

## FINANCE.

**State Finance.** Under the Constitution Act the revenues of the State are payable into Consolidated Revenue, but certain of these revenues have been hypothecated by various Acts of Parliament for specified purposes, and are payable into special accounts or funds kept at the State Treasury. Apart from these special funds, the financial transactions are concerned with (a) Consolidated Revenue Fund, (b) Trust Funds, and (c) Loan Funds. In the succeeding tables the revenue and expenditure relating to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the public revenue of certain special funds or accounts which appear in the Treasurer's Finance Statement are included. Payments from Consolidated Revenue are made either under the authority of an Annual Appropriation Act passed by the Legislature, or by a permanent appropriation under a Special Act. The special appropriations represent services such as interest on the public debt, contributions to the National Debt Sinking Fund, the salaries of the Governor, the Judges and some other officials, expenditure on State pensions, endowments to municipalities, etc.

A concise statement of the chief special funds kept at the Treasury is shown in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 76 to 80.

**Commonwealth and State Financial Relations.** A brief outline of the principal provisions of the "Financial Agreement" is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 75.

A summary of the transactions for the financial year 1932-33 in the Consolidated Revenue Fund and in the special funds gives the following result :—

	£	£
Revenue deficit at 30th June, 1932 ..	..	5,347,656
Revenue, 1932-33 .. ..	24,905,985	
Expenditure, 1932-33 .. ..	25,747,486	
Deficit for the year .. ..	..	841,501
Revenue deficit at 30th June, 1933 ..	..	<u>6,189,157</u>

The differences between the amounts of revenue and expenditure shown above and those given in the Treasurer's Finance Statement arise from the use of a different method of classification for statistical

purposes. The public revenue of certain special funds is added to the Consolidated Revenue—an equivalent amount being entered as expenditure. The particulars for 1932-33 are as follows:—

Items.	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.
	£	£
Total according to Treasurer's Finance Statement ..	24,077,526	24,919,027
<i>Add public revenue of the following funds—</i>		
Country Roads Board Fund .. .. .	730,472*	730,472*
Licensing Fund .. .. .	108,605†	108,605†
Police Superannuation Fund .. .. .	13,158	13,158
Assurance Fund .. .. .	1,726	1,726
Cattle Compensation Fund .. .. .	15,990	15,990
Metropolitan Roads Fund .. .. .	4,484	4,484
Swine Compensation Fund .. .. .	4,107	4,107
Commonwealth Contribution to Unemployment Relief (Act 4027) .. .. .	200,000	200,000
Mallee Land Account .. .. .	70,123	70,123
<i>Deduct—</i>		
Loss on non-paying railways .. .. .	126,314	126,314
Payment to Railways Department on account of reduced Freight Charges .. .. .	193,892	193,892
Total .. .. .	24,905,985	25,747,486

\* Excluding £428,699 recouped to Revenue under Acts Nos. 3844, 3944, and 4038.

† Excluding £92,092 transferred to Revenue under Section 312 of Act No. 3717 as amended by Section 40 of Act No. 3962.

The revenue and expenditure of the State for the last five years, after taking into account the considerations mentioned above, are shown in the next statement:—

#### STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Year.	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.	Surplus (+). Deficiency (-)	
			For each Year.	Accumulated Deficiency to end of each Year (i.e. 30th June).
	£	£	£	£
1928-29 .. .. .	28,156,034	28,104,947	+ 51,087*	- 112,265†
1929-30 .. .. .	27,323,842	28,496,712	- 1,172,870	- 1,285,135
1930-31 .. .. .	25,575,504	28,029,702	- 2,454,198	- 3,739,333
1931-32 .. .. .	24,565,272	26,173,595	- 1,608,323	- 5,347,656
1932-33 .. .. .	24,905,985	25,747,486	- 841,501	- 6,189,157

\* Only £16,336 appropriated towards reduction of deficit by 30th June, balance (£34,751) by 31st December following (Act No. 3341). In addition, £1,593,708 of the accumulated deficiency was redeemed by Redemption Funds.

† At 31st December, 1929.

Details of the sources of the revenue for the last five financial years are given in the following statement :—

## HEADS OF STATE REVENUE, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Heads of Revenue.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth Payments to State ..	2,101,703	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159
State Taxation—					
Income Tax ..	2,881,917	2,981,050	2,859,585	2,061,561	2,117,000
Land Tax ..	560,765	531,426	506,025	497,609	503,752
Probate Duty ..	1,079,840	1,133,422	1,131,603	1,014,669	1,164,200
Unemployment Relief—					
Direct ..	..	..	861,530	999,814	1,799,212
Stamp Duty ..	..	..	376,974	650,678	18,336
Entertainments Tax ..	..	53,348	160,066	159,719	194,621
Racing Taxation ..	145,532	145,748	160,011	212,375	293,933
Other Stamp Duties	1,016,365	985,088	704,958	649,578	725,834
Motor Car and Motor Omnibus Aets*	1,065,734	1,147,957	1,070,556	1,124,362	1,222,684
Liquor Licences† ..	365,941	362,122	345,797	270,076	179,722
Other Licences ..	36,494	35,552	77,855	77,650	81,366
Duties on Bank Notes ..	1,543	1,708	1,655	1,603	534
Public Works and Services—					
Railways ..	12,840,604	11,729,153	9,698,720	9,149,448	9,153,225
Water Supply ..	658,896	620,632	579,616	644,038	604,960
State Coal Mine ..	776,246	872,967	576,007	416,955	228,775
State Electricity Commission ..	750,943	878,017	982,418	1,086,336	1,009,123
Transfer from Country Roads Board Fund (Act No. 4038) ..	..	..	..	150,000	..
Country Roads Board (Interest)	178,590	98,167	101,447	105,880	82,706
Interest on properties transferred to Commonwealth	149,686	..	..	..	..
Maffra Beet Sugar Factory ..	90,046	87,561	144,795	193,871	195,757
Victoria Dock Cool Stores ..	52,558	34,486	45,382	51,419	48,205
Wharfage Rates, &c. ..	69,344	70,994	53,307	52,464	57,331
Other ..	86,680	63,837	53,953	53,715	69,953

\* 1928-29 to 1930-31 inclusive—net amounts paid into the Country Roads Board Fund and Metropolitan Roads Fund. Amounts for 1931-32 and 1932-33 include cost of administration of Country Roads Board Fund.

† Received by the Licensing Fund.

HEADS OF STATE REVENUE, 1928-29 TO 1932-33—*continued.*

Heads of Revenue.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
Land—	£	£	£	£	£
Land Sales, Rents, Penalties, &c. ..	464,511	382,738	279,205	256,725	360,459
Interest on Loans— Closer Settlement Discharged Sol- diers' Settle- ment ..	343,370	403,015	450,141	471,709	426,521
Fees, Fines, &c. ..	1,275,829	1,273,469	1,269,910	1,153,762	1,077,252
Tramways Act No. 2995 (Sec. 88) ..	328,295	305,812	210,368	196,061	207,052
Government Printer	118,368	118,503	117,633	106,910	108,218
Harbor Trust Contri- butions ..	145,836	164,111	135,349	116,256	103,161
Department of Agri- culture*	144,736	143,885	111,005	81,812	108,778
Commonwealth Contri- bution to Unem- ployment Relief ..	58,908	54,478	40,643	39,117	39,403
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	..	200,000
	366,754	517,437	541,831	391,941	396,753
Total ..	28,156,034	27,323,342	25,575,504	24,565,272	24,905,985
Per Head of Popula- tion .. ..	£ s. d. 15 19 9	£ s. d. 15 7 3	£ s. d. 14 5 4	£ s. d. 13 12 4	£ s. d. 13 14 6

\* Excluding "Maffra Beet Sugar Factory" and "Victoria Dock Cool Stores."

The following table shows for the last five years the principal heads of expenditure from State Revenue:—

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,  
1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Heads of Expenditure.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
<i>General Government.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Governor .. ..	9,676	14,118	7,035	6,603	6,241
Parliament and Minis- try .. ..	124,073	138,680	117,654	117,449	90,889
Civil Establishment, n.e.i. .. ..	466,757	458,596	424,256	361,394	379,946
Pensions and Gratui- ties* .. ..	848,461	879,161	922,788	918,132	901,005

\* For details, see page 245.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE, 1928-29 TO  
1932-33—continued.

Heads of Expenditure.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
<i>Law, Order, and Protection.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Judicial and Legal ..	302,871	305,382	252,293	216,906	210,508
Police .. ..	741,230	749,194	675,624	588,489	604,343
Penal Establishments and Gaols ..	113,253	122,134	112,451	97,559	95,956
<i>Education, &amp;c.</i>					
State Schools ..	2,620,089	2,673,797	2,539,025	2,227,081	2,200,451
Technical Schools ..	164,832	167,801	159,579	123,567	101,918
University ..	70,825	61,975	68,156	52,900	52,800
Libraries, &c. ..	53,809	56,759	46,879	38,241	40,458
Art and Science ..	9,087	8,824	7,073	6,042	3,366
<i>Recreation and Health.</i>					
Parks, Gardens, and Public Resorts ..	32,175	36,003	22,328	17,614	15,905
Public Health ..	160,326	141,270	133,668	123,073	141,204
Charitable Institutions, &c. ..	1,294,181	1,293,502	1,206,352	1,087,112	1,049,001
<i>Unemployment Relief</i>	..	..	1,238,504	1,650,493	2,017,548
<i>Crown Lands, &amp;c.</i>					
Crown Lands* ..	241,143	715,208	1,155,847	1,117,967	978,104
Agriculture and Stock† ..	305,731	288,967	237,367	203,885	289,376
Mining‡ .. ..	51,272	46,843	35,091	29,733	27,490
<i>Public Works.</i>					
Railways (excluding Pensions) ..	9,457,047	9,216,112	7,349,989	5,977,658	6,155,461
Water Supply ..	265,872	266,602	249,038	210,908	202,409
Harbors, Rivers, and Lights .. ..	100,700	94,082	48,122	44,787	40,365
Roads and Bridges	37,831	62,646	19,339	2,878	1,276
Country Roads Board	1,065,905	814,493	644,572	662,613	730,472
State Electricity Commission ..	10,723	11,868	..	..	..
State Coal Mine ..	729,820	688,253	551,990	481,609	283,794
State Coal Mine Depreciation Fund ..	41,847	130,279	19,839	..	..
Maffra Beet Sugar Factory ..	73,288	90,553	135,650	127,951	141,267
Development of Export Trade ..	62,625	56,425	53,996	52,132	57,318
Discharged Soldiers' Concessions Fund	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000

\* Excluding "Newport Seasoning Works."

† Excluding "Maffra Beet Sugar Factory" and "Development of Export Trade."

‡ Excluding "State Coal Mine."

## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE, 1928-29 TO 1932-33—continued.

Heads of Expenditure.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Public Works—cont.</i>					
Municipal Endowment, &c.* ..	188,294	183,791	102,066	100,868	60,740
Other Public Works	144,111	164,886	83,193	74,042	85,857
<i>Public Debt Charges.</i>					
Interest and Expenses of Public Debt ..	7,566,342	7,740,312	8,172,554	7,617,083	7,006,100
Exchange on payment of Interest in London .. ..	..	..	419,772	1,003,250	889,504
Contribution to National Debt Sinking Fund ..	374,869	433,667	484,053	536,699	542,647
<i>Other Expenditure.</i>					
Mint Subsidy ..	29,000	27,000	24,000	22,500	27,000
Fire Brigades ..	72,150	73,649	73,309	61,095	61,073
Immigration ..	13,822	11,405	3,149	464	925
Licences Reduction Board, including Compensation ..	45,281	57,893	30,750	30,497	24,865
Railway passes to Blind and Incapacitated Soldiers ..	12,518	14,061	12,747	11,293	11,501
Liquidation of guaranteed Bank Overdrafts of Freezing Companies, &c. ..	6,874	431	35,703	1,721	..
Cattle Compensation Fund .. ..	27,240	25,922	20,888	23,257	23,990
Swine Compensation Fund .. ..	14,822	12,649	6,859	4,145	4,107
Shrine of Remembrance—Government Installation ..	3,250	5,000	..	16,481	6,087
Miscellaneous ..	76,125	81,516	50,454	50,423	109,219
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>28,104,947</b>	<b>28,496,712</b>	<b>28,029,702</b>	<b>26,173,594</b>	<b>25,747,486</b>
Per Head of Population .. ..	£ s. d. 15 19 2	£ s. d. 16 0 5	£ s. d. 15 12 8	£ s. d. 14 10 2	£ s. d. 14 3 9

\* The annual payments from the Licensing Fund to Municipalities were as follows:—1928-29, £61,545; 1929-30, £61,308; 1930-31, £61,156; 1931-32, £60,868; and 1932-33, £60,740.

The total amount appropriated under Surplus Revenue Acts in various years was £2,936,307. Practically the whole of this amount has been expended, viz., £2,935,999. Particulars of expenditure up to 30th June, 1928, are shown in

the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 86. Expenditure in each of the following years was applied to the service of "Charitable Institutions" and was as follows:—1928-29, £1,062; 1929-30, £673; 1930-31, £2,472; 1931-32, £517; and 1932-33, nil.

In the following statement details are given relating to the number of persons employed by the State and the Commonwealth Governments in Victoria, by Municipalities and by certain corporate bodies in 1931-32, also the salaries paid.

RETURN OF THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, AND SALARIES AND WAGES PAID BY THE STATE AND COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS IN VICTORIA, MUNICIPALITIES AND CERTAIN CORPORATE BODIES AND INSTITUTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1931-32.

Department, etc.	Number of Persons Employed at end of Financial Year.			Salaries and Wages Paid during the Financial Year.
	Permanent.	Temporary or Part Time.	Total.	
State Government—				£
Public Service .. .. .	3,852	1,450	5,302	1,163,292
Police .. .. .	2,113	..	2,113	467,426
Teachers .. .. .	9,444	491	9,935	1,973,214
Railways .. .. .	18,631	2,891	21,522	4,412,801
Commonwealth Government (employees in Victoria) .. .. .	7,613	2,310	9,923	2,301,488
Municipalities .. .. .	6,930	2,752	9,682	1,733,952
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board .. .. .	4,398	..	4,398	920,831
State Electricity Commission .. .. .	3,501	1,503	5,004	835,600
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works .. .. .	691	1,192	1,883	407,388
State Savings Bank .. .. .	1,456	261	1,717	465,621
Melbourne Harbor Trust .. .. .	384	22	406	93,124
Geelong Harbor Trust .. .. .	91	..	91	21,730
State Coal Mine .. .. .	1,634	..	1,634	376,728
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission .. .. .	417	1,573	1,990	316,629
Country Roads Board .. .. .	80	2,010	2,090	185,876
Melbourne University .. .. .	256	220	476	109,328
Forests Commission .. .. .	161	11	172	47,704
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board .. .. .	445	177	622	123,158
Other Bodies and Institutions*	608	981	1,589	279,418
Total .. .. .	62,705	17,844	80,549	16,237,308

\* Comprising:—Ballarat Sewerage Authority, Bendigo Sewerage Authority, Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust, First Mildura Irrigation Trust, Commonwealth Bank (Victorian Staff), Royal Mint, Country Fire Brigades Board, and Warrambool Harbor Trust.

**Melbourne  
Financial  
Plan.**

The Melbourne Financial Plan, which was formulated at a conference between Ministers of the Commonwealth and Ministers of the States in May, 1931, was the initial step taken towards ensuring to the Commonwealth and States a return to financial stability and conditions of general prosperity.

At this Conference it was agreed—(1) that a reduction of 20 per cent. be made, as compared with the year 1929-30, in all adjustable Government expenditure, (2) that the internal debts of the Commonwealth and the States be voluntarily converted on the basis of 22½ per cent. reduction of interest, (3) that additional revenue be secured by taxation, (4) that bank and savings bank rates of interest on deposits and advances be reduced, and (5) that relief be accorded in respect of private mortgages.

**Financial  
Emergency  
Legislation.**

The principal legislative provisions made by Parliament to enable Victoria to fulfil the conditions of the agreement under the Plan are included in (1) the *Debt Conversion Agreement Act* 1931, (2) the *Financial Emergency Act* 1931 (a brief summary of each of these Acts is given in the *Year-Book* for 1930-31, page 229), (3) additional and amending legislation as outlined on pages 235 and 236 of the *Year-Book* for 1931-32, and (4) the *Financial Emergency (Continuation) Act* 1933 (No. 4109), which continued the operation of certain provisions of the Financial Emergency Acts, the provisions of the *Pensions Reduction Act* 1932, and provided for the continuance of increased stamp duties payable on certain instruments under the *Stamps Act* 1928 as amended by any Act, and for the suspension for the year 1933-34 of the annual payment of the amount of £50,000 out of the consolidated revenue into the Country Roads Board Fund.

Information relating to the rates of reductions in the salaries of public servants, etc., and in pensions, etc., appear in the *Year-Book* for 1930-31 and for 1931-32 respectively.

**TAXATION.****INCOME TAX.****State  
Income Tax.**

An income tax was first imposed in Victoria in 1895, and, although originally fixed for a period of three years, it has, with certain amendments and alterations, been retained and continued from year to year until the present time. Incomes assessed for tax in any year are those earned, derived, or received in Victoria in the preceding year, and are divided into two classes, viz. :—(1) those derived from personal exertion, and (2) those derived from property. The former consist of salaries, wages, stipends, fees, commissions, bonuses, pensions, superannuation or retiring allowances earned in or derived from Victoria, and all incomes arising or accruing from any profession, trade, or business carried on in Victoria; whilst the latter comprise incomes from all other sources. In computing the taxable income certain deductions are allowed from the assessable income, the principal of which are outgoings and losses incurred in the



production of the income, life assurance premiums not exceeding £50, and calls or contributions actually paid into any mining company registered under Part II. of the *Companies Act* 1928, or to any company in liquidation.

A statement which contains particulars of Income Tax assessments on incomes earned during the years 1927-28 to 1931-32 inclusive, appears on page 238. The figures in the statement are not comparable unless the varying rates of tax imposed are taken into consideration. The rates for the year 1927-28 are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, page 263, those for 1928-29 in the *Year-Book* for 1930-31, page 231, and those for 1929-30 and 1930-31 in the *Year-Book* for 1931-32, pages 237 and 238.

The rates of tax on incomes earned during 1931-32, and information relating to deductions allowable, etc., are shown hereunder:—

The minimum income of individuals subject to tax was £201. A general deduction of £200 is allowed on incomes between £201 and £500 after which it diminishes at the rate of £4 for every £1 of income over £500, and finally disappears at £550. No general deduction is allowed to companies. The following further deductions were granted to taxpayers whose incomes did not exceed £800 per annum:—£50 for the maintenance of his wife provided she had not an income of her own exceeding £100 per annum; £50 in respect of each child under 16 years of age; certain expenses during illness; life assurance premiums; friendly society contributions; superannuation payments; funeral and burial expenses not exceeding £20; and land tax rebates.

Dividends from any source and interest from State Savings Bank securities are not taxable.

Rate of Tax per £1 of Taxable Income.

Taxable Income.	Rate of Tax per £1 of Taxable Income.		
	Personal Exertion.	Pro- perty.	Companies.
Up to £500 ..	6d.	d. 12	Mutual Life Assurance Companies, 12d. in the £1 in respect of the Mutual Life Assurance business, and 21d. in the £1 on all other business. Other Companies, 21d. in the £1 of the taxable amount of income.
Exceeding £500 ..	First £500—7d.	14	
	Next £500—8d.	16	
	Next £500—9d. Balance—10d.	18 20	

An additional tax at the undermentioned rates was imposed in the case of any person (not being a company) where the income, whether from personal exertion or the produce of property, or both, exceeded £800, viz:—

On incomes from	£801 to £1,000	..	10	per cent. of amount of tax other- wise chargeable		
„	„	£1,001 to £1,250	..	12½	„	„
„	„	£1,251 to £2,200	..	15	„	„
„	„	£2,201 to £5,000	..	20	„	„
„	„	exceeding £5,000	..	25	„	„

A further additional tax in the case of any person (including a company) of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable was also payable. Such further additional tax was not payable with respect to such income of a life assurance company as was subject to tax at the rate of 12d. in the £1.

Details of the complete assessments on incomes of the years 1927-28 to 1931-32 are given below:—

### INCOME TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	On Incomes of—				
	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.
Number of Assessments:					
Individuals ..	153,840	154,972	152,999	104,521	82,715
Companies ..	3,832	3,991	3,739	3,153	3,842
Total, Distinct Taxpayers ..	157,672	158,963	156,738	107,674	86,557
Taxable Incomes:	£	£	£	£	£
Individuals ..	41,635,391	42,005,091	34,356,389	21,426,500	18,209,473
Companies ..	17,350,812	18,192,873	15,212,507	11,076,799	10,685,257
Total ..	58,986,203	60,197,964	49,568,896	32,502,299	28,894,730
Tax payable:	£	£	£	£	£
Individuals ..	1,367,174	1,488,290	1,397,249	944,141	796,954
Companies ..	1,279,478	1,412,811	1,294,514	999,143	962,412
Total* ..	2,646,652	2,901,101	2,691,763	1,943,284	1,759,366
Per taxpayer:	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Individuals ..	8 17 9	9 12 1	9 2 8	9 0 8	9 12 8†
Companies ..	333 17 10	354 0 0	346 4 5	316 17 9	250 9 11
Average tax payable in the £ on taxable incomes by—	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Individuals ..	7.88	8.50	9.76	10.58	10.50
Companies ..	17.69	18.64	20.42	21.65	21.62

\* For actual collections in the following financial year, see page 231.

† The average amount of tax payable per individual taxpayer with taxable income not exceeding £500 was £2 14s. 4d.; in the case of those with taxable incomes exceeding £500 the average amount was £56 14s. 10d.

The total net incomes of taxpayers in 1931-32, who were assessed to pay tax, amounted to £43,200,110, but, as 70,570 taxpayers were allowed the £200 exemption, equalling £14,114,000, and 1,886 taxpayers on grades of income between £501 and £550 were allowed exemption to the amount of £191,380, the amount available for taxation was £28,894,730.

The total number of individuals and companies who paid tax on their incomes for 1931-32 is detailed, under specified grades of taxable income, in the following table:—

TOTAL NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS (1931-32 INCOMES).

Taxable Incomes.	Individuals.				Companies.	Grand Total.
	Personal Exertion.	Property.	Combined Personal and Property.	Total.		
£	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Not exceeding 100	44,227	4,214	281	48,722	1,404	50,126
101 to 200	12,710	1,924	454	15,088	471	15,559
201 - 350	5,519	1,142	483	7,144	402	7,546
351 - 500	784	203	183	1,170	217	1,387
501 - 700	1,411	682	1,671	3,764	188	3,952
701 - 1,000	1,035	626	1,356	3,017	190	3,207
1,001 - 1,200	446	199	530	1,175	105	1,280
1,201 - 1,500	347	161	471	979	103	1,082
1,501 - 2,000	221	125	425	771	116	887
2,001 - 2,400	90	48	152	290	72	362
2,401 - 3,000	67	33	122	222	94	316
3,001 - 4,000	55	24	111	190	97	287
4,001 - 5,000	23	11	40	74	70	144
5,001 - 6,000	7	5	24	36	51	87
6,001 - 7,400	11	3	21	35	43	78
7,401 and over ..	6	10	22	38	219	257
Total ..	66,959	9,410	6,346	82,715	3,842	86,557

In the succeeding statement particulars of the sources of taxable incomes for 1931-32 are arranged in order of groups of taxable incomes:—

TAXABLE INCOMES (1931-32 INCOMES).

Taxable Incomes.	Individuals.				Companies.	Grand Total.
	Personal Exertion.	Property.	Combined Personal and Property.	Total.		
£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Not exceeding 100	1,738,190	182,439	18,201	1,938,830	49,304	1,988,224
101 to 200	1,805,200	278,741	69,047	2,152,988	67,946	2,220,934
201 - 350	1,373,510	287,308	122,846	1,783,664	108,483	1,892,147
351 - 500	331,095	87,344	80,494	498,933	90,854	589,787
501 - 700	848,475	413,333	1,017,169	2,278,977	110,771	2,389,748
701 - 1,000	883,685	520,542	1,145,835	2,550,062	162,008	2,712,070
1,001 - 1,200	487,722	217,121	577,880	1,282,723	114,088	1,396,811
1,201 - 1,500	463,001	213,857	631,043	1,307,901	138,911	1,446,812
1,501 - 2,000	379,795	213,778	727,247	1,320,818	201,422	1,522,240
2,001 - 2,400	196,787	104,803	334,859	636,449	155,811	792,260
2,401 - 3,000	176,941	87,551	333,520	598,012	251,519	849,531
3,001 - 4,000	189,075	80,727	386,716	656,518	333,169	989,687
4,001 - 5,000	102,807	48,169	179,563	330,539	314,716	645,255
5,001 - 6,000	38,176	26,801	133,374	198,351	279,163	477,514
6,001 - 7,400	72,766	20,009	136,872	229,647	284,646	514,293
7,401 and over ..	67,730	131,344	245,987	445,061	8,022,356	8,467,417
Total ..	9,154,955	2,913,865	6,140,653	18,209,473	10,685,257	28,894,730

The complete figures relating to the tax payable on 1931-32 incomes are set out hereunder:—

## TAX PAYABLE ON 1931-32 INCOMES.

Taxable Incomes.	Individuals.				Companies.	Grand Total.
	Personal Exertion.	Property.	Combined Personal and Property.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Not exceeding 100	47,162	9,766	732	57,660	4,653	62,313
£101 to 200	47,976	14,919	2,616	65,511	6,392	71,903
201 - 350	36,464	16,399	4,600	56,463	10,211	66,674
351 - 500	8,831	4,678	2,871	16,380	8,544	24,924
501 - 700	27,155	26,441	39,341	92,937	10,420	103,357
701 - 1,000	31,562	36,501	49,008	117,071	15,240	132,311
1,001 - 1,200	18,742	16,596	26,396	61,734	10,771	72,505
1,201 - 1,500	18,771	17,218	30,696	66,685	13,066	79,751
1,501 - 2,000	16,145	18,108	35,987	70,240	18,945	89,185
2,001 - 2,400	8,901	9,416	17,499	35,816	14,469	50,285
2,401 - 3,000	8,446	8,180	18,351	34,977	23,596	58,573
3,001 - 4,000	9,268	7,904	21,735	38,907	31,338	70,245
4,001 - 5,000	5,160	4,823	10,005	19,988	29,603	49,591
5,001 - 6,000	2,019	2,833	7,542	12,394	26,240	38,634
6,001 - 7,400	3,888	2,140	8,997	15,025	26,775	41,800
7,401 and over ..	3,691	14,372	17,103	35,166	712,149	747,315
Total ..	294,181	209,294	293,479	796,954	962,412	1,759,366

## SPECIAL TAX.

**Special Tax.** Income earned by any person (other than a company) in 1931-32 was subject also to a Special Tax. The minimum taxable income was £101. The deductions allowable for Ordinary Income Tax which appear on page 237 were not allowable in calculating the taxable income for this tax. Dividends from any source were subject to, but interest from State Savings Bank Securities was free from tax. The rates of the Special Tax were as follows:—

Where the Taxable Income—				The Rate per £100 was—	
				<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Exceeded £100 but did not exceed	£1,000	..	..	6	0
..	£1,000	..	£1,250	7	0
..	£1,250	..	£1,750	8	0
..	£1,750	..	£2,000	9	0
..	£2,000	..	£2,500	11	0
..	£2,500	..	..	12	6

The total amount of Special Tax assessed on incomes earned during 1931-32 was £272,542.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAX.

During the year 1930 there was a serious increase in unemployment. In order to relieve the distress which arose therefrom legislation was passed by Parliament for the raising of moneys, by special taxation

for the purpose of providing employment on relief works and sustenance for unemployed workers and their dependants.

The first legislative provisions made for the relief of unemployment are embodied in the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* (No. 3866) and the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1930* (No. 3868). As a result of the continuance of unemployment amending and continuing legislation to provide relief has been necessary. The principal provisions of this legislation are contained in the *Unemployment Relief (Administration) Act 1932* (No. 4079), which consolidated and amended the existing law relating to the administration of unemployment relief, the *Unemployment Relief Tax (Assessment) Act 1933* (No. 4171), and in the *Unemployment Relief Tax (Rates) Act 1933* (No. 4172).

A statement of the main provisions of the legislation at different periods relating to rates of taxation for unemployment relief will be found in the *Year-Books* of 1929-30, 1930-31 and 1931-32, and in this issue.

In comparing the annual particulars of assessments under the Unemployment Relief Tax given in the following statement, it is necessary to take into account the rates of tax applicable during each year. The minimum income subject to tax was £52, and the deductions allowed under Income Tax Acts mentioned on page 237 were not generally allowable in regard to this tax.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAX ASSESSMENTS. \*

On Income Earned in Year.	Number.	Taxable Income.	Tax Payable.
		£	£
1929-30 .. ..	268,619	85,320,993	1,272,558
1930-31 .. ..	240,718	64,335,779	1,340,741
1931-32 .. ..	433,292	92,535,275	1,514,642

\* The tax on salaries and wages of not more than £6 per week was not collected by assessment for years 1929-30 and 1930-31.

#### COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX.

In addition to the State Income Tax there is a Commonwealth Income Tax, which was first imposed on incomes earned in the financial year 1914-15. The tax collected throughout Australia by the Commonwealth Government, in the years 1931-32 and 1932-33, amounted to £13,486,286 and £10,878,718 respectively.

#### LAND TAX.

The State Land Tax Act of 1928 provides for a tax on the unimproved value of land and for the assessment of land and other purposes. Unimproved value for the purposes of this Act means the sum which might be expected to be realized at the time of valuation if the land were offered for sale on such terms as a seller

might in ordinary circumstances be expected to require, and assuming that the improvements (if any) had not been made. The nature of the taxation is a duty upon land for every pound sterling of the unimproved value thereof, as assessed under the Act, at a rate declared for each year by Act of Parliament. Previously to 1923 the rate of tax was one halfpenny on every pound sterling of the unimproved value of all land having an unimproved value exceeding £250, but since the year mentioned an increased amount has been payable—a super-tax of 5 per cent. having been added to the old rate. No tax is chargeable when the total unimproved value of all lands owned does not exceed £250. Where the assessed unimproved value exceeds the amount of exemption (£250) the exemption diminishes at the rate of £1 for every £1 of such excess, so as to leave no exemption when the unimproved value amounts to, or exceeds £500.

An analysis, in specified groups of estates, of the 1933 Land Tax assessments based on unimproved values as at 31st December, 1932, is given hereunder.

#### ANALYSIS OF LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1933.

Unimproved Values of Estates ranging between—	Number of Taxpayers.	Total Amount of Unimproved Values.	Tax Payable.
£	No.	£	£
1 and 500 ..	65,660	23,159,913	31,077
501 and 600 ..	12,690	7,062,167	15,215
601 and 750 ..	13,011	8,780,002	18,800
751 and 1,000 ..	14,505	12,616,081	27,029
1,001 and 1,250 ..	9,190	10,306,563	22,050
1,251 and 1,500 ..	6,943	9,529,713	20,401
1,501 and 2,000 ..	9,525	16,558,247	35,181
2,001 and 3,500 ..	13,827	38,209,218	78,187
3,501 and 5,000 ..	6,007	25,253,726	54,666
5,001 and 6,000 ..	2,058	11,231,671	24,325
6,001 and 7,000 ..	1,340	8,673,997	18,774
7,001 and 8,000 ..	899	6,727,193	14,600
8,001 and 9,000 ..	580	4,917,311	10,684
9,001 and 10,000 ..	420	3,985,758	8,638
10,001 and 15,000 ..	1,118	13,473,485	29,178
15,001 and 20,000 ..	429	7,407,078	16,151
20,001 and 25,000 ..	239	5,313,153	11,585
25,001 and 30,000 ..	143	3,896,464	8,422
30,001 and 35,000 ..	108	3,541,421	7,677
35,001 and 40,000 ..	62	2,307,263	5,040
40,001 and 50,000 ..	113	5,029,674	11,007
50,001 and 75,000 ..	96	5,594,769	12,229
75,001 and 100,000 ..	56	4,801,794	10,479
100,001 and 150,000 ..	31	3,809,316	8,180
150,001 and 200,000 ..	7	1,182,539	2,587
200,001 and over ..	19	5,418,977	11,797
Total ..	159,076	246,787,493	513,959

In the succeeding statement details are shown relating to the assessments made during the years 1929 to 1933.

## LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1929 TO 1933.

Year.	Number of Taxpayers.	Total Tax Payable.	Average Tax Payable per Taxpayer.	Unimproved Value (approximate).
	No.	£	£ s. d.	£
1929 .. ..	151,664	528,773	3 9 9	253,124,902
1930 .. ..	155,555	543,350	3 9 10	249,877,170
1931 .. ..	158,692	548,285	3 9 1	262,731,902
1932 .. ..	158,616	527,929	3 6 7	252,557,652
1933 .. ..	159,076	513,959	3 4 7	246,787,493

Common-wealth Land Tax.

In addition to the State Land Tax there is also a Commonwealth Land Tax—assented to on 17th November, 1910—levied on the lands of the State. Particulars of assessments, etc., for Victoria, given in the following table, have been furnished by the Federal Commissioner of Land Tax :—

Year Ended 30th June—	Victorian Returns Assessed.*	Central Office Assessments.†	Unimproved Value Assessed by Department.	Tax Payable.
	No.	No.	£	£
1930 .. ..	8,981	1,892	109,209,719	895,598
1931 .. ..	9,128	1,860	112,514,968	969,675
1932 .. ..	8,358	1,795	98,719,383	800,646
1933 .. ..	7,729	1,587	91,836,074	502,121

\* Including absentee returns on which tax was payable as follows :—1929-30, 322, £11,693; 1930-31, 312, £12,150; 1931-32, 294, £10,403; and 1932-33, 290, £6,198.

† Denotes the Victorian interests of those who owned land in more than one State.

## COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION.

**Commonwealth, State, and Municipal Taxation.** The subjoined table shows in detail, for each of the last five financial years, the amount of taxation collected in Victoria by the Commonwealth and State Governments, and by the Municipalities.

## TAXATION IN VICTORIA—COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Heads of Taxation.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
Total Commonwealth Taxation in Victoria* .. ..	£ 15,643,000	£ 16,119,000	£ 13,953,000	£ 14,898,000	£ 15,495,000
State—					
Income Tax ..	2,881,917	2,981,050	2,659,585	2,061,561	2,117,000
Land Tax ..	500,765	531,426	506,025	497,609	503,752
Probate Duty ..	1,079,840	1,133,422	1,131,603	1,014,669	1,164,200
Unemployment Relief—					
Direct ..	..	..	861,530	999,814	1,799,212
Stamp Duty ..	..	..	376,974	650,678	18,336
Entertainments Tax ..	..	53,348	160,066	159,719	194,621
Racing Taxation	145,532	145,748	160,011	212,375	293,933
Other Stamp Duties	1,016,365	985,088	704,958	649,578	725,834
Motor Car and Motor Omnibus Acts †	1,065,734	1,147,957	1,070,556	1,124,362	1,222,684
Liquor Licences ..	365,941	362,122	345,797	270,076	179,722
Other Licences ..	36,494	35,552	77,855	77,650	81,366
Duties on Bank Notes ..	1,543	1,708	1,655	1,603	534
Total State Taxation ..	7,154,131	7,377,421	8,056,615	7,719,694	8,301,194
Municipal Taxation ..	4,049,228	4,039,319	3,806,694	3,694,090	‡
Total Taxation	26,846,359	27,535,740	25,876,309	26,311,784	‡

\* Estimated.

† See footnote on page 231.

‡ Not available.



The taxation in Victoria per head of population by the Commonwealth, the State, and Municipalities for each of the last five years was as follows :—

COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION  
PER HEAD OF POPULATION, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Division	Taxation per Head of Population in Victoria.				
	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Commonwealth*	8 17 10	9 1 6	7 15 10	8 5 5	8 10 9
State .. ..	4 1 3	4 2 11	4 9 10	4 5 7	4 11 6
Municipal .. ..	2 6 0	2 5 5	2 3 2	2 0 11	†
Total .. ..	15 5 1	15 9 10	14 8 10	14 11 11	†

\* Average taxation per head throughout the Commonwealth.

† Not available.

TAXATION FOR FINANCIAL YEAR, 1933-34.

**Income Tax for 1933-34.** The *Income Tax Act* 1933 (No. 4203) fixed the rates of income tax on incomes earned during the year ended 30th June, 1933. These rates were the same as those applicable to 1930-31 and 1931-32 incomes. They appear on page 237.

**Special Income Tax for 1933-34.** The above-mentioned Act made provision also for the continuation of the Special Tax, particulars of which are detailed on page 240.

**Unemployment Relief Taxation for 1933-34.** The *Unemployment Relief Tax (Rates) Act* 1933 (No. 4172) fixed the rates of unemployment relief taxation on incomes earned in the year ended 30th June, 1933. The tax payable is the amount calculated at the rates applicable to 1930-31 and 1931-32 incomes respectively, but less 15 per cent. of the amount so calculated. The minimum income subject to taxation was £52. The rates of tax are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1930-31.

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

**Pension and Superannuation Schemes in force.** A statement of Pension and Superannuation schemes in force at 30th June, 1928, in the Public Services of Victoria, appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 98.

**Cost of Pensions and Gratuities.** During the year 1932-33, the Government expended a sum of £901,005 on pensions, gratuities, etc. Of this amount, £316,732 was spent on pensions of a non-contributory nature. The remainder represents payments from State

revenue to the Police Superannuation Fund, the Police Pensions Fund, and the Superannuation Fund. The following table gives details of the Government expenditure for each of the last five years.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PENSIONS,  
GRATUITIES, ETC., 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Heading	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
	£	£	£	£	£
Railways .. ..	207,643	201,679	195,018	159,052	147,199
Defences .. ..	133	53	22	..	..
Lunacy .. ..	1,850	1,544	1,434	1,221	1,104
Under Constitution Act	1,500	..	..	..	..
County Court Judges ..	750	750	375	167	..
Civil Service .. ..	23,994	22,235	19,179	14,602	13,422
Public Service .. ..	183,857	178,240	170,681	141,044	129,929
Education Department } Officers transferred to Commonwealth Service	24,568	21,980	22,000	17,500	23,500
Various Allowances ..	2,043	2,025	1,967	1,676	1,487
Compensations and Grat- uities .. ..	1,504	1,142	1,123	107	91
<b>Total Pensions, Gratuities, &amp;c. .. ..</b>	<b>447,342</b>	<b>429,648</b>	<b>411,809</b>	<b>335,369</b>	<b>316,732</b>
<b>Police Superannuation Fund—</b>					
Government Subsidy	84,000	81,500	82,400	78,759	65,590
Transferred from Licensing Fund (Act No. 3717) ..	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
Fines .. ..	13,724	11,189	9,548	10,342	13,158
Police Pensions Fund ..	55,500	56,500	59,800	82,800	84,600
<b>The Superannuation Fund</b>	<b>224,895</b>	<b>277,324</b>	<b>336,230</b>	<b>387,862</b>	<b>397,925</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>848,461</b>	<b>879,161</b>	<b>922,787</b>	<b>918,132</b>	<b>901,005</b>

This fund is maintained by an annual subsidy of £2,000 from the Consolidated Revenue; by a moiety of the fines inflicted by the Courts of Petty Sessions; by a deduction, not exceeding 2½ per cent., from the pay of the members of the Police Force entitled to pensions; by transfers from the Licensing Fund under the provisions of Act No. 3717; and, should the foregoing sources prove insufficient, by a further grant in aid from the Consolidated Revenue.

During the year 1932-33 the total receipts of the fund amounted to £103,009, consisting of £101,748 from Government Revenue as shown in the preceding table, and £1,261 from members of the Force. Payments out of the Fund amounted to £103,009 (£100,302 for pensions and £2,707 for gratuities).

Pensions are payable out of this fund only to those members of the Police Force who joined it prior to the 25th November, 1902.

This Act, which came into operation on 1st January, 1924, provides for pensions to those members of the Police Force who have joined it since 25th November, 1902, as well as to persons who may enter the Force in the future. Details of the principal provisions of the Act appear in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 100.

The receipts of the Police Pensions Fund (established under this Act) during 1932-33 amounted to £122,897 as follows:—Deductions from pay, £13,383; special appropriation, £84,600, and interest on investments, £24,914. During the year £2,274 was paid in pensions, £1,626 in gratuities, and deductions of pay returned amounted to £588. There was a balance of £772,727 at 30th June, 1933, of which £766,000 was invested.

An Act (No. 3782 of Consolidated Acts of 1928) to make provision on a contributory basis for superannuation benefits for State public servants and railway employees was passed by the State Parliament on 24th November, 1925. The date of commencement of the Act was 25th November, 1925, and contributions were made payable as from the 1st January, 1926, which date is the "appointed day." The payment of pensions commenced as from the same date. A fund has been established into which is paid the contributions of officers and the amounts received from the Government; also the income derived from investments. The benefits provided by the Act are paid from the fund. Further information relating to the operations of this Act is given in the *Year-Books* for 1928-29, 1929-30, 1930-31, and 1931-32. The *Superannuation Act* 1933 (No. 4186) made several amendments in the existing Acts. Two of the more important changes were—(1) Provision for raising the rates payable by all contributors to the fund. (2) Giving a contributor the right within three months from 15th February, 1934, to reduce to not less than two the number of units for which he is contributing, provided that he cannot reduce below the number of units appropriate to his salary the number for which he is contributing at age twenty-two rate or under.

During the year 1932-33, the receipts of the Superannuation Fund amounted to £838,909, consisting of contributions from officers, £322,823; from Consolidated Revenue, £396,587; interest on investments, £108,338, and repayment of loans, etc., £11,160. The

items of expenditure were as follows:—Pensions, £470,499; retrenchments, £189; assurance premiums, £48. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1933, was £2,952,099, of which £2,904,360 was invested.

In the year 1932-33, amounts of £3,946 and £15 were paid out of the Port Phillip Pilot Sick and Superannuation Fund in pensions and sick allowances respectively. This fund does not receive contributions from the Government. It is maintained by deductions from pilots' earnings and the annual income derived from investment of the moneys belonging to the fund.

### EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION.

During the year 1932-33 the State expended on education generally the sum of £2,534,151. This amount includes expenditure from loan moneys and the cost of pensions and gratuities, but excludes the interest paid by the State on loans for educational purposes, particulars of which are not now obtainable. The expenditure in each of the last five years, as detailed in the report of the Minister of Public Instruction, was as follows:—

#### STATE EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION, 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Expenditure on—	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
	£	£	£	£	£
Education—					
Primary (including Special Subjects) ..	1,851,072	1,881,231	1,846,110	1,654,018	1,660,924
Intermediate .. ..	95,133	105,015	103,705	90,446	91,027
Secondary .. ..	205,726	236,251	240,224	203,603	196,834
Training of Teachers ..	66,883	66,183	55,924	40,927	27,319
Administration .. ..	83,244	80,957	79,208	66,804	65,695
Buildings and Land (Schools)	398,939	360,262	114,826	43,818	51,947
Retiring Allowances ..	162,656	167,037	168,482	151,900	146,724
Technical Education—					
Junior and Senior Schools	318,094	339,778	318,799	258,939	229,753
Buildings .. ..	30,713	39,474	14,120	1,925	1,888
University—					
Special Appropriations, &c. .. ..	70,292	69,640	73,136	62,080	62,040
Buildings, Apparatus, &c. .. ..	14,181	1,069	98	..	..
Miscellaneous .. ..	50	50	..	..	..
Total .. ..	3,296,983	3,346,947	3,014,632	2,574,460	2,534,151*
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per head of population ..	1 17 5	1 17 8	1 13 8	1 8 6	1 7 11

\* In addition, £37,753 paid by students in fees during the calendar year 1932 was expended on technical education.

The foregoing statement deals with expenditure by the State on education generally, but in the two following tables an effort has been made to account for the expenditure incurred in connexion with primary and secondary education of the State Schools only (excluding amount expended on technical education). Owing to the difficulty in apportioning items of expenditure, such as training of teachers and administration, &c., these totals are slightly overstated.

EXPENDITURE IN CONNEXION WITH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION OF STATE SCHOOLS (EXCLUDING TECHNICAL SCHOOLS), 1928-29 TO 1932-33.

Expenditure on---	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
	£	£	£	£	£
Education :—					
Primary—					
Day Schools, including Central Schools .. .. .	1,772,944	1,842,021	1,807,759	1,620,559	1,627,581
Schools for Deaf Mutes and Blind and Feeble-minded Children .. .. .	7,143	7,754	8,009	6,932	7,134
Subsidized Schools .. .. .	108	182	103	174	183
Free Kindergarten Union .. .. .	2,000	2,500	2,250	2,250	2,250
Special Subjects—					
Domestic Arts .. .. .	17,692	*	*	*	*
Manual Training .. .. .	21,989	*	*	*	*
Physical Training .. .. .	2,239	2,126	1,491	1,037	932
Medical Inspection .. .. .	17,773	17,422	16,604	13,996	13,995
Dressmaking and Needle-work .. .. .	4,101	4,568	5,786	5,996	5,993
School Gardening and Plantations .. .. .	2,792	2,525	2,873	2,351	2,120
Singing .. .. .	2,291	2,153	1,235	723	736
Total Primary .. .. .	1,851,072	1,881,231	1,846,110	1,654,018	1,660,924
Intermediate—					
Higher Elementary Schools .. .. .	50,981	57,757	58,396	50,721	50,744
Evening Continuation Classes .. .. .	717	173	117	49	31
Schools of Domestic Arts .. .. .	43,435	47,085	45,192	39,876	40,252
Total Intermediate .. .. .	95,133	105,015	103,705	90,446	91,027
Secondary—					
High Schools .. .. .	197,838	227,962	231,350	196,414	191,370
Scholarships .. .. .	7,888	8,289	8,874	7,189	5,464
Total Secondary .. .. .	205,726	236,251	240,224	203,603	196,834
Training of Teachers .. .. .	66,883	66,183	55,924	40,927	27,319
Administration .. .. .	83,244	80,957	79,208	66,804	65,695
Buildings—					
Primary Schools .. .. .	274,237	235,340	93,708	33,022	41,442
Primary Schools (expended by School Committees) .. .. .	22,845	20,634	9,075	4,320	4,320
Rents .. .. .	4,988	4,958	3,491	3,184	2,939
Higher Elementary Schools .. .. .	14,701	5,566	340	59	109
Domestic Arts Schools, etc. .. .. .	†	14,865	101	21	24
High Schools .. .. .	82,168	78,899	8,111	2,712	3,113
Total Buildings .. .. .	398,939	360,262	114,826	43,818	51,947
Retiring Allowances .. .. .	162,656	167,037	168,482	151,900	146,724
Total .. .. .	2,863,653	2,896,936	2,608,479	2,251,516	2,240,470

\* Included in "Intermediate" and "Secondary Education."

† Included in "Primary Education."

The following return summarizes the expenditure and revenue connected with primary and secondary education of the Victorian State Schools (excluding technical schools), and shows the cost per scholar in average attendance for each of the last five years :—

**COST OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION OF VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS (EXCLUDING TECHNICAL SCHOOLS), 1928-29 TO 1932-33.**

Year.	Expenditure by the State.*	Revenue of the Education Department.	Net Expenditure.	Number of Scholars—Average Attendance †	Cost per Scholar to the State.
	£	£	£	No.	£ s. d.
1928-29 ..	2,863,653	36,427	2,827,226	197,634	14 6 1
1929-30 ..	2,896,936	41,224	2,855,712	201,247	14 3 10
1930-31 ..	2,608,479	47,792	2,560,687	207,005	12 7 5
1931-32 ..	2,251,516	62,126	2,189,390	209,968	10 8 7
1932-33 ..	2,240,470	88,765	2,151,705	211,034	10 3 11

\* Excluding interest paid by the State on loans for educational purposes, particulars of which are not obtainable.

† Excluding Junior and Senior Technical Schools.

**STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.**

In the following statements ordinary revenue and expenditure and loan expenditure of the State Government and of municipal and local bodies in Victoria are shown for each of the five years 1927-28 to 1931-32. Amounts received by one body from another have been excluded from the statement.

**State and Local Finance.**

STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE,  
1928 TO 1932.

Heading.	Financial Year ended in—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
<i>Revenue.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
State Government ..	27,105,017	27,891,718	27,070,168	25,374,866	24,698,989
Municipal ..	6,629,037	6,876,954	6,858,927	6,198,906	5,920,895
Other Local Authorities—					
Harbor Trusts ..	785,346	850,138	706,152	476,311	568,431
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	1,452,134	1,612,268	1,706,372	1,767,186	1,783,952
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board	2,494,100	2,435,548	2,349,154	2,060,498	1,916,071
Fire Brigades Boards ..	121,403	130,042	131,594	118,948	99,802
Other* ..	225,226	256,474	247,931	241,482	242,793
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>38,812,268</b>	<b>40,053,142</b>	<b>39,070,298</b>	<b>36,238,197</b>	<b>35,175,733</b>
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
State Government ..	27,268,370	27,840,631	28,243,040	27,829,064	25,540,490
Municipal ..	6,756,341	7,008,149	7,094,179	6,188,495	5,607,803
Other Local Authorities—					
Harbor Trusts ..	775,963	797,312	668,446	587,240	561,124
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	1,497,585	1,639,745	1,774,150	1,835,907	1,796,961
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board	2,521,161	2,552,422	2,519,093	2,265,126	2,064,241
Fire Brigades Boards ..	120,880	127,777	102,642	113,051	97,285
Other* ..	225,554	235,125	250,264	247,815	244,267
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>39,165,854</b>	<b>40,201,161</b>	<b>40,651,814</b>	<b>39,066,398</b>	<b>35,912,171</b>

\* Ballarat Water Commission and Sewerage Authority; Bendigo Sewerage Authority; Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust; and First Mildura Irrigation Trust.

STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1928 TO 1932  
—continued.

Heading.	Financial Year ended in—				
	1928.	1929.	1930	1931.	1932.
<i>Loan Expenditure.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
State Government ..	9,657,411	7,225,704	6,467,067	3,552,767	2,042,043
Municipal .. ..	1,744,378	1,883,537	1,432,639	791,796	416,666
Other Local Authorities—					
Harbor Trusts ..	550,189	392,891	521,537	330,408	140,175
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	2,110,967	2,061,956	1,747,174	881,992	189,401
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board	823,715	510,587	689,199	336,157	97,672
Fire Brigades Boards ..	5,917	33,366	27,300	18,260	3,950
Other .. ..	168,652	232,928	132,776	55,755	36,713
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>15,061,229</b>	<b>12,340,969</b>	<b>11,017,692</b>	<b>5,967,135</b>	<b>2,926,620</b>
<i>Expenditure—Grand Total .. ..</i>	<i>54,227,083</i>	<i>52,542,130</i>	<i>51,669,506</i>	<i>45,033,533</i>	<i>38,838,791</i>
<b>Per Head of Population—</b>					
<b>Revenue ..</b>	<b>£ s. d.</b> 22 5 9	<b>£ s. d.</b> 22 14 10	<b>£ s. d.</b> 21 19 3	<b>£ s. d.</b> 20 4 3	<b>£ s. d.</b> 19 9 11
<b>Ordinary Expenditure ..</b>	<b>22 9 10</b>	<b>22 16 6</b>	<b>22 17 1</b>	<b>21 15 10</b>	<b>19 18 1</b>
<b>Loan Expenditure</b>	<b>8 13 0</b>	<b>7 0 2</b>	<b>6 3 11</b>	<b>3 6 7</b>	<b>1 12 5</b>

**PUBLIC DEBT.**

The following statement shows the result of loan transactions, including Treasury Bonds in aid of revenue, to 30th June, 1933.

Loans Raised and Redeemed.



## LOANS RAISED AND REDEEMED TO 30th JUNE, 1933.

		£
Cash received .. .. .		567,395,735
Discount and expenses, after deducting premiums .. ..		4,927,749
		<hr/>
Securities issued .. .. .		572,323,484
Add liability to Commonwealth for Treasury Bills issued for revenue purposes .. .. .		3,445,000
„ liability on account of flotation in course .. .. .		1,364,310
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		577,132,794
Loans redeemed by—		£
Renewal Loans .. .. .		377,920,987
National Debt Sinking Fund .. .. .		3,666,459
Other Funds .. .. .		24,062,803
Discount (securities purchased under par)		83,514
		<hr/>
		405,733,763
Loans outstanding as at 30th June, 1933 .. .. .		<hr/>
		171,399,031

It will be seen that, upon the transactions to 30th June, 1933 (excluding the advances, &c., referred to above), securities representing £572,323,484 were issued, and that the amount of cash received was £567,395,735. The State thus received £99 2s. 7d. in cash for every £100 bond given.

**Loans floated.** The following table gives particulars relating to the loans raised in London, New York, and Melbourne, and shows the amounts which were outstanding at 30th June, 1933:—

## LOANS FLOATED TO 30TH JUNE, 1933.

Heading.	Nominal Amount Raised (Amount for which Securities have been Issued).	Loans Paid Off (including Renewal Loans).	Debt Outstanding at 30th June, 1933.			
			Inscribed Stock.	Debentures.	Total Payable in—	
					London.	Australia.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
London Register	159,250,851*	90,572,960	56,646,547	12,031,344	68,059,628	618,265†
Melbourne Register .. ..	418,072,633	315,160,803	95,786,820	2,125,001	..	97,911,830
Total .. .. .	577,323,484	405,733,763	152,433,376	14,156,345		
Add Liability to Commonwealth for Treasury Bills issued for revenue purposes .. .. .					..	3,445,000
„ Liability on account of flotation in course .. .. .					..	1,364,310
Total Public Debt at 30th June, 1933 .. .. .					68,059,628†	103,339,405

\* Including loans raised in New York through the Commonwealth Government amounting to £5,095,366.

† This amount represents the outstanding amount of Inscribed Stock which had been transferred from the London to the Melbourne Register.

‡ Including £4,615,021 raised in New York through the Commonwealth Government.

During the last ten years there has been a very large increase in the public debt, the actual increase having been £52,837,002, or nearly 45 per cent. Below is given a statement showing the chief works and services for which the additional liabilities were incurred:—

## PUBLIC DEBT—INCREASE IN TEN YEARS.

Work or Service for which raised.	Loans outstanding at 30th June—		Increase.
	1923.	1933.	
	£	£	£
Railways .. .. .	65,976,631	73,839,638	7,863,007
Waterworks—Country .. ..	12,518,608	24,588,106	12,069,498
Metropolitan .. ..	938,182	..	938,182†
Discharged Soldiers' Settlement ..	19,021,805	24,979,539	5,957,734
Closer Settlement .. .. .	4,392,753	10,207,811	5,815,058
Electricity Supply .. .. .	4,012,232	17,777,062	13,764,830
Roads—Main .. .. .	4,433,871	4,082,027	5,125,821
Developmental .. .. .		5,477,665	
State Forests .. .. .	..	510,071	510,071
Unemployed Relief .. .. .	..	1,226,328	1,226,328
All other Works and Services.. ..	6,139,661	5,265,784*	873,877†
In Aid of Revenue .. .. .	1,128,286	3,445,000	2,316,714
Total .. .. .	118,562,029	171,399,031	52,837,002

\* Includes £431,304 advanced from State Loans Repayment Fund not yet allocated to any particular work and £1,064,310 portion of liability on account of flotation in course.

† Decrease.

Particulars concerning the due dates of loans outstanding at 30th June, 1933, are given in the following table. Where the Government had the option of redemption during a specified period the loans have been classified according to the latest date of maturity.

Due Dates  
of Loans.

## DUE DATES OF VICTORIAN LOANS AT 30TH JUNE, 1933.

Due Date. (Financial Year.)	Payable in London.	Payable in Australia.	Total.
	£	£	£
1933-34 .. ..	6,092,125	15,316,068	21,408,193
1934-35 .. ..	2,980,849	8,598,651	11,579,500
1935-36 .. ..	..	2,546,250	2,546,250
1936-37 .. ..	..	8,017,380	8,017,380
1937-38 .. ..	..	70,855	70,855
1938-39 .. ..	..	9,407,060	9,407,060
1939-40 .. ..	..	312	312
1940-41 .. ..	3,906,800	1,340,020	5,246,820
1941-42 .. ..	..	7,846,436	7,846,436
1942-43 .. ..	13,875,800	1,326,445	15,202,245
1944-45 .. ..	807,075	5,373,976	6,181,051
1945-46 .. ..	1,049,868	15,400	1,065,268
1947-48 .. ..	..	3,660,814	3,660,814
1948-49 .. ..	5,202,146	248,275	5,450,421
1949-50 .. ..	6,109,695	111,563	6,221,258
1950-51 .. ..	..	3,405,007	3,405,007
1953-54 .. ..	..	3,306,387	3,306,387
1955-56 .. ..	2,714,518*	3,142,582	5,857,100
1957-58 .. ..	1,906,503*	3,060,117	4,966,620
1959-60 .. ..	2,962,116	3,082,575	6,044,691
1960-61 .. ..	5,999,000	..	5,999,000
1961-62 .. ..	..	3,048,987	3,048,987
1975-76 .. ..	14,459,131	..	14,459,131
Not yet fixed .. ..	..	15,604,935†	15,604,935
Liability to Commonwealth for Treasury Bills issued for revenue purposes .. ..	..	3,445,000	3,445,000
Liability on account of flotation in course .. ..	..	1,364,310	1,364,310
Total .. ..	68,059,626	103,339,405	171,399,031

\* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government, but repayable by State Treasurer to Agent-General in London.

† Amount includes £11,794,075 received from Commonwealth Government for purposes of Discharged Soldiers Settlement.

Loans and Interest payable in London and Australia.

Information relating to the loans outstanding and interest payable thereon, in London and Australia respectively, for the years indicated, is given in the succeeding table. The amount of loans payable in London in each of the five last-mentioned years includes those raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government for Victoria, but which are repayable to the Agent-General in London by the State Treasurer.

PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE THEREON IN LONDON AND AUSTRALIA, 1900 TO 1933.

At 30th June—		Amount of Loans Payable in—		Annual Interest Payable in—	
		London.*	Australia.	London.	Australia.
		£	£	£	£
1900	..	44,655,579	4,670,306	1,735,307	152,096
1910	..	39,012,436	16,564,289	1,419,579	560,520
1915	..	41,333,738	31,750,189	1,520,762	1,131,811
1920	..	42,406,040	45,241,699	1,637,615	1,902,108
1925	..	51,869,204	79,300,361	2,319,486	3,999,635
1929	..	68,056,026	91,496,627	3,166,399	4,708,873
1930	..	68,750,235	93,538,759	3,225,754	4,831,371
1931	..	68,976,946	98,039,650	3,157,330	5,088,867
1932	..	68,707,872	101,126,092	3,144,480	3,990,364
1933	..	68,059,626	103,339,405	3,010,355	3,864,564

\* Including outstanding loans raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government, amounting to £4,658,461 at end of 1923-29, 1929-30, and 1930-31, £4,648,084 at end of 1931-32, and £4,615,021 at end of 1932-33.

Rates of Interest on Public Debt.

During 1931-32 the conversion of Victoria's portion of the internal debt of the Commonwealth and States was effected as provided for by the Debt Conversion Agreement Acts (Nos. 1 and 2) of 1931. The conversion was based on a reduction of 22½ per cent. per annum of the interest rates payable on existing securities. The appended table shows the rates of

interest which were payable on the public debt at 30th June, 1933, and the portions of the debt at each rate in London and Australia respectively :—

RATES OF INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT AT  
30TH JUNE, 1933.

Rate of Interest.	Amount Payable in—		
	London.	Australia.	Total.
%	£	£	£
5½ .. ..	6,887,649	..	6,887,649
5 .. ..	32,863,163*	..	32,863,163
4¾ .. ..	5,999,000	..	5,999,000
£4 13s. .. ..	..	90,000	90,000
4½ .. ..	821,905†	..	821,905
£4 9s. 1½d. .. ..	..	3,117,450	3,117,450
£4 5s. 3d. .. ..	..	3,154,709	3,154,709
£4 1s. 4½d. .. ..	..	2,482,000	2,482,000
£4 1s. 4d. .. ..	..	6,740	6,740
4 .. ..	2,962,116	56,631,013	59,593,129
3¾ .. ..	..	20,536,718	20,536,718
3¾ .. ..	..	4,929,555	4,929,555
£3 13s. 8d. .. ..	..	80,730	80,730
3½ .. ..	6,109,695	39,855	6,149,550
£3 9s. 9d. .. ..	..	500	500
£3 2s. .. ..	..	731,365	731,365
3 .. ..	5,202,146	3,159,532	8,361,678
£2 18s. 1½d. .. ..	..	220,000	220,000
£2 14s. 3d. .. ..	..	446,845	446,845
2½ .. ..	4,986,525	..	4,986,525
£2 6s. 6d. .. ..	..	778,083	778,083
1½ .. ..	1,121,827	..	1,121,827
Various .. ..	1,105,600	2,125,000	3,230,600
Not fixed .. ..	..	4,809,310	4,809,310
Total .. ..	68,059,626	103,339,405	171,399,031
Average Rate of Interest	4·42	3·74	4·01

\* Including £3,793,116 raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

† Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

**Growth of Public Debt.** While the public debt has increased from year to year a very noticeable feature is the rapid increase which occurred during the few years prior to 1928-29. During the last-mentioned year, the amount at the credit of the State Redemption

and Sinking Funds was applied to the liquidation of £5,540,369 of the public debt. As compared with 1923 the debt per head of population at 30th June, 1933, had increased by 27·7 per cent.; and the interest payable per head by 23·3 per cent. In the following statement is shown the growth of the public debt and of the interest payable thereon since the date of the establishment of responsible government in 1855 :—

GROWTH OF PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST,  
1855 TO 1932-33.

Financial Year ending in—	Loans Outstanding.			Amount per Head of Population.	
	Amount.	Annual Interest Payable.		Debt.	Annual Interest Payable.
		Total.	Average Rate per cent.		
	£	£	%	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1855* ..	1,180,000	70,800	6·00	3 4 9	0 3 11
1860* ..	5,643,100	337,905	5·99	10 9 10	0 12 7
1870* ..	12,099,800	699,240	5·78	16 13 1	0 19 3
1880 ..	20,567,700	1,029,991	5·01	24 9 4	1 4 6
1890 ..	41,377,693	1,649,465	3·99	36 19 11	1 9 6
1900 ..	49,325,885	1,887,403	3·83	41 6 8	1 11 8
1910 ..	55,576,725	1,980,099	3·56	43 6 8	1 10 10
1920 ..	87,647,739	3,539,723	4·04	57 19 1	2 6 10
1925 ..	131,169,565	6,319,121	4·82	78 9 11	3 16 3
1929 ..	159,552,653	7,875,272	4·94	90 4 3	4 9 5
1930 ..	162,288,994	8,057,125	4·96	90 18 7	4 10 7
1931 ..	167,016,596	8,246,197	4·94	92 16 2	4 12 0
1932 ..	169,833,964	7,134,844	4·20	93 18 9	3 19 1
1933 ..	171,399,031	6,874,919	4·01	94 3 2	3 15 9

\* Including outstanding liabilities of the Melbourne and Geelong Corporations  
Guarantee Loans.

In addition to the ordinary expenditure from revenue, certain sums are disbursed annually for various purposes from Loans and on account of Loan Funds. The figures in the following table include all such expenditure, whether the loans have been repaid or are still in existence. The table shows the details for each of the last four years and the total to date :—

EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.\*

Expenditure on—	Expenditure during the Year—				Total to 30th June, 1933.
	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Railways .. ..	947,527	455,293	163,402	156,728	74,085,988
Water Supply—					
Country .. ..	1,208,568	696,146	351,119	488,072	25,104,793
Metropolitan .. ..	..	..	..	..	3,142,577
Closer Settlement ..	752,889	494,212	313,657	372,410	12,371,294
Discharged Soldiers' Settlement ..	514,768	214,967	215,810	216,437	27,322,204
Country Roads .. ..	642,629	211,603	85,582	118,119	10,973,389
Electricity Supply ..	1,624,954	959,898	586,337	..	17,839,227
State Schools, Technical Schools, and University .. ..	266,082	50,519	2,354	Cr. 1,000	5,057,996
State Coal Mine .. ..	..	..	..	..	249,399
Seed and Fodder Advances to Farmers ..	153,300	314,364	348,360	204,676	1,780,619
Cool Storage—Advances to Companies, &c. .. ..	..	..	..	..	578,299
Municipalities—Loans, Advances, and Grants .. ..	..	..	..	..	1,129,414
Primary Products—Advances to Companies, &c. .. ..	..	..	..	..	331,101
Wire Netting .. ..	38,268	21,877	24,070	52,352	737,136
Parliament Houses, Law Courts, &c. .. ..	81,558	4,110	..	..	853,768
State Forests .. ..	55,264	28,104	22,791	26,288	517,332
Unemployment Relief .. ..	..	..	..	1,205,833	1,205,833
All other works and services .. ..	181,260	101,674	28,621	12,641	5,393,621
In aid of Revenue .. ..	..	..	..	..	3,875,682
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>6,467,067</b>	<b>3,552,767</b>	<b>2,042,043</b>	<b>2,852,556</b>	<b>192,549,612</b>

\* The totals shown in this table are "Net." Discounts and flotation expenses for each of the periods mentioned were as follows:—1929-30, £125,943; 1930-31, £27,566; 1931-32, £534,398; 1932-33, £8,954; and aggregate to 30th June, 1933, £4,927,749.

Of the proceeds of loans and temporary advances outstanding at 30th June, 1933, sums not yet expended amounted in the aggregate to £1,152,708, of which £93,571 was for Public Works, Buildings, &c.;

£140,004 for Country Water Supply; £5,420 for Closer Settlement; £12,844 for Discharged Soldiers' Settlement; £344 for Country Roads; £32 for State Forests; £1,044 for Railways; and £19,449 for Unemployment Relief. There was also an amount of £880,000 cash in the Loan Proceeds Suspense Account.

The total interest paid (including all expenses of payment) on loans raised to 30th June, 1933, amounted on that date to about £175,000,000, of which £106,000,000 had been paid in London and £69,000,000 in Melbourne. The amount of interest and expenses paid during each of the last five financial years is shown in the next table:—

### INTEREST AND EXPENSES OF PUBLIC DEBT.

Year Ended 30th June.	Interest Paid on Loans in—		Interest Paid on Temporary Loans.	Commission on Payment of Interest in London, etc.	Exchange on Payment of Interest in London.	Total.
	London.	Melbourne.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	3,042,380	4,484,513	23,936	15,513	..	7,566,342
1930 ..	3,078,202	4,622,935	20,908	18,267	..	7,740,312*
1931 ..	3,126,788	4,998,952	27,426	19,388	419,772	8,592,326*
1932 ..	3,152,867	4,423,402	9,390	31,424	1,003,250	8,620,333*
1933 ..	3,073,944	3,871,987	14,161	22,266	889,504	7,871,862*

\* Of this amount £2,127,159 was contributed by the Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of the "Financial Agreement."

### NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND.

Under the provisions of the *Commonwealth and States Financial Agreement Act 1927* (No. 3554) the National Debt Sinking Fund was established. The following table gives particulars of the receipts and disbursements during 1932-33:—

		£
Amount at credit of the State at 30th June, 1932 .. ..	..	479,601
Contributions during 1932-33—	£	
By Commonwealth under Financial Agreement ..	234,157	
"  "  under Federal Aid Roads Act ..	8,949	
"  State under Financial Agreement .. ..	542,647	
		785,753
Interest received .. ..	..	16,372
		1,281,726
Cancellation of securities to the value of £827,054 .. ..	..	930,543
		351,183
At credit of the State at 30th June, 1933 .. ..	..	351,183



## TRUST FUNDS.

The liability of the Treasurer on account of moneys lodged for investment and for securities and other lodgments amounted to £7,602,800 at 30th June, 1933. Of this sum, £3,580,381 was invested in Australian Consolidated Inscribed Stock and other securities, cash advances amounted to £3,752,850, while cash held was £269,569.

## PUBLIC DEBTS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES.

The following is a statement of the public debts of the Australian States at 30th June, 1933, showing the amounts and the amounts per head of population. Sinking Funds have not been deducted. Treasury Bills covering Revenue Deficits are included. Revenue Deficits which are not covered by Treasury Bills, overdrafts on Loan Account, and advances from Trust Funds are excluded.

PUBLIC DEBTS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AT  
30TH JUNE, 1933.

Heading.	Victoria.*	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
Public Debt	£ 171,899,031	£ 314,067,707	£ 114,530,854	£ 102,902,345	£ 83,514,697	£ 23,597,945
Debt per head of population	£ s. d. 94 3 2	£ s. d. 120 14 11	£ s. d. 120 16 10	£ s. d. 177 2 4	£ s. d. 190 5 3	£ s. d. 103 13 7

\* Including liability to Commonwealth for Treasury Bills issued for Revenue purposes, £3,445,000; and liability on account of flotation in course, £1,364,810.

The Victorian debt, shown above, includes an amount of £2,160,960, which represents a liability on account of Discharged Soldiers' Settlement to be taken over by the Commonwealth Government but for which the agreement had not been ratified at 30th June, 1933. After deducting this amount the gross public debt of the six States was £807,851,620. Excluding loans raised on behalf of the States, but including the debts on account of the Port Augusta-Oodnadatta Railway and of the Northern Territory, the gross public debt of the Commonwealth was £396,806,503. Therefore the liability of the Australian public (£1,204,658,123) at 30th June, 1933, was equal to £181 13s. 8d. per head of the population.

The gross and net indebtedness of the Government, Municipalities, and other Local Governing Bodies of Victoria for the year 1932 are shown in detail hereunder. From the debts of all Local Governing Bodies the amounts of outstanding loans received from the Government have been excluded.

## STATE AND LOCAL DEBTS, 1932.

Heading.	Loans Outstanding—			Accrued Sinking Fund.	Net Indebtedness.
	Payable in London.	Payable in Australia.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£
State Public Debt—					
Securities issued ..	68,407,872*	97,476,092	169,887,064	479,601	169,407,463
Liability to Commonwealth for Treasury Bills issued for Revenue purposes ..	..	3,650,000			
Temporary advances under Act No. 3200 ..	300,000	..			
Public Account Advances ..	..	50,507			
From Treasurer's Advance ..	..	2,593			
Municipalities†—					
Melbourne City Council ..	..	3,864,650	3,864,650	453,169	3,411,481
Geelong City Council ..	..	123,148	123,148	2,026	121,122
Other Municipalities ..	..	8,663,185	8,663,185	168,310	8,494,875
Other Local Governing Bodies—					
Melbourne Harbor Trust ..	1,082,100*	3,512,404	4,594,504	11,500	4,583,004
Geelong Harbor Trust†	..	225,300	225,300	..	225,300
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	3,724,404	21,220,580	24,944,984	1,145,087	23,799,897
Bendigo Sewerage Authority ..	..	344,328	344,328	..	344,328
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust ..	..	1,341,778	1,341,778	100,429	1,241,349
Ballarat Water Commission and Sewerage Authority†	..	413,032	413,032	2,870	410,162
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board ..	1,000,000	4,664,598	5,664,598	661,042	5,003,556
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board ..	..	220,322	220,322	..	220,322
Country Fire Brigades Board ..	..	33,810	33,810	..	33,810
Grand Total ..	74,514,376	145,806,327	220,320,703	3,024,034	217,296,669

\* Including £4,648,084 raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

† Excluding outstanding loans received from State Government, as follows:—Municipalities, £814,843; Geelong Harbor Trust, £392,122; Warrnambool Harbor Board, £4,777; and Ballarat Water Commission and Sewerage Authority, £299,211.

The net amount of State and Local Debts (£217,296,669) is equal to £120 8s. 11d. per head of the population at 30th June, 1932.