

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

### MUNICIPALITIES.

**Legislation.** A statement of the provisions of the laws relating to local government in force on 16th September, 1929, appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on pages 127 to 131, and a summary of the principal provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1934 is given in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34 on pages 127 and 128.

The *Local Government (Preferential Voting) Act* 1935 provides that all elections of municipal councillors in Victoria shall be conducted on a system of preferential voting. Previous legislation gave the Governor in Council discretionary power to make orders applying such a system of voting to any municipality.

**Municipalities in Victoria.** The total number of municipalities throughout the State at 30th September, 1935, was 195. Of these, 34 ranked as cities, 5 as towns, 18 as boroughs, and 138 as shires. The only unincorporated area of this State is French Island, situated in the County of Mornington, between the eastern and western passages of Western Port Bay, and which is 42,000 acres in extent.

**Number and value of Properties rated.** The following is a statement of the number of rate-payers, the number of properties rated, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings (occupied and unoccupied), and the number of houses built in cities,

towns and boroughs, and in shires for each of the five years 1930-31 to 1934-35.

PROPERTIES RATED IN MUNICIPALITIES,  
1930-31 TO 1934-35.

Year.	Number of Distinct Rate-payers.	Number of Properties Rated.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Houses built during the year.
			Capital Improved Value.	Net Annual Value.	Occupied.	Unoccupied.*	
<b>Cities, Towns, and Boroughs—</b>							
			£	£			
1930-31 ..	335,892	395,131	382,243,226	21,243,548	268,832	8,521	452
1931-32 ..	339,842	393,876	351,642,387	19,391,762	272,284	6,021	863
1932-33 ..	341,078	394,403	336,119,812	18,231,285	271,141†	7,947†	1,565
1933-34 ..	356,532	417,158	338,152,113	18,469,524	286,569	3,014	3,277
1934-35 ..	366,331	436,145	353,914,980	19,021,105	296,618	2,044	4,837
<b>Shires—</b>							
1930-31 ..	271,586	393,196	294,447,615	14,784,365	158,813	3,139	638
1931-32 ..	264,723	387,349	278,253,957	13,971,878	157,340	2,879	667
1932-33 ..	265,802	391,059	268,671,521	13,491,680	161,731†	10,810†	878
1933-34 ..	251,795	370,013	254,231,354	12,772,467	161,093	6,145	1,022
1934-35 ..	246,400	357,006	248,646,420	12,441,578	159,530	4,136	1,190
<b>Total—</b>							
1930-31 ..	607,478	788,327	676,690,841	36,032,913	427,645	11,660	1,090
1931-32 ..	604,565	781,225	629,896,344	33,363,640	429,624	8,900	1,530
1932-33 ..	606,880	785,462	604,791,333	31,722,965	432,872†	18,757†	2,443
1933-34 ..	608,327	787,171	592,383,467	31,241,991	447,662	9,159	4,299
1934-35 ..	612,731	793,151	602,561,400	31,462,683	456,148	6,180	6,027

\* The particulars of unoccupied dwellings during intercensal periods are given as furnished annually by municipal authorities and may be somewhat understated. † As enumerated at Census on 30th June, 1933.

The highest total estimated capital improved value of rateable property was recorded in the year 1929-30. The value fell in each of the years 1930-31 to 1933-34, but an increase is shown in 1934-35 as compared with 1933-34. The figure for 1934-35 represents a decrease of 11·5 per cent. as compared with that relating to the year 1929-30.

The following is a statement of the number of ratepayers, the amount of rate levied in the £, the estimated value of rateable property, and the revenue for the year 1934-35 in the cities, towns, and boroughs in Victoria. The assets and liabilities at the end of the year are also given.

## CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS, 1934-35.

Name.	Number of Distinct Rate-payers.	Amount of General Rate levied in the £.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.	Assets.	Liabilities.
			Capital Improved Value.	Net Annual Value.			
GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£,000.</i>	<i>£,000.</i>
Box Hill .. ..	7,917	2 7	4,119,600	217,970	82,670	349	213
Brighton .. ..	9,208	2 5	10,320,500	510,375	75,588	169	259
Brunswick .. ..	13,973	0 7*	9,666,420	581,235	231,591	381	212
Camberwell .. ..	19,005	0 4½*	16,067,870	838,365	173,434	580	604
Caulfield .. ..	18,975	0 4½*	17,529,650	894,540	138,126	196	417
Chelsea .. ..	5,676	0 4½*	1,613,400	83,695	25,925	68	84
Coburg .. ..	12,222	0 5*	6,078,500	371,163	143,247	478	478
Collingwood .. ..	7,863	2 3	8,321,860	416,093	54,570	150	77
Essendon .. ..	13,119	0 5½*	9,793,780	579,851	97,428	203	224
Fitzroy .. ..	7,571	2 1	8,390,580	419,529	50,271	81	175
Footscray .. ..	12,175	2 3	10,666,040	533,302	224,138	370	336
Hawthorn .. ..	9,440	2 3	11,024,860	551,243	74,506	177	131
Heidelberg .. ..	13,396	2 6	6,716,840	335,842	139,704	342	304
Kew .. ..	6,890	2 6	5,664,000	377,600	68,680	115	194
Malvern .. ..	12,729	2 5	16,771,120	838,556	124,469	361	295
Melbourne .. ..	34,190	1 11	85,261,460	4,263,073	1,422,542	4,696	3,945
Moorabbin .. ..	7,496	2 6	4,807,360	240,368	71,961	140	281
Mordialloc .. ..	4,533	0 4*	2,553,380	131,787	62,577	158	148
Northcote .. ..	11,225	2 6	8,811,420	440,571	141,065	292	318
Oakleigh .. ..	3,998	0 5*	2,182,390	132,291	27,345	64	117
Port Melbourne .. ..	3,117	2 6	3,086,740	154,337	56,068	99	65
Prahran .. ..	13,624	1 9	15,336,630	1,061,158	120,353	266	208
Preston .. ..	18,600	2 6	6,146,680	307,334	132,678	361	407
Richmond .. ..	9,392	2 6	7,401,450	493,430	82,210	172	311
Sandringham .. ..	8,155	0 4½*	4,900,000	256,841	53,664	153	243
South Melbourne .. ..	9,949	2 6	13,913,640	695,682	114,584	146	228
St. Kilda .. ..	12,124	2 0	11,842,660	947,413	111,389	140	307
Williamstown .. ..	6,171	2 3	4,830,880	241,544	116,422	240	202
Total, Cities in Greater Melbourne	312,733	..	313,825,710	16,921,188	4,217,155	10,947	10,783

\* Levied on unimproved value of land.

## CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES, 1934-35—continued.

Name.	Number of Distinct Rate-payers.	Amount of General Rate levied in the £.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.	Assets.	Liabilities.
			Capital Improved Value.	Net Annual Value.			
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
		<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£,000.	£,000.
Ballaarat .. .. .	9,561	2 9	6,473,930	343,305	71,927	217	84
Bendigo .. .. .	6,934	2 4	4,102,860	274,141	54,741	240	76
Geelong .. .. .	4,955	2 8	5,487,200	274,360	53,939	101	145
Geelong West .. .. .	3,429	2 9	2,242,740	112,137	24,301	50	105
Mildura .. .. .	1,294	2 8	1,696,980	84,849	46,418	144	98
Warrnambool .. .. .	1,891	2 0	2,205,740	110,287	38,451	144	66
<i>Towns.</i>							
Ararat .. .. .	1,054	2 3	790,480	39,524	25,478	134	122
Hamilton .. .. .	1,493	2 3	1,254,300	62,715	14,353	24	18
Horsham .. .. .	1,520	2 6	1,243,320	62,166	24,370	59	48
Newtown and Chilwell .. .. .	2,375	0 4½*	2,229,530	113,639	15,920	27	37
Sale .. .. .	1,169	2 0	994,240	49,712	10,552	24	15
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Castlemaine .. .. .	1,426	2 6	915,680	45,784	10,322	13	14
Clunes .. .. .	455	1 9	216,260	10,813	3,715	25	11
Daylesford .. .. .	802	3 0	512,540	25,627	6,845	15	17
Eaglehawk .. .. .	1,318	2 6	420,140	21,007	10,910	41	14
Echuca .. .. .	1,000	2 9	937,780	46,884	8,359	11	20
Inglewood .. .. .	350	2 0	136,780	6,839	4,437	26	20
Koroit .. .. .	350	2 0	392,740	19,637	3,391	2	4
Maryborough .. .. .	1,321	2 6	783,600	39,180	18,531	27	13
Port Fairy .. .. .	534	2 2	434,420	21,721	5,505	11	10
Portland .. .. .	1,144	0 4½*	687,150	39,047	13,396	27	21
Queenscliffe .. .. .	674	2 9	448,860	22,443	4,091	10	17
Ringwood .. .. .	2,248	2 8	973,900	48,695	13,143	30	45
Sebastopol .. .. .	510	2 9	179,580	8,979	2,785	3	1
Shepparton .. .. .	1,210	3 0	1,432,900	71,645	16,500	11	40
St. Arnaud .. .. .	873	2 6	594,020	29,701	10,779	34	25
Stawell .. .. .	1,200	2 9	650,160	32,508	19,117	158	81
Wangaratta .. .. .	1,080	2 6	963,180	48,159	10,175	15	28
Wonthaggi .. .. .	1,428	3 0	688,260	34,413	9,058	15	21
Total, Cities, Towns, and Boroughs outside Greater Melbourne .. .. .	53,598	..	40,089,270	2,099,917	551,509	1,638	1,216

\* Levied on unimproved value of land.

**Shires.** The next table contains a list of the shires, and similar particulars to those shown for the cities, towns, and boroughs. In a municipal district in which differential general rates

have been levied in accordance with section 36 of the *Local Government Act 1934*, the amount of the lowest general rate levied has been given.

## SHIRES, 1934-35.

Name.	Number of Distinct Rate-payers.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.	Assets.	Liabilities.
			Capital Improved Value.	Net Annual Value.			
		s. d.	£	£	£	£,000.	£,000.
Alberton .. .. .	1,523	2 5	2,140,420	107,021	17,110	11	71
Alexandra .. .. .	865	1 8	1,302,440	65,122	7,720	10	18
Arapiles .. .. .	666	1 6	1,145,960	57,298	4,872	2	17
Ararat .. .. .	1,695	1 6	4,035,160	201,758	18,278	15	29
Avoca .. .. .	1,365	2 3	851,040	42,552	5,822	2	12
Avon .. .. .	820	2 0	1,214,280	60,714	7,042	3	20
Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	912	2 0	1,274,000	63,700	11,966	17	15
Bairnsdale .. .. .	2,123	1 6†	2,982,580	149,129	17,534	10	21
Ballan .. .. .	1,099	1 6	1,275,140	63,757	6,807	4	9
Ballarat .. .. .	1,180	1 6	1,400,940	70,477	7,084	4	6
Bannockburn .. .. .	736	1 8	1,039,620	51,981	5,408	4	4
Barrabool .. .. .	768	1 9	1,134,700	56,735	6,521	3	19
Bass .. .. .	2,340	2 6	1,197,820	59,891	11,073	14	63
Beechworth .. .. .	1,412	2 0	751,520	37,576	13,330	46	41
Belfast .. .. .	652	1 3	1,430,000	71,500	5,270	2	9
Bellarine .. .. .	1,769	2 0	1,141,160	57,058	6,138	12	8
Benalla .. .. .	2,545	1 9	3,580,660	179,900	23,208	31	76
Berwick .. .. .	3,860	2 0	2,813,040	140,652	23,784	24	60
Bet Bet .. .. .	1,050	1 6	861,000	43,050	6,465	21	11
Birchip .. .. .	649	1 6	893,320	49,666	4,296	11	14
Blackburn .. .. .							
Mitcham .. .. .	3,454	2 10	1,962,060	98,103	31,362	65	76
Boring .. .. .	1,503	1 6†	3,107,480	155,374	16,286	28	45
Braybrook .. .. .	9,750	2 0†	3,205,680	160,284	31,589	52	73
Bright .. .. .	1,303	2 0	837,260	41,863	6,359	1	23
Broadford .. .. .	510	1 9	520,080	26,304	4,386	6	5
Broadmeadows .. .. .	14,057	1 9	2,763,240	138,162	22,223	62	55
Bulla .. .. .	413	1 9	834,440	41,722	4,176	6	7
Buln Buln .. .. .	1,720	2 7	1,686,480	84,324	15,289	13	43
Bungaree .. .. .	576	1 9	646,060	32,303	3,497	3	7
Buninyong .. .. .	1,493	1 8	1,365,420	68,271	7,280	5	14
Charlton .. .. .	880	1 10	1,593,000	79,650	9,916	8	25
Chiltern .. .. .	641	1 9	604,780	30,259	3,665	8	7
Cohuna .. .. .	822	1 9	1,022,500	51,125	8,043	13	13
Colac .. .. .	3,200	1 7	5,884,120	294,206	34,547	44	50
Corio .. .. .	4,853	2 3	2,262,340	113,117	19,607	47	112
Cranbourne .. .. .	2,260	2 6	2,155,480	107,774	17,406	18	59
Creswick .. .. .	1,100	1 6	1,356,220	67,811	7,984	19	3
Dandenong .. .. .	6,063	0 2½*†	2,691,780	136,712	34,103	90	155
Deakin .. .. .	1,145	1 6	1,846,080	92,304	7,009	19	9
Dimboola .. .. .	1,714	1 6†	3,052,340	152,617	19,730	39	44
Donald .. .. .	1,023	1 6	1,780,820	89,041	12,143	22	34
Doncaster and Temple- stowe .. .. .	1,703	2 0†	1,055,440	52,772	15,348	22	8
Dundas .. .. .	1,336	2 0	2,523,560	126,178	14,061	5	17
Dunnunkle .. .. .	1,370	1 6	3,136,400	156,820	20,747	25	59
East Loddon .. .. .	738	1 6	1,272,440	63,622	5,355	5	12
Eltham .. .. .	2,300	2 0†	1,256,900	62,845	13,318	34	51
Euroa .. .. .	1,150	1 9†	1,582,660	79,133	9,452	3	28
Ferntree Gully .. .. .	9,000	3 0	2,855,880	142,794	34,700	56	131
Flinders .. .. .	5,735	1 9	2,079,760	103,988	18,900	28	64
Frankston .. .. .							
Hastings .. .. .	5,422	2 9	2,318,040	115,902	32,313	18	81
Gisborne .. .. .	951	1 9	827,500	41,375	6,847	2	18
Glenelg .. .. .	1,800	1 9	2,834,100	141,705	16,658	13	29
Glenlyon .. .. .	1,158	1 9	928,320	46,441	4,772	4	8

\* Levied on unimproved value of land.

† Differential general rates levied.

## SHIRES, 1934-35—continued.

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			Capital Improved Value.	Net Annual Value.			
		s. d.	£	£	£	£,000.	£,000.
Gordon ..	1,000	1 3	2,070,720	103,536	8,467	9	3
Goulburn ..	633	1 6	941,520	47,076	6,156	13	21
Grenville ..	1,215	1 6	1,217,020	60,851	6,599	8	6
Hampden ..	2,892	2 3	5,949,280	297,464	40,142	30	17
Healesville ..	1,139	3 0	820,000	41,000	9,333	19	26
Heytesbury ..	1,513	2 0	2,166,980	108,349	13,628	12	22
Huntly ..	1,076	2 0	916,980	45,849	5,677	11	18
Kara Kara ..	1,006	1 6	2,136,800	106,840	10,643	7	35
Karkaroc ..	1,528	1 6	2,244,400	112,220	14,524	30	40
Keilor ..	5,365	1 9	1,281,100	64,055	7,480	19	17
Kerang ..	2,361	1 6†	3,539,680	176,984	33,886	70	82
Killmore ..	502	1 9	465,400	23,270	4,706	11	9
Korong ..	1,590	1 6	1,898,220	94,911	11,797	30	30
Korumburra ..	2,085	2 0	2,495,340	124,767	21,358	11	72
Kowree ..	1,115	1 6	1,863,580	93,179	9,412	6	15
Kyneton ..	2,260	1 9	1,941,300	97,065	18,392	29	26
Lawloit ..	700	1 7	1,731,000	86,550	9,383	19	37
Leigh ..	479	1 4	1,157,320	57,866	4,397	4	9
Lexton ..	525	1 6	958,360	47,918	4,533	3	4
Lillydale ..	4,820	3 0	2,589,540	129,477	32,073	41	136
Lowan ..	1,337	1 7	2,614,480	130,724	16,665	27	46
Maffra ..	1,566	1 11	2,626,180	131,809	16,414	14	23
Maldon ..	974	1 6	713,180	35,650	4,009	3	5
Mansfield ..	1,010	1 9	1,802,240	90,112	9,483	7	27
Marong ..	1,400	1 6	1,927,740	96,387	9,072	6	19
Melton ..	460	1 6	992,460	49,623	4,370	4	10
Metcalfe ..	890	2 0	895,400	44,770	6,675	3	3
Mildura ..	3,017	1 9	5,241,680	262,084	25,404	77	87
Minhamite ..	685	1 9	1,675,920	83,796	8,967	10	10
Mirboo ..	425	3 0	636,840	31,846	5,939	5	27
Mornington ..	2,603	2 6	1,336,780	66,839	15,095	22	42
Mortlake ..	963	1 6	3,580,100	179,005	15,839	18	9
Morwell ..	1,230	2 7	1,217,080	60,854	10,859	4	44
Mount Rouse ..	850	1 6	2,116,220	105,811	10,079	5	4
Mulgrave ..	4,160	2 6	1,370,320	68,516	15,697	50	45
Mclvor ..	945	1 6	1,029,220	51,461	7,622	12	12
Narracan ..	1,604	2 3	2,097,700	104,885	16,436	9	52
Newham and Woodend ..	580	2 0	713,120	35,656	5,391	2	9
Newstead and Mount Alexander ..	770	1 6	590,160	29,508	4,619	2	2
Numurkah ..	1,526	1 0†	2,823,040	141,152	10,879	10	17
Omeo ..	780	2 3	1,006,780	50,339	7,730	8	27
Orbost ..	1,089	2 9	1,119,760	55,988	14,625	18	78
Otway ..	1,050	3 0	823,720	41,186	8,257	8	32
Oxley ..	1,072	2 0	1,464,620	73,231	8,895	4	20
Phillip Island ..	429	2 3	439,060	21,953	5,705	9	24
Portland ..	2,220	2 0	1,665,440	83,272	11,510	6	13
Pyalong ..	264	1 6	534,840	26,742	2,073	1	..
Ripon ..	1,230	1 9	2,024,180	101,209	14,090	9	35
Rochester ..	1,779	1 6	3,076,800	153,840	14,219	20	32
Rodney ..	2,224	2 6	3,556,400	177,820	17,588	22	60
Romsey ..	856	1 0	1,261,440	63,072	7,839	2	12
Rosedale ..	1,260	0 1*†	2,932,360	146,618	9,400	2	15
Rutherford ..	795	1 9†	1,153,600	57,680	8,140	13	19
Seymour ..	1,022	1 6†	1,456,520	72,826	14,826	33	42
Shepparton ..	1,415	2 0†	2,175,940	108,797	18,383	44	82
South Barwon ..	2,450	2 3	1,314,940	65,747	10,216	17	48
South Gippsland ..	1,600	2 9	1,363,140	68,157	10,074	17	62
Stawell ..	1,250	1 9	1,565,880	78,294	7,873	6	31
Strathfieldsaye ..	1,056	1 6†	680,000	34,000	4,128	2	2
Swan Hill ..	4,282	1 6	4,497,820	224,891	34,589	147	137

\* Levied on unimproved value of land.

† Differential general rates levied.

## SHIRES, 1934-35—continued.

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			Capital Improved Value.	Net Annual Value.			
			£	£			
		<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£,000.	£,000.
Talbot .. ..	583	1 9	570,700	28,535	4,096	6	4
Tambo .. ..	1,163	2 6	1,134,300	56,715	8,947	6	22
Towong .. ..	1,220	1 9	1,868,480	93,424	16,908	15	27
Traralgon .. ..	820	2 0	1,192,340	59,617	11,820	21	46
Tullaroop .. ..	678	1 9	842,940	42,147	4,556	3	13
Tungamah .. ..	1,258	1 6	2,591,440	129,572	12,264	19	46
Upper Murray .. ..	440	1 9	1,139,680	56,984	6,946	9	23
Upper Yarra .. ..	1,402	3 0	786,380	39,319	9,711	9	22
Violet Town .. ..	825	1 10†	909,560	45,478	6,445	6	23
Walpeup .. ..	1,750	1 6	2,000,760	100,038	11,699	55	73
Wangaratta .. ..	875	1 6	957,800	47,890	4,871	1	17
Wannon .. ..	1,083	1 6	2,242,680	112,134	9,661	9	10
Waranga .. ..	1,540	2 0	1,901,480	95,074	15,644	24	29
Warragul .. ..	1,463	2 6	2,122,920	106,146	18,500	26	50
Warrnambool .. ..	2,092	1 7	5,154,160	257,708	26,038	13	26
Werribee .. ..	11,000	1 9†	2,652,360	132,618	22,516	69	108
Whittlesea .. ..	1,558	2 0	1,580,260	79,013	10,301	7	37
Wimmera .. ..	1,020	1 6	2,809,840	140,492	12,112	8	23
Winchelsea .. ..	1,143	2 0	1,977,080	98,854	14,063	8	36
Wodonga .. ..	734	1 9	877,260	43,863	6,359	17	25
Woorayl .. ..	2,000	2 9	2,204,540	110,227	19,936	25	90
Wycheproof .. ..	1,233	1 6	2,618,480	130,924	14,557	45	46
Yackandandah .. ..	910	2 0	1,143,840	57,192	6,916	5	27
Yarrawonga .. ..	830	2 0	1,313,740	65,687	14,330	25	51
Yea .. ..	691	0 2½*	1,235,800	63,033	9,049	17	27
Total, Shires .. ..	246,400	..	248,646,420	12,441,578	1,740,949	2,537	4,684

\* Levied on unimproved value of land.

† Differential general rates levied.

The next statement shows the names of the municipalities which increased or decreased the general rate for the year 1934-35, as compared with the year 1933-34.

Municipalities.	General Rate.		
	1933-34.	1934-35.	Increase + Decrease -
<b>CITIES.</b>			
<i>In Greater Melbourne.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Essendon .. ..	0 5*	0 5½*	+ ½
Hawthorn .. ..	2 1	2 3	+ 2
Melbourne .. ..	2 0	1 11	- 1
Northcote .. ..	2 7	2 6	- 1
Richmond .. ..	2 7	2 6	- 1
Williamstown .. ..	2 6	2 3	- 3

\* Levied on unimproved value of land.

## ALTERATION IN GENERAL RATE, 1934-35—continued.

Municipalities.	General Rate.		
	1933-34.	1934-35.	Increase + Decrease -
TOWN.			
Newtown and Chilwell .. ..	0 4 $\frac{5}{8}$	0 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	- $\frac{1}{8}$
BOROUGHES.			
Castlemaine .. .. .	2 9	2 6	- 3
Koroit .. .. .	2 4	2 0	- 4
Port Fairy .. .. .	2 3	2 2	- 1
Shepparton .. .. .	2 9	3 0	+ 3
SHIRES.			
Alberton .. .. .	2 2	2 5	+ 3
Ararat .. .. .	1 4	1 6	+ 2
Avoca .. .. .	2 0	2 3	+ 3
Bass .. .. .	3 0	2 6	- 6
Belfast .. .. .	1 4	1 3	- 1
Eltham .. .. .	1 6	2 0*	+ 6
Euroa .. .. .	2 0	1 9*	- 3
Frankston and Hastings .. ..	3 0	2 9	- 3
Grenville .. .. .	1 9	1 6	- 3
Huntly .. .. .	1 6	2 0	+ 6
Kyneton .. .. .	1 6	1 9	+ 3
Mansfield .. .. .	1 10	1 9	- 1
Metcalfe .. .. .	1 6	2 0	+ 6
Morwell .. .. .	2 9	2 7	- 2
Newstead and Mount Alexander ..	1 7	1 6	- 1
Orbost .. .. .	3 0	2 9	- 3
Ripon .. .. .	1 7	1 9	+ 2
Romsey .. .. .	1 9	2 0	+ 3
Rutherglen .. .. .	1 10	1 9*	- 1
South Gippsland .. .. .	3 0	2 9	- 3
Stawell .. .. .	1 6	1 9	+ 3
Talbot .. .. .	1 6	1 9	+ 3
Upper Murray .. .. .	1 6	1 9	+ 3
Warragul .. .. .	2 9	2 6	- 3
Werribee .. .. .	2 3	1 9*	- 6
Woorayl .. .. .	2 7	2 9	+ 2

\* Differential general rates levied.



Municipal  
revenue.

The following statement shows the amount of ordinary revenue raised by municipalities and the proportion from each source during the years 1933-34 and 1934-35.

ORDINARY REVENUE OF MUNICIPALITIES,  
1933-34 AND 1934-35.

Sources of Revenue.	1933-34.		1934-35.	
	Amount.	Proportion to Total Revenue.	Amount.	Proportion to Total Revenue.
	£	Per cent.	£	Per cent.
<b>Taxation—</b>				
<b>Rates—</b>				
General .. .. .	3,272,656	51.6	3,308,136*	50.8
Other .. .. .	77,599	1.2	49,563	0.8
Licences .. .. .	20,814	0.3	19,745	0.3
Sanitary Charges† .. .. .	137,310	2.2	149,136	2.3
Dog Fees .. .. .	31,046	0.5	33,795	0.5
<b>Total Taxation .. .. .</b>	<b>3,539,425</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>3,560,375</b>	<b>54.7</b>
<b>Government Grant—</b>				
Unemployment Relief‡ .. .. .	27,460	0.4	99,717	1.5
Other .. .. .	36,078	0.6	43,245	0.7
Licensing Fund Payments .. .. .	60,495	0.9	60,157	0.9
Contributions for Streets, Foot- paths, &c. .. .. .	305,542	4.8	308,481	4.7
Market and Weighbridge Dues .. .. .	125,960	2.0	122,188	1.9
Rents .. .. .	138,580	2.2	140,824	2.2
Electric Light and Gas Works .. .. .	1,425,974	22.5	1,514,968	23.3
Interest .. .. .	115,943	1.8	104,083	1.6
Other Sources .. .. .	572,775	9.0	555,575	8.5
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>6,348,232</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,509,613</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Including "Differential General Rates."

† Excluding "Sanitary Rate."

‡ Excluding "Sustenance Refunds."

The revenue of the 28 cities in Greater Melbourne during the year 1934-35 amounted to £4,217,155. The amount and the proportion from each source were as follows:—£1,968,608 or 46·7 per cent. was derived from taxation; £1,310,194 or 31·1 per cent. from sales of electricity, gas, and gas by-products; £271,033 or 6·4 per cent. from contributions for streets, footpaths, &c.; £104,832 or 2·5 per cent. from rents; £92,910 or 2·2 per cent. from market and weighbridge dues; £75,256 or 1·8 per cent. from interest; £52,995 or 1·2 per cent. from Government grants; £22,137 or 0·5 per cent. from Licensing Fund; and £319,190 or 7·6 per cent. from all other sources.

The ordinary expenditure of municipalities under various headings during each of the years 1933-34 and 1934-35 and the proportion under each heading are shown in the following table:—

**ORDINARY EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPALITIES,  
1933-34 AND 1934-35.**

Heads of Expenditure.	1933-34.		1934-35.	
	Amount.	Proportion to Total Expenditure.	Amount.	Proportion to Total Expenditure.
	£	Per cent.	£	Per cent.
Salaries, &c. .. ..	373,335	6·0	378,575	6·0
Sanitary Work, Street Cleansing, &c. .. ..	357,307	5·8	365,457	5·7
Lighting .. .. .	173,814	2·8	169,572	2·7
Health Administration ..	144,577	2·3	148,342	2·3
Contributions to Fire Brigades ..	61,969	1·0	62,593	1·0
Public Works—				
Roads, Streets, and Bridges—				
Construction .. ..	165,921	2·7	180,134	2·8
Maintenance .. ..	1,160,186	18·7	1,288,323	20·2
Other .. .. .	495,678	8·0	518,435	8·2
Payments to Country Roads Board .. .. .	312,290	5·0	294,048	4·6
Formation of Private Streets, &c.	113,603	1·8	84,660	1·3
Electric Light and Gas Works*	1,015,600	16·4	1,110,199	17·5
Payments to Sinking Funds ..	77,093	1·3	74,861	1·2
Redemption of Loans .. ..	458,817	7·4	485,145	7·6
Interest on Loans .. .. .	617,397	10·0	600,089	9·4
Interest on Bank Overdrafts ..	49,453	0·8	41,940	0·7
Charities .. .. .	37,313	0·6	40,118	0·6
Other Expenditure .. .. .	583,259	9·4	518,278	8·2
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>6,197,612</b>	<b>100·0</b>	<b>6,360,769</b>	<b>100·0</b>

\* Excluding Redemption of Loans, Interest on Loans and on Bank overdrafts, and payments to Sinking Funds.

The assets of the municipalities are shown below under three heads—(1) Municipal Fund, (2) Loan Funds, and (3) Property; and the liabilities under two heads—(1) Municipal Fund, and (2) Loan Funds.

**Assets and  
Liabilities of  
Municipalities.**

**MUNICIPAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES,  
1932-33 TO 1934-35.**

Assets.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.
	£	£	£
<b>Municipal Fund—</b>			
<b>Arrears of Rates—</b>			
General .. .. .	965,315	955,852	935,469
Other .. .. .	131,418	136,985	122,301
Streets formed, &c., payments outstanding	1,245,931	1,238,696	1,166,749
Rents and Interest outstanding .. .. .	91,217	111,694	119,654
Cash in hand or in Bank .. .. .	902,390	718,823	692,671
Other Assets .. .. .	379,808	476,963	500,418
<b>Loan Funds—</b>			
<b>Sinking Funds—</b>			
Amount at Credit .. .. .	552,049	655,840	721,973
Due by other Municipalities .. .. .	64,801	66,920	62,197
Due by other Bodies .. .. .	11,203	11,203	11,203
Unexpended Balances .. .. .	490,974	650,245	649,581
<b>Property—</b>			
Halls, Buildings, Markets, &c. .. .. .	5,339,820	5,543,940	5,917,130
Waterworks .. .. .	350,640	350,500	379,080
Gasworks .. .. .	251,040	256,830	257,880
Electric Light Works .. .. .	2,599,300	2,684,850	2,742,490
Plant and Machinery .. .. .	642,600	610,850	606,920
Other Assets .. .. .	193,060	202,870	236,950
<b>Total Assets* .. .. .</b>	<b>14,211,566</b>	<b>14,673,061</b>	<b>15,122,666</b>
<b>Liabilities.</b>			
<b>Municipal Fund—</b>			
Due on Current Contracts .. .. .	48,182	88,908	96,671
Interest, accrued and overdue .. .. .	27,008	14,144	10,813
Bank Overdrafts .. .. .	879,480	827,750	759,804
Payments Due to Country Roads Board .. .. .	1,034,113	409,699	411,880
Other Liabilities .. .. .	.. .. .	673,279	654,935
<b>Loan Funds—</b>			
<b>Loans Outstanding—</b>			
Due to Government—			
Country Roads Board Loans .. .. .	1,883,997	1,858,282	1,822,626
Other Loans .. .. .	944,657	937,929	911,139
Due to Public .. .. .	12,103,795	11,975,632	11,863,315
Due on Loan Contracts .. .. .	14,696	52,744	89,755
„ to other Municipalities .. .. .	64,801	66,920	62,197
<b>Total Liabilities .. .. .</b>	<b>17,000,729</b>	<b>16,905,287</b>	<b>16,683,135</b>

\* Excluding the value of "Roads, Streets, and Bridges," which is not available.

The following table shows the total amount of arrears of general rates and also the amount of arrears per distinct ratepayer in the cities, towns, and boroughs, and in the shires for the years 1926-27 to 1934-35 :—

## ARREARS OF GENERAL RATES, 1926-27 TO 1934-35.

Year.	Arrears of General Rates—			Arrears of General Rates per Distinct Ratepayer—		
	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Municipalities.	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Municipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1926-27 ..	91,854	188,384	280,238	0 5 9	0 14 10	0 9 9
1927-28 ..	106,762	212,844	319,606	0 6 6	0 16 0	0 10 10
1928-29 ..	122,482	234,757	357,239	0 7 4	0 17 5	0 11 10
1929-30 ..	178,536	332,593	511,129	0 10 7	1 4 2	0 16 8
1930-31 ..	317,194	502,208	819,402	0 18 11	1 17 0	1 7 0
1931-32 ..	350,429	557,414	907,843	1 0 7	2 2 1	1 10 0
1932-33 ..	342,578	622,737	965,315	1 0 1	2 6 10	1 11 10
1933-34 ..	331,452	624,400	955,852	0 18 7	2 9 7	1 11 5
1934-35* ..	308,147	627,322	935,469	0 16 10	2 10 11	1 10 6

\* Including arrears of "Differential General Rates."

As compared with the year 1928-29, the arrears of general rates per distinct ratepayer increased in 1934-35 by 130 per cent. in cities, towns, and boroughs; by 192 per cent. in shires; and by 158 per cent. in all municipalities. The figures for 1934-35 for cities, towns, and boroughs and for all municipalities disclose a slight decrease below those for 1933-34.

A statement relating to the payment from Consolidated Endowments to Municipalities. Revenue of endowments and subsidies to municipalities from 1874 to 1927-28 appears on page 142 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

The endowments paid to municipalities in the years 1928-29 and 1929-30 are shown in the *Year-Books* of 1929-30 and 1930-31.

The payments were last made in respect of the year 1929-30, provision for the discontinuance of such payments in subsequent years having been incorporated in special legislation passed by Parliament. The *Financial Emergency (Amendment) Act* 1935 provided for the non-payment of endowments during 1935-36.

Number of Councillors. at 30th September, 1935, 2,091 councillors (including aldermen in the Cities of Melbourne and Geelong), viz., 350 in cities in Greater Melbourne; 277 in cities, towns, and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne; and 1,464 in shires.

RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1934-35.

Municipality.	Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ on Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Payable in 1934-35 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Percentage Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
	£	£	£	d.	s. d.	£	%
<b>CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.</b>							
<i>Greater Melbourne.</i>							
Brunswick City ..	9,666,424	2,747,926	573,831	7	2 9·52	80,148	28·43
Camberwell City ..	16,067,867	5,152,689	838,365	4½	2 3·66	96,613	32·07
Caulfield City ..	17,529,650	5,435,220	891,589	4½	2 3·43	101,910	31·01
Chelsea City ..	1,613,402	666,219	82,916	4½	3 0·16	12,492	41·29
Coburg City ..	6,078,506	2,074,594	371,163	5	2 3·95	43,221	34·13
Essendon City ..	9,793,776	3,152,311	576,553	5½	2 6·07	72,240	32·19
Mordialloc City ..	2,553,380	1,147,122	131,787	4	2 10·82	19,119	44·92
Oakleigh City ..	2,182,390	920,723	131,571	5	2 10·99	19,182	42·19
Sandringham City ..	4,900,000	1,938,768	255,964	4½	2 10·08	36,352	39·57
<i>Outside Greater Melbourne.</i>							
Newtown and Chilwell Town ..	2,229,534	661,089	113,299	4½	2 2·26	12,395	29·65
Portland Borough ..	679,989	229,496	38,689	4½	2 1·21	4,064	33·75
<b>SHIRES.</b>							
Dandenong ..	2,691,777	1,280,992	136,252	{ 2½ } { 3½ }*	2 5·94	16,998	47·59
Rosedale ..	2,932,360	1,504,408	146,618	{ 1 } { 1¼ }*	0 11·09	6,776	51·30
Yea ..	1,235,805	593,708	63,033	2¼	1 9·19	5,566	48·04

\* Differential General Rates.

Rating on Unimproved Values. The provisions of the law relating to Rating on Unimproved Values appears on pages 143 and 144 of the Year-Book for 1928-29.

Since the year 1926-27, the number of municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value has remained unchanged at 14. The following table gives for these municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1934-35:—

**Municipal Loans.** Moneys may be borrowed by municipalities for permanent works or undertakings or to liquidate the principal moneys owing on account of any previous loan. Permanent works include *inter alia* the construction or alteration of streets, roads, and bridges, and the construction or purchase of waterworks, electric-light works, gasworks, municipal offices, pounds, abattoirs, workers' dwellings, baths, pleasure grounds, &c.

The amount of money borrowed at any time for permanent works or undertakings shall, except so far as it is otherwise expressly enacted, not exceed ten times the average income of the municipality for the previous three years from general rates not exceeding 2s. in the £1. But, in addition, loans having a currency of not more than 30 years may be raised for permanent works or undertakings upon the security of certain income, and not upon the credit of the municipality, by the issue of debentures or by mortgage. These loans are not to exceed five times the average amount of such income for the three years preceding the raising of the loan.

**Municipal Loan Receipts.** The municipal loan receipts during the year 1934-35 amounted to £675,045, which is equivalent to only 59 per cent. of the average yearly loan receipts of the previous ten years. The following statement shows the loan receipts during the years 1930-31 to 1934-35:—

## MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1930-31 TO 1934-35.

Year.	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
<b>CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS—</b>	£	£	£	£
1930-31 .. .. .	..	545,329	..	545,329
1931-32 .. .. .	10,320	207,783	..	218,103
1932-33 .. .. .	46,869	83,045	155,433	285,347
1933-34 .. .. .	87,702	285,650	183,027	556,379
1934-35 .. .. .	75,397	335,987	155,127	566,511
<b>SHIRES—</b>				
1930-31 .. .. .	10,579	56,453	..	67,032
1931-32 .. .. .	7,112	31,572	..	38,684
1932-33 .. .. .	26,661	10,700	2,168	39,529
1933-34 .. .. .	21,566	60,260	2,480	84,306
1934-35 .. .. .	..	104,000	4,534	108,534
<b>TOTAL—</b>				
1930-31 .. .. .	10,579	601,782	..	612,361
1931-32 .. .. .	17,432	239,355	..	256,787
1932-33 .. .. .	73,530	93,745	157,601	324,876
1933-34 .. .. .	109,268	345,910	185,507	640,685
1934-35 .. .. .	75,397	439,987	159,661*	675,045

\* Including, in the City of Melbourne, £131,399 transferred from General, Electric Supply, and Hydraulic Power Accounts.

**Municipal Loan Expenditure.** In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure by municipalities for the last five years. The expenditure during 1934-35 represented only 58 per cent. of the average yearly expenditure in the previous ten years.

## MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE, 1930-31 TO 1934-35.

Heading.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.
	£	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, and Bridges ..	238,595	92,749	59,746	170,895	235,397
Water and Irrigation Works ..	15,106	10,572	7,549	11,473	1,196
Sewerage and Drainage ..	34,353	8,044	22,945	9,738	32,300
Electric Light and Gas Works ..	126,993	6,085	105,713	174,804	213,842
Public Buildings ..	71,739	8,267	42,301	67,142	163,225
Other Purposes ..	315,589	143,652	21,223	38,206	20,992
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>802,375</b>	<b>269,369</b>	<b>259,477</b>	<b>472,258</b>	<b>666,952</b>

At 30th September, 1935, the balance of loans unexpended amounted to £649,581.

**Municipal Loan Liability.** The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of the years 1930-31 to 1934-35 is given hereunder. The net indebtedness at 30th September, 1931, was equivalent to 5.32d. per £1 of the estimated capital improved value of rateable property, and in 1935 the ratio was 5.53d.

## MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1930-31 TO 1934-35.

At 30th September—	Due to—			Gross Loan Liability.	Amount of Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.
	Government.		Public.			
	Country Roads Board Loans.*	Other.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1931 ..	1,913,621	853,534	12,785,601	15,552,756	547,676	15,005,080
1932 ..	1,913,949	814,843	12,650,983	15,379,775	623,505	14,756,270
1933 ..	1,883,997	944,657	12,103,795	14,932,449	552,049	14,380,400
1934 ..	1,858,282	937,929	11,975,632	14,771,843	655,840	14,116,003
1935 ..	1,822,626	911,139†	11,863,315‡	14,597,080	721,973	13,875,107

\* Due to Country Roads Board on account of one-half the capital expenditure on Main Roads.  
 † Including £226,668 due under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918*, No. 2995.  
 ‡ Including £65,400 payable in New Zealand.

The net loan liability per distinct ratepayer was £24 14s. 1d. in 1930-31; £24 8s. 2d. in 1931-32; £23 13s. 11d. in 1932-33; £23 4s. 1d. in 1933-34; and £22 12s. 11d. in 1934-35.

**Rates of Interest on Municipal Loans.**

The following table shows the effective rates of interest which were payable by municipalities on loans outstanding (excluding Government Loans) at 30th September, 1935 :—

**RATES OF INTEREST ON MUNICIPAL LOANS  
OUTSTANDING AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1935.  
(Excluding Government Loans.)**

Effective Rate of Interest.	Cities in Greater Melbourne.	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs outside Greater Melbourne.	Shires.	Total.
%	£	£	£	£
3 $\frac{1}{2}$	344,686	..	..	344,686
3 $\frac{5}{16}$	40,000	..	..	40,000
3 $\frac{3}{8}$	91,503	40,888	..	132,391
3 $\frac{7}{16}$	..	4,000	..	4,000
3 $\frac{1}{2}$	806,676	15,486	24,299	846,461
3 $\frac{9}{16}$	..	..	8,352	8,352
3 $\frac{5}{8}$	390,824	14,202	15,609	420,635
3 $\frac{11}{16}$	..	9,907	..	9,907
3 $\frac{3}{4}$	40,000	8,777	49,081	97,858
3 $\frac{13}{16}$	14,726	..	..	14,726
3 $\frac{7}{8}$	22,759	3,000	20,431	46,190
4	202,287	50,059	82,338	334,684
4 $\frac{1}{16}$	12,655	..	..	12,655
4 $\frac{1}{8}$	21,865	9,500	8,586	39,951
4 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,339,363	69,039	147,580	1,555,982
4 $\frac{3}{8}$	338	11,596	1,597	13,531
4 $\frac{1}{2}$	186,883	43,014	153,075	382,972
£4 13s.	..	..	2,856	2,856
4 $\frac{3}{4}$	11,797	18,820	3,529	34,146
4 $\frac{7}{8}$	..	..	3,767	3,767
5	4,497,919	400,474	1,077,494	5,975,887
£5 0s. 9d.	907,560	35,653	73,939	1,017,152
5 $\frac{1}{8}$	..	4,255	..	4,255
£5 2s. 8d.	6,000	..	..	6,000
£5 4s. 7d.	54,169	13,237	48,906	116,312
5 $\frac{1}{4}$	..	2,628	18,614	21,242
£5 8s. 6d.	16,023	753	6,936	23,712
5 $\frac{3}{8}$	19,033	950	1,346	21,329
5 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	5,245	5,245
5 $\frac{3}{4}$	24,945	..	2,942	27,887
5 $\frac{7}{8}$	194,216	..	..	194,216
6	71,911	22,240	7,644	101,795
6 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	..	2,533	2,533
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,318,138</b>	<b>778,478</b>	<b>1,766,699</b>	<b>11,863,315</b>
<b>Average Rate of Interest</b>	<b>4·61</b>	<b>4·67</b>	<b>4·78</b>	<b>4·64</b>

**Due Dates of Municipal Loans.** The due dates of municipal loans outstanding (excluding Government Loans) at 30th September, 1935, are given in the following table. When a loan is repayable by annual instalments, the date of the final repayment has been adopted for the purposes of this statement.



**DUE DATES OF MUNICIPAL LOANS OUTSTANDING AT  
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1935.**

*(Excluding Government Loans.)*

Year of Maturity.	Cities in Greater Melbourne.	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs Outside Greater Melbourne.	Shires.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
1935 .. ..	..	..	5,393	5,393
1936 .. ..	288,621	7,600	9,960	306,181
1937 .. ..	344,315	8,680	21,592	374,587
1938 .. ..	781,635	14,300	72,507	868,442
1939 .. ..	503,613	5,078	59,745	568,436
1940 .. ..	532,770	31,237	89,911	653,918
1941 .. ..	170,441	33,871	28,661	232,973
1942 .. ..	86,064	23,607	62,386	172,057
1943 .. ..	153,560	12,611	25,203	191,374
1944 .. ..	1,075,564	45,256	56,783	1,177,603
1945 .. ..	246,971	26,834	49,212	323,017
1946 to 1950 .. ..	1,611,816	138,172	494,237	2,244,225
1951 to 1955 .. ..	1,283,723	228,662	360,594	1,872,979
1956 to 1960 .. ..	1,975,140	157,012	355,527	2,487,679
1960 and after .. ..	263,905	45,558	74,988	384,451
Total .. ..	9,318,138	778,478	1,766,699	11,863,315

**Municipal Loans outstanding—** In the following statement particulars, as far as available, are given of the purposes for which municipal loans outstanding at 30th September, 1935, were raised. The information is exclusive of Government Loans.

**MUNICIPAL LOANS OUTSTANDING AT 30TH SEPTEMBER,  
1935—PURPOSES FOR WHICH RAISED.**

*(Excluding Government Loans.)*

Purpose for which Raised—	Cities in Greater Melbourne.	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs Outside Greater Melbourne.	Shires.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
Electric Light Works	895,009	144,880	200,085	1,239,974
Gasworks .. ..	74,698	13,796	7,142	95,636
Waterworks .. ..	2,500	11,270	12,008	25,778
Private Streets and Special Improvements	749,002	7,460	209,222	965,684
Other Public Works .. ..	7,596,929	601,072	1,338,242	9,536,243
Total .. ..	9,318,138	778,478	1,766,699	11,863,315

Length of  
Roads and  
Streets.

The following table shows the length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1935.

### LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS, 1935.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone .. .. .	159	..	159
Portland cement concrete .. ..	111	..	111
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt ..	163	19	182
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or waterbound pavements .. .. .	4,947	1,283	6,230
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements .. ..	21,259	995	22,254
Formed, but not otherwise paved ..	24,603	..	24,603
Surveyed roads, not formed, which are used for general traffic .. ..	52,905	..	52,905
Total .. .. .	104,147	2,297	106,444

Melbourne and  
Metropolitan  
Municipal  
Loans  
Redemption  
Fund.

Particulars relating to this Fund, which was established under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918*, are given in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34, page 147, and the liabilities and assets of the Fund at its establishment are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1920-21, pages 206 and 207.

The receipts of the Fund during the year 1935-36 amounted to £57,877, and were made up of contributions by municipalities, £52,936; realizations of stock, £4,000; and interest on credit balance of Fund, £941. The amount expended from the Fund was £26,921, all of which was used for the redemption of municipal loans.

Section 71 of Act No. 2995 provides for redemptions being temporarily charged to the Public Account when moneys are not available in the Fund. There was no amount so charged at 30th June, 1936.

The total receipts of the Fund to the 30th June, 1936, amounted to £1,929,966. The payments out of the Fund were—redemption of Municipal Loans, £1,192,893; payment to the Treasury in reduction of Municipal Liabilities, £604,180; interest, £84,446; and sundries, £10. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1936, was £48,437.

**Licensing Fund.** During the year 1935-36 a sum of £60,252 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act 1928*. The payments to Cities amounted to £30,201, to Towns, £1,611, to Boroughs, £5,927, and to Shires, £22,513. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.," of this issue, page 112.

**Municipal Officers Fidelity Guarantee Fund.** A statement giving the provisions of the Act under which this fund was incorporated appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on page 163.

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1936, was £1,217, for guarantees amounting to £362,445. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the fund, to 30th September, 1936, amounted to £5,308. The amount to the credit of the fund at 30th September, 1936, was £23,177.

**Housing and Reclamation by Municipalities.** The Council of any municipality may, under existing statutory power, erect or purchase dwelling-houses for eligible persons at a cost not exceeding £850, including the cost of the land, if the dwelling be of wood, or £950 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete. An eligible person, within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1928*, is one who does not own a dwelling-house in Victoria or elsewhere and who is not in receipt of an income of more than £400 a year.

In accordance with the provisions of Division 3 of Part XXVIII. of the *Local Government Act 1928*, the Governor-in-Council on 24th January, 1936, approved of a scheme submitted by the Council of the City of South Melbourne for the reclamation and improvement of an insanitary low-lying area in that municipality. The land referred to is situated in Gladstone-street and Montague-street, and contains twenty-three old and dilapidated houses. The Council proposes to acquire the land, demolish the buildings, alter drains, &c., raise the levels of the land above flood level, and convert the locality into a well-drained, sanitary, and healthy area. The land, when reclaimed, will be re-subdivided into 18 allotments and will be made available at a purchase price of £5 per foot to selected applicants, who shall contract with the State Savings Bank Commissioners for the erection of dwellings at an estimated cost of £670.

For the purpose of financing the reclamation scheme, a loan of £10,000 was raised by the Council on 1st February, 1936.

### ERECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES BY STATE SAVINGS BANK COMMISSIONERS.

Under the provisions of the *State Savings Bank Act 1928* power is given to the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria to provide dwelling-houses for eligible persons upon such terms and subject to such covenants and conditions as are prescribed or are fixed by the Commissioners. An eligible person is defined as one who is not the owner of a dwelling-house in Victoria or elsewhere and is not in receipt of an income of more than £400 a year at the time of entering into the contract of sale. The total capital cost to the Commissioners of any dwelling-house acquired or erected together with the cost of the land on which it is erected shall not exceed £1,000 if the dwelling-house be of wood and £1,300 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete.

The total number of dwellings erected under this statutory power up to 30th June, 1936, was 7,388. In addition, 3,513 dwellings have been purchased for applicants since the inception of the scheme. The total amount advanced to borrowers by the Commissioners up to 30th June, 1936, was £7,863,017, of which £2,522,702 has been repaid.

In co-operation with the South Melbourne City Council, the Commissioners have approved of a plan by which *Crédit Foncier* Housing advances will be made for the erection of eighteen dwelling-houses on a reclaimed area. The cost of the land to the purchaser will not exceed £120 for the Gladstone-street allotments and £140 for the Montague-street allotments, and the estimated cost of the house, which is the amount that will be advanced, is £670.

### WAR SERVICE HOMES.

The Commonwealth Government assists Australian sailors and soldiers and their female dependants to acquire homes, the operations being conducted under the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1935*. A summary of the activities of the War Service Homes Commission in Victoria to 30th June, 1936, discloses that 10,276 applications have been approved, 4,998 homes erected, 3,772 homes purchased, and 399 mortgages discharged. The sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £4,923,534, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £170,834, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 3·35.

### COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

**Country Roads Board.** With the object of improving the main roads of the State an Act was passed on 23rd December, 1912. The provisions of this Act and of subsequent amending Acts are now embodied in the *Country Roads Act 1928*. The Board consists of three members appointed by the Governor in Council.

**Duties.** The principal duties of the Board are to ascertain by survey and investigation what roads are main roads; the nature and extent of the resources of Victoria in metals, minerals, and materials suitable for the purposes of road-making and maintenance, and the most effective and economical methods of dealing with the same, and of supplying and utilizing the material in any part of Victoria; the most effective methods of road construction and maintenance; what deviations (if any) in existing roads or what new roads should be made so as to facilitate communication and improve the conditions of traffic.

The construction of permanent works and the maintenance of main roads are to be carried out by the municipalities to the satisfaction of the Board, but power is reserved to the Governor in Council to direct that permanent works and maintenance shall be carried out by the Board.

The total cost of permanent works is, in the first instance, paid by the Treasury, but, subsequently, half the amount expended is refunded by the municipalities affected. The amount of the municipal contribution toward the cost of maintenance works is one-third of the amount expended, but such contribution may be reduced in certain circumstances.

**Finance.** The funds established under the *Country Roads Act 1928* are the Country Roads Board Fund, the Loan Account, and the Developmental Roads Loan Account.

A statement of the moneys to be credited to the Country Roads Board Fund by Acts of Parliament appears in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, page 139. The *Country Roads Board Fund Act 1930* provides that on and from 1st July, 1930, the following fees previously payable into the Fund shall—

- (a) in the case of fees and moneys received in respect of unused roads and the sale of surplus street lands be paid into the Consolidated Revenue.
- (b) in the case of fees received in respect of water frontages be paid into the "Rivers and Streams Fund."

The *Country Roads Board Fund Act 1932* (No. 2) provides that, for the year 1932-33, all fees (other than fees for licences to drive motor cars) and fines paid under the Motor Car Acts, less the cost of collection of such fees and fines, shall be placed to the credit of the Country Roads

Board Fund, and the annual payment into the Fund of the amount of £50,000 from Consolidated Revenue shall be suspended. Similar provisions in respect of subsequent years have been made.

The receipts and expenditure of the Country Roads Board Fund for each of the years 1934-35 and 1935-36 were as follows:—

	1934-35.	1935-36.
	£	£
<i>Receipts.</i>		
Payments by Municipalities .. .. .	273,152	290,505
Fees Motor Car Act .. .. .	1,252,272	1,409,395
Fees Registration of Traction Engines .. .. .	1,276	1,362
Fees Motor Omnibus Act .. .. .	272	18
Stores and Material .. .. .	144,505	184,186
Hire of Plant .. .. .	32,051	41,359
Other Receipts (advance from Public Account advances for unemployment relief and other works, &c.) ..	68,229	79,095
<b>TOTAL .. .. .</b>	<b>1,771,757</b>	<b>2,005,920</b>
<i>Expenditure.</i>		
Maintenance and reconditioning of main roads and State highways .. .. .	879,040	985,281
Road construction for relief of unemployment (including materials) .. .. .	9,652	30,480
Relief to Municipalities .. .. .	99,990	150,000
Interest and Sinking Fund .. .. .	117,240	118,620
Recoup to Revenue (Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.) ..	322,518	310,847
Plant, Stores, and Materials .. .. .	197,967	227,880
Other Expenditure (including administration) ..	135,962	172,099
<b>TOTAL .. .. .</b>	<b>1,762,369</b>	<b>1,995,207</b>

The balance to the credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1935, was £11,046, and at 30th June, 1936, £21,759.

The money received from the issue of stock or debentures under the authority of section 32 of the *Country Roads Act* 1928 is placed to the credit of the Loan Account, which is debited with all payments made towards the cost of permanent road works. During 1935-36 this Account received £35,595 from the State Loans Repayment Fund, and the payments for permanent works were £67,132. The credit balance of the Account at 30th June, 1936, was £88.

The Developmental Roads Loan Account is credited with money received from the issue of stock and debentures issued under the authority of Section 85 of the *Country Roads Act 1928*, and is debited with expenditure in connexion with the construction of developmental roads. During 1935-36, £34,647 was received from the State Loans Repayment Fund. The expenditure on developmental road works was £46,453. There was a credit balance of £58 in the Account at 30th June, 1936.

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Board on road construction during each of the years 1934-35 and 1935-36 :—

—	1934-35.	1935-36.
State Highways*—	£	£
Maintenance and re-conditioning .. .. .	348,383	468,413
Main Roads*—		
Construction .. .. .	138,254	156,142
Maintenance .. .. .	700,074	679,065
Total Main Roads .. .. .	838,328	835,207
Developmental Roads*—		
Construction, etc. .. .. .	267,759	309,369
Unemployment Relief .. .. .	95,329	363,848
TOTAL .. .. .	1,549,799	1,976,837

\* Including amounts contributed by the Commonwealth Government under the provisions of the Federal Aid Roads Act, and special grant towards cost of restoration works necessitated by the disastrous floods in November, 1934.

### MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this Trust.

Particulars relating to the Trade of the Port are published in part "Interchange." The *Year-Book* for 1929-30 contains on page 145 a statement showing the powers and functions of this Trust, also information relating to the Commissioners and the borrowing power of the Trust. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital

Melbourne  
Harbor Trust  
—receipts and  
expenditure.

expenditure for each year 1931 to 1935. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown :—

### MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1931 TO 1935.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.
<b>REVENUE.</b>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	331,689	418,682	464,889	515,127	589,764
Rents .. .. .	29,195	28,102	36,984	39,870	37,793
Interest .. .. .	5,346	2,593	3,707	1,062	987
Other Revenue .. .. .	53,682	55,728	67,636	72,385	82,880
	419,912	505,105	573,216	628,444	711,424
Less Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	83,005	101,897	111,089	113,279	121,948
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	..	..	..	7,500	15,000
Total .. .. .	336,907	403,208	462,127	507,665	574,476
<b>REVENUE EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Management Expenses .. ..	58,792	53,477	56,360	62,003	64,906
Loan Flotation Expenses, &c. ..	126,708†	5,133	3,825	3,825	3,825
Maintenance—Dredging .. ..	3,007	27,720	70,044	81,529	88,573
Harbor .. .. .	1,840	2,300	1,790	2,660	2,683
Wharves .. .. .	11,640	11,164	15,050	31,757	29,411
Approaches .. .. .	4,518	6,023	5,605	8,034	9,058
Interest on Loans* .. .. .	240,419	243,681	245,117	233,375	225,417
Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account .. .. .	..	10,000	10,000	35,000	100,000
Sinking Fund .. .. .	..	40,047	45,893	46,496	47,305
Total .. .. .	446,924	399,545	453,684	504,679	571,178
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	..	3,663	8,443	2,986	3,298
Deficit on Revenue Account ..	110,017	..	..	..	..
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Land and Property .. .. .	111,992	65,438	34,531	2,960	1,766
Deepening Waterways .. .. .	57,203	31,365	14,755	8,372	1,038
Wharves Construction .. .. .	36,666	20,611	38,234	57,265	28,173
Approaches Construction .. ..	16,718	5,233	10,713	62,289	22,600
Other Harbor Improvements .. ..	1,723	1,321	3,840	1,382	2,029
Railways .. .. .	..	..	5	..	50,059
Floating and General Plant .. ..	106,726	12,133	5,734	5,754	2,105
Total .. .. .	331,028	136,101	107,812	138,022	107,770
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness .. .. .	4,410,100	4,594,504	4,494,811	4,461,015	4,427,110
Sinking Fund .. .. .	5,044	11,500	23,700	36,400	49,800
Net Indebtedness .. .. .	4,405,056	4,583,004	4,471,111	4,424,615	4,377,310

\* Exclusive of interest on cost of plant debited to works carried out by day labour.

† Includes £112,488 exchange on moneys remitted to London for redemption of loan.

### GEELONG HARBOR TRUST.

Geelong Harbor Trust—receipts and expenditure.

The Port of Geelong is under the control of this Trust. Particulars relating to the Trade of the Port are published in part "Interchange." A concise statement of the



principal provisions of the *Geelong and Melbourne Harbor Trusts Act 1934* is given in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34, pages 153 and 154.

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1931 to 1935. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years is also shown :—

**GEE LONG HARBOR TRUST — REVENUE AND  
EXPENDITURE, 1931 TO 1935.**

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.
<b>REVENUE.</b>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage, Tonnage and Special Berth Rates .. ..	36,343	38,101	37,793	43,683	53,305
Rents, Fees, and Licences .. ..	7,345	6,705	6,414	6,926	6,297
Freezing Works and Abattoirs .. ..	8,098	8,047	8,220	8,418	8,465
Payment by Melbourne Harbor Trust .. ..	..	..	..	7,500	15,000
Other Revenue .. ..	2,550	3,343	4,811	6,982	5,735
Total .. ..	54,336	56,196	57,238	73,509	88,802
<b>REVENUE EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Management Expenses .. ..	8,517	9,041	10,694	10,551	10,515
Maintenance .. ..	11,393	12,958	12,315	9,208	9,266
Interest on Loans .. ..	27,768	28,663	28,449	15,562	16,270
Sinking Fund .. ..	..	..	..	2,243	4,417
Freezing Works and Abattoirs .. ..	5,404	5,870	4,713	4,945	9,475
Depreciation and Renewals Reserve Account .. ..	..	..	..	22,641	28,861
Miscellaneous .. ..	2,706	987	301	285	255
Total .. ..	55,788	57,519	56,472	65,435	79,059
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Land and Property .. ..	5,606	2,097	5,110	1,376	..
Deepening Waterworks .. ..	..	..	..	2,841	15,688
Wharves and Approaches .. ..	245	28	..	1,420	3,963
Other .. ..	3,176	1,949	318	304	18,426
Total .. ..	9,027	4,074	5,428	5,941	38,077
<b>At 31st December—</b>					
Loan Indebtedness .. ..	616,161	617,422	614,169	612,403	582,621
Sinking Fund .. ..	..	..	..	2,243	6,724
Net Indebtedness .. ..	616,161	617,422	614,169	610,160	575,897

**WARRNAMBOOL HARBOR BOARD.****Warrnambool  
Harbor  
Board.**

The *Harbor Boards Act* 1928 made provision for the establishment of Harbor Boards at Gippsland Lakes, Welshpool, Warrnambool, Port Fairy, and Portland, all of which ports were, at the commencement of the operation of this Act, under the control of the Public Works Department. The Warrnambool Harbor Board, which was constituted on 29th May, 1928, under the provisions of this Act, was abolished on 30th June, 1936, by Order in Council and the port was restored to the control of the Public Works Department.

During the nine months ended 30th June, 1936, ordinary revenue amounted to £1,112 and ordinary expenditure was £1,089.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.****Creation and  
constitution  
of Board.**

The Board was established by Act of Parliament on 20th December, 1890, and entered upon its duties on 18th March, 1891.

It consists of 40 members, of whom one is the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, the retiring chairman being eligible for re-election. The other thirty-nine members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of the various municipal districts within the metropolis. They represent 22 municipalities or parts of municipalities.

**Functions of  
the Board.**

The principal functions of the Board are to control and manage the metropolitan water supply system, and to provide the metropolis with an efficient system of main and general sewerage.

**Area under  
Board's  
control, and  
population.**

All land within 13 miles of the Post Office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, together with the remaining areas of the City of Mordialloc and the City of Moorabbin and a further portion of the Shire of Dandenong, but excluding 11 square miles in the Shires of Keilor and Braybrook under the control of the Keilor and St. Albans Waterworks Trust, is included in the metropolis for water supply and sewerage purposes. This territory has an area of 434 square miles, and comprises 26 cities and parts of 1 other city and of 11 shires. The total number of houses connected with the water supply system on 30th June, 1936, was 266,909, an increase of 5,166 for the year; and the estimated population supplied with water was 1,059,628.

**Board's  
borrowing  
powers and  
liability on  
loans.**

The Board is empowered to borrow £24,750,000, this amount being exclusive of loans amounting to £2,389,934 originally contracted by the Government for the construction of the waterworks for the supply of Melbourne and suburbs. These works were vested in and taken over by the Board on 1st July, 1891.

The liability under loans raised by the Board was £25,103,084 on 30th June, 1936. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £2,036,850 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

### WATER SUPPLY FINANCE.

**Water supply assessments and rates.** The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound on the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1935-36 was 7d. in the pound on the annual value of property served. Assessments of £17 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. There is a charge of 1s. per 1,000 gallons for water supplied by meter, with the assessed rate as a minimum. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. per 1,000 gallons.

**Assessed value of property.** The total annual value of property assessed for water supply purposes and liable to water rates was £16,448,861 in 1934-35, and £16,876,281 in 1935-36.

**Revenue and expenditure of water supply system.** During the year 1935-36 water rates and charges amounted to £803,027, meter rents to £49,799 and the total water supply revenue to £860,512, as against a total of £737,463 in 1934-35. Maintenance and repairs in 1935-36 cost £104,662, management and incidental expenses were £40,039, interest was £528,818, and the total charges were £673,519, as compared with £659,233 in the previous year.

**Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks system.** The total cost of the water supply system up to 30th June, 1936, was as follows:—

Original water supply station, &c.	..	..	..	..	£ 84,885
Yan Yean system	..	..	..	..	660,531
Maroondah system	..	..	..	..	1,703,516
O'Shannassy system	..	..	..	..	3,052,621
Service reservoirs	..	..	..	..	600,613
Large mains	..	..	..	..	2,495,792
Reticulation	..	..	..	..	2,992,077
Afforestation	..	..	..	..	28,907
Thompson River Scheme	..	..	..	..	184
Investigations, future works	..	..	..	..	4,583
Total	..	..	..	..	£11,623,709

**The Melbourne and Metropolitan Waterworks.** A description of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Waterworks (Yan Yean, Maroondah, and O'Shannassy systems) appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 169 to 171.

**Output of Water.** The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1935 was as follows:—

	Gallons.
From Yan Yean Reservoir .. ..	4,828,085,000
„ Maroondah Reservoir .. ..	12,669,528,000
„ O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1 ..	7,718,667,000
<b>Total Output .. ..</b>	<b>25,216,280,000</b>

**Storage and service reservoirs.** There are five storage reservoirs with a total capacity of 23,351,305,000 gallons, twenty service reservoirs (including one at the Metropolitan Farm, Werribee), and three elevated tanks, with a total capacity of 261,700,000 gallons. The *Year-Book* for 1920-21 contains, on page 218, figures showing for 1920 the capacity of the reservoirs in gallons and their reduced level at by-wash.

**Consumption of water in Melbourne and suburbs.** The estimated number of people supplied with water during 1935 was 1,039,120, and the average quantity used daily was 66·53 gallons per head. Some districts which are outside the Board's area are supplied with water. The total consumption and average consumption per day are shown hereunder for each month of the year 1935:—

**TOTAL AND DAILY AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS DURING EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR 1935.**

Month.	Total Consumption of Water.	Daily Average Consumption of Water.
January .. .. .	2,588,829,000	83,510,613
February .. .. .	2,360,717,000	84,311,321
March .. .. .	2,628,210,000	84,780,968
April .. .. .	1,879,689,000	62,656,300
May .. .. .	1,796,527,000	57,952,484
June .. .. .	1,685,722,000	56,190,733
July .. .. .	1,710,309,000	55,171,258
August .. .. .	1,706,565,000	55,050,484
September .. .. .	1,675,108,000	55,836,933
October .. .. .	1,981,049,000	63,904,806
November .. .. .	2,261,022,000	75,367,400
December .. .. .	2,961,143,000	95,520,742
<b>Total for the year .. ..</b>	<b>25,234,890,000</b>	..
<b>Daily average for the year 1935 ..</b>	..	<b>69,136,685</b>

NOTE.—The maximum daily consumption for 1935 occurred on 17th December, and the minimum daily consumption on 15th September of that year. The consumption was 141,394,000 gallons on the former and 46,118,000 gallons on the latter of these two days.

The following table shows for each of the last five years the daily average consumption of water, and the daily average per head :—

### DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1931 TO 1935.

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year.	Estimated Population Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Number of Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June.	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water to 31st December.	Number of Gallons of Water per Head Daily.
				Gallons.	
1931 ..	1,121,313	253,118	234,600	60,232,000	53.71
1932 ..	1,128,578	254,758	236,640	59,044,000	52.32
1933 ..	1,136,875	256,631	241,352	65,841,000	57.91
1934 ..	1,027,424	258,797	242,594	63,740,000	62.04
1935 ..	1,039,120	261,743	246,592	69,137,000	66.53

NOTE.—Particulars supplied by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 2,946 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1935.

### SEWERAGE FINANCE.

The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 on the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1935-36 was 1s. 2d. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1935-36 was £17,356,652, of which £16,164,532 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts.

The receipts from the general sewerage rates and charges in 1935-36 amounted to £968,872.

The sewerage revenue for 1935-36 was £987,404, as against £869,374 in the previous year. The charges against the Sewerage Revenue Account were cost of management and incidental expenses £29,812, maintenance and repairs £118,843, and interest £676,173, making the total charges £824,828, as compared with £808,898 in 1934-35.

Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts.

Cost of the  
Melbourne and  
Metropolitan  
sewerage  
system.

The cost of sewerage works and house connexions up to 30th June, 1936, was £13,618,166, divided as follows:—

	£
Farm purchase and preparation .. .. .	1,187,305
Treatment works .. .. .	123,616
Outfall Sewers and Rising Mains .. .. .	482,077
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant .. .. .	336,760
Main and branch sewers .. .. .	3,042,762
Reticulation sewers .. .. .	7,444,757
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital .. .. .	756,308
Sanitary depots .. .. .	62,443
Cost of sewerage system .. .. .	13,436,028
Householders' debts for house connexions .. .. .	182,138
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>13,618,166</b>

Main Sewers  
and Subsidiary  
Main.

The sewage of the metropolis is delivered into two main sewers and a subsidiary main leading to the pumping station at Spotswood. The two main sewers are the North Yarra main sewer (Northern system) and the Hobson's Bay main sewer (Southern system). The subsidiary main, which takes in Williamstown, joins the Hobson's Bay main before it enters the pumping station. Further information regarding these is given in the *Year-Book* for 1920-21, page 222.

Progress  
Report of  
Sewerage  
Work.

During the year ended 30th June, 1936, 1 mile 20 chains of main and branch sewers, 12 miles 42 chains of reticulation sewers and 40 chains of rising main were constructed, making the total length at that date, as under:—

Main outfall sewer .. .. .	15 miles 79 chains
Outfall sewer and rising mains .. .. .	9 „ 68 „
Main and branch sewers (12 inches and upwards in diameter) .. .. .	242 „ 62 „
Reticulation sewers and house branches (4 inches to 9 inches in diameter).. .. .	2,244 „ 48 „
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>2,513 „ 17 „</b>

The total population served by the sewerage system at 30th June, 1936, is estimated at 998,483 persons.

**Number of Buildings for which sewers were provided.** The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1936, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 251,507.

During the year 1935-36, 4,897 new houses were erected in the metropolitan area, and provision was made for the sewerage of 4,915 buildings.

The following statement shows the progress of sewer connexions to the 30th June, 1936 :—

Municipality.	No. of Buildings for which sewers were provided on 30th June, 1936.
Blackburn and Mitcham Shire .. .. .	385
Box Hill City .. .. .	3,776
Braybrook Shire (part of) .. .. .	1,700
Brighton City .. .. .	7,980
Broadmeadows Shire (part of) .. .. .	249
Brunswick City .. .. .	13,707
Camberwell City .. .. .	14,201
Caulfield City .. .. .	17,585
Coburg City .. .. .	8,527
Collingwood City .. .. .	8,839
Essendon City .. .. .	11,754
Fitzroy City .. .. .	8,183
Footscray City .. .. .	10,994
Hawthorn City .. .. .	8,955
Heidelberg City (part of) .. .. .	5,687
Keilor Shire (part of) .. .. .	157
Kew City .. .. .	6,172
Malvern City .. .. .	11,434
Melbourne City .. .. .	27,868
Moorabbin City .. .. .	3,083
Mulgrave Shire (part of) .. .. .	9
Northcote City .. .. .	10,591
Oakleigh City .. .. .	2,992
Port Melbourne City .. .. .	3,384
Prahran City .. .. .	12,886
Preston City .. .. .	7,521
Richmond City .. .. .	10,649
Sandringham City .. .. .	4,876
South Melbourne City .. .. .	11,079
St. Kilda City .. .. .	10,515
Werribee Shire (part of) .. .. .	16
Williamstown City .. .. .	5,753
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>251,507</b>

**Pumping Stations.** At 30th June, 1936, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, and Braybrook.

A general description of this farm is given on pages 178 and 179 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29. Since that time provision has been made for treating a considerable proportion of the sewage in the winter months by a process of continuous irrigation. The method consists of first removing from the sewage the readily settleable solids, and then passing it in a thin film over carefully graded areas carrying a good growth of vegetation.

The statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1936, are as under :—

Total area of farm .. .. .	22,634 acres.
Area prepared for sewage disposal .. ..	10,643 „
Rainfall at farm for year .. .. .	13.96 inches.
Average rainfall over 42 years .. .. .	18.40 „
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population .. .. .	1s. 5.24d.
Loss on cattle for year .. .. .	£7,375.
Profit on sheep for year .. .. .	£18,151.
„ horses for year (agistment) .. .. .	£3,668.

The number of cattle, sheep, and horses on hand throughout the year ranged as under :—

Cattle .. .. .	11,700 maximum,	9,200 minimum.
Sheep .. .. .	51,100 „	8,100 „
Horses .. .. .	1,500 „	300 „

The responsibility for the collection, removal, and disposal of nightsoil from unsewered premises within the metropolis was transferred from the individual municipal councils to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works as from 19th November, 1924. The statutory provisions governing the matter are contained in Sections 41 and 42 of the *Health Act* 1928 (No. 3697).

Agreements have subsequently been entered into between the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the municipal councils, whereby the latter undertake the collection of the nightsoil and its delivery in sealed pans to the depots established by the Board for the purpose, while the Board is responsible for the disposal of the



nightsoil. Each council pays to the Board a sum of 3s. per annum for every pan on which it levies a pan charge to offset the cost of disposing of the nightsoil and of cleaning the pans.

Three depots for this purpose have been established by the Board, in isolated positions, at Moorabbin, Campbellfield, and Brooklyn. Comparatively large areas of land, totalling 752 acres, have been acquired so that an adequate buffer has been formed between the depot and adjacent private property. The total capital cost of the depots as at 30th June, 1936, was £62,443.

For the year, the working expenses were £4,835, while interest amounted to £3,127, making a total of £7,962. The revenue was £2,054, leaving a deficiency of £5,908.

### METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS.

Under the provisions of Part VIII. of the Act, which relates to Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers, the Board is empowered to levy a Metropolitan Drainage and River Improvement Rate.

Improvement Rate not exceeding 1d. in the £1 in respect of the properties in the metropolis rateable to any municipality. The rate was first levied on 1st July, 1927, and has remained at 1d. in the £1.

The total annual value of property assessed for Drainage and River purposes and liable to the 1d. in the £1 rate was £17,356,652.

For 1935-36 the total revenue was £79,303, as against £77,993 in the previous year. The cost in 1935-36 of maintenance, management, and working expenses was £15,205, and the interest charges were £58,560, the total charges being £73,765. In 1934-35 the cost of maintenance, management, and working expenses amounted to £13,685, interest to £57,999, and the total expenditure to £71,684.

The total cost of Drainage and River Improvement works to 30th June, 1936, was £1,100,062.

**Length of main drains.** The following table gives particulars of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1936 :—

1. Underground drains—		
(a) Constructed by Municipal Councils and taken over by the Board and not replaced .. .. .	31 miles 31 chains	
(b) Constructed by the Board (including 9 miles 29 chains of drains which replace drains previously declared)	34 „ 75 „	
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Total underground drains controlled .. .. .	66 miles 26 chains	
2. Open drains—		
(a) Constructed by Municipal Councils and taken over by the Board and not replaced .. .. .	8 miles 67 chains	
(b) Constructed by the Board (including 2 miles 75 chains of drains which replace drains previously declared)	3 „ 20 „	
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Total constructed open drains controlled .. .. .	12 miles 7 chains	
3. Natural watercourses and unlined open drains controlled .. .. .		6 miles 48 chains
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Grand total of drains controlled	85 miles 1 chain	

### THE BALLARAT WATER COMMISSION.

The Water Supply District of the Ballarat Water Commission, which was constituted on 1st July, 1880, embraces an area of about 27 square miles, including the city of Ballarat, the borough of Sebastopol, and portions of the shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, and Bungaree. The estimated population in this area is 43,000. The works comprise six reservoirs, which have a total storage capacity of 2,215,558,000 gallons.

To 31st December, 1935, the capital cost of construction was £670,165, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) at that date was £292,850. During 1935, receipts amounted to £41,263 and expenditure was £40,179.

**GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.**

This Trust was constituted on 15th January, 1908. It was reconstituted under the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act in 1910.

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £900,000 for water supply undertaking, £760,000 for sewerage undertaking, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1936, was—Water supply, £704,110; sewerage, £644,994; and sewerage installation, £257,146, of which £10,498 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1936, was £56,408 on account of waterworks and £38,235 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of surplus revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1936, the amounts so appropriated and used to redeem loans were:—Sewerage, £61,802; and Water Supply, £64,298.

The population supplied is estimated at 46,300. The number of buildings situate within the "Drainage Area" is 11,541; the number within the "Sewered Areas," 11,308; and the number connected with the sewers, 11,289.

*Water Supply.*—The catchment area is about 16,000 acres. Particulars of the works and storage capacity of the various reservoirs are given in the *Year-Book* for 1920-21, pp. 226 and 227. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs and service basins is 2,738,120,000 gallons.

The Trust has arranged to take a minimum annual quantity of 545,000,000 gallons of water from the river Barwon to supplement the supply from the Moorabool watersheds.

*Sewerage.*—The sewerage scheme consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. 3 in. by 3 ft. 3 in., to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong. The drainage area is 9,538 acres and includes the city of Geelong, the city of Geelong West, the town of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

## SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies were constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the *Sewerage Districts Act 1928*. At 31st December, 1935, nineteen such authorities had been constituted.

General statistical information is given in the following statement relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation at 31st December, 1935:—

## SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA, 1935.

Authority.	Year of Constitution.	Estimated Population Served by System.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.	Ordinary Revenue.	Ordinary Expenditure.	Capital Expenditure to End of Year (Excluding House Connections).	Loans Outstanding at End of Year.	
								Sewerage Works.	House Connections.
				<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works*	1890	978,970	246,592	1 1	835,539	808,898	13,272,957	13,709,179	222,031
Ballarat .. .. .	1920	33,000	7,481	1 9	27,854	26,008	388,398	390,021	38,115
Bendigo .. .. .	1916	26,500	5,960	1 5	22,906	22,634	328,105	308,492	24,954
Colac .. .. .	1923	5,000	1,310	2 0	6,192	5,745	79,968	72,354	7,879
Echuca .. .. .	1927	3,500	1,006	2 0	5,465	5,250	65,766	63,001	23,196
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust*	1908	46,170	11,174	1 3	37,704	37,004	636,289	597,750	15,165
Horsham .. .. .	1926	3,000	662	0 10	1,903	2,085	42,870	39,652	20,000
Mildura .. .. .	1928	7,000	1,386	1 8	6,760	5,457	71,384	69,393	26,875
Swan Hill .. .. .	1926	3,350	753	1 3	2,941	3,275	47,805	46,106	21,948
Wangaratta† .. ..	1933	950	220	2 0	298	23	62,204	56,500	3,998
Warrnambool .. ..	1929	6,720	1,677	1 0	4,209	3,506	73,050	66,260	18,500
Total .. .. .	..	1,114,160	278,221	..	951,711	919,885	15,068,796	15,418,708	422,661

\* Sewerage finance only.

† Financial particulars for nine months only.

In addition to those enumerated in the above table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts, in which, at the end of 1935, preliminary works or detail surveys were being carried out:—Ararat constituted in 1935; Bairnsdale in 1932; Benalla in 1934; Castlemaine in 1934; Dandenong in 1935; Hamilton in 1935; Kerang in 1932; Kyneton in 1933; Shepparton in 1934; and Warragul in 1935.

**WATERWORKS TRUSTS.**

Country waterworks in Victoria are under the control of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, Waterworks Trusts, and local governing bodies. The revenue and expenditure of the Commission form part of Consolidated Revenue, whilst the particulars of local governing bodies are included in municipal finances and also in the statements of the authorities appearing on pages 152 and 153.

During 1935 there were 106 Waterworks Trusts, constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928, functioning in Victoria. The ordinary receipts and ordinary expenditure of these Trusts are given below for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

**WATERWORKS TRUSTS—ORDINARY RECEIPTS AND  
ORDINARY EXPENDITURE, 1935.**

Ordinary Receipts.	Amount.	Ordinary Expenditure.	Amount.
	£		£
Water Rates (including arrears) ..	140,284	Administrative Expenses ..	20,479
Water Sales (including arrears) ..	21,061	Works from Revenue ..	14,157
Meter Rents (including arrears) ..	1,604	Maintenance and Repairs (including	
Interest on overdue Rates ..	1,754	Pumping and Purchase of Water)	47,811
Transfers from Depreciation Fund ..	11,255	Redemption of Loans ..	15,488
Other .. .. .	5,929	Interest on Loans ..	56,799
		Interest on Bank Overdraft ..	387
		Depreciation Fund ..	16,018
		Other .. .. .	3,621
Total .. .. .	181,887	Total .. .. .	174,755

All loan moneys are provided by the Treasurer of Victoria. At 30th June, 1936, the loan liability of Waterworks Trusts amounted to £1,301,208.

**FIRE BRIGADES BOARDS.**

Under the *Fire Brigades Act* 1928 there are constituted a metropolitan fire district, controlled by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, and nine country fire districts, controlled by the Country Fire Brigades Board.

**Constitution of  
Fire Brigades  
Boards.**

**Metropolitan  
Fire Brigades  
Board.**

The Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board is composed of nine members, of whom three are appointed by the Governor in Council, three by the municipal councils, and three by the fire insurance companies.

The Board on 30th June, 1936, had under its control the following :—  
43 stations, 296 members of permanent staff, 67 members of special service staff, 9 members of clerical staff, 59 men engaged in the workshops, 12 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 165 partially paid firemen.

During 1935-36 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £155,341, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz., Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the fire insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 725d. in the pound on the annual value of £17,118,781 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies was equal to £5 12s. 0½d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1935 amounted to £924,446.

**Country Fire  
Brigades  
Board.**

The Country Fire Brigades Board consists of nine members. Three are appointed by the Governor in Council, two are elected by the municipal councils of the districts in which there are brigades registered under the Board, two by the fire insurance companies carrying on business in such districts, and two by the registered fire brigades. The Board's revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1936, was £30,350, which was obtained from the following sources:—Government, £9,897; municipalities, £9,897; insurance companies, £9,897; and other sources, £659. The expenditure for the same year amounted to £30,252. There are 120 municipal councils and 107 insurance companies included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by the insurance companies in country districts during the year 1934 amounted to £361,696. The annual value of rateable property assessed within the Board's districts in 1935 was £3,417,376. All

brigades under the control of the Board are volunteer brigades, but in the large centres a few permanent stationkeepers and auxiliaries are employed. There are 146 registered brigades, and the number of registered firemen is 2,808. In most brigades there is, in addition to the registered firemen, a number of "reserve" members.

Receipts and Expenditure. Particulars of receipts and expenditure of both Fire Brigades Boards for the five years 1931-32 to 1935-36 are as follows :—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF FIRE BRIGADES  
BOARDS, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Heads of Receipts and Expenditure.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>					
Contributions — Government, Municipal, and Insurance .. ..	183,295	183,209	185,770	185,263	185,033
Receipts for Services .. ..	24,132	21,106	21,317	23,352	24,376
Interest and Sundries .. ..	14,576	15,120	14,945	15,785	16,749
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>222,003</b>	<b>219,435</b>	<b>222,032</b>	<b>224,400</b>	<b>226,158</b>
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries .. ..	130,034	130,477	128,446	132,691	140,177
Fire Expenses .. ..	4,288	4,242	4,400	4,455	4,511
Administrative Charges, &c. ..	34,978	35,488	33,399	30,173	31,819
Plant—Purchase and Repairs .. ..	17,599	14,066	18,944	17,568	18,049
Interest .. ..	13,546	12,692	11,588	10,987	10,790
Repayment of Loans .. ..	7,594	8,022	8,466	9,662	10,610
Superannuation Fund .. ..	7,987	8,050	8,050	8,214	4,992
Miscellaneous .. ..	3,460	5,188	4,707	6,954	10,949
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>219,486</b>	<b>218,265</b>	<b>218,040</b>	<b>220,704</b>	<b>231,897</b>
<i>Loan Expenditure.</i>					
Purchase of Land and Erection of Buildings, &c. ..	3,950	511	8,378	3,197	9,858
<i>Loan Indebtedness .. ..</i>	<b>254,132</b>	<b>246,110</b>	<b>247,895</b>	<b>238,234</b>	<b>237,624</b>

### BUILDING PERMITS.

**Building  
Permits  
Issued.**

The information furnished by municipal councils relating to the value of building permits issued by them gives a reliable indication of the effect that the economic depression has had on the building industry in recent years. The particulars represent the values recorded, but a complete comparison cannot be made owing to the variation in building costs during the periods under review. As the Crown is exempt from municipal regulations in respect of building permits, the particulars of Government buildings are not included in the following statements.

#### IN GREATER MELBOURNE.

The value of permits issued by municipalities in Greater Melbourne for all classes of buildings, *i.e.*, dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings, during the period of twelve months ended on 31st December in each of the eight years 1928-1936 was as follows:—

Year ended 31st December—	Value of Permits Issued.				Index to Total Value = 100 in 1929.
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	
1928 .. ..	5,312,197	1,747,251	983,474	8,042,922	111·51
1929 .. ..	4,187,832	1,991,927	1,033,018	7,212,777	100·00
1930 .. ..	1,308,976	852,079	578,521	2,739,576	37·98
1931 .. ..	418,572	364,339	342,990	1,125,901	15·61
1932 .. ..	1,033,844	908,761	496,011	2,438,616	33·81
1933 .. ..	1,661,722	883,500	763,660	3,308,882	45·88
1934 .. ..	2,588,426	902,245	1,293,794	4,784,465	66·33
1935 .. ..	3,721,608	1,384,773	1,454,323	6,560,704	90·96
1936 .. ..	4,172,779	1,810,825	1,435,625	7,419,229	102·86

The following table gives detailed information relating to the number and value of building permits issued by the municipalities in Greater Melbourne during the years ended 31st December, 1935 and 1936.



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE,  
1935 AND 1936.

Class of Permit.	1935.		1936.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
<b>New Buildings.</b>		£		£
Buildings for Habitation—				
Private Dwellings—				
Brick, concrete, &c. ..	1,746	1,831,843	1,818	1,904,609
Wood, fibro-cement, &c. ..	1,093	649,235	1,500	915,053
Flats .. .. .	575*	1,210,080	538†	1,302,917
Other (Hotels, Guest Houses, &c.)	6	30,450	6	50,200
<b>Total, Buildings for Habitation</b> .. .. .	<b>3,420</b>	<b>3,721,608</b>	<b>3,862</b>	<b>4,172,779</b>
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops .. .. .	137	133,481	205	201,480
Garages .. .. .	2	3,000	3	10,350
Factories .. .. .	4	15,053	6	17,805
Other .. .. .	14	28,668	20	35,405
Without Residence—				
Shops .. .. .	102	337,125	112	125,690
Garages .. .. .	21	17,551	17	10,948
Factories .. .. .	149	397,889	123	655,423
Other .. .. .	51	172,077	59	402,674
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals .. .. .	3	6,950	6	100,567
Churches .. .. .	8	30,000	12	48,740
Schools .. .. .	8	49,202	9	24,772
Theatres .. .. .	6	97,100	2	25,500
Other .. .. .	21	96,677	24	151,471
<b>Total, Commercial and Public Buildings</b> .. .. .	<b>526</b>	<b>1,384,773</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>1,810,825</b>
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings .. .. .	3,935	302,622	4,274	329,452
Flats .. .. .	53	25,117	53	27,484
Other Buildings for Habitation .. .. .	71	94,799	103	89,711
Shops .. .. .	434	193,211	378	104,558
Garages (Commercial) .. .. .	102	31,325	51	17,933
Factories .. .. .	328	337,283	377	398,310
Other Business Premises .. .. .	206	257,442	224	273,872
Public Buildings .. .. .	126	212,524	102	194,305
<b>Total, Alterations and Additions</b> .. .. .	<b>5,255</b>	<b>1,454,323</b>	<b>5,562</b>	<b>1,435,625</b>
<b>Grand Total, Building Permits</b> .. .. .	<b>9,201</b>	<b>6,560,704</b>	<b>10,022</b>	<b>7,419,229</b>

\* Providing for 1,765 self-contained units.

† Providing for 1,920 self-contained units.

The number of building permits issued by each municipality in Greater Melbourne during the years ended 31st December, 1930 to 1936, is given below in respect of new private dwellings, flats, hotels, &c. :—

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW PRIVATE DWELLINGS, FLATS, HOTELS, ETC., IN GREATER MELBOURNE, 1930 TO 1936.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—						
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
CITIES.							
Box Hill .. .. .	41	8	15	30	46	75	83
Brighton .. .. .	46	14	29	63	100	170	207
Brunswick .. .. .	72	8	7	18	53	103	130
Camberwell .. .. .	187	47	143	193	357	603	697
Caulfield .. .. .	87	33	103	164	275	397	352
Chelsea .. .. .	22	10	18	22	18	33	34
Coburg .. .. .	75	15	18	32	84	170	229
Collingwood .. .. .	3	1	10	1	5	18	19
Essendon .. .. .	56	8	22	40	82	140	165
Fitzroy .. .. .	5	3	10	4	2	10	10
Footscray .. .. .	59	6	12	12	55	107	198
Hawthorn .. .. .	47	13	33	63	118	135	183
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward) ..	60	13	26	30	63	120	117
Kew .. .. .	46	16	25	32	65	90	127
Malvern .. .. .	57	49	128	129	199	236	132
Melbourne .. .. .	8	4	9	23	31	62	60
Moorabbin .. .. .	75	18	16	26	63	104	167
Mordialloc .. .. .	39	3	13	8	21	50	66
Northcote .. .. .	38	5	24	27	46	76	92
Oakleigh .. .. .	29	2	3	4	45	53	48
Port Melbourne .. .. .	2		1		4	1	2
Prahran .. .. .	23	26	71	167	225	234	231
Preston .. .. .	107	7	9	25	52	103	165
Richmond .. .. .	13	6	5	4	17	30	27
Sandringham .. .. .	48	15	36	31	39	79	98
South Melbourne .. .. .	4	3	1	8	18	19	16
St. Kilda .. .. .	70	29	150	133	121	137	103
Williamstown .. .. .	25	4	5	9	17	39	65
SHIRE.							
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding) ..	15	8	9	7	10	26	44
Total .. .. .	1,359	374	951	1,305	2,231	3,420	3,862

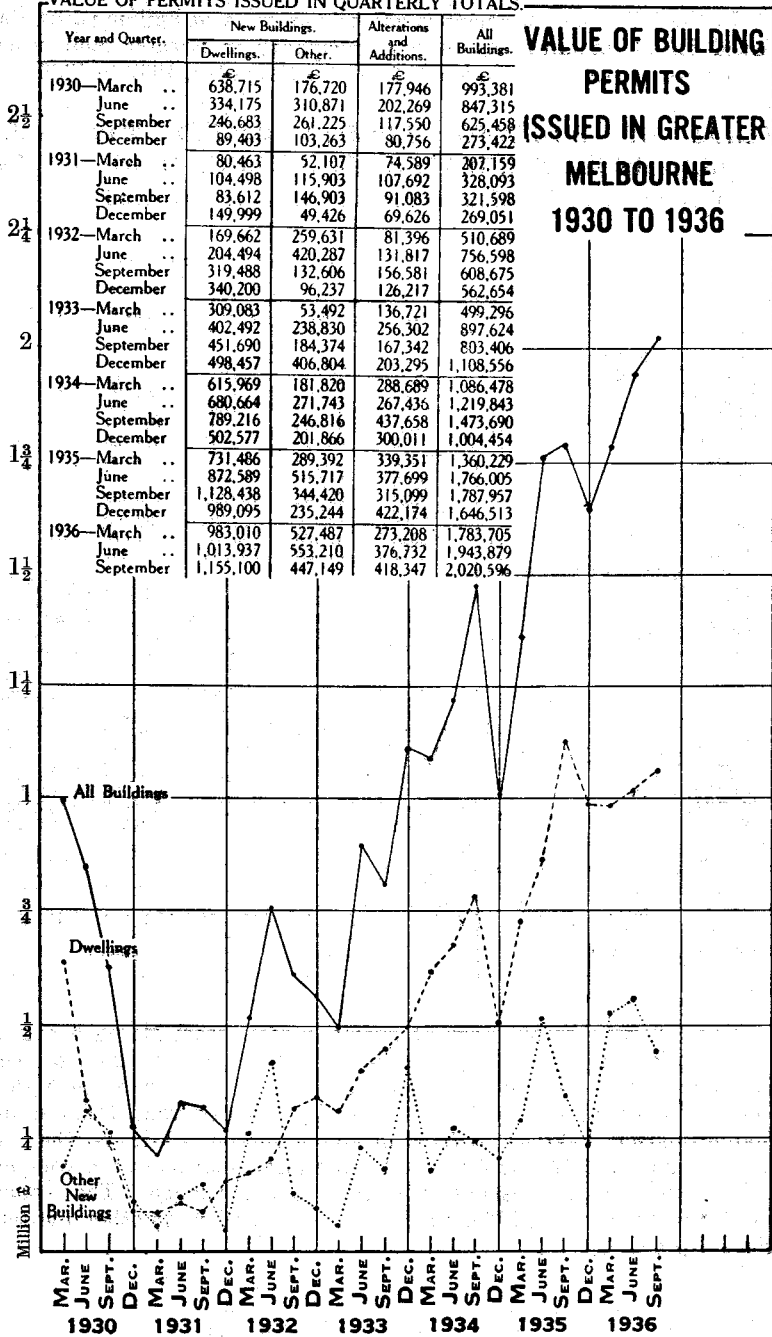
In the following statement is shown the value of building permits issued for all buildings by each municipality in Greater Melbourne during each of the five years ended on 31st December, 1932 to 1936.

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR ALL BUILDINGS IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE YEARS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1932 TO 1936.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—				
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
<b>CITIES.</b>	£	£	£	£	£
Box Hill .. .. .	23,554	27,763	85,702	93,413	94,391
Brighton .. .. .	48,167	77,682	168,129	243,139	274,709
Brunswick .. .. .	61,660	53,036	124,039	204,349	182,794
Camberwell .. .. .	207,346	327,038	445,742	739,842	880,870
Caulfield .. .. .	128,729	198,137	344,911	516,659	484,732
Chelsea .. .. .	12,531	21,300	13,872	30,952	50,322
Coburg .. .. .	24,034	43,373	108,416	143,356	204,274
Collingwood .. .. .	22,916	57,828	56,844	89,236	129,389
Essendon .. .. .	34,279	73,270	131,379	157,596	176,488
Fitzroy .. .. .	155,028	33,356	18,039	57,420	93,553
Footscray .. .. .	51,310	41,333	90,868	171,679	252,759
Hawthorn .. .. .	55,712	112,455	163,475	262,461	231,911
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward) .. .. .	40,965	45,741	98,432	137,371	123,709
Kew .. .. .	37,624	60,113	103,106	138,528	198,485
Malvern .. .. .	199,795	230,143	273,446	340,604	246,652
Melbourne .. .. .	719,405	949,519	1,195,123	1,275,893	1,335,093
Moorabbin .. .. .	17,672	33,669	56,303	81,411	143,880
Mordialloc .. .. .	21,668	10,605	19,882	33,909	39,250
Northcote .. .. .	43,228	44,122	55,313	83,438	93,040
Oakleigh .. .. .	7,140	7,249	34,992	60,037	79,230
Port Melbourne .. .. .	5,134	3,189	15,298	6,007	276,783
Prahran .. .. .	236,670	367,210	393,153	547,189	532,645
Preston .. .. .	17,917	26,934	49,832	99,235	134,285
Richmond .. .. .	22,805	44,761	132,612	269,612	160,536
Sandringham .. .. .	37,198	47,679	56,991	88,022	118,356
South Melbourne .. .. .	42,443	93,724	165,520	219,803	244,909
St. Kilda .. .. .	144,021	235,133	345,098	390,047	495,866
Williamstown .. .. .	7,546	35,542	31,828	50,363	82,150
<b>SHIRE.</b>					
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding) .. .. .	12,070	6,978	16,150	29,133	57,668
<b>Total</b> .. .. .	<b>2,438,616</b>	<b>3,308,882</b>	<b>4,784,465</b>	<b>6,580,704</b>	<b>7,419,229</b>
<b>Total number of permits issued</b> .. .. .	<b>5,318</b>	<b>5,827</b>	<b>7,808</b>	<b>9,201</b>	<b>10,022</b>

The following graph shows at quarterly rests, from March quarter, 1930, to September quarter, 1936, the trend of the operations in the building industry in Greater Melbourne. It will be seen that the value of building permits fell with regular rapidity from £993,381 in March quarter, 1930, to £207,159 in March quarter, 1931, and that in March quarter, 1932, there was a definite improvement in the volume of business. This satisfactory feature has continued. The value for September quarter, 1936, was higher than that for any other quarter since September, 1929.

VALUE OF PERMITS ISSUED IN QUARTERLY TOTALS.



## OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside Greater Melbourne, a collection has been made of particulars relating to building permits issued by certain provincial municipalities during 1927 and each subsequent year. Complete records covering the whole of that period have not been kept by some authorities. The information, in so far as available, is given below:—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED  
BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER  
MELBOURNE, 1927 TO 1936.

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballaarat City .. ..	1927-28	101	*	29	*	145	*	275	*
	1928-29	123	*	16	*	127	*	266	*
	1929-30	127	*	39	*	98	*	264	*
	1930-31	59	*	11	*	51	*	121	*
	1931-32	69	*	22	*	84	*	175	*
	1932-33	68	*	30	*	62	*	160	*
	1933-34	82	*	35	*	78	*	195	*
	1934-35	134	*	17	*	120	*	271	*
	1935†	78	46,370	9	17,400	84	17,570	171	81,340
1936	134	73,240	19	9,980	144	34,650	297	117,870	
Bendigo City .. ..	1936	143	83,400	2	2,400	248	34,456	393	120,256
Geelong City .. ..	1931	1	*	1	*	53	*	55	*
	1932	4	*	8	*	45	*	57	*
	1933	11	*	5	*	65	*	81	*
	1934	23	*	16	*	68	*	107	*
	1935	39	24,640	20	38,068	70	9,584	129	72,292
	1936	38	48,040	19	12,765	90	36,201	147	97,006
	Geelong West City ..	1927	181	99,550	†	†	321	27,608	502
1928		82	56,792	†	†	181	12,138	263	68,930
1929		71	47,010	†	†	163	10,148	234	57,158
1930		17	11,445	†	†	115	8,765	132	20,210
1931		8	4,240	†	†	48	5,515	56	9,755
1932		3	2,850	†	†	65	2,562	68	5,412
1933		10	6,425	†	†	65	7,559	75	13,984
1934		13	11,714	†	†	72	3,716	85	15,430
1935		40	22,143	7	5,145	49	2,102	96	29,390
1936		67	41,626	3	2,025	36	2,891	106	46,542
Horsham Town .. ..		1927	27	20,210	4	2,875	18	6,029	49
	1928	28	21,613	2	3,390	13	1,122	43	26,125
	1929	40	23,406	5	9,032	21	7,896	66	40,334
	1930	6	2,449	1	700	12	3,803	19	6,952
	1931	..	..	..	..	8	363	8	363
	1932	1	452	..	..	..	..	1	452
	1933	7	2,668	..	..	11	586	18	3,254
	1934	24	9,631	1	275	14	1,626	39	11,532
	1935	24	11,795	4	2,170	21	4,195	49	18,160
1936	37	19,418	4	13,855	24	12,310	65	45,583	

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE, 1927 TO 1936—  
*continued.*

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£	†	£		£		£
Mildura City .. ..	1928	25	18,860	†	†	31	18,227	56	37,087
	1929	36	24,639	†	†	24	22,988	60	47,627
	1930	17	14,232	†	†	12	1,695	29	15,927
	1931	5	3,400	†	†	11	3,350	16	6,750
	1932	11	8,363	†	†	22	11,459	33	19,822
	1933	59	35,174	†	†	45	20,128	104	55,302
	1934	75	41,926	†	†	36	10,533	111	52,459
	1935	72	41,094	14	3,665	43	11,629	129	56,388
	1936	91	43,085	20	31,795	35	23,613	146	98,493
Newtown and Chilwell Town	1927	71	*	†	*	108	*	179	*
	1928	39	*	†	*	110	*	149	*
	1929	24	*	†	*	87	*	111	35,500
	1930	14	*	†	*	70	*	93	28,900
	1931	2	1,090	†	†	42	4,157	44	5,247
	1932	7	4,570	†	†	66	8,452	73	13,022
	1933	13	14,914	†	†	42	6,347	55	21,261
	1934	20	17,375	†	†	46	13,187	66	30,562
	1935	38	28,022	2	700	25	3,636	65	32,408
	1936	50	39,261	5	4,350	30	12,235	85	55,846
Sale Town .. ..	1927	14	12,805	4	7,760	42	3,588	60	24,153
	1928	15	12,748	1	2,301	28	2,576	44	17,625
	1929	12	10,338	3	12,683	54	2,650	69	25,671
	1930	13	10,836	6	3,388	65	2,262	84	16,486
	1931	2	600	3	19,975	57	1,559	62	22,134
	1932	4	2,503	3	2,388	52	2,660	59	7,551
	1933	20	17,447	3	1,601	36	2,355	59	21,403
	1934	10	5,820	7	2,997	52	3,276	69	12,093
	1935	27	12,543	5	7,056	39	2,005	71	21,604
	1936	27	18,367	3	4,832	57	7,770	87	30,969
Shepparton Brough ..	1935§	32	21,980	4	2,170	31	11,710	67	35,860
	1936	61	37,870	13	27,410	38	7,425	112	72,705
Warrnambool City ..	1927	1	800	2	1,500	8	1,660	11	3,960
	1928	11	8,900	5	7,000	6	550	22	16,450
	1929	25	20,000	6	18,500	9	3,300	40	41,800
	1930	20	27,600	1	800	5	900	26	29,300
	1931	24	19,700	1	300	5	1,450	30	21,450
	1932	34	25,800	2	3,500	6	950	42	30,250
	1933	25	20,500	7	8,500	9	3,350	41	32,350
	1934	22	15,700	1	200	10	1,400	33	17,300
	1935	30	25,250	9	15,400	9	2,950	48	43,600
	1936	51	37,385	7	2,800	12	4,245	70	44,430

\* Not available.

† Particulars for six months ended 31st December, 1935.

‡ Included in "Alterations and Additions."

§ Particulars for nine months ended 31st December, 1935.