria for the years 1928-29 to 1932-33 are contained in the following table:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Particulars.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
<i>Revenue.*</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Postage	1,441,804	1,445,412	1,482,526	1,424,107	1,430,699
Money Order Commission	61,422	66,491	54,774	56,537	55,334
Poundage on Postal Notes	16,092	13,447	12,783	12,304	12,522
Private Boxes and Bags	137,008	317,308	92,834	90,188	122,417
Miscellaneous					
Total Postal	1,656,326	1,842,658	1,642,917	1,583,136	1,620,972
Telegraph	334,168	396,383	325,045	307,740	328,664
Telephones	1,529,634	1,633,790	1,598,415	1,555,437	1,595,977
Grand Total†	3,520,128	3,872,831	3,566,377	3,446,313	3,545,613
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries	1,664,562	1,691,961	1,717,591	..	..
Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary .. .. .	..	..	..	1,289,583	1,199,835
General Expenses .. .. .	..	..	..	65,143	56,583
Stores and Material .. .. .	..	..	..	37,790	35,402
Mail Services	282,820	287,994	272,074	263,612	246,168
Engineering Services (other than new works) .. .. .	..	..	..	435,240	531,347
Contingencies	576,171	591,785	490,623	..	..
Miscellaneous	24,129	24,993	26,070	..	..
Pensions and Retiring Allowances	51,376	48,794	46,995	39,845	48,807
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	32,690	25,837	14,740	14,152	20,660
Proportion of Audit Expenses	3,222	3,366	3,576	2,677	2,699
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephone, and Wireless	697,526	630,943	274,818	108,943	138,902
New Buildings, &c.	23,421	54,448	5,571	118	..
Interest on Transferred Properties	61,362	61,362	61,362	61,362	61,362
Total Expenditure†	3,417,279	3,421,483	2,913,420	2,318,460	2,341,265

* Including "Central Office" collections.

† Actual collections.

‡ Actual payments, which include loan expenditure as follows:—£720,947 in 1928-29 £685,391 in 1929-30, £280,389 in 1930-31, £109,056 in 1931-32, and nil in 1932-33.

As a result of a change in the method of classification of expenditure figures for 1931-32 and 1932-33 are not comparable in all respects with those for previous years.

TRANSPORT.

Under the provisions of the *Transport Regulation Act* 1932, The Transport Regulation Board was appointed by the Governor in Council on 16th February, 1933, for the purposes of securing the improvement and co-ordination of means of and facilities for locomotion and transport, and of carrying into effect the objects and purposes of the Act.

The Board consisted, as provided by the Act, of (a) a chairman, (b) a nominee of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, (c) a representative of motor interests, (d) a primary producer, (e) a person engaged in commercial pursuits.

The Act gave the Board power to make reports to the Governor in Council, containing such recommendations as the Board thought wise and expedient with respect to the better and more economic co-ordination or the better regulation and control of railway, tramway, motor, sea and air transport.

The Board in its Further (Second) Report dated 21st July, 1933, made a number of recommendations for the better and more economic co-ordination of railway and road motor transport.

Many of the recommendations contained in the Report are embodied in the *Transport Regulation Act* 1933, which was assented to on 31st December, 1933. This Act provides that the transport authority shall be a re-constituted Transport Regulation Board of three members appointed by the Governor in Council of whom (a) one shall be chairman, (b) one a primary producer, and (c) one a person engaged in commercial pursuits outside an area within a radius of twenty-five miles from the post office situate at the corner of Bourke-street and Elizabeth-street, Melbourne.

The provisions of the Act relating to commercial passenger vehicles do not apply with respect to—

- (a) any motor omnibus with seating capacity for not less than eight passengers and used for hire in the City of Melbourne, and within eight miles of its boundaries.
- (b) any urban motor omnibus operating in the municipal districts of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong, and a distance of within twenty-five miles from the chief post office within each of the municipal districts.

- (c) During a period of two years from the date of coming into operation of the Act, any urban motor omnibus operating solely within the urban districts of Mildura.
- (d) any motor car used by a commercial traveller in the ordinary course of his business.
- (e) any commercial passenger vehicle while it is used solely for the purpose of essential emergency transport of persons necessitated by failure, breakdown, or stoppage of the ordinary passenger transport service.

The Act requires *all* commercial goods vehicles to be licensed. These vehicles may be classified as follows:—

- (a) Public goods carriers, that is to say, vehicles used solely for the carriage of goods of persons (other than the owner) for hire or reward.
- (b) Private goods carriers, that is to say, vehicles used solely for the carriage of goods for or in connexion with the business of the owner of the vehicle.
- (c) Limited goods carriers, that is to say, vehicles used for the carriage of goods for or in connexion with the business of the owner of such vehicle and also for the carriage for hire or reward of goods of other persons engaged in business in the same locality.

It is obligatory on the Board to grant without variation (so far as relates to routes, areas and classes of goods) every application for a commercial goods vehicle license in respect of (b) and (c).

Before granting or refusing to grant the license of any commercial passenger vehicle or any commercial goods vehicle used as a carrier of public goods, the Board shall take into consideration the advantages of the service proposed to be provided, the existing transportation service, the condition of the roads, the character and qualifications of the applicant and the interests of the public generally.

The conditions under which all licenses are granted require that vehicles are to be maintained in a fit and serviceable condition, that the limits of speed are complied with, and that the requirements of any determination of a wages board under the Factories and Shops Acts or any award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and

Arbitration relating to the wages to be paid to and the conditions of labour of drivers are observed.

Any person aggrieved may apply to the Board to state for the opinion of the Supreme Court the grounds of granting, refusing, revoking or suspending a license.

The license fee payable in respect of every commercial passenger vehicle and every commercial goods vehicle shall be determined by the Board, but the fee shall not be at a rate exceeding £5 per annum. Provided that the fee for any commercial goods vehicle used as private goods carriers or limited goods carriers shall be at the rate of 5s. annually. The rates of fees shall be determined so that the total amount of fees paid in any financial year does not substantially exceed the cost of administration of the Act in the year.

The owner of any licensed commercial passenger vehicle is required to insure himself, and during the currency of the license to keep himself insured against all sums for which he may become liable by way of damages in respect of such commercial passenger vehicle in case of injury to persons. The minimum amount of insurance in respect of any one vehicle shall not exceed £4,500. An owner of one or more commercial passenger vehicles is not required to insure his liability in respect of such vehicles jointly for more than £12,000.

The Act voids any contract for the conveyance of a passenger which purports to negative or restrict the liability in regard to insurance, and places a limitation on the number of consecutive hours any person may be employed driving a licensed vehicle.

No motor car, whether required to be licensed as a commercial goods vehicle or not, constructed or ordinarily used for the carriage of goods, shall be used for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward unless such motor car is specially licensed for the purpose.

RAILWAYS.

**Victorian
Railways,
length and
cost.**

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic, with the two exceptions referred to on page 334, are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

The succeeding tables relate to the State railways, the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways and the Road Motor Services, all of which are under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of these tramways are also shown separately on page 333. The usual motive power is steam, but electric traction is used on the suburban lines (with the exception of a small section of the Outer Circle line between East Camberwell and Deepdene), and on the 7·60 miles of electric tramways referred to above. The gauge of the lines is 5 ft. 3 in., with the exception of 121·77 miles (·21 double and 121·56 single) of which the gauge is 2 ft. 6 in.; and 2·42 miles (2·21 miles double and ·21 single) of electric street tramway, the gauge of which is 4 ft. 8½ in. The following table shows the length of double and single lines, the cost of construction, and the average cost per mile at the close of each of the last five years :—

**RAILWAYS, LENGTH AND COST OF CONSTRUCTION,
1928-29 TO 1932-33.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
Length of Lines opened to 30th June—					
Double Lines (miles)	338·72	347·30	347·30	348·10	348·10
Single Lines (miles)	4,411·94	4,417·06	4,426·16	4,429·37	4,429·37
Total	4,750·66	4,764·36	4,773·46	4,777·47	4,777·47
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of Construction	45,298,221	46,331,145	46,448,956	46,499,934	46,753,002
Average Cost per mile	9,535	9,725	9,731	9,733	9,786

At 30th June, 1933, 103¾ miles of railways were in course of construction, and 39½ miles had been authorized but construction had been indefinitely postponed.

Total capital cost of railways and equipment. The total capital cost of all lines constructed and in course of construction, works, rolling-stock and equipment of the Railways Department as at the end of each of the last five years was as follows :—

**TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC., AND
EQUIPMENT, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.**

At 30th June—	Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.
	Lines Opened.*	Lines in Progress of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1929	73,075,876	894,375	335,987	26,208	74,332,446
1930	74,234,081	408,312	337,718	40,209	75,020,320
1931	74,343,498	438,054	339,325	35,041	75,155,918
1932	74,456,021	454,670	339,743	31,665	75,282,099
1933	74,747,300	470,087	341,092†	28,595	75,587,074

* Including at 30th June, 1933, the cost of surveys for lines not constructed (£411,111), and cost of lines now closed for traffic (£390,539)

† Including (£33,101) cost of line now closed for traffic.

The loan liability of the Railways Department at 30th June, 1933, is represented by stock and debentures outstanding to the nominal amount of £73,839,638 on which the annual interest payable is £3,113,818, or at the average rate of 4·217 per cent. The nominal amount of loans, however, was reduced by £3,103,173—the cost of flotation, together with the discount at time of flotation.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, contributions amounting, at 30th June, 1933, to £4,553,460 (on which no interest is charged) have been made from Consolidated Revenue, the Developmental Railways Account and the National Recovery Loan for capital purposes.

Railway traffic. The mileage and the traffic of the railways for each of the years 1928-29 to 1932-33 are given in the following table:—

RAILWAYS—MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
Miles Constructed ..	4,750·66	4,764·36	4,773·46	4,777·47	4,777·47
„ Dismantled ..	36·14	37·70	37·63	37·63	37·63
„ Closed to Traffic ..	5·71	4·15	9·28	11·47	11·47
„ Open for Traffic ..	4,708·81	4,722·51	4,726·55	4,728·37	4,728·37
Vehicle Mileage ..	19,022,771	18,708,773	16,957,378	16,269,092	16,235,292
Passenger Journeys ..	168,440,449	164,471,582	141,212,373	131,921,679	136,078,269
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	8,187,088	7,513,606	6,099,310	6,197,393*	6,259,427*

* Figures relating to Road Motor Services (11,312 tons in 1931-32, 15,081 tons in 1932-33) not included previously.

The tonnage of goods and live stock carried during 1932-33—6,259,427—exceeded that for 1931-32 by 62,034 tons.

Railway receipts and expenditure. The receipts and expenditure of the Railways Department during the last five financial years were as follows:—

RAILWAY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts—					
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares	5,303,122	4,904,785	3,957,859	3,574,392	3,620,726
Parcels, &c. ..	518,302	470,188	375,959	336,412	322,231
Other ..	131,255	128,915	112,155	96,017	85,392
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods ..	5,432,815	4,716,294	4,163,987	4,193,187	4,127,696
Live Stock ..	664,729	730,008	572,658	550,461	590,691
Minerals ..	159,132	160,600	90,185	72,462	68,557
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services ..	454,018	430,808	317,801	276,296	290,301
Sale of Electrical Power ..	38,574	34,542	43,840	27,394	28,595
Rentals ..	149,118	159,161	149,865	139,989	130,000
Book Stalls ..	82,338	77,199	63,972	57,348	58,021
Advertising ..	54,462	57,580	55,425	42,423	41,798
Other ..	274,522	217,933	186,178	164,431	156,862
Total ..	13,262,387	12,088,013	10,089,884	9,530,812	9,520,870
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works ..	1,932,618	1,759,893	1,405,588	1,117,846	1,472,198
Rolling-stock ..	3,588,627	3,596,430	2,849,776	2,267,598	2,238,956
Transportation ..	3,144,911	3,056,555	2,435,177	2,035,838	1,978,796
Electrical Engineer- ing Branch ..	357,010	345,566	273,682	187,805	192,941
Stores Branch ..	141,094	133,922	110,810	88,636	85,389
Pensions and Gratuities ..	209,129	201,871	195,210	159,052	147,199
Payment to the Superannuation Fund ..	157,770	192,481	230,278	265,848	270,773
Other ..	302,300	312,175	269,820	278,896	255,672
Credit for mainten- ance expenditure charged to Un- employment Re- lief Funds ..					Cr. 69,135
Total ..	9,833,459	9,598,893	7,770,341	6,401,519	6,572,789
Net Receipts ..	3,428,928	2,489,120	2,319,543	3,129,293	2,948,081
Interest Charges and Expenses ..	3,491,757	3,526,117	3,798,107*	4,099,643*	3,643,877*
Deficit for year ..	62,829	1,036,997	1,478,564	970,350	695,796
Proportion of Work- ing Expenses to Receipts ..	% 74·15	% 79·41	% 77·01	% 67·17	% 69·04

* Including Exchange on Interest Payments in London, viz., 1930-31, £183,863; 1931-32, £440,938; 1932-33, £404,867.

The receipts for 1932-33 were £9,942 less than in 1931-32. Passenger business increased by £21,528, and goods, &c., business decreased by £29,166. Working expenses showed an increase on the previous year of £171,270.

The earnings, expenses, and net revenue per average mile of railway worked for each of the last five years were as follows:—

RAILWAY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Heading.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
Average Number of Miles Open for Traffic	4,708	4,718	4,720	4,723	4,728
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile ..	2,817	2,562	2,133	2,016	2,014
Working Expenses per Mile ..	2,089	2,034	1,646	1,354	1,390
Net Revenue per Mile ..	728	528	491	662	624

This table does not take account of the interest payable on railway loans and expenses of paying the same, which are given in the table on page 331.

At 30th June, 1933, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling-stock was £14,388,648 (including electrical equipment of Suburban Passenger Coaches, £929,039), of the narrow-gauge £112,558, of the electric street tramway £100,714, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £22,494.

The number of officers and employees in the railway service and the amount of salaries and wages (excluding travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the last five financial years were as set forth below:—

RAILWAY STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC., 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Year.	Number of Employees at end of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
1928-29 ..	20,877	6,768	27,645	£ 7,277,902
1929-30 ..	20,258	4,484	24,742	6,959,806
1930-31 ..	19,441	2,716	22,157	5,490,927
1931-32 ..	18,581	2,709	21,290	4,352,872
1932-33 ..	18,542	3,334	21,876	4,338,284

Note.—Particulars relating to the Construction Branch employees are not included above.

The numbers for 1930-31, 1931-32, and 1932-33 do not convey an accurate impression of the effective strength of the staff owing to the "rationing system" which was operating for the whole of the two first-mentioned years and until February, 1933.

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways for 1932-33 are detailed in the following statement. As these tramways are controlled by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in all the preceding railway tables.

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1932-33.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St. Kilda-Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham- Beaumaris Electric Tramway.	Total.
Average Mileage of Tramway			
Worked	5.18	2.41	7.59
Car Mileage	480,029	115,706	595,735
Number of Passengers Carried	4,190,379	997,678	5,188,057
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	43,110	11,779*	54,889
Working Expenses	32,098	6,370	38,468
Interest Charges	10,807†	7,385‡	18,192
Net Result	<i>Profit</i> 205	<i>Loss</i> 1,976	<i>Loss</i> 1,771
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1933—			
Construction of Line	137,249	103,129	240,378
Rolling-stock	68,896	31,818	100,714
Total	206,145	134,947	341,092

* Including £2,026 recouped from the Treasury.

† Including exchange on interest payments and redemptions, £1,201.

‡ Including exchange and interest payments and redemptions, £820.

The item "Interest Charges, £7,385" includes £2,284 in respect of the portion of the tramway from Black Rock to Beaumaris which was closed for traffic on 31st August, 1931.

Particulars are given in the following table in relation to the operations during the last three years of the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners:—

ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1930-31 to 1932-33.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
Car Mileage No.	323,738	297,861	318,159
Passenger Journeys No.	646,251	641,990	700,199
Gross Revenue—	£	£	£
Passenger Service	7,908	6,339	6,615
Goods Service	9,022	10,372	13,245
Working Expenses	24,044	23,070	20,284
Interest Charges	1,319	1,327	1,270*
Net Result	<i>Loss</i> 8,433	<i>Loss</i> 7,686	<i>Loss</i> 1,694
Capital Expenditure at end of year (less depreciation written off)	35,041	31,665	28,594

* Including exchange on interest payments and redemptions, £141.

The following table shows the number of persons killed or injured in railway accidents and the amount paid in compensation, damages, &c., for the years 1931-32 and 1932-33 :—

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS, 1931-32 and 1932-33.

Nature of Accident.	1931-32.		1932-33.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Train Accidents—	No.	No.	No.	No.
Passengers .. .. .	..	45	..	2
Accidents on Line (other than Train Accidents)—				
Passengers	4	85	6	91
Employees	4	53	2	52
Other Persons .. .. .	..	4	..	..
Shunting Accidents—				
Passengers .. .. .	..	1	..	..
Employees	3	6	3	7
Other Persons	2	4	..	2
Employees proceeding to and from Duty	..	..	1	..
Accidents to Persons at Crossings ..	20	18	19	14
Trespassers	23	11	21	9
Total	56	227	52	177
Compensation, Damages, &c., Paid	£ 7,141		£ 12,223	

Municipal railway. A railway between Kerang and Koondrook, owned and worked by the municipality of the Shire of Kerang, is open for general traffic. This railway, which has a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge, is 13 miles 75 chains in length, and, up to 30th September, 1933, cost £41,154 for construction and equipment. During the year ended 30th September, 1933, the gross receipts were £5,502 and the working expenses, including interest, £4,861. The train mileage for the same year was 8,834, the number of passenger journeys was 5,653, and the tonnage of goods and live stock carried was 15,820.

Private railway. Another railway in Victoria, not belonging to the State system, is one of 3-ft. gauge and 11 miles in length between Yarra Junction and Powelltown. It was constructed principally for private use, but, in addition to serving its immediate purpose, is engaged in the general business of transportation of passengers and goods. Up to 30th June, 1933, the cost of construction was £80,133, and for the year ended on the same date the receipts and working expenses (exclusive of depreciation and interest on capital) were £6,023 and £4,867 respectively. The above construction and maintenance cost includes the cost of about 8 miles of

steel tramway continuation beyond Powelltown. This tramway is used for haulage of the logs of the company to which the line belongs and of sawn timber of other sawmillers, but not for passenger traffic. The freights on the extension line are included in the above receipts. The train mileage for the year between Powelltown and Yarra Junction was 11,190, and the passenger journeys numbered 6,816.

TRAMWAYS.

The various tramway systems in the State (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprise 24·292 miles of cable lines, double track, and 148·943 miles of electric lines, of which 114·747 miles are double, and 34·196 miles single track.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Beaumaris, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, being included under the heading "Railways," page 328, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 338.

The subjoined table contains particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria (with the above exceptions) for each of the last five years:—

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1923-29 TO 1932-33.

(Exclusive of St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Street Tramways.)

Financial Year.	Miles of Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Number of Rolling-stock.	Number of Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
1928-29	137·982	34·241	25,888,243	221,616,033	2,497,214	1,783,790	1,297	5,575
1929-30	138·292	34·583	24,513,781	207,635,032	2,381,076	1,720,307	1,223	5,038
1930-31	138·778	34·458	23,689,735	182,279,131	2,114,368	1,462,025	1,195	4,658
1931-32	139·007	34·226	23,495,393	170,142,285	1,985,281	1,294,070	1,179	4,620
1932-33	139·039	34·196	23,473,262	171,717,081	1,996,160	1,263,132	1,158	4,637

On 7th January, 1919, the Royal Assent was given to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act, which is administered by a Board consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor in Council. The Board has control of all the tramways in the metropolitan area, with the exception of the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris electric systems, which are managed by the Railways Commissioners.

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £5,500,000 by the issue of stock or debentures secured upon its revenues and undertakings, this being in addition to the transferred liabilities attaching to the tramways vested in it. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000. At 30th June, 1933, the Board had exercised its borrowing power to the extent of £4,950,000.

Melbourne and
Metropolitan
Tramways.The following table contains detailed particulars of the
operations of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways
Board for the year 1932-33:—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1932-33.

Tramway.	Track Open—		Vehicle Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.*	Working Expenses.	Rolling Stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
Cable—	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
Melbourne	21.972	..	5,010,900	36,865,659	374,548	297,556	507	1,099
Northcote	2.320	..	399,310	2,904,825	27,775	23,713	30	84
Total, Cable	24.292	..	5,410,210	39,770,484	402,323	321,269	537	1,183
Electric—								
Eastern system† ..	74.069	4.130	12,006,645	90,068,400	1,108,031	630,429	415	2,158
Northern system‡ ..	15.544	1.718	2,641,532	22,339,941	263,430	138,680	81	633
Footscray	3.919	.543	408,038	2,839,941	23,925	17,295	15	55
Essendon§	13.215	1.405	1,454,227	8,669,104	122,703	76,347	42	367
Total, Electric	106.747	7.796	16,510,442	123,917,386	1,518,089	862,751	553	3,213
Grand Total	131.039	7.796	21,920,652	163,687,870	1,920,412	1,184,020	1,090	4,396
Motor Omnibuses .. ..	..	..	9,357	7,075	712	475	36	..

* Gross revenue from tramways amounted to £2,005,336, and from motor omnibuses to £713.

† Prahran and Malvern (including St. Kilda and South Melbourne) and Hawthorn tramways.

‡ Coburg and Preston tramways.

§ Including "West Brunswick."

In addition to traffic receipts (£1,921,124), there was revenue from advertising, rents, &c., of £1,557 from cable tramways and £7,057 from electric tramways, making a gross revenue for the year of £1,929,738.

The gross surplus on the year's operations, including motor omnibuses, was £745,243. Out of this sum was paid interest on loans, rates, &c., leaving available for appropriation an amount of £421,838. The following appropriations were made:—Consolidated Revenue, £108,218; Renewals Reserve Account, £236,000; Loan Redemption and Sinking Fund Accounts, £76,838; and General Reserve Account, £86,000. The resulting deficit of £85,218 was met by a transfer from the General Reserve Account.

Up to 30th June, 1933, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, including stores on hand, amounted to £8,178,795, of which £1,369,167 was expended on cable, £6,719,993 on electric tramways, and £89,635 on motor omnibuses.

In the next statement interesting comparisons are made between the cable, electric, and bus systems, the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1932-33:—

System.	Traffic Receipts.			Percentage of Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track.	Per Passenger.			
	<i>d.</i>	£	<i>d.</i>	%	<i>d.</i>	Miles.
Cable ..	17·847	8,281	2·428	79·54	14·252	·977
Electric ..	22·067	6,860	2·940	56·56	12·541	·898
Bus ..	18·276	..	24·152	..	12·190	..

Metropolitan
Tramways
Traffic.

Particulars in relation to the traffic of the metropolitan tramways for each of the last five years are given in the following statement:—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1928-29
TO 1932-33.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1928-29	130·472	8·531	23,791,857	211,762,137	2,403,990	1,683,819	1,228	5,277
1929-30	130·392	8·553	22,888,596	197,978,645	2,291,192	1,615,318	1,154	4,755
1930-31	130·808	8·028	22,181,379	173,854,203	2,035,115	1,369,733	1,127	4,416
1931-32	131·037	7·796	21,918,356	161,917,696	1,907,962	1,211,688	1,111	4,398
1932-33	131·039	7·796	21,920,652	163,687,870	1,920,412	1,184,020	1,090	4,396

The towns, other than the metropolis, having tramway systems are :—Ballarat, with 13·85 miles of electric lines (1·42 double and 12·43 single track); Bendigo, with 8·79 miles of electric lines (1·79 double and 7·00 single track); and Geelong, with 11·76 miles of electric lines (4·79 double and 6·97 single track).

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the last five years are summarized below :—

COUNTRY TRAMWAYS, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1928-29	7·51	25·71	1,596,386	9,853,896	93,224	99,971	69	298
1929-30	7·90	26·03	1,625,185	9,656,387	89,884	104,989	69	283
1930-31	7·97	26·43	1,503,356	8,424,928	79,258	92,292	68	240
1931-32	7·97	26·43	1,577,037	8,224,589	77,319	82,382	68	222
1932-33	8·00	26·40	1,552,610	8,029,211	75,748	79,112	68	241

A summary of the operations for the past two years relating to the foregoing tramway systems and the electric tramways under the control of the Railways Commissioners is appended :—

Summary of
All Victorian
Tramways.

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1931-32 AND 1932-33.

Heading.		1931-32.	1932-33.
Route Mileage Open—Double	.. miles	146.397	146.429
Single	.. miles	34.436	34.406
Total	.. miles	180.833	180.835
Cost of Construction and Equipment	£	8,660,367	8,616,069
Interest Payable on Capital Cost of Construction and Equipment	.. £	332,751	318,198
Gross Revenue—			
Traffic Receipts	.. .. £	2,039,444	2,047,857
Other	.. .. £	8,150	10,342
Total Revenue	£	2,047,594	2,058,199
Working Expenses	.. .. £	1,331,978	1,301,600
Net Earnings	.. .. £	715,616	756,599
Net Profit after Paying Working Expenses and Interest	.. .. £	382,865	438,401
Tram Miles Run	.. .. miles	24,102,848	24,068,997
Passenger Journeys	.. .. No.	175,431,389	176,905,138
Staff Employed—			
Salaried	.. .. No.	648	641
Wages	.. .. No.	4,088	4,092
Total Staff	.. .. No.	4,736	4,733
Rolling Stock	.. .. No.	1,212	1,191

LICENSED VEHICLES.

Licensed vehicles in Melbourne. The licensing and regulating of vehicles used as hackney carriages plying for hire within the City of Melbourne and within the distance of eight miles from the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne are controlled by the Melbourne City Council.

The details of vehicles licensed during 1932-33 were as follows:—
 (a) For passenger traffic—waggonettes, drags (4-wheel), 79; hansom cabs, 3; motor cars (taxi cabs, &c.), 630; motor omnibuses, 174; and motor chars-a-bancs, 14; and (b) for conveyance of goods within the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne only—drivers licensed, 1,861.

Motor vehicles, etc., registrations. A detailed statement of the fees chargeable for the registration of motor vehicles, &c., is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 500.

The total registrations of motor vehicles, &c., and the revenue received therefrom by the Police Department during 1932-33, are shown in the appended table:—

REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC., 1932-33.

Heading.	Registrations.	Revenue.
	No.	£
Motor Cars—		
Private	124,609	754,011
Commercial	28,612	305,005
Hire	2,095	23,314
Motor Cycles	23,439	27,174
Omnibuses	847	6,763
Traction Engines	171	746
Trailers	1,310	1,745
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	235,613	59,519
Dealers' Licences	272	1,360
Transfers	43,711	5,464
Duplicates	7,456	373
Total Revenue .. .. .	..	1,185,474*

* This amount, less cost of collection and refunds and the amount received on account of Motor Drivers' Licences, has been credited to the Country Roads Board Fund.

In the following statement, details of the registrations of motor vehicles, &c., are shown for each of the last five years :—

REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Heading.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—					
Private	116,880	125,315	116,568	117,160	124,609
Commercial and Hire	26,527	28,541	27,068	27,393	30,707
Motor Cycles	24,554	25,405	23,635	22,568	23,439
Omnibuses	437	626	960	831	847
Traction Engines	207	154	126	107	171
Side-cars	7,735	7,833	3,438*	*	*
Trailers	537	601	673	857	1,310
Drivers' and Riders'					
Licences	212,228	230,853	228,051	226,712	235,613
Dealers' Licences	372	377	293	250	272
Transfers	46,053	50,065	38,565	34,935	43,711
Duplicates	3,651	4,365	4,088	3,759	7,456
Total Revenue Received ..	£ 1,092,702	£ 1,185,748	£ 1,106,011	£ 1,098,035	£ 1,185,474

* Separate registration discontinued since 18th December, 1930.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN VICTORIA, 1933.

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Cause of Traffic Accident.	Total Number of Accidents.			Number of Persons Affected.				Total Number Killed and Injured.
	Metro-politan Area.	Remainder of State.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.		Remainder of State.		
				Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	
Vehicles—								
Bicycle	169	14	183	7	138	3	8	156
Motor Bus	32		32	2	21			23
Motor Car	8,912	1,382	10,244	136	3,520	82	820	4,557
Motor Cycle	383	25	408	17	233	4	35	339
Train	24	16	40	22	28	12	8	70
Tram (Cable and Electric) ..	191	3	194	8	111		2	121
Other Vehicles	71	20	91	7	50	4	23	84
Horses—								
Bolting	17	1	18		14	1		15
Led	3	2	5	2	2	1	1	6
Ridden	7	10	17	3	14	6	4	27
Improper riding upon or getting on or off trams or other vehicles in motion*	49	5	54	8	30	2	3	43
<i>Total Traffic Accidents—</i> (Vehicle, Horse, and Improper Riding)	9,809	1,423	11,232†	203	4,181	113	901	5,398
						Total.		
						Killed.	Injured.	Total Killed and Injured.
<i>Ages of Persons killed or injured—</i>						No.	No.	No.
Under 10 years						39	180	219
10 to 14 years						13	96	109
Over 14 years						264	4,806	5,070
Total						316	5,082	5,398

*These figures are included in those shown above. † Of the 11,232 traffic accidents shown above, 2,737 occurred in the City of Melbourne, 7,072 in the Suburbs, and 1,423 in the Country Districts; and 7,188 occurred during the hours of daylight.

The Police Department has tabulated a return of the traffic accidents (vehicle, horse, and improper riding) known to the Police, which occurred in the public streets of Victoria during the calendar year 1933. Details showing total accidents, and number of persons killed and injured, are as follows:—

Interchange.

A comparative statement of the traffic accidents occurring during the last five years is given below :—

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN VICTORIA, 1929 TO 1933.

Cause of Accident.	1929.		1930.		1931.		1932.		1933.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Bicycle	No. 4	No. 60	No. 4	No. 57	No. 7	No. 120	No. 5	No. 122	No. 10	No. 146
Motor Bus	1	41	..	3	..	3	1	8	2	21
Motor Car	232	3,590	246	3,351	232	3,345	213	3,353	217	4,340
Motor Cycle	31	219	26	403	40	327	40	350	21	318
Train	20	18	39	26	24	45	23	12	34	36
Tram	14	144	11	103	10	71	7	131	8	113
Other Vehicle*	26	105	22	108	18	121	17	95	11	73
Horses	16	44	2	34	2	10	5	24	13	35
Total	344	4,221	350	4,085	333	4,042	311	4,090	316	5,082

* Figures for the years 1929 to 1931 include "Improper riding upon, or getting on or off, trams or other vehicles in motion." For 1932 and 1933 accidents of this nature are included under the heading to which the accident relates.