

## INTERCHANGE.

### COMMERCE.

**Customs and Excise.** By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries and among the States was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on 1st January, 1901. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was assented to on 16th September, 1902, and was made retrospective to 8th October, 1901. Since then various amendments have been made. The *Customs Tariff* 1921-24 was amended by the *Customs Tariff Validation Act* 1925, which has been operative as from 3rd September, 1925. There are three scales of duties—British Preferential, Intermediate, and General. The first relates to goods which are the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, but its provisions may be applied wholly or in part to any of the British Dominions. The Intermediate Tariff may be applied to any part of the British Dominions, or to any foreign country.

**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*. The value of goods is taken to be the fair market value in the principal markets of the country whence the goods were exported, plus 10 per cent. to cover the cost of insurance, freight, and other charges. When the invoice value of imported goods is shown in any currency other than British currency, the equivalent value in British currency is ascertained according to the commercial rates of exchange. The value of goods exported is taken to represent the value in the principal markets of the State in the ordinary commercial acceptance of the term.

Oversea  
Imports and  
Exports.

The total values and the values per head of population of imports from and exports to oversea countries for the ten years 1915-16 to 1924-25 are set forth hereunder:—

VALUE OF OVERSEA IMPORTS AND EXPORTS,  
1915-16 TO 1924-25.

Year.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.*	Total.	Per Head of Population.
IMPORTS (OVERSEA).				
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1915-16 .. ..	26,485,281	276,641	26,761,922	18 15 9
1916-17 .. ..	25,427,527	47,312	25,474,839	18 2 8
1917-18 .. ..	20,669,696	443,892	21,113,588	14 18 0
1918-19 .. ..	35,026,311	..	35,026,311	24 7 4
1919-20 .. ..	33,785,847	2,440	33,788,287	22 9 6
1920-21 .. ..	57,607,798	979	57,608,777	37 14 0
1921-22 .. ..	36,343,061	8,995	36,352,056	23 8 10
1922-23 .. ..	46,724,379	4,721	46,729,100	29 7 8
1923-24 .. ..	49,506,219	26,424	49,592,643	30 10 3
1924-25† .. ..	49,752,334	4,542,371	54,294,705	32 15 4
EXPORTS (OVERSEA).				
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1915-16 .. ..	14,418,652	330,078	14,748,730	10 7 1
1916-17 .. ..	19,024,830	5,316	19,030,146	13 10 11
1917-18 .. ..	18,715,252	2,001,436	20,716,688	14 12 4
1918-19 .. ..	27,823,980	271,179	28,095,159	19 10 11
1919-20 .. ..	42,117,153	1,007,787	43,124,940	28 13 9
1920-21 .. ..	34,868,871	3,090	34,871,961	22 16 5
1921-22 .. ..	34,633,478	10,704	34,644,182	22 6 10
1922-23 .. ..	33,766,820	1,881	33,768,701	21 4 8
1923-24 .. ..	29,611,749	799	29,612,548	18 4 5
1924-25† .. ..	41,521,010	159,899	41,680,909	25 3 1

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

† The figures for this year are subject to slight revision.

The aggregate trade of the year 1925 (£95,975,614) represents an increase in imports of £4,702,062, and in exports of £12,068,361, as compared with the totals of the preceding year.

Percentage  
of Common-  
wealth Trade.

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

Year.	Commonwealth Trade—			Victoria's Portion of Commonwealth Trade—		
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
	£	£	£	%	%	%
1915-16 ..	77,744,566	74,778,321	152,522,887	34·4	19·7	27·2
1916-17 ..	76,228,679	97,955,482	174,184,161	33·4	19·4	25·6
1917-18 ..	62,334,449	81,429,221	143,763,670	33·9	25·4	29·1
1918-19 ..	102,335,159	113,963,976	216,299,135	34·2	24·7	29·2
1919-20 ..	98,974,292	149,823,509	248,797,801	34·1	28·8	30·9
1920-21 ..	163,801,826	132,158,912	295,960,738	35·2	26·4	31·2
1921-22 ..	103,066,436	127,846,535	230,912,971	35·3	27·1	30·7
1922-23 ..	131,757,835	117,870,147	249,627,982	35·5	28·6	32·2
1923-24 ..	140,618,293	119,487,164	260,105,457	35·3	24·8	30·4
1924-25* ..	157,141,882	162,092,861	319,234,743	34·6	25·7	30·1

\* The figures for this year are subject to slight revision.

Principal  
Imports.

The principal articles imported from overseas countries into Victoria during each of the last four years are shown below in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification. The number of divisions in this classification has been reduced from 23 to 21 since 1st July, 1922.

### VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIA DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1921-22 TO 1924-25.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	£	£	£	£
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, BUT EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.</b>				
Butter .. .. .	16,020	156,217	63,171	45
Cheese .. .. .	3,632	11,243	18,729	13,080
<b>Fish—</b>				
Preserved in Tins ..	290,303	256,514	317,182	332,298
All other .. .. .	82,076	80,602	91,068	105,143
<b>Meats .. .. .</b>	<b>90,957</b>	<b>111,529</b>	<b>114,001</b>	<b>134,823</b>
All other Animal Foodstuffs	9,003	9,014	13,538	10,877
<b>Total, Class I. ..</b>	<b>491,996</b>	<b>625,119</b>	<b>617,689</b>	<b>596,266</b>

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
INTO VICTORIA, 1921-22 TO 1924-25—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	£	£	£	£
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.</b>				
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Cocoa Butter, &c. .. ..	109,101	91,984	77,106	60,894
Cocoa and Chocolate .. ..	94,236	129,033	134,886	126,158
Coffee and Chicory .. ..	43,863	53,081	52,716	64,115
Confectionery .. ..	6,156	17,702	19,150	27,230
Fruits, Dried .. ..	36,320	55,157	46,676	39,465
Fruits, Fresh .. ..	3,379	2,523	7,054	1,725
Fruits &c., Preserved .. ..	7,013	17,509	20,942	29,079
Grain and Pulse—				
Rice .. ..	165,037	46,749	110,909	67,938
All other .. ..	16,601	75,951	73,473	17,998
Hops .. ..	21,671	17,796	6,942	3,533
Mustard .. ..	21,106	28,048	45,379	27,308
Nuts, Edible .. ..	123,020	126,778	133,008	143,250
Pickles and Sauces .. ..	8,853	12,899	12,699	14,296
Sago and Tapioca .. ..	30,024	32,431	40,484	29,824
Spices .. ..	57,020	59,013	52,632	90,319
Sugar (Cane) .. ..	9,008	23,565	42	184
Tea .. ..	643,115	903,814	1,197,546	1,298,213
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	59,748	71,683	102,686	96,987
Total, Class II. ..	1,455,271	1,765,716	2,134,330	2,138,516
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.</b>				
Ale, Beer, and Porter, &c. ..	52,859	62,088	70,931	61,397
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy .. ..	43,846	42,669	47,332	40,834
Gin .. ..	26,521	34,039	36,035	40,163
Whisky .. ..	160,390	251,411	246,370	253,434
Other .. ..	7,845	12,677	14,070	11,816
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling .. ..	7,957	12,843	23,353	29,932
Other .. ..	4,458	8,634	11,839	10,940
Total, Class III. ..	303,876	424,361	449,990	448,516
<b>CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.</b>				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured .. ..	79,760	17,604	20,309	19,217
Unmanufactured .. ..	672,444	613,146	909,543	564,650
Cigars .. ..	19,193	28,739	34,008	35,208
Cigarettes .. ..	27,435	46,943	59,930	81,405
Snuff .. ..	316	285	775	274
Total, Class IV. ..	799,148	706,717	1,024,565	700,754

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
INTO VICTORIA, 1921-22 TO 1924-25—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	20,213	28,521	98,256	35,947
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	14,094	21,422	18,254	19,655
Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	310,214	330,322	347,471	363,093
Other .. .. .	85,400	78,519	87,975	80,531
Wool .. .. .	2,454	36,707	288,476	176,584
All other Animal Substances ..	17,923	49,641	48,236	51,760
Total, Class VI. ..	430,085	516,611	790,412	691,623
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUB- STANCES AND FIBRES.				
Bark, Tanning .. ..	9,435	21,104	8,520	4,969
Fibres—				
Flax and Hemp .. ..	220,106	147,470	184,432	209,760
Kapok .. .. .	67,436	102,535	91,544	100,290
All other .. .. .	78,781	109,632	111,472	126,739
Gums and Resins .. ..	77,648	105,011	75,827	87,032
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c. ..	50,124	81,567	72,760	62,037
Pulp for Papermaking ..	39,310	38,140	24,790	55,493
Seeds .. .. .	59,031	77,676	130,410	233,913
All other Vegetable Substances	18,516	65,527	71,611	82,857
Total, Class VII. ..	620,387	748,662	771,366	963,090
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
(a) <i>Apparel.</i>				
Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c.	61,206	104,235	129,227	204,603
Boots and Shoes .. ..	47,552	136,357	154,278	215,225
Corsets .. .. .	116,086	178,129	80,921	61,085
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	68,624	128,790	205,422	230,309
Gloves .. .. .	276,588	357,582	274,831	298,978
Hats and Caps .. ..	93,925	177,201	180,839	206,039
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stock- ings) .. .. .	598,671	913,258	700,730	769,953
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments .. .. .	4,694	31,301	58,415	78,864
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	33,299	62,783	38,973	43,650
Trimmings .. .. .	541,629	603,745	479,487	502,730
Other .. .. .	420,696	467,575	403,550	467,869

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	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	£	£	£	£
<b>CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES—<i>continued.</i></b>				
<b>(b) <i>Textiles.</i></b>				
<b>Piece Goods—</b>				
Canvas and Duck .. ..	295,190	512,699	367,628	340,823
Cotton and Linen .. ..	3,538,400	4,705,743	3,845,601	4,048,732
Silk .. ..	1,696,906	1,643,684	2,053,096	2,145,793
Woollen .. ..	1,355,607	2,033,674	1,554,839	1,380,020
Other .. ..	972,949	1,005,686	1,001,465	1,111,705
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c. .. ..	689,525	1,100,722	1,142,906	1,044,122
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c. .. ..	386,165	554,057	480,031	478,066
All other Textiles .. ..	265,235	509,349	493,894	527,934
<b>(c) <i>Manufactured Fibres.</i></b>				
<b>Bags and Sacks—</b>				
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder .. ..	124,060	250,818	261,581	100,664
Corn and Flour .. ..	715,129	583,118	569,403	1,043,274
All other .. ..	74,341	120,084	93,969	227,294
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage) .. ..	41,594	58,378	83,202	54,546
<b>Yarns—</b>				
Cotton .. ..	162,231	193,643	273,347	316,882
Wool .. ..	583,121	1,002,516	458,946	573,861
Other .. ..	78,006	153,299	111,106	233,863
<b>Total, Class VIII.</b> .. ..	<b>13,246,429</b>	<b>17,588,426</b>	<b>15,497,687</b>	<b>16,706,884</b>
<b>CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.</b>				
Oils (in bulk)—				
Kerosene .. ..	195,544	223,840	233,881	225,079
Lubricating (Mineral) .. ..	160,488	216,670	238,375	273,384
Petroleum Spirit .. ..	1,027,802	1,076,118	1,461,014	1,708,898
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	261,418	386,171	524,734	458,595
<b>Total, Class IX.</b> .. ..	<b>1,645,252</b>	<b>1,902,799</b>	<b>2,458,004</b>	<b>2,665,956</b>
<b>CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES</b>	150,382	227,489	239,872	230,283
<b>CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES</b> .. ..	38,180	121,863	197,689	145,770

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INTO VICTORIA, 1921-22 TO 1924-25—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	£	£	£	£
<b>CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.</b>				
<i>(a) Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Electrical Machinery and Appliances—				
Cable and Wire, Covered..	344,501	436,983	364,683	391,088
N.E.I. .. ..	1,403,718	1,574,304	1,242,884	1,425,943
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural) .. ..	170,574	179,182	235,994	265,405
All other Machines and Machinery .. ..	1,783,789	2,066,932	2,305,107	1,988,700
<i>(b) Metals and Metal Manufactures, other than Machinery.</i>				
Alloys .. ..	33,154	98,409	118,132	110,128
Gas Appliances .. ..	14,462	16,308	24,659	24,927
Iron and Steel—				
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c. .. ..	389,858	538,936	393,543	440,065
Girders, Beams, Channels, Joists, &c. .. ..	84,625	107,333	111,585	140,989
Pig and Scrap .. ..	49,853	106,892	70,389	89,318
Pipes and Tubes .. ..	192,276	371,931	401,886	338,372
Plate and Sheet .. ..	855,287	1,473,913	1,665,443	1,646,431
Railway and Tramway Material .. ..	10,691	138,278	87,787	15,479
Wire .. ..	222,280	390,535	298,057	325,305
Tools of Trade (not being Machines) .. ..	214,867	273,133	391,235	341,000
Vehicles—				
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c.	47,254	118,091	243,875	249,411
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c.	26,870	143,912	366,996	423,225
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c.	986,403	2,012,257	3,172,567	3,185,302
Other, and Parts.. ..	300,685	471,381	684,870	597,382
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery .. ..	1,602,401	1,937,680	2,188,562	1,861,433
<b>Total, Class XII. ..</b>	<b>8,733,553</b>	<b>12,456,390</b>	<b>14,368,254</b>	<b>13,859,903</b>

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	£	£	£	£
<b>CLASS XIII. — RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.</b>				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>				
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed .. ..	130,931	127,365	275,307	437,033
Rubber Manufactures ..	298,772	509,851	700,607	610,131
(b) <i>Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>				
Patent and Enamelled .. ..	53,217	129,498	87,605	79,397
All other .. ..	164,836	186,487	117,424	106,375
Total, Class XIII. ..	647,756	953,201	1,180,943	1,232,936
<b>CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.</b>				
Timber—				
Dressed .. ..	278,046	890,897	917,646	707,636
Undressed .. ..	590,227	1,056,153	1,511,625	1,013,969
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	132,040	184,638	229,252	220,174
Total, Class XIV. ..	1,000,313	2,131,688	2,658,523	1,941,779
<b>CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE.</b>				
Cement (Portland) .. ..	62,669	42,770	11,533	24,075
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	252,048	224,714	275,206	276,156
Glass and Glassware .. ..	256,698	365,208	384,640	388,302
All other Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass, and Stoneware. ..	35,689	69,780	97,422	83,981
Total, Class XV. ..	607,104	702,472	768,801	772,514



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Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
<b>CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.</b>	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Paper—</i>				
Cardboard and other Paper				
Boards .. ..	57,349	71,883	72,068	77,261
Printing .. ..	763,703	794,612	916,165	1,021,762
Wrapping of all Colours ..	101,563	144,934	137,804	112,125
Writing and Typewriting ..	131,196	270,497	176,875	215,632
All other .. ..	246,209	176,648	215,513	197,954
(b) <i>Stationery and Paper Manufactures—</i>				
Books (Printed), Directories, &c. .. ..	297,465	337,080	342,391	358,476
All other.. ..	195,881	384,870	435,334	373,368
Total, Class XVI. ..	1,793,366	2,180,524	2,296,150	2,356,578
<b>CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.</b>				
Fancy Goods .. ..	261,855	437,431	407,027	441,115
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c	176,001	274,294	274,354	263,389
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c. .. ..	110,590	138,473	225,507	201,101
Total, Class XVII.	548,446	850,198	906,888	905,605
<b>CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.</b>				
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c. .. ..	75,121	101,449	99,998	105,487
Talking Machines—Phonographs, &c. .. ..	24,423	48,106	95,239	153,715
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments .. ..	83,775	124,312	141,501	157,961
Total, Class XVIII. ..	183,319	273,867	336,738	417,163
<b>CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.</b>				
Cream of Tartar .. ..	78,742	84,219	55,809	68,460
Dyes .. ..	144,771	132,923	110,493	102,053
Fertilizers .. ..	214,986	288,600	339,852	349,538
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous) ..	25,957	31,597	28,604	39,345

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
<b>CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—<i>continued.</i></b>	£	£	£	£
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	78,375	78,975	78,785	87,410
Proprietary Medicines .. ..	29,448	37,922	59,613	60,828
Sodium Salts .. ..	122,327	179,646	130,224	151,438
Sulphur (Brimstone) .. ..	60,643	74,325	116,806	106,983
All other Drugs and Chemicals ..	480,879	465,978	469,011	504,364
<b>Total, Class XIX.</b>	<b>1,236,128</b>	<b>1,374,185</b>	<b>1,389,197</b>	<b>1,470,419</b>
<b>CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.</b>				
Arms, ammunition, and explosives	146,471	270,285	239,443	260,161
Brushware .. ..	58,975	99,574	113,296	100,394
Matches and Vestas .. ..	22,339	71,024	82,138	74,781
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos and Parts .. ..	70,509	168,159	389,324	397,888
Other and Parts .. ..	71,631	62,582	76,230	60,713
Soap .. ..	14,656	24,513	20,617	25,607
All other Articles .. ..	2,007,276	449,433	459,817	543,288
<b>Total, Class XX.</b>	<b>2,391,857</b>	<b>1,145,570</b>	<b>1,380,865</b>	<b>1,471,832</b>
<b>CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.</b>				
Gold .. ..	312	393	4,999	4,532,991
Silver .. ..	8,660	3,442	21,397	9,329
Bronze—Specie .. ..	23	886	28	51
<b>Total, Class XXI.</b>	<b>8,995</b>	<b>4,721</b>	<b>26,424</b>	<b>4,542,371</b>
<b>Grand Total .. ..</b>	<b>36,352,056</b>	<b>46,729,100</b>	<b>49,592,643</b>	<b>54,294,765</b>

The articles imported were mainly manufactured goods. Apparel, textiles, manufactured fibres, machinery, and manufactures of metal amounted to 60 per cent. of the total value of imports in the last five years. Excluding gold and bullion, &c., the imports for 1925 showed an increase of £186,115 as compared with the previous year. The items showing the largest increases were as follows:—Bags and Sacks, £446,279; apparel, £372,632; yarns, £281,207; oils in bulk, £274,091; and vegetable substances and fibres, £191,724. The chief decreases were in the following:—Timber, £707,666; metals and metal manufactures, £430,819; and tobacco, &c., £323,811.

Principal  
Exports.

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

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIA DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1921-22 TO 1924-25.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	£	£	£	£
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, BUT EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.</b>				
Butter .. .. .	3,026,447	3,190,805	2,751,312	4,051,632
Cheese .. .. .	39,900	22,955	31,071	65,130
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams .. .. .	36,068	23,491	22,352	17,055
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef .. .. .	33,046	41,890	22,944	61,829
Lamb .. .. .	751,077	1,493,156	656,438	955,276
Mutton .. .. .	306,199	880,472	13,757	95,022
Rabbits and Hares .. .. .	35,385	10,176	8,477	5,196
Preserved in Tins .. .. .	16,331	48,750	9,409	33,011
Other .. .. .	129,042	125,022	28,267	58,581
Milk and Cream .. .. .	1,530,172	1,198,708	1,040,183	1,620,068
All other Animal Foodstuffs .. .. .	19,963	6,315	3,323	6,389
<b>Total, Class I. .. .. .</b>	<b>5,923,630</b>	<b>7,041,740</b>	<b>4,587,533</b>	<b>6,969,189</b>
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.</b>				
Biscuits .. .. .	62,243	52,036	59,413	61,807
Fruits, Dried .. .. .	564,065	810,103	826,028	1,327,784
Fruits, Fresh .. .. .	164,452	182,414	131,323	256,367
Fruits and Vegetables—Preserved	602,623	80,988	254,469	267,498
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat .. .. .	9,182,731	2,498,066	3,922,823	10,413,976
Other .. .. .	198,956	93,607	84,127	93,014
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten) .. .. .	2,157,754	2,024,921	2,175,854	2,408,542
Other .. .. .	38,479	32,144	43,245	75,389
Jams and Fruit Jellies .. .. .	72,531	26,968	24,467	16,840
Tea .. .. .	37,223	58,365	47,328	53,931
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs .. .. .	355,234	95,490	198,863	176,022
<b>Total, Class II. .. .. .</b>	<b>13,436,291</b>	<b>5,955,102</b>	<b>7,767,940</b>	<b>15,151,120</b>

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
FROM VICTORIA, 1921-22 TO 1924-25—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.. ..	£ 48,039	£ 39,726	£ 48,862	£ 55,119
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.. ..	346,697	528,616	286,581	286,122
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	20,316	38,351	22,244	61,421
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	31,530	46,781	78,915	164,890
Rabbit and Hare .. ..	201,921	237,853	282,266	349,956
Sheep .. ..	517,934	1,241,533	1,214,069	1,523,606
Other .. ..	16,625	36,405	129,607	119,789
Wool—				
Greasy .. ..	9,640,670	12,231,285	11,578,094	12,858,063
Scoured and Washed .. ..	1,154,290	3,469,056	1,255,769	1,459,918
Tops .. ..	390,866	415,630	233,838	128,397
All other Animal Substances ..	14,624	19,253	20,786	20,864
Total, Class VI. ..	11,968,460	17,697,796	14,793,344	16,625,483
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES ..	32,269	47,511	45,079	48,652
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes .. ..	67,781	6,656	3,662	2,455
All other Apparel .. ..	250,921	75,257	36,053	38,505
All other Textiles, including Bags, Cordage, Yarns, &c. ..	220,956	173,285	91,042	109,052
Total, Class VIII. ..	539,658	255,198	130,757	150,012
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Tallow—Unrefined .. ..	336,869	451,405	188,767	441,986
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes ..	110,862	40,264	78,237	152,711
Total, Class IX. ..	447,731	491,669	267,004	594,697

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
FROM VICTORIA, 1921-22 TO 1924-25—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES .. .. .	£ 6,763	£ 6,550	£ 4,999	£ 6,784
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES .. ..	67,616	77,300	24,374	50,293
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.				
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery—</i> Machines and Machinery ..	276,719	148,574	239,580	237,846
(b) <i>Metal and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery—</i>				
Iron and Steel .. .. .	14,588	16,613	9,624	6,526
Lead—Pig and in Matte ..	380	1,295	450	2,292
Tin Ingots .. .. .	121,651	137,531	68,944	19,722
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	400	50,689	51,965	296
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof .. .. .	168,601	95,970	122,644	157,558
Total, Class XII. ..	582,339	450,672	493,207	424,240
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
Indiarubber and Manufactures ..	156,427	120,673	123,476	93,132
Leather and Manufactures ..	320,701	305,744	295,350	253,232
Total, Class XIII. ..	477,128	426,417	418,826	346,364
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..	37,816	29,867	19,236	30,180
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE .. .. .	24,168	14,356	14,705	15,536
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
Paper .. .. .	13,154	11,389	20,224	27,690
Stationery .. .. .	77,613	67,368	113,450	58,649
Total, Class XVI. ..	90,767	78,757	133,674	86,339

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
FROM VICTORIA, 1921-22 TO 1924-25—*continued*.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
<b>CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.</b>				
Precious Stones, Unset; Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	£ 10,600	£ 6,029	£ 4,401	£ 11,312
All other Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods ..	34,088	17,161	15,298	17,396
Total, Class XVII. ..	44,688	23,190	19,699	28,708
<b>CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS..</b>	38,591	36,218	49,987	56,031
<b>CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.</b>				
Fertilizers—				
Ammonium Sulphate ..	35,373	28,395	4,971	10,088
Other .. ..	6,976	9,434	6,160	6,105
Oil—Eucalyptus .. ..	19,348	26,083	53,836	62,252
All other Drugs and Chemicals ..	113,563	155,722	108,228	130,248
Total, Class XIX. ..	175,260	219,634	173,195	208,693
<b>CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.</b>				
Soap .. ..	181,623	208,957	189,866	221,165
All other Articles .. ..	143,628	99,193	120,637	104,862
Total, Class XX. ..	325,251	308,150	310,503	326,027
<b>CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.</b>				
Gold .. ..	7,882	805	299	159,899
Silver .. ..	2,822	1,076	500	..
Total, Class XXI. ..	10,704	1,881	799	159,899
Australian produce .. ..	33,681,068	33,148,563	29,088,613	41,105,425
Other produce .. ..	963,114	620,138	523,935	575,484
Grand Total .. ..	34,644,182	33,768,701	29,612,548	41,680,909

The export trade consists largely of agricultural and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, and butter exported during the last five years amounted to about 73 per cent. of the total exports for that period. There was an increase of £12,068,361 in the exports of 1925, as compared with the previous year. There were increases in practically every important article, the chief of which were:—Wheat, £6,491,153; wool, £1,378,677; butter, £1,300,320; fruits (all kinds), £619,977; milk and cream, £579,885; meats, £464,326; and hides and skins, £453,384.

Imports from  
and exports to  
principal  
countries.

The value of Victorian trade with various overseas countries and the surplus of imports or exports in each case, during the year ended 30th June, 1925, are given below. In the tables which follow the imports have been assigned to the country of origin owing to the Customs Department having discontinued recording the country of shipment.

# IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES, 1924-25.

Country.	Value of Imports into Victoria of the Produce of the Country mentioned.	Value of Exports from Victoria to the Country mentioned.	Excess of Imports (-) Exports (+).
<b>BRITISH.</b>			
	£	£	£
Great Britain and Northern Ireland ..	23,867,785	18,827,293	- 5,040,492
Canada .. .. .	1,022,495	63,395	- 959,100
Ceylon .. .. .	509,096	171,579	- 337,517
Hong Kong .. .. .	342	226,538	+ 226,196
India .. .. .	2,072,224	456,530	- 1,615,694
Irish Free State .. .. .	8,523	..	- 8,523
Malaya (British) .. .. .	379,780	819,192	+ 439,412
Mauritius .. .. .	..	91,746	+ 91,746
New Zealand .. .. .	1,056,345	1,590,047	+ 533,702
Pacific Islands .. .. .	298,201	73,401	- 224,800
South African Union .. .. .	4,584,675	1,004,077	- 3,580,598
West Indies .. .. .	56,399	697	- 55,702
Other British Possessions .. .. .	89,109	36,940	- 52,169
<b>FOREIGN.</b>			
Africa, Portuguese East .. .. .	..	45,651	+ 45,651
Belgium .. .. .	348,799	970,762	+ 621,963
Brazil .. .. .	57,020	..	- 57,020
Chile .. .. .	57,573	..	- 57,573
China .. .. .	265,830	144,979	- 120,851
Czecho-Slovakia .. .. .	143,735	..	- 143,735
Egypt .. .. .	6,191	944,210	+ 938,019
Finland .. .. .	36,442	78,577	+ 42,135
France .. .. .	1,886,495	5,205,757	+ 3,319,262
Germany .. .. .	990,334	1,043,907	+ 104,573
Italy .. .. .	685,959	2,575,374	+ 1,889,415
Japan .. .. .	1,310,104	1,825,784	+ 515,680
Netherlands .. .. .	257,474	340,258	+ 82,784
Netherlands East Indies .. .. .	1,774,793	1,348,030	- 426,763
Norway .. .. .	696,126	17,015	- 679,111
Persia .. .. .	123,856	..	- 123,856
Peru .. .. .	249	80,443	+ 80,194
Philippine Islands .. .. .	77,760	35,649	- 42,111
Spain .. .. .	54,263	97,019	+ 42,756
Sweden .. .. .	520,080	67,885	- 452,195
Switzerland .. .. .	1,009,653	517	- 1,009,136
Turkey .. .. .	8,849	87,567	+ 78,718
United States of America .. .. .	9,806,908	3,208,812	- 6,598,096
West Indies .. .. .	45,036	1,006	- 44,030
Other Foreign Countries .. .. .	237,202	290,272	- 36,930
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>54,294,705</b>	<b>41,680,909</b>	<b>- 12,613,796</b>

The value of the trade with the leading countries of the world in each of the last five years was as specified hereunder :—

**IMPORTS (CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN)  
FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT  
THERETO, 1920-21 to 1924-25.**

Country.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	Imports of Products or Manufactures of—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom* .. ..	27,118,215	18,835,097	21,657,303	22,923,002	23,867,765
Canada .. ..	1,642,315	1,219,609	1,741,814	1,543,897	1,022,495
India and Ceylon .. ..	3,105,404	1,782,350	1,814,912	2,008,835	2,581,320
Malaya (British) .. ..	155,112	412,976	121,171	240,870	379,780
New Zealand .. ..	961,338	837,731	1,005,703	1,202,647	1,056,345
South African Union .. ..	143,286	161,169	213,987	193,010	4,584,675
Other British Possessions .. ..	636,843	399,534	411,771	481,717	452,574
Belgium .. ..	688,201	393,146	324,480	331,223	348,799
China .. ..	397,836	320,121	313,178	293,412	265,830
Egypt .. ..	12,140	12,188	10,231	9,746	6,191
France .. ..	1,545,833	1,140,223	1,396,191	1,860,115	1,886,495
Germany .. ..	46,107	66,296	295,126	582,664	939,334
Italy .. ..	354,277	423,742	516,158	543,580	685,959
Japan .. ..	1,737,111	1,061,238	1,203,346	1,145,473	1,310,104
Netherlands .. ..	261,774	205,662	220,132	209,478	257,474
Netherlands East Indies .. ..	3,544,622	927,041	1,427,037	1,577,394	1,774,793
Norway .. ..	1,144,328	386,566	850,693	682,207	696,126
Philippine Islands .. ..	97,756	72,696	66,796	75,631	77,720
Sweden .. ..	868,232	372,347	625,236	799,805	520,080
Switzerland .. ..	890,516	808,288	946,282	1,029,793	1,009,653
United States of America .. ..	11,552,483	6,135,555	8,006,961	11,220,595	9,806,908
Other Foreign Countries .. ..	705,488	378,481	557,481	637,574	764,225
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>57,608,777</b>	<b>36,352,056</b>	<b>46,729,100</b>	<b>49,592,643</b>	<b>54,294,705</b>
	Exports to—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom* .. ..	17,825,150	16,308,839	19,163,057	12,852,761	18,827,293
Canada .. ..	27,721	93,341	94,266	74,558	63,395
India and Ceylon .. ..	408,222	1,535,548	253,172	312,334	628,109
Malaya (British) .. ..	453,949	842,251	627,207	817,368	819,192
New Zealand .. ..	2,610,367	1,673,784	1,497,238	1,403,618	1,590,047
South African Union .. ..	1,285,913	680,118	647,742	621,908	1,004,077
Other British Possessions .. ..	443,921	327,372	343,231	429,673	429,322
Belgium .. ..	1,319,434	590,352	353,102	692,233	970,762
China .. ..	85,254	125,984	48,643	362,187	144,979
Egypt .. ..	2,300,653	1,361,936	514,029	760,376	944,210
France .. ..	1,446,353	1,965,004	2,374,421	2,801,079	5,205,757
Germany .. ..	591,926	399,635	295,279	652,787	1,043,907
Italy .. ..	637,647	1,673,832	1,221,882	1,357,588	2,575,374
Japan .. ..	628,648	2,499,434	2,153,961	2,821,192	1,825,784
Netherlands .. ..	549,228	91,150	11,863	248,018	340,258
Netherlands East Indies .. ..	975,885	1,117,009	1,127,039	914,303	1,343,030
Norway .. ..	136,428	295,634	42,773	31,321	17,015
Philippine Islands .. ..	65,323	96,413	80,239	53,146	35,649
Sweden .. ..	37,759	8,351	49,836	72,936	67,885
Switzerland .. ..	7,587	4,815	1,691	3,348	517
United States of America .. ..	1,981,499	2,342,628	2,678,354	2,086,626	3,208,812
Other Foreign Countries .. ..	553,089	610,642	181,536	240,183	590,535
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>34,371,961</b>	<b>34,644,182</b>	<b>33,763,701</b>	<b>29,612,548</b>	<b>41,680,909</b>

\*Great Britain and Northern Ireland for 1924-25.



Trade with  
United  
Kingdom.

Forty-five per cent. of the total value of the exports in 1925 were sent to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whilst 44 per cent. of the imports were their products or manufactures. The chief articles of United Kingdom origin imported in the last five years, and the principal articles exported direct thereto in the same period were as follows :—

### VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.*
<i>Imported into Victoria (of United Kingdom origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Whisky .. .. .	210,840	159,782	251,372	245,891	253,091
Apparel and Attire .. .. .	1,041,681	710,294	1,179,643	895,478	1,100,614
Trimmings and Ornaments .. .. .	145,638	121,822	151,093	144,185	136,359
Piece Goods—					
Cotton and Linen .. .. .	4,932,213	2,528,758	4,261,605	3,451,274	3,627,899
Woolen .. .. .	2,412,813	1,316,445	1,983,388	1,423,628	1,251,429
Silk .. .. .	200,228	267,785	213,897	237,915	305,073
Canvas and Duck .. .. .	885,135	256,418	425,078	328,021	323,881
Velvets, and Lace for Attire .. .. .	331,915	232,130	209,025	250,168	256,746
Other .. .. .	600,829	309,445	383,200	335,273	355,205
Floor Coverings .. .. .	743,528	656,745	1,042,462	1,078,911	1,000,075
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c. .. .. .	508,895	334,250	479,620	407,719	408,052
Yarns .. .. .	1,234,114	796,881	1,300,772	788,226	1,049,626
Machines and Machinery .. .. .	2,490,293	1,984,705	2,436,253	2,104,259	2,192,286
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel .. .. .	3,300,413	1,366,898	2,703,326	2,723,455	2,748,131
Vehicles and Parts .. .. .	672,360	374,056	538,581	833,172	1,065,681
Other .. .. .	1,770,791	1,202,051	1,683,200	1,773,682	1,534,781
Rubber and Rubber Goods .. .. .	196,856	121,266	187,205	160,164	206,834
Paper .. .. .	822,188	428,767	690,860	1,001,360	1,195,431
Books .. .. .	294,215	260,678	301,330	308,337	321,068
Dyes .. .. .	224,087	118,514	109,490	99,404	92,909
Vessels (Ships) .. .. .	207,000	1,516,000	24,136	340	2,416
All other Articles .. .. .	3,872,183	3,771,407	4,101,767	4,266,140	4,440,198
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>27,118,215</b>	<b>18,835,097</b>	<b>24,657,303</b>	<b>22,923,002</b>	<b>23,867,785</b>
<i>Exported from Victoria to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter .. .. .	3,547,396	2,439,098	2,586,722	2,055,754	3,442,588
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb .. .. .	798,043	1,088,846	2,403,593	679,607	1,075,596
Rabbits and Hares .. .. .	130,999	35,210	9,689	8,049	4,526
Preserved in tins .. .. .	40,364	11,603	26,934	2,979	17,767
Milk and Cream .. .. .	209,577	420,229	50,025	8,870	111,067
Fruits—all kinds .. .. .	433,516	1,146,743	882,536	1,038,037	1,588,458
Wheat and Flour .. .. .	4,582,943	3,692,630	1,172,682	1,725,689	4,536,944
Jams and Jellies .. .. .	74,246	43,863	13	358	408
Hides and Skins .. .. .	602,481	443,224	738,385	1,031,611	1,124,305
Wool .. .. .	6,064,096	6,078,549	10,087,573	5,297,501	5,973,351
Tallow, unrefined .. .. .	151,263	130,010	227,968	35,300	131,926
Tin Ingots .. .. .	216,426	118,621	135,688	63,286	17,565
Leather, &c. .. .. .	183,591	113,063	140,480	113,422	90,140
All other Articles .. .. .	790,209	547,210	700,769	792,298	712,052
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>17,825,150</b>	<b>16,308,899</b>	<b>19,163,057</b>	<b>12,852,761</b>	<b>18,827,293</b>

\* The figures for 1924-25 relate to Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Trade with  
India and  
Ceylon.

The value of the trade with India and Ceylon was £3,209,429 in 1925, and was greater than in the previous year by £888,260. There was an increase in imports of £572,485, and in exports of £315,775. The principal articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows :—

# VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND CEYLON, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
<i>Imported into Victoria (of Indian and Cingalese origin).</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Cocoa Beans .. .. .	26,133	8,993	8,228	11,608	14,323
Coffee .. .. .	17,679	19,942	22,466	15,953	21,672
Rice .. .. .	55,833	129,853	34,714	97,672	55,451
Nuts .. .. .	14,659	42,637	27,816	88,427	38,337
Tea .. .. .	352,755	355,716	384,958	522,342	479,091
Hides and Skins .. .. .	23,807	49,786	35,680	17,958	14,046
Fibres .. .. .	20,750	25,135	32,475	38,590	45,246
Gums and Resins .. .. .	27,125	28,873	43,163	21,123	30,701
Seeds .. .. .	16,438	9,147	2,802	25,193	170,261
Hessians .. .. .	121,821	98,325	146,736	139,461	223,460
Floor Coverings .. .. .	12,527	8,631	23,382	14,102	10,548
Bags and Sacks .. .. .	2,218,121	911,099	952,611	924,498	1,367,333
Oils in Bulk .. .. .	7,963	4,394	6,386	6,978	8,352
Waxes .. .. .	35,371	5,896	2,769	1,816	3,647
Rubber, &c. .. .. .	30,716	2,216	2,524	12,854	40,560
All other Articles .. .. .	114,706	81,677	88,202	120,260	107,183
Total .. .. .	3,105,404	1,782,350	1,814,912	2,008,835	2,581,320
<i>Exported from Victoria to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter .. .. .	24,254	7,107	15,215	17,562	10,842
Meats .. .. .	12,275	8,137	20,492	5,289	14,702
Milk and Cream .. .. .	8,685	67,690	45,727	26,488	159,016
Biscuits .. .. .	7,964	4,594	4,914	4,475	5,872
Hay and Chaff .. .. .	6,946	4,175	4,248	2,472	10,326
Fruits (preserved in liquid) .. .. .	18,371	8,425	9,107	1,452	2,637
Wheat, Flour, and Oatmeal .. .. .	12,633	1,282,040	52,800	81,952	121,769
Jams and Jellies .. .. .	79,156	7,180	3,755	3,656	2,828
Horses .. .. .	28,569	7,430	19,739	5,606	12,090
Wool .. .. .	38,737	42,559	11,485	111,817	103,884
Tallow .. .. .	58,157	23,191	25,966	14,272	33,377
Leather, &c. .. .. .	9,600	8,610	2,758	2,469	3,228
Soap .. .. .	4,203	2,740	5,234	5,477	4,649
Specie and Bullion .. .. .			453		108,639
All other Articles .. .. .	106,672	66,670	31,279	30,397	34,006
Total .. .. .	408,222	1,535,548	253,172	312,334	628,109

The value of the trade with New Zealand for the year ended 30th June, 1925, was £2,646,392. The exports thereto amounted to £1,590,047, and represented 3·8 per cent. of the total overseas exports. The principal articles of trade during the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF CHIEF IMPORTS OF NEW ZEALAND ORIGIN  
AND OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED DIRECT TO  
THAT COUNTRY, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imported into Victoria (of New Zealand origin).</i>					
Butter .. .. .	7	16,020	153,184	61,807	9
Fish .. .. .	27,598	38,940	33,809	33,894	39,360
Milk and Cream .. .. .	2,377	..	1,782	..	2,551
Meats .. .. .	6,669	5,961	7,081	24,727	16,437
Hops .. .. .	1,808	7,430	10,316	4,927	1,510
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs) .. .. .	8,454	7,447	11,006	45,882	7,722
Hides and Skins .. .. .	290,336	262,158	319,660	351,750	328,150
Wool .. .. .	..	2,454	36,700	284,099	142,317
Flax and Hemp .. .. .	182,155	108,843	47,459	70,380	78,595
Oakum and Tow .. .. .	21,301	18,736	22,820	15,523	36,214
Seeds .. .. .	44,094	29,380	31,558	35,161	63,246
Timber .. .. .	320,108	278,737	251,715	180,865	262,561
All other Articles .. .. .	56,431	63,625	78,618	90,632	77,673
Total .. .. .	961,338	837,731	1,005,708	1,202,647	1,056,345
<i>Exported from Victoria to New Zealand.</i>					
Milk and Cream .. .. .	16,509	2,118	907	694	1,254
Fruits, all kinds .. .. .	88,367	142,687	130,071	119,499	189,486
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat .. .. .	165,370	2	..	142,611	108,379
Barley .. .. .	26,146	..	920	4,091	4,854
Oats .. .. .	10,878	3,142	1,995	32,592	26,429
Rice and Rice Meal .. .. .	9,784	19,147	9,213	17,826	17,645
Tea .. .. .	6,225	36,681	57,111	45,869	51,069
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquores .. .. .	23,968	15,752	17,760	14,667	18,980
Tobacco manufactured .. .. .	265,452	344,850	525,914	281,799	284,727
Apparel .. .. .	411,376	254,407	47,008	19,611	13,734
Piece Goods .. .. .	87,614	91,943	97,971	30,771	34,508
Oils .. .. .	27,755	24,789	11,839	49,707	114,650
Machines and Machinery .. .. .	69,518	45,721	41,912	42,643	76,008
Metal manufactures .. .. .	94,567	43,196	57,723	62,179	62,873
Rubber manufactures .. .. .	464,669	133,614	101,007	121,550	92,150
Leather, &c. .. .. .	60,195	54,139	40,392	37,840	30,046
Books .. .. .	38,597	33,137	22,765	23,213	21,070
Drugs and Chemicals .. .. .	70,057	65,882	69,856	45,067	40,935
Fertilizers .. .. .	34,828	5,037	8,029	172	355
All other Articles .. .. .	632,492	357,540	254,815	314,217	400,835
Australian produce .. .. .	2,184,023	1,130,190	1,142,893	1,120,998	1,230,452
Other produce .. .. .	426,344	543,594	354,345	285,620	359,595
Total .. .. .	2,610,367	1,673,784	1,497,238	1,406,618	1,590,047

The trade with Belgium was suspended in 1918 and 1919, and has not yet recovered its pre-war proportion, which was 3 per cent. of the total oversea trade of Victoria. In the year 1924-25 the proportion was 1·4 per cent. The principal articles of trade with Belgium in the last five years were as follows :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH  
BELGIUM, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
<i>Imported into Victoria (of Belgian origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Piece Goods .. .. .	56,750	23,281	24,275	25,552	30,991
Copper .. .. .	1,843	8,556	6,554	6,110	3,377
Iron and Steel .. .. .	119,441	153,961	3,817	13,735	18,707
Vehicles .. .. .	8,544	9,695	14,462	38,274	29,875
Glass and Glassware .. .. .	302,820	64,030	115,840	125,575	126,015
Paper .. .. .	54,791	29,735	33,153	33,969	34,627
Cameos and Precious Stones .. .. .	63,788	21,136	41,133	17,044	15,036
All other Articles .. .. .	80,224	82,752	85,246	70,964	90,171
Total .. .. .	688,201	393,146	324,480	331,223	348,799
<i>Exported from Victoria to Belgium.</i>					
Milk and Cream .. .. .	395,336	..	..	..	270
Wheat .. .. .	948,175	81,905	..	22,177	434,464
Hides and Skins .. .. .	4,034	42,673	53,683	102,276	45,309
Wool .. .. .	333,684	316,178	248,366	501,125	417,542
Ores .. .. .	22,094	11,674	140	525	2,585
Tallow .. .. .	5,125	10,657	13,536	4,990	19,755
Leather, &c. .. .. .	164	6,848	5,330	..	155
Cameos and Precious Stones .. .. .	8,458	114	463	957	2,198
All other Articles .. .. .	102,364	120,303	31,584	60,183	48,484
Total .. .. .	1,819,434	590,352	358,102	692,233	970,762

Trade with  
Netherlands  
East Indies.

The Netherlands East Indies accounted for 3·3 per cent. of Victoria's oversea trade in 1925. The chief articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows:—

# VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
<i>Imported into Victoria (of Netherlands East Indies origin).</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Coffee and Chicory .. .. .	10,326	13,073	16,500	21,083	23,615
Sago and Tapioca .. .. .	11,404	11,856	3,878	18,057	6,751
Spices .. .. .	10,058	7,025	5,692	8,665	9,292
Sugar .. .. .	2,163,733	8,969	23,391	22	..
Tea .. .. .	118,894	263,771	487,542	608,300	777,466
Tobacco—unmanufactured .. .. .	71,172	36,454	50,395	50,330	13,851
Hides and Skins .. .. .	16,837	5,892	3,959	1,037	2,191
Fibres .. .. .	60,208	96,481	144,426	126,270	130,368
Seeds .. .. .	9,039	3,276	16,569	8,038	19,900
Oils .. .. .	914,545	427,692	614,414	678,669	718,147
Rubber, crude .. .. .	104,751	20,159	21,403	18,178	33,920
All other Articles .. .. .	53,655	32,393	38,918	38,715	39,292
Total .. .. .	3,544,622	927,041	1,427,087	1,577,364	1,774,793
<i>Exported from Victoria to the Netherlands East Indies.</i>					
Butter .. .. .	335,361	411,388	459,033	413,620	413,730
Meats .. .. .	30,653	19,348	16,185	18,803	14,131
Milk and Cream .. .. .	68,795	155,206	137,666	90,624	448,123
Biscuits .. .. .	43,621	27,180	26,626	29,806	40,419
Fruits, all kinds .. .. .	10,438	9,214	25,234	25,114	22,155
Grain and Pulse .. .. .	211,266	335,468	343,103	248,496	308,051
Machines and Machinery .. .. .	10,716	8,551	2,004	15,561	2,293
Leather, &c. .. .. .	60,843	50,977	46,139	48,631	48,151
Ammonium Sulphate .. .. .	49,416	7,178	..	..	9,733
All other Articles .. .. .	154,776	92,509	71,109	23,653	41,234
Total .. .. .	975,885	1,117,009	1,127,099	914,308	1,348,030

Trade with  
France.

In 1925 the value of the trade with France was £7,092,252, or 7·4 per cent. of the oversea total. Details of the exports to France and of the goods of French origin received in the past five years are given in the appended table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH  
FRANCE, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imported into Victoria (of French origin.)</i>					
Brandy .. .. .	79,007	41,515	42,237	47,169	40,038
Wine .. .. .	44,369	9,671	15,375	27,753	33,593
Apparel—					
Trimmings and Ornaments ..	197,187	136,059	194,191	163,993	139,077
Gloves .. .. .	18,520	25,554	23,152	27,525	28,571
Other .. .. .	71,490	79,448	99,299	150,677	231,896
Piece Goods .. .. .	576,397	462,112	466,907	781,405	722,235
Oils .. .. .	33,028	6,933	9,739	14,181	11,529
Motor Cars and Parts .. .. .	64,936	92,529	130,903	186,912	162,254
Rubber Manufactures .. .. .	46,149	41,118	56,814	57,114	61,980
Pipes (smoking) .. .. .	41,683	17,136	21,935	23,418	22,652
Cream of Tartar .. .. .	90,312	39,851	39,816	24,029	22,385
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations ..	28,331	16,492	18,429	19,626	24,983
All other Articles .. .. .	254,454	171,805	239,341	336,313	385,302
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>1,545,833</b>	<b>1,140,223</b>	<b>1,396,191</b>	<b>1,860,115</b>	<b>1,886,495</b>
<i>Exported from Victoria to France.</i>					
Butter .. .. .	..	59,961	16,863	26,172	14,717
Wheat and Flour .. .. .	1,162,663	433,992	125,747	179,041	2,175,197
Hides and Skins .. .. .	32,581	186,783	372,094	408,672	532,139
Wool .. .. .	230,398	1,252,317	1,809,489	2,148,671	2,453,911
Zinc Bars, &c. .. .. .	..	..	36,600	21,300	..
Tallow (unrefined) .. .. .	..	8,027	3,188	999	11,393
All other Articles .. .. .	20,711	23,924	10,440	16,224	18,400
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>1,446,353</b>	<b>1,965,004</b>	<b>2,374,421</b>	<b>2,801,079</b>	<b>5,205,757</b>

Trade with  
Germany.

The trade with Germany, which amounted to 8·4 per cent. of the total with oversea countries in 1913, was discontinued early in the year 1914-15 owing to the outbreak of war and the passing of the *Trading with the Enemy Act* 1914. The embargo against exports to Germany was removed on 2nd

December, 1920. The importation of German goods, except by permits granted by the Minister for Trade and Customs, was not permitted until 1st August, 1922. For restrictions under Industries Preservation Act, see page 414 of *Victorian Year-Book*, 1923-24.

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

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH GERMANY, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Articles.	Value in year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
<i>Imported into Victoria (of German origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Apparel—					
Gloves .. .. .	..	..	7,437	48,907	143,177
Other .. .. .	..	4	14,545	45,787	75,264
Piece Goods .. .. .	..	..	8,499	42,187	56,899
Machines and Machinery ..	4,913	59,227	89,948	88,680	98,254
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Vehicles .. .. .	..	33	47,172	33,912	17,087
Platedware and Cutlery ..	..	..	3,427	6,095	19,208
Other .. .. .	153	977	12,759	25,425	57,766
Toys .. .. .	..	..	11,398	20,213	48,891
Timepieces .. .. .	2	..	1,299	12,238	30,202
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments .. .. .	1,034	116	11,385	24,645	21,549
Drugs, Chemicals, and Fertilizers .. .. .	37,059	5,333	13,497	19,641	31,961
Musical Instruments .. ..	20	29	39,850	116,390	178,824
All other Articles .. .. .	2,926	577	33,910	98,544	160,162
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>46,107</b>	<b>66,296</b>	<b>295,126</b>	<b>582,664</b>	<b>939,334</b>
<i>Exported from Victoria to Germany.</i>					
Fruits (all kinds) .. .. .	2	2	..	3,692	20,351
Wheat and Flour .. .. .	554,431	157,195	9	10,930	512,410
Wool .. .. .	35,846	199,292	195,397	544,020	315,892
Hides and Skins .. .. .	..	7,273	11,933	39,569	111,112
Silver Lead Concentrates ..	..	23,208	30,136	..	..
Tallow .. .. .	..	3,870	12,486	5,739	26,279
Casein .. .. .	..	..	18,685	12,575	16,773
All other Articles .. .. .	1,647	8,795	26,683	36,262	41,090
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>591,926</b>	<b>399,635</b>	<b>295,279</b>	<b>652,787</b>	<b>1,043,907</b>

Trade with  
Japan.

The value of Japanese goods received has steadily declined since the termination of the war, and represented only 2·4 per cent. of the total overseas imports in 1924-25, as compared with 8·8 per cent. in 1918-19. The exports to Japan during 1924-25 were £995,403 less than in the previous year. The principal articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows:—

### VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH JAPAN, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
<i>Imported into Victoria (of Japanese origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Grass or Straw, &c. .. ..	26,223	310	15,765	15,497	11,016
Hosiery and Knitted Articles .. ..	28,928	25,976	27,021	19,029	21,405
Shirts, Collars, Pyjamas, &c. .. ..	4,883	943	1,818	2,039	2,983
Socks and Stockings .. ..	37,917	4,574	5,194	4,038	5,439
Buttons, Buckles, &c. .. ..	33,345	12,665	21,018	12,761	15,388
Cosies, Cushions, &c. .. ..	2,499	1,100	1,831	1,557	893
Piece Goods—Silk .. ..	570,029	622,213	605,809	663,628	782,184
"    "    Cotton and Linen .. ..	268,201	64,912	175,976	159,853	211,441
"    "    Other .. ..	49,376	3,053	7,057	14,065	6,347
Oils .. ..	21,637	13,685	14,344	6,261	5,914
Electrical Machinery and Appliances .. ..	45,736	3,847	6,951	6,798	3,787
Timber .. ..	21,816	7,409	18,658	13,159	35,736
China ware .. ..	55,605	26,433	26,701	20,622	18,235
Glass and Glassware .. ..	87,486	28,733	26,949	21,895	15,822
Fancy Goods .. ..	41,022	20,879	46,328	29,668	22,153
Sulphur—Brimstone .. ..	6,078	1,833	..	..	..
All other Articles .. ..	436,330	222,673	202,396	148,603	151,361
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>1,737,111</b>	<b>1,061,238</b>	<b>1,203,346</b>	<b>1,145,473</b>	<b>1,310,104</b>
<i>Exported from Victoria to Japan.</i>					
Butter .. ..	4,357	4,734	2,197	3,644	939
Milk and Cream .. ..	60	72,443	481,161	328,343	162,462
Grain and Pulse .. ..	26,251	1,522,437	519,919	958,554	323,666
Wool .. ..	443,940	636,404	1,050,369	1,416,989	1,259,470
Tallow (unrefined) .. ..	30,500	56,015	40,525	55,933	30,313
Fertilizers .. ..	2,314	20,034	26,495	5,412	1,130
All other Articles .. ..	121,226	187,367	33,295	52,317	47,799
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>628,648</b>	<b>2,499,434</b>	<b>2,153,961</b>	<b>2,821,192</b>	<b>1,825,784</b>

Trade with  
United States  
of America

The value of the trade with the United States in 1925 was £13,015,720, or 13·6 per cent. of the value of the Victorian overseas trade. As compared with the year 1924 the value of this trade had decreased by £291,501, there having been a decrease



in imports of United States origin of £1,413,687 and an increase in exports of £1,122,186. The principal articles included in the trade with the United States in the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH  
THE UNITED STATES, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imported into Victoria (of United States origin).</i>					
Sausage Casings .. ..	67,269	59,794	76,851	49,150	65,169
Tobacco, &c. .. ..	716,674	672,857	555,589	834,916	541,201
Gums and Resins .. ..	63,095	15,202	12,296	13,662	22,619
Apparel—					
Socks and Stockings .. ..	464,181	146,950	171,004	131,411	83,279
Gloves .. ..	142,998	61,559	65,336	48,754	17,532
Other .. ..	329,040	155,736	267,147	240,032	204,042
Textiles—					
Piece Goods .. ..	736,013	231,426	307,954	244,158	176,594
Other .. ..	111,751	56,659	82,667	88,811	75,580
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns ..	38,483	11,333	28,324	61,869	59,471
Oils .. ..	1,389,584	790,096	1,025,939	1,436,465	1,603,232
Machines and Machinery .. ..	1,344,129	1,186,239	1,338,136	1,525,756	1,276,774
Metals and metal manufactures—					
Vehicles and parts .. ..	843,173	474,371	1,095,199	2,550,731	2,602,346
Iron and Steel .. ..	1,062,952	188,598	266,554	177,819	179,838
Tools of Trade .. ..	193,041	96,095	127,021	213,312	166,647
Other .. ..	565,370	346,444	354,493	520,553	378,403
Rubber, &c. .. ..	219,821	70,584	158,889	344,156	268,563
Leather, &c. .. ..	285,989	121,825	222,271	118,581	90,329
Timber .. ..	672,815	264,011	688,791	1,169,650	633,594
Paper .. ..	319,198	108,081	95,971	99,826	79,734
Stationery .. ..	137,107	65,556	111,315	126,360	121,694
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods .. ..	98,043	75,553	87,610	117,102	72,649
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments .. ..	136,465	85,186	133,469	142,570	155,350
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	82,079	12,328	28,441	33,010	32,518
Instruments—Musical .. ..	219,517	95,431	116,850	256,625	198,859
All other Articles .. ..	1,313,696	743,641	578,844	676,316	700,911
Total .. ..	11,552,483	6,135,555	8,006,961	11,220,595	9,806,908
<i>Exported from Victoria to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings .. ..	61,770	95,105	78,672	16,537	45,049
Fruits, dried .. ..	87,093	4,984	6	106	956
Hides and Skins .. ..	117,285	76,485	351,732	90,259	281,777
Wool .. ..	1,422,716	1,969,796	2,154,892	1,906,917	2,808,723
Platinum—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	51,678	21,639	374	4,911	16,256
All other Articles .. ..	240,957	174,619	92,678	67,896	56,051
Total .. ..	1,981,499	2,342,628	2,678,354	2,086,626	3,208,812

Wool, wheat and flour, butter, hides and skins, fruits (all kinds), and milk and cream were the six principal articles exported from Victoria in 1925—their value being equal to about 89 per cent. of the total exports. The

Destination of  
principal  
articles  
exported.

countries which received these products are shown in the following statement:—

### DESTINATION OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED IN 1924-25.

Destination.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Hides and Skins.	Fruits (all kinds).	Milk and Cream.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	5,973,351	4,536,944	3,442,588	1,124,305	1,588,458	111,667
Canada .. ..	39,159	..	..	11,838	6,975	..
Hong Kong .. ..	..	158,770	1,405	..	2,482	29,163
India and Ceylon ..	103,884	121,759	10,842	..	7,362	159,010
Malaya (British) ..	6,030	78,341	54,714	341	2,267	481,568
Mauritius .. ..	..	83,076	6,919	..	8	..
New Zealand .. ..	1,054	138,524	7	2,480	189,486	1,254
South African Union ..	2,703	718,967	12,298	1,487	4,493	178,050
Other British Countries	..	32,050	1,582	..	1,360	545
Africa, Portuguese East	..	41,639	..	..	205	645
Belgium .. ..	417,542	434,464	13,071	45,209	8	270
Canary Islands .. ..	..	134,503	..	..	..	..
China .. ..	1,343	347	28,226	..	1,938	40,320
Egypt .. ..	..	895,062	32,515	..	1,500	318
Finland .. ..	78,532	..	..	45	..	..
France .. ..	2,453,911	2,175,197	14,717	532,139	4	..
Germany .. ..	315,892	512,410	3,565	111,112	20,351	..
Greece .. ..	..	..	497	..	18	..
Italy .. ..	784,828	1,644,806	..	32,550	..	..
Japan .. ..	1,259,470	321,532	939	11,413	566	162,462
Netherlands .. ..	170,862	125,807	4,600	3,345	594	150
Netherlands East Indies	..	304,156	413,730	..	22,155	448,128
Norway .. ..	3,897	12,293	..	..	2	..
Peru .. ..	..	80,394	49	..	..	..
Philippine Islands ..	3,044	7,911	405	..	206	3,707
Spain .. ..	..	97,018	..	..	..	..
Sweden .. ..	20,950	44,907	..	..	..	..
Turkey .. ..	..	87,541	..	..	..	..
United States of America	2,808,723	..	..	281,777	1,015	..
Other Foreign Countries	1,203	34,100	8,963	100	207	2,811
Total .. ..	14,446,378	12,822,518	4,051,632	2,158,241	1,851,710	1,620,068

## SHIPPING.

Victorian shipping as dealt with in the succeeding tables 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 447) and at the port of Melbourne (page 449) coastal shipping is included.

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

## OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

	Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
<b>Vessels Entered—</b>					
Number .. ..	2,246	2,442	2,634	2,666	2,577
Tons .. ..	4,663,126	5,506,127	6,611,352	6,782,495	6,807,357
Average tonnage ..	2,076	2,255	2,510	2,544	2,642
Crews .. ..	134,671	148,879	*	*	*
<b>Vessels Cleared—</b>					
Number .. ..	2,248	2,436	2,634	2,676	2,605
Tons .. ..	4,651,818	5,518,393	6,618,968	6,749,873	6,876,355
Average tonnage ..	2,069	2,265	2,513	2,522	2,640
Crews .. ..	132,728	148,644	*	*	*

\* Not available.

The figures in the above table for the year 1925 show an increase in the tonnage of vessels as compared with each of the preceding four years. For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1925, steamers numbered 2,548 of the vessels entered, and 2,575 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 6,794,437 and 6,863,401 respectively.

The inward shipping of 1925 included 85 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 272,447, whilst the outward shipping included 323 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 582,258.

Shipping with  
principal  
countries.

The more important of the countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1924-25 are set out in the following statement :—

### SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1924-25.

Countries.	Entered.				Cleared.			
	Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.	
	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Ton-nage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Ton-nage.
Australian States .. ..	1,794	3,591,216	21	2,104	1,961	4,232,304	23	4,318
United Kingdom .. ..	195	1,299,453	1	2,164	222	1,351,809	3	5,887
New Zealand .. ..	60	102,256	3	527	57	105,510	3	585
India .. ..	27	93,987	..	..	11	39,703	..	..
Straits Settlements .. ..	22	71,596	..	..	19	63,287	..	..
Other British .. ..	84	248,443	3	6,354	62	167,460	..	..
Total British Countries	2,182	5,408,951	28	11,149	2,332	5,960,087	29	10,790
Japan .. ..	58	193,029	..	..	45	155,417	..	..
Dutch East Indies .. ..	36	113,368	..	..	45	144,882	..	..
United States .. ..	136	544,764	..	..	24	102,603	..	..
Other Foreign .. ..	138	536,325	1	1,771	129	500,412	1	2,164
Total Foreign Countries	366	1,387,486	1	1,771	243	903,314	1	2,164
Total .. ..	2,548	6,794,437	29	12,920	2,575	6,863,401	30	12,954

Nationality of  
vessels.

The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1924-25 was as shown hereunder :—

### NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1924-25.

Nationality.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
British—				
Australian .. ..	1,599	2,363,507	1,618	2,352,867
United Kingdom .. ..	601	3,211,099	611	3,286,137
Canadian .. ..	20	73,266	20	72,918
New Zealand .. ..	49	86,369	47	80,810
South African .. ..	5	12,915	5	12,915
Other British .. ..	14	27,681	14	29,237
Total British .. ..	2,288	5,774,837	2,315	5,834,884
Foreign—				
Dutch .. ..	37	141,314	41	157,400
French .. ..	12	53,167	12	53,167
German .. ..	31	99,359	30	98,107
Italian .. ..	35	138,253	34	132,825
Japanese .. ..	59	210,360	57	202,445
Norwegian .. ..	46	153,884	45	149,930
Swedish .. ..	25	73,778	29	90,135
United States .. ..	34	131,915	32	126,972
Other Foreign .. ..	10	30,490	10	30,490
Total Foreign .. ..	289	1,032,520	290	1,041,471
Total .. ..	2,577	6,807,357	2,605	6,876,355

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, 1925 :—

### VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH OF THE VICTORIAN PORTS, 1924-25.

Direction.	Melbourne.		Cunning- hame (Lakes Entrance).		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnam- bool.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Oversea—										
Steam ..	696	3,002,988	..	..	40	136,132	17	63,448	1	653
Sailing ..	8	10,816	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inter-State—										
Steam ..	1,666	3,370,322	..	..	112	206,128	..	..	16	14,766
Sailing ..	21	2,104	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oversea <i>via</i> Ports—										
Steam ..	10	37,422	..	..	23	91,341	3	12,014	..	..
Sailing ..	..	..	..	..	1	2,652	..	..	..	..
Inter-State <i>via</i> Ports—										
Steam ..	42	83,272	..	..	4	5,349	5	22,018	..	..
Local (within the State)—										
Steam ..	1,320	425,580	52	7,514	393	119,212	93	59,663	129	32,416
Sailing ..	199	7,138	..	..	1	1,565	..	..	..	..
Total—										
Steam ..	3,734	6,919,584	52	7,514	572	558,162	118	157,143	146	47,835
Sailing ..	219	20,058	..	..	2	4,217	..	..	..	..
Grand Total	3,953	6,939,642	52	7,514	574	562,379	118	157,143	146	47,835

NOTE.—“Ports” mean Victorian ports.

Vessels on  
Victorian  
register.

The number of vessels on the Victorian register on 31st December, 1924, their net tonnage, and the ports of registration are given in the statement which follows :—

### VESSELS ON THE VICTORIAN REGISTER, 1924.

Port of Registration.	Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.		Total.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
Melbourne ..	208	136,431	132	31,165	340	167,596
Geelong ..	3	432	1	16	4	448
Port Fairy ..	3	621	..	..	3	621
Total ..	214	137,484	133	31,181	347	168,665

During 1924 there were added to the register 17 steamers with net tonnage of 8,577, and one sailing vessel with a tonnage of 272; whilst 16 steamers having net tonnage of 12,636, and one sailing vessel having tonnage of 77, were taken off the register.

**Ferry Service.**

The Williamstown City Council owns one steamer, which is engaged in the transport of passengers between Port Melbourne and Williamstown. It is licensed to carry 342 passengers. During the year 1924-25 the approximate number of passengers carried was 245,000, whilst the total revenue and expenditure amounted to £7,000 and £8,323 respectively. There were 6 persons employed, and the total mileage was 21,600.

### PORT OF MELBOURNE.

**Port of Melbourne.**

The port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which has 10·4 miles of wharfs; piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, and Hobson's Bay. The area of these wharfs is 65 acres, of which 26 acres are under sheds. The constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure are shown in part "Municipal Statistics."

**Port Improvement.**

An additional railway pier at Port Melbourne (called Prince's Pier) was completed in 1915, its length being 1,902 feet, and its width 186 feet. The total cost of the pier and super-structures was £215,792. Dredging has been completed to 37 feet, to provide for four berths for vessels drawing 35 feet. Two shelter sheds are provided, which are connected with vessels by movable gangways bridging the railway lines. Passengers are thus enabled to board and disembark from vessels clear of the railway traffic.

Another modern pier is being constructed on the site of the old railway pier at Port Melbourne, to be called "Station Pier." This new structure will be similar in design to the Prince's Pier, and will have a length of 2,200 feet, and a width of 195 feet which will allow of the installation of electric travelling cranes on both sides of the pier when required. The pier will ultimately provide four berths for oversea steamers with a depth of 37 feet below low water, at an estimated cost (including dredging) of £492,880. The construction of two inner berths, as a provision for bay excursion steamers, has been completed. The expenditure on this work to 31st December, 1924, amounted to £172,879.

The channel leading to the piers at Port Melbourne and Williamstown is 600 feet wide, and dredging is in progress to provide a depth of 37 feet at low water. The first stage of providing a depth of 34 feet has been completed, and a channel with this depth is now open for the full width of 600 feet.

The construction of the new Central Pier at the Victoria Dock was completed in 1916. A bed for the centre roadway on this pier was formed by the insertion of reinforced concrete plates on which wood blocks have been laid. The expenditure on the pier to 31st December, 1924, including the erection of six cargo sheds, was £201,209.

The widening of the swinging basin on the south side of the river; and the erection of a timber wharf around the basin, have been completed. This work makes the width of the river at the basin 700 feet for a length of 1,000 feet. The river below the swinging basin as far as the Coode Canal, viz., for 4,480 feet, is being widened by 100 feet; 1,930 feet has been completed, leaving 2,550 feet still to be put in hand. The works being carried out in this connexion are:—Construction of reinforced concrete sheet piling, erection of wharf in front of sheet piling, demolition of the old wharf and sheet piling, and dredging to a depth of 27 feet. The swinging basin has been dredged to 27 feet O.L.W. The cost of these works to 31st December, 1924, was £272,713; the estimated total cost is £341,158.

**Dredging.** The material dredged and disposed of during 1924 amounted to 3,327,752 barge yards, viz., 1,180,364 barge yards from the Bay within the Harbor Trust boundary, and 2,147,388 barge yards from the River Yarra and Victoria Dock. Since the establishment of the Trust the river dredgings have amounted to 42,635,815, and the Bay dredgings to 38,487,290 barge yards, making a total of 81,123,105 barge yards. Of the dredgings 62,222,823 barge yards were deposited in deep water and 18,900,282 barge yards were landed and deposited for reclamation work. The average cost of dredging, towing, and depositing in 1924 was 12·61d. per barge yard.

**Berthing Accommodation.** There is a berthing space of 51,287 feet, the whole of which has a good depth of water—7,780 feet at Williamstown, 7,526 feet at Port Melbourne, 22,597 feet in the River Yarra, and 11,760 feet in the Victoria Dock.

**Trade of the Port.** In the year 1924 vessels to the number of 4,438, comprising 3,809 steamers, 6 ships, 8 barques, 2 barquentines, 223 ketches, 75 schooners, and 315 lighters, with registered gross tonnage aggregating 11,833,416, berthed within the port. The tonnage of imports in 1924 was 3,569,627, and that of exports, 1,467,605. These figures include New Zealand and Interstate tonnage, which amounted to 1,907,160 in the case of imports, and 707,289 in the case of exports. Coal forms a great part of the Interstate imports. Exclusive of transshipments, 1,224,542 tons of coal were imported in 1924.

## POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, AND TELEPHONES.

**Rates of postage.**

The following are the principal postal charges within the Commonwealth, as from 1st October, 1923:—

Letters	..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per ounce
Letter-cards	..	..	..	..	..	Single, 1½d. each
Post-cards	..	..	..	..	..	Single, 1d. each
Printed papers (other than newspapers)	..	..	..	..	..	1d. per 4 ounces
Books printed in Australia	..	..	..	..	..	1d. per 8 ounces
Books printed outside Australia	..	..	..	..	..	1d. per 4 ounces
Magazines printed and published in Australia	..	..	..	..	each	1d. per 8 ounces
Magazines printed and published outside Australia	..	..	..	..	each	1d. per 4 ounces
Commercial papers, patterns, samples, and merchandise as prescribed	..	..	..	..	..	1d. per 2 ounces
Newspapers printed and published in Australia	..	..	..	..	each	1d. per 10 ounces
Newspapers printed and published outside Australia	..	..	..	..	each	1d. per 4 ounces

The rate of postage on letters to all places within the British Empire is the same as applies to places within the Commonwealth, viz., 1½d. per ounce. To the United States of America and all foreign countries the rate of postage is 3d. for the first ounce and 1½d. for each additional ounce.

**Cable rates.**

The ordinary rate for cabling to the United Kingdom is 2s. 6d. per word, and the deferred rate is 1s. 3d. per word. Deferred cablegrams are transmitted only after the despatch of non-urgent private cablegrams and press cablegrams. In January, 1913, the Pacific Cable Board instituted a tariff for week-end cable letters which is available between Australia and the United Kingdom. The rate is now 7½d. per word, with a minimum charge of 12s. 6d. Week-end messages may be lodged up to midnight on Saturday, and are deliverable on Tuesday morning, or if practicable on Monday. These messages are also available to Canada at a charge of 5½d. per word, with a minimum charge of 9s. 7d. per message. A new service *viâ* either "Pacific" or "Eastern" has been instituted, and is known as "Daily Letter Telegram." The rate to the United Kingdom is 9d. per word, with a minimum charge of 15s. per message. Messages by this service are accepted any day except Sunday, and are subject to a normal delay of 48 hours.

**Postal Returns.**

The following table shows the destination of letters, newspapers, packets, and parcels posted in Victoria, whether for delivery inside the Commonwealth or to oversea countries. The recording of the numbers of letters, &c., received from other States



has been discontinued, only those received in Victoria from outside the Commonwealth being given :—

### POSTAL RETURNS : 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Service.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
LETTERS AND POSTCARDS.					
Posted for Delivery—					
Within the Commonwealth..	139,011,219	149,921,631	157,552,117	169,736,677	177,065,374
Outside the Commonwealth	5,308,217	4,743,414	5,246,566	7,253,801	8,323,470
Total .. ..	144,319,436	154,665,045	162,798,683	176,990,478	185,388,844
Received from—					
Outside the Commonwealth	14,064,345	13,946,384	14,102,942	16,263,751	18,485,872

### REGISTERED LETTERS AND ARTICLES.

Posted for Delivery—					
Within the Commonwealth..	1,527,973	1,529,748	1,566,130	1,689,094	1,706,602
Outside the Commonwealth	77,330	77,182	81,966	91,757	112,499
Total .. ..	1,605,303	1,606,930	1,648,096	1,780,851	1,819,101
Received from—					
Outside the Commonwealth	126,591	119,567	132,574	131,560	125,321

### NEWSPAPERS.

Posted for Delivery—					
Within the Commonwealth..	26,554,335	27,631,937	33,120,157	35,042,439	37,986,920
Outside the Commonwealth	1,336,918	1,264,932	1,368,343	1,413,324	2,085,108
Total .. ..	27,891,253	28,896,869	34,488,500	36,455,763	40,072,028
Received from—					
Outside the Commonwealth	1,550,950	2,396,421	2,775,606	3,785,421	4,756,226

### PACKETS.

Posted for Delivery—					
Within the Commonwealth..	8,507,077	10,386,880	11,947,310	12,831,486	15,382,190
Outside the Commonwealth	364,962	344,987	310,219	333,601	413,053
Total .. ..	8,872,039	10,731,867	12,257,529	13,165,087	15,795,243
Received from—					
Outside the Commonwealth	439,090	642,793	588,805	796,493	1,068,803

### PARCELS.

Posted for delivery—					
Within the Commonwealth..	1,454,853	1,909,355	2,072,153	2,007,259	2,324,398
Outside the Commonwealth	56,610	48,211	53,504	69,783	44,595
Total .. ..	1,511,463	1,957,566	2,125,657	2,077,042	2,368,993
Received from—					
Outside the Commonwealth	97,956	90,154	122,929	122,566	128,506

The number of letters and other postal articles dealt with by the Dead Letter Office in Victoria during each of the last two years was as follows:—

## DEAD LETTERS, ETC., 1923-24 AND 1924-25.

How dealt with.	1923-24.		1924-25.	
	Letters and Post Cards.	Packets and Newspapers.	Letters and Post Cards.	Packets and Newspapers.
<i>Inland.</i>				
Returned to writers or delivered	324,965	152,886	314,444	150,611
Destroyed in accordance with Act .. .. .	45,479	204,999	61,090	173,198
<i>Inter-State.</i>				
Originally addressed to other States—				
Returned to writers ..	32,047	48,737	53,652	37,022
Destroyed in accordance with Act .. .. .	9,268	101,988	10,818	91,598
Returned to other States as unclaimed .. .. .	39,510	16,207	40,009	41,489
<i>International.</i>				
Originally addressed to other Countries—				
Returned to writers ..	16,991	11,914	15,806	9,393
Destroyed in accordance with Act .. .. .	3,971	159,530	3,460	189,197
Returned to other Countries as unclaimed .. .. .	28,356	38,091	31,421	19,480
Total .. .. .	500,587	734,352	530,700	711,988

The above return includes for 1924-25 letters containing money to the amount of £49,711; letters containing other articles of value to the number of 593; and letters, &c., irregularly posted, 42,066. In the figures for that year are also included 15,362 registered letters, viz.:—12,968 inland, 1,314 interstate, and 1,080 international.

**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, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.**

—		1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
Number of Money Order Offices open		554	573	582	616	640
Money Orders issued—						
Inland ..	{ Number ..	350,958	389,926	422,505	426,716	441,152
	{ Amount £	2,211,109	2,103,788	2,119,437	2,238,532	2,338,892
Inter-State ..	{ Number ..	64,520	65,461	74,021	78,676	82,854
	{ Amount £	363,681	370,498	423,521	464,133	498,011
International ..	{ Number ..	57,776	59,046	65,550	73,537	73,966
	{ Amount £	258,158	210,161	222,570	260,011	250,643
Total ..	{ Number ..	473,254	514,433	562,036	578,929	597,972
	{ Amount £	2,832,948	2,684,447	2,771,531	2,962,676	3,087,546
Money Orders Paid—						
Inland ..	{ Number ..	356,891	388,795	400,109	417,165	444,721
	{ Amount £	2,212,045	2,110,891	2,118,513	2,236,254	2,346,425
Inter-State ..	{ Number ..	122,188	124,343	125,980	132,281	138,814
	{ Amount £	676,755	663,754	666,075	673,527	712,355
International ..	{ Number ..	34,567	32,465	32,322	35,660	37,160
	{ Amount £	146,004	123,089	124,938	144,850	149,429
Total ..	{ Number ..	513,646	545,603	558,421	585,106	620,335
	{ Amount £	3,034,804	2,897,734	2,909,516	3,054,631	3,208,709
Postal Notes—						
Sold ..	{ Number ..	3,275,352	3,774,184	4,013,977	4,448,002	4,346,270
	{ Amount £	1,044,786	1,180,819	1,210,935	1,388,015	1,447,297
Inland, Issued and Paid ..	{ Number ..	2,198,170	2,340,742	2,456,462	2,618,976	2,766,744
	{ Amount £	777,706	834,474	879,054	930,079	998,214
Victorian—Paid in ..	{ Number ..	1,075,914	1,433,442	1,531,548	1,804,695	1,532,740
other States ..	{ Amount £	268,329	346,345	357,147	420,519	444,328
Of other States—	{ Number ..	330,274	338,118	353,203	363,350	381,528
Paid in Victoria ..	{ Amount £	125,800	129,707	134,432	135,889	142,718

Of the orders issued in 1924-25, 6,764 for £27,257 were payable in New Zealand, and 54,315 for £159,980 were payable in the United Kingdom. The orders paid included 20,826 for £72,009 issued in New Zealand, and 11,245 for £52,990 issued in the United Kingdom.

**Telegraphs  
and  
telegrams.**

There are 2,219 telegraph offices in the State, 138 of which are attached to the railway service. The number of telegrams sent from Victorian offices, and the number

received from outside the State, in each of the last five years, were as follows :—

**TELEGRAMS DESPATCHED AND RECEIVED, 1920-21  
TO 1924-25.**

	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
Telegrams despatched—					
Inland .. ..	2,703,781	2,593,954	2,687,030	2,813,300	2,910,978
Inter-State ..	1,240,840	1,177,108	1,227,522	1,297,652	1,336,764
International ..	152,222	169,105	180,311	197,290	214,048
Total .. ..	4,096,843	3,940,167	4,094,863	4,308,242	4,461,790
Telegrams received—					
Inter-State ..	1,277,836	1,215,826	1,228,851	1,302,006	1,302,067
International ..	150,207	161,345	175,429	205,568	216,734
Total .. ..	1,428,043	1,377,171	1,404,280	1,507,574	1,518,801

**Telephones.** There were 1,216 telephone exchanges in Victoria on 30th June, 1925. Formerly, the connexion of one subscriber to a telephone office constituted an exchange, but the rule now followed is that at least two subscribers must be connected before an office becomes an exchange. The actual number of subscribers' lines on the date mentioned was 81,794, with 112,226 telephones connected which represented 6·72 to every 100 persons in the State. Telephone bureaux for the use of the public are placed in prominent positions in or near public buildings, post-offices, railway stations, &c. The number of these on 30th June, 1925, was 1,846.

**Wireless Licences issued.** Details of wireless licences issued in Victoria for the year ended 30th June, 1925, are shown hereunder. The licences issued to broadcast listeners in Victoria represented about 32 per cent. of the total for Australia.

**WIRELESS LICENCES ISSUED IN VICTORIA, 1924-25.**

Class of Licence.	Number.
Coast .. ..	1
Ship .. ..	58
Broadcasting A .. ..	2
Broadcasting B .. ..	3
Broadcast Listeners—	
Ordinary .. ..	19,243
Special .. ..	24
Temporary .. ..	93
Experimental—	
Transmitting and Receiving .. ..	94
Receiving only .. ..	229
Dealers' Listening .. ..	807
Proficiency Certificates—Watchers .. ..	7

Post Office  
revenue and  
expenditure.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Post and Telegraph Department in Victoria for the years 1919-20 to 1923-24 are contained in the following table:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POST AND TELEGRAPH  
DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1919-20 TO 1923-24.

Particulars.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.
<i>Revenue.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Postage .. .. .	826,875	1,190,299	1,362,344	1,417,267	1,256,509
Money Order Commission .. .	34,023	39,428	40,839	42,837	46,454
Poundage on Postal Notes .. .					
Private Boxes and Bags .. .	7,007	7,768	8,519	8,908	9,778
Miscellaneous .. .. .	78,710	64,485	84,722	78,637	118,269
Total Postal .. .. .	946,615	1,301,980	1,496,424	1,547,649	1,431,010
Telegraph .. .. .	260,930	283,420	293,683	303,992	311,621
Telephones .. .. .	596,290	687,319	768,860	846,610	943,595
Grand Total* .. .. .	1,803,835	2,272,719	2,558,972	2,698,251	2,686,226
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries .. .. .	849,155	1,033,176	1,086,733	1,198,594	1,270,996
Conveyance of Mails .. .. .	144,418	166,259	239,094	205,687	220,780
Contingencies .. .. .	341,152	412,034	459,275	369,157	427,111
Miscellaneous .. .. .	9,124	13,392	23,568	21,697	17,607
Pensions and Retiring Allowances	35,403	38,320	42,398	45,309	46,840
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c. .. .. .	14,198	18,794	23,318	25,279	32,928
Supervision of Public Works .. .	577	188	292	344	403
Proportion of Audit Expenses .. .	1,775	2,326	2,513	2,905	3,014
Unforeseen Expenditure .. .. .	39	9	20	26	15
New Works—					
Telegraph and Telephone .. .. .	95,709	212,599	530,903	559,128	918,824
New Buildings, &c. .. .. .	2,350	7,973	19,329	26,219	98,197
Interest on Transferred Properties ..	45,765	45,964	46,490	42,493	43,194
Total Expenditure† .. .. .	1,539,665	1,950,984	2,473,933	2,496,838	3,079,909

\* Actual collections.

† Actual payments, including loan expenditure, as follows:—£56,906 in 1919-20, £436 in 1920-21, £260,807 in 1921-22, £416,901 in 1922-23, and £787,323 in 1923-24.

RAILWAYS.

Victorian  
Railways,  
length and  
cost.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic are with the two exceptions referred to on page 465, the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

The succeeding tables relate to the State railways, and the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black Rock Electric Tramways—all of which are under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of the tramways mentioned are also shown separately on page 463. The usual motive power is steam, but electric traction is used on the suburban lines (with the exception of a portion of the Outer Circle line), and on the  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles of tramways referred to above.

The gauge of the lines is 5 ft. 3 in., with the exception of 121·9 miles of single lines, of which the gauge is 2 ft. 6 in., and 2·41 miles (2·21 miles double and ·20 mile single) of electric street tramway, of which the gauge is 4 ft. 8½ in. The following table shows the length of double and single lines, the cost of construction, and the average cost per mile at the close of each of the last five years :—

**RAILWAYS, LENGTH AND COST OF CONSTRUCTION,  
1920-21 TO 1924-25.**

	Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Length of Lines opened to 30th June—					
Double Lines (miles) .. ..	330·41	332·04	336·25	338·35	338·38
Single Lines (miles) .. ..	3,991·70	4,040·35	4,052·46	4,151·69	4,200·60
Total .. ..	4,322·11	4,372·39	4,388·71	4,490·04	4,538·98
Cost of Construction .. ..	£ 39,681,760	£ 40,408,014	£ 40,743,821	£ 41,409,905	£ 41,967,054
Average Cost per mile .. ..	9,181	9,242	9,284	9,223	9,259

In addition to the lines embraced in this table the following were in course of construction on 30th June, 1925 :—

5 ft. 3 in. Gauge.	Miles.
*Moama to Balranald .. ..	120
*Gonn Crossing to Stony Crossing ... ..	38
Werrimul to the Hut .. ..	15½
Kooloonong to West Narrung .. ..	7
Total .. ..	180½

and the following lines had been authorized, but their construction had not been commenced :—

4 ft. 8½ in. Gauge.	Miles.
Black Rock to Beaumaris (electric street tramway) ..	2½
5 ft. 3 in. Gauge.	
*Euston to Benanee and beyond .. ..	30
*Mildura to Gol Gol .. ..	24
*Yarrawonga to Oaklands .. ..	37
Goroke to Morea .. ..	9
Kanagulk to Edenhope .. ..	37¾
Bowser to Peechelba .. ..	11
Marnoo to Wallaloo .. ..	6½
Total .. ..	157½

**Electrification  
of suburban  
lines.**

Parliament sanctioned the electrification of the Melbourne Suburban Railways in the year 1912, and the whole suburban system is now conducted under electric traction, with the exception of a small section of the Outer Circle line (between East Camberwell and Deepdene). Since electric traction was commenced in May, 1919, there has been a large development in the suburban passenger traffic—the number of passenger journeys having increased from 97,000,000 in 1917-18 to 158,000,000 in 1923-24, an increase of 63 per cent. There has been a check in the development of the suburban passenger traffic, due to increased tramway competition, and the operation of privately-owned motor omnibuses which for a time had unrestricted use of the public highways. The operations for 1924-25 disclose a falling off in traffic to the extent of 1,291,148 suburban passenger journeys—a reduction equivalent to '8 per cent. compared with 1923-24.

The high speed of the electric trains, together with the greater frequency of the service as compared with steam traction, has, in effect, brought the outlying districts closer to the city. It has thus given a considerable impetus to their development, while also benefiting the inner suburbs.

The original project of establishing an electrification scheme has developed in another highly important direction, viz., the supply of power for industrial purposes. The revenue from this source in 1924-25 was £218,797.

The total expenditure debited to the Electrification Capital Account to 30th June, 1925, was £6,595,720.

**Cost of  
railways and  
equipment.**

The capital cost of lines opened, works, rolling-stock and equipment at 30th June in each of the last five years was as follows :—

**CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS AND EQUIPMENT,  
1921 TO 1925.**

30th June—				£
1921	..	..	..	60,012,250
1922	..	..	..	63,186,759
1923	..	..	..	64,938,085
1924	..	..	..	66,212,984
1925	..	..	..	67,470,720

The cost given is the actual cost of construction, exclusive of expenses of floating loans, &c. Of the capital expended to 30th June, 1925, £4,028,663 was derived from the general revenue, and the balance (£63,442,057) from loans. The latter liability is represented by debentures and stock outstanding to the nominal amount of £65,640,000, on which the annual interest payable is £3,000,900, or at the average rate of 4·572 per cent. The nominal amount of loans, however, was reduced by £2,193,463—the cost of flotation, together with the discount at time of flotation. It has been computed that, whilst the nominal rate of interest on loans outstanding on 30th June, 1925, was 4·572 per cent., the real interest on the net proceeds available for railway construction was 4·730 per cent.

The capital expenditure incurred to 30th June, 1925, in respect of lines now closed for traffic was approximately £359,407, and, for surveys of lines not constructed, £415,443. Both of these items are included in the totals shown above. The cost of lines in course of construction (£563,104) is, however, excluded.

**Railway  
traffic.**

The mileage and the traffic of the railways since 30th June, 1920, are given in the following table :—

**RAILWAYS—MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.**

	Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Miles Constructed ..	4,322·11	4,372·39	4,388·71	4,490·04	4,538·98
„ Dismantled ..	36·13	36·13	36·14	36·14	36·14
„ Closed to Traffic	11·83	11·83	11·62	11·62	11·62
„ Open for Traffic	4,274·15	4,324·43	4,340·95	4,442·28	4,491·22
Train Mileage* ..	16,583,638	15,830,605	16,323,481	17,245,219	18,172,188
Passenger Journeys..	140,850,933	149,223,529	163,120,037	175,030,787	173,653,504
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	7,572,993	7,491,031	7,517,216	8,309,543	8,959,556

\* Excluding Departmental, Assistant, and Light Mileage for the last four years.

The mileage given in preceding tables relates to lines of railway, irrespective of the number of tracks, the actual length of which open for traffic on 30th June, 1925, was 4,858·24 miles of main tracks, and 983·61 miles of sidings.



The number of passengers carried in 1924-25 was the second highest on record and was only exceeded by 1,377,283 in 1923-24. Of the passenger journeys in 1924-25, 163,890,881 were made by metropolitan-suburban, and 9,765,623 by country passengers, there having been a decrease in the former of 1,247,709, and in the latter of 126,594, as compared with the corresponding journeys for the previous year. The tonnage of goods and live stock carried was 650,013 more than in 1923-24. The items of goods carried in 1924-25 showing greatest tonnage were stone, gravel, and sand, 1,632,236 tons; wheat, 1,520,584 tons; and firewood, 713,597 tons. Live stock carried in the same year had an aggregate weight of 512,627 tons, and comprised 34,538 horses, 514,360 cattle, 6,408,994 sheep, and 383,292 pigs.

**Flinders-street  
Station  
Traffic.**

A barrier tally of passengers leaving and entering the three metropolitan stations was taken under normal conditions early in December, 1924. The average daily number of passengers who travelled to and from Flinders-street and Prince's-bridge—which are connected and may be considered as one station—was 282,851, while the highest daily figure recorded for both stations combined was 299,019. In the following table is given an approximation to the average number of passengers who travelled daily to and from the three metropolitan stations in certain specified years from 1909 to 1924:—

Year.	Average Number of Passengers per Week-day at Stations—				
	Flinders-street.	Prince's-bridge.	Total for Flinders-street and Prince's-bridge.	Spencer-street (Suburban only).	Total for Three Stations.
1909 ..	129,449	20,099	149,548	14,546	164,094
1911 ..	145,257	20,740	165,997	20,670	186,667
1914 ..	182,870	27,403	210,273	21,636	231,909
1918 ..	161,363	26,033	187,396	21,836	209,232
1922 ..	209,181	31,958	241,139	44,469	285,608
1924 ..	238,303	44,548	282,851	42,564	325,415

The figures for Flinders-street and Prince's-bridge include both suburban and country travellers, but only suburban passengers are included in the numbers for Spencer-street.

The number of trains handled on an ordinary week-day at Flinders-street is approximately 2,800, and at Prince's-bridge 400.

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

**RAILWAY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE,  
1920-21 TO 1924-25.**

	Year ended 30th June—				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts—</b>					
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares	4,453,408	4,880,595	5,160,256	5,396,088	5,450,444
Parcels, &c. ..	415,675	458,914	473,007	486,397	501,109
Other ..	83,459	102,886	97,136	97,548	99,448
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods ..	3,789,080	4,164,645	4,178,192	4,534,931	5,070,969
Live Stock ..	492,096	528,836	653,229	523,406	550,060
Minerals ..	130,100	121,575	121,771	146,189	154,493
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services ..	284,124	294,046	308,116	345,161	407,848
Sale of Electrical Power ..	..	92,540	179,033	225,452	218,797
Rentals ..	85,736	103,744	117,673	119,300	124,883
Other ..	118,230	110,072	125,369	151,515	252,232
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>9,851,908</b>	<b>10,857,853</b>	<b>11,413,782</b>	<b>12,025,987</b>	<b>12,830,283</b>
<b>Working Expenses—</b>					
Way and Works ..	1,599,761	1,718,955	1,770,997	1,873,563	1,976,968
Rolling-stock ..	3,418,674	3,183,084	3,093,780	3,231,168	3,512,573
Transportation ..	2,508,790	2,664,486	2,685,068	2,880,700	3,121,115
Electrical Engineering Branch ..	146,698	264,825	406,870	538,547	564,264
Pensions and Gratuities ..	182,036	194,581	203,470	206,366	215,087
Other ..	237,910	261,215	282,029	252,536	314,448
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>8,093,869</b>	<b>8,287,146</b>	<b>8,442,214</b>	<b>8,982,880</b>	<b>9,704,455</b>
<b>Net Receipts ..</b>	<b>1,758,039</b>	<b>2,570,707</b>	<b>2,971,568</b>	<b>3,043,107</b>	<b>3,125,828</b>
<b>Percentage of Expenses to Receipts</b>	<b>82·16</b>	<b>76·32</b>	<b>73·97</b>	<b>74·70</b>	<b>75·64</b>

The railway receipts of 1924-25 were the highest recorded for any year, and exceeded those of 1923-24, which were the best previously recorded, by 6·7 per cent. Of the total increase as compared with 1923-24, viz:—£804,296, goods receipts accounted for £536,038, or 67 per cent thereof.

Railway  
interest  
charges  
compared with  
net revenue.

The amount of interest on current loans allocated to railways, together with the expenditure incurred by the Treasury in connexion with the payment of such interest, is compared with the net revenue of the Department for the last five years in the following statement :—

### RAILWAY INTEREST CHARGES AND EXPENSES AND NET REVENUE, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Year.	Interest, &c.	Net Revenue.	Surplus (+) or Deficit(-)
	£	£	£
1920-21 .. ..	2,409,674	1,758,039	— 651,635
1921-22 .. ..	2,589,816	2,570,707	— 19,109
1922-23 .. ..	2,951,385	2,971,568	+ 20,183
1923-24 .. ..	3,015,455	3,043,107	+ 27,652*
1924-25 .. ..	3,099,885	3,125,828	+ 25,943

\* This is subject to a deduction of £136,417, which has been written off. After making this deduction there is a deficit of £108,765. The former amount (£136,417) represents the losses on non-paying lines for which credit was taken in revenue accounts of previous years, but which was not paid by the Government to the Railways Commissioners.

Railway  
earnings and  
expenses per  
mile.

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

### RAILWAY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE WORKED, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

—	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.
Average Number of Miles Open for Traffic .. ..	4,244	4,287	4,304	4,377	4,455
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile .. ..	2,321	2,533	2,652	2,747	2,880
Expenses per Mile .. ..	1,907	1,933	1,961	2,052	2,178
Net Profits per Mile .. ..	414	600	691	695	702

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

**Railway Rolling-stock.**

Particulars of the rolling-stock at 30th June, 1925, are shown in the next statement :—

**RAILWAY ROLLING-STOCK AT 30TH JUNE, 1925.**

Vehicles.	Broad-Gauge.	Narrow-Gauge.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.
<b>Locomotives—</b>			
Steam .. ..	694	17	711
Electric .. ..	2	..	2
Steam Cranes .. ..	15	..	15
Rail Motors .. ..	35	..	35
Steam Coaching Stock .. ..	1,836	55	1,891
Electric Coaching Stock .. ..	801	..	801
Electric Tramway Stock .. ..	36	..	36
Goods Waggons .. ..	19,008	242	19,250
Service Stock .. ..	751	1	752

The capital cost of the broad-gauge stock was £12,354,805, of the narrow-gauge stock £109,539, and of the electric street tramway stock £101,204.

**Railway 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 :—

**RAILWAY STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC.**

Year.	Number of Employees at end of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
1920-21 ..	12,094	15,139	27,233	£ 5,895,347
1921-22 ..	19,273	7,688	26,961	6,388,508
1922-23 ..	19,450	7,295	26,745	6,293,720
1923-24 ..	19,057	8,562	27,619	6,651,251
1924-25 ..	18,798	10,354	29,152	6,969,519

**St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black Rock Electric Tramways.** The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black Rock Electric Tramways for 1924-25 are detailed in the following statement. As these tramways are controlled by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in all the preceding railway tables.

## ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1924-25.

	St. Kilda-Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham- Black Rock Electric Tramway.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked ..	5.18	2.41
Car Mileage .. .. .	562,220	127,962
Number of Passengers Carried .. ..	5,737,101	1,475,261
	£	£
Gross Revenue .. .. .	58,038	13,048
Working Expenses .. .. .	48,942	10,699
Interest Charges .. .. .	8,911	5,326
Net Result .. .. .	Profit 185	Loss 2,977
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1925—		
Construction of Line .. .. .	120,766	72,763
Rolling-stock .. .. .	72,550	28,654

**Railway  
accidents.**

The following table shows the number of persons killed or injured in railway accidents and the amount paid in compensation, damages, &c., for the year 1924-25 :—

## RAILWAY ACCIDENTS, 1924-25.

Nature of Accident.	Killed.	Injured.
Train Accidents—		
Passengers .. .. .	..	..
Employees .. .. .	..	1
Accidents on Line (other than Train Accidents)—		
Passengers .. .. .	7	133
Employees .. .. .	5	103
Other Persons .. .. .	..	..
Shunting Accidents—		
Passengers .. .. .	..	..
Employees .. .. .	5	44
Other Persons .. .. .	..	5
Employees proceeding to and from Duty ..	3	2
Accidents to Persons at Crossings .. ..	12	3
Trespassers .. .. .	15	3
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	4
Total .. .. .	47	298
Compensation, Damages, etc., Paid ..	£27,100	

The form of the above return is in accordance with a decision of the Interstate Conference of Railway Commissioners. For particulars relating to previous years, see *Victorian Year-Book*, 1923-24, page 435.

**Freights on  
Victorian  
railways.**

A statement of freights, operative on 1st October, 1925, in respect of commodities affecting rural producers, has been supplied by the General Passenger and Freight Agent of the Victorian Railways, and is appended hereto.

**VICTORIAN RAILWAY GOODS RATES.**

Commodities.	50	100	150	200	250	300	350
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Rate per Ton.							
Agricultural Produce, in trucks loaded to full carrying capacity, less 5 per cent.*	6 4	9 9	11 7	12 11	13 11	14 10	15 11
Dairy Produce, consisting of Butter, Milk, Cream, Cheese (boxed, minimum, 1 ton), and Eggs ..	12 2	22 8	30 4	38 1	43 6	48 9	54 2
Hams and Bacon (minimum, 1 ton) ..	13 6	25 1	33 7	42 4	48 4	54 2	60 2
Milk, in 4-ton lots ..	10 8	19 2	25 2	31 1	35 5	39 11	44 3
Fresh Fruit ..	8 1	14 5	18 11	23 5	26 7	30 0	33 4
Fresh Meat, in 5-ton lots; Fencing Wire, in trucks loaded to full carrying capacity, less 5 per cent.; Woolpacks and Cornsacks, in truck loads of 8 or 12 tons ..	11 10	21 4	28 0	34 6	39 4	44 4	49 2
Poultry (living) ..	16 11	31 4	42 0	52 11	60 5	67 9	75 3
Wool (greasy) ..	24 6	47 9	61 6	70 3	79 6	88 3	97 3
Agricultural Machinery and Implements, Binder Twine ..	26 3	51 0	76 3	94 9	113 6	126 0	138 9
Fencing Wire, in truck loads of 6 and 8 tons	16 7	32 0	46 7	57 7	68 10	74 2	79 7
Wire Netting, in trucks loaded to full carrying capacity, less 5 per cent. ..	6 2	10 10	15 0	17 6	20 6	22 8	24 10
Manures, in trucks loaded to full carrying capacity, less 5 per cent. ..	3 6	5 4	6 8	7 10	9 2	10 6	11 0
Rate per Truck.							
Live Stock (other than pigs) ..	57 6	111 0	130 0	171 0	213 0	254 0	296 0
Pigs ..	51 11	100 1	117 2	154 1	191 11	228 10	266 7

\* Agricultural Produce includes Wheat, Oats, Barley, Maize, Beet, Onions, Hay, Straw, Chaff, Compressed Fodder, Flour, Bran, Pollard, Peas, Potatoes, Sharps, Pig Feed, and Malt; also Wine and Fruit, if produced in the Commonwealth and consigned direct for export. The minimum loadings for Chaff, Hay and Straw, and Pig Feed are as follows:—

	Per 10, 11, or 12-ton Truck.	Per 16-ton Truck.
Hay and Straw .. ..	Tons. 6	Tons. 8
Chaff .. ..	7	10
Pig Feed .. ..	8	12

Fares on  
Victorian  
railways.

A summary of passenger fares, operative on 1st October, 1925, has been obtained from the Railway Department, and is given below.

### VICTORIAN RAILWAY PASSENGER FARES.

Distance.	Single.		Return.*	
	1st Class.	2nd Class.	1st Class Holiday Excursion.	2nd Class Holiday Excursion.
Miles.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
50 .. ..	9 9	6 6	16 3	10 10
100 .. ..	18 11	12 7	31 7	21 1
150 .. ..	28 0	18 8	46 11	31 3
200 .. ..	37 9	25 2	63 2	42 1
250 .. ..	47 2	31 6	78 9	52 6
300 .. ..	52 9	35 2	88 3	58 9
350 .. ..	58 5	38 11	97 4	64 11

\* Tickets issued only at week-ends and on dates specially advertised.

Cheap excursion tickets, at the rate of 2½d. per mile for first class return and 1½d. per mile for second class return, are issued to and from Melbourne and the various country stations as may be advertised from time to time.

From the 15th October to the 30th April each year return tourist tickets are issued to various holiday resorts from all stations throughout Victoria at holiday excursion fares, and are available for two months from date of issue.

**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 the end of 1924, cost £37,407 for construction and equipment. For the year 1924 the gross receipts were £10,172 and the working expenses, £8,097. The train mileage for the same year was 9,982, the number of passenger-journeys was 16,530, and the tonnage of goods and live stock carried was 32,343.

**Private railway.** Another railway in Victoria, not belonging to the State system, is one of 3-ft. gauge and 12 miles in length between Yarra Junction and Powelltown. It was constructed principally for private use, but, in addition to serving its immediate purpose, it is engaged in the general business of transportation of passengers and goods. Up to 30th June, 1925, the cost of construction was £76,368, and for the year ended on the same date the receipts and working expenses (exclusive of depreciation and interest on capital) were £10,929 and £9,000 respectively. The above construction cost includes the cost of about 8 miles of steel tramway

continuation beyond Powelltown. This tramway is used for haulage of the logs of the company to which the line belongs and of sawn timber of other sawmillers, but not for passenger traffic. The freights on the extension line are included in the above receipts. The train mileage for the year between Powelltown and Yarra Junction was 17,160, and the passenger-journeys numbered 30,000.

### TRAMWAYS.

The various tramway systems in the State comprise **Victorian tramways.** 45·576 miles of cable lines, double track, and 106·672 miles of electric lines, of which 66·110 miles are double, and 40·562 miles single track.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Black Rock, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, being included under the heading "Railways," page 463.

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

#### VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

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

Financial Year.	Miles of Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Number of Passengers carried.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Number of Rolling-stock.	Number of Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
1920-21	99·46	40·188	21,494,747	221,908,333	£ 1,730,521	£ 1,305,727	1,426	4,417
1921-22	100·016	44·148	22,369,483	226,738,318	1,943,805	1,472,296	1,470	4,586
1922-23	105·791	41·340	22,775,563	234,588,623	1,999,633	1,492,031	1,465	5,070
1923-24	105·360	41·499	23,242,072	229,771,075	1,956,904	1,641,339	1,502	5,887
1924-25	111·686	40·562	25,052,876	236,899,796	2,019,391	1,737,317	1,571	5,936

On 7th January, 1919, the Royal Assent was given to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act, which is administered by a Board consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor in Council. The Board assumed control of the Melbourne Cable Tramways on 1st November, 1919.

On 2nd February, 1920, the Electric Tramway systems of the following Trusts were vested in the Board:—Prahara and Malvern Tramways; Hawthorn Tramways; Melbourne, Brunswick and Coburg Tramways; Fitzroy, Northcote and Preston Tramways; and Footscray Tramways; also the Cable Tramway of the Northcote



Council. The Essendon Electric Tramways were taken over on 1st August, 1922.

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £3,000,000 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 £200,000. The Board has exercised its power to borrow to the extent of £2,150,000.

The Board has prepared a general scheme for the future development of tramways in the metropolis, which has been approved by the Railways Standing Committee. The scheme includes provision for the construction of about 100 single track miles of electric tramway, but, before the Board can actually construct any of such tramways, a "Special construction scheme" dealing with the proposed route must be approved by the Railways Standing Committee and authorized by Parliament. Authority has, however, been given to the Board to construct certain tramways already approved by the Governor in Council or Parliament, without further formality.

The Act provides that the Board shall pay to the Consolidated Revenue each year a sum equivalent to the Government's contributions to the Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital, the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, and certain specified municipalities pursuant to the *Licensing Act* 1916. (The payments under this obligation for the year ended 30th June, 1925, amounted to £106,211). The surplus on the operations of any year, after transferring not less than 4 per cent. nor more than 6 per cent. of the capital cost of the undertaking to Reserve Funds and carrying to the credit of the succeeding year such sum, not exceeding £10,000, as the Board thinks fit, is to be distributed amongst 28 constituent Metropolitan Councils in accordance with a scheme of distribution to be adopted by the Board. Any sum received by a municipality in pursuance of this arrangement is to be applied only to such purposes as the Governor in Council shall approve. No distribution to the Municipalities has been made since 30th June, 1920.

Pursuant to the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act* 1923, municipal councils may require the Board to submit a special construction scheme to the Railways Standing Committee dealing with any route included in the general scheme. In the event of such route being approved by the Committee, and its construction being authorized by Parliament, the Board shall construct the line under a guarantee against loss on operation from the council or councils concerned for a period of five years. The council or councils shall pay each year from the Municipal fund any losses in respect of which a guarantee has been given, and a council may, if not forbidden by the ratepayers, recoup itself by the levy of a "tramway betterment rate" over the whole or a portion of the district served.

The following table contains detailed particulars of the operations of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for the year 1924-25:—

Tramway.	Miles of Track Open—		Tram Mileage.	Number of Passengers Carried.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Number of Rolling Stock.	Number of Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
Cable—					£	£		
Melbourne .. ..	41·076	..	14,826,898	143,354,419	1,149,717	976,168	1,157	3,046
Northcote .. ..	4·500	..	459,015	4,961,979	35,334	35,462	30	90
Total Cable .. ..	45·576	..	15,285,913	148,316,398	1,185,051	1,011,630	1,187	3,136
Electric—								
Prahran and Malvern ..	35·311	2·204	4,374,247	45,286,503	411,193	337,233	141	1,121
Hawthorn .. ..	9·604	3·575	1,430,398	12,835,841	133,755	110,277	52	299
Coburg .. ..	5·744	1·770	1,134,870	9,517,388	90,000	87,493	33	296
Preston .. ..	2·779	4·046	558,747	3,669,980	36,426	43,077	27	138
Footscray .. ..	2·547	1·920	311,369	3,497,270	28,906	24,005	12	66
Essendon .. ..	4·745	2·657	616,888	5,628,698	49,767	47,559	41	288
Total Electric .. ..	60·730	16·172	8,426,519	80,435,680	750,047	649,644	306	2,208
Grand Total (Tramways)	106·306	16·172	23,712,432	228,752,078	1,935,098*	1,661,274	1,493	5,764†
Motor Omnibuses (from 3/1/25 to 30/6/25)	Route Mileage 7.326		287,683	1,418,456	20,342	17,294	44	81

\* Gross revenue amounted to £1,948,266.

† Including 420 persons employed at Head Office, Holden-street, &c.

In addition to traffic receipts (£1,935,098), there was revenue from advertising, rents, &c., of £7,052 from cable tramways and £6,116 from electric tramways, making a gross revenue for the year of £1,948,266.

The gross surplus on the year's operations, including motor omnibuses, was £290,216. Out of this had to be paid interest on loans, rates, &c., leaving available for appropriation an amount of £117,512. As this sum was insufficient to meet the statutory payments to Consolidated Revenue and Tramway Reserves required by Acts of Parliament, the sum of £232,245 had to be transferred from the General Reserve Account to meet the deficit. After this had been done the following appropriations were made:—Consolidated Revenue, £106,211; General Reserve Account, £80,731; Fire Insurance Reserve Account, £4,000; Renewals Reserve Account, £117,269; and Loans Redemption and Sinking Fund Accounts, £41,546.

Up to 30th June, 1925, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, including stores on hand, amounted to £6,011,898, of which £2,417,868 was expended on cable, £3,518,417 on electric tramways, and £75,613 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 1924-25:—

System.	Average Traffic Receipts.			Percentage of Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Working Expenses per Tram Mile including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Tram Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track.	Per Passenger.			
	d.	£	d.		d.	Miles.
Cable ..	18·606	13,000	1·918	84·86	15·883	1·44
Electric ..	21·363	5,461	2·238	85·91	18·503	1·136
Bus* ..	16·970	1,389	3·442	84·28	14·423	·877

\* Based on 6 months' operations only.

**Metropolitan  
Tramways  
Traffic, last  
five years.**

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

### MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Financial Year.	Miles of Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Number of Passengers carried.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Number of Rolling- stock.	Number of Persons employed. *
	Double.	Single.						
					£	£		
1920-21	95·475	17·31	20,333,033	213,872,064	1,648,058	1,246,973	1,358	4,228
1921-22	96·021	21·26	21,208,879	218,450,712	1,857,469	1,406,127	1,402	4,399
1922-23	100·396	17·642	21,584,652	226,631,546	1,911,278	1,427,955	1,397	4,875
1923-24	99·965	17·801	21,984,885	221,892,070	1,870,288	1,566,996	1,433	5,673
1924-25	106·306	16·172	23,712,432	228,752,078	1,935,098	1,661,274	1,493	5,764

\* Including employees at Head Office, Holden-street, &c.

**Country  
Tramways.**

The towns, other than the metropolis, having tramway systems are :—Ballarat, with 13·85 miles of electric lines (1·42 double and 12·43 single track); Bendigo, with 8·79 miles of electric lines (1·79 double and 7·00 single track); and Geelong, with 7·13 miles of electric lines (2·17 double and 4·96 single track).

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

### COUNTRY TRAMWAYS, 1920-21 TO 1924-25.

Financial Year.	Miles of Track.		Tram Mileage.	Number of Passengers carried.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Number of Rolling- stock.	Number of Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
					£	£		
1920-21	3·985	22·878	1,161,714	8,036,269	82,463	58,754	68	189
1921-22	3·995	22·888	1,160,604	8,287,606	86,336	66,169	68	187
1922-23	5·395	23·698	1,190,911	7,957,082	88,355	64,076	68	195
1923-24	5·395	23·698	1,257,187	7,879,005	86,616	74,343	69	214
1924-25	5·380	24·390	1,340,444	8,147,718	84,293	76,043	78	222

## LICENSED VEHICLES.

**Licensed  
vehicles in  
Melbourne.**

The licensing of vehicles plying, kept, or let out for hire within the city of Melbourne or for a distance of 8 miles beyond the city boundaries is controlled by the Melbourne City Council. The appended statement contains details of vehicles and drivers licensed annually during the last five years :—

## LICENSED VEHICLES IN MELBOURNE, 1920 TO 1924.

	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
<i>For Passenger Traffic.</i>					
Cabs, Drags (4 wheel) .. ..	472	470	423	391	410
„ (Hansoms) .. ..	165	157	135	114	95
Motor Cars .. ..	401	480	483	644	882
„ Omnibuses .. ..	..	..	3	19	72
„ Chars-a-bancs .. ..	23	37	60	109	331
Total .. ..	1,061	1,144	1,104	1,277	1,790
<i>For Conveyance of Goods.</i>					
Drivers licensed .. ..	3,151	3,253	3,322	3,257	3,182

**Motor vehicles  
licensed.**

The Melbourne City Council issues only one kind of licence for all motor vehicles plying for hire. In the above table motor cars embrace all motor vehicles registered with a seating capacity of under 10 seats. The particulars of all motor vehicles licensed for hire for the period 1st January to 20th November 1925, are as follows :—912 motor vehicles, of which 84 vehicles had a seating capacity of 10 seats and over, and 828 of under 10 seats. Information regarding passenger traffic of motor vehicles is not yet available. It is expected that all the particulars relating to motor omnibuses licensed under Act No. 3378 will be tabulated early in 1925. Under the prescribed regulations owners are required to furnish the statistics at the close of the calendar year.

**Motor vehicle  
Registrations.**

The use of motor cars and motor vehicles in Victoria is regulated by the Motor Car Act No. 2702, the Highways and Vehicles Act No. 3379, and the Motor Omnibus Act No. 3378.

Under the provisions of these Acts, every motor car, motor omnibus, and motor cycle must be registered with the Chief Commissioner of Police, and the registration renewed annually. The annual registration fee is calculated on the power-weight unit—the charge ranging

from 3s. per power-weight unit for ordinary motor cars to 3s. 9d. per power-weight unit for motor vehicles used for hire or for carrying goods in the course of trade if fitted with pneumatic tires, or to 5s. per unit if fitted with non-pneumatic tires. The minimum fee for any motor car other than a motor cycle is £3. Motor omnibuses are charged a flat rate of £5, plus additional fees ranging from £1 10s. to £4 10s. per passenger seat, if running on certain defined routes in the Melbourne district.

During the year 1924-25 there were registered 70,041 motor cars, 50 trailers, 205 traction engines, 19,212 motor cycles, 3,108 sidecars, and 150 omnibuses.

No person may drive a motor car or motor cycle upon any public highway without having been licensed. On 30th June, 1925, the number of drivers of motor cars and motor cycles licensed by the Chief Commissioner of Police was 100,021. There were also 169 dealers registered.

The total revenue received by the Police Department during 1924-25 from motor-vehicle registrations, &c., amounted to £414,053, as follows:—Cars, trailers, and traction engines, £371,947; omnibuses, £4,698; motor cycles and sidecars, £12,960; dealers, £845; drivers' and riders' licences, £18,067; and transfers, duplicates, &c., £5,536.

#### Traffic Accidents.

The Police Department tabulates a return of the accidents known to the police which occurred in the public streets of Victoria for the calendar year 1924. Details are as follows:—

#### TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN VICTORIA, 1924.

Cause of Accident.					Killed.	Injured.
					No.	No.
Vehicles—						
Tram	..	..	..	..	16	307
Train	..	..	..	..	22	19
Motor	..	..	..	..	141	2,802
Bicycle	..	..	..	..	4	92
Other Vehicles (including improper riding, &c.)	..	..	..	..	29	240
Horses	..	..	..	..	12	74
Totals	..	..	..	..	224	3,534
Ages of persons killed or injured—						
Under 10 years	..	..	..	..	19	146
10 to 14 years	..	..	..	..	3	89
Over 14 years	..	..	..	..	202	3,299