

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, most 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 under the Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) Act the principal products of the Territories of Papua and New Guinea which otherwise would be dutiable are admitted into the Commonwealth free of duty. During 1934 an agreement was negotiated with Belgium under which Australia agreed to permit the importation of specified quantities of Belgian plain clear sheet glass, and Belgium agreed to waive all restrictions on the importation of Australian meat and not to enforce the threatened prohibition on Australian barley and other cereals.

A Customs 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.

Subsequent to the enactment of the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933*, the Tariff Board in its inquiries into the economics of Australian industries has adopted the principle of recommending protective rates of duty on the basis of—

- (a) reasonable and adequate protection necessary under existing conditions after provision is made for the protective incidence due to Australian depreciated currency; and
- (b) reasonable and adequate protection necessary where exchange conditions Australia on London are at par.

The Tariff Proposals of 6th December, 1934, have given effect, for the first time, to the new principle of imposing rates of duty as recommended by the Tariff Board as in (a) above. Automatic increases in the rates of duty are, however, provided for during any stage in which Australian currency appreciates in relation to sterling, and thereby ensures the *pro rata* maintenance of the duty level recommended by the Tariff Board on its (b) recommendation for par exchange conditions. Classes of protected goods subject to reduction in rates of duty in accordance with the provisions of the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933*, and now covered by the new principles embodied in the Tariff Proposals of 6th December, 1934, have, as from that date, been deleted from the Schedule to the Exchange Adjustment Act.

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 Norfolk Island, Fijian and 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 at the rates applicable to the British Preferential Tariff are accorded to goods of Papuan and New Guinea origin, Canadian goods admissible under the British Preferential Tariff, in accordance with the provisions of the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934*, and proclaimed commodities from the British Self-governing Colonies and Protectorates. Primage duty was originally imposed on 10th July, 1930. The rate of duty was then 2½ 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.

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

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Value of
Imports and
Exports.**

- (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, including the cost of containers, is generally taken to represent the value in Australian currency in the principal markets of the State in the ordinary commercial acceptance of the term. Special bases of valuation for exports have, however, been adopted for the commodities as mentioned hereunder:—

From 1st July, 1929, the following basis of valuation was adopted for exports of sugar and of goods on which bounty or rebate is paid on export, viz.:—

- (1) (a) *Sugar sold in Australia for export*—the value f.o.b. at which sold to overseas buyers;
- (b) *Sugar shipped on consignment*—the f.o.b. equivalent of the ruling price of such sugar in the London markets.
- (2) *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 for export—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.

From 1st April, 1934, the following basis of valuation was adopted for exports of butter, viz.:—

(a) *Butter sold in Australia for export*—the f.o.b. equivalent of the price at which the butter was sold.

(b) *Butter shipped on consignment*—the f.o.b. equivalent of the current ruling price overseas.

NOTE.—The values (a) and (b) are adjusted from time to time on the basis of information received from the Australian Dairy Produce Export Board.

From 1st July, 1934, the following basis of valuation was adopted for exports of flour:—

(a) *Flour sold in Australia for export*—the f.o.b. equivalent of the price at which the flour was sold.

(b) *Flour shipped on consignment*—the f.o.b. equivalent of the ruling Australian prices.

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 1929-30 to 1933-34 are set forth hereunder:—

RECORDED VALUE OF VICTORIAN OVERSEA IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Year.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.*	Total.	Per Head of Population.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).				
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
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
1933-34	22,190,826	213,406	22,404,232	12 5 6
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).				
1929-30	22,839,787	13,660,156	36,499,943	20 10 5
1930-31	22,456,058	4,298,703	26,754,761†	14 10 10
1931-32	24,523,035	3,240,975	27,764,310†	15 7 9
1932-33	26,656,364	3,153,054	29,809,418†	16 8 6
1933-34	28,943,447	1,576,279	30,519,726†	16 14 5

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

† The estimated British Currency value was £23,360,000 in 1930-31, £21,853,000 in 1931-32, £23,805,000 in 1932-33, and £24,370,000 in 1933-34.

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.
	£	£	£	%	%	%
1929-30 ..	131,081,320	125,127,148	256,208,468	32.3	29.2	30.8
1930-31 (a) ..	60,959,633	104,855,852	..	33.3	25.5	..
1930-31 (b) ..	60,959,633	89,325,968	150,285,601	33.3	25.5	29.1
1931-32 (a) ..	44,712,868	108,404,318	..	35.9	25.6	..
1931-32 (b) ..	44,712,868	85,348,607	130,061,475	35.9	25.6	29.1
1932-33 (a) ..	58,013,860	120,943,317	..	37.1	24.6	..
1932-33 (b) ..	58,013,860	96,597,225	154,611,085	37.1	24.6	29.3
1933-34 (a) ..	60,712,926	123,441,299	..	36.9	24.7	..
1933-34 (b) ..	60,712,926	98,572,632	159,285,558	36.9	24.7	29.4

(a) Recorded values.

(b) British Currency values.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.

The recorded values of the principal articles imported from overseas 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 1930-31 TO 1933-34.

(British Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Butter	169	62	..	26
Cheese	800	657	2,144	1,511
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins ..	126,897	116,786	120,099	159,997
All other	59,787	38,868	35,714	60,624
Meats	40,616	32,572	37,522	52,746
All other Animal Foodstuffs	9,434	4,442	3,999	5,921
Total, Class I. ..	237,703	193,387	199,478	280,825

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1930-31 TO 1933-34—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN ; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.	£	£	£	£
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Cocoa Butter, &c.	18,868	5,662	1,435	3,846
Cocoa and Chocolate	52,670	48,407	75,417	64,654
Coffee and Chicory	29,275	33,646	34,174	34,741
Confectionery	3,442	2,951	8,955	3,706
Fruits, Dried	12,478	22,994	17,983	23,737
Fruits, Fresh	38	227	3,457	1,315
Fruits &c., Preserved	848	290	1,273	1,174
Grain and Pulse—				
Rice	4,642	3,082	2,733	2,728
All other	22,415	24,672	13,690	9,499
Hops	792	342	191	438
Mustard	23,909	14,435	20,858	11,122
Nuts, Edible	70,046	77,222	57,460	66,393
Pickles and Sauces	3,707	909	2,032	2,094
Sago and Tapioca	11,691	14,391	9,763	11,896
Spices	51,523	37,884	31,264	26,964
Tea	483,535	294,113	259,228	481,459
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	59,932	54,296	64,027	54,995
Total, Class II.	855,811	635,523	603,940	800,761
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, and Porter, &c. ..	13,346	7,471	9,369	9,981
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	2,194	2,064	5,512	8,745
Gin	836	1,217	2,086	4,697
Whisky	111,170	50,396	86,632	116,950
Other	2,739	2,023	3,041	5,928
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling	1,579	72	2,974	7,154
Other	1,639	1,236	2,999	4,567
Total, Class III.	133,503	64,479	112,613	158,022
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	6,231	5,072	5,863	5,605
Unmanufactured	381,842	185,322	297,807	208,693
Cigars	8,070	2,994	2,122	3,003
Cigarettes	19,322	1,776	2,608	3,052
Snuff	244	297	297	139
Total, Class IV.	415,709	195,461	308,697	220,492

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	12,189	11,768	19,061	36,126
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	10,415	16,422	6,680	10,153
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	77,867	68,250	121,900	148,259
Other	96,500	88,006	116,327	131,539
Silk, Raw	230,391	228,140	214,088	221,578
Wool	14,439	17,138	21,287	175,267
All other Animal Substances ..	21,164	25,049	42,125	25,712
Total, Class VI. ..	450,776	443,005	522,407	712,508
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUB- STANCES AND FIBRES.				
Fibres—				
Flax and Hemp	112,686	112,125	114,363	100,719
Kapok	38,341	25,861	31,832	27,034
All other	50,638	59,441	100,775	88,665
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats. &c. ..	4,266	28,621	38,497	38,587
Gums and Resins	54,000	53,776	69,922	71,024
Pulp for Papermaking ..	125,442	113,127	149,937	143,910
Seeds	93,882	94,000	79,561	91,411
Tanning Substances	20,123	18,603	21,637	18,049
All other Vegetable Substances	30,735	24,782	30,708	32,855
Total, Class VII. ..	530,113	530,336	637,232	612,254
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFAC- TURED FIBRES.				
(a) Apparel.				
Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c.	16,874	4,518	13,906	21,820
Boots and Shoes	42,550	62,788	77,070	57,513
Corsets	3,570	2,043	3,231	5,279
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	63,815	51,246	102,306	119,988
Gloves	115,388	140,488	185,920	167,034
Hats and Caps	49,821	43,740	47,066	62,341
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stock- ings)	21,236	4,043	7,573	16,362
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	2,083	191	6,648	17,828
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	9,858	2,078	2,639	4,447
Trimmings	248,776	175,758	165,363	142,830
Other	74,835	62,955	102,395	112,668

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES—continued.				
(b) <i>Textiles.</i>				
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	94,151	118,224	165,347	161,951
Cotton and Linen	1,503,470	1,642,009	2,027,870	1,779,620
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	102,381	110,155	166,878	107,470
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	72,372	84,859	91,972	67,402
Silk	1,234,578	1,083,897	1,241,063	1,094,081
Velvets, Velvetens, Plushes, &c.	130,356	126,960	146,266	125,104
Woollen	96,929	30,193	63,805	88,111
Other	210,243	207,995	327,016	265,042
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c.	291,349	241,394	405,758	501,233
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	164,298	177,297	209,132	191,238
All other Textiles	263,090	162,167	240,978	262,437
(c) <i>Manufactured Fibres.</i>				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder	77,326	41,702	71,037	71,169
Corn and Flour	817,480	402,691	604,037	566,965
All other	101,488	95,550	94,381	103,110
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	18,906	23,081	45,750	84,835
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	213,555	254,592	261,681	314,794
Cotton	300,006	286,515	370,158	316,553
Wool	23,578	15,411	22,043	17,471
Other	24,955	12,878	12,724	17,560
Total, Class VIII.	6,389,317	5,667,418	7,282,013	6,864,256
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Oils (in bulk)—				
Kerosene, &c.	137,681	78,796	158,849	97,433
Lubricating (Mineral)	222,129	151,691	238,559	197,200
Petroleum, Crude.	165,888	142,375	169,201	178,734
Petroleum and Shale Spirit	1,224,730	858,727	1,014,437	948,692
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	224,100	202,359	227,181	231,096
Total, Class IX.	1,974,528	1,433,948	1,808,227	1,653,155
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	82,359	91,137	119,466	123,819
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	141,116	67,245	116,741	117,493

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.	£	£	£	£
<i>(a) Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Electrical Machinery and Appliances—				
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	114,087	74,529	104,096	131,135
Dynamo Machines ..	88,631	60,222	45,755	67,405
Telephones and Switchboards ..	40,816	5,418	19,471	34,574
Wireless and Parts ..	88,510	54,766	66,182	55,301
Other	342,706	118,308	145,971	199,916
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural)	55,438	16,805	33,492	42,269
Engines	172,978	58,457	54,061	79,930
All other Machines and Machinery	758,888	472,338	709,228	758,050
<i>(b) Metals and Metal Manufactures, other than Machinery.</i>				
Alloys	48,281	28,261	33,707	46,218
Gas Appliances	6,075	4,891	7,418	13,979
Iron and Steel—				
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	112,839	70,613	124,690	138,430
Pig and Scrap	3,087	1,778	2,862	3,665
Plate and Sheet	489,366	460,628	571,642	542,740
Girders, Beams, Channels, Joists, &c.	163	233	331	416
Wire	46,635	28,181	40,687	36,861
Railway and Tramway Material	790	295	1,778	6,137
Lamps and Lampware	38,843	27,197	61,247	69,900
Pipes and Tubes	153,642	76,416	141,983	189,242
Plated Ware and Cutlery	75,326	54,176	102,040	98,295
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	124,180	95,598	159,781	158,207
Vehicles—				
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c. ..	34,107	11,030	29,928	43,766
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c. ..	4,490	829	5,493	35,801
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c. ..	277,600	211,356	821,015	1,385,909
Other, and Parts.. ..	193,616	113,705	263,941	322,971
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	476,305	342,992	456,137	510,415
Total, Class XII. ..	3,747,399	2,389,022	4,002,936	4,921,532

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>				
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	142,080	139,828	162,837	236,367
Rubber Manufactures ..	131,425	130,965	131,973	102,487
<i>(b) Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>				
Glace Kid	5,385	169	711	2,555
Patent and Enamelled ..	365	10	141	7
All other	38,318	27,377	27,682	35,958
Total, Class XIII. ..	317,573	298,349	323,344	377,374
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.				
Timber—				
Dressed	79,004	33,845	58,743	80,150
Undressed	216,169	208,616	342,424	321,806
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	120,840	74,345	83,181	63,035
Total, Class XIV. ..	416,013	316,806	484,348	464,991
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE.				
Cement (Portland)	1,092	737	1,751	4,109
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	128,908	92,695	145,381	141,912
Glass and Glassware	112,785	78,329	146,320	174,375
All other Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass, and Stoneware	18,934	8,846	28,748	43,200
Total, Class XV. ..	261,719	180,607	322,200	363,596

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Paper—</i>				
Cardboard and other Paper				
Boards	57,170	47,253	65,977	78,356
Printing	562,119	538,329	601,002	641,206
Wrapping of all Colours ..	72,334	64,893	74,750	57,064
Writing and Typewriting ..	154,243	118,177	148,363	153,714
All other	136,881	135,593	190,848	175,291
(b) <i>Stationery and Paper Manufactures—</i>				
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	336,348	230,853	233,404	263,488
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. ..	37,994	23,348	14,224	9,523
Pens and Pencils	41,366	23,903	37,501	41,940
All other.. .. .	184,242	115,038	124,682	178,220
Total, Class XVI. ..	1,582,697	1,297,387	1,490,751	1,598,802
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Fancy Goods	202,350	123,968	123,119	138,266
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	59,101	45,851	68,876	69,977
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	63,582	40,807	81,632	93,980
Total, Class XVII.	325,033	210,626	273,627	302,223
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	70,561	67,092	75,250	86,330
Talking Machines — Phonographs, &c.	7,369	4,153	2,860	2,470
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	75,490	55,181	65,323	76,267
Total, Class XVIII. ..	153,420	126,426	143,433	165,067
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS				
Acids	33,656	30,984	48,306	39,877
Cream of Tartar	5,184	4	181	829
Dyes	74,486	125,476	166,383	148,364
Fertilizers	243,216	123,802	222,135	194,049
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous)	24,745	21,001	28,074	28,313

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1930-31 TO 1933-34—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—continued.	£	£	£ .	£
Perfumery and Toilet Prepara- tions	56,242	38,149	43,225	46,531
Proprietary Medicines	53,638	37,949	49,686	46,980
Sodium Salts	99,450	126,380	144,985	133,055
Spirits and Spirituous Prepara- tions	26,162	8,531	12,083	16,617
Sulphur (Brimstone)	120,810	114,908	221,807	143,179
All other Drugs and Chemicals	256,226	238,544	284,010	330,270
Total, Class XIX.	993,815	865,728	1,220,875	1,128,064
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explo- sives	194,446	103,902	224,841	224,438
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c.	24,808	13,699	26,838	52,485
Brushware	50,618	23,386	45,271	60,509
Matches and Vestas	300	11	340	281
Musical Instruments, &c.— Pianos and Parts	7,577	514	815	1,169
Other and Parts	20,033	10,255	12,949	16,118
Soap and Soap Substitutes	5,145	5,578	12,540	9,694
All other Articles	828,955	595,946	882,514	925,772
Total, Class XX.	1,131,882	753,291	1,206,108	1,290,466
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	147,200	269,625	316,581	211,084
Silver	5,242	2,148	2,833	2,266
Bronze—Specie	84	95	77	56
Total, Class XXI	152,526	271,868	319,491	213,406
Grand Total	20,305,201	16,043,817	21,516,988	22,404,232

The articles imported were mainly manufactured goods. Apparel, textiles, manufactured fibres, machinery, and manufactures of metal amounted to nearly 53 per cent. of the total value of imports in the last five years. Excluding bullion and specie, the imports for 1933-34 exceeded those of the previous year by £993,329.

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 1930-31 TO 1933-34.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Butter	3,183,231	4,149,713	3,865,321	2,411,892
Cheese	24,113	59,347	107,947	44,657
Eggs	83,776	151,729	240,777	362,736
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	5,896	4,131	3,452	5,180
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	10,412	30,028	90,352	50,466
Lamb	1,075,532	1,186,155	1,521,078	1,677,254
Mutton	186,903	190,621	197,056	290,242
Pork	71,719	38,993	54,812	57,895
Rabbits and Hares	157,665	148,058	170,899	124,196
Preserved in Tins.. .. .	9,206	10,402	16,646	21,966
Sausage Casings	120,545	75,567	118,907	223,124
Other	21,993	23,770	58,063	92,207
Milk and Cream	611,646	625,424	900,778	715,528
All other Animal Foodstuffs	3,159	3,410	2,926	1,922
Total, Class I.	5,565,796	6,697,348	7,349,014	6,079,265
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Biscuits	23,734	17,484	15,161	14,681
Fruits, Dried	1,531,659	1,278,327	1,507,299	1,722,359
Fruits, Fresh	279,700	173,112	687,583	391,225
Fruits, Preserved in liquid	427,268	399,526	475,636	658,468
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat.. .. .	3,016,409	4,246,048	3,621,571	1,431,842
Other	67,152	66,702	47,769	23,912
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten)	1,221,250	1,347,302	1,564,396	1,285,088
Other	16,344	43,314	47,688	66,358
Jams and Fruit Jellies	7,132	10,119	5,982	5,331
Tea	8,147	4,662	13,609	14,940
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	90,509	76,622	66,486	87,551
Total, Class II.	6,689,304	7,663,218	8,053,180	5,701,755

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1930-31 TO 1933-34—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.. ..	£	£	£	£
	91,375	87,640	70,124	104,370
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.. ..	168,265	137,578	112,236	59,269
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	34,459	33,103	40,264	39,702
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	83,923	21,113	38,190	44,444
Opossum	173,622	32,655	10,139	5,649
Rabbit and Hare	143,672	126,088	127,598	261,761
Sheep	889,836	492,081	663,732	1,325,081
Other	50,620	22,188	33,437	112,074
Wool—				
Greasy	6,369,274	7,017,683	7,757,782	11,942,129
Scoured and Washed	561,264	641,220	850,457	1,511,461
Tops, Noils and Waste	30,176	35,628	30,697	58,160
All other Animal Substances ..	20,970	12,364	14,841	15,998
Total, Class VI.	8,323,357	8,401,020	9,526,873	15,276,757
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	29,986	22,848	20,270	34,216
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	8,137	33,078	33,426	36,871
All other Apparel	61,785	65,561	80,437	66,531
All other Textiles, including Bags, Cordage, Yarns, &c. ..	105,390	76,135	91,052	148,681
Total, Class VIII.	175,312	174,774	204,915	252,083
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Tallow—Unrefined	133,801	220,611	240,262	131,024
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	33,054	35,895	44,741	34,372
Total, Class IX.	166,855	256,506	285,003	165,396
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	2,539	5,065	5,268	8,426
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	5,446	10,855	7,409	12,906

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1930-31 TO 1933-34—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.	£	£	£	£
<i>(a) Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Machines and Machinery ..	182,391	126,738	100,540	100,254
<i>(b) Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery.</i>				
Iron and Steel ..	20,081	24,434	28,037	30,957
Lead—Pig and in Matte ..	2,108	369	13	236
Tin Ingots ..	3,296	37	28	134
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	11,497	7,268	7,725	16,856
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof ..	163,389	107,113	125,580	149,757
Total, Class XII. ..	382,762	265,959	261,923	298,194
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
Rubber and Manufactures ..	22,744	18,393	22,966	29,768
Leather and Manufactures ..	115,219	135,590	164,582	294,601
Total, Class XIII. .	137,963	153,983	187,548	324,369
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..	24,096	24,701	23,432	29,342
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CRUMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE	15,253	24,842	27,041	40,292
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
Paper	11,506	12,356	9,275	10,958
Stationery	43,871	32,390	32,024	27,381
Total, Class XVI. ..	55,377	44,686	41,299	38,339
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones, Unset ; Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	22,512	15,554	16,704	11,245
All other Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods ..	18,997	17,179	22,280	38,697
Total, Class XVII. ..	41,509	32,733	38,984	49,942

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1930-31 TO 1933-34—*continued.*

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS..	68,587	43,152	56,984	48,898
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	21,674	23,431	14,341	22,050
Fertilizers	1,914	3,176	1,376	1,658
Medicines	6,633	5,086	3,725	9,228
Oil—Eucalyptus	37,858	34,112	35,405	34,368
All other Drugs and Chemicals	36,358	45,979	52,207	53,175
Total, Class XIX. ..	104,437	111,784	107,054	120,479
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Soap	207,902	152,582	110,427	75,363
Vessels transferred abroad	50,500	11,250	...	..
All other Articles	114,978	167,708	127,116	184,084
Total, Class XX. ..	373,380	331,540	237,543	259,447
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	4,239,731	3,198,015	3,134,058	1,547,421
Silver	51,104	24,179	15,952	26,414
Bronze	7,868	18,781	3,044	2,444
Total, Class XXI. ..	4,298,703	3,240,975	3,153,054	1,576,279
Australian produce	26,252,256	27,393,055	29,518,676	30,195,377
Other produce	502,505	371,255	290,742	324,349
Grand Total	26,754,761	27,764,310	29,809,418	30,519,726

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 92 per cent. of the total Australian produce exported (merchandise only) for that period—wool alone represented 36 per cent. Excluding bullion and specie, the exports during 1933-34 showed an increase of £2,287,083 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:—

Trade with
Countries.

**IMPORTS (CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN)
FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT
THERE TO, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.**

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	British Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	18,437,775	8,165,121	6,786,092	9,285,060	9,778,157
Canada	1,163,251	375,970	349,100	802,921	1,135,007
Hong Kong	1,233	373	234	656	3,239
India and Ceylon	1,989,143	1,554,581	968,978	1,189,644	1,205,428
Malaya (British)	409,942	119,984	123,918	138,676	136,892
New Zealand	654,246	436,581	534,593	616,308	698,933
Pacific Islands (British)	807,498	175,879	190,513	272,060	291,906
South African Union	61,079	22,289	15,320	18,751	41,659
Other British Possessions	184,530	124,272	76,224	143,534	109,364
Belgium	363,211	111,452	107,352	156,406	144,247
China	176,194	122,153	110,172	106,355	92,201
Czecho-Slovakia	219,189	101,348	89,797	108,054	106,423
Egypt	3,347	3,863	7,064	5,450	4,535
France	1,168,745	541,311	431,656	471,348	382,661
Germany	1,831,512	885,223	644,165	807,395	773,174
Italy	541,390	260,274	221,556	344,759	300,602
Japan	1,345,268	856,436	904,790	1,424,339	1,438,415
Netherlands	314,142	127,184	118,532	169,613	203,475
Netherlands East Indies	1,293,043	986,763	613,140	766,879	1,016,651
Norway	302,944	91,061	61,088	122,099	136,584
Persia	199,032	191,489	146,674	214,899	225,818
Peru	156	40	968	12,622	73
Philippine Islands	63,746	18,752	18,139	16,321	26,795
Spain	68,494	35,044	24,200	33,355	37,165
Sweden	689,111	323,570	273,893	378,338	350,770
Switzerland	647,773	362,145	229,295	226,680	204,681
United Socialistic Soviet Republic	46,667	14,879	23,459	45,908	26,759
United States of America	8,774,519	3,394,743	2,336,012	2,781,912	2,539,046
Other Foreign Countries	624,344	369,073	226,498	337,050	446,181
Total	41,881,524*	19,721,853*	15,633,362*	20,998,947*	21,857,041*
Exports to—	Australian Currency Values—				
United Kingdom	23,398,177	14,831,336	14,628,633	16,214,493	14,550,516
Canada	304,192	379,384	444,405	396,899	480,750
Hong Kong	75,998	118,606	239,011	176,900	134,921
India and Ceylon	1,779,827	721,164	350,524	464,825	407,104
Malaya (British)	655,721	342,783	449,090	458,711	454,145
New Zealand	942,860	816,009	898,651	982,368	897,532
Pacific Islands (British)	111,468	112,386	82,791	111,041	117,058
South African Union	266,447	149,683	138,897	69,883	73,091
Other British Possessions	157,102	190,808	257,251	195,379	255,604
Belgium	468,927	432,761	435,811	635,902	1,442,580
China	138,487	1,006,610	1,060,768	1,956,739	391,568
Czecho-Slovakia	473	109	465	41	17,590
Egypt	433,723	341,029	325,719	85,291	93,842
France	1,932,576	1,271,429	1,064,737	1,404,548	1,780,375
Germany	805,943	689,108	591,959	631,060	1,248,045
Italy	452,437	586,303	1,046,769	691,547	1,335,986
Japan	1,593,424	2,454,382	3,638,481	3,584,468	4,663,449
Netherlands	58,097	197,555	135,215	93,226	95,682
Netherlands East Indies	1,351,901	969,802	816,001	667,419	593,865
Norway	20,536	31,164	2,153	1,558	77
Persia	65	290	150	163	498
Peru	32,163	109	109,419	38,321	..
Philippine Islands	38,945	26,104	48,238	150,426	147,667
Spain	2,115	12,382	203,244	43,250	42,373
Sweden	33,097	28,225	24,710	39,879	80,196
Switzerland	11,240	3,590	2,816	2,610	1,559
United Socialistic Soviet Republic	102,485	528	52,923	76,370	45,691
United States of America	1,102,538	867,257	513,246	383,121	338,727
Other Foreign Countries	228,979	173,865	182,233	254,030	329,238
Total	36,499,943	26,754,761	27,764,310	29,809,418	30,519,726

* Excluding "Outside Packages," 1930-31, £583,848; 1931-32, £410,455; 1932-33, £518,041; 1933-34, £547,191.

Nearly 48 per cent. of the total value of exports in 1933-34 were sent to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whilst approximately 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, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
<i>Imported (British Currency Value) into Victoria (of United Kingdom origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Whisky	167,904	111,170	50,396	86,404	116,791
Cigarettes	115,541	17,580	734	1,510	2,546
Apparel	749,235	165,041	160,624	247,215	279,812
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	267,923	90,846	116,253	157,906	152,896
Cotton and Linen	2,685,020	1,339,835	1,469,740	1,788,704	1,498,000
Silk	637,508	360,086	297,924	404,335	420,191
Woolen	465,956	67,032	26,138	56,845	81,587
Velvets, and Lace for Attire	172,232	104,823	111,664	115,233	76,229
Other	354,878	195,633	185,051	262,542	200,573
Floor Coverings	674,242	251,623	222,827	382,655	475,729
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	283,834	144,833	160,695	188,205	174,570
Yarns	754,596	335,939	350,496	407,787	352,972
Machines and Machinery	1,788,952	806,589	420,638	596,410	764,175
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	1,757,633	594,863	533,477	686,499	669,729
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	549,305	148,407	107,836	364,109	669,793
Pipes and Tubes	261,601	124,539	57,556	126,150	102,862
Platedware and Cutlery	153,381	60,622	44,962	85,946	82,585
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.i.	381,668	103,500	75,337	161,445	230,680
Other Metals and Manufactures	943,486	414,768	315,742	485,329	534,543
Rubber and Rubber Goods	118,023	79,915	68,844	79,689	71,788
Crockery and Household Ware	148,532	88,905	54,061	75,607	73,542
Glass and Glassware	111,992	40,191	17,621	43,156	47,473
Paper	990,097	653,970	560,098	590,986	590,041
Books	356,404	296,318	197,899	212,458	241,735
Fancy Goods	181,109	92,139	42,539	39,689	47,649
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	97,800	71,282	49,467	64,015	57,534
Sodium Salts	103,362	83,634	110,217	125,013	99,645
Dyes	72,980	50,069	94,877	110,866	110,310
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	201,129	174,423	90,614	192,910	169,391
All other Articles	2,891,762	1,096,766	791,765	1,150,392	1,377,236
Total	18,437,775	8,165,121	6,786,092	9,285,960	9,778,157
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Value) from Victoria to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter	2,041,829	2,827,668	3,641,089	3,491,651	2,095,079
Eggs	34,719	83,306	151,010	240,450	362,292
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	1,418,406	1,217,541	1,374,825	1,770,435	1,984,827
Rabbits and Hares	121,796	155,648	144,498	164,367	117,817
Other	22,220	109,581	64,057	117,820	176,861*
Milk and Cream	18,295	3,012	39,556	150,301	41,569
Fruits—all kinds	1,870,975	1,698,336	1,161,200	2,136,769	2,195,693
Wheat and Flour	439,527	853,381	911,613	1,179,142	769,123
Wine, fermented	45,622	48,098	55,590	36,622	45,116
Hides and Skins	848,558	628,002	205,746	198,754	492,603
Wool	3,406,481	2,700,811	3,144,862	3,016,411	4,144,271
Tallow, unrefined	48,368	13,733	53,328	81,086	29,480
Leather, &c.	53,393	64,327	63,799	82,604	182,396
Soap	173,214	174,968	128,108	92,185	60,184
Bullion and Specie	12,506,268	3,463,739	3,233,098	3,152,974	1,558,610
All other Articles	348,506	335,430	266,259	302,979	249,592
Total	23,398,177	14,831,336	14,628,633	16,214,493	14,550,513

* Including "Pork," £55,741.

Trade with
India and
Ceylon.

During 1933-34 imports from India and Ceylon were greater by £15,784 than in the previous year, while exports to those countries decreased by £57,721.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
INDIA AND CEYLON, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Indian and Cingalese origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Cocoa Beans	10,312	4,320	5,168	4,473	5,723
Coffee	17,939	11,141	13,613	4,997	4,278
Rice	1,113	191	58	1	51
Nuts	538	3,547	1,258	631	787
Spices	7,755	12,010	4,867	4,660	4,911
Tea	496,827	259,678	118,559	121,240	179,408
Hides and Skins	88,080	39,126	40,390	36,181	39,464
Fibres	47,130	21,707	32,925	41,763	31,537
Gums and Resins	23,596	9,332	12,302	8,413	9,769
Seeds	53,430	28,477	35,503	24,766	40,605
Hesslans	187,592	88,432	100,959	131,281	94,744
Floor Coverings	7,548	2,455	2,015	5,527	6,199
Bags and Sacks	938,361	991,114	537,241	758,739	728,509
Yarns—Coul	17,415	12,895	7,989	8,509	10,661
Oils in Bulk	2,750	226	520	1,379	291
Waxes	8,459	4,455	3,716	3,758	4,537
Rubber, &c.	5,515	13,530	10,235	3,568	11,810
All other Articles	74,783	51,945	41,660	29,698	32,149
Total	1,989,143	1,554,581	968,978	1,189,644	1,205,428
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter	23,902	10,640	9,626	10,490	9,516
Meats	10,551	15,804	8,351	13,806	14,005
Milk and Cream	42,529	48,372	66,870	124,807	86,483
Biscuits	4,358	3,213	3,186	2,097	2,624
Hay and Chaff	9,544	3,072	3,271	1,873	1,817
Fruits (all kinds)	7,837	8,312	9,821	11,717	13,753
Wheat	194,245	249,059	628	497	720
Flour	150,424	100,053	91,689	92,981	86,550
Horses	44,444	26,492	23,308	27,684	24,529
Wool	70,966	37,415	43,023	72,492	71,687
Tallow (unrefined)	44,901	29,237	28,641	50,895	31,299
Soap	5,802	4,380	2,871	1,921	1,818
Speele and Bullion	1,142,502	120,000	7,700	..	..
All other Articles	27,822	65,115	51,589	53,565	62,273
Total	1,779,827	721,164	350,524	464,825	407,104

The value of imports from New Zealand for the year ended 30th June, 1934, was £698,933. The exports thereto amounted to £897,532, and represented nearly 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, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of New Zealand origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	38,627	25,366	18,229	19,069	40,117
Milk and Cream	5,358	2,482	450	897	2,624
Meats	13,215	5,080	5,582	5,412	4,564
Grain and Pulse	16,796	15,578	15,524	9,070	6,767
Hops	518	792	342	191	438
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	19,707	7,084	7,841	13,397	20,137
Hides and Skins	145,526	66,449	61,155	95,329	138,953
Wool	10,809	14,416	17,138	21,002	172,919
Flax and Hemp	58,634	27,590	13,038	18,129	20,834
Oakum and Tow	13,229	5,625	2,667	2,775	3,122
Seeds	22,025	18,780	32,728	19,443	26,481
Timber	148,853	72,114	87,774	117,412	82,082
Gold and Silver	100,182	127,007	240,840	265,283	138,626
All other Articles	60,767	48,218	31,205	28,894	41,269
Total	654,246	436,581	534,533	616,303	698,933
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to New Zealand.</i>					
Fruits, all kinds	157,688	159,565	223,322	111,859	126,663
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat	2,481	134	..	190,811	209
Flour	19,045	6,526	5,477	2,679	1,367
Oats	11,469	9,195	17,138	7,507	172
Rice and Rice Meal	4,298	2,665	2,511	1,239	2,054
Tea	18,929	7,590	4,500	13,337	14,625
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	14,661	11,515	6,380	6,834	8,380
Tobacco manufactured	171,339	159,914	131,076	93,146	52,722
Apparel	16,349	17,083	68,511	85,447	81,869
Textiles	46,217	31,187	24,036	21,297	38,271
Manufactured Fibres	38,599	24,077	21,280	11,114	42,473
Oils	6,389	6,805	4,808	6,663	5,368
Machines and Machinery	53,002	47,810	42,937	40,602	49,462
Metal manufactures	50,196	31,785	34,165	47,949	71,173
Rubber manufactures	16,109	12,843	14,744	19,469	25,796
Leather, &c.	12,982	11,327	18,963	29,736	45,364
Books	11,361	11,245	6,697	6,286	7,089
Photographic goods and materials	46,730	45,450	32,058	33,774	34,033
Drugs and Chemicals	36,773	34,215	36,180	33,987	38,375
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	49,101	45,606	55,306	56,524	48,801
Vessels transferred Abroad	20,000	..	..	..	..
All other Articles	139,157	139,472	148,562	162,108	203,266
Australian produce	778,250	706,812	818,834	895,117	799,985
Other produce	164,610	109,197	79,817	87,251	97,547
Total	942,860	816,009	898,651	982,368	897,532

The trade with Belgium—3 per cent. of the total trade of Victoria—recovered its pre-war proportion during 1933-34. The principal articles of trade with Belgium in the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH BELGIUM, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Belgian origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Furs and other Skins, dressed ..	4,393	81	1,716	1,313	100
Gloves	13,152	7,652	4,821	5,329	5,061
Piece Goods	61,112	22,885	28,271	38,485	43,067
Artificial Silk Yarn	16,882	4,252	3,717	891	316
Electrical Machinery, &c. ..	6,789	2,290	1,797	4,495	4,265
Metal Manufactures—					
Copper	585	1,105	231	42	68
Iron and Steel	7,842	2,987	2,703	7,134	3,949
Vehicles	1,783	112	..	10	30
Other	14,116	6,709	3,593	3,814	5,554
Glass and Glassware	80,350	20,996	23,778	39,430	42,786
Paper	16,497	11,491	11,576	12,496	7,230
Precious Stones, Unset	21,454	1,128	2,364	11,309	4,293
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	23,582	6,178	3,089	8,743	4,446
All other Articles	94,674	23,586	19,696	22,475	23,082
Total	363,211	111,452	107,352	156,466	144,247
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to Belgium.</i>					
Meats	18,301	6,385	2,002	1,548	810
Wheat .. .. .	..	71,650	126,225	33,045	..
Hides and Skins	76,471	23,588	1,703	4,494	12,491
Wool	340,200	303,023	280,159	579,449	1,416,681
Tallow (unrefined)	11,926	1,587	137	..	..
Cameos and Precious Stones ..	8,614	2,123	950	971	599
All other Articles	13,415	24,405	24,635	16,395	12,499
Total	468,927	432,761	435,811	635,902	1,442,580

Imports from France during 1933-34 decreased by nearly 19 per cent. as compared with the previous year, while exports increased by almost 27 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, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of French origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Brandy	27,509	2,194	2,060	5,512	8,741
Hides and Skins	14,996	3,248	296	653	2,525
Wine	22,791	2,159	289	3,915	8,336
Guns and Resins	29,749	17,426	8,584	11,734	7,188
Apparel—					
Trimmings and Ornaments	59,810	43,374	30,499	38,979	41,960
Gloves	24,021	13,684	9,595	6,927	11,265
Other	110,496	24,972	10,710	20,694	19,715
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	462,217	242,656	238,356	239,107	123,489
Other	21,433	9,814	4,835	3,923	4,151
Oils	24,304	12,730	16,640	17,201	15,966
Electrical Machinery and Appliances	2,737	1,055	3,082	1,407	1,212
Other Machines and Machinery	15,238	12,871	5,043	8,482	3,797
Motor Bodies, Chassis and Parts	14,203	998	406	4,774	3,108
Rubber Manufactures	23,715	2,269	2,401	4,146	3,605
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	42,744	38,989	18,210	4,017	3,665
Pipes (smoking)	10,570	6,602	4,192	4,258	5,380
Cream of Tartar	21,344	2,099	..	72	173
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	23,498	12,813	8,379	8,908	9,591
All other Articles	217,370	91,358	68,079	86,639	108,804
Total	1,168,745	541,311	431,656	471,348	382,661
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to France.</i>					
Butter .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Meats	5,484	9,574	3,731	12,165	8,335
Wheat and Flour	51,338	..	2,023	..	..
Hides and Skins	504,312	333,760	223,199	469,004	769,538
Wool	1,347,570	907,691	839,953	908,906	962,690
Tallow (unrefined)	2,006	..	275	1,255	..
All other Articles	21,866	20,414	15,556	14,318	39,812
Total	1,932,576	1,271,429	1,084,737	1,404,548	1,780,375

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 82 per cent. of the total exports to that country—the percentage for 1933-34 being 94.

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

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH GERMANY, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Articles.	Value in year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of German origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Hides and Skins	11,805	2,363	1,558	246	177
Apparel—					
Gloves	66,753	35,345	57,356	83,954	61,991
Other	249,522	81,765	47,839	53,230	39,639
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	143,476	70,957	56,650	65,406	46,877
Other	40,761	17,344	13,257	16,519	11,269
Artificial Silk Yarn	22,027	23,177	25,441	14,165	5,205
Machines and Machinery ..	354,138	191,538	101,505	108,211	122,477
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Vehicles and Parts	8,148	5,791	3,044	3,728	7,164
Plated Ware and Cutlery ..	18,803	10,056	7,076	11,319	9,039
Other	195,088	102,370	53,912	77,459	82,394
Glass and Glassware	31,690	10,596	8,721	11,204	15,226
Paper	64,157	37,388	28,223	29,662	31,725
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	23,503	17,730	10,197	12,696	11,857
Fancy Goods	82,544	37,204	16,020	18,890	13,569
Timepieces	28,695	13,308	8,824	15,082	19,013
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	39,181	24,524	20,798	31,544	40,206
Drugs, Chemicals, and Fertilizers	109,171	81,300	83,373	114,588	99,788
Bags, Baskets, &c.	26,739	7,034	6,668	10,439	23,083
Brushware	14,564	3,319	1,277	2,680	2,480
Musical Instruments	28,223	6,513	4,123	7,656	7,116
All other Articles	272,524	105,601	88,303	123,717	122,879
Total	1,831,512	885,223	644,165	807,395	773,174
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to Germany.</i>					
Butter	1,456	356	426	228	..
Sausage Casings	2,641	3,827	3,030	2,682	3,071
Fruits (all kinds)	71,111	35,336	6	40,586	29,918
Wheat and Flour .. .. .	..	8,972	15,743	1,617	..
Wool	558,208	508,361	477,017	549,192	1,167,668
Hides and Skins	109,086	85,302	62,227	8,887	19,268
Tallow (unrefined)	132	1,724	709	4,284	..
Casein	7,650	..	26	..	2,460
Eucalyptus Oil	16,006	7,526	6,470	8,393	5,940
All other Articles	39,653	37,704	26,305	15,191	19,720
Total	805,943	689,108	591,959	631,060	1,248,045

Trade with
Japan.

Imports from Japan during 1933-34 showed a slight increase — £14,076 — over those of the previous year.

Exports in 1933-34 were greater by £1,078,981 than those of 1932-33. The principal articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
JAPAN, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Japanese origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	21,681	9,228	111	2,769	2,748
Silk, Raw	210,045	213,273	211,337	213,875	221,511
Fibres	6,620	3,808	2,626	5,409	2,427
Grass or Straw, &c.	3,758	1,112	7,768	11,082	9,144
Apparel—					
Buttons	14,797	9,456	7,034	15,234	10,869
Hats and Caps	15,890	2,622	9,995	12,334	9,797
Other	18,981	6,943	6,834	13,501	23,144
Piece Goods— Silk	728,388	391,542	392,766	550,963	521,690
Cotton and Linen	74,130	70,532	89,710	170,545	205,345
Other	2,603	12,965	18,812	41,742	49,122
Other Textiles	26,296	19,335	13,423	43,043	38,538
Yarns	25,030	4,841	14,389	28,033	28,886
Oils	12,409	5,636	3,441	8,661	3,943
Timber	47,220	5,826	1,995	4,959	5,808
Chinaware	26,633	17,538	24,451	44,464	43,703
Glass and Glassware	14,088	5,374	2,655	11,378	15,986
Fancy Goods	26,186	17,881	19,998	32,064	49,232
Jewellery and Precious Stones	5,161	2,841	3,436	9,537	5,807
Camphor	3,768	3,047	3,060	1,802	1,652
All other Articles	61,594	52,636	70,949	202,944	189,063
Total	1,345,268	856,436	904,790	1,424,339	1,438,415
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to Japan.</i>					
Butter	8,108	1,557	998	2,787	559
Hides and Skins	5,230	6,031	4,715	8,373	18,167
Milk and Cream	62,027	51,639	18,001	15,104	33,286
Wheat	176,112	606,125	1,301,815	836,788	670,476
Flour	4,753	4,541	3,966	6,937	2,850
Wool	1,146,193	1,715,800	2,181,729	2,602,950	3,839,697
Tallow (unrefined)	93,625	38,094	73,198	55,561	40,948
Casein	54,843	20,704	21,803	14,333	19,138
Fertilizers	2,557	795	1,966	1,358	456
All other Articles	89,976	9,096	30,290	40,277	37,872
Total	1,593,424	2,454,382	3,638,481	3,584,468	4,663,449

Trade with
Netherlands
East Indies.

Imports from Netherlands East Indies during 1933-34 increased by £249,772 while exports decreased by £83,923 as compared with 1932-33. 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, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1930	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Netherlands East Indies origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Coffee and Chicory	31,672	10,266	9,912	12,018	11,829
Sago and Tapioca	3,909	463	1,081	221	..
Spices	7,952	3,810	5,795	4,555	315
Tea	167,310	207,861	168,855	132,495	289,697
Tobacco—unmanufactured	11,211	9,161	5,283	7,760	32,584
Hides and Skins	23,184	14,973	3,598	18,999	14,664
Fibres	113,854	87,611	74,658	68,476	49,897
Seeds	16,079	6,411	3,709	5,056	3,325
Oils	843,415	535,936	291,044	455,945	494,676
Rubber, crude	36,928	38,672	25,538	30,630	94,308
All other Articles	37,529	21,599	23,667	24,724	25,386
Total	1,293,043	936,763	613,140	766,879	1,016,651
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to the Netherlands East Indies.</i>					
Butter	442,216	457,314	396,821	282,195	223,805
Meats	2,743	743	1,267	1,296	637
Milk and Cream	336,408	197,744	103,938	76,685	58,969
Biscuits	21,232	13,594	8,133	6,014	7,553
Fruits, and fruit juices	38,312	36,408	33,287	27,075	27,999
Flour	452,321	223,337	234,214	215,701	219,390
Machines and Machinery	1,761	2,755	95	64	315
Leather, &c.	20,583	13,174	11,063	20,651	22,348
Soap	12,407	3,191	3,193	1,477	969
All other Articles	23,918	21,242	23,990	36,261	31,880
Total	1,351,901	969,802	816,001	667,419	593,865

Imports from the United States of America decreased by £242,866 during 1933-34 as compared with 1932-33, whilst exports to that country increased by £455,606. 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, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of United States origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish, Preserved in Tins	32,842	7,298	195	7,909	5,290
Sausage Casings	32,385	30,250	19,175	21,979	34,017
Tobacco, &c.	354,635	371,619	183,137	273,068	169,875
Gums and Resins	25,626	9,939	13,509	18,573	17,641
Apparel—					
Socks and Stockings	110,319	6,909	244	847	203
Other	139,463	45,113	27,670	15,304	18,422
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	283,486	143,966	103,244	61,647	59,802
Other	86,585	40,933	17,587	12,285	11,153
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns	204,819	106,139	44,562	37,633	11,734
Oils	1,878,157	1,080,827	853,098	958,489	760,950
Paints and Varnishes	60,225	20,442	24,289	28,718	27,065
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Natural Pitch	89,038	32,884	25,408	25,524	16,884
Machines and Machinery	1,314,841	464,283	215,684	288,408	312,291
Metals and Metal manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	72,143	27,319	23,390	20,974	20,497
Tools of Trade	109,769	48,269	30,345	30,030	33,206
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c.	1,284,818	115,007	96,299	244,720	308,947
Other	309,395	62,644	39,771	80,061	87,961
Other Metals, &c.	376,022	110,009	55,939	59,216	78,016
Rubber, &c.	70,057	21,619	28,998	30,916	15,135
Leather, &c.	84,962	9,683	2,814	1,787	2,837
Timber	588,481	75,729	36,557	56,217	80,218
Glass and Glassware	19,591	15,015	13,906	8,162	13,106
Paper	79,974	41,636	46,226	51,548	33,870
Stationery	132,826	82,640	58,264	32,532	22,262
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods	77,465	31,587	17,465	6,523	5,750
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	140,301	51,378	43,947	50,095	52,934
Sulphur (Brimstone)	216,577	87,822	98,450	89,389	95,358
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	35,435	11,438	6,457	4,861	16,018
Instruments—Musical	42,097	7,264	3,025	1,883	2,124
All other articles	522,195	234,982	206,357	259,614	225,480
Total	8,774,519	3,394,743	2,336,012	2,781,912	2,539,046
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	154,698	100,977	69,326	109,105	194,884
Hides and Skins	424,808	231,780	186,450	141,950	353,091
Wool	405,798	410,962	164,400	79,602	222,054
Tallow (unrefined)	1,675	1,173	1,173	1,325	1,077
Machines and Machinery	21,923	46,006	19,304	10,325	10,083
Metals and Metal Manufactures	13,309	13,644	8,909	9,158	4,481
Leather, &c.	18,051	7,437	..	629	1,900
Eucalyptus Oil	15,175	14,295	7,536	8,639	12,074
All other articles	47,101	42,156	56,148	23,713	39,983
Total	1,102,538	867,257	518,246	383,121	838,727

Wool, wheat and flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, and hides and skins were the six principal articles of merchandise exported from Victoria in 1933-34—their value being equal to nearly 89 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 1933-34.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Destination.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Fruits (all kinds).	Meats.	Hides and Skins.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	4,144,271	789,123	2,095,079	2,195,693	2,279,505	492,603
Aden .. ..	..	11,270	18	33	..	..
Canada	102,456	5,642	..	347,942	1,967	7,505
Hong Kong ..	848	91,329	830	4,935	1,497	..
India and Ceylon ..	71,687	87,270	9,516	13,783	14,005	921
Irish Free State ..	..	79,681	..	..	..	..
Malaya (British) ..	..	33,256	30,474	8,719	9,529	..
Malta .. ..	..	37,388	235	325	6,946	..
Mauritius .. ..	..	46,479	6,059	177	174	..
New Zealand	166	1,576	..	126,663	945	302
Pacific Islands (British) ..	..	1,443	637	2,599	5,529	..
South African Union ..	420	1,805	11,185	1,384	1,183	..
Sudan .. ..	..	15,507	2	22	..	..
Other British Countries ..	..	26,758	6,987	779	1,722	..
Africa, Portuguese East ..	..	56,366	711	818	27	..
Africa, Portuguese West ..	..	21,155	..	..	..	..
Belgium	1,416,681	69	2,815	127	310	12,491
China	2,515	311,123	11,256	2,010	52	1,092
Egypt .. ..	..	80,214	896	1,853	8,172	485
France	962,690	..	..	30	8,335	769,538
French Indo-China ..	..	9,028	..	248	48	..
Germany	1,167,668	..	..	29,918	3,071	19,268
Italy	1,312,265	3,368	..	1	117	8,564
Japan	3,839,697	673,326	559	9	2,464	18,167
Netherlands	60,373	2,984	..	13,431	28	4,928
Netherlands East Indies ..	..	219,393	223,805	19,185	637	..
Norway .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	39
Philippine Islands ..	..	14,365	3,380	3	1,086	..
Slam .. ..	..	36,078	3,858	18	40	..
Spain	21,725	..	..	..	..	20,492
Sweden	70,793	..	..	..	..	4,529
U.S.S. Republic ..	..	45,691	..	..	..	..
United States of America ..	222,054	..	..	1,178	194,885	353,091
Other Foreign Countries ..	115,441	35,243	3,590	169	256	34,994
Total	13,511,750	2,716,930	2,411,892	2,772,052	2,542,530	1,749,009

The value of the above-mentioned six articles added to that of the next principal item (milk and cream) represented slightly over 91 per cent. of the total merchandise exported. The value of milk and cream exported amounted to £715,528, of which £303,744 was sent to Malaya (British), £123,063 to Philippine Islands, £86,483 to India and Ceylon, and £58,969 to Netherlands East Indies.

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 1930-31 TO 1933-34.

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

Commodity.		1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
Wool	{ lb. £	175,419,800 6,960,714	182,978,607 7,694,531	214,621,692 8,638,936	189,521,493 13,511,750
Butter	{ lb. £	61,751,348 3,183,231	81,068,322 4,149,713	95,492,925 3,865,321	76,470,363 2,411,892
Wheat	{ centals £	15,404,314 3,016,409	16,812,761 4,246,048	14,710,399 3,621,571	5,930,720 1,431,842
Flour (wheaten)	{ centals £	3,805,375 1,221,250	4,357,440 1,347,302	4,832,238 1,564,396	4,322,481 1,285,088
Fruits— Dried	{ lb. £	83,524,007 1,531,659	64,087,466 1,278,327	72,156,497 1,507,299	99,254,166 1,722,359
Fresh	{ lb. £	29,038,900 279,700	17,840,700 173,112	78,250,600 687,583	45,125,500 391,225
Preserved in Liquid	{ lb. £	25,932,607 427,268	22,878,506 399,526	26,045,887 475,636	42,345,194 658,468
Meats—					
Beef (frozen)	{ lb. £	673,442 10,412	2,345,825 30,028	6,980,439 90,352	4,338,283 50,466
Lamb (frozen)	{ lb. £	44,050,955 1,075,532	53,730,762 1,186,155	79,792,912 1,521,078	71,888,867 1,677,254
Mutton (frozen)	{ lb. £	12,798,586 186,903	11,816,831 190,621	14,385,563 197,056	19,329,364 290,242
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	{ pairs £	2,308,703 157,665	2,549,163 148,058	2,945,707 170,899	2,719,305 124,196
All other	{ £	229,359	152,863	251,880	400,372
Milk and Cream	{ lb. £	12,364,601 611,646	15,514,090 625,424	23,683,146 900,778	19,079,951 715,528
Hides and Skins— Sheep	{ lb. £	37,245,945 889,836	29,297,222 492,081	34,623,178 663,732	38,360,765 1,325,081
Calf, Cattle, Horse	{ No. £	172,871 83,923	28,491 21,113	53,643 38,190	61,655 44,444
Rabbits and Hares	{ lb. £	2,231,117 143,672	2,255,125 126,088	2,874,945 127,598	3,621,047 261,761
Other Skins	{ £	224,242	54,843	43,576	117,723
Tallow (unrefined)	{ cwt. £	108,475 133,801	209,957 220,611	240,598 240,262	137,134 131,024
Eggs in shell	{ dozen £	1,633,633 83,705	2,751,820 138,382	3,858,036 223,426	6,553,468 359,877

**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 1933-34 :—

**OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED
AT VICTORIAN PORTS AND INLAND STATIONS, 1933-34.**

Heading.	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Warrnam- bool.	Inland Sta- tions.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Oversea Trade—						
Imports (British Cur- rency)	21,602,224	759,295	39,414	3,299	..	22,404,232
Exports (Australian Currency)	28,528,964	1,656,720	258,041	76,001	..	30,519,726
Total (British Currency)	44,382,285	2,082,025	245,435	63,978	..	46,773,723
Gross Revenue (Aus- tralian Currency)—						
Import Duties	6,026,888	190,758	70,349	2,406	..	6,290,401
Excise Duties	3,552,646	12,224	..	..	24,314	3,589,184
Primage	1,554,475	47,343	3,388	327	..	1,605,533
Other Sources	36,620	292	54	4	2	36,972
Total	11,170,629	250,617	73,791	2,737	24,316	11,522,090*

* After deducting £437,378 for Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £11,084,712.

**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 items of primary produce (quantities only) interchanged between Victoria and the other States, have been received from the Harbor Trusts, Railways Department, Ports and Harbors

Department, and the Warrnambool Harbor Board, and available particulars regarding them are published hereunder. Since January, 1934, details of interstate trade in certain manufactured items have been collected, but data obtained to date is not sufficient for publication in this issue. The tabulated totals of items of primary produce for the year 1933-34, excluding all oversea cargo interchanged, are shown in the following table:—

**INTERSTATE TRADE OF 10 SPECIFIED ARTICLES
(QUANTITIES ONLY).**

Article.	Imported into Victoria from other States during 1933-34, and recorded by—				
	Victorian Railways.	Port of Melbourne.	Port of Geelong.	Ports of Portland and Warrnam- bool.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	5	1,360	..	..	1,365
Coal	38	745,241	135,776	9,399	890,454
Flour	16,784	23	..	..	16,807
Fruits, fresh	24,568	5,699*	2	..	†
Fruits, dried	1,470	2,271*	..	..	‡
Oats	2,529	214	..	..	2,743
Onions	76	89	..	..	165
Potatoes	100	380	..	..	480
Wheat	47,630	..	..	..	47,630
Wool	17,959	8,442	2,876	295	29,572
Article.	Exported from Victoria to other States during 1933-34, and recorded by—				
	Victorian Railways.	Port of Melbourne.	Port of Geelong.	Ports of Portland and Warrnam- bool.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	142	1,790	..	..	1,932
Coal	727	1,911	..	..	2,638
Flour	3,443	6,514	..	..	9,957
Fruits, fresh	14,089	15,855*	..	..	§
Fruits, dried	340	6,167*	..	..	||
Oats	538	6,187	..	..	6,725
Onions	5,185	13,950	8,880	..	28,015
Potatoes	28,054	18,760	595	..	47,409
Wheat	229	6,218	1,685	..	8,132
Wool	927	10,536	1,347	..	12,810

* Measurement tons.

† Comprising 24,568 tons weight and 5,699 tons measurement.

‡ Comprising 1,470 tons weight and 2,271 tons measurement.

§ Comprising 14,089 tons weight and 15,855 tons measurement.

|| Comprising 340 tons weight and 6,167 tons measurement.

The foregoing table refers to the quantities of ten 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 three of the aforementioned items. These consist of butter, flour, and wheat, and information relating to the importing and exporting State of these articles is given below:—

**INTERSTATE TRADE OF THREE SPECIFIED ARTICLES,
CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE STATE OF IMPORT
AND EXPORT, 1933-34.**

Article.	Imported into Victoria from—					
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	5	1	2	..	1,357	1,365
Flour	16,525	..	264	18	..	16,807
Wheat	41,518	..	6,112	..	..	47,630

Article.	Exported from Victoria to—						
	New South	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	343	337	281	694	275	2	1,932
Flour	2,614	175	836	..	6,247	85	9,957
Wheat	160	..	70	..	7,875	27	8,132

**Border Crossings—
Stock.**

Details of border crossings of stock between Victoria and New South Wales and Victoria and South Australia respectively are shown below.

BORDER CROSSINGS, 1933-34.

Item.	Imported into Victoria from—		Exported from Victoria to—	
	New South Wales.	South Australia.	New South Wales.	South Australia.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Horses	1,393	239	809	752
Cattle	89,176	6,509	38,102	1,638
Sheep	2,076,913	76,879	744,015	173,489

During the year the Department of Agriculture ceased the recording of border crossings. The above information has been received from the Government Statistician of New South Wales and the Government Statist of South Australia respectively.

SHIPPING.

Victorian shipping as dealt with in the succeeding tables **Vessels entered and cleared.** refers to vessels trading with other states and oversea 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 355) and at the port of Melbourne (page 357) 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, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	2,499	2,166	2,097	2,343	2,393
Tons	6,911,048	6,161,699	5,996,094	6,688,911	6,791,063
Average tonnage ..	2,766	2,845	2,859	2,855	2,838
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	2,488	2,181	2,101	2,296	2,359
Tons	6,877,418	6,238,325	6,018,664	6,674,138	6,775,019
Average tonnage ..	2,764	2,860	2,865	2,907	2,872

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1934, steamers numbered 2,384 of the vessels entered, and 2,351 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 6,790,343 and 6,774,379 respectively. The inward shipping included 34 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 122,794, whilst the outward shipping included 205 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 353,207.

The more important of the countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1933-34 are set out in the following statement:—

Shipping with principal countries.

SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1933-34.

Countries.	Entered.				Cleared.			
	Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.	
	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.
Australian States	1,768	3,790,349	9	720	1,727	3,630,703	8	640
United Kingdom	151	1,123,765	..	..	228	1,534,320	..	..
New Zealand	55	143,117	..	..	65	181,012	..	..
India	17	72,012	..	..	7	31,642	..	..
Straits Settlements	17	59,252	..	..	14	44,394	..	..
Other British	79	238,781	..	..	61	183,890	..	..
Total British Countries ..	2,087	5,427,276	9	720	2,102	5,605,961	8	640
Japan	54	229,219	..	..	73	293,638	..	..
Dutch East Indies	31	162,956	..	..	32	167,159	..	..
United States of America ..	87	437,980	..	..	39	236,914	..	..
Other Foreign	125	532,912	..	..	105	470,707	..	..
Total Foreign Countries ..	297	1,363,067	..	..	249	1,168,418	..	..
Grand Total ..	2,384	6,790,343	9	720	2,351	6,774,379	8	640

The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1933-34 was as shown hereunder:—

NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1933-34.

Nationality.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
British—	No.		No.	
Australian	1,488	2,084,342	1,452	2,064,732
United Kingdom	476	2,964,294	472	2,936,306
Canadian	15	54,995	18	66,453
Hong Kong	26	104,554	26	104,974
New Zealand	57	83,302	58	84,124
South African	7	22,473	6	19,279
Other British	6	11,532	7	13,454
Total, British	2,075	5,325,492	2,039	5,289,322
Foreign—				
Danish	7	26,891	7	26,892
French	9	51,492	9	51,492
German	42	181,438	43	185,800
Dutch	41	219,976	40	213,466
Italian	26	136,930	27	146,145
Japanese	65	268,947	67	277,534
Norwegian	61	249,388	64	270,762
Swedish	26	84,689	25	81,384
United States of America ..	38	233,085	36	223,029
Other Foreign	3	12,735	2	9,193
Total, Foreign	318	1,465,571	320	1,485,697
Grand Total ..	2,393	6,791,063	2,359	6,775,019

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, 1934 :—

VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH OF THE VICTORIAN PORTS, 1933-34.

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 ..	162	570,769	..	..	20	58,434	4	19,070	..	..
Sailing ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate*—										
Steam ..	2,052	5,832,601	..	..	136	277,203	8	31,058	2	1,208
Sailing ..	9	720	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oversea <i>via</i> Ports—										
Steam ..	28	89,298	..	..	33	136,111	4	20,995	..	..
Interstate <i>via</i> Ports—										
Steam ..	77	152,701	..	..	89	135,299	10	52,345	13	11,358
Local (within the State)—										
Steam ..	700	292,743	48	9,600	282	156,223	56	12,349	95	20,825
Sailing ..	102	2,863	..	..	28	2,375	..	..	..	..
Total—										
Steam ..	3,019	6,938,112	48	9,600	560	763,270	82	135,817	110	33,391
Sailing ..	111	3,583	..	..	28	2,375	..	..	..	..
Grand Total	3,130	6,941,695	48	9,600	588	765,645	82	135,817	110	33,391

NOTE.—“ Ports ” mean Victorian ports.

* Including “ Oversea *via* States.”

Cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1934, 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 1933-34.**

Port.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Melbourne	1,572,562	1,203,901	751,848	742,119
Geelong	150,582	119,060	41,512	186,277
Portland .. .. .	..	12,056	..	14,659
Warrnambool	10,810	..	2,399	..
Total	1,733,954	1,335,017	795,759	943,055

**TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED
IN VICTORIA DURING THE YEAR 1933-34, ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF THE VESSELS
IN WHICH SUCH CARGO WAS CARRIED.**

Nationality of Vessels Carrying Cargo.	Tonnage.	
	Discharged.	Shipped.
Australian	15,900	13,352
Great Britain	667,574	471,113
Canadian	42,691	24,293
Hong Kong	75,729	8,641
New Zealand	51,467	35,371
South African	2,176	6,411
Other British	3,514	13,141
Total British	859,051	572,322
Danish	27,252	17,996
French	1,852	2,050
German	17,845	26,816
Dutch	40,524	53,040
Italian	6,518	22,747
Japanese	56,455	191,957
Norwegian	185,057	32,406
Swedish	60,353	19,756
United States of America	72,088	3,964
Other Foreign	8,022	1
Total, Foreign	475,966	370,733
Grand Total	1,335,017	943,055

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, 1934. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 62 acres, of which 28·5 acres are under sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Municipal Statistics," page 152.

Trade of the Port. In the year 1934, vessels to the number of 3,248 (3,024 steamers and 224 sailing vessels), with registered gross tonnage aggregating 12,501,905, berthed within the Port. The tonnage of imports in 1934 was 3,028,685, and that of exports 1,607,793. These figures include interstate and costal tonnage, which amounted to 1,690,605 in the case of imports and 782,166 in the case of exports. Coal forms a great part of the interstate imports, and, excluding 53,543 tons transhipped to vessels and 144,031 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1934 amounted to 882,054 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.
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
1934	2,546	2,337,530	2,253,666

* Excluding "telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1929-30, 241; 1930-31, 260; 1931-32, 258; 1932-33, 261; 1933-34, 257.

Postal Returns.

Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1932-33 and 1933-34 are given hereunder:—

**NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS
DEALT WITH, 1932-33 AND 1933-34.**

Particulars.	1932-33.			1933-34.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards, and Packets.	Newspapers.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards, and Packets.	Newspapers.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Within the Commonwealth</i> ..	205,401,900	25,243,200	230,645,100	228,112,000	25,914,800	254,026,800
<i>Beyond the Commonwealth—</i>						
<i>Despatched</i> ..	8,966,900	4,292,000	13,258,900	9,181,600	3,392,500	12,574,100
<i>Received</i> ..	6,453,900	2,105,000	8,558,900	7,149,800	2,014,600	9,164,400
Total ..	220,822,700	31,640,200	252,462,900	244,443,400	31,321,900	275,765,300

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, 1929-30
TO 1933-34.**

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 in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery Within the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery Beyond the Commonwealth.	Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.
1930 ..	No. 2,031,560	No. 111,479	No. 2,143,039	No. 171,002	No. 2,450,600	No. 74,400	No. 2,525,000	No. 132,800
1931 ..	1,772,144	79,506	1,851,650	138,648	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 ..	1,719,000	54,718	1,774,618	105,663	1,611,500	41,400	1,652,900	67,300
1934 ..	1,732,416	75,370	1,807,786	106,790	1,636,700	42,400	1,679,100	68,100

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

Dead Letters. Information regarding dead letters is given as follows:— During 1933-34 there were 231,926 letters, &c., and 119,637 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 36,652 letters, &c., and 42,278 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 18,092 letters, &c., and 6,601 packets, &c., were returned as unclaimed to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £22,586 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Postal articles numbering 26,734 were posted without address, and of that number 253 contained money and valuables to the extent of £2,868.

Money Orders
and Postal
Notes.

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, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Heading.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
Number of Money Order Offices open	735	740	741	742	744
Money Orders Issued—					
Inland {					
.. { Number ..	505,212	483,730	426,438	429,186	424,295
.. { Amount £	2,623,002	2,449,057	2,160,546	2,197,455	2,314,166
Interstate {					
.. { Number ..	81,507	75,576	68,751	66,061	70,622
.. { Amount £	451,021	394,506	336,870	342,422	352,693
Beyond the Com- {					
monwealth .. { Number ..	87,618	62,930	35,342	37,151	37,384
.. { Amount £	316,125	262,008	117,104	104,803	106,817
Total {					
.. { Number ..	674,337	622,236	530,531	532,398	532,251
.. { Amount £	3,390,148	3,105,571	2,614,520	2,644,680	2,773,676
Money Orders Paid—					
Inland {					
.. { Number ..	503,593	480,379	428,766	431,956	436,293
.. { Amount £	2,627,713	2,460,484	2,167,972	2,197,719	2,311,413
Interstate {					
.. { Number ..	144,178	127,916	122,443	127,351	129,224
.. { Amount £	732,916	609,132	548,951	566,044	582,337
Beyond the Com- {					
monwealth .. { Number ..	38,573	36,540	29,395	26,972	27,251
.. { Amount £	135,988	125,416	102,049	84,139	85,679
Total {					
.. { Number ..	686,344	644,835	580,604	586,279	592,768
.. { Amount £	3,496,617	3,195,032	2,818,972	2,847,902	2,979,429
Postal Notes—					
Issued {					
.. { Number ..	4,893,975	4,516,951	4,529,707	4,916,564	5,630,980
.. { Amount £	1,765,486	1,600,160	1,543,392	1,650,113	1,818,211
Paid—Issued with- {					
in the State .. { Number ..	3,142,456	3,053,663	3,019,162	3,295,818	3,543,767
.. { Amount £	1,186,140	1,121,683	1,081,211	1,156,571	1,212,473
Paid — Issued in {					
other States .. { Number ..	422,514	403,939	420,634	488,793	512,038
.. { Amount £	164,853	156,552	159,769	172,422	181,195

Of the money orders issued in 1933-34, 494,917 for £2,666,859 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, 4,518 for £16,929 in New Zealand, 23,497 for £55,211 in the United Kingdom, and 9,319 for £34,677 in other countries. The orders paid included 565,517 for £2,893,750 were issued in the Commonwealth, 11,965 for £25,809 in New Zealand, 11,857 for £48,296 in the United Kingdom, and 3,429 for £11,574 in other countries.

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

TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Heading.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)..	2,442	2,428	2,426	2,423	2,421
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Despatched ..	3,741,895	3,070,104	3,012,693	2,998,849	3,035,083
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched ..	250,769	209,356	202,870	215,591	221,852
Received ..	229,231	196,951	187,894	190,856	196,489
Transiting the State ..	329,909	252,332	294,145	317,412	354,019
Total Number of Messages Handled..	4,551,804	3,728,743	3,697,602	3,722,708	3,807,443
	£	£	£	£	£
Revenue Credited—					
Telegrams within the Commonwealth	241,332	197,772	191,934	192,662	203,903
Telegrams transiting the State	40,712	35,269	34,950	36,361	40,890
Total	282,044	233,041	226,884	229,013	244,793

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 1929-30 to 1933-34 :—

TELEPHONES, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Heading.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,656	1,652	1,641	1,639	1,648
Public Telephones ..	2,295	2,213	2,199	2,226	2,344
Lines Connected ..	118,074	113,282	110,213	110,386	113,983
Instruments Connected ..	160,381	154,647	151,455	152,693	157,802
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	89.9	86.0	83.9	83.9	86.2

Wireless Licences Issued.

Details of wireless licences issued in Victoria for the years 1930-31 to 1933-34 are shown hereunder. The licences issued to broadcast listeners in Victoria at 30th June, 1934, represented nearly 35 per cent. of the total for Australia at that date, viz., 597,989.

WIRELESS LICENCES ISSUED IN VICTORIA,
1930-31 TO 1933-34.

Number of Licences Issued During—

Class of Licence.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
Coast	1	1	1	1
Ship	50	54	60	68
Land	6	3	3	3
Broadcasting * ..	10	13	14	15
Broadcast Listeners ..	137,005	139,323	170,995	206,995†
Experimental	260	269	323	329
Portable	1	1	1	5
Special	10	12	11	15
Total	137,343	139,676	171,408	207,431

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

† Including 321 issued free to blind persons.

Post Office
revenue and
expenditure.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Post and Telegraph Department in Victoria for the years 1929-30 to 1933-34 are contained in the following table:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Particulars.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
<i>Revenue.*</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Postage	1,445,412	1,482,526	1,424,107	1,430,699	1,477,455
Money Order Commission	66,491	54,774	56,537	55,334	58,945
Poundage on Postal Notes	13,447	12,783	12,304	12,522	12,724
Private Boxes and Bags	317,308	92,834	90,188	122,417	124,688
Miscellaneous					
Total Postal	1,842,658	1,642,917	1,583,136	1,620,972	1,673,812
Telegraph	396,383	325,045	307,740	328,664	382,530
Telephones	1,633,790	1,598,415	1,555,437	1,595,977	1,647,408
Grand Total†	3,872,831	3,566,377	3,446,313	3,545,613	3,703,750
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries	1,691,961	1,717,591	..	..	..
Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary .. .. .	..	..	1,289,583	1,199,335	1,250,344
General Expenses .. .. .	..	..	65,143	56,583	50,269
Stores and Material .. .. .	..	..	37,790	35,402	44,450
Mail Services	287,994	272,074	263,612	246,168	234,458
Engineering Services (other than new works) .. .. .	..	..	435,240	531,347	500,202
Contingencies	591,785	490,623	..	..	..
Miscellaneous	24,993	26,070	..	..	..
Pensions and Retiring Allowances	48,794	46,995	39,845	48,807	37,726
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	25,837	14,740	14,152	20,660	18,561
Proportion of Audit Expenses	3,366	3,576	2,677	2,699	2,671
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephone, and Wireless	630,943	274,818	108,943	138,902	246,681
New Buildings, &c.	54,448	5,571	113	..	637
Interest on Transferred Properties	61,362	61,362	61,362	61,362	61,362
Total Expenditure‡	3,421,483	2,913,420	2,318,460	2,341,265	2,447,361

* Including "Central Office" collections.

† Actual collections.

‡ Actual payments.

As a result of a change in the method of classification of expenditure, figures for 1931-32, 1932-33, and 1933-34 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 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. A *résumé* of the provisions of the Act is given in the *Year-Book* for 1932-33, pp. 326-328. Under this Act the re-constituted board of three members commenced its administration on 1st May, 1934. All operators of commercial goods vehicles and of commercial passenger vehicles coming within the ambit of the Act were called upon to make application for licences.

A very large number of commercial goods vehicles, due to the manner of their use, are exempted from the Board's discretionary powers and are licensed automatically. At 31st May, 1935, 23,365 licences of the various kinds which issue "as of right" were current. These include the following, which are the more important categories of these licences:—

3,548	..	To operate for hire or reward within 25 miles of Melbourne.
84	..	To operate for hire or reward within 25 miles of Ballarat.
97	..	To operate for hire or reward within 25 miles of Bendigo.
175	..	To operate for hire or reward within 25 miles of Geelong.
2,828	..	To operate for hire or reward within 20 miles of the places of business of the owners outside the radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong.
13,108	..	Private carriers, the vehicles being used to carry the goods of the owners in the course of trade in connexion with their own businesses.

Simultaneously with the issue of licences as of right, licences were issued pursuant to the provisions of section 54 of Act 4198 in respect of vehicles not eligible for any of the automatic licences. Section 54 provided that operators who were operating prior to 29th August, 1933, were to be authorized to continue operating until their applications for full term licences had been heard and determined by the Board. In practice, this section of the Act was extended by the Board to all applicants for discretionary licences who were bona fide operating passenger services prior to 31st December, 1933, and goods vehicles at the time the licensing system was set up in July, 1934.

At the same time, the Board commenced to hear applications for full term discretionary licences for the carriage of goods or passengers, i.e., for permanent licences to continue operating vehicles in the manner they had been operated previously.

At 13th June, 1935, the Board had heard 521 applications. Particulars of the decisions made with regard to these applications are shown hereunder :—

Applications Heard.				Applications—			
				Granted.	Refused.	Reserved.	Total.
				No.	No.	No.	No.
Goods	..	..	..	138	77	71	286
Passenger	..	..	..	126	68	41	235
Total	..	..	..	264	145	112	521

Of the licences relating to goods vehicles shown as granted, 37 were modified by the conditions attached to the licences as granted.

The total fees for all licences issued at 31st May, 1935, amounted to £14,614.

In determining the grant or refusal of an application the Board has, as a result of its investigations, enunciated as a broad guiding principle that road services in direct competition with existing railway services must show a "substantial advantage" over that existing service.

This is regarded only as a broad basis against which are set many counter considerations arising in particular areas or from particular traffic considerations. The outcome, so far as goods vehicles are concerned, is exemplified by the fact that generally applications have been refused where road services proposed to carry general merchandise of the kind which constitutes the main traffic flow, into railway towns, if the railway service to those towns is efficient and sufficient.

Road services may, however, be authorized to carry all of the goods into areas not so served or alternatively to carry particular commodities into railway towns, especially where there are particular circumstances as a result of which there is substantial economical advantage in having those particular commodities transported by road. One outcome is a system of modified licences for road vehicles conditioned as to the commodities which can be carried or the areas which can be served.

RAILWAYS.

**Victorian
Railways,
length and
cost.** All railways in Victoria available for general traffic, with the two exceptions referred to on page 372, 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 370. Motive power in the railways is mainly supplied by steam and electric traction. The former is used principally for country passenger and goods traffic, and the latter for passenger traffic on suburban lines. The gauge of the lines is 5 ft. 3 in., with the exception of 121·77 miles ($\cdot 21$ double and 121·56 single) of which the gauge is 2 ft. 6 in.; and 2·42 miles (22·1 miles double and $\cdot 21$ single) of electric street tramway, the gauge of which is 4 ft. $8\frac{1}{2}$ 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,
1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
Length of Lines opened to 30th June—					
Double Lines (miles)	347·30	347·30	348·10	348·10	348·10
Single Lines (miles)	4,417·06	4,426·16	4,429·37	4,429·37	4,429·37
Total	4,764·36	4,773·46	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of Construction	46,331,145	46,448,956	46,499,934	46,753,002	47,207,833
Average Cost per mile	9,725	9,731	9,733	9,786	9,881

At 30th June, 1934, 103 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of railways were in course of construction, but work on 65 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles had been suspended, while construction had been indefinitely postponed on 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles already authorized.

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, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

At 30th June—	Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.
	Lines Opened.*	Lines in Progress of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
	£	£	£	£	£
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
1934	75,265,966	473,333	342,208	30,055	76,111,562

* Including at 30th June, each year, the cost of surveys for lines not constructed and cost of lines closed for traffic, viz.:—1929-30, £421,088 and £275,254; 1930-31, £410,770 and £392,124; 1931-32, £409,777 and £390,470; 1932-33, £411,111 and £390,539; 1933-34, £412,439 and £390,189.

The loan liability of the Railways Department at 30th June, 1934, is represented by stock and debentures outstanding to the nominal amount of £73,593,002 on which the annual interest payable is £2,952,551, or at the average rate of 4·012 per cent. The nominal amount of loans, however, was reduced by £3,318,224—the cost of flotation, together with the discount at time of flotation.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, contributions amounting, at 30th June, 1934, to £4,934,303 (on which no interest is charged) have been made from Consolidated Revenue, the Developmental Railways Account and the National Recovery Loan for capital purposes.

The mileage and the traffic of the railways for each of the years 1929–30 to 1933–34 are given in the following table :—

RAILWAYS—MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
Miles Constructed ..	4,764·36	4,773·46	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47
" Dismantled ..	37·70	37·63	37·63	37·63	37·63
" Closed to Traffic ..	4·15	0·28	11·47	11·47	11·47
" Open for Traffic ..	4,722·51	4,726·55	4,728·37	4,728·37	4,728·37
Vehicle Mileage ..	18,708,773	16,057,378	16,269,092	16,235,292	16,222,395
Passenger Journeys ..	164,471,582	141,212,373	131,921,679	136,078,269	137,316,780
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	7,513,606	6,099,310	6,197,303*	6,259,427*	5,872,806*

* Figures relating to Road Motor Services (11,312 tons in 1931–32, 15,081 tons in 1932–33, 14,429 tons in 1933–34) not included previously.

The tonnage of goods and live stock carried during 1933–34—5,872,806—decreased by 386,621 tons as compared with the amount carried during 1932–33.

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

Railways receipts and expenditure.

RAILWAYS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts—					
Passenger, &c.,					
Business—					
Passenger Fares	4,904,785	3,957,859	3,574,392	3,620,726	3,561,863
Parcels, &c. ..	470,188	375,959	336,412	322,231	322,879
Other ..	128,915	112,155	96,017	85,392	79,761
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods ..	4,716,294	4,163,987	4,193,187	4,127,696	3,842,578
Live Stock ..	730,008	572,658	550,461	590,691	675,450
Minerals ..	160,600	90,185	72,462	68,557	66,913
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services ..	430,808	317,801	276,296	290,301	279,075
Sale of Electrical Power ..	34,542	43,840	27,394	28,595	27,761
Rentals ..	159,161	149,865	139,989	130,000	131,185
Book Stalls ..	77,199	63,972	57,348	58,021	57,922
Advertising ..	57,580	55,425	42,423	41,798	40,865
Other ..	217,933	186,178	164,431	156,862	145,614
Total ..	12,088,013	10,089,884	9,530,812	9,520,870	9,249,866
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works ..	1,759,893	1,405,588	1,117,846	1,472,198	1,569,939
Rolling-stock ..	3,596,430	2,849,776	2,267,598	2,238,956	2,164,452
Transportation ..	3,056,555	2,435,177	2,035,838	1,978,796	2,004,675
Electrical Engineering Branch ..	345,566	273,682	187,805	192,941	187,369
Stores Branch ..	133,922	110,810	88,636	85,389	87,361
Pensions and Gratuities ..	201,871	195,210	159,052	147,199	134,906
Payment to the Superannuation Fund ..	192,481	230,278	265,848	270,773	289,521
Other ..	312,175	269,820	278,896	255,672	244,671
Credit for maintenance expenditure charged to Unemployment Relief Funds ..	..	..	..	Cr. 69,135	Cr. 251,104
Total ..	9,598,893	7,770,341	6,401,519	6,572,789	6,431,790
Net Receipts ..	2,489,120	2,319,543	3,129,293	2,948,081	2,818,076
Interest Charges and Expenses ..	3,526,117	3,798,107*	4,099,643*	3,643,877*	3,553,195*
Deficit for year ..	1,036,997	1,478,564	970,350	695,796	735,119
Proportion of Working Expenses to Receipts ..	% 79·41	% 77·01	% 67·17	% 69·04	% 69·53

* Including Exchange on Interest Payments in London, viz., 1930-31, £183,863; 1931-32, £440,938; 1932-33, £404,867; 1933-34, £356,285.

The receipts for 1933-34 were £271,004 less than in 1932-33. Passenger business decreased by £63,846, and goods, &c., business showed a falling off of £202,003. Working expenses declined by £140,999 as compared with the previous year.

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

RAILWAYS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Heading.	1929-30	1930-31.	1931-32	1932-33.	1933-34.
Average Number of Miles Open for Traffic	4,718	4,720	4,728	4,728	4,728
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile ..	2,562	2,138	2,016	2,014	1,956
Working Expenses per Mile ..	2,034	1,646	1,354	1,390	1,360
Net Revenue per Mile ..	528	491	662	624	596

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 368.

Capital cost of Railways Rolling-stock. At 30th June, 1934, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling-stock was £14,442,210 (including electrical equipment of Suburban Passenger Coaches, £930,658), of the narrow-gauge £112,558, of the electric street tramway £101,474, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £23,954.

Railways staff. 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:—

RAILWAYS STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC., 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at end of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
1930 ..	20,258	4,484	24,742	£ 6,959,806
1931 ..	19,441	2,716	22,157	5,490,927
1932 ..	18,581	2,709	21,290	4,352,872
1933 ..	18,542	3,334	21,876	4,338,284
1934 ..	17,368	3,719	21,087	4,519,183

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 1933-34 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, 1933-34.
(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	2.42	7.60
Car Mileage	484,661	115,940	600,601
Number of Passengers Carried	4,243,432	989,498	5,232,930
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	43,665	11,701*	55,366
Working Expenses	29,933	6,130	36,063
Interest Charges	9,569†	6,540‡	16,109
Net Result	<i>Profit</i> 4,163	<i>Loss</i> 969	<i>Profit</i> 3,194
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1934—			
Construction of Line	137,624	70,028	207,652
Rolling-stock	68,896	32,578	101,474
Total	206,520	102,606	309,126

* Including £2,012 recouped by the Treasury.

† Including exchange on interest payments and redemptions, £1,092.

‡ Including exchange and interest payments and redemptions, £746.

The net loss on the Sandringham-Beaumaris Tramway during 1933-34 was actually £2,981, of which £970 was in respect of the Sandringham-Black Rock section. The balance £2,011 is accounted for by interest charges and exchange on account of the closed Black Rock-Beaumaris portion of the line and by expenditure in patrolling the track. This loss, however, is reduced to £969 when allowance is made for the recoup of £2,012 made by the Treasury in respect of the Black Rock-Beaumaris section of the line 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, 1931-32 to 1933-34.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
Car Mileage No.	297,861	318,159	310,333
Passenger Journeys „	641,990	700,199	716,635
Gross Revenue—	£	£	£
Passenger Service	6,339	6,615	6,486
Goods Service	10,372	13,245	12,903
Working Expenses	23,070	20,284	19,316
Interest Charges	1,327	1,270	1,016*
Net Result	Loss 7,686	Loss 1,694	Loss 943
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off)	31,665	28,594	30,055

* Including exchange on interest payments and redemptions, £112.

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 1932-33 and 1933-34 :—

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS, 1932-33 and 1933-34.

Nature of Accident.	1932-33.		1933-34.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Train Accidents—				
Passengers .. ..	..	2	..	..
Employees .. ..	..	..	..	1
Accidents on Line (other than Train Accidents)—				
Passengers	6	91	4	75
Employees	2	52	3	43
Other Persons .. ..	..	..	..	..
Shunting Accidents—				
Passengers .. ..	..	..	..	..
Employees	3	7	1	11
Other Persons .. ..	..	2	2	6
Employees proceeding to or from Duty ..	1	..	2	..
Accidents to Persons at Crossings ..	19	14	15	23
Trespassers	21	9	22	5
Total	52	177	49	164
	£		£	
Compensation, Damages, &c., Paid	12,223		7,699	

**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, 1934, cost £41,619 for construction and equipment. During the year ended 30th September, 1934, the gross receipts were £5,498 and the working expenses, including interest, £5,715. The train mileage for the same year was 9,006, the number of passenger journeys was 4,786, and the tonnage of goods and live stock carried was 12,764.

**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, 1934, 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 £6,802 and £5,399 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 12,870, and the passenger journeys numbered 6,416.

TRAMWAYS.**Victorian
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 148·261 miles of electric lines, of which 115·039 miles are double, and 33·222 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 365, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 376.

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

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

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

Financial Year.	Miles of Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Number of Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Number of Rolling-stock.	Number of Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
					£	£		
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
1933-34	139·381	33·222	23,548,465	174,521,455	2,025,870	1,282,175	1,164	4,682

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, 1934, the Board had exercised its borrowing power to the extent of £4,950,000.

The following table contains detailed particulars of the Operations of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for the year 1933-34:—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1933-34.

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	..	5,010,798	37,520,942	378,920	295,224	502	1,102
Northcote	2·320	..	399,300	2,878,820	27,519	23,526	29	84
Total, Cable	24·292	..	5,410,098	40,399,762	406,439	318,750	531	1,186
Electric—								
Eastern system † ..	74·361	3·836	12,037,121	91,924,627	1,130,632	640,880	420	2,186
Northern system ‡ ..	15·544	1·718	2,680,614	22,574,090	265,830	142,698	86	643
Footscray	3·919	·543	408,150	2,839,204	23,950	16,892	15	55
Essendon §	13·215	1·405	1,455,969	8,709,553	123,073	77,506	44	372
Total, Electric	107·039	7·502	16,581,854	126,047,474	1,543,485	877,976	565	3,256
Grand Total	131·331	7·502	21,991,952	166,447,236	1,949,924	1,196,726	1,096	4,442
Motor Omnibuses .. ..	..	..	9,557	6,938	694	594	32	..

* Gross revenue from tramways amounted to £1,958,854, and from motor omnibuses to £694.

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

‡ Coburg and Preston tramways.

§ Including "West Brunswick."

In addition to traffic receipts (£1,950,618), there was revenue from advertising, rents, &c., of £1,617 from cable tramways and £7,313 from electric tramways, making a gross revenue for the year of £1,959,548.

The gross surplus on the year's operations, including motor omnibuses, was £762,227. Out of this sum was paid interest on loans, rates, &c., leaving available for appropriation an amount of £450,223. The following appropriations were made:—Consolidated Revenue, £112,200; Renewals Reserve Account, £253,000; Loan Redemption and Sinking Fund Accounts, £85,031; and General Reserve Account, £63,200. The resulting deficit of £63,208 was met by a transfer from the General Reserve Account.

Up to 30th June, 1934, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, including stores on hand, amounted to £8,144,126, of which £1,359,958 was expended on cable, £6,699,701 on electric tramways, and £84,467 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 1933-34:—

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.			
	d.	£	d.	%	d.	Miles.
Cable ..	18·030	8,365	2·415	78·11	12·102	·977
Electric ..	22·340	6,966	2·938	56·61	9·984	·898
Bus ..	17·419	..	24·007	85·59	12·430	..

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, 1929-30
TO 1933-34.**

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
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
1933-34	131·331	7·502	21,991,952	166,447,236	1,949,924	1,196,726	1,096	4,442

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 8·11 miles of electric lines (1·79 double and 6·32 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, 1929-30 TO 1933-34.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1929-30	7·90	26·03	1,625,185	9,656,387	89,884	104,989	69	283
1930-31	7·97	26·43	1,508,356	8,424,928	79,253	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
1933-34	8·00	25·72	1,556,513	8,074,219	75,946	85,449	68	240

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 given in the following table :—

**Summary of
All Victorian
Tramways.**

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1932-33 AND 1933-34.

Heading.		1932-33.	1933-34.
Route Mileage Open—Double .. miles		146·429	146·931
Single .. miles		34·406	33·222
Total .. miles		180·835	180·153
Cost of Construction and Equipment	£	8,616,069	8,577,877
Interest Payable on Capital Cost of Construction and Equipment ..	£	318,198	302,678
Gross Revenue—			
Traffic Receipts	£	2,047,857	2,078,864
Other	£	10,342	9,623
Total Revenue	£	2,058,199	2,088,487
Working Expenses	£	1,301,600	1,318,233
Net Earnings	£	756,599	770,254
Net Profit after Paying Working Expenses and Interest	£	438,401	467,576
Tram Miles Run	miles	24,068,997	24,149,066
Passenger Journeys	No.	176,905,138	179,754,385
Staff Employed—			
Salaried	No.	641	640
Wages	No.	4,092	4,146
Total Staff	No.	4,733	4,786
Rolling Stock	No.	1,191	1,197

LICENSED VEHICLES.

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 1933-34 were as follows:—
 (a) For passenger traffic—waggonettes (4-wheel), 76; hansom cabs, 4; motor cars (taxi cabs, &c.), 733; motor omnibuses, 179; and motor chars-a-bancs, 20; and (b) for conveyance of goods within the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne only—drivers licensed, 1,265.

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 Motor Registration Branch of the Police Department during each of the five years, 1929-30 to 1933-34, are shown in the following table:—

**REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
1929-30 TO 1933-34.**

Heading.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—					
Private	125,315	116,568	117,160	124,609	130,495
Commercial	28,541	27,068	24,968	28,612	30,849
Hire	25,405	23,635	2,425	2,095	2,466
Motor Cycles	626	960	22,568	23,439	24,248
Omnibuses	154	126	831	847	198
Traction Engines	7,833	3,438*	107	171	200
Side-cars	601	673	*	*	*
Trailers			857	1,310	1,040
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	230,853	228,051	226,712	235,613	245,847
Dealers' Licences	377	293	250	272	305
Transfers	50,065	38,565	34,935	43,711	56,669
Duplicates	4,365	4,088	3,759	7,456	13,444
Total Revenue Received†	£ 1,185,748	£ 1,106,011	£ 1,098,035	£ 1,185,474	£ 1,261,128

* Separate registration discontinued since 18th December, 1930.

† These amounts, less cost of collection and refunds, and the amount received on account of motor drivers' and riders' licences, have been paid to Country Roads Board Fund.

The principal items of revenue received during 1933-34 were on account of:—Private cars, £798,518; commercial vehicles, £328,448; hire vehicles, £27,991; motor cycles, £28,039; and drivers' and riders' licences, £61,477.

In the next statement details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1932-33 and 1933-34 respectively.

**NEW REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION
OF MOTOR CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES.**

Vehicles.	1932-33.			1933-34.		
	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.
	New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.		New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—						
Private	4,259	18,828	101,522	6,804	16,713	106,979
Commercial and Hire	1,372	6,304	23,026	2,598	5,628	25,089
Motor Cycles	1,363	6,532	15,544	2,023	5,550	16,675

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN VICTORIA, 1934.

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	199	24	223	7	172	8	17	199
Motor Bus	132	2	134	2	42	..	5	49
Motor Car	12,427	2,182	14,559	159	4,775	95	969	5,998
Motor Cycle	511	63	574	12	468	7	47	534
Train	34	26	60	19	17	13	15	64
Tram (Cable and Electric)	227	5	232	15	197	..	5	217
Other Vehicles	83	34	117	7	41	6	26	80
Horses—								
Bolting	5	2	7	..	1	..	1	2
Led	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1
Ridden	8	9	17	2	6	2	7	17
Improper riding upon or getting on or off trams or other vehicles in motion*	56	17	73	12	53	2	14	81
Total Traffic Accidents— (Vehicle, Horse, and Improper Riding)	13,627	2,297	15,924	223	5,720	126	1,092	7,161
						Total.		
						Killed.	Injured.	Total Killed and Injured.
Ages of Persons killed or injured—						No.	No.	No.
Under 10 years						36	655	691
10 to 14 years						15	305	320
Over 14 years						298	5,862	6,150
Total						349	6,812	7,161

*These figures are included in those shown above. † Of the 15,924 traffic accidents shown above, 3,279 occurred in the City of Melbourne, 10,213 in the Suburbs, and 2,296 in the Country Districts; and 10,675 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 1934. Details showing total accidents, and number of persons killed and injured, are as follows:—

A comparative statement of the number of persons killed or injured in traffic accidents which occurred during each of the last five years is given below :—

**TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN VICTORIA—NUMBER OF PERSONS
KILLED OR INJURED, 1930 TO 1934.**

Cause of Accident.	1930.		1931.		1932.		1933.		1934.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Bicycle	No. 4	No. 57	No. 7	No. 120	No. 5	No. 122	No. 10	No. 146	No. 10	No. 189
Motor Bus .. ..	.. 3	.. 3	.. ..	.. 3	.. 1	.. 3	.. 2	.. 21	.. 2	.. 47
Motor Car	246	3,351	232	3,345	213	3,353	217	4,340	254	5,744
Motor Cycle	26	403	40	327	40	350	21	318	19	515
Train	39	26	24	45	23	12	34	36	32	32
Tram	11	103	10	71	7	131	8	113	15	202
Other Vehicle*	22	108	18	121	17	95	11	73	13	67
Horses	2	34	2	10	5	24	13	35	4	16
Total	350	4,085	333	4,042	311	4,090	316	5,082	349	6,812

* Figures for the years 1930 and 1931 include "Improper riding upon, or getting on or off, trams or other vehicles in motion." For 1932, 1933, and 1934 accidents of this nature are included under the heading to which the accident relates.