

INTERCHANGE.

COMMERCE.

By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries 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 the 1st January, 1901. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on the 8th October, 1901, from which date the duties came into effect. The Tariff Act was assented to on the 16th September, 1902. Since that date the Tariff has been extensively altered. The Tariff at present in operation is the Customs Tariff 1933-1936.

The Australian Customs Tariff has been built up in conformity with the policy of protection of Australian industries and preference to goods the produce or manufacture of British countries, and with due regard to the revenue aspects. The principles for the determination of the margin of preference to be accorded to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom was laid down in the *United Kingdom and Australia Trade Agreement Act 1932*.

There are three scales of duties at present operating—the British Preferential Tariff, the Intermediate Tariff and the General Tariff.

The British Preferential Tariff applies to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, and subject to the condition that the goods have been shipped in the United Kingdom, and have not been transhipped, or if transhipped then only if it is proved satisfactorily that the intended destination of the goods when shipped from the United Kingdom was Australia. The provisions of the British Preferential Tariff may also be applied wholly or in part to any part of the British Empire and a number of non-self-governing British Colonies and Protectorates are now obtaining the benefits of these provisions in respect to certain specified goods.

The Intermediate Tariff, which was a feature of the Australian Customs Tariff until the 14th October, 1932, was again introduced on the 28th November, 1935, insofar as certain items subject to treaty negotiations were concerned in order to facilitate the implementation of Trade Agreements. The benefits of the Intermediate Tariff may be extended to any country by proclamation.

Following on the completion of Trade Agreements with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France and the Union of South Africa in 1936, the benefits of the Intermediate Tariff in respect of certain goods were extended to these countries. At the same time the benefits of the Intermediate Tariff under one hundred and thirty items of the Customs

Tariff were extended to one hundred and one other countries (including British non-self-governing colonies, protectorates and mandates) entitled to most favoured nation treatment.

The General Tariff applies to all goods except those the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, those covered by reciprocal tariff agreements, and those entitled to the Intermediate Tariff.

Reciprocal Agreements. A reciprocal trade agreement between Australia and New Zealand has been in force since 1922, under which special Tariff rates are granted on certain goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand, and the British Preferential Tariff is extended to all other New Zealand goods. A new agreement was made in 1933 and extended in 1934.

In 1925 a trade agreement between Australia and Canada was consummated. This, however, covered only a limited number of items. In 1931 a new trade agreement between Canada and Australia was concluded under which practically all goods of Canadian origin were accorded preference. Amendments were made to this agreement in 1934 and 1936 and the schedule at present in operation is known as the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Act 1934-1936*.

Certain specified goods, the produce of Papua and the Territory of New Guinea, are admitted into Australia free of duty in conformity with the *Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea) Act 1936*. All other goods, the produce or manufacture of Papua or the Territory of New Guinea are admissible under the British Preferential Tariff.

In addition (as quoted previously) reciprocal trade agreements have been concluded with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France and the Union of South Africa.

Trade Restrictions. On and from 23rd May, 1936, a licensing system over a limited range of imports was adopted to divert a certain amount of the import trade from countries which are very indifferent purchasers of Australian exports to countries which are, or recently have been, heavy purchasers of Australian exports. These restrictions, however, do not apply to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom and with the exception of motor chassis and explosives do not apply to goods the produce or manufacture of British Empire countries. Under the licensing system an importer of specified commodities must receive a licence before the goods will be permitted importation. These licences, however, are freely granted upon application in respect of the imports of all countries with which Australia has a favorable balance of trade, and all other countries in regard to which, although the balance may be adverse to the Commonwealth, the Government is satisfied with the position.

Exchange Adjustment. The *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1936* varies the duty imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1936 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 the 6th December, 1934, gave 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 in its (b) recommendation for par exchange conditions. Recommendations of the Tariff Board in respect of items carrying protective rates of duty given effect to subsequent to the 6th December, 1934, have provided for automatic variations in duties in consonance with fluctuations in the rate of exchange and consequently such items have been removed from the provisions of the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act*.

In addition to duties imposed by the *Customs Tariff Act* 1933-1936 *ad valorem* primage duties at rates of 4 per cent., 5 per cent., or 10 per cent. are charged according to the type of goods and origin thereof. Goods, the produce or manufacture of Norfolk Island, Fiji, Papua, the Territory of New Guinea or New Zealand 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 duties at the rates applicable to the British Preferential Tariff are accorded to Canadian goods admissible under the British Preferential Tariff in accordance with the provisions of the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Act* 1934-1936, and also to proclaimed commodities from the British self-governing colonies and protectorates. A limited number of goods admissible under the Intermediate Tariff pay primage duties at the rate equivalent to the British Preferential Tariff rate.

**Recorded
Value of
Imports and
Exports.**

- The recorded value of goods imported represents the amount on which duty is payable or would be payable if the duty were charged *ad valorem*. Such amount is:—
- (a) (i) The actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus any special deduction, or
 - (ii) the current domestic value of the goods, whichever is the higher; plus

- (b) all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the 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 other currency 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 recorded in Australian currency, and is generally the value in the principal markets of the Commonwealth 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 the 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 the 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 Australian prices.

From the 1st July, 1932, the following basis of valuation was adopted for exports 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 the 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 the 1st July, 1934, the following basis of valuation was adopted for exports of flour:—

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

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

Excise Tariff. The Excise Tariff in operation is the Excise Tariff 1921-1936. This Tariff relates only to beer, spirits, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, certain petroleum or shale products, fusel oil, concentrated grape must, playing cards, cigarette tubes, cigarette papers, matches, wine, saccharin, snuff and wireless valves.

Variation in External Exchange Position. As the values of imports in subsequent tables are shown in British currency, it is necessary when estimating the balance of trade between Victoria and other countries to take the rate of exchange into consideration. The telegraphic transfer selling rate for £100, Australia on London—which had reached £130 10s. on 29th January, 1931, was reduced to £125 10s. on 3rd December, 1931. Since that date the rate has remained unchanged.

Oversea Trade of Victoria. The total values of oversea trade to and from Victorian Ports for each of the five years 1931-32 to 1935-36 are set forth hereunder:—

OVERSEA TRADE.—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Year.				Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.*	Total.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).						
				£	£	£
1931-32	..	..	..	15,771,949	271,868	16,043,817
1932-33	..	..	..	21,197,497	319,491	21,516,988
1933-34	..	..	..	22,190,826	213,406	22,404,232
1934-35	..	..	..	26,137,841	207,232	26,345,073
1935-36	..	..	..	30,379,457	236,674	30,616,131
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).						
1931-32	..	..	..	24,523,335	3,240,975	27,764,310†
1932-33	..	..	..	26,656,364	3,153,054	29,809,418†
1933-34	..	..	..	28,943,447	1,576,279	30,519,726†
1934-35	..	..	..	26,248,909	1,870,918	28,119,827†
1935-36	..	..	..	33,628,137	1,354,407	34,982,544†

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

† The estimated British Currency value was £21,853,000 in 1931-32, £23,805,000 in 1932-33, £24,370,000 in 1933-34, £22,454,000 in 1934-35, and £27,932,000 in 1935-36.

Percentage
of Common-
wealth Trade.

That portion of the value of Commonwealth trade handled in Victorian ports for each of the last five years is shown in the table which follows:—

Year.	Commonwealth Trade—			Portion of Commonwealth Trade handled in Victorian Ports—		
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
	£	£	£	%	%	%
1931-32 (a) ..	44,712,868	108,404,318	..	..	..	..
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	..	..	..	..
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	..	..	..	..
1933-34 (b) ..	60,712,926	98,572,632	159,285,558	36.9	24.7	29.4
1934-35 (a) ..	74,119,496	112,986,037	..	..	..	..
1934-35 (b) ..	74,119,496	90,225,168	164,344,664	35.5	24.9	29.7
1935-36 (a) ..	85,252,458	136,381,221	..	..	..	..
1935-36 (b) ..	85,252,458	108,907,205	194,159,663	35.9	25.6	30.2

(a) Recorded values.

(b) British Currency values.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.

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

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1932-33 TO 1935-36.

(British Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Butter .. .. .	..	26	..	2
Cheese	2,144	1,511	1,766	2,669
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	120,099	159,997	191,715	184,288
All other	35,714	60,624	66,623	78,399
Meats	37,522	52,746	67,431	73,854
All other Animal Foodstuffs	3,999	5,921	3,592	6,979
Total, Class I. ..	199,478	280,825	331,127	346,191

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1932-33 TO 1935-36—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1933.	1934. *	1935.	1936.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING—				
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Cocoa Butter, &c.	1,435	3,846	9,743	18,192
Cocoa and Chocolate	75,417	64,654	70,588	64,419
Coffee and Chicory	34,174	34,741	28,606	25,367
Confectionery	8,955	3,706	6,140	8,277
Fruits, Dried	17,983	23,737	27,223	22,244
Fruits, Fresh	3,457	1,315	960	1,111
Fruits &c., Preserved	1,273	1,174	1,036	1,868
Grain and Pulse—				
Rice	2,733	2,728	2,784	3,538
All other.. ..	13,690	9,499	12,903	16,969
Hops	191	438	7,595	977
Mustard	20,858	11,122	16,133	5,282
Nuts, Edible	57,460	66,393	67,694	72,191
Pickles and Sauces	2,032	2,094	3,446	4,607
Sago and Tapioca	9,763	11,896	14,234	14,195
Spices	31,264	26,964	30,173	29,904
Tea	259,228	481,459	411,305	379,031
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	64,027	54,995	62,937	59,251
Total, Class II.	603,940	800,761	773,500	727,423
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, and Porter, &c. ..	9,369	9,981	10,951	8,704
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	5,512	8,745	9,757	10,147
Gin	2,086	4,697	3,254	1,737
Whisky	86,632	116,950	100,315	69,754
Other	3,041	5,928	11,033	7,300
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling	2,974	7,154	10,583	3,655
Other	2,999	4,567	4,525	5,071
Total, Class III.	112,613	158,022	150,418	106,368
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	5,863	5,605	4,564	4,278
Unmanufactured	297,807	208,693	310,821	401,734
Cigars	2,122	3,003	6,187	4,720
Cigarettes	2,608	3,052	4,372	12,043
Snuff	297	139	198	170
Total, Class IV.	308,697	220,492	326,142	422,945

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1932-33 TO 1935-36—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	£ 19,061	£ 36,126	£ 49,257	£ 62,464
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	6,680	10,153	5,496	15,064
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	121,900	148,259	180,039	175,579
Other	116,327	131,539	199,556	245,695
Silk, Raw	214,088	221,578	171,196	289,579
Wool	21,287	175,267	58,348	199,883
All other Animal Substances ..	42,125	25,712	33,197	48,666
Total, Class VI. ..	522,407	712,508	647,832	974,466
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUB- STANCES AND FIBRES.				
Fibres—				
Flax and Hemp	114,363	100,719	110,958	162,199
Kapok	31,832	27,034	36,795	44,494
All other	100,775	88,665	71,579	97,479
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats. &c. ..	38,497	38,587	42,611	40,554
Gums and Resins	69,922	71,024	91,001	103,647
Pulp for Papermaking ..	149,937	143,910	122,070	139,984
Seeds	79,561	91,411	117,655	149,888
Tanning Substances	21,637	18,049	20,412	23,208
All other Vegetable Substances	30,708	32,855	48,856	54,919
Total, Class VII. ..	637,232	612,254	661,937	816,372
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFAC- TURED FIBRES.				
<i>(a) Apparel.</i>				
Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c.	13,906	21,820	25,529	29,512
Boots and Shoes	77,070	57,513	78,949	70,120
Corsets	3,231	5,279	10,766	8,671
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	102,306	119,988	86,533	98,444
Gloves	185,920	167,034	184,159	203,780
Hats and Caps	47,066	62,341	58,941	65,953
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stock- ings)	7,573	16,362	19,313	29,078
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	6,648	17,828	26,933	39,320
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	2,639	4,447	3,164	4,173
Trimmings	165,363	142,830	161,291	167,384
Other	102,395	112,668	121,832	170,844

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1932-33 TO 1935-36—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1933.	1934.	1935	1936.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES—<i>continued.</i>				
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>				
<i>Piece Goods—</i>				
Canvas and Duck	165,347	161,951	231,623	223,422
Cotton and Linen	2,027,870	1,779,620	1,998,779	1,725,790
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	166,878	107,470	114,794	122,204
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	91,972	67,402	86,256	119,859
Silk	1,241,063	1,094,081	1,174,598	1,155,377
Velvets, Velvetens, Plushes, &c.	146,266	125,104	86,101	99,340
Woollen	63,805	88,111	115,786	126,844
Other	327,016	265,042	328,677	346,796
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c.	405,758	501,233	609,065	698,607
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	209,132	191,238	197,949	204,318
All other Textiles	240,978	261,437	321,435	331,720
<i>(c) Manufactured Fibres.</i>				
<i>Bags and Sacks—</i>				
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Podder	71,037	71,169	82,818	85,795
Corn and Flour	604,037	566,965	297,415	372,956
All other	94,381	103,110	89,774	99,082
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	45,750	84,835	144,161	53,862
<i>Yarns—</i>				
Artificial Silk	261,681	314,794	310,471	323,411
Cotton	370,158	316,553	364,678	287,463
Wool	22,043	17,471	18,001	36,421
Other	12,724	17,560	23,642	19,970
Total, Class VIII.	7,282,013	6,863,256	7,373,433	7,311,516
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
<i>Oils (in bulk)—</i>				
Kerosene, &c.	158,849	97,433	105,655	110,895
Lubricating (Mineral)	238,559	197,200	206,635	222,371
Petroleum, Crude	169,201	178,734	204,587	210,650
Petroleum and Shale Spirit	1,014,437	948,692	890,525	1,258,354
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	227,181	231,096	272,552	311,476
Total, Class IX.	1,808,227	1,653,155	1,679,954	2,113,746
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	119,466	123,819	159,290	163,092
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	116,741	117,493	150,519	190,869

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1932-33 TO 1935-36—*continued.*

Article	Year ended 30th June—			
	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Electrical Machinery and Appliances—				
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	104,096	131,135	175,879	309,056
Dynamo Machines ..	45,755	67,405	77,127	150,633
Telephones and Switchboards ..	19,471	34,574	67,639	140,800
Wireless and Parts ..	66,182	55,301	74,873	55,616
Other	145,971	199,916	293,815	332,393
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural)	33,492	42,269	41,176	60,873
Engines	54,061	79,930	178,542	360,988
All other Machines and Machinery	709,228	758,050	1,152,723	1,531,561
<i>(b) Metals and Metal Manufactures, other than Machinery.</i>				
Alloys	33,707	46,218	73,228	65,673
Gas Appliances	7,418	13,979	28,002	43,252
Iron and Steel—				
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	124,690	138,430	162,868	204,051
Pig and Scrap	2,862	3,665	1,371	530
Plate and Sheet	571,642	542,740	780,348	926,786
Girders, Beams, Channels, Joists, &c.	331	416	10,749	1,421
Wire	40,687	36,861	70,323	81,241
Railway and Tramway Material	1,778	6,137	17,187	10,579
Lamps and Lampware	61,247	69,900	92,857	73,522
Pipes and Tubes	141,983	139,242	127,023	81,422
Plated Ware and Cutlery	102,040	98,295	119,502	147,185
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	159,781	158,207	203,157	261,681
Vehicles—				
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c. ..	29,928	43,766	64,055	109,437
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c. ..	5,493	35,801	74,394	75,220
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c. ..	821,015	1,385,909	1,877,031	2,496,909
Other, and Parts	263,941	322,971	569,808	819,551
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	456,137	510,415	602,364	738,992
Total, Class XII. ..	4,002,936	4,921,532	6,936,041	9,079,372

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1932-33 TO 1935-36—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIII. — RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>				
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	162,837	236,367	331,530	293,071
Rubber Manufactures ..	131,973	102,487	117,477	177,426
<i>(b) Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>				
Glace Kid	711	2,555	5,291	10,667
Patent and Enamelled ..	141	7	969	468
All other	27,682	35,958	44,590	57,979
Total, Class XIII. ..	323,344	377,374	499,857	539,611
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.				
Timber—				
Dressed	58,743	80,150	80,318	83,418
Undressed	342,424	321,806	443,996	459,613
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	83,181	63,035	94,428	104,935
Total, Class XIV. ..	484,348	464,991	618,742	647,966
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE.				
Cement (Portland)	1,751	4,109	5,555	7,203
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	145,381	141,912	169,605	189,322
Glass and Glassware	146,320	174,375	228,061	305,976
All other Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass, and Stoneware	28,748	43,200	62,925	74,659
Total, Class XV. ..	322,200	363,596	466,146	577,160

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1932-33 TO 1935-36—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Paper—</i>				
Cardboard and other Paper				
Boards	65,977	78,356	73,174	90,845
Printing	601,002	641,206	621,042	690,424
Wrapping of all Colours ..	74,750	57,064	68,191	87,683
Writing and Typewriting ..	148,363	153,714	148,120	191,952
All other	190,848	175,291	210,869	221,781
(b) <i>Stationery and Paper Manufactures—</i>				
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	233,404	263,488	346,449	370,371
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. ..	14,224	9,523	15,291	18,516
Pens and Pencils	37,501	41,940	50,308	54,429
All other.. ..	124,682	178,220	146,669	210,634
Total, Class XVI. ..	1,490,751	1,598,802	1,680,113	1,936,635
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Fancy Goods	123,119	138,266	145,766	161,698
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	68,876	69,977	123,449	134,147
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	81,632	93,980	132,261	162,598
Total, Class XVII.	273,627	302,223	401,476	458,443
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c... ..	75,250	86,330	108,317	114,058
Talking Machines — Phonographs, &c.	2,860	2,470	4,147	7,057
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	65,323	76,267	94,808	120,446
Total, Class XVIII. ..	143,433	165,067	207,272	241,561
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	48,306	39,877	49,376	56,801
Cream of Tartar	181	829	196	316
Dyes	166,383	148,364	163,876	195,891
Fertilizers	222,135	194,049	232,108	272,691
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous)	28,074	28,313	32,110	39,311

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1932-33 TO 1935-36—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—<i>continued.</i>	£	£	£	£
Perfumery and Toilet Prepara- tions	43,225	46,531	57,319	68,175
Proprietary Medicines	49,686	46,980	51,232	66,910
Sodium Salts	144,985	133,055	135,090	208,970
Spirits and Spirituous Prepara- tions	12,083	16,617	19,538	29,618
Sulphur (Brimstone)	221,807	143,179	133,346	184,026
All other Drugs and Chemicals	284,010	330,270	382,310	424,375
Total, Class XIX. ..	1,220,875	1,128,064	1,256,501	1,547,084
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explo- sives	224,841	224,438	216,433	262,332
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c.	26,838	52,485	74,737	79,058
Brushware	45,271	60,509	87,381	154,519
Matches and Vestas	340	281	557	5,515
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos and Parts	815	1,169	3,904	5,656
Other and Parts	12,949	16,118	21,747	27,661
Soap and Soap Substitutes	12,540	9,694	8,787	14,048
All other Articles*	882,514	925,772	1,354,738	1,567,384
Total, Class XX. ..	1,206,108	1,290,466	1,768,284	2,116,173
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	316,581	211,084	204,557	220,891
Silver	2,833	2,266	2,606	15,568
Bronze—Specie	77	56	69	215
Total, Class XXI. ..	319,491	213,406	207,232	236,674
Grand Total	21,516,988	22,404,232	26,345,073	30,616,131

* Includes "Outside Packages" 1932-33, £518,041; 1933-34, £547,191; 1934-35, £610,677; 1935-36, £706,620.

Apparel, textiles, and manufactured fibres represented 23.9 per cent., machinery and metal manufactures 29.7 per cent., oils, &c., 6.9 per cent., paper and stationery, 6.3 per cent., and drugs, chemicals, and fertilizers, 5.1 per cent., respectively, of the total value of imports during 1935-36. Excluding bullion and specie, the imports for 1935-36 exceeded those of the previous year by £4,241,616.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Exports.

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

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1932-33 TO 1935-36.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£	£	£	£
Butter	3,865,321	2,411,892	3,428,217	3,751,294
Cheese	107,947	44,657	141,392	158,109
Eggs	240,777	362,736	370,194	283,724
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	3,452	5,180	4,786	5,240
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	90,352	50,466	61,981	115,053
Lamb	1,521,078	1,677,254	2,134,761	2,489,952
Mutton	197,056	290,242	297,002	224,243
Pork	54,812	57,895	100,316	193,245
Rabbits and Hares	170,899	124,196	192,104	99,495
Other	56,548	87,605	87,528	122,434
Preserved in Tins.. .. .	16,646	21,966	30,611	26,074
Sausage Casings	118,907	223,124	288,580	241,058
Other	1,515	4,602	2,043	3,172
Milk and Cream	900,778	715,528	513,107	523,209
All other Animal Foodstuffs	2,926	1,922	3,340	4,519
Total, Class I.	7,349,014	6,079,265	7,655,962	8,240,821
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Biscuits	15,161	14,681	21,201	19,899
Fruits, Dried	1,507,299	1,722,359	1,320,022	1,306,592
Fruits, Fresh	687,583	391,225	431,159	542,555
Fruits, Preserved in liquid	475,636	658,468	647,909	522,734
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat.. .. .	3,621,571	1,431,842	1,617,923	2,917,377
Other	47,769	23,912	94,696	34,438
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten)	1,564,396	1,285,088	1,734,520	1,875,692
Other	47,688	66,358	191,770	138,889
Jams and Fruit Jellies	5,982	5,331	9,472	19,744
Tea	13,609	14,940	11,922	10,294
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	66,486	87,551	75,734	91,748
Total, Class II.	8,053,180	5,701,755	6,156,328	7,479,962

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1932-33 TO 1935-36—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.. ..	70,124	104,370	93,413	91,970
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.. ..	112,236	59,269	49,522	71,813
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	40,264	39,702	44,780	64,686
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	38,190	44,444	72,035	117,093
Opossum	10,139	5,649	113,302	14,136
Rabbit and Hare	127,598	261,761	236,199	556,942
Sheep	663,732	1,325,081	887,082	1,369,510
Other	33,437	112,074	52,458	48,992
Wool—				
Greasy	7,757,782	11,942,129	7,766,452	11,845,485
Scoured and Washed	850,457	1,511,461	1,101,958	1,369,205
Tops, Noils and Waste	30,697	58,160	43,498	85,012
All other Animal Substances ..	14,841	15,998	17,524	29,636
Total, Class VI.	9,526,873	15,276,757	10,290,508	15,436,011
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	20,270	34,216	48,521	42,047
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	33,426	36,871	38,939	29,547
All other Apparel	80,437	66,531	49,684	55,127
All other Textiles, including Bags, Cordage, Yarns, &c. ..	91,052	148,681	174,315	186,233
Total, Class VIII.	204,915	252,083	262,938	270,907
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Tallow—Unrefined	240,262	131,024	263,558	212,409
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	44,741	34,372	42,132	62,162
Total, Class IX.	285,003	165,396	305,690	274,571
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	5,268	8,426	8,316	13,060
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	7,409	12,906	43,772	53,547

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1932-33 TO 1935-36—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Machines and Machinery ..	100,540	100,254	167,549	202,653
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery.</i>				
Iron and Steel	28,037	30,957	36,152	41,704
Lead—Pig and in Matte ..	13	236	183	325
Tin Ingots	28	134	50	..
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	7,725	16,856	29,614	1,663
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof	125,580	149,757	146,153	196,570
Total, Class XII. ..	261,923	298,194	379,701	442,915
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
Rubber and Manufactures ..	22,966	29,768	34,437	33,543
Leather and Manufactures ..	164,582	294,601	214,053	316,423
Total, Class XIII. ..	187,548	324,369	248,490	349,966
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..	23,432	29,342	26,220	30,982
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE	27,041	40,292	43,216	60,770
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
Paper	9,275	10,958	23,825	54,251
Stationery	32,024	27,381	31,630	71,207
Total, Class XVI. ..	41,299	38,339	55,455	125,458
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones, Unset ; Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	16,704	11,245	23,859	42,402
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, and Fancy Goods ..	22,280	38,697	34,296	37,800
Total, Class XVII. ..	38,984	49,942	58,155	80,202

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES:
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1932-33 TO 1935-36—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS..	56,984	48,898	60,481	65,075
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	14,341	22,050	32,066	36,394
Fertilizers	1,376	1,658	1,109	8,310
Medicines	3,725	9,228	14,132	22,127
Oil—Eucalyptus	35,405	34,368	39,174	44,387
All other Drugs and Chemicals	52,207	53,175	53,157	54,782
Total, Class XIX. ..	107,054	120,479	139,638	166,000
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Soap	110,427	75,363	50,939	60,425
Vessels transferred abroad .. .. .	..	..	1,500	24,000
All other Articles	127,116	184,084	225,364	182,949
Total, Class XX. ..	237,543	259,447	277,803	267,374
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	3,134,058	1,547,421	1,857,367	1,275,078
Silver	15,952	26,414	12,522	78,322
Bronze	3,044	2,444	1,029	1,007
Total, Class XXI. ..	3,153,054	1,576,279	1,870,918	1,354,407
Australian produce	29,518,676	30,195,377	27,776,969	34,593,245
Other produce	290,742	324,349	342,858	389,299
Grand Total	29,809,418	30,519,726	28,119,827	34,982,544

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 1935-36 amounted to slightly over 91 per cent. of the total Australian merchandise exported—wool alone represented 39 per cent. Exports of merchandise only during 1935-36 showed an increase of £7,379,228 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 from the United Kingdom during 1935-36 represented 43 per cent. of the total imports into Victorian ports whilst exports therefrom to the United Kingdom during that year amounted to 48 per cent. of the total value of exports from Victorian ports. Details of the principal articles interchanged are given hereunder:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victorian ports (of United Kingdom origin).</i>					
Whisky	£ 50,396	£ 86,404	£ 116,791	£ 89,173	£ 69,595
Cigarettes	734	1,510	2,546	3,579	10,930
Apparel	160,624	247,215	279,312	323,182	351,141
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	116,253	157,906	152,896	206,266	189,684
Cotton and Linen	1,469,740	1,788,704	1,498,000	1,641,787	1,340,295
Silk	297,924	404,335	420,191	404,590	408,137
Woolen	26,138	56,845	81,587	108,840	120,267
Velvets, and Lace for Attire	111,664	115,233	76,229	81,443	118,272
Other	185,051	262,542	200,573	232,724	253,974
Floor Coverings	222,827	382,655	475,729	578,978	655,285
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	160,695	188,205	174,570	180,734	183,121
Yarns	350,496	407,787	352,972	465,951	423,549
Machines and Machinery	420,638	596,410	764,175	1,127,105	1,559,121
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	533,477	686,499	669,729	930,544	1,016,275
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	107,836	364,109	669,793	560,910	735,802
Pipes and Tubes	57,556	126,150	102,862	106,337	72,606
Platedware and Cutlery	44,962	85,946	82,585	103,031	126,104
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.i.	75,337	161,445	230,680	372,844	530,945
Other Metals and Manufactures	315,742	485,329	534,543	654,016	765,113
Rubber and Rubber Goods	68,844	79,689	71,788	76,559	83,235
Crockery and Household Ware	54,061	75,607	73,542	105,005	117,607
Glass and Glassware	17,621	43,156	47,473	60,639	69,072
Paper	560,098	580,986	590,041	550,836	598,952
Books	197,899	212,458	241,735	319,704	333,471
Fancy Goods	42,539	39,639	47,649	60,294	64,415
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	49,467	64,015	57,584	62,758	78,564
Sodium Salts	110,217	125,013	99,645	105,139	168,794
Dyes	94,877	116,866	116,310	123,078	156,335
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	90,614	192,910	169,391	183,440	213,532
All other Articles	791,765	1,150,392	1,377,236	1,877,811	2,128,301
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	6,786,092	9,285,960	9,778,157	11,697,297	12,942,494
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter	3,641,089	3,491,651	2,095,079	3,078,708	3,335,027
Eggs	151,010	240,450	362,292	369,760	283,147
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	1,374,825	1,770,435	1,984,827	2,451,024	2,768,777
Pork	37,156	52,588	55,741	97,712	189,588
Rabbits and Hares	144,468	164,367	117,817	181,639	92,017
Other	16,901	65,232	121,120	135,210	204,113
Milk and Cream	39,556	150,301	41,569	3,150	7,068
Fruits—all kinds	1,151,200	2,136,759	2,195,693	1,754,923	1,649,446
Wheat and Flour	911,613	1,179,142	769,123	268,758	915,635
Wine, fermented	55,590	36,622	45,116	32,155	24,654
Hides and Skins	205,746	198,754	492,603	329,848	383,111
Wool	3,144,862	3,016,411	4,144,271	4,010,126	4,936,807
Tallow, unrefined	53,328	81,086	29,480	37,196	25,579
Leather, &c.	63,799	82,604	182,396	112,609	226,806
Soap	128,103	92,135	60,184	37,955	47,497
Bullion and Specie	3,233,098	3,152,974	1,558,610	1,862,966	1,273,820
All other Articles	266,259	302,982	294,592	594,373	532,993
Total	14,628,683	16,214,498	14,550,513	15,358,112	16,896,085

Trade with
India and
Ceylon.

During 1935-36 imports into Victorian ports from India and Ceylon increased by £125,536 as compared with the previous year, while exports from Victorian ports to those countries increased by £99,769.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
INDIA AND CEYLON, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victorian ports (of Indian and Cingalese origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Cocoa Beans	5,168	4,473	5,723	5,044	2,980
Coffee	13,613	4,907	4,273	6,644	4,428
Rice	58	1	51	..	..
Nuts	1,258	631	787	719	867
Spices	4,867	4,660	4,911	4,359	4,610
Tea	118,559	121,240	179,408	198,198	152,345
Hides and Skins.. .. .	40,390	36,181	39,464	36,887	64,512
Fibres	32,925	41,763	31,537	35,047	61,226
Gums and Resins	12,302	8,413	9,769	13,842	12,651
Seeds	35,503	24,766	40,605	37,199	20,149
Hessians	100,959	131,281	94,744	100,705	107,556
Floor Coverings	2,015	5,527	6,199	6,926	7,363
Bags and Sacks	537,241	758,739	728,509	469,840	547,823
Yarns—Coir	7,989	8,569	10,661	14,569	10,838
Oils in Bulk	520	1,379	291	917	853
Waxes	3,716	3,758	4,537	5,004	5,410
Rubber, &c.	10,235	3,568	11,810	19,423	17,905
All other Articles	41,660	23,698	32,149	33,566	32,909
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	968,978	1,189,644	1,205,428	928,889	1,054,425
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter	9,626	10,490	9,516	12,192	17,007
Meats	8,351	13,806	14,005	15,008	24,897
Milk and Cream	66,870	124,807	86,483	72,310	57,443
Biscuits	3,136	2,097	2,624	2,978	2,919
Hay and Chaff	3,271	1,873	1,817	4,503	3,762
Fruits (all kinds)	9,821	11,717	13,783	9,205	12,227
Wheat	628	497	720	1,347	23,084
Flour	91,689	92,981	86,550	96,515	96,894
Horses	23,308	27,684	24,529	26,720	41,344
Wool	43,023	72,492	71,687	66,978	118,394
Tallow (unrefined)	28,641	50,895	31,299	39,306	64,772
Soap	2,871	1,921	1,818	1,015	909
Specie and Bullion	7,700	..	..	..	..
All other Articles	51,589	53,565	62,273	72,012	56,206
Total	350,524	464,825	407,104	420,089	519,858

The value of imports into Victorian ports from New Zealand for the year ended 30th June, 1936, was £892,702. The exports from Victorian ports thereto amounted to £1,297,961, an increase of £196,047 over the previous year. The principal articles of trade during the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
NEW ZEALAND, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victorian ports (of New Zealand origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	18,229	19,069	40,117	48,568	54,194
Milk and Cream	450	897	2,624	325	1
Meats	5,582	5,412	4,564	5,525	11,230
Grain and Pulse	15,524	9,070	6,767	8,376	9,431
Hops	342	191	438	510	512
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	7,861	13,397	20,137	20,829	32,255
Hides and Skins	61,155	95,329	138,953	151,686	175,669
Wool	17,138	21,002	172,910	57,382	199,558
Flax and Hemp	13,038	18,129	20,834	27,510	39,936
Oakum and Tow	2,667	2,775	3,132	2,537	2,255
Seeds	32,728	19,443	26,431	37,801	32,532
Timber	87,774	117,412	82,082	167,489	157,069
Gold and Silver	240,840	265,283	138,626	127,080	122,786
All other Articles	31,205	28,894	41,269	55,030	55,274
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	534,533	616,303	698,933	710,648	892,702
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to New Zealand.</i>					
Fruits, all kinds	223,322	111,859	126,663	243,518	288,218
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat		190,811	209	1	14,934
Flour	5,477	2,679	1,367	1,381	1,525
Oats	17,138	7,507	172	288	4,796
Rice and Rice Meal	2,511	1,239	2,054	3,096	4,957
Tea	4,500	13,337	14,625	10,928	9,671
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	6,380	6,834	8,330	9,825	12,559
Tobacco manufactured	131,076	93,146	52,722	39,698	62,497
Apparel	68,511	85,447	81,869	62,340	67,435
Textiles	24,036	21,297	38,271	43,534	46,496
Manufactured Fibres	21,280	11,114	42,473	63,510	75,585
Oils	4,808	6,663	5,368	7,909	10,856
Machines and Machinery	42,937	40,902	49,462	70,267	78,985
Metal manufactures	34,165	47,949	71,173	70,680	92,153
Rubber manufactures	14,744	19,469	25,796	33,073	31,941
Leather, &c.	18,963	29,736	45,364	44,429	38,744
Books	6,697	6,286	7,089	9,973	13,186
Photographic goods and materials	32,053	33,774	34,033	46,190	46,699
Drugs and Chemicals	36,180	33,987	38,375	40,157	41,010
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	55,306	56,524	48,801	68,414	41,216
All other Articles	148,562	162,108	203,266	232,693	314,498
Australian produce	818,834	895,117	799,985	993,902	1,188,262
Other produce	79,817	87,251	97,547	108,012	109,699
Total	898,651	982,368	897,532	1,101,914	1,297,961

The value of imports into Victorian ports from Belgium showed an increase of £45,346 during 1935-36, while exports from Victorian ports to that country increased by £91,871. The principal articles of trade with Belgium during each of the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH BELGIUM, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values into Victorian ports (of Belgian origin)).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Furs and other Skins, dressed ..	1,716	1,313	100	..	18
Gloves	4,821	5,829	5,061	12,185	33,011
Piece Goods	28,271	38,485	43,067	45,020	43,364
Artificial Silk Yarn	3,717	891	316	182	2,245
Electrical Machinery, &c. ..	1,797	4,405	4,265	6,156	9,302
Metal Manufactures—					
Copper	231	42	68	47	2,628
Iron and Steel	2,703	7,134	3,949	2,988	7,493
Vehicles .. ..	..	10	30	14	210
Other	3,593	3,814	5,554	5,391	3,645
Glass and Glassware	23,778	30,430	42,786	49,374	42,591
Paper	11,576	12,496	7,230	7,287	6,492
Precious Stones, Unset	2,364	11,309	4,293	12,948	23,803
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	3,089	8,743	4,446	2,748	4,364
All other Articles	19,696	22,475	23,082	25,146	35,657
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	107,352	156,466	144,247	169,486	214,832
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values from Victorian ports to Belgium.)</i>					
Meats	2,002	1,548	310	513	452
Wheat	126,225	33,045	..	548	106,308
Hides and Skins	1,703	4,494	12,491	27,200	57,703
Wool	280,159	579,449	1,416,681	981,736	940,750
Tallow (unrefined)	137	..	..	1,060	..
Cameos and Precious Stones ..	950	971	599	1,400	7,224
All other Articles	24,635	16,395	12,499	30,960	22,851
Total	435,811	635,902	1,442,580	1,043,417	1,135,288

Imports into Victorian ports from France during 1935-36 decreased by £49,890 as compared with the previous year, while exports from Victorian ports to France increased by £450,574. The chief articles of trade during the last five years are given in the appended table :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH FRANCE, 1931-32 TO 1935-36

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victorian ports (of French origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Brandy	2,060	5,512	8,741	9,748	10,015
Hides and Skins	296	653	2,525	508	1,427
Wine	289	3,915	8,336	11,465	4,528
Gunns and Resins	8,584	11,734	7,188	4,734	5,485
Apparel—					
Trimmings and Ornaments	30,499	38,979	41,960	36,373	24,190
Gloves	9,595	6,927	11,255	9,786	7,016
Other	10,710	20,694	19,715	15,910	16,629
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	238,356	239,107	123,489	99,728	77,677
Other	4,835	3,923	4,151	4,385	3,376
Oils	16,640	17,201	15,966	16,295	17,999
Electrical Machinery and Appliances	3,082	1,407	1,212	1,506	887
Other Machines and Machinery	5,043	8,482	3,797	9,572	3,984
Motor Bodies, Chassis and Parts	406	4,774	3,108	3,246	1,385
Rubber Manufactures	2,401	4,146	3,605	1,380	1,781
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	18,210	4,017	3,665	3,954	13,734
Pipes (smoking)	4,192	4,258	5,380	3,956	11,769
Cream of Tartar .. .. .	..	72	173	44	35
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	8,379	8,908	9,591	9,297	6,151
All other Articles	68,079	86,639	108,804	106,633	90,562
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	431,656	471,348	382,661	348,520	298,630
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to France.</i>					
Meats	3,731	12,165	8,335	8,911	4,678
Wheat and Flour	2,023	..	..	..	7,880
Hides and Skins	223,199	469,904	769,538	519,765	712,461
Wool	839,953	906,906	962,690	556,738	824,052
Tallow (unrefined)	275	1,255	..	..	..
All other Articles	15,556	14,318	39,812	22,369	9,286
Total	1,084,737	1,404,548	1,730,375	1,107,783	1,558,357

During 1935-36 imports into Victorian ports from Germany increased by £382,197 as compared with 1934-35, while exports from Victorian ports to that country increased by £140,344. Wool is the chief item exported to Germany, and during the past five years accounted for 88 per cent. of the total exports from Victorian ports to that country—the percentage for 1935-36 being 85.

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

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH GERMANY, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Articles.	Value in year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victorian ports (of German origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Hides and Skins	1,558	246	177	47	368
Apparel—					
Gloves	57,356	83,954	61,991	67,795	78,557
Other	47,839	53,230	39,639	39,676	56,752
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	56,650	65,406	46,877	56,424	93,329
Other	13,257	16,519	11,269	15,052	19,059
Artificial Silk Yarn	25,441	14,165	5,205	186	5,438
Machines and Machinery	101,505	103,211	122,477	171,556	307,147
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Vehicles and Parts	3,044	3,728	7,164	13,164	46,310
Plated Ware and Cutlery	7,076	11,319	9,039	9,790	12,319
Other	53,912	77,459	82,394	91,915	116,735
Glass and Glassware	8,721	11,204	15,226	33,366	73,906
Paper	28,223	29,662	31,725	28,462	59,294
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	10,197	12,696	11,857	11,535	12,568
Fancy Goods	16,020	13,890	13,569	9,994	8,953
Timepieces	8,824	15,082	19,013	24,191	25,287
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	20,798	31,544	46,206	48,274	52,674
Drugs, Chemicals, and Fertilizers	83,373	114,588	99,788	107,268	110,574
Bags, Baskets, &c.	6,668	10,439	23,083	30,676	25,868
Brushware	1,277	2,680	2,480	3,335	2,853
Musical Instruments	4,123	7,656	7,116	10,818	16,952
All other Articles	88,303	123,717	122,879	119,131	149,909
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	644,165	807,395	773,174	892,655	1,274,852
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to Germany.</i>					
Butter	426	228	..	..	..
Sausage Casings	3,030	2,682	3,071	768	716
Fruits (all kinds)	6	40,586	29,918	8,870	9,179
Wheat and Flour	15,743	1,617	..	..	..
Wool	477,017	549,192	1,167,668	301,862	409,529
Hides and Skins	62,227	8,887	19,268	11,624	40,265
Tallow (unrefined)	709	4,284	..	..	143
Casein	26	..	2,460	520	1,440
Eucalyptus Oil	6,470	8,393	5,940	5,511	6,549
All other Articles	26,305	15,191	19,720	11,190	12,868
Total	591,959	631,060	1,248,045	340,345	480,689

Imports into Victorian ports from Japan during 1935-36 showed a substantial increase—£322,184—over those of the previous year. Exports from Victorian ports to Japan in 1935-36 increased by £2,580,023 over those of 1934-35. The principal articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH JAPAN, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victorian ports (of Japanese origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	111	2,769	2,748	5,193	4,070
Silk, Raw	211,337	213,875	221,511	169,381	277,455
Fibres	2,626	5,409	2,427	3,533	4,573
Grass or Straw, &c.	7,768	11,082	9,144	12,048	11,563
Apparel—					
Buttons	7,034	15,234	10,869	15,776	22,356
Hats and Caps	9,995	12,334	9,797	5,604	6,424
Other	6,834	13,501	23,144	36,229	47,006
Piece Goods— Silk	392,766	550,963	521,690	616,085	585,562
Cotton and Linen	89,710	170,545	205,345	295,391	332,320
Other	18,812	41,742	49,122	66,310	76,197
Other Textiles	13,423	43,043	33,538	38,578	48,498
Yarns	14,389	28,033	28,886	36,610	59,695
Oils	3,441	8,661	3,943	5,472	8,480
Timber	1,995	4,959	5,808	5,819	7,781
Chinaware	24,451	44,464	43,703	37,528	44,604
Glass and Glassware	2,655	11,378	15,986	16,786	20,158
Fancy Goods	19,998	32,064	49,232	48,145	55,028
Jewellery and Precious Stones	3,436	9,537	5,807	5,736	3,846
Camphor	3,060	1,902	1,652	2,414	2,683
Sulphur (Brimstone)	15,834	81,068	34,658	38,764	62,574
All other Articles	55,115	121,876	154,405	188,580	291,802
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	904,790	1,424,339	1,438,415	1,650,491	1,972,675
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to Japan.</i>					
Butter	998	2,787	559	.. .. .	.. .. .
Hides and Skins	4,715	8,373	18,167	42,000	51,612
Milk and Cream	18,001	15,104	33,286	9,801	.. .. .
Wheat	1,301,815	836,788	670,476	1,240,387	1,750,647
Flour	3,966	6,937	2,850	4,647	40,150
Wool	2,181,729	2,602,950	3,839,697	2,258,058	4,306,693
Tallow (unrefined)	73,198	55,561	40,948	47,549	20,200
Casein	21,803	14,333	19,138	31,333	34,536
Fertilizers	1,966	1,358	456	1,072	406
All other Articles	30,290	40,277	37,872	50,984	61,610
Total	3,638,481	3,584,468	4,663,449	3,685,831	6,265,854

Trade with
Netherlands
East Indies.

Imports into Victorian ports from Netherlands East Indies during 1935-36 increased by £112,348, while exports from Victorian ports thereto increased by £73,825 as compared with 1934-35. 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, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935	1936.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victorian ports (of Netherlands East Indies origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Coffee and Chicory	9,912	12,018	11,829	9,165	9,763
Sago and Tapioca	1,081	221	..	135	486
Spices	5,795	4,555	315	346	260
Tea	168,855	132,495	289,697	255,677	219,335
Tobacco—unmanufactured	5,283	7,760	32,534	20,029	29,793
Hides and Skins	3,598	18,999	14,684	6,026	1,995
Fibres	74,668	68,476	49,897	61,793	83,494
Seeds	3,709	5,056	3,325	3,338	6,291
Oils	291,044	455,945	494,676	558,055	642,420
Rubber, crude	25,538	36,630	94,308	48,486	80,866
All other Articles	23,667	24,724	25,386	25,126	25,821
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	613,140	766,879	1,016,651	988,176	1,100,524
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to the Netherlands East Indies.</i>					
Butter	396,821	282,195	223,805	250,567	302,234
Meats	1,267	1,296	637	1,259	1,616
Milk and Cream	103,938	76,685	58,969	2,856	2,107
Biscuits	8,133	6,014	7,553	11,813	7,952
Fruits and fruit juices	33,287	27,075	27,999	23,008	21,610
Flour	234,214	215,701	219,390	215,616	227,670
Machines and Machinery	95	64	315	145	104
Leather, &c.	11,063	20,651	22,348	9,124	5,722
Soap	3,193	1,477	969	910	139
All other Articles	23,990	36,261	31,880	38,030	57,999
Total	816,001	667,419	593,865	553,328	627,153

Imports into Victorian ports from the United States of America increased by £1,034,046 during 1935-36 as compared with 1934-35, whilst exports from Victorian ports to that country increased by £1,075,945. The principal articles included in the trade with the United States of America in each of the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victorian ports (of United States origin).</i>					
Fish, Preserved in Tins	195	7,909	5,290	3,680	1,725
Sausage Casings	19,175	21,979	34,017	44,143	37,149
Tobacco, &c.	183,137	273,068	169,875	279,307	365,885
Gums and Resins	13,509	18,573	17,641	23,043	26,069
Apparel—					
Socks and Stockings	244	847	203	500	1,226
Other	27,670	15,304	18,422	30,216	46,191
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	103,244	64,647	59,802	65,891	55,750
Other	17,587	12,285	11,153	10,253	13,795
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns	44,562	37,633	11,734	20,706	4,164
Oils	853,098	958,489	760,950	619,391	823,332
Paints and Varnishes	24,289	28,718	27,065	42,347	35,817
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Natural Pitch	25,408	25,524	16,884	2,713	8,625
Machines and Machinery	215,684	288,408	312,291	548,945	836,273
Metals and Metal manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	23,390	20,974	20,497	42,182	57,559
Tools of Trade	30,345	30,030	33,206	42,530	61,858
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c. ..	96,299	244,720	308,947	766,666	948,344
Other	39,771	80,061	87,961	176,233	249,175
Other Metals, &c.	55,939	59,216	78,016	103,190	95,539
Rubber, &c.	28,998	30,916	15,135	22,147	35,822
Leather, &c.	2,814	1,787	2,837	5,231	6,028
Timber	36,557	56,217	80,218	84,909	124,087
Glass and Glassware	13,906	8,162	13,106	16,323	21,161
Paper	46,226	51,548	33,870	37,178	52,907
Stationery	58,264	32,532	22,262	30,519	42,158
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods	17,465	6,523	5,750	14,826	25,279
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	43,947	50,095	52,934	74,053	79,999
Sulphur (Brimstone)	98,450	89,389	95,358	85,015	108,128
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	6,457	4,861	16,018	17,591	25,824
Instruments—Musical	3,025	1,883	2,124	5,353	6,653
All other articles	206,357	259,614	225,480	366,414	419,019
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	2,336,012	2,781,912	2,539,046	3,581,495	4,615,541
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	69,326	109,105	194,884	250,963	150,658
Hides and Skins	186,450	141,950	353,091	294,067	794,155
Wool	164,400	79,602	222,054	100,847	782,259
Tallow (unrefined)	1,173	..	177	98,216	64,149
Machines and Machinery	19,304	10,325	10,083	4,707	7,668
Metals and Metal Manufactures	8,909	9,158	4,481	4,448	6,532
Leather, &c. .. ..	..	629	1,900	97	792
Eucalyptus Oil	7,536	8,639	12,074	14,926	15,347
All other articles	56,148	23,713	39,983	39,894	62,550
Total	513,246	338,121	838,727	808,165	1,884,110

Wool, wheat and flour, butter, meats, fruits (all kinds), and hides and skins were the six principal articles of merchandise exported from Victorian ports in 1935-36. The values of these products, arranged according to destination, are shown in the following statement:—

DESTINATION OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF
MERCHANDISE EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN
PORTS IN 1935-36.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Destination.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Fruits (all kinds).	Meats.	Hides and Skins.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	4,936,807	915,635	3,335,027	1,649,446	3,254,495	383,111
Aden ..	..	9,684	151	601	..	..
Canada ..	123,809	174	..	364,215	5,164	872
Hong Kong ..	..	196,462	942	6,937	3,983	..
India and Ceylon ..	118,394	119,978	17,007	12,227	24,897	..
Irish Free State ..	..	162,193	..	..	..	..
Malaya (British) ..	..	69,514	49,664	6,032	14,897	..
Malta ..	..	34,175	634	775	7,190	..
Mauritius ..	..	56,262	8,547	217	362	..
New Zealand ..	6,668	16,459	..	288,218	2,844	537
Pacific Islands (British)	..	1,675	1,098	3,222	10,757	..
South African Union ..	..	817	..	109	275	115
Sudan ..	..	7,776	53	105	4	..
Other British Countries	..	77,650	6,987	1,487	7,638	..
Africa, Portuguese East	..	58,845	267	1,032	50	..
Africa, Portuguese West	..	19,596	..	..	..	..
Belgium ..	940,750	106,357	4,272	2,101	452	57,703
China ..	370	122,083	11,913	831	20	2,660
Egypt ..	815	53,843	2 183	1,001	16,265	3,623
France ..	824,052	7,880	..	330	4,678	712,461
French Indo-China ..	..	10,259	..	896	..	..
Germany ..	409,529	..	..	9,179	716	40,265
Italy ..	79,166	56,121	..	..	232	2,314
Japan ..	4,306,693	1,790,797	..	..	5,302	51,612
Kwantung Peninsula ..	..	474,522	1,108	12	..	167
Mexico ..	25,688	..	..	..	..	51
Netherlands ..	225,624	6,005	..	6,304	273	7,881
Netherlands East Indies	..	227,670	302,234	14,131	1,616	110
Norway ..	2,934	..	..	180	..	..
Philippine Islands ..	..	77,619	1,228	595	2,167	..
Siam ..	..	42,906	4,402	95	..	..
Spain ..	39,986	..	..	..	..	25,301
Sweden ..	108,458	..	..	96	2,065	5,001
U.S.S. Republic ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,987
United States of America	782,259	..	..	11	152,386	794,155
Other Foreign Countries	367,700	70,112	3,577	1,496	1,238	16,747
Total ..	13,299,702	4,793,069	3,751,294	2,371,881	3,519,966	2,106,673

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 Australian merchandise exported. The value of milk and cream exported amounted to £523,209, of which £306,038 was sent to Malaya (British), £85,093 to Philippine Islands, £57,443 to India and Ceylon, and £22,514 to China.

Principal
Exports—
Quantity and
Value.

In the following table particulars relating to quantities and values of the principal commodities exported from Victorian ports, are given :—

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1932-33 TO 1935-36.

(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

Commodity.		1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
Wool	.. .. { lb. £	214,621,692 8,638,936	189,521,493 13,511,750	191,192,361 8,911,908	203,451,217 13,299,702
Butter	.. .. { lb. £	95,492,925 3,865,321	76,470,363 2,411,892	93,643,352 3,428,217	91,714,538 3,751,294
Wheat	.. .. { centsals £	14,710,399 3,621,571	5,930,720 1,431,842	6,740,543 1,617,923	9,736,294 2,917,377
Flour (wheaten)	.. .. { centsals	4,832,238 1,564,396	4,322,481 1,285,088	5,277,680 1,734,520	5,153,983 1,875,692
Fruits— Dried	.. .. { lb. £	72,156,497 1,507,299	99,254,166 1,722,359	83,280,231 1,320,022	76,482,933 1,306,592
Fresh	.. .. { lb. £	78,250,600 687,583	45,125,500 391,225	48,268,400 431,159	58,529,200 542,555
Preserved in Liquid	.. .. { lb. £	26,045,887 475,636	42,345,194 658,468	41,806,638 647,909	33,933,641 522,734
Meats—	.. ..			
Beef (frozen)	.. .. { lb. £	6,980,439 90,352	4,338,283 50,466	5,889,226 61,981	10,064,934 115,053
Lamb (frozen)	.. .. { lb. £	79,792,912 1,521,078	71,888,867 1,677,254	82,602,215 2,134,761	95,093,406 2,489,952
Mutton (frozen)	.. .. { lb. £	14,385,563 197,056	19,329,364 290,242	19,527,499 297,002	13,447,972 224,243
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	{ pairs £	2,945,707 170,899	2,719,305 124,196	4,297,934 192,104	2,180,524 99,495
All other	.. .. { £	251,880	400,372	513,864	591,223
Milk and Cream	.. .. { lb. £	23,683,146 900,778	19,079,951 715,528	13,903,655 513,107	14,070,896 523,209
Hides and Skins—	.. ..			
Sheep	.. .. { lb. £	34,623,178 663,732	38,360,765 1,325,081	34,096,376 887,082	36,737,286 1,369,510
Calf, Cattle, Horse	.. .. { No. £	53,843 38,190	61,655 44,444	176,154 72,035	220,402 117,093
Rabbits and Hares	.. .. { lb. £	2,874,945 127,598	3,621,047 261,761	3,157,799 236,199	3,856,069 556,942
Other Skins	.. .. { £	43,576	117,723	165,760	63,128
Tallow (unrefined)	.. .. { cwt. £	240,598 240,262	137,134 131,024	255,701 263,558	149,948 212,409
Eggs in shell	.. .. { dozen £	3,858,036 223,426	6,553,468 359,877	6,575,746 370,169	5,038,859 283,108
Cheese	.. .. { lb. £	3,303,378 107,947	1,274,595 44,657	4,597,914 141,392	5,135,386 158,109

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 1935-36 :—

OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT VICTORIAN PORTS AND INLAND STATIONS, 1935-36.

Heading.	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Warrnam- bool.	Inland Sta- tions.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Oversea Trade—						
Imports (British Cur- rency)	28,954,295	1,603,548	58,288	..	..	30,616,131
Exports (Australian Currency)	31,793,387	2,501,802	381,743	305,612	..	34,982,544
Total (British Currency)	54,340,272	3,600,995	363,073	244,001	..	58,548,341
Gross Revenue (Aus- tralian Currency)—						
Import Duties	7,633,338	360,639	83,509	..	..	8,077,486
Excise Duties	4,068,410	16,574	..	..	30,710	4,115,694
Primage	1,672,023	100,299	4,334	..	..	1,776,656
Other Sources	47,491	254	..	..	1	47,746
Total	13,421,262	477,766	87,843	..	30,711	14,017,582*

* After deducting £463,320 for Refunds and Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £13,553,962.

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 relating to the interchange of goods between Victoria and the other States, have been received from the Harbor Trusts, Railways Department, Ports and Harbors Department, and the Warrnambool Harbor Board. It has not been possible to obtain particulars of interstate trade carried on by means of road traffic.

Primary
Produce
interchanged.

The tabulated totals of certain items of primary produce for the year 1935-36, excluding all oversea cargo interchanged are shown in the following table:—

INTERSTATE TRADE OF 10 SPECIFIED ARTICLES, 1935-36.
(QUANTITIES ONLY.)

Article.	Imported into Victoria from other States during 1935-36, and recorded by—				
	Victorian Railways.	Port of Melbourne.	Port of Geelong.	Ports of Portland and Warrnam- bool.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	10	1,405	..	..	1,415
Coal	3,011	857,054	163,737	..	1,023,802
Flour	19,531	12	..	..	19,543
Fruits, fresh	36,702	6,143*	..	..	↑
Fruits, dried	1,111	2,898*	..	..	‡
Oats	2,612	191	..	..	2,803
Onions	68	151	..	..	219
Potatoes	536	4,877	..	..	5,413
Wheat	111,881	..	..	..	111,881
Wool	21,958	10,150	2,289	400	34,797

Article.	Exported from Victoria to other States during 1935-36, and recorded by—				
	Victorian Railways.	Port of Melbourne.	Port of Geelong.	Ports of Portland and Warrnam- bool.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	219	1,667	..	..	1,886
Coal	991	1,940	..	..	2,931
Flour	4,079	4,380	..	..	8,459
Fruits, fresh	10,787	20,209	..	..	§
Fruits, dried	456	6,119	..	..	||
Oats	1,094	4,809	..	..	5,903
Onions	5,050	9,250	8,815	..	23,115
Potatoes	14,915	5,742	59	..	20,716
Wheat	1,096	1,315	315	..	2,726
Wool	832	9,479	1,614	..	11,925

* Measurement tons.

† Comprising 36,702 tons weight and 6,143 tons measurement.

‡ Comprising 1,111 tons weight and 2,898 tons measurement.

§ Comprising 10,787 tons weight and 20,209 tons measurement.

|| Comprising 456 tons weight and 6,119 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 four of the aforementioned items. These consist of butter, flour, wheat, and wool, and information relating to the importing and exporting State of these articles is as follows:—

**INTERSTATE TRADE OF FOUR SPECIFIED ARTICLES
CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE STATE OF IMPORT
AND EXPORT, 1935-36.**

Article.	Imported into Victoria from—					
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	31	320	..	..	1,064	1,415
Flour	19,261	..	274	..	8	19,543
Wheat	109,835	..	2,046	..	..	111,881
Wool	24,268	804	7,820	709	1,196	34,797

Article.	Exported from Victoria to—						
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	436	4	183	700	563	..	1,886
Flour	3,292	180	937	..	4,012	38	8,459
Wheat	764	148	409	..	1,397	8	2,726
Wool	7,093	198	490	35	4,105	4	11,925

N.B.—Exclusive of trade carried on by road traffic.

Manufactured Articles Interchanged. Since January, 1934, returns of manufactured articles (quantities only) have also been received from the authorities mentioned on page 343. Particulars of the interstate trade in these articles are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1936.

**INTERSTATE TRADE OF CERTAIN MANUFACTURED
ARTICLES, 1935-36.
(Quantities only.)**

Item.	Melbourne Harbor Trust.		Geelong Harbor Trust.		Victorian Railways Department.	
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.
	Meas. Tons.	Meas. Tons.	Meas. Tons.	Meas. Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Confectionery ..	9,499	14,251	10	..	23	1,003
Jams, Pickles, Sauces ..	1,587	13,553	5	4	50	527
Ale and Beer ..	74	27,393	..	..	28	1,791
Spirits ..	756	3,306	2	263	80	93
Wine ..	3,394	1,005	2	..	1,688	227
Tobacco and Cigars ..	3,383	5,391	..	..	27	134
Cigarettes ..	4,099	2,285	..	..	..	..
Apparel and Textiles ..	27,453	57,226	3	1,559	356	2,339
Boots and Shoes ..	2,075	10,816	..	..	114	1,570
Machinery and Metal Manufactures ..	115,175	179,954	506	77	659	3,579
Steel ..	103,129*	10,002*	2	2	59	143
Wire Netting ..	2,570*	262*	55	..	11	111
Timber ..	83,330	7,942	6,339	21	7,135	5,125
Paper ..	15,540	29,745	646	..	1,323	1,443
Chemicals, Drugs, Medicines ..	22,488	27,764	53	39	20	64

* Weight tons.

There was no interstate trade in these articles at the Port of Warrnambool during 1935-36.

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, 1935-36.

Item.	Imported into Victoria from—		Exported from Victoria to—	
	New South Wales.	South Australia.	New South Wales.	South Australia.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Horses	944	757	721	651
Cattle	57,276	2,815	48,532	5,016
Sheep	2,011,907	89,787	600,685	106,643

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 348) and at the port of Melbourne (page 350) 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, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	2,097	2,343	2,393	2,603	2,719
Tons	5,996,094	6,688,911	6,791,063	7,435,416	7,939,719
Average tonnage ..	2,859	2,855	2,838	2,856	2,920
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	2,101	2,296	2,359	2,585	2,711
Tons	6,018,664	6,674,138	6,775,019	7,407,121	7,907,632
Average tonnage ..	2,865	2,907	2,872	2,865	2,917

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1936, steamers numbered 2,584 of the vessels entered, and 2,591 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 7,927,290 and 7,896,918 respectively. The inward shipping included 64 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 206,759, whilst the outward shipping included 305 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 597,453.

Particulars regarding sailing vessels with auxiliary engines are now included under "Sailing vessels." Prior to 1935-36 they were included with "Steamers."

Shipping with principal countries.

The more important of the countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1935-36 are set out in the following statement:—

SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1935-36

Countries.	Entered.				Cleared.			
	Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
Australian States	1,831	4,848,742	135	12,429	1,834	4,119,646	119	10,526
United Kingdom	165	1,254,055	..	..	284	1,781,109	..	..
New Zealand	68	157,592	..	..	56	137,946	1	188
India	14	59,845	..	..	12	50,198	..	..
Straits Settlements.. ..	25	102,801	..	..	19	70,916	..	..
Other British	130	425,694	..	..	101	337,604	..	..
Total British Countries..	2,233	6,348,729	135	12,429	2,286	6,497,479	120	10,714
Japan	85	344,378	..	..	101	405,004	..	..
Dutch East Indies	34	179,765	..	..	41	215,414	..	..
United States of America ..	93	490,387	..	..	48	303,465	..	..
Other Foreign	139	564,031	..	..	115	475,556	..	..
Total Foreign Countries	351	1,578,561	..	..	305	1,399,439	..	..
Grand Total	2,584	7,927,290	135	12,429	2,591	7,896,918	120	10,714

Nationality of vessels.

The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1935-36 was as shown hereunder:—

NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1935-36.

Nationality.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
British—	No.		No.	
Australian	1,623	2,452,389	1,621	2,434,277
United Kingdom	571	3,460,248	572	3,470,786
Canadian	27	96,173	25	88,195
Hong Kong	29	115,844	28	112,659
New Zealand	76	91,428	77	91,678
South African	7	22,453	7	22,453
Other British	10	29,771	9	26,129
Total, British	2,343	6,268,306	2,339	6,246,177

NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1935-36—continued.

Nationality.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
	No.		No.	
Foreign—				
Chinese	3	7,927	3	7,927
Danish	5	18,270	6	22,493
French	9	36,163	8	34,100
German	52	214,669	50	207,332
Dutch	37	200,938	37	196,595
Italian	15	80,923	14	81,572
Japanese	97	390,591	97	392,767
Norwegian	80	335,874	80	332,412
Swedish	31	109,599	30	106,189
United States of America	43	266,948	43	270,557
Other Foreign	4	9,511	4	9,511
Total, Foreign	376	1,671,413	372	1,661,455
Grand Total	2,719	7,939,719	2,711	7,907,632

Shipping
entered at
Victorian
Ports

Particulars of shipping—Oversea, Interstate, and Coast wise—which entered at each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1936 :—

VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH OF THE VICTORIAN PORTS, 1935-36.

Direction.	Melbourne.		Cunning- hame (Lakes Entrance).		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnam- bool.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
	No.		No.		No.		No.		No.	
Oversea—										
Steam	206	729,953	..	..	35	123,711	..	..	..	..
Sailing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate*—										
Steam	2,170	6,642,807	..	..	159	380,176	11	48,831	3	1,812
Sailing	113	10,286	..	..	22	2,143	..	..	..	..
Oversea via Ports—										
Steam & Sailing	25	90,599	..	..	41	183,502	3	16,383	..	..
Interstate via Ports—										
Steam & Sailing	112	207,306	..	..	113	142,555	3	16,830	9	9,466
Local (within the State)—										
Steam & Sailing	800	375,672	21	4,200	392	237,443	61	85,647	68	21,452
Total—										
Steam & Sailing	3,426	8,056,623	21	4,200	762	1,069,530	78	167,691	80	32,730

NOTE.—“Ports” mean Victorian ports.
* Including “Oversea via States.”

Cargo
discharged and
shipped.

Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1936, are shown in the following tables. The first table shows the tonnage of interstate and oversea cargo handled at each port in the State, and the second the tonnage of oversea cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels in which the cargo was carried.

**TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO
DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT
DURING THE YEAR 1935-36.**

Port.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Melbourne	2,042,293	1,613,126	881,781	909,033
Geelong	180,365	187,519	79,413	269,624
Portland .. .. .	..	15,127	..	5,153
Warrnambool	8,736	..	4,007	446
Total	2,231,394	1,815,772	965,201	1,184,256

**TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED
IN VICTORIA DURING THE YEAR 1935-36, ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF THE VESSELS
IN WHICH SUCH CARGO WAS CARRIED.**

Nationality of Vessels Carrying Cargo.	Tonnage.	
	Discharged.	Shipped.
Australian	40,985	36,552
Great Britain	995,003	512,197
Canadian	62,579	29,431
Hong Kong	82,961	20,069
New Zealand	39,938	44,947
South African	1,390	8,264
Other British	16,494	18,607
Total British	1,239,350	670,067
Chinese .. .. .	..	5,045
Danish	14,810	2,656
French	3,385	2,570
German	33,734	27,577
Dutch	18,511	48,541
Italian	4,602	11,603
Japanese	91,340	321,833
Norwegian	240,696	47,516
Swedish	100,952	2,734
United States of America	68,392	24,978
Other Foreign .. .. .	..	19,136
Total, Foreign	576,422	614,189
Grand Total	1,815,772	1,184,256

PORT OF MELBOURNE.

Port of Melbourne. The Port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which had 11·64 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, Maribyrnong River, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1936. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 57·5 acres, and there are 29 acres of sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Local Government," page 141.

Trade of the Port. In the year 1936 vessels to the number of 3,530 (3,248 steamers and 282 sailing vessels), with registered gross tonnage aggregating 13,950,961, berthed within the Port. The tonnage of imports in 1936 was 3,924,003, and that of exports 1,987,664. These figures include interstate and coastal tonnage, which amounted to 2,170,122 in the case of imports and 980,773 in the case of exports. Coal forms a great part of the interstate imports, and, excluding 54,139 tons transhipped to vessels and 154,876 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1936 amounted to 1,004,082.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, AND WIRELESS.

Post Offices, Mails, &c. Posts, telegraphs, telephones, and wireless are under the control of the Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Information given in the following tables refers to the Victorian activities of the department. 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 are given hereunder:—

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
		Despatched.	Received.
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
1935	2,536	2,379,271	2,347,651
1936	2,537	2,465,947	2,356,896

* Excluding "Telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only transacted, viz. 1931-32, 258; 1932-33, 261; 1933-34, 257; 1934-35, 255; 1935-36, 247

Postal
Returns—
Victoria.

Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1934-35 and 1935-36 are given hereunder:—

NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS DEALT WITH, 1934-35 AND 1935-36.

Particulars.	1934-35.			1935-36.		
	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>	221,563,400	26,938,800	248,502,200	226,814,000	26,552,800	253,366,800
<i>Beyond the Commonwealth—</i>						
<i>Despatched ..</i>	9,248,900	3,609,100	12,858,000	7,679,500	3,165,600	10,845,100
<i>Received ..</i>	7,241,800	2,469,800	9,711,600	8,831,700	2,791,700	11,623,400
<i>Total ..</i>	238,054,100	33,017,700	271,071,800	243,325,200	32,510,100	275,835,300

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

REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

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.
1932 ..	No. 1,702,882	No. 47,238	No. 1,750,120	No. 114,448	No. 1,667,800	No. 42,700	No. 1,710,500	No. 62,600
1933 ..	1,719,900	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
1935 ..	1,793,270	85,832	1,879,102	121,163	1,682,600	42,100	1,724,700	71,400
1936 ..	1,873,910	85,082	1,958,992	126,769	1,739,700	46,400	1,786,100	78,700

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

Dead
Letters—
Victoria.

Information regarding dead letters is given as follows:—

During 1935-36 there were 228,293 letters, &c., and 117,044 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 43,852 letters, &c., and 25,740 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 19,480 letters, &c., and 5,121 packets, &c., were returned as unclaimed to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £18,779 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Postal articles numbering 5,172 were posted without address, and money and valuables to the extent of £964 were found therein.

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, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Heading.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
Number of Money Order Offices open	741	742	744	750	780
Money Orders Issued—					
Inland	{ Number .. 426,438 { Amount £ 2,160,546	{ Number .. 429,186 { Amount £ 2,197,455	{ Number .. 424,295 { Amount £ 2,314,166	{ Number .. 430,573 { Amount £ 2,459,967	{ Number .. 447,513 { Amount £ 2,689,175
Interstate	{ Number .. 68,751 { Amount £ 336,870	{ Number .. 66,061 { Amount £ 342,422	{ Number .. 70,622 { Amount £ 352,693	{ Number .. 71,964 { Amount £ 355,993	{ Number .. 75,489 { Amount £ 384,046
Beyond the Com- monwealth	{ Number .. 35,342 { Amount £ 117,104	{ Number .. 37,151 { Amount £ 104,803	{ Number .. 37,334 { Amount £ 106,817	{ Number .. 39,932 { Amount £ 99,198	{ Number .. 39,322 { Amount £ 104,601
Total	{ Number .. 530,531 { Amount £ 2,614,520	{ Number .. 532,398 { Amount £ 2,644,680	{ Number .. 532,251 { Amount £ 2,773,676	{ Number .. 542,469 { Amount £ 2,915,158	{ Number .. 562,324 { Amount £ 3,177,822
Money Orders Paid—					
Inland	{ Number .. 428,766 { Amount £ 2,167,972	{ Number .. 431,956 { Amount £ 2,197,719	{ Number .. 436,293 { Amount £ 2,311,413	{ Number .. 430,105 { Amount £ 2,454,817	{ Number .. 447,605 { Amount £ 2,685,090
Interstate	{ Number .. 122,443 { Amount £ 548,951	{ Number .. 127,351 { Amount £ 566,044	{ Number .. 129,224 { Amount £ 582,337	{ Number .. 139,211 { Amount £ 639,574	{ Number .. 142,733 { Amount £ 675,280
Beyond the Com- monwealth	{ Number .. 29,395 { Amount £ 102,049	{ Number .. 26,972 { Amount £ 84,139	{ Number .. 27,251 { Amount £ 85,679	{ Number .. 29,323 { Amount £ 93,681	{ Number .. 28,760 { Amount £ 87,238
Total	{ Number .. 580,604 { Amount £ 2,818,972	{ Number .. 586,279 { Amount £ 2,847,902	{ Number .. 592,768 { Amount £ 2,979,429	{ Number .. 598,639 { Amount £ 3,188,072	{ Number .. 610,098 { Amount £ 3,447,608
Postal Notes—					
Issued	{ Number .. 4,529,707 { Amount £ 1,543,392	{ Number .. 4,916,564 { Amount £ 1,650,113	{ Number .. 5,630,980 { Amount £ 1,818,211	{ Number .. 5,887,709 { Amount £ 1,922,979	{ Number .. 6,281,363 { Amount £ 2,083,199
Paid—Issued with- in the State	{ Number .. 3,019,162 { Amount £ 1,081,211	{ Number .. 3,295,818 { Amount £ 1,156,571	{ Number .. 3,543,767 { Amount £ 1,212,473	{ Number .. 3,618,801 { Amount £ 1,271,285	{ Number .. 3,948,072 { Amount £ 1,383,811
Paid — Issued in other States	{ Number .. 420,634 { Amount £ 159,769	{ Number .. 488,793 { Amount £ 172,422	{ Number .. 512,038 { Amount £ 181,195	{ Number .. 511,899 { Amount £ 194,462	{ Number .. 571,796 { Amount £ 216,059

Of the money orders issued in 1935-36, 523,002 for £3,073,221 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, 5,453 for £15,346 in New Zealand, 24,882 for £52,648 in the United Kingdom, and 8,987 for £36,607 in other countries. The orders paid included 590,338 for £3,360,370 issued in the Commonwealth, 13,329 for £29,316 in New Zealand, 11,730 for £46,177 in the United Kingdom, and 3,701 for £11,745 in other countries.

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

TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Heading.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)..	2,426	2,423	2,421	2,427	2,411
Telegrams—					
 Within the Commonwealth—					
Despatched* ..	3,012,693	2,998,849	3,035,083	3,306,432	3,519,916
 Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched ..	202,870	215,591	221,852	230,329	233,018
Received ..	187,894	190,856	196,489	205,261	207,995
 Total Number of Telegrams dealt with	3,403,457	3,405,296	3,453,424	3,742,022	3,960,929
Revenue—	£	£	£	£	£
Telegrams within the Commonwealth ..	191,934	192,652	203,903	219,874	237,361
Telegrams beyond the Commonwealth ..	34,950	36,361	40,890	47,555	46,077
 Total Revenue received by State	226,884	229,013	244,793	267,429	283,438

* Includes radiogram traffic with islands adjacent to the Commonwealth and to ships at sea.

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 1931-32 to 1935-36 :—

TELEPHONES, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Heading.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,641	1,639	1,648	1,650	1,651
Public Telephones ..	2,199	2,226	2,344	2,408	2,412
Lines Connected ..	110,213	110,386	113,983	121,631	128,313
Instruments Connected ..	151,455	152,693	157,802	168,198	177,397
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	83.9	83.9	86.2	91.5	96.0
Effective Paid Local Calls—					
(a) Subscribers ..	102,289,321	105,549,629	110,096,229	120,865,028	132,051,708
(b) Public Telephones ..	5,193,841	6,941,441	7,436,774	8,173,003	8,312,110
Trunk Line Calls ..	8,067,603	8,157,857	8,519,955	8,987,751	9,778,457

Details of wireless licences issued in Victoria for the years 1931-32 to 1935-36 are shown hereunder. The licences issued to broadcast listeners in Victoria at 30th June, 1936, represented nearly 32 per cent. of the total for Australia at that date, viz., 823,613.

WIRELESS LICENCES ISSUED IN VICTORIA,
1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Class of Licence.	Number of Licences Issued During—				
	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
Coast	1	1	1	1	1
Ship	54	60	68	66	90
Aircraft .. ..	..	..	..	4	3
Land	3	3	3	3	3
Broadcasting*	13	14	15	15	17
Broadcast Listeners	139,323	170,995	206,995	236,886	263,414
Experimental	269	323	329	361	403
Portable	1	1	5	5	4
Special	12	11	15	15	21
Total	139,676	171,408	207,431	237,356	263,956

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

Post Office
revenue and
expenditure.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Post and Telegraph Department in Victoria for the years 1931-32 to 1935-36 are contained in the following table:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Particulars.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
<i>Revenue.*</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Postage	1,424,107	1,430,699	1,477,455	1,563,197	1,644,847
Money Order Commission	56,537	55,334	58,945	64,909	69,400
Poundage on Postal Notes	12,304	12,522	12,724	12,862	13,194
Private Boxes and Bags	90,188	122,417	124,688	124,413	122,226
Miscellaneous					
Total Postal	1,583,136	1,620,972	1,673,812	1,765,381	1,849,667
Telegraph	242,195	251,097	263,904	301,898	321,752
Radio	65,545	77,567	118,626	110,328	117,660
Telephones	1,555,437	1,595,977	1,647,408	1,749,660	1,891,547
Grand Total†	3,446,313	3,545,613	3,703,750	3,927,267	4,180,626
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries and Payments in the					
Nature of Salary	1,289,583	1,199,335	1,250,344	1,261,943	1,302,031
General Expenses	65,143	56,533	50,269	86,924	103,421
Stores and Material	37,790	35,402	44,450	26,345	35,003
Mail Services	263,612	246,168	234,458	240,381	244,544
Engineering Services (other than new works)	435,240	531,347	500,202	569,881	654,197
Pensions and Retiring Allowances	39,845	48,307	37,726	35,653	32,845
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	14,152	20,660	18,561	27,991	34,146
Proportion of Audit Expenses	2,677	2,899	2,671	2,718	2,767
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephone, and Wireless	103,943	138,902	246,681	385,293	700,253
New Buildings, &c.	113	..	637	34,773	73,156
Interest on Transferred Properties	61,362	61,362	61,362	61,362	61,362
Total Expenditure‡	2,318,460	2,341,265	2,447,361	2,733,264	3,243,725

* Including "Central Office" collections.

† Actual collections.

‡ Actual payments.

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

Transport
Regulation
Board.

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, is exempted from the Board's discretionary powers and are licensed automatically. At 30th June, 1936, 26,973 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:—

4,092	..	To operate for hire or reward within 25 miles of Melbourne.
130	..	To operate for hire or reward within 25 miles of Ballarat.
129	..	To operate for hire or reward within 25 miles of Bendigo.
209	..	To operate for hire or reward within 25 miles of Geelong.
4,199	..	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.
15,765	..	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.

On the 2nd October, 1935, the amending Transport Regulation Act (No. 4298), came into force by proclamation. Its main provisions were those affecting section 37 of the *Transport Regulation Act 1933*. The section had previously provided for an appeal to the Supreme Court against any decision of the Board. In the amending Act, section 37 is repealed, and in its place it is provided that any

decision of the Board granting or refusing any application, or revoking or suspending any licence, will be subject to review by the Governor in Council, who might—

- (a) approve the decision of the Board ;
- (b) disapprove the decision of the Board ; or
- (c) make any determination in the matter which the Board might have made.

It also provided *inter alia* that in cases where an application is refused, and the applicant was operating bona fide during the thirty days prior to the 29th August, 1933, he would be authorized to continue for six months from the date of the Governor in Council's decision upon review.

Towards the end of 1934, the Board had announced a series of decisions relating to applications made by long distance hauliers carrying goods to and from Melbourne from and to the North-eastern and Goulburn Valley districts. These decisions were made and came into force under the provisions of the *Transport Regulation Act 1933*, as from 1st January, 1935. They were based upon a broad guiding principle that road services would not be licensed in direct competition with and duplicating adequate railway services, unless the road service could show some "substantial" advantage over the existing service.

In applying the principles concerned a number of applications was refused, but an equal number, chiefly old established operators, was granted what has been described as "conditioned" or "limited" licences.

Briefly stated, these licences were of two main kinds :—

1. Permitting the carriage of general goods into limited areas but excluding main towns, or places where direct competition with regular railway services arose.
2. Permitting the carriage into and out of main towns adequately served by rail, limited classes of goods which could be said to be carried more efficiently by road.

The outworking of the principles applied in deciding applications in the North-eastern and Goulburn Valley districts is analysed in the following summary of cases, all of which can fairly be classified as applications involving in their original form services competitive with and duplicating existing adequate railway services to a greater or less degree :—

" Limited " or " conditioned " grants	..	..	19
Refusals	..	..	19
Not persevered with (withdrawn, no appearance, voluntarily converted to licences as of right, &c.)	..	..	28
Total	..	..	66

No further decisions of the Board were announced until after the amending Act was passed. In the meantime, the Board had continued its investigations and public hearings in other parts of the State.

On 16th October, 1935, accumulated recorded decisions relating to services into Gippsland and South Gippsland were forwarded to the Honorable the Minister of Transport for review. These decisions were based upon the same principles as had been applied in the North-eastern districts and the Goulburn Valley.

It was ultimately communicated to the Board that, as a result of its consideration of the Board's decisions upon the Gippsland cases, the Government had decided as a matter of policy that those services which were in existence in August, 1933, and had provided reliable, regular and efficient services at that time, and had continued to do so since, would be granted licences to continue to operate on the route or routes upon which they were operating in August, 1933, carrying the same tonnage of goods as at that time. Applicants who had not operated bona fide in August, 1933, were to be dealt with on their merits, which in effect has meant generally that the Board's original principles have applied in these cases.

By this time, the Board had completed its tours of other districts throughout the State, and had heard all of the applications for haulier services.

It was, therefore, in a position to replan a State-wide system. This necessitated the following action in cases where applicants had operated bona fide in August, 1933 :—

- (a) In the North-eastern districts and Goulburn Valley, where permanent licences were already in force, services were re-instated upon a basis of the policy laid down.
- (b) Licences were re-designed in conformity with the policy for the Gippsland and South Gippsland districts, and in respect of other districts where decisions were reserved, formal "Orders" were drawn granting licences in conformity with the established rights of the operators as at August, 1933.

By 30th June, 1936, the following licences had been issued after the hearing of applications :—

"A" Licences	..	Permanent licences relating to commercial passenger vehicles operated as stage omnibuses	585
"B" Licences	..	Permanent licences relating to commercial passenger vehicles operated as touring omnibuses	30
"C" Licences	..	Permanent licences relating to commercial passenger vehicles operated as special service omnibuses	5
"D" Licences	..	Permanent licences relating to commercial goods vehicles	1,164
			1,784

Temporary "D" licences still awaiting hearing of applications for full term licences at 30th June, 1936, were :—

"TP" Licences ..	Temporary licences relating to commercial passenger vehicles—		
	Stage omnibuses ..	5	
	Touring omnibuses ..	5	
	*Special service omnibuses	130	
			140
"TD" Licences ..	Temporary licences relating to commercial goods vehicles ..	..	46
			186

* The large number of applications for permanent licences in respect of Special Service Omnibuses, still awaiting hearing, comprises two important groups of vehicles commonly called the "Race Course Pool" and the "Omnibus Pool." The Race Course Pool consists of vehicles of small seating capacity which cater for race traffic to suburban and country race meetings. The Omnibus Pool comprises a number of vehicles with large seating capacity which operate under charter conditions. The Board has heard some evidence from the operators concerned as to the ultimate conditions to be attached to permanent licences, but the hearing of individual applications is not yet finalized.

The total fees for all licences issued at 30th June, 1936, amounted to £14,877 15s. 8d.

RAILWAYS.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic, with the two exceptions referred to on page 367, are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

Reduction of loan liability. Important legislation bearing on railway finances was contained in the *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act No. 4429*, passed by the Victorian Parliament during 1936. This Act provided *inter alia* for the reduction of railway loan liability by the sum of thirty million pounds on the first day of July, 1937, and for the establishment in the Treasury of the "Reduction of Railway Loan Liability Account" to the debit of which account there shall be placed on the same day the said sum of Thirty million pounds. The Act also amends section 102 of Act No. 3759 to provide that there shall not be paid to the Commissioners any moneys in respect of any matter or thing which first arose under the provisions of the above-mentioned section before the passing of the *Railway (Finances Adjustment) Act 1936*.

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 and the Road Motor Services are also shown separately on pages 365 and 366 respectively. Motive power in the railways is supplied by steam, electric and motor traction. Steam and motor power are used principally for country passenger and goods traffic, while electric traction is used mainly for passenger traffic on suburban lines. The gauge of all lines is 5 ft. 3 in., with the exception of 121·77 miles (·21 double and 121·56 single) of which the gauge is 2ft. 6 in.; and 2·42 miles (2·21 miles double and ·21 single) of electric street tramway, the gauge of which is 4 ft. 8½ in. The following table shows the length of double and single lines, the cost of construction, and the average cost per mile at the close of each of the last five years:—

MILEAGE OF RAILWAYS AND COST OF CONSTRUCTION,
1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
Mileage of Lines opened to 30th June—					
Double Lines and over.. ..	348·10	348·10	342·69	311·94	311·94
Single Lines	4,429·37	4,429·37	4,434·78	4,465·53	4,465·53
Total	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47
Cost of Construction	£ 51,652,961	£ 51,909,677	£ 52,368,113	£ 52,542,779	£ 52,715,573
Average Cost per mile	10,812	10,865	10,961	10,998	11,034

At 30th June, 1936, 103¾ miles of railways were in course of construction, but work on 51½ miles had been suspended, while construction had been indefinitely postponed on 39½ miles already authorized.

Total capital cost of railways and equipment.

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

**TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC., AND
EQUIPMENT, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.**

At 30th June—		Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.
		Lines Opened.*	Lines in Progress of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
		£	£	£	£	£
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
1935	.. ..	75,494,806	476,622	343,071	26,926	76,341,425
1936	.. ..	75,850,652	476,954	336,460	25,318	76,689,384

* Including at 30th June, each year, the cost of surveys for lines not constructed and cost of lines closed for traffic, viz.:—1931-32, £409,777 and £390,470; 1932-33, £411,111 and £390,539; 1933-34, £412,439 and £390,189; 1934-35, £413,294 and £389,492; 1935-36, £487,131 and £389,492.

The loan liability of the Railways Department at 30th June, 1936, is represented by stock and debentures outstanding to the nominal amount of £73,141,116, on which the annual interest payable is £2,867,132, an average rate of £3·92 per cent. The nominal amount of loans, however, was reduced by £3,323,705—the cost of flotation, together with the discount at time of flotation.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, funds amounting to £5,191,077 at 30th June, 1936, have been provided out of Consolidated Revenue and the National Recovery Loan, &c. for railway construction equipment, stores, &c. No interest is charged on this amount.

**Railways
traffic.**

The mileage and the traffic of the railways for each of the years 1931-32 to 1935-36 are given in the following table:—

**RAILWAYS—MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC,
1931-32 TO 1935-36.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
Miles Constructed ..	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47
" Dismantled ..	37·63	37·63	37·63	37·63	37·63
" Closed to Traffic ..	11·47	11·47	11·47	11·47	11·47
" Open for Traffic ..	4,728·37	4,728·37	4,728·37	4,728·37	4,728·37
Vehicle Mileage ..	16,269,092	16,235,292	16,222,395	16,456,104	17,345,725
Passenger Journeys ..	131,921,679	136,078,269	137,316,780	145,938,129	145,817,559
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons)* ..	6,197,393	6,259,427	5,872,806	6,023,724	6,438,635

* Figures relating to Road Motor Services are included as follows:—11,312 tons in 1931-32, 15,081 tons in 1932-33, 14,429 tons in 1933-34, 13,763 tons in 1934-35, 14,541 tons in 1935-36.

The tonnage of goods and live stock carried during 1935-36—6,438,635—increased by 414,911 tons as compared with the amount carried during 1934-35.

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

RAILWAYS, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
Receipts—	£	£	£	£	£
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares	3,574,392	3,620,726	3,561,863	3,748,133	3,775,587
Parcels, &c. ..	336,412	322,231	322,879	318,377	} 416,721
Other ..	96,017	85,392	79,761	84,171	
Goods, &c., Busi- ness—					
Goods ..	4,193,187	4,127,696	3,842,578	3,799,956	3,981,950
Live Stock ..	550,461	590,691	675,450	688,442	722,533
Minerals ..	72,400	68,557	66,913	80,485	78,064
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services ..	276,296	290,301	297,075	318,251	321,920
Sale of Electrical Power ..	27,394	28,595	27,761	66,107	30,945
Rentals ..	139,989	130,000	131,185	134,697	137,958
Book Stalls ..	57,348	58,021	57,922	61,274	64,036
Advertising ..	42,423	41,798	40,865	41,023	38,188
Other* ..	164,431	156,862	145,614	157,789	201,561
Total ..	9,530,812	9,520,870	9,249,866	9,498,705	9,760,463

* Including recoups, etc., of loss resulting from the working of certain lines, viz. :—1931-32, £148,721; 1932-33, £137,814; 1933-34, £136,436; 1934-35, £142,330; 1935-36, £166,162.

RAILWAYS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1931-32 TO 1935-36—
continued.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works ..	1,117,846	1,472,198	1,569,939	1,575,799	1,532,041
Rolling-stock ..	2,267,598	2,238,956	2,164,452	2,188,945	2,340,828
Transportation ..	2,035,838	1,978,796	2,004,675	2,097,595	2,201,131
Electrical Engineer- ing Branch ..	187,805	192,941	187,369	212,429	201,471
Stores Branch ..	88,636	85,389	87,361	94,853	98,824
Pensions and Gratuities ..	159,052	147,199	134,906	127,791	133,604
Payment to the Superannuation Fund	265,848	270,773	289,521	323,807	356,569
Other	278,896	255,672	244,671	242,210	199,363
Credit for mainten- ance expenditure charged to Un- employment Re- lief Funds ..		<i>Cr. 69,135</i>	<i>Cr. 251,104</i>	<i>Cr. 171,939</i>	<i>Cr. 137,871</i>
Total	6,401,519	6,572,789	6,431,790	6,691,490	6,925,960
Net Receipts ..	3,129,293	2,948,081	2,818,076	2,807,215	2,843,503
Interest Charges and Expenses* ..	4,099,643	3,643,877	3,553,195	3,373,665	3,349,808
Deficit for year ..	970,350	695,796	735,119	566,450	506,305
Proportion of Work- ing Expenses to Receipts ..	% 67·17	% 69·04	% 69·53	% 70·45	% 70·89

* Including Exchange on Interest Payments in London, viz., 1931-32, £440,938; 1932-33, £404,867; 1933-34, £356,285; 1934-35, £301,965; 1935-36, £302,945.

The receipts for 1935-36 were £270,758 greater than in 1934-35. Passenger business increased by £41,627, and goods, &c., business showed an increase of £213,664. Working expenses increased by £234,470 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, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Heading.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
Average Number of Miles Open for Traffic	4,728	4,728	4,728	4,728	4,728
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile ..	2,016	2,014	1,956	2,009	2,066
Working Expenses per Mile ..	1,354	1,390	1,360	1,415	1,465
Net Revenue per Mile ..	662	624	596	594	601

This table does not take account of the interest paid on railway loans and expenses of paying the same, which are given in the table on page 363.

Capital cost of Railways Rolling-stock. At 30th June, 1936, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling-stock was £14,644,862 (including electrical equipment of suburban passenger coaches, £929,039), of the narrow-gauge £112,558 of the electric street tramway £102,338, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £19,344.

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., 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at end of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
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
1935 ..	16,933	4,937	21,870	4,613,492*
1936 ..	16,520	6,028	22,548	4,901,932*

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

* Excludes payments on account of staff on loan to other departments.

The numbers for 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 first-mentioned year and until February, 1933.

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways for 1935-36 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.

St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways.

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1935-36.
(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	514,050	116,766	630,816
Number of Passengers Carried	4,420,187	1,078,665	5,498,852
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	45,047	12,752*	57,799
Working Expenses	34,835	12,882	47,717
Interest Charges	8,834†	6,077‡	14,911
Net Result	<i>Profit</i> 1,378	<i>Loss</i> 6,207	<i>Loss</i> 4,829
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1936—			
Construction of Lines	137,624	70,028	207,652
Rolling-stock	68,896	33,443	102,339
Total	206,520	103,471	309,991

* Including £2,303 recouped by the Treasury.

† Including exchange on interest payments and redemptions, £794.

‡ Including exchange and interest payments and redemptions, £546.

The net loss on the Sandringham-Beaumaris Tramway during 1935-36 was actually £8,510, of which £119 was in respect of the Sandringham-Black Rock section, and £8,391 was for interest charges and exchange on account of the closed Black Rock-Beaumaris portion of the line as well as expenditure involved in patrolling the track. This loss, however, is reduced to £6,207 when allowance is made for the recoup of £2,303 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, 1933-34 TO 1935-36.

(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
Car Mileage No.	310,333	301,631	323,966
Passenger Journeys	716,635	757,323	779,618
Gross Revenue—	£	£	£
Passenger Service	6,486	6,958	7,319
Goods Service	12,903	13,160	14,420
Working Expenses	19,316	20,465	21,746
Interest Charges*	1,016	882	838
Net Result	<i>Loss</i> 943	<i>Loss</i> 1,229	<i>Loss</i> 845
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off)	30,055	26,926	25,318

* Including exchange on interest payments and redemptions, £112 in 1933-34, £88 in 1934-35, and £75 in 1935-36.

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 1934-35 and 1935-36:—

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS, 1934-35 and 1935-36.

Nature of Accident.	1934-35.		1935-36.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Train Accidents—	No.	No.	No.	No.
Passengers .. ..	..	..	..	8
Employees .. ..	..	1	1	..
Accidents on Line (other than Train Accidents)—				
Passengers	8	62	4	90
Employees	6	26	1	53
Other Persons .. ..	..	..	1	1
Shunting Accidents—				
Passengers .. ..	..	..	..	..
Employees	1	8	2	7
Other Persons .. ..	..	4	1	..
Employees proceeding to or from Duty ..	..	..	4	..
Accidents to Persons at Crossings ..	7	15	17	25
Trespassers	19	5	15	3
Total	41	121	46	188
Compensation, Damages, &c., Paid	£ 7,842		£ 10,968	

**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, 1936, cost £41,619 for construction and equipment. During the year ended 30th September, 1936, the gross receipts were £5,917 and the working expenses, including interest, £6,694. The train mileage for the same year was 13,244, the number of passenger journeys was 5,593, and the tonnage of goods and live stock carried was 12,857.

**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, 1936, the cost of construction, including about 8 miles of steel tramway continuation beyond Powelltown, was £80,133, and for the year ended on the same date the receipts and working expenses in connexion therewith (exclusive of depreciation and interest on capital) were £6,930 and £7,703 respectively. The tramway mentioned is used for haulage of the logs of the company to which the line belongs and of sawn timbers of other sawmillers, but not for passenger traffic. The train mileage for the year between Powelltown and Yarra Junction was 15,600, and the passengers carried numbered 4,310.

TRAMWAYS.

**Victorian
Tramways.**

The various tramway systems in the State at 30th June, 1936 (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprised 16·703 miles of cable lines double track, and 153·157 miles of electric lines, of which 123·836 miles are double, and 29·321 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, but

they are included under the heading "Railways" page 365, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 371.

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

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1931-1932 TO 1935-36.

(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.						
					£	£		
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	139·331	33·222	23,548,465	174,521,455	2,025,870	1,282,175	1,164	4,682
1934-35	139·864	32·415	23,842,327	180,992,273	2,100,836	1,320,256	1,146	4,902
1935-36	140·539	29·321	23,807,660	181,300,917	2,118,001	1,302,003	986	4,910

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act.

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act became operative on 7th January, 1919. The Act provided for a Board consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor in Council to control all tramways in the metropolitan area, with the exception of the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris electric systems, which are under the management of 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, 1936, the Board had exercised its borrowing power to the extent of £4,950,000.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Combined Traffic. Particulars in relation to the combined traffic of the cable and electric systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for each of the last five years are given hereunder:—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1931-32
TO 1935-36.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
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
1934-35	131·331	7·500	22,286,490	172,846,701	2,023,970	1,235,899	1,076	4,667
1935-36	131·299	5·821	22,234,804	172,991,695	2,040,063	1,211,542	915	4,670

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Separate Systems. In the next statement the operations of the cable tramways, the electric tramways and the motor omnibus systems under the control of Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown separately for the years 1934-35 and 1935-36.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1934-35
AND 1935-36.

System.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1934-35.								
Cable ..	24·292	..	5,385,881	41,936,209	421,792	326,502	514	1,175
Electric ..	107·039	7·500	16,900,609	130,910,492	1,602,178	909,397	562	3,492
Motor Omnibus ..	..	..	9,881	8,128	817	568	31	*
1935-36.								
Cable ..	16·703	..	4,290,583	31,861,623	324,231	252,428	363	817
Electric ..	114·596	5·821	17,944,221	141,130,072	1,715,832	959,114	612	3,853
Motor Omnibus ..	..	..	661,931	4,315,044	41,358	44,915	25	41

* Not available.

The total traffic receipts during 1935-36 amounted to £2,081,421. There was also additional revenue from advertising, rents, &c., viz:—£1,279 from cable tramways, £7,907 from electric tramways and £147 from motor omnibuses, making a gross revenue for the year of £2,090,754.

The gross surplus for the year, including motor omnibus operations, was £834,298. Out of this sum was paid interest on loans, rates, &c., leaving available for appropriation an amount of £535,110. The following appropriations were made:—Consolidated Revenue, £111,658; Renewals Reserve Account, £328,660; Loan Redemption and Sinking Fund Accounts, £93,382. There was a resulting net surplus of £1,410.

Pursuant to section 77 of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act, the Board is required to make certain annual payments to the Consolidated Revenue of the State. During 1935-36 the amount so paid was £111,658. Since the inception of the Board the total payments made amounted to £1,760,777. This amount was allocated as follows:—Fire Brigades Board, £855,706; Licensing Fund, £390,775, and Infectious Diseases Hospital, £514,296.

Up to 30th June, 1936, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, including stores on hand, amounted to £8,284,833, of which £974,293 was expended on cable, £7,228,654 on electric tramways, and £81,886 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 1935-36:—

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 ..	18·186	9,706	2·442	77·548	14·120	·994
Electric ..	22·949	7,301	2·918	55·641	12·828	·898
Bus ..	14·995	..	2·300	108·216	16·285	·900

Country Tramways. The towns, other than the metropolis, having tramway systems are:—Ballarat, with 13·14 miles of electric lines (2·13 double and 11·01 single track); Bendigo, with 7·84 miles of electric lines (2·32 double and 5·52 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, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
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
1934-35	8·53	24·92	1,555,837	8,145,572	76,866	84,357	70	235
1935-36	9·24	23·50	1,572,856	8,309,222	77,938	90,461	71	240

Summary of All Victorian Tramways. 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:—

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1934-35 AND 1935-36.

Heading.		1934-35.	1935-36.
Route Mileage Open—Double	.. miles	147·254	148·139
Single	.. miles	32·625	29·321
Total	.. miles	179·879	177·460
Cost of Construction and Equipment	£	8,473,908	8,636,000
Gross Revenue—			
Traffic Receipts	.. .. £	2,156,501	2,173,497
Other	.. .. £	7,237	9,456
Total Revenue	£	2,163,738	2,182,953

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1934-35 AND 1935-36—continued.

Heading.	1934-35.	1935-36.
Working Expenses £	1,357,626	1,343,181
Other Expenses £	49,541	..
Total Expenses £	1,407,167	1,343,181
Net Earnings £	756,571	839,772
Interest and Expenses £	277,071	267,425
Net Profit after Paying Working Expenses and Interest, &c. £	479,500	572,347
Tram Miles Run miles	24,460,689	24,438,476
Passenger Journeys No.	186,484,067	186,799,769
Staff Employed—		
Salaried No.	678	688
Wages No.	4,317	4,315
Total Staff No.	4,995	5,003
Rolling Stock No.	1,179	1,020

LICENSED VEHICLES.

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

The details of vehicles licensed during 1935-36 were as follows :—
 (a) For passenger traffic—waggonettes (4-wheel), 48 ; hansom cabs, 3 ; motor cars (taxi cabs, &c.), 550 ; motor omnibuses, 246 ; and motor chars-a-bancs, 24 ; and (b) for conveyance of goods within the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne only—drivers licensed, 1,669.

Motor vehicles, etc., registrations. A detailed statement of the rates chargeable for the annual registration of motor vehicles, &c., is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 500. Subsequent amendments in the Motor Car Acts have provided *inter alia* for a reduction in the

rate chargeable for registration or renewal of registration of motor vehicles owned by primary producers.

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, 1931-32 to 1935-36, are shown in the following table:—

**REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
1931-32 TO 1935-36.**

Heading.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—					
Private	117,160	124,609	130,495	140,483	141,205
Commercial	24,968	28,612	30,849	32,781	36,956
Hire	2,425	2,095	2,466	2,303	2,125
Primary Producers .. ..	..	..	..	..	13,220*
Motor Cycles	22,568	23,439	24,248	24,968	26,095
Omnibuses	831	847	198	224	324
Traction Engines	107	171	200	223	252
Trailers	857	1,310	1,040	2,179	2,650
Drivers' Licences	226,712	235,613	245,847	260,288	289,486
Dealers' Licences	250	272	305	339	405
Transfers	34,935	43,711	56,669	75,994	96,088
Total Revenue Received†	£ 1,110,517	£ 1,208,827	£ 1,271,212	£ 1,377,407	£ 1,554,922

* Primary Producers Registrations, available only from 1st January, 1936. They were included previously with Commercial Vehicles.

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

The principal items of revenue received during 1935-36 were on account of:—Motor cars, £1,423,374; motor cycles, £30,119, and drivers' licences, £72,389.

In the next statement details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1934-35 and 1935-36 respectively. Particulars relating

to primary producers' vehicles are not available separately. They are included hereunder with commercial cars.

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

Vehicles.	1934-35.			1935-36.		
	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	10,617	14,639	115,217	16,674	14,861	109,670
Commercial and Hire	3,252	4,839	26,893	4,642	4,217	42,648
Motor Cycles ..	2,406	4,957	17,605	2,817	4,918	18,163

AIRCRAFT.

The collection and compilation of aircraft statistics was undertaken by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics as from 1st July, 1922.

The following particulars relating to Civil Aircraft in Victoria for the years specified below have been received from that source.

CIVIL AIRCRAFT—VICTORIA.

Particulars.	1922-23.	1928-29.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
Registered Owners (a)	9	20	30	24	28
Registered Aircraft (a)	20	56	49	44	51
Licensed Pilots—					
Private (a)	(b) 12	49	110	150	181
Commercial (a) .. ..	.. ..	47	54	54	57
Licensed Ground Engineers (a) ..	(c) 21	(f) 85	85	96	76
Aerodromes—					
Government (a)	(d) ..	(d) ..	2	2	2
Public (a)	(d) ..	(d) ..	19	20	19
Government Emergency Grounds (a) ..	(d) ..	(d) ..	11	11	10
Flights carried out	2,151	21,010	25,588	20,686	27,110
Hours flown	585	6,180	6,287	6,621	8,464
Approximate Mileage	41,132	424,702	594,132	446,130	637,473
Passengers Carried—					
Paying	1,419	12,502	20,834	11,873	15,618
Non-paying	684	3,126	1,845	2,600	3,710
Total Passengers Carried	2,103	15,628	22,679	14,473	19,328
Goods, Weight Carried, lb.	40	42,869	20,207	5,240	19,409
Mails, Weight Carried lb.	..	(e) 7,872	633	2,571	11,106
Accidents—					
Persons Killed .. ..	..	2	..	3	3
Persons Injured	3	2	1	2	1

(a) At 30th June; (b) Certificated Pilots; (c) Other Staff; (d) Not Available; (e) Number of Letters; (f) At 15th January, 1930.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN VICTORIA, 1936.

Cause of Traffic Accident.	Total Number of Accidents.			Number of Persons Affected.				Total Number Killed and Injured.
	Metropolitan Area.*	Remainder of State.	Total.	Metropolitan Area*.		Remainder of State.		
				Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	
Vehicles—								
Bicycle	302	66	368	13	262	7	64	346
Motor Bus	113	21	134	1	40	1	16	58
Motor Car	13,556	3,375	16,931	164	4,342	144	1,797	6,447
Motor Cycle	553	162	715	16	442	12	164	634
Train	15	21	36	10	6	12	7	35
Tram (Cable and Electric)	220	4	224	10	168	..	4	182
Other Vehicles	69	25	94	2	83	7	12	64
Pedestrian—								
Pedestrian	6	1	7	..	5	..	1	6
Horses—								
Bolting	11	2	13	..	5	1	1	7
Led .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ridden	7	3	10	3	3	1	3	10
Total Traffic Accidents— (Vehicle, Horse, and Improper Riding)	14,852	3,680	18,532	219	5,306	185	2,069	7,779
							Total.	
						Killed.	Injured.	Total Killed and Injured.
						No.	No.	No.
Ages of Persons killed or injured—								
Under 10 years						27	420	447
10 to 14 years						17	273	290
Over 14 years						360	6,682	7,042
Total						404	7,375	7,779

* During the first six months of 1936 the metropolitan area was taken as including the area within a thirteen-mile radius of Melbourne. In this period there were 7,736 accidents in which 107 persons were killed, and 2,860 persons were injured. During the second six months of 1936 the metropolitan area was taken according to the boundaries fixed for statistical purposes.

The following tabulation gives information regarding traffic accidents known to the Police, which occurred in the public streets of Victoria during 1936. Details showing total accidents, and the number of persons killed and injured as a result of traffic accidents, are included.

Interchange.

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, 1932 TO 1936.**

Cause of Accident.	1932.		1933.		1934.		1935.		1936.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Bicycle	5	122	10	146	10	189	7	269	20	326
Motor Bus	1	3	2	21	2	47	1	32	2	56
Motor Car	213	3,353	217	4,340	254	5,744	299	5,850	308	6,139
Motor Cycle	40	350	21	318	19	515	19	367	28	606
Train	23	12	34	36	32	32	23	15	22	13
Tram	7	131	8	113	15	202	11	147	10	172
Other Vehicle	17	95	11	73	13	67	14	62	9	45
Pedestrian .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6
Horses	5	24	13	35	4	16	8	22	5	12
Total	311	4,090	316	5,082	349	6,812	382	6,765	404	7,375