

outlet. Lake Colac, only a few miles distant from Lake Corangamite, is a beautiful sheet of water, 10½ square miles in extent, and quite fresh. The Gippsland lakes—Victoria, King, and Reeve—are situated close to the coast, and are separated from the sea by only a narrow belt of sand. Lake Wellington, the largest of the Gippsland lakes, lies to the westward of Lakes Victoria and King, and is united to the first-named by a narrow channel. South-east of Geelong is Lake Connewarre, which is connected with the sea at Point Flinders.

A list of mountains and hills, rivers and lakes in Victoria appears in the *Victorian Year-Book* for 1915-16. This list contains information in regard to heights, lengths, and areas respectively.

CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT.

The Present Constitution. An article containing full information regarding the Present Constitution of Victoria appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 9 to 16.

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA.

The following statement shows the names and periods of office of Governors and Acting Governors of Victoria since the first appointment of Mr. Charles Joseph La Trobe as Superintendent, in 1839 :—

Name.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
Charles Joseph La Trobe ..	30th September, 1839	5th May, 1854
John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster (acting)	8th May, 1854 ..	22nd June, 1854
Captain Sir Charles Hotham, R.N., K.C.B.	22nd June, 1854 ..	31st December, 1855*
Major-General Edward Macarthur (acting)	1st January, 1856 ..	26th December, 1856
Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B. ..	26th December, 1856	10th September, 1863
Sir Charles Henry Darling, K.C.E.	11th September, 1863	7th May, 1866
Brigadier-General George Jackson Carey, C.B. (acting)	7th May, 1866 ..	15th August, 1866
The Honorable Sir John Henry Thomas Manners-Sutton, K.C.B.	15th August, 1866 ..	2nd March, 1873
Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (acting)	3rd March, 1873 ..	19th March, 1873

* Died on this date.

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—*continued.*

Name.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G.	31st March, 1873 ..	22nd February, 1879
Sir Redmond Barry, Kt. (acting)	3rd January, 1875 ..	10th January, 1875
Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (acting)	11th January, 1875..	14th January, 1876
The Most Honorable George Augustus Constantine Phipps, Marquis of Normanby, G.C.M.G., P.C.	27th February, 1879	18th April, 1884
Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (acting)	18th April, 1884 ..	15th July, 1884
Sir Henry Brougham Loch, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. {	15th July, 1884 .. 18th October, 1889	8th March, 1889 15th November, 1889
Sir William Cleaver Francis Robinson, G.C.M.G. (acting) {	9th March, 1889 .. 16th November, 1889	17th October, 1889 27th November, 1889
The Right Honorable John Adrian Louis Hope, Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G.	28th November, 1889	12th July, 1895
The Honorable John Madden, LL.D. (acting) {	26th January, 1893.. 27th March, 1895 ..	11th May, 1893 24th October, 1895
The Right Honorable Baron Brassey, K.C.B.	25th October, 1895	31st March, 1900
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D. (acting) {	29th December, 1896 27th September, 1897 23rd March, 1898 ..	16th February, 1897 10th October, 1897 21st October, 1898
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (acting)	15th January, 1900..	10th December, 1901
Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S.	10th December, 1901	24th November, 1903
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (acting)	24th November, 1903	25th April, 1904
Major-General Hon. Sir Reginald Arthur James Talbot, K.C.B.	25th April, 1904 ..	6th July, 1908
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (acting) {	20th March, 1907 .. 6th July, 1908 ..	18th November, 1907 27th July, 1908
Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, K.C.M.G.	27th July, 1908 ..	19th May, 1911
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)	19th May, 1911 ..	24th May, 1911

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—continued.

Name.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
Sir John Michael Fleetwood Fuller, Baronet, K.C.M.G.	24th May, 1911 ..	31st January, 1914
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)	28th August, 1913 ..	23rd February, 1914
Sir Arthur Lylph Stanley, K.C.M.G.	23rd February, 1914	30th January, 1920
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (acting)	30th July, 1919 ..	24th February, 1921
The Right Hon. the Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E.	24th February, 1921	7th April, 1926
Sir William Hill Irvine, } K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieuten- ant-Governor (Acting)	1st April, 1923 ..	24th October, 1923
	8th April, 1926 ..	27th June, 1926
Lieutenant-Colonel The Right Hon. Arthur Herbert Tennyson, Baron Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.*	28th June, 1926 ..	23rd June, 1931
Sir William Hill Irvine, } K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieuten- ant-Governor (Acting)	26th April, 1929 ..	27th October, 1929
	3rd October, 1930 ..	21st January, 1931
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor†	24th June, 1931 ..	14th May, 1934
Captain The Right Hon. William Charles Arcedeckne, Baron Huntingfield, K.C.M.G.	14th May, 1934	

NOTE.—Captain William Lonsdale, formerly of the 4th Regiment, was appointed Police Magistrate of the District of Port Phillip on 9th September, 1836, and assumed office on the 29th of the same month. In that capacity he was in charge of the District until the appointment of Mr. C. J. La Trobe as Superintendent. Subsequently, Captain Lonsdale acted as Superintendent during the temporary absence of Mr. La Trobe, who was called on to administer the Government of Tasmania from the 13th October, 1846, to the 24th January, 1847.

* On leave from 26th April, 1929, to 27th October, 1929, and administered the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia from 3rd October, 1930, to 21st January, 1931.

† Resigned on 1st January, 1936. The commission was given to Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, Kt., on 12th May, 1936.

MINISTERS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

In the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 29, appears a statement which shows the names of Ministers who held office from the separation of the Colony from New South Wales in 1851 up to the establishment of responsible Government in 1855. The office which each Minister held and the date of assumption of office are also shown.

MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

During the period 28th November, 1855, to 22nd November, 1928, the number of Ministries was 45. A statement showing the name of the Premier, the date of assumption of, the date of retirement from, and the duration of office of each of these Ministries appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 30 and 31. Similar information in regard to the forty-sixth and subsequent Ministries is contained in the following statement :—

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration of Office.
Forty-sixth—Sir William Murray McPherson, K.B.E.	22nd November, 1928	12th December, 1929	Days. 385
Forty-seventh—Edmond John Hogan	12th December, 1929	19th May, 1932	889
Forty-eighth—Sir Stanley Seymour Argyle, K.B.E., M.R.C.S.	19th May, 1932	2nd April, 1935	1,048

The forty-ninth and existing Ministry, in which the Hon. Albert Arthur Dunstan is Premier, assumed office on 2nd April, 1935. This Ministry consists of the following members :—

- Dunstan, Albert Arthur, M.L.A. . . Premier and Treasurer.
- Bailey, Henry Stephen, M.L.A. . . Chief Secretary.
- Hogan, Edmond John, M.L.A. . . Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Mines, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
- Lind, Albert Eli, M.L.A. . . President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Forests.
- Bussau, Albert Louis, M.L.A. . . Minister of Transport, Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
- Old, Francis Edward, M.L.A. . . Minister of Water Supply, and Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings.
- Mackrell, Edwin Joseph, M.L.A. . . Minister of Labour.
- Harris, Dr. John Richards, M.D., M.L.C. . . Minister of Public Instruction and Minister of Public Health.
- Goudie, George Louis, M.L.C. . . Commissioner of Public Works, Minister in Charge of Immigration, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
- Tuckett, George Joseph, M.L.C. . . Minister without Portfolio.
- Pye, Henry, M.L.C. . . Minister without Portfolio.
- Hyland, Herbert John Thornhill, M.L.A. . . Minister without Portfolio.

NOTE.—The *Responsible Ministers of the Crown Act* 1936, assented to on 27th July, 1936, increased the number of responsible Ministers from eight to nine.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1936.

The names of members, the constituencies which they represent, and the names of the clerks of Parliament are given below:—

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

President: Hon. Sir F. G. Clarke, K.B.E.

Name of Province.	Name of Member.	Date of Retirement.
Bendigo	Hon. H. Keck	1937
	Hon. Lieut.-Col. G. V. Lansell, V.D.	1940
East Yarra	Hon. W. H. Edgar (Chairman of Committees)	1937
	Hon. C. H. A. Eager	1940
Gippsland	Hon. G. M. Davis	1937
	Hon. J. M. Balfour	1940
Melbourne	Hon. H. I. Cohen, K.C.	1937
	Hon. A. G. Wales	1940
Melbourne East	Hon. D. L. McNamara	1937
	Hon. W. J. Beckett	1940
Melbourne North	Hon. H. H. Olney	1937
	Hon. E. L. Kiernan	1940
Melbourne South	Hon. Sir F. G. Clarke, K.B.E. (President)	1937
	Hon. A. Crofts	1940
Melbourne West	Hon. J. H. Disney	1937
	Hon. R. Williams	1940
Nelson	Hon. E. G. Bath	1937
	Hon. H. A. Currie, M.C.	1940
Northern	Hon. G. J. Tuckett (Minister without Portfolio)	1937
	Hon. R. Kilpatrick	1940
North-Eastern	Hon. P. P. Inchbold	1937
	Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris (Minister of Public Instruction and Minister of Public Health)	1940
North-Western	Hon. G. L. Goudie (Commissioner of Public Works, Minister in Charge of Immigration, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)	1937
	Hon. H. Pye (Minister without Portfolio)	1940
Southern	Hon. W. L. R. Clarke	1937
	Hon. W. C. Angliss	1940
South-Eastern	Hon. G. L. Chandler	1937
	Hon. W. Tyner	1940
South-Western	Hon. G. S. McArthur	1937
	Hon. J. P. Jones	1940
Wellington	Hon. A. J. Pittard	1937
	Hon. G. Bolster	1940
Western	Hon. W. J. Williamson	1937
	Hon. M. Saltau	1940

Clerk of the Legislative Council: P. T. Pook.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1936—*continued.*

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Speaker : Hon. W. H. Everard.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Albert Park	H. V. Drew.
Allandale	P. L. Denigan.
Ballaarat	T. T. Hollway.
Barwon	Hon. T. K. Maltby.
Benalla	F. A. Cook.
Benambra	J. R. Paton.
Bendigo	A. E. Cook.
Boroondara	T. D. Oldham.
Brighton	Hon. I. Macfarlan, K.C.
Brunswick	J. R. Jewell.
Bulla-Dalhousie	H. O. White.
Carlton	W. Barry.
Castlemaine and Kyneton	Hon. C. Shields, M.B.
Caulfield	Colonel Hon. H. E. Cohen, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.
Clifton Hill	H. M. Cremean.
Coburg	F. P. Keane.
Collingwood	Hon. T. Tunnecliffe.
Dandenong	Hon. F. Groves.
Dundas	Hon. W. Slater.
Essendon	J. C. Dillon.
Evelyn	Hon. W. H. Everard (Speaker).
Flemington	J. J. Holland.
Footscray	Hon. G. M. Prendergast.
Geelong	W. Brownbill.
Gippsland East	Hon. A. E. Lind (President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Forests).
Gippsland North	J. W. McLachlan.
Gippsland South	Hon. H. J. T. Hyland (Minister without Portfolio).
Gippsland West	M. Bennett.
Goulburn Valley	J. G. B. McDonald.
Grant	F. C. T. Holden.
Gunbower	N. A. Martin.
Hampden	W. R. Cumming.
Hawthorn	J. A. Gray, M.C.
Heidelberg	H. P. Zwar.
Kara Kara-Borong	F. A. Cameron.
Kew	Hon. W. S. Kent Hughes, M.V.O., M.C.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1936—*continued*.THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued*.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Korong-Eaglehawk ..	Hon. A. A. Dunstan (Premier and Treasurer).
Lowan	G. H. Lamb.
Maryborough-Daylesford ..	G. C. Frost.
Melbourne	T. Hayes.
Mildura	A. G. Allnutt.
Mornington	A. J. Kirton.
Northcote	Hon. J. Cain.
Nunawading	W. J. Boyland.
Oakleigh	J. T. V. Smith, M.C.
Ouyen	Hon. A. L. Bussau (Minister of Transport, Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works).
Polwarth	A. M. McDonald.
Port Fairy-Glenelg	E. E. Bond.
Port Melbourne	J. L. Murphy.
Prahran	J. McD. Ellis.
Richmond	E. J. Cotter.
Rodney	W. Dunstone.
St. Kilda	A. Michaelis.
Stawell and Ararat	A. McDonald.
Swan Hill	Hon. F. E. Old (Minister of Water Supply and Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings).
Toorak	Hon. Sir S. S. Argyle, K.B.E., M.R.C.S.
Upper Goulburn	Hon. E. J. Mackrell (Minister of Labour).
Upper Yarra	Lieut.-Colonel Hon. G. H. Knox, C.M.G., V.D.
Walhalla	W. A. Moncur.
Wangaratta-Ovens	L. V. Diffey.
Waranga	E. A. Coyle (Chairman of Committees).
Warrenheip-Grenville	Hon. E. J. Hogan (Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Mines, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works).
Warrnambool	Hon. H. S. Bailey (Chief Secretary).
Williamstown	Hon. J. Lemmon.
Wonthaggi	W. G. McKenzie.

Clerk of Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly: W. R. Alexander,
C.B.E., J.P.

DURATION OF PARLIAMENTS AND SESSIONS,
1856 TO 1935.

During the period 1856 to 1927 the number of Parliaments was 28. A statement showing the duration in days of each Parliament, the number of days in session, and the percentage of the latter to the former appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 21. Similar information in regard to the twenty-ninth and subsequent Parliaments is shown in the following statement:—

Number of Parliament.	Period.	Duration of Parliament.	Days in Session.	
			Number.	Percentage to Duration.
		Days.		
Twenty-ninth	1927-29	850	542	63·8
Thirtieth	1929-32	864	596	69·0
Thirty-first	1932-35	963	471	48·9

STATE ACTS PASSED DURING 1935.

The following is a synopsis of each Act passed by the State Parliament during the year 1935:—

Act No.	Date.	
4280 ..	28th June	.. The <i>Dairy Products Act</i> 1935 makes slightly less restrictive the conditions under which butter and cheese may be made by any farmer from milk produced on his farm; provides that in the determination of each quota the period of its operation shall be set forth. A quota is defined as the proportion of dairy products manufactured by a manufacturer within Victoria which he is permitted to sell in the course of his intra-State trade or commerce in Victoria during any stated period.
4281 ..	28th June	.. The <i>Wheat Growers Relief (Commonwealth Payment) Act</i> 1935 makes provision for the application of certain moneys paid or to be paid by the Commonwealth to the State of Victoria for the relief of wheat growers who had sown wheat for grain during the year 1934.
4282 ..	28th June	.. The <i>Financial Emergency (Salaries and Pensions) Continuation Act</i> 1935 continues the operation of certain provisions of the Financial Emergency Acts relating to the reduction of pay of certain public officers and of certain pensions payable by the State.

- | Act No. | Date. | |
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| 4283 .. | 28th June | .. The <i>Factories and Shops (Tramway Conversion Board) Act 1935</i> provides that any appeal against or reference for consideration of the determination of the Tramway Conversion Board made on 25th February, 1926, may be heard and determined by a Court of Industrial Appeals notwithstanding any suspension of such determination. |
| 4284 .. | 28th June | .. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £2,382,719 to the service of the year 1935-36. |
| 4285 .. | 1st July | .. The <i>Motor Car (Amendment) Act 1935</i> removes restriction in respect of the use of motor vehicles which are owned by primary producers and are used solely in connexion with their business ; defines a primary producer as any person engaged solely or substantially in agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, dairying, pastoral or other like pursuits. |
| 4286 .. | 22nd July | .. The <i>Grain Elevators Act 1935</i> provides that the Chairman of the Grain Elevators Board may also be general manager for the Board, and that notwithstanding anything in this or any other Act the Chief Engineer for Railway Construction may also be appointed to the office of Chief Engineer of the Board, and may engage in any employment in connexion with the duties of that office. |
| 4287 .. | 22nd July | .. The <i>Cardigan Land Act 1935</i> revokes the permanent reservation and Crown grant of certain land situated in the parish of Cardigan permanently reserved as a site for a public park, also revokes the permanent reservation of certain other land situated in that parish reserved as a site for public educational purposes and provides for the reservation of the lands included in the revocation as a site for a public park and recreation. |
| 4288 .. | 22nd July | .. The <i>Public Works Committee Act 1935</i> provides for the appointment after the commencement of the first session of every Parliament of a Public Works Committee, consisting of six members, two of whom shall be members of and be appointed by the Legislative Council and four shall be members of and be appointed by the Legislative Assembly, the functions of the Committee are to consider and to report in writing in a manner prescribed on any proposal for the carrying out of public works referred to it by the Governor in Council. |
| 4289 .. | 29th July | .. The <i>Medical Act 1935</i> provides that a shorter period of notice than one month in respect of any application to the Medical Board for registration as a legally qualified medical practitioner may be permitted by the Board in any particular case. |

Act No.	Date.	
4290 ..	29th July	.. The <i>Melbourne Land (Mercer Street) Act 1935</i> provides for the closing of a certain road in the City of Melbourne.
4291 ..	29th July	.. The <i>Bendigo Land Act 1935</i> provides for the revocation of the Crown grant of portion of certain land in the City of Bendigo and for the reservation thereof as a site for a baby health centre.
4292 ..	12th August	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £505,011 to the service of the year 1934-35.
4293 ..	12th August	.. The <i>Companies (Special Investigations) Act 1935</i> provides that the Governor in Council may from time to time within the period of twelve months from and after the commencement of this Act appoint inspectors to investigate the affairs of certain companies for the protection of the public or of the shareholders or creditors of such companies.
4294 ..	2nd September	.. The <i>Seeds Act 1935</i> amends the ineffective provisions of the Principal Act relating to the sale of seeds not true to warranty.
4295 ..	2nd September	.. The <i>Fungicides Act 1935</i> provides for an improvement in control in respect of the constituent standard and the conditions of sale of fungicides. Application must be made annually by the manufacturer or importer to the Director of Agriculture for the registration of any fungicide approved by the Director for sale. Every person who sells an unregistered fungicide is guilty of an offence against this Act.
4296 ..	4th September	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £2,309,773 to the service of the year 1935-36.
4297 ..	23rd September	.. The <i>Unemployment Relief Tax (Rates) Act 1935</i> declares the rates of unemployment relief tax for the year ending on the 30th June, 1936.
4298 ..	30th September	.. The <i>Transport Regulation Act 1935</i> provides that no decision of the Transport Board granting or refusing to grant any application for a commercial passenger vehicle licence or a commercial goods vehicle licence or revoking or suspending any such licence shall have any force or effect until the decision of the Board is reviewed by the Governor in Council.
4299 ..	30th September	.. The <i>Local Government (Temporary Reduction of Interest) Act 1935</i> continues in operation for a further period of twelve months the temporary reduction of interest payable by owners of properties in respect of the cost of making of certain streets, &c.

- | Act No. | Date. | |
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| 4300 .. | 30th September .. | The <i>Sewerage Districts (Temporary Reduction of Interest) Act 1935</i> continues in operation for a further period of twelve months the temporary reduction of interest payable by owners of property in respect of the cost of certain sewerage connexions. |
| 4301 .. | 30th September .. | The <i>Unemployment Relief Loan and Application Act 1935</i> increases from £3,800,000 to £6,200,000 the amount that may be raised by way of loan for the relief of unemployment; provides that the Governor in Council may approve of expenditure of loan moneys on works after a report in writing by the Employment Council of Victoria or the Public Works Committee has been obtained, instead of as formerly on the recommendation of the Employment Council. |
| 4302 .. | 30th September .. | The <i>Maintenance Act 1935</i> relates to the procedure on decision of a police magistrate varying, suspending, or reviving wholly or in part certain orders for maintenance. |
| 4303 .. | 30th September .. | The <i>Financial Emergency (Mortgages) Act 1935</i> extends for one year the period of operation of interest reduction under the Financial Emergency Acts on mortgages, also the moratorium period under those Acts for one year; substitutes $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for 5 per cent. as the minimum annual rate below which the interest on certain mortgages is not to be reduced by the operation of the Financial Emergency Acts; amends existing legislation so that trustees are not required to obtain an order of the Court before accepting interest at a lower rate on mortgages. |
| 4304 .. | 30th September .. | The <i>Financial Emergency (Amendment) Act 1935</i> modifies the rates of reduction to be made in the pay of responsible ministers, officers of the public service and certain other officers and in non-contributory pensions; provides for the continuation of the reduction of certain grants and for the further suspension of the municipal endowment. |
| 4305 .. | 11th October .. | The <i>Electoral Act 1935</i> constitutes the Supreme Court a Court of Disputed Returns to hear disputes relating to Legislative Council elections, in place of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications. A provision of a similar nature in respect of disputed elections for the Legislative Assembly was contained in the <i>Electoral Act 1934</i> . |
| 4306 .. | 11th October .. | The <i>South Melbourne and Port Melbourne Land Act 1935</i> revokes the permanent reservation of portion of certain Crown land in the cities of South Melbourne and Port Melbourne reserved as a site for public purposes and provides for the sale of such land to General Motors-Holdens Limited on payment by that Company of the sum of £40,000 together with certain fees. |

Act No.	Date.	
4307	.. 11th October	.. The <i>Newmarket Sheep Sales Act 1935</i> provides for the better regulation of the sale of sheep at the Newmarket saleyards; it is provided that no sheep shall be sold thereat (except store or stud sheep) on any day other than a Tuesday or a Thursday and that no sheep shall be sold on any day unless the same have previously been booked for sale and the booking has been accepted by an officer appointed for that purpose by the council of the city of Melbourne. Not more than 75,000 sheep shall be accepted for sale on any one day; limits the period of operation of the Act to the 1st March, 1936, or such later day (not being later than 1st August, 1936) as is fixed by the Governor in Council.
4308	.. 14th October	.. The <i>University (Veterinary Research) Act 1935</i> continues for five years from 1st July, 1935, the annual grant to the University of Melbourne for veterinary research and reduces the amount of the grant from £3,500 to £3,300.
4309	.. 14th October	.. The <i>Income Tax Act 1935</i> declares the rates of income tax for the year ending 30th June, 1936.
4310	.. 14th October	.. The <i>Land Tax Act 1935</i> declares the rate of land tax for the year ending 31st December, 1936.
4311	.. 14th October	.. The <i>Administration and Probate Duties Act 1935</i> provides for the continuance until 31st December, 1936, of the additional duties payable under Part III. of the <i>Finance Act 1930</i> .
4312	.. 14th October	.. The <i>Treasury Bonds Act 1935</i> authorizes the Government to raise £151,196 18s. 8d. by the issue of treasury bonds.
4313	.. 14th October	.. The <i>Country Roads Board Fund Act 1935</i> provides for the continuance of the payment into the Consolidated Revenue of certain fees under the <i>Country Roads Act</i> and for the suspension of the payment of £50,000 out of the Consolidated Revenue into the Country Roads Board Fund in respect of the year 1935-36.
4314	.. 21st October	.. The <i>Maintenance and Alimony (Imprisonment) Act 1935</i> provides that certain orders for maintenance and preconfinement expenses and also orders for alimony or costs in matrimonial proceedings shall only be enforceable under the <i>Imprisonment of Fraudulent Debtors Act 1928</i> after examination in each case of the person concerned as to his means and ability to pay.
4315	.. 21st October	.. The <i>Mildura Irrigation Trust (Drainage) Act 1935</i> provides that owners of land within the Irrigation District of Mildura may construct subsurface drains, with the consent of the Trust, for the purpose of carrying off surplus water and that such drains may be connected with main subsurface drains.

Act No.	Date.	
4316	.. 21st October	.. The <i>Melbourne Land Act</i> 1935 revokes the permanent reservation and Crown grant of certain land permanently reserved as a site for Flinders Park situate in the City of Melbourne. This land was formerly vested in the Board of Land and Works and the council of the City of Melbourne.
4317	.. 28th October	.. The <i>Masseurs Act</i> 1935 provides for the registration of any person as a masseur who had prior to the 18th July, 1923, for a period of at least three years been engaged in the practice of massage, and who has since that date and prior to the 1st July, 1935, been engaged in the practice of massage under the direct instructions or supervision of a medical practitioner.
4318	.. 4th November	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,276,547 to the service of the year 1935-36.
4319	.. 4th November	.. The <i>Land (Residence Areas) Act</i> 1935 removes difficulties which have arisen in connexion with the occupation of Crown lands as residence sites by holders of miners' rights; provides that certain provisions shall be observed in the grant of any right to occupy any Crown land as a residence area.
4320	.. 11th November	.. The <i>Stamps (Increased Duty Continuance) Act</i> 1935 continues for a further period of one year the operation of certain provisions of the Stamps Acts relating to the imposition of increased stamp duties on certain instruments.
4321	.. 11th November	.. The <i>Entertainment Tax Act</i> 1935. A refund of tax is not made in respect of any entertainment held for charitable purposes if the expenses of the entertainment exceed 50 per cent. of the receipts, but this Act provides that in the case of any race meeting held for charitable purposes any money paid as prizes or for trophies for prizes shall not be included in the expenses of such race meeting.
4322	.. 11th November	.. The <i>Local Government (Amendment) Act</i> 1935 permits of the appointment of an inspector of municipal accounts and provides for the payment of his salary and expenses out of the Consolidated Revenue; relates to the reduction within seven years from 30th September, 1934, of overdrafts of municipalities in excess of the prescribed limit.
4323	.. 11th November	.. The <i>Auction Sales Act</i> 1935 prohibits any non-competitive agreement between buyers at auction sales of live stock which has for its object the restriction of the amounts of the bids and the subsequent determination of the ownership of all or any of the live stock so purchased, by the tossing or the drawing of lots or any other method; provides that material parts of this Act shall be read aloud by auctioneer at sales by auction of cattle.

Act No.	Date.	
4324	.. 18th November	.. The <i>Justices Act 1935</i> facilitates the enforcement of orders of courts of petty sessions by providing that any order made by any court of petty sessions may be enforced in any other court of petty sessions; provides that unless the person against whom distress is levied otherwise consents, the distress shall be sold by public auction advertised in the prescribed manner and that no person, nor his agent in whose interest the warrant was issued shall purchase distress.
4325	.. 18th November	.. The <i>Water Supply Loans Application Act 1935</i> sanctions the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts or in the State Loans Repayment Fund for certain specified purposes.
4326	.. 18th November	.. The <i>Farmers Debts Adjustment Act 1935</i> provides for the making of payments, under certain conditions, to or for the benefit of farmers to enable them to make compositions or schemes of arrangement with their creditors in respect of their debts.
4327	.. 25th November	.. The <i>Railways Act 1935</i> gives power to the Railways Commissioners to appoint any officer of the Railway Construction Branch, Board of Land and Works, who may be employed in the railway service to any position or grade in the railway service under the Commissioners.
4328	.. 25th November	.. The <i>Closer Settlement (Financial) Act 1935</i> increases the amount that may be borrowed for the purposes of closer settlement to £13,355,000 and of soldier settlement to £25,830,000.
4329	.. 25th November	.. The <i>Local Government (Preferential Voting) Act 1935</i> provides that all elections of municipal councillors in Victoria shall be conducted on the system of preferential voting.
4330	.. 25th November	.. The <i>Superannuation (Retirement) Act 1935</i> extends to 1st July, 1936, the time that any male officer who has attained the age of 60 years and any female officer who has attained the age of 55 years may retire from the public service on full pension, if the Treasurer is of opinion that such retirement will result in a reduction of expenditure, or for any other reason which the Treasurer thinks sufficient.
4331	.. 25th November	.. The <i>Licensing (Australian Wine Licence) Act 1935</i> repeals a provision of the <i>Licensing Act 1928</i> which is inconsistent with the Health Act in respect of the prescribed percentage of proof spirit of wine the produce of fruit grown in Australia.
4332	.. 25th November	.. The <i>Country Roads (Impounding of Cattle) Act 1935</i> empowers the officers of the Country Roads Board to impound cattle wandering on State highways, provides that the owner of any such cattle shall be liable to a penalty of not more than £10.

Act No. Date.

- 4333 .. 2nd December .. The *Health Act 1935* provides for the appointment of a Plumbers and Gas-fitters Board with power to appoint examiners for applicants for registration as plumbers in respect of plumbing work of any prescribed class or classes or as gas-fitters; for the registration, without examination, of certain persons who were registered or licensed prior to the commencement of this Act; forbids unregistered persons, except apprentices, undertaking work of plumbing or of gas-fitting in defined parts of Victoria; relates to the making of agreements between municipal councils and managing authorities of hospitals in respect of the treatment in hospitals of persons suffering from infectious diseases; requires that margarine for sale otherwise than to any prescribed class of persons, i.e., biscuit manufacturers, &c., shall be of a prescribed colour.
- 4334 .. 2nd December .. The *Parliamentary Elections (Railway Employees and Civil Servants) Act 1935*, allows railway employees and civil servants to contest any parliamentary election without having to resign from the Service.
- 4335 .. 2nd December .. The *Cinematograph Films (Australian Quota) Act 1935* provides that distributors shall acquire and distribute and exhibitors shall exhibit not less than the prescribed quota of films wholly or mainly produced in Australia.
- 4336 .. 2nd December .. The *Sheep Owners Protection Act 1935* has for its object the prevention of sheep stealing by providing for the issue of permits for the transport of sheep by motor vehicle and for the licensing of buyers of sheep skins.
- 4337 .. 2nd December .. The *Marketing of Primary Products Act 1935* provides for the orderly marketing of any product (other than wool, fresh fruit, not being pears or apples or citrus fruit, and hay) of agriculture, horticulture, viticulture, grazing, poultry-farming, beekeeping or fishing operations and any dairy produce (including bacon and pork).
- 4338 .. 2nd December .. The *Farmers Advances Act 1935* empowers the Closer Settlement Commission to make advances by way of loan bearing interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum to any farmer who through the existence or consequences of adverse conditions would not be able without an advance to carry on his farming operations or to continue residing on his farm and who has a reasonable prospect of success and is carrying on his farming operations in an efficient manner.
- 4339 .. 5th December .. The *State Forests Loan Application Act 1935* sanctions the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts or in the State Loan Repayment Fund for State Forests.

Act No.	Date.	
4340 ..	5th December	.. The <i>Railway Loan Application Act 1935</i> sanctions the use of moneys in certain loan funds for railways or tramways and works connected with either.
4341 ..	5th December	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,396,413 to the service of the year 1935-36.
4342 ..	9th December	.. The <i>Royal Melbourne Hospital Act 1935</i> gives power to sell the land on which the Royal Melbourne Hospital is erected and also any buildings, improvements, or equipment on any of the land; provides for the erection of a general hospital on certain other Crown lands in the City of Melbourne granted for such purpose to a corporation known as The Royal Melbourne Hospital.
4343 ..	9th December	.. The <i>Local Government (Camberwell Street Construction) Act 1935</i> . A resolution of the Camberwell City Council was held by the High Court of Australia not to be a valid adoption in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act of the specifications, plans, &c., relating to the making of certain streets. This Act validates the resolution.
4344 ..	9th December	.. The <i>Country Roads (Murray Diversion) Act 1935</i> authorizes the Country Roads Board to construct works for a certain diversion, in New South Wales territory, of the River Murray for the purpose of preventing damage by flood to the Chiltern-Howlong-road. The conditions under which such works shall be constructed are subject to the provisions of the New South Wales Act known as The <i>River Murray (Diversion) Act 1933</i> .
4345 ..	9th December	.. The <i>Public Works Loan Application Act 1935</i> sanctions the issue and application of a certain sum of money not exceeding £30,000 available in State Loans Repayment Fund for the erection of houses and any expenditure incidental thereto.
4346 ..	9th December	.. The <i>Police Offences (Race-meetings) Act 1935</i> reduces the number of race meetings from two to one held each year on the Mentone and Epsom race-courses, the net revenues from which and from certain other race meetings are paid into the Racing Clubs Compensation Fund for the purpose of providing compensation in respect of certain racecourses that have been closed.
4347 ..	9th December	.. The <i>Landlord and Tenant (Rent Reduction) Continuation Act 1935</i> continues for a further period of one year the reduction of rent payable in respect of certain leases.

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| 4348 | .. 9th December | .. The <i>Landlord and Tenant (Rent Reduction) Amendment Act 1935</i> limits in certain cases the amount of the reduction under the <i>Landlord and Tenant (Rent Reduction) Act 1931</i> of the rents received under leases of properties which are sub-let at greater rents than the reduced rents payable in respect of the leases. |
| 4349 | .. 10th December | .. The <i>Dairy Produce Act 1935</i> prohibits unfair trading practices by providing that every owner of a factory shall pay an uniform price for all milk and cream of the same grade delivered to the factory on the same day; provides for the cancellation of the licence for a factory if the owner is convicted of three or more offences relating to the treatment of, or paying for, milk, cream or butter-fat, and the Minister of Agriculture is of opinion that three or more of such offences were of a fraudulent nature; provides also for the cancellation of the licence of a factory if the owner manufactures butter or cheese of which more than the prescribed proportion is non-choicest. |
| 4350 | .. 10th December | .. The <i>Legislative Council Elections Act 1935</i> provides for the appointment of divisional returning officers of the Commonwealth as electoral officers and their clerks as deputy electoral officers; for the preparation in the prescribed form of new general rolls of electors and for compulsory voting by every elector whose name appears on the general or the ratepayers roll. |
| 4351 | .. 10th December | .. The <i>Superannuation Act 1935</i> provides that in future there will not be one ceasing date for all contributions but a ceasing date relevant to each unit of pension; empowers the Board to determine the date from which pensions on retirement through ill-health are payable; gives certain contributors the right to elect to increase units of pension. |
| 4352 | .. 10th December | .. The <i>Road Traffic Act 1935</i> makes provision for the appointment of a Traffic Advisory Committee, and for the control of road traffic by regulation in Greater Melbourne and in the municipal district of any other municipality at the request of the Council of that municipality. |
| 4353 | .. 10th December | .. The <i>Motor Car Act 1935</i> provides that portion of registration fee may be refunded where a car ceases to be used before the expiration of the registration period; repeals the provision for the half-yearly registration of a motor car; further provides that driving licences for motor cars and for motor cycles shall be separate licences; that in any proceedings for offences under Motor Car Acts, a certificate signed by the officer in charge of the Motor Registration Branch shall be <i>prima facie</i> evidence of ownership of motor car; amends the existing law relating to the duty of the driver of any motor car involved in an accident, forbids unauthorized persons acting as parking attendants for motor cars. |

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| 4354 | .. 10th December | .. The <i>Wheat and Wheat Products Act 1935</i> is part of the legislative plan for obtaining a reasonable price for wheat used for home consumption in Australia; provision is made for the appointment of a Wheat and Wheat Products Board which is empowered to prepare home consumption warrants and export warrants in respect of a proportion of the wheat delivered by wheat growers to licensed receivers; every home consumption warrant shall be retained by the Board until it or the wheat represented thereby is purchased from or through the Board by a wheat processor or other prescribed person or is encumbered by the Board; export warrants shall after endorsement by the person to whom they were issued be transferable by delivery; wheat processors are forbidden to sell wheat products intra-State in excess of quantity manufactured from wheat for which home consumption warrants have been purchased from the Board. |
| 4355 | .. 10th December | .. The <i>County Court (Judges Retirement) Act 1935</i> provides that no person who has attained the age of 72 years shall be appointed to be a judge of the County Court and that every judge of that Court who attains the age of 72 years shall thereupon retire on a retiring allowance of one-half of his salary at the time of retirement. These provisions do not apply to any judge holding office at the commencement of this Act. |
| 4356 | .. 10th December | .. The <i>Justices of the Peace Act 1935</i> provides that a person who is of 72 years of age or over shall not be capable of acting as a justice except to exercise certain ministerial powers, nor shall such person be capable of acting as special magistrate, a coroner, or a deputy coroner. These provisions do not apply to any person holding office at the commencement of this Act. |
| 4357 | .. 17th December | .. The <i>Opticians Registration Act 1935</i> makes provision for the constitution of the Opticians Registration Board; gives the Board power to prescribe the course of study and training for persons desiring to be registered under this Act and the examinations to be passed by such persons, to issue certificates of registration to persons registered under this Act; provides for the registration, without examination, of certain persons who had been engaged in the practice of optometry for not less than five years immediately prior to the commencement of this Act; that registration shall not confer upon any person any right to assume the title of oculist or designation implying that he is by law recognized as a medical practitioner or pharmaceutical chemist or that he is qualified to practice as such or qualified to employ any method for the measurement of the powers of vision which involves the use of drugs. |

Act No. Date.

- 4358 .. 17th December .. The *Police Offence (Contraceptives) Act 1935* prohibits the publication, &c. of advertisements intended to promote the sale of any contraceptive, also prohibits the exhibiting, hawking, or selling of contraceptives in a public place, &c.
- 4359 .. 17th December .. The *Mines (Petroleum) Act 1935* provides that no mineral lease for mining for mineral oil, natural gas, or bitumen shall be issued under the existing Mines Act after the commencement of this Act, that all petroleum on or below the surface of all land in Victoria is and shall be deemed always to have been the property of the Crown; empowers the Minister of Mines in times of war or national emergency to carry on the business, on behalf of the Crown, of obtaining, refining and disposing of petroleum, and of conducting all operations deemed necessary for those purposes in or upon any land in Victoria; makes provision for the issue of petroleum prospecting licences and reward leases to licensees when payable deposits of petroleum are discovered.
- 4360 .. 17th December .. The *Workers' Compensation Act 1935* provides that the term "worker" includes a person whose remuneration does not exceed £400 a year, the previous maximum was £360 a year; makes provision for the payment of ambulance, medical and hospital expenses up to £5 in addition to compensation otherwise payable and for a general increase in the amount of compensation payable in case of death or of incapacity of the worker; reduces the minimum period for which compensation may be claimed from one week to three days.
- 4361 .. 17th December .. This Act applies a sum not exceeding £7,347,520 out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending 30th June, 1936, and provides for the appropriation of all sums amounting to £15,217,983 granted out of the Consolidated Revenue by this Act and the other Acts mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

**Elections for
the Legislative
Council, 1934.**

At the triennial elections for the Legislative Council, held on 9th June, 1934, only six of the seventeen provinces were contested. A statement showing the number of electors on the rolls for each province, also the number and proportion who voted in the provinces where elections were held, appears in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34, page 23.

Elections, Legislative Assembly, 1935. At the elections for the Legislative Assembly, held on 2nd March, 1935, there were contests in 53 of the 65 constituencies. The number of electors on the rolls was 1,099,251—532,619 males and 566,632 females. In contested districts 94.39 per cent. of the electors recorded their votes, the proportion for males being 95.00 per cent. and for females 93.82 per cent.

The following table shows the number of electors, the votes polled, and the percentage of the latter to the former in the different electoral districts:—

NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 2ND MARCH, 1935.

Electoral District.	Number of Electors on Rolls at Date of General Election.			Electors who Voted.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Percentage of Number on the Roll.		
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Albert Park	9,766	13,300	23,066	9,237	12,241	21,478	94.58	92.04	93.12
Allandale	5,485	4,969	10,454	5,326	4,754	10,080	97.10	95.67	96.42
Ballaarat	8,144	10,089	18,233	7,687	9,717	17,354	93.77	96.31	95.18
Barwon	5,993	6,520	12,513	5,719	6,158	11,877	95.43	94.45	94.92
Benalla	5,578	5,093	10,671	No	contest				
Benambra	4,892	4,137	9,029	4,619	3,839	8,458	94.42	92.80	93.68
Bendigo	8,575	9,396	17,971	8,171	8,923	17,094	95.29	94.97	95.12
Boroondara	12,120	15,446	27,566	No	contest				
Brighton	11,737	15,050	26,787	11,479	13,963	25,442	97.80	92.78	94.98
Brunswick	12,300	13,487	25,787	No	contest				
Bulla and Dalhousie ..	5,379	4,746	10,125	5,104	4,453	9,557	94.89	93.83	94.39
Carlton	10,038	11,214	21,252	9,324	10,208	19,532	92.89	91.03	91.91
Castlemaine and Kyneton	5,277	5,543	10,820	5,078	5,271	10,349	96.23	95.09	95.65
Caulfield	11,273	14,284	25,557	10,932	13,499	24,431	96.98	94.50	95.59
Clifton Hill	11,219	12,658	23,877	10,782	11,764	22,546	96.10	92.94	94.43
Coburg	12,290	13,574	25,864	11,699	12,612	24,311	95.19	92.91	94.00
Collingwood	10,891	12,455	23,346	10,444	11,027	21,471	95.90	88.53	91.97
Dandenong	13,529	14,439	27,968	12,935	13,461	26,396	95.61	93.23	94.38
Dundas	5,904	5,693	11,597	5,689	5,376	11,065	96.36	94.43	95.41
Essendon	10,944	12,765	23,709	10,624	12,236	22,860	97.08	95.86	96.42
Evelyn	5,806	5,468	11,264	5,470	5,109	10,579	94.21	93.61	93.92
Flemington	10,509	11,771	22,280	10,074	10,861	20,935	95.86	92.27	93.96
Footscray	12,830	12,568	25,398	12,334	12,030	24,364	96.13	95.72	95.93
Geelong	8,715	9,932	18,647	8,460	9,376	17,836	97.07	94.40	95.65
Gippsland East	4,655	3,343	7,998	4,315	3,197	7,512	92.70	95.63	93.92
Gippsland North	5,577	5,353	10,930	5,344	5,083	10,427	95.82	94.96	95.40
Gippsland South	6,382	5,040	11,422	No	contest				
Gippsland West	6,254	5,165	11,419	5,893	4,890	10,783	94.23	94.68	94.43
Goulburn Valley	6,350	5,624	11,974	No	contest				
Grant	5,470	4,736	10,206	5,135	4,377	9,512	93.88	92.42	93.20
Gunbower	6,371	5,242	11,613	No	contest				
Hampden	5,777	5,367	11,144	5,514	5,057	10,571	95.45	94.22	94.86
Hawthorn	9,927	14,029	23,956	9,732	12,898	22,630	98.04	91.94	94.46
Heidelberg	13,357	14,605	27,962	12,743	14,173	26,916	95.40	97.04	96.26

NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 2ND MARCH, 1935—
continued.

Electoral District.	Number of Electors on Rolls at Date of General Election.			Electors who Voted.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Percentage of Number on the Roll.		
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Kara Kara and Borung	5,807	5,323	11,130	5,500	5,036	10,536	94·71	94·61	94·66
Kew	10,996	14,698	25,694	10,050	13,986	24,036	91·40	95·16	93·55
Korong and Eaglehawk	6,201	5,553	11,754		No contest				
Lowan	6,112	5,811	11,923	5,758	5,515	11,273	94·21	94·91	94·55
Maryborough and Daylesford	5,798	5,640	11,438	5,540	5,365	10,905	95·55	95·12	95·34
Melbourne	10,397	10,557	20,954	8,888	9,271	18,159	85·49	89·51	87·50
Mildura	7,305	5,641	12,946	6,543	5,082	11,625	89·57	90·09	89·80
Mornington	6,959	6,273	13,232	6,403	5,895	12,298	92·01	93·97	92·94
Northcote	10,784	12,902	23,686	10,304	12,357	22,661	95·55	95·78	95·67
Nunawading	10,349	12,452	22,801	9,929	11,751	21,680	95·94	94·37	95·08
Oakleigh	13,505	16,098	29,603	13,125	14,938	28,063	97·19	92·79	94·80
Ouyen	6,286	4,777	11,063	6,676	4,498	10,174	90·30	94·16	91·96
Polwarth	6,209	5,456	11,665		No contest				
Port Fairy and Glenelg	6,166	5,655	11,821		No contest				
Port Melbourne	10,874	11,379	22,253	10,248	10,421	20,669	94·24	91·58	92·88
Prahran	10,086	14,768	25,454	10,145	13,680	23,825	94·94	92·63	93·60
Richmond	11,518	12,792	24,310	10,989	11,986	22,975	95·41	93·70	94·51
Rodney	6,307	5,684	11,991	6,065	5,402	11,467	96·16	95·04	95·63
St. Kilda	11,300	15,117	26,417	11,024	14,421	25,445	97·56	95·40	96·32
Stawell and Ararat	6,009	5,763	11,772	5,882	5,477	11,359	97·89	95·04	96·49
Swan Hill	5,748	4,027	9,775	5,168	3,825	8,993	89·91	94·98	92·00
Toorak	9,308	14,514	23,817		No contest				
Upper Goulburn	5,274	4,443	9,717	5,011	4,160	9,171	95·01	93·63	94·38
Upper Yarra	7,335	6,959	14,294		No contest				
Walhalla	6,071	4,701	10,772	5,730	4,516	10,246	94·38	96·06	95·12
Wangaratta and Ovens	6,031	5,175	11,206	5,686	4,861	10,547	94·28	93·93	94·12
Waranga	5,147	4,432	9,579	4,925	4,223	9,148	95·69	95·28	95·50
Warrenheip and Gren- ville	5,560	5,176	10,736	5,267	4,910	10,177	94·73	94·86	94·79
Warrnambool	6,191	5,926	12,117	6,020	5,673	11,693	97·24	95·73	96·51
Williamstown	11,382	11,294	22,676		No contest				
Wonthaggi	5,695	4,755	10,450	5,392	4,587	9,979	94·68	96·47	95·49
Total	532,619	566,632	1,099,251	..	..	..	..	..	..
Less twelve uncontested districts	95,697	99,363	195,060	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	436,922	467,269	904,191	415,081	438,389	853,470	95·00	93·82	94·39

**Preferential
Voting.**

The preferential system of voting adopted in 1911 for Assembly elections, and in 1921, for Council elections, is still in force. An illustration of this system of voting is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 19.

In 19 of the 53 contested districts in the election of 2nd March, 1935, there were more than two candidates. In ten of these

the successful candidate had an absolute majority of the total first preferences recorded, and consequently a second count was unnecessary. In four of the other nine contests the candidate who occupied the highest position on the first count was displaced after the second and subsequent preferences were distributed.

Absent Voting. The legislation providing for absent voting was assented to on the 10th November, 1927, and was applied generally for the first time at the general election for the Legislative Assembly in November, 1929. Legislation of a similar nature was enacted on 10th December, 1935, in respect of elections for the Legislative Council with the limitation that such voting may be permitted only within the province for which the elector is enrolled.

Compulsory Voting. Provision for compulsory voting for Legislative Assembly elections was embodied in Act No. 3488, assented to on 23rd December, 1926. The *Legislative Council Elections Act* 1935, No. 4350, to which assent was given on 10th December, 1935, imposed compulsion to vote on electors enrolled in respect of Legislative Council elections.

PROPORTION OF VOTERS AT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1856-1935.

The first general election for the Legislative Assembly was held in the year 1856. The following statement shows the proportion of electors of contested districts who voted at each of the general elections held since the year 1856:—

Year of General Election.	Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who Voted.	Year of General Election.	Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who Voted.	Year of General Election.	Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who Voted.
	Per cent.		Per cent.		Per cent.
1856	*	1883	64·96	1911	63·61
1859	*	1886	64·70	1914	53·92
1861	*	1889	66·58	1917	54·21
1864	*	1892	65·12	1920	63·70
1866	55·10	1894	70·99	1921	57·26
1868	61·59	1897	70·33	1924	59·24
1871	65·02	1900	63·47	1927	91·76†
1874	61·00	1902	65·47	1929	93·72
1877	62·29	1904	66·72	1932	94·20
1880 (Feb.)	66·56	1907	61·26	1935	94·39
1880 (July)	65·85	1908	53·64		

* Not available.

† The increase in the percentage of voters is accounted for by voting having been made compulsory by Act No. 3488, passed on 23rd December, 1926.

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF LEADING EVENTS.

The *Year-Book* for 1933-34 contains, on pages 25 to 37, a chronological table of leading events connected with the discovery and history of Victoria for the years 1770 to 1934 inclusive. The leading events for the year ended June, 1935, were given in the *Year Book* for 1934-35, pages 22 and 23.

Some of the principal events in Victorian and Australian history during the year 1935-36 were as follow :—

1935—28th August	..	The Right Hon. J. H. Scullin, P.C., announced his resignation from the leadership of the Australian Labour Party.
1st October	..	Sir Frank Gavan Duffy retired from the Chief Justiceship of the High Court of Australia.
1st October	..	Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, retired from the bench. Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, Kt., M.A., LL.M. was elevated to the position.
1st October	..	Mr. John Curtin, Member for Fremantle, W.A., elected leader of the Federal Labour Party and became leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives.
2nd October	..	The Tasmanian airliner, <i>Loina</i> , crashed into the sea near Flinders Is., while on its daily flight from Victoria to Tasmania. No trace was found of the two pilots and the three passengers who were aboard.
19th October	..	Sir John Latham, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., M.A., LL.B., was sworn in as Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia.
6th November	..	Marriage of H.R.H. Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, 3rd son of King George V. to Lady Alice Montagu-Douglas-Scott, daughter of the late Duke of Buccleuch, Scotland, celebrated in the Chapel at Buckingham Palace.
9th November	..	Air-Commodore Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, K.B., M.C., flying the plane <i>Lady Southern Cross</i> on a flight from England to Australia, with Mr. T. Pethybridge as co-pilot, failed to reach Singapore after leaving Allahabad on the 7th November. Exhaustive searches by air, land and sea, failed to find any trace of the men or machine.
28th December	..	The steamer <i>Paringa</i> (1,359 tons) while towing oil-tanker <i>Vincas</i> from Westernport Bay to Japan mysteriously disappeared at a point near Lakes Entrance. The crew comprised 2 Australian and 3 British officers and 26 Chinese seaman.

- 1936—20th January .. Death of His Majesty, King George V. who succeeded Edward VII. on 6th May, 1910, and was crowned on 22nd June, 1911. The burial took place at St. George's Chapel on 28th January.
- 21st January .. The Prince of Wales, who was born on 23rd June, 1894, was proclaimed King Edward VIII.
- 23rd January .. Sir Isaac Isaacs' term of office having expired, Brigadier-General the Right Hon. Lord Gowrie, V.C., G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., was sworn in as Governor-General of Australia.
- 25th March .. Telephone service between Tasmania and the mainland opened by the Hon. J. A. Lyons, Prime Minister of Australia.
- 12th April .. Four persons were killed and many injured when the steamer *Nairana*, on her passage from Tasmania, was struck by a huge wave when approaching Port Phillip Heads.
- 12th May .. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, Kt., M.A., LL.M., appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria in succession to Sir William Hill Irvine, who resigned his commission on account of ill-health.
- 23rd June .. Second session of the 32nd Parliament of Victoria opened by His Excellency the Governor, Lord Huntingfield.
- 10th Decemter .. His Majesty King Edward VIII., whose accession took place on 21st January, 1936, renounced the Throne. His brother, Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George, Duke of York, succeeded him as from the following day and was proclaimed King George VI. on 12th December.

FLORA OF VICTORIA.

An article on the "Flora of Victoria," by Mr. J. W. Audas, F.L.S., F.R.M.S. (National Herbarium, Melbourne), appears in the *Year-Book*, 1927-28, on pages 3 to 19, and addenda thereto appear in subsequent issues of the *Year-Book*.

FURTHER ADDENDA TO THE ABOVE ARTICLE.

Added to the List of Victorian Flora.

The following species were added to the list of Victorian Flora during the year 1935-36 :—

New Species—

Coprosma nivalis W. R. B. Oliver, "Snow coprosma"
(Rubiaceae).

Coprosma tadgellii W. R. B. Oliver, "Mountain coprosma"
(Rubiaceae).

Alchemilla australiana Rothmaler, "Austral Lady's mantle"
(Rosaceae).

- Alchemilla novae-hollandiae* Rothmaler, "New Holland Lady's mantle" (Rosaceae).
Alchemilla pentamera Rothmaler, "Five petalled Lady's mantle" (Rosaceae).
Danthonia nudiflora P. F. Morris, "Naked wallaby grass" (Gramineae).
Echinopogon intermedius C. E. Hubbard, "Intermediate hedgehog grass" (Gramineae).
Echinopogon caespitosus C. E. Hubbard, "Tufted hedgehog grass" (Gramineae).
Nicotiana maritima H. W. Wheeler, "Sea tobacco" (Solanaceae).

During the period twenty-two species not previously recorded for this State have been added to the list of native Flora:—

- Danthonia duttoniana* Casp, "Dutton's wallaby grass" (Gramineae).
Danthonia richardsonii Casp, "Richardson's wallaby grass" (Gramineae).
Stipa densiflora Hughes, "Dense flowered spear grass" (Gramineae).
Stipa lachnocolea Hughes, "Woolly spear grass" (Gramineae).
Stipa incurva Hughes, "Incurved spear grass" (Gramineae).
Eucalyptus andrewsii J. H. Maiden, "New England peppermint gum" (Myrtaceae).
Eucalyptus maideni F.v.M. var *Williamsonii*, Blakely, "Mallacoota gum" (Myrtaceae).
Korthalsella articulata Blakely, "Jointed mistletoe" (Loranthaceae).
Chenopodium pumilio R. Br., "Small goosefoot" (Chenopodiaceae).
Thelymitra holmesii W. H. Nicholls, "Blue star sun orchid" (Orchidaceae).
Thelymitra murdochae W. H. Nicholls, "Combed sun orchid" (Orchidaceae).
Thelymitra media R. Br., "Tall sun orchid" (Orchidaceae).
Thelymitra azurea R. S. Rogers, "Azure sun orchid" (Orchidaceae).
Prasophyllum pyriforme Edith Coleman, "Pear shaped leek orchid" (Orchidaceae).
Wahlenbergia colensoi N. E. Brown, "Annual blue-bell" (Campanulaceae).

- Wahlenbergia multicaulis* Benth, "Many stemmed blue-bell" (Campanulaceae).
Wahlenbergia quadrifida A.D.C., "Four petalled blue-bell" (Campanulaceae).
Wahlenbergia sieberi A.D.C., "Sieber's blue-bell" (Campanulaceae).
Sarcosiphon rodwayi Schltr, "Fairy lanterns" (Burmanniaceae).
Hymenophyllum dilatatum A.W., "Handsome filmy fern" (Hymenophyllaceae).

CHANGES IN NOMENCLATURE.

A number of changes in the names of the Victorian Flora has been made in accordance with the Vienna Botanical Rules of nomenclature, viz. :—

- Zoysia macrantha* Desv. (*Zoysia pungens* Willd) (Gramineae).
Elythrophorus spicatus (Willd), A. Camus (*Elythrophorus articulata palisot*) (Gramineae).
Phragmites vulgaris Druce (*Phragmites communis* Trin.) (Gramineae).
Centella asiatica (L) Urb. (*Hydrocotyle asiatica* L.) (Umbelliferae).
Cissus hypoglauca A. Gray (*Vitis hypoglauca* F.vM.) (Vitaceae).
Tetraria capillaris (F.vM.) Nov. Comb. J. M. Black *Schoenus capillaceum* (Bth) C. B. Clarke (Cyperaceae).
Chenopodium myriocephalum (Bth) Aellen (*Dysphania myriocephala* Bth. (Chenopodiaceae).
Roripa islandica Sch. and Thell (*Nasturtium terrestre* R. Br.) (Cruciferae).
Dodonaea truncatiales F.vM. (*Dodonaea calycina* A. Cunn.) (Sapindaceae).

CORRECTIONS.

The following corrections have been made in the Census of Victorian Plants :—

- Rubus hillii* F.vM. for *Rubus moluccanus* Benth., non Linne.
Dactyloctenium radulans (R. Br.) Beauv. for *Dactyloctenium aegypticum* (L) Richt.

Introduced into Victoria from other Australian States :—

- Acacia baileyana*, F.vM. "Cootamundra wattle" (Leguminosae).
Acacia saligna, Wendl., "Western willow wattle" (Leguminosae).

(Both garden escapes.)

EXOTICS.

New plants recorded during 1935-36. Nine introduced plants have been recorded as growing wild for the first time.

Frankenia pulverulenta (L), "Powdered Sea Heath" (Frankeniaceae).

A native of the Mediterranean regions and East India.

Mirabilis jalapa L., "Marvel of Peru" (Nyctagineae).

Native to South America.

Asperula arvensis L., "Field woodruff" (Rubiaceae).

An introduction from Europe and Asia.

Aranjia sericifera Brot., "Creul plant" or "Codlin moth plant" (Asclepodaceae).

Native to South America.

Sagina ciliata Fries., "Hairy pearlwort" (Caryophyllaceae).

Sagina nivalis Fries., "Snow pearlwort" (Caryophyllaceae).

Native of Europe.

Spartina maritima (Curt.) Fernald, "Sea cord grass" (Gramineae).

Native to Europe, Africa and North America.

Rhamnus alaternus L., "Alaternus Buckthorn" (Rhamnaceae).

Native to Mediterranean regions and Asia Minor.

Paspalum urvillei Stend, "Tufted golden crown grass" (Gramineae).

THE FAUNA OF VICTORIA.

An article on the "Fauna of Victoria," by the late T. S. Hall, M.A., D.Sc. (University of Melbourne), and Mr. J. A. Kershaw, F.Z.S., Curator of the National Museum, Melbourne, appears in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, and addenda thereto by Mr. Kershaw in the *Year-Books* for 1918-19 and 1920-21. Additional notes on this subject by Mr. D. Mahony, M.Sc., Director of the National Museum, Melbourne, were published in the *Year-Book* for 1931-32.

Articles on the "Mammals of Victoria" and the "Reptiles of Victoria," which appear in the *Year-Book* for 1932-33 and 1934-35 respectively, were contributed by Mr. C. W. Brazenor, National Museum of Victoria, and an article on the "Birds of Victoria," by Mr. George Mack, National Museum of Victoria, appears in the 1933-34 issue of the *Year-Book*. The following article on the "Fishes of Victoria" has also been contributed by Mr. Mack.

THE FISHES OF VICTORIA.

(By GEORGE MACK, National Museum of Victoria.)

About 350 species of marine and freshwater fishes have been recorded from Victoria, but doubtless close investigation would add many others. The marine fish fauna is mainly typical of that found in the cool waters of southern Australia, but some northern forms occur and these travel south by means of the warm current that flows down the east coast of the continent.

Although Victoria is favourably situated for the development of commercial fishing, little enterprise has been shown and deep-sea fishing on modern lines is unknown. As a result, fish as a food is more or less a luxury instead of being a normal item of diet. The value of imported fish (treated and untreated) far exceeds that of local supplies sold in Victorian markets. Following are the chief edible species now marketed:—Barracouta, *Thyrsites atun* (Euph.); Bay Mullet, *Agonostomus forsteri* (Cuv. and Val.); Sand Mullet, *Mugil cephalus* Linn.; Salmon Trout, *Arripis trutta* (Bl. and Schn.); Sand Flathead, *Platycephalus bassensis* Cuv. and Val.; Rock Flathead, *P. laevigatus* Cuv. and Val.; Snapper, *Pagrosomus auratus* (Bl. and Schn.); Black Bream, *Sparus australis* Gthr.; Spotted Whiting *Sillaginoides punctatus* (Cuv. and Val.); Garfish, *Hyporhamphus intermedius* (Cant.); Flounder, *Rhombosolea tapirina* Gthr.; certain sharks, chiefly the Gummy, *Mustelus antarcticus* Gthr.; Murray Cod, *Maccullochella macquariensis* (Cuv. and Val.); Golden Perch, *Plectroplites ambiguus* (Rich.). In many instances the popular names have been adopted from those of European fishes quite unrelated to local species; for example, the Murray Cod is a Perch. The scientific names are according to A. R. McCulloch's *Check-list of the Fishes recorded from Australia* (Aust. Mus. Mem. V., 1929-30).

The introduction into streams and lakes of the European Perch, *Perca fluviatilis* Linn., and the Goldfish, *Carassius auratus* (Linn.) has been markedly successful, and both species are now to be found throughout the State. This fact, and the constant liberation of fry of exotic trout (*Salmo trutta* Linn. and *Salmo irideus* Gibbons) combined with the general adverse effect of settlement does not augur well for the future of indigenous freshwater fauna.

Briefly, fishes may be described as cold-blooded, aquatic vertebrate animals which breathe by means of gills throughout life, but in popular use the term is applied to certain invertebrates; shell-fish for instance are Molluscs, and crayfish are Crustaceans. It is customary, however, to include with the Bony Fishes and the Sharks and Rays at least two other groups of fish-like animals, the Lancelets and the Lampreys

Class LEPTOCARDII (Lancelets).

Lancelets are small, slender, marine animals having a central nervous system situated above a notochord which extends almost the entire length of the body. The notochord is not enclosed in a vertebral column, and there are no limbs nor paired fins, no localized brain, no skull and no heart.

Order AMPHIOXI.

A single species, the southern Lancelet, *Epigonichthys bassanus* (Gthr.) is the only representative in Victoria.

Class MARSIPOBRANCHII (Lampreys and Hagfishes).

The Lampreys are eel-like in shape, and have a cartilaginous skeleton, a heart, and a localized brain protected by a skull. There are median fins, but no paired fins, and the mouth is in the form of a funnel, lacking a lower or biting jaw. Hagfishes belong to a distinct Order and are not represented in Australia.

Order HYPEROATIA.

At least two, possibly three species of Lampreys occur, the common form being *Caragola mordax* (Rich.). The Lampreys leave the sea and enter the river to spawn.

Class ELASMOBRANCHII (Sharks and Rays).

Sharks and Rays are similar in structure and differ markedly from the bony fishes. The skeleton is cartilaginous and the skull is not made up of separate pieces as in the true fishes; the gill openings are not covered by a bony plate (operculum), and there are no true scales.

Of approximately 80 species of Sharks known from Australian waters, about 30 have been recorded from Victoria. Contrary to popular belief only a few of these are dangerous to mankind, and only two or three fatal attacks are known to have occurred in the waters of this State during the past hundred years. Despite prejudice against eating sharks, large numbers, chiefly the Gummy, *Mustelus antarcticus* Gthr., are marketed at a high average price and are excellent food.

Order NOTIDANI.

Included here are the seven-gilled Sharks. Two species occur, and it has been suggested that the one commonly known as the Seven-gilled Shark, *Notorhynchus griseus* (Macd.) may be responsible for some of the few attacks on bathers.

Order CESTRACIONTES.

The peculiar, harmless Port Jackson Shark, *Heterodontus philippi* (Bl. and Schn.), which attains a length of about four feet, is the only Victorian representative of this Order. The egg-case of this species, which has a distinctive spiral flange, is a common object on our beaches.

Order EUSELACHII.

Notable in the many families included here are small Cat Sharks, the most abundant being the Collared Cat Shark, *Parascyllium variolatum* (Dum.), easily recognized by the white spotted black band on the nape; the beautifully marked Banded Carpet Shark, *Orectolobus devisi* Ogilby, a bottom dweller which grows to eight feet in length; and the well known Gummy Shark, *Mustelus antarcticus* Gthr.

Among the larger Sharks, most dangerous from the human viewpoint are the Blue Pointer or Mako Shark of big game fishermen, *Isurus glaucus* (Mull. and Henle), the great White Shark, *Carcharodon carcharias* (Linn.), and the Grey Nurse, *Carcharius arenarius* Ogilby. The two last named are probably the most to be feared in Victorian waters.

Order PRISTIOPHORIDAE.

The Saw Sharks (*Pristiophorus*), of which two species occur, are immediately distinguished by the long flattened rostrum, furnished with a pair of tentacles and large tooth-like denticles on the lateral margins.

Order TECTOSPONDYLI.

The first of two Suborders here contain the Dogfishes (Squalidae), characterized by the absence of an anal fin and the presence of a spine in front of both dorsals. The best known of about six species is *Squalus fernandinus* Mol.

In the second Suborder is the Angel Shark, *Squatina australis* Regan, one of a group which in appearance and structure is intermediate between the Sharks and Rays.

Order BATOIDEI (Rays).

The Rays have the pectoral fins joined to the head which, like the body, is flattened, and the gill openings are on the underside of the body, not on the sides as in Sharks.

More than twelve species are known from Victoria and of these possibly the best known are the Shovel-nosed Ray, *Aptychotrema banksii* (Mull. and Henle), and the Fiddler, *Trygonorrhina fasciata* (Mull. and Henle). Of the larger species, measuring up to 6 feet across the disc, the Stingray, *Dasyatis brevicaudatus* (Hutton) is not uncommon.

Order CHIMAEROIDEI.

The Sharks of this Order are contained in a Sub-class distinct from all other Sharks and Rays. Some of the distinguishing features are the presence of a cartilaginous operculum covering the gills, a depressible spine in front of the first dorsal fin, and the absence of denticles, the skin being smooth.

Of the two species which occur the Ghost Shark, *Chimaera ogilby* Waite, is rare, but the Elephant Shark, *Callorhynchus milii* Bory, is very plentiful and is marketed.

Class PISCES (Bony Fishes).

Among other characters, the fishes of this Class have the skeleton bony, not cartilaginous, and the skull with membrane bones. The majority of fishes, including most of the well-known edible species, occur under this heading. Victorian representatives are further subdivided into 25 Orders and 111 Families containing about 300 species.

Order ISOPONDYLI.

Many of the fishes of this Order are small but comparatively well known, and some are of great economic value although practically none is utilized in Australia. They include the Anchovy, *Engraulis australis* (White); the Pilchard, *Sardinops neopilchardus* (Steind.), among the Herrings; the trout-like Smelt, *Retropinna semoni* (Weber), and Native Trout (*Galaxias*) of freshwater streams and lakes; and the primitive marine Sand Fish or "Beaked Salmon", *Gonorhynchus greyi* (Rich.), which is not uncommon in Port Phillip Bay.

Order NEMATOGNATHI (Catfishes).

The appearance of the Catfishes, particularly the whisker-like barbels surrounding the mouth, militates against their use as food-fishes. Two species, the Estuary, *Cnidogobius macrocephalus* (Cuv. and Val.), and the Freshwater Catfish, *Tandanus tandanus* Mitch., occur in this State.

Order Synbranchia (Shore Eels).

The Shore Eel, *Alabes rufus* (MacL.), commonly found under stones on the beaches, is the only member of this Order.

Order APODES (Eels).

True Eels are represented by eight or nine species, both freshwater and marine. The Short-finned Eel, *Anguilla australis* Rich., of coastal streams, like other species of the genus in the northern hemisphere, migrates to the sea to breed and die. The young, as Elvers, enter

the rivers in great numbers, overcome many obstacles such as falls, and even travel overland between water, to spend the greater part of their life in freshwater. Among marine forms, species of the genera *Leptocephalus* and *Muraenichthys* are most in evidence.

Order INIOMI.

The curiously named Sergeant Baker, *Aulopus purpurissatus* Rich., is the only Victorian species of this Order. It is a strikingly beautiful fish.

Order AULOSTOMI (Bellows Fishes).

Bellows Fishes have the body partly enclosed in an armour of bony plates, the mouth small and toothless situated at the end of a tube-like snout, and a long, serrated spine in front of the first dorsal. *Centriscoops humerosus* (Rich.) is one of three species recorded.

Order THORACOSTEI (Pipefishes and Sea Horses).

More than twenty species of this Order are known from the waters of Victoria. The Sea Horses, which have the head set at almost a right angle to the body and swim in a vertical position, range from the large common form, *Phyllopteryx foliatus* (Shaw), to the little Short-headed Sea Horse, *Hippocampus breviceps* Ptrs. Dried and damaged specimens of the former species are frequently found on the beaches.

The Pipefishes have the head in line with the body and swim in the normal horizontal position. The Brush-tailed Pipefish, *Leptoichthys fistularius* Kaup, and the Smooth Pipefish, *Lissocampus caudalis* Waite and Hale, attain 15 and 4 inches in length respectively, and may be cited as examples.

The reproductive habits of fishes of this Order are interesting. The eggs, produced by the females, are carried by the males until hatched in a brood-pouch or marsupium on the under side of the body or tail, or directly attached to the under side of the tail as is the case in the Common Sea Horse (*Phyllopteryx*) noted above.

Order HYPOSTOMIDES.

The only recorded species is the Sea Moth or Sea Dragon *Acanthopegasus lancifer* (Kaup). This little fish has the body encased in bony rings; the snout produced beyond the mouth, which is toothless; and the pectoral fins are large, horizontal, and appear like wings, hence the name Sea Moth.

Order SYNENTOGNATHI (Garfish, Flying Fish, &c.).

The better known members of this Order are the popular food-fish, the Garfish, *Hyporhamphus intermedius* (Cant.), the Flying Fishes, (*Cypselurus*), and the Billfish, *Scomberesox forsteri* Cuv. and Val., with its long, slender, beak-like jaws.

Order PEROMORPHI (Hardyhead, Mullet, Pike).

Prominent here as commercially valuable fishes are the various species of Mullet, the Sand Mullet, *Myxus elongatus* Gthr., and Bay Mullet, *Aganostomus forsteri* (Cuv. and Val.) in particular. The common Hardyhead, *Atherina microstoma* Gthr., is much used as bait, and the Short-finned Sea Pike, *Sphyræna novae-hollandiæ* Gthr., is marketed in small quantities.

Order ANACANTHINI (Whip-tails, Codfishes).

Whip-tails (Macrouridae) are deep-sea fishes; three species occur. The Rock Cod, *Physiculus barbatus* (Gthr.), and the Beardie, *Lotella callarias* Gthr., although contained in the Family Gadidae (Codfishes) are not to be compared with the excellent food-fish of the northern hemisphere.

Order BEROIDEI (Nannygai, Roughy).

The Nannygai, *Trachichthodes affinis* (Gthr.), and the Sandpaper Fish, *Paratrachichthys trailli* (Hutton), are more abundant in deep water, and are good examples of what may be obtained by trawling. The Roughy, *Trachichthys australis* Shaw and Nodder, on the other hand, is small and of no commercial value.

Order ZEOIDEI (Dories).

The widely distributed John Dory, *Zeus faber* Linn., and the Silver Dory, *Cyttus australis* (Rich.), are notable examples of this Order. Both are excellent food-fishes, but are to be obtained in numbers only by trawling.

Order SELENICHTHYES.

The sole representative is the Opah or King fish, *Lampris regius* (Bonn.), a pelagic fish of wide distribution, noted for its brilliant colouration. An occasional specimen is taken in Victoria.

Order ALLOTRIIGNATHI (Oar Fish, Ribbon Fish).

Fishes of this Order are much compressed, elongate, and fragile in appearance, hence the name Ribbon Fish for the species *Trachipterus trachipterus* (Gmel.), which occurs most frequently in this State. A closely allied form, the Oar Fish, *Regalecus glesne* (Ascan.), which reaches more than 20 feet in length, is credited with giving rise to some stories of the occurrence of Sea-serpents.

forms of Swordfishes (Istiophoridae) have afforded good big game fishing. The last species worthy of mention here is the Barracouta, *Thyrstites atun* (Euph.), one of the most important commercial fishes under existing conditions; it is taken in large quantities and is sold both fresh and smoked.

Order HETEROSOMATA (Flat Fishes).

Of about eight species, only the common Flounder, *Rhombosolea tapirina* Gthr. is as yet of economic import.

Order AMPHIPRIOMFORMES (Pullers).

This Order is well represented in tropical waters; only two species occur in Victoria. One of these, the Scaly Fin, *Actinochromus victoriae* (Gthr.), is occasionally taken by hand-line.

Order PHARYNGOGNATHI (Lip Fishes).

Prominent here are the gorgeously coloured Parrot Fishes (Coridae). Of four genera *Pseudolabrus* is strongly represented by five or six species. The Barred Rock Whiting, *Neoodax semifasciatus* (Cuv. and Val.) and the Herring Cale, *Olisthops cyanomelas* Rich., are fairly common Kelp Fishes (Odacidae). Notable for its peculiar form, the Tube Mouth, *Siphonognathus argyrophanes* Rich., is known only from southern Australian waters. The well known River Blackfish, *Gadopsis marmoratus* Rich., included here, is much esteemed by anglers; that it is less plentiful now than in the early days of settlement is attributed mainly to introduced fishes.

Order JUGULARES.

Fairly common fishes of some of the families contained here are the Stonelifter or Stargazer, *Kathetostoma laeve* (Bl. and Schn.), the Dragonet, *Bovichthys variegatus* Rich., both marine species, and the Tupong or Freshwater Flathead, *Pseudaphritis urvillii* (Cuv. and Val.), an inhabitant of both marine and fresh water. The principal genera of Blennies, mostly small inshore fishes, are *Cristiceps*, *Petraites*, and *Clinus*.

Order XENOPTERYGII (Cling Fishes).

The little fishes of this Order have the ventral fins united in the form of a disc by means of which they adhere to stones in rock pools, and thus avoid being washed out by waves. *Diplocrepis costatus* Ogilby is most common of three species.

Order PERCOMORPHI (Perch-like Fishes).

About one-fifth of the entire fish-fauna of Victoria, more than 70 species representing 34 families, are included in the Percomorphi.

Among freshwater forms the Murray Cod, *Muccullochella macquariensis* (Cuv. and Val.), is outstanding in size, edible qualities, and commercial value. Specimens weighing up to 100 lb. and more are taken, but such an occurrence is now rare. Other notable species are the Golden Perch, *Plectroplites ambiguus* (Rich.), also marketed; Australian Perch, *Percalates colonorum* (Gthr.); Macquarie Perch, *Macquaria australasica* Cuv. and Val.; Silver Perch, *Terapon bidyanus* (Mitch.); and Pigmy Perch, *Nannoperca australis* Gthr.

Following are some of the principal marine species.—Red Perch, *Caesioperca rasor* (Rich.); Butterfly Perch, *C. lepidoptera* Bl. and Schn.; Allports Perch, *Callanthias allporti* Gthr.; Blue Devil, *Paraplesiops meleagris* (Peters), not uncommon and attracts attention because of its greatly lengthened dorsal and anal fins, and general unusual appearance; Spotted Whiting, *Sillaginoides punctata* (Cuv. and Val.), an excellent food-fish, not related to the European Whiting; Skipjack, *Pomatomus saltator* (Linn.), a widely distributed edible species; Yellowtail, *Seriola grandis* Cast.; Scad, *Trachurus declivus* (Jen.); and Trevally, *Caranx georgianus* Cuv. and Val., of the Family Carangidae, the last named in particular esteemed as food; Australian Salmon or Salmon Trout, *Arripis trutta* (Bl. and Schn.), commonly marketed, and, despite its popular names, not in any way related to the true Salmon and Trout of the northern hemisphere; Butterfish, *Sciaenia antarctica* Cast., Red Mullet, *Upenichthys porosus* (Cuv. and Val.), Black Bream, *Sparus australis* (Gthr.), and Snapper, *Pagrosomus auratus* Bl. and Schn., all much prized food-fishes, with the Snapper outstanding in that respect; Six-banded Coral Fish, *Vinculum sexfasciatum* (Rich.), and the curiously named Old Wife, *Enoplosus armatus* (White), are taken by hand-line among rocks; Boar Fishes (Histiopteridae), represented by four species, are usually obtained in deep water, although occasional specimens of the Long-snouted Boar Fish, *Pentaceropsis recurvirostris* (Rich.), come to hand; Magpie Perch, *Goniistius vizonarius* (S-Kent), Jackass Fish, *Dactylopagrus macropterus* (Bl. and Schn.), and Strongfish, *Psilocaranium nigricans* (Rich.), are three of a number of species collectively known as Sea Carps. E. R. Waite records having counted 1,650 specimens of the Jackass Fish taken in one netting in New Zealand waters. Of the Trumpeters, Tasmanian, *Latris lineata* (Bl. and Schn.), and Silver, *Latridopsis forsteri*, the former is well known commercially. The Australian Mackerel, *Scomber australasica* Cuv. and Val., the Tunny, *Thunnus thynnus* (Linn.), and the Horse Mackerel, *Sarda chiliensis* (Cuv. and Val.), may be noted as potentially valuable species. In recent years, off eastern Victoria and the coast of New South Wales, at least two

Order GOBIOIDEA (Gobiés and Gudgeons).

Gobies are small and, like the Blennies, are commonly found in rock pools. Of a considerable number of species, the Spotted Goby, *Gobius lateralis* Macl., and *Gobius semifrenatus* Macl., are most plentiful. The Gudgeons (Eliotridae) of freshwater streams differ from Gobiés in having the ventral fins separate. The Big-headed Gudgeon, *Philypnodon grandiceps* (Kreff) is fairly common.

Order DISCOCEPHALI (Sucker Fishes).

Sucker Fishes have the spinous dorsal fin modified in the shape of a large suctorial disc by which they attach themselves to sharks and other large fishes and also to boats. In this manner they travel and obtain food with little effort. One species, the Remora or Short Sucker Fish, *Remora remora* (Linn.), has been recorded.

Order CATAPHRACTI.

The three prominent families of this Order are the Gurnard Perches (Scorpaenidae), Gurnards (Triglidae) and Flatheads (Platycephalidae). As food-fishes both Gurnards and Flatheads are valuable, but at present only some of the latter are regularly marketed. Well known examples of the three families are the Cobbler, *Gymnapistes marmoratus* (Cuv. and Val.) (Scorpaenidae); the Flying Gurnard, *Pterygotrigla polyommata* (Rich.), and Red Gurnard, *Chelidonichthys kumu* (Less. and Garn.) (Triglidae); and the Sand Flathead, *Platycephalus bassensis* Cuv. and Val., and Rock Flathead, *P. laevigatus* Cuv. and Val. (Platycephalidae).

Order PEDICULATI (Frog-fishes).

Frog-fishes are sluggish bottom-dwelling fishes of peculiar appearance. The manner in which at least part of their food is obtained is interesting. On the point of the snout is a fleshy appendage like a flexible rod and bait that acts as a lure to smaller forms which, on approach, are snapped up in the capacious mouth. From time to time examples of the Tasselled Frog-fish, *Rhycherus filamentosus* (Cast.) are taken in Port Phillip Bay.

Order PLECTOGNATHI.

The fishes of five distinct families grouped here agree in lacking ventral fins.

Leather-jackets (Aluteridae) are strongly represented by close on 20 species of which the Horse-shoe Leather-jacket, *Meuschenia hippocrepis* (Q. and G.) is very common; all are brilliantly coloured. Equally attractive in colouration are the three species of Cow Fishes

(Aracana), so named because of the horn-like spines over the eyes. Both the Toadas or Puffers (Tetraodontidae) and Porcupine Fishes (Diodontidae) are remarkable for the way in which they inflate themselves with air ; in Victoria the families are represented by three and two species respectively.

Not infrequently an example of the Sun Fish, *Mola mola* (Linn.), a wanderer of the oceans, is stranded on the Victorian coast. This extraordinary fish grows to a great size and in weight up to 1,800 pounds. There is a single record of a smaller species, *Ranzania truncata* (Retz.), from Western Victoria.
