



RAILWAY MAP
OF
VICTORIA

1947

SCALE OF MILES
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Showing Victorian Government Railways
(in Red)

A U S T R A L I A

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S O U T H E R N O C E A N

NEW SOUTH WALES

W A L E S

Australian Capital Territory

PRINCE'S HIGHWAY

BASS STRAIT

WILSON'S PROMONTORY

PART IX.

INTERCHANGE.

COMMERCE.

**The Customs
Tariff.** By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on the 1st January, 1901. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on the 8th October, 1901, from which date the duties came into effect. The Tariff Act was assented to on the 16th September, 1902. Since that date the Tariff has been extensively altered. The Tariff at present in operation is the Customs Tariff 1933-1949.

The Australian Customs Tariff has been built up in conformity with the policy of protection of Australian industries and preference to goods the produce or manufacture of British countries, and with due regard to the revenue aspects. The principles for the determination of the margin of preference to be accorded to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom are laid down in the *United Kingdom and Australia Trade Agreement Act 1932*, and by the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade. In the former Agreement Australia undertakes to maintain certain minimum margins of preference between the British Preferential Tariff and either the Intermediate or General Tariffs. In the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade which is referred to in more detail under the heading of Reciprocal Agreements, maximum margins of preference are established.

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

**British
Preferential
Tariff.** The British Preferential Tariff applies to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, subject to the conditions that the goods comply with the statutory requirements in force regarding the grant of British Preference and that they have been shipped in the United Kingdom and have not been transhipped or, if transhipped, then only if it is proved satisfactorily that the intended destination of the goods when shipped from the United Kingdom was Australia. The British Preferential Tariff rates are also applicable to the majority of goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominions of Canada and of New Zealand and a number of

non-self-governing British Colonies and Protectorates is also now obtaining the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff in respect to certain specified goods.

Intermediate Tariff. The Intermediate Tariff has been a feature of the Australian Customs Tariff for some time although its implementation dates only from 1st January, 1937, consequent upon the conclusion of trade agreements with Belgium, Czechoslovakia and France in 1936.

The countries to whom the benefits of the Intermediate Tariff are extended include countries with whom Australia has negotiated trade agreements and countries who accord Australia reciprocal most-favoured-nation tariff treatment by reason of agreements between those countries and the United Kingdom.

General Tariff. The General Tariff applies to all goods other than those to which the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff or Intermediate Tariff have been extended or which are not entitled to special rates of import duties under preference tariffs or other Acts of Parliament.

Reciprocal Agreements. A reciprocal trade agreement, under which special tariff rates are granted on certain goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, has been in force since 1922, the British Preferential Tariff being extended to all other New Zealand goods. A new agreement was made in 1933 and reviewed in 1934 and 1938. The schedule under which special rates are accorded certain goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand is the Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1949.

In 1925, a trade agreement between Australia and Canada was consummated. As this, however, covered only a limited number of items, a new agreement under which practically all goods of Canadian origin were accorded preference was completed in 1931. Amendments were made to the latter agreement in 1934, 1936, 1938, and 1939. The schedules at present in operation are the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1931 and the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1948.

A reciprocal trade agreement was concluded with Newfoundland in 1939, providing for the grant of the British Preferential Tariff on newsprinting paper, the produce or manufacture of that country. In return, Newfoundland accords exclusive tariff preferences on Australian butter and canned fruits of 1 cent. per lb. and 10 per cent. ad valorem respectively. When Newfoundland became a province of Canada on 1st April, 1949, this agreement was allowed to lapse and the agreement with Canada is now applied to trade between Australia and Newfoundland.

A trade agreement with Southern Rhodesia became effective in April, 1941. Briefly, the agreement provides for concessional tariff treatment for Southern Rhodesian tobacco, raw asbestos and chrome ore, in return for which the Southern Rhodesian Government grants tariff concessions on a wide range of Australian primary and manufactured products.

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

In addition (as stated previously) reciprocal trade agreements have been concluded with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Switzerland, Brazil, and Greece. An agreement was also concluded with the Union of South Africa in August-September, 1935.

THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION.

THE HAVANA CHARTER AND THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

Joint declarations during the war by the United Kingdom and the United States of America, expressed in such instruments as the Mutual Aid Agreement and the Atlantic Charter, envisaged the establishment, in the post-war period, of a body to promote economic collaboration and co-operation between the trading nations of the world.

In December, 1945, the United States of America issued invitations to leading trading nations to participate in preliminary negotiations with a view to drawing up a draft charter to incorporate rules governing the future conduct of international trade, for submission to a World Conference on Trade and Employment.

This particular conference did not eventuate but, after the establishment of the United Nations Organization, the proposed Charter negotiations were brought under the United Nations auspices at the first meeting of the Economic and Social Council in February, 1946.

The Council resolved to call at a later date an International Conference on Trade and Employment and in the meantime, established a Preparatory Committee to prepare an annotated draft agenda for consideration by the Conference. The Preparatory Committee was also asked to recommend a suitable time and place for the World Conference and which nations should be invited.

During 1946 the Preparatory Committee commenced work on two major aspects of world trade—

- (1) the formulation of rules of conduct for international trade; and
- (2) the reduction of tariff barriers.

With regard to (1), discussions took place in London, New York, and Geneva and as a result a "Charter for an International Trade Organization" was prepared for the consideration of a World Conference on Trade and Employment which was held at Havana from 21st November, 1947, to 21st March, 1948.

The Conference was attended by the representatives of 56 nations of whom 54 agreed to submit to their respective Governments for approval a revised text entitled the "Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization".

The Charter provides for the setting up of an International Trade Organization as a new specialized agency of the United Nations and contains a series of rules for the conduct of international trade. It is divided into nine chapters which, in addition to those dealing with the administrative arrangements of the Organization, cover an extensive range of subjects connected with international trade such as maintenance of full employment, promotion of economic development, non-discriminatory tariffs, quantitative restrictions, subsidies, State trading, customs formalities, customs unions and free-trade areas, restrictive business practices, and inter-governmental commodity arrangements.

The Charter upholds the principle of multilateral trade and the International Trade Organization itself will provide a forum for the consideration of common problems in a conciliatory spirit.

The Havana Charter is not yet in operation as a certain minimum number of countries must lodge instruments of acceptance before it comes into force. As the United States of America is such an important country in international trade it is likely that many countries will delay acceptance until the U.S.A. has accepted. At the present time the Bill to authorize the United States to join the International Trade Organization is before Congress and is likely to be passed early in 1950. The Australian Parliament has already passed the International Trade Organization Act which authorizes Australia to lodge an instrument of acceptance after the United States of America and the United Kingdom have done so.

With regard to (2) viz.—the reduction of tariff barriers—the Preparatory Committee considered that it was unnecessary to await the completion of the Trade Charter before engaging in tariff negotiations. Accordingly, at Geneva, between April and August, 1947, 23 countries (including Australia) conducted a series of tariff negotiations directed towards the mutually advantageous reduction of tariff barriers.

The results were incorporated in the "General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade" and the tariff concessions which each country undertook to accord to the products of all other parties to the Agreement are shown in Schedules annexed to the Agreement. In

addition to granting concessions in its own tariff, Australia undertook to forego certain preferences or portion of certain preferences which she enjoyed in Commonwealth markets, but in return received direct and indirect benefits in foreign markets for many export products.

All countries which participated in the tariff negotiations at Geneva are provisionally operating the Agreement. They are Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, China, Chile, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Lebanon, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Syria, United States of America, and the United Kingdom.

The General Agreement, apart from the tariff schedules, comprises 35 articles, many of which also appear in the Charter. These articles relate to such matters as quantitative restrictions, subsidies, internal taxation, and State trading. The Charter is not yet in operation and if these provisions had not been included in the General Agreement it would have been possible for contracting parties to render ineffective or diminish the value of the tariff concessions. When the Charter comes into force these provisions will no longer be necessary in the General Agreement and they will be suspended.

However, the tariff concessions already negotiated and to be negotiated in the future will continue to be recorded in the Schedules to the Agreement even after the Charter comes into force. Certain General provisions relating to the tariff concessions will also remain in the Agreement but otherwise the Agreement will be superseded by the Charter.

A further series of tariff negotiations was concluded at Annecy in France in August, 1949, and as a result the following ten additional countries are likely to accede to the General Agreement—Denmark, Finland, Greece, Italy, Sweden, Dominica, Haiti, Liberia, Nicaragua, and Uruguay.

In addition to duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1949, ad valorem primage duties at rates of 4 per cent., 5 per cent., or 10 per cent. are charged according to the type of goods and origin thereof. Goods, the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Fiji, Papua, or the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, are exempt from primage duty, as is a number of specified goods for use by primary producers, whilst many machines, tools of trade and raw materials not manufactured in Australia are also free of primage duty. Primage duties at the rates applicable to the British Preferential Tariff are accorded to Canadian goods admissible under the British Preferential Tariff, and also to proclaimed commodities from the British non-self-governing colonies and protectorates. Primage duties at concessional rates (in most cases at the rate equivalent to the British Preferential Tariff rate) are payable on a limited number of goods the product of proclaimed countries, included among which is the United States of America.

**Primage
Duty.**

**Recorded
Value of
Imports and
Exports.**

- The recorded value of goods imported represents the amount on which duty is payable or would be payable if the duty were charged ad valorem. Such amount is—
- (a) (i) The actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus any special deduction, or
 - (ii) the current domestic value of the goods—
whichever is the higher—and
 - (b) all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the port of export.

When the value of imported goods is shown on invoices in any other currency than Australian, the equivalent value in Australian currency is ascertained according to the commercial rates of exchange and subject, in cases of doubt, to the determination of a fair rate of exchange by the Minister for Trade and Customs.

The value of goods exported, including the cost of containers, is recorded in Australian currency, and the basis of this valuation is as follows :—

- (a) *Goods sold to overseas buyers before export.*—The f.o.b. equivalent of the price at which the goods were sold—
(e.g., as regards wool, the actual price paid by the oversea buyer plus the cost of all services incurred by him in placing the wool on board ship).
- (b) *Goods shipped on consignment.*—The Australian f.o.b. equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which the goods are despatched for sale—
(as regards wool, the equivalent f.o.b. of the current price ruling in Australia will normally provide a sufficient approximation of the f.o.b. equivalent of the price ultimately received).

The Excise Tariff in operation is the Excise Tariff
Excise Tariff. 1921-1949.

This tariff relates only to beer, spirits, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, certain petroleum or shale products, coal tar and coke oven distillates, aromatic hydrocarbons and light oils (not being petroleum or shale products) suitable for use as petrol substitutes, amylic alcohol, fusel oil, concentrated grape must, playing cards, cigarette tubes, cigarette papers, matches, wine, saccharin, snuff, wireless valves and coal.

**Exports—
Monetary
Control.
“Banking
Act 1945.”**

Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations superseded Part II.A. of the National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations as from 1st January, 1947, in the control of proceeds of exports. As was the case with the

superseded regulations, these new regulations under the *Banking Act 1945*, are designed primarily to control the exportation of capital in the form of goods. They are complementary to the action taken under the other parts of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations to control the movement out of Australia of capital in the form of securities, gold and currency, and ensure that the full proceeds of goods exported from Australia are received into the Australian banking system and that these proceeds are received in the currency and in the manner prescribed by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Provision is made in the regulations for the grant of export licences subject to such terms and conditions as are imposed; and, on the receipt in Australia by the Commonwealth Bank, or by a bank acting as agent for that Bank, of advice that the foreign currency has been paid to the Commonwealth Bank or to an agent of the Bank in respect of any goods exported in pursuance of a licence granted under the regulations, the Bank or agent of the Bank pays the licensee or such other person as is entitled to receive it, an amount equal to the value of that foreign currency converted into Australian currency at the rate of exchange fixed or authorized by the Bank and in force for the time being.

Section 16, Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations provides that:—

- (1) A person shall not export any goods unless—
- (a) a licence under this Part to export the goods is in force and the terms and conditions (if any) to which the licence is subject are complied with; or
 - (b) the goods are excepted from the application of this Part.

**Exports—
Commodity
Control.**

For various reasons, the principal of which are to—

- (a) conserve supplies of essential commodities for Australia's requirements;
- (b) implement price determinations;
- (c) control exports of goods which are the subject of Empire Marketing Agreements;
- (d) strengthen the control of the exportation of capital in the form of goods instituted by Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations;

the exportation of certain commodities is prohibited by the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations and by Customs Proclamations promulgated under Section 112 (1A) (Wartime Export Restrictions) of the Customs Act. Exports of these commodities are permitted only when supplies are available for the purpose and the conditions imposed are complied with by the exporter.

The Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations were promulgated and became effective on 1st December, 1939. These regulations were complementary to the National Security (Monetary Control) Regulations and the Customs (Overseas Exchange) Regulations, which were already in operation, in that the chief immediate aim of the licensing measure was to conserve resources of non-sterling exchange and, in particular, to prevent the absorption of those resources in the purchase of un-essential imports to the detriment of more vital national needs. Other objectives were to enable priority in shipping space to be given to essential imports should a shortage develop and to gather information on the relative importance of particular imports to enable future restrictions (if required) to be soundly based.

The deterioration of Australian sterling balances in London and changes in the general war situation made it necessary to bring imports from sterling countries within the scope of the regulations in December, 1941. The extension of the restrictions to sterling goods was a necessary corollary to the measures adopted in Australia and throughout the British Commonwealth to divert manpower, machinery, and raw materials to war production. Conservation of shipping space was also an important consideration.

With the cessation of hostilities and the improvement in London balances and in accordance with the Government policy of relaxing all forms of wartime restrictions wherever possible, a large range of goods of sterling origin was removed from control in January, 1946. In January, 1947, with the exception of a small number of goods, import licensing control was removed from all goods of United Kingdom origin. Since the cessation of hostilities, restrictions applicable to goods from those non-sterling countries (called easy currency countries) with which the sterling area has no balance of payments difficulty, have now been relaxed to the extent that virtually all goods from those countries are permissible imports.

The sterling area still has balance of payments problems with a small number of non-sterling countries (the hard currency countries). Australian policy in respect of importations from these countries (the chief of which are those which comprise the dollar area) is to restrict importations to those goods which are of an essential nature and are unobtainable from sterling or easy currency sources.

Under the *Trading with the Enemy Act 1939-47*, machinery was set up to cut off all trade which might directly or indirectly benefit the enemy.

The trading with the enemy ban applies to transactions with all enemy countries except such transactions as are exempted by licence from the provisions of the *Trading with the Enemy Act 1939-1940*

**The Customs
(Import
Licensing)
Regulations.**

**Trading with
the Enemy.**

Germany and Japan are now the only enemy countries which come within the scope of the Act and while it technically still applies to trade with these countries, licences under the Act have been issued authorizing trade therewith.

The Tariff Board. *The Tariff Board Act 1921-1947* provides for the appointment by the Governor-General of a Tariff Board. The Act came into operation in March, 1922.

The Board consists of four members, one of whom is an administrative officer of the Department of Trade and Customs and may be Chairman. The Governor-General appoints the Chairman, who convenes all sittings of the Board. The principal duties of the Board are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, pages 168 and 169.

Alteration in Values of Imports. The values of imports in subsequent tables are shown in British Currency with the exception of the year 1947-48, which is recorded in Australian Currency. It is necessary, therefore, when comparing the values of imports for 1947-48 with previous years, to take into account differences in currency. This also applies when estimating the balance of trade between Victoria and other countries (with the exception of 1947-48) as all exports are shown in Australian Currency values.

A reasonably accurate method of converting the values of imports (except gold) from British to Australian Currency is to add 14 per cent. to the figures shown for each of the years 1943-44 to 1946-47. Imports of gold from each country, up to the year 1946-47, were recorded in sterling. The value of gold imported during 1947-48 was obtained by multiplying the number of fine ounces imported by the average export price for the year (Australian Currency).

Variation in External Exchange Position. The telegraphic transfer selling rate for £100, Australia on London, which had reached £130 10s. on 29th January, 1931, was reduced to £125 10s. on 3rd December, 1931, since when the rate has remained unchanged.

Oversea Trade of Victoria. The total values of oversea trade to and from Victorian ports for each of the five years 1943-44 to 1947-48 are set forth in the following table. Imports for which Customs entries have been delayed by war conditions, have been recorded in the year in which the entry has been passed. Exports do not include the value of stores shipped at Victorian ports on board oversea ships, particulars of which are shown on page 441.

OVERSEA TRADE.—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Year ended 30th June.				Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.*	Total.
IMPORTS.						
(British Currency).						
				£	£	£
1944	..	..	..	89,214,923	1,037,389	90,252,312
1945	..	..	..	64,507,613	260,929	64,768,542
1946	..	..	..	53,952,607	95,742	54,048,349
1947	..	..	..	66,951,339	120,386	67,071,725
(Australian Currency).						
1948	..	..	..	120,503,712	96,292	120,600,004
EXPORTS.						
(Australian Currency).†						
				£A	£A	£A
1944	..	..	..	36,546,893	..	36,546,893‡
1945	..	..	..	40,070,161	..	40,070,161‡
1946	..	..	..	49,505,101	26,411,264	75,916,365
1947	..	..	..	88,601,624	9,734	88,611,358
1948	..	..	..	115,357,695	605,844	115,963,539

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

† Estimated British Currency values in each year were £29,179,000 in 1943-44; £31,992,000 in 1944-45; £60,626,000 in 1945-46; £70,748,000 in 1946-47; and £92,586,000 in 1947-48.

‡ Exclusive of Victoria's portion (which is not available) of exports on Government account estimated for Australia at £A.10,000,000 in 1943-44, and £A.2,000,000 in 1944-45.

That portion of the value of Commonwealth trade handled at Victorian ports for each of the five years 1943-44 to 1947-48 is shown in the following table. Prior to the year 1947-48 the values of imports were recorded in British Currency:—

Year ended 30th June.	Commonwealth Trade—				Portion of Commonwealth Trade Handled at Victorian Ports—		
	Imports British Currency.	Exports.		Total British Currency.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
		Australian Currency.	Relative British Currency.				
	£	£A	£	£	%	%	%
1944	214,224,533	146,681,650	117,111,097	331,335,630	42.1	24.9	38.3
1945	188,483,095	155,271,489	123,969,252	312,452,347	34.5	25.8	31.0
1946	156,780,815	223,287,610	178,315,714	335,096,529	34.5	34.0	34.2
1947	183,651,754	309,003,740	246,709,574	430,361,328	36.5	28.7	32.0
1948	339,746,128	409,954,329	..	749,700,457	35.5	28.3	31.6

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.

In the following table the recorded values of the principal articles imported into Victorian ports are shown in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification of 21 categories. Values for each of the years 1943-44 to 1946-47 are shown in British Currency but those for 1947-48 are recorded in Australian Currency:—

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Article.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>British Currency Values—</i>				<i>Australian Currency Values—</i>
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£	£	£	£	£A.
Cheese	1	..	3,136	3,719	11,338
Fish—					
Preserved in Tins	92,582	18,960	117,416	193,532	716,206
All other	77,777	78,537	94,438	159,687	248,687
Meats	47,636	117,069	48,950	105,586	116,430
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	4,436	3,676	23,618	46,801	37,729
Total, Class I.	222,432	213,242	287,558	509,325	1,130,390
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Cocoa and Chocolate	118,302	160,685	219,463	284,962	779,874
Coffee and Chicory	206,249	244,961	109,788	145,969	107,079
Confectionery .. .. .	..	..	35	1,133	43,091
Fruits, Dried .. .. .	..	42,010	32,343	36,458	72,548
Fruits, Fresh .. .. .	..	189	302	108	1
Grain and Pulse—					
Peas	61,714	21,708	28,447	44,622	45,632
All other	19,242	17,796	311,441	28,738	55,818
Hops	4,610	2,290	17,814	12,278	57,558
Nuts, Edible	8,945	8,358	67,617	171,722	373,505
Pickles and Sauces	8	3,300	4	1,621	7,143
Sago and Tapioca .. .. .	..	..	..	54,743	109,806
Seeds	35,289	93,089	558	2,241	713
Spices, n.e.i.	54,675	76,941	138,900	145,831	187,496
Tea	1,249,121	1,324,129	1,576,899	2,019,414	3,904,171
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	17,357	31,547	67,399	35,505	94,907
Total, Class II.	1,775,512	2,027,003	2,571,010	2,985,340	5,839,342

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>British Currency Values—</i>				
	£	£	£	£	<i>Australian Currency Values— £A.</i>
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, Ale, Beer, and Porter, &c. Spirits (Beverages)—					
Brandy				14,047	26,869
Gin	6	31	18	517	2,375
Whisky	10,748	52,096	44,238	52,791	83,141
Other	75	2,652	16	3,822	18,392
Wine (Fermented)—					
Sparkling				3,136	21,467
Other	9			620	2,900
Total, Class III.	10,851	54,817	44,332	78,229	165,556
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.					
Tobacco—					
Manufactured		1	2,332	44,148	45,932
Unmanufactured	1,335,813	1,085,929	1,661,120	1,241,845	2,215,135
Cigars		14	2	1,190	5,351
Cigarettes	119	452	3,362	96,877	507,867
Snuff			234	975	
Total, Class IV.	1,335,932	1,086,396	1,667,050	1,385,035	2,774,335
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	18,414	27,536	76,646	117,819	133,242
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	21,081	33,869	*	*	*
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	88,667	101,948	212,940	397,640	133,867
Skins (Goat)	17,476	13,305	20,869	43,880	50,538
Other	866	2,185	161,927	324,537	457,250
Silk, Raw		34,870	2	531,266	406,749
Wool	37,225	40,215	4,791	295,249	456,705
All other Animal Substances ..	7,822	9,772	38,775	252,715	248,069
Total, Class VI.	173,137	236,164	439,304	1,845,287	1,753,178
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.					
Fibres—					
Cotton, Raw	252,303	508,763	486,767	782,520	1,000,041
Flax and Hemp	68,397	233,156	196,334	166,340	230,738
Jute	209,888	187,002	137,847	245,355	617,041
Kapok	3,240	11,319	20,199	70,260	86,154
All other	58,651	102,760	101,959	378,104	535,213
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c. ..	12,327	13,119	38,167	43,584	67,283
Gums, Resins, and Balsams ..	256,971	419,948	139,935	292,254	265,908
Plastic Moulding Materials ..	†	†	726,198	519,218	973,547
Seeds	329,653	365,331	533,326	488,645	370,974
Tanning Substances	111,962	113,077	116,934	104,220	185,106
Cork and Cork Manufactures ..	35,373	60,331	71,615	104,835	154,484
All other Vegetable Substances ..	6,081	7,059	52,226	191,132	168,085
Total, Class VII.	1,344,846	2,021,865	2,671,507	3,386,467	4,654,574

* Included in Class XIX.

† Included with Gums, Resins, and Balsams.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>British Currency Values—</i>				<i>Australian Currency Values—</i>
	£	£	£	£	£A.
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.					
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres.</i>					
Bags and Sacks—					
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder	108,029	110,235	87,705	76,952	347,021
Corn and Flour	180,986	454,248	393,263	1,370,641	2,013,272
All other	326,745	320,485	52,250	90,827	1,044,842
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	410,787	45,908	165,689	46,527	160,619
Yarns—					
Artificial Silk	584,216	637,849	869,446	818,858	2,106,537
Cotton	807,193	1,379,464	754,149	821,250	2,111,672
Sewing and other Cotton Threads, &c.	263,037	287,341	215,775	222,789	487,152
Wool	5,519	5,462	11,991	10,546	101,303
Other	31,849	48,629	56,026	22,894	33,277
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	1,732,035	557,589	409,918	198,857	446,505
Cotton and Linen	5,570,954	8,310,298	3,609,429	3,547,869	9,180,046
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	879,239	322,219	357,401	363,852	449,863
Silk and Artificial Silk	2,065,814	2,791,767	2,590,989	4,602,857	8,039,013
Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, &c. Woolen	4,583	15,020	10,945	218,811	428,775
Woolen	57,503	214,770	132,328	236,968	680,432
Other	444,435	643,701	233,195	322,274	904,516
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Lino- leums, Mats, &c.	1,979	31,576	313,813	1,152,062	2,479,483
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton and Linen	48,250	39,282	68,899	193,156	645,231
Tents and Sails	660,568	79	222,031	170	4,668
Towels and Towelling	56,569	123,179	130,182	116,942	344,774
All other Textiles	293,249	182,582	303,984	243,440	450,110
<i>(c) Apparel.</i>					
Boots and Shoes	969	12,812	7,695	25,793	137,028
Corsets	699	20,293	20,396	23,726	56,195
Furs and other Skins—Dressed Gloves	147	4,931	70,536	158,394	30,358
Hats and Caps	4,611	13,768	40,177	83,796	132,294
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stockings)	12	325	63	6,675	315,989
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	18,895	6,502	143,103	364,545	741,397
Shirts, Pyjamas	5,331	220,515	16,865	70,495	5,723
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments Trimmings	200,703	83,236	7,037	1,468	312,595
Other	270,698	153,115	113,806	240,031	722,714
Total, Class VIII.	15,035,304	17,185,275	11,581,103	16,027,044	35,705,216

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>British Currency Values—</i>				<i>Australian Currency Values— £A.</i>
	£	£	£	£	
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Oils—					
Kerosene, &c.	263,084	359,163	413,839	429,623	983,869
Lubricating (Mineral)	1,020,190	309,343	507,707	810,086	1,126,066
Petroleum, Crude . . . . .	..	2,454	16,374	154,027	312,694
Petroleum and Shale Spirit	1,773,914	1,321,094	2,009,590	2,254,714	4,362,843
Residual and Solar	481,523	578,037	738,940	962,199	1,722,279
Linseed . . . . .	..	368	..	9,641	372,950
Castor . . . . .	..	..	..	13,829	241,372
Turpentine and Substitutes therefor	26,656	48,807	93,689	129,918	117,449
Paraffin	70,648	79,079	56,353	111,027	272,280
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	143,020	255,154	228,429	331,010	602,614
Total, Class IX.	3,778,985	2,953,499	4,064,921	5,206,074	10,114,416
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	169,467	177,722	331,416	377,771	594,279
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDRO-CARBONS.					
Sulphur (Brimstone)	50,690	85,222	147,767	318,313	275,714
All other Rocks, Minerals, &c.	268,023	353,427	254,560	356,302	452,170
Total, Class XI.	318,713	438,649	402,327	674,615	727,884
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY.					
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures, (except Electric Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Aluminium	934,368	106,068	63,487	30,359	72,479
Copper and Copper Manufactures (except Wire)	9,280	7,097	9,323	21,213	114,066
Heating and Cooking Appliances	14,166	7,615	34,770	67,092	331,732
Iron and Steel—					
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	349,004	192,813	112,301	133,897	222,617
Plate and Sheet	2,548,754	2,365,458	1,979,697	2,368,645	3,342,625
Other	39,222	5,050	19,907	69,624	94,440
Lamps and Lampware	26,496	41,058	26,089	33,357	57,601
Nickel	2,181	5,275	3,152	8,121	11,001
Pipes and Tubes	57,964	33,574	40,217	26,001	41,497
Plated Ware and Cutlery	124,245	128,948	183,075	422,538	638,143
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	777,848	892,898	541,455	312,754	707,221
Vehicles—					
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c.	249,690	144,632	25,403	120,411	407,404
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c.	17,491	541	24,484	140,457	1,029,770
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c.*	1,229,298	740,023	2,945,858	4,441,698	6,260,795
Aircraft and Parts	11,449,186	5,386,497	2,977,073	1,516,681	1,233,371
Other Vehicles and Parts	13,870,943	5,010,088	365,761	650,027	1,124,066
Wire	177,367	163,077	308,306	272,941	439,556
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	814,201	581,921	553,194	872,934	1,686,520

* Including complete motor cars, trucks, and ordnance vehicles.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>British Currency Values—</i>				<i>Australian Currency Values— £A.</i>
	£	£	£	£	
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY—<i>continued.</i>					
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment.</i>					
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	544,148	188,655	206,940	202,767	399,148
Dynamo Machines	226,112	391,717	210,561	293,402	638,328
Telephones and Switchboards ..	294,655	635,349	207,936	71,085	200,532
Wireless and Parts	571,065	594,549	439,493	91,229	120,430
Other	622,914	1,055,955	750,243	717,916	1,380,823
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural)	112,919	116,906	97,818	103,349	373,605
Metal Working Machinery ..	2,294,559	683,424	254,142	687,527	2,087,766
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts ..	2,281,714	860,947	808,618	691,982	611,566
Motor Car Engines	116,955	185,505	16,881	26,198	56,454
Tractors and Parts	1,183,736	2,089,738	1,005,112	1,176,122	1,441,666
Other	436,796	367,778	475,624	446,460	1,157,065
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	406,877	396,023	319,698	213,965	785,936
All other Machines and Machinery	1,794,585	2,572,727	1,503,000	2,497,131	4,499,419
Total, Class XII.	43,578,739	25,951,906	16,509,618	18,727,883	31,567,642
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREOF (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>					
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	1,067,843	838,618	1,132,231	1,538,446	1,466,227
Rubber Manufactures	28,676	46,342	212,732	539,123	832,210
<i>(b) Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>					
Glace Kid .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	3,821	2,528	7,369
All other	21,707	22,728	21,506	52,516	217,467
Total, Class XIII.	1,118,226	907,688	1,370,290	2,132,613	2,523,273
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.					
Timber—					
Dressed	3,898	111,855	176,329	90,866	491,652
Undressed	96,721	223,674	308,346	673,316	862,566
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	32,943	22,883	62,906	110,759	194,147
Total, Class XIV.	133,562	358,412	547,581	874,941	1,548,365

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>British Currency Values—</i>				
	£	£	£	£	<i>Australian Currency Values— £A.</i>
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CERMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE.					
Cement (Portland)	583	..	1,656	4,964	22,806
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	140,933	210,645	269,244	383,495	832,834
Glass and Glassware	90,235	143,577	224,444	387,794	1,046,351
All other Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass, and Stoneware ..	23,650	12,678	82,649	116,698	307,429
Total, Class XV.	255,401	366,900	577,993	892,951	2,209,420
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
<i>(a) Pulp, Paper, and Board.</i>					
Cardboard and other Paper Boards	74,630	80,860	66,896	152,378	531,174
Printing	249,504	721,910	755,199	1,416,939	2,595,374
Pulp for Papermaking	342,635	435,134	365,930	444,301	1,044,277
Wrapping of all Colours	132,284	122,072	161,159	398,705	774,703
Writing and Typewriting Paper ..	323,521	230,948	244,603	453,099	1,019,607
All other	297,177	280,317	196,902	254,354	654,614
<i>(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery.</i>					
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	511,206	543,313	531,957	720,239	964,129
Cigarette Tubes and Papers ..	15,087	27,826	1,021	38,738	72,869
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. ..	1,857	1,463	2,019	1,771	3,439
Pens and Pencils	63,308	68,520	78,502	186,992	506,579
All other	67,804	78,940	181,062	358,745	533,809
Total, Class XVI.	2,079,013	2,591,303	2,585,250	4,426,261	8,700,574
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.					
Fancy Goods, Toys, &c.	38,557	52,483	112,790	444,703	555,937
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	39,705	1,219	140,890	256,342	457,667
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	130,229	143,120	333,615	273,471	478,518
Total, Class XVII.	208,491	196,822	587,295	974,516	1,492,122
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES, AND PHOTO- GRAPHIC GOODS, n.e.i.					
Optical and Meteorological Instru- ments, &c.	98,485	182,610	87,298	111,702	136,318
Cinematograph Films	33,096	54,036	46,384	44,316	46,321
Photographic Goods, n.e.i. .. .	24,869	38,716	40,549	27,217	59,267
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	225,577	152,402	317,409	281,056	378,317
Scientific Instruments, &c. .. .	55,604	81,530	165,907	184,647	312,178
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	16,451	32,713	44,355	88,606	160,847
Total, Class XVIII.	454,082	542,007	701,902	737,544	1,093,248

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>British Currency Values—</i>				<i>Australian Currency Values— £A.</i>
	£	£	£	£	
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.					
Acids	26,490	19,725	78,540	127,698	117,702
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations ..	409,050	434,559	157,791	324,161	417,210
Dyes	487,202	406,059	346,756	502,230	664,285
Fertilizers	407,662	566,450	837,071	780,470	735,485
Glycerine			1	741	99
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous) ..	40,732	50,022	88,666	108,446	97,996
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations ..	15,413	24,824	22,457	85,411	124,908
Soap and Soap Substitutes	7,000	7,381	9,467	11,889	39,166
Sodium Salts	246,220	234,880	143,422	136,039	336,260
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations ..	9,344	14,839	32,795	50,943	49,491
All other Drugs and Chemicals	669,245	429,269	580,231	825,206	1,063,316
Total, Class XIX.	2,318,358	2,188,008	2,297,197	2,953,234	3,645,918
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives ..	10,156,039	3,497,426	3,258,412	418,529	582,864
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c.	127	2,959	15,673	89,416	118,458
Brushware	4,030	11,808	14,522	85,687	117,831
Celluloid Sheets	112,040	66,487	*	*	*
Fire Brigade and Life-saving Appliances, n.e.l.	2,331,281	101,401	9,526	18,772	13,850
Outside Packages	1,110,168	714,823	820,769	1,259,417	2,232,665
Vessels (Ships)	555,731	2,760	234	62,741	283
All other Articles	616,042	584,735	519,171	709,828	1,064,787
Total, Class XX.	14,885,458	4,982,399	4,638,307	2,638,390	4,130,738
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold	376,941	254,651	88,766	117,643	93,465
Silver	564,482	6,278	6,976	2,743	2,814
Bronze—Specie	95,966				13
Total, Class XXI.	1,037,389	260,929	95,742	120,386	96,292
Grand Total	90,252,312	64,768,542	54,048,349	67,071,725	120,600,004

* Included with Plastic Materials (Class VII.).

Manufactured articles comprise the major portion of imports into Victoria from countries beyond Australia.

The percentage which the value of each of the more important classes bore to the total value of merchandise imported during 1947-48 was as follows:—Apparel, textiles, and manufactured fibres 29·6 per cent.; machinery and metal manufactures 26·2 per cent.; oils &c., 8·4 per cent.; paper manufactures and stationery 7·2 per cent.; drugs, chemicals, and fertilizers 3·0 per cent.

**Recorded
Values of
Principal
Exports.**

The recorded values of the principal articles exported to oversea countries from Victorian ports during each of the five years 1944-48 are shown in 21 divisions, in accordance with the statistical classification.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£A	£A	£A	£A	£A
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.					
Butter	3,299,164	4,381,131	5,116,989	7,766,346	9,212,338
Cheese	986,770	1,086,603	642,800	1,430,698	1,697,685
Eggs	134,284	64,385	658,288	1,125,612	1,564,774
Infants' and Invalids' Food, n.e.i.	28,595	119,834	274,899	361,397	300,885
Meats—					
Bacon and Hams	55,340	94,565	201,494	180,920	132,791
Preserved by Cold Process—					
Beef	35,018	237,049	37,622	445,946	137,160
Lamb	2,383,616	1,857,590	568,285	2,576,358	2,558,208
Mutton	181,741	387,708	190,576	486,341	213,859
Pork	154,114	509,909	409,856	169,480	73,765
Poultry	4,419	..	7,619	221,147	595,112
Rabbits and Hares	28,520	160,675	109,044	528,825	1,353,986
Other	104,663	145,018	111,838	137,913	202,609
Preserved in Tins	642,728	1,132,070	1,461,462	2,061,345	1,525,841
Sausage Casings	281,977	300,651	174,749	271,727	329,684
Other	119,084	281,336	71,898	38,399	44,446
Milk and Cream	832,479	1,051,847	1,425,160	2,733,230	2,961,437
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	131,294	19,273	482,691	373,539	372,150
Total, Class I.	9,403,806	11,829,644	11,945,270	20,909,223	23,276,730
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Biscuits	272,431	61,106	292,761	53,966	14,638
Confectionery	88,015	52,185	62,475	316,233	249,624
Fruits, Dried	1,950,668	2,025,967	1,393,976	1,682,138	1,554,839
" Fresh	157,497	143,913	297,547	477,743	657,620
" Preserved in liquid	128,885	183,678	518,786	1,368,813	1,843,754
" Pulped	2,468	3,687	6,644	57,781	29,420
Grain and Pulse—					
Unprepared—					
Wheat	952,342	10,349	122	312,072	11,626,097
Oats	1,378	..	..	6,422	1,401,770
Barley	608	..	79,459	137,088	52,734
Other	45,173	323,731	153,156	224,954	380,136
Prepared—					
Flour (Wheaten)	1,994,574	1,689,926	2,897,017	7,025,624	11,653,993
Barley—Pearl and Scotch ..	33,394	14,337	37,579	157,068	474,500
Rice—Cleaned	70,562	7,114	4,205	142,529	284,654
Oatmeal, Wheatmeal and Rolled Oats	31,348	101,621	157,346	424,169	511,783
Other	75,123	92,897	149,598	288,746	940,379
Jams and Fruit Jellies	282,433	336,811	711,462	906,725	925,540
Tea	7,806	1,181	18,620	17,851	11,488
Vegetables (including Tomatoes) ..	171,126	145,955	2,075,312	585,982	936,182
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	213,432	106,758	229,201	829,476	934,230
Total, Class II.	6,479,263	5,301,216	9,085,266	15,015,380	34,483,291

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48—*continued.*
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ..	£A 403,491	£A 292,441	£A 390,102	£A 445,355	£A 335,380
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF ..	24,010	2,719	31,302	5,333	16,234
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	27,228	24,169	25,452	154,306	77,812
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	56,754	95,681	81,021	67,295	103,680
Fox	123,066	26,456	15,138	4,195	3,378
Opossum	23,228	74,493	35,299	63,137	10,505
Rabbit and Hare	2,072,741	1,750,681	2,616,670	2,020,950	1,786,345
Sheep	639,118	1,002,186	1,923,515	3,550,140	3,314,618
Other	112,245	72,949	44,633	35,872	10,492
Wool—					
Greasy	8,175,116	10,504,923	9,718,556	20,799,838	29,605,003
Scoured and Washed	1,783,890	2,149,169	2,421,215	6,658,839	7,247,658
Tops, Nolls and Waste	1,860,512	1,959,552	2,110,684	2,157,926	2,132,359
Other Animal Substances	29,046	41,492	8,714	21,105	42,708
Total, Class VI.	14,875,716	17,677,582	18,975,445	35,379,297	44,256,746
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES, PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES	522,644	498,681	550,753	554,744	466,543
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.					
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—					
Yarns (Woollen)	440,010	173,188	469,086	801,774	1,216,660
(Silk)	12,589	8,524		2,492	83,582
Other	9,595	30,501	39,270	120,609	100,398
Textiles	82,953	448,345	1,460,812	2,288,343	1,422,147
Apparel—					
Outer Garments	46,316	147,943	116,867	365,868	111,277
Underwear	1,001	16,958	27,582	60,755	32,659
Boots and Shoes	295	6,570	33,339	89,330	24,881
Other	61,993	24,629	936,351	1,125,717	363,286
Total, Class VIII.	654,752	856,658	3,083,307	4,854,888	3,355,390
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Tallow—Unrefined	278,402	193,001	71,091	94,682	195,140
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	96,082	80,959	170,555	246,875	375,933
Total, Class IX.	374,484	273,960	241,646	341,557	571,073
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	1,638	6,204	10,287	43,075	33,067
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDRO-CARBONS	9,819	15,812	31,126	522,241	436,362

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48—*continued*.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY.	£A	£A	£A	£A	£A
(a) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Bolts, and Nuts, Rivets and Washers, n.e.i.	26	28,206	8,486	61,195	30,667
Iron and Steel	24,535	23,687	35,053	187,436	56,605
Cadmium—Blocks, Bars, &c.	6,045	1,837	575	60,450	6,695
Lead (Pig)	318,559	256,009	85,352	133,255	835,484
Motor Cars, Lorries, &c., and Parts	9,080	12,912	58,704	1,496,863	101,335
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c.	755,625	1,081,791	1,048,085	238,812	238,812
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof	157,072	122,457	435,591	1,493,116	1,289,143
(b) <i>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment</i>	46,719	50,826	113,461	258,919	272,123
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Agricultural Implements	348,865	240,088	220,821	571,577	455,038
Other	125,504	167,986	399,783	953,449	1,423,060
Total, Class XII.	1,792,120	1,985,799	2,405,911	5,216,260	4,208,962
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
Rubber and Manufactures	130,833	111,336	176,653	343,692	176,565
Leather and Manufactures	287,012	227,942	570,213	1,276,901	908,943
Total, Class XIII.	417,845	339,278	746,866	1,620,593	1,085,508
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED	9,784	28,366	98,265	45,145	69,453
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE	39,210	45,237	45,265	66,775	72,607
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
Paper	18,617	8,576	35,972	103,434	41,845
Stationery	80,856	79,141	117,259	240,462	225,549
Total, Class XVI.	99,473	87,717	153,231	343,896	267,394

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48—*continued.*
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.	£A	£A	£A	£A	£A
Precious Stones, Unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c.	2,327	1,636	5,344	12,961	2,875
Sporting Material	1,642	3,620	14,773	53,125	88,026
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, &c.	2,572	17,008	63,231	78,838	26,797
Total, Class XVII.	6,541	22,264	83,348	144,924	117,698
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES, AND PHOTO- GRAPHIC GOODS, n.e.i.	43,137	75,558	90,745	203,781	306,143
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.					
Bacteriological Products and Sera	15,082	15,006	21,545	19,739	16,052
Casein . . . . .	..	739	..	60,500	78,500
Fertilizers	3,750	5,435	1,312	694	294
Medicines	22,730	11,552	53,027	296,256	198,540
Oil—Eucalyptus	119,540	110,282	136,429	277,026	165,370
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations, n.e.i.	15,105	5,631	82,955	126,941	40,443
Soap	44,802	63,665	187,979	156,249	16,606
Yeast	6,610	8,790	11,766	7,066	7,494
Other Drugs and Chemicals	154,194	154,672	318,807	890,765	559,595
Total, Class XIX.	381,813	375,772	813,820	1,835,236	1,082,894
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	770,316	85,579	109,576	121,494	217,465
Matches and Vestas	3,695	6,865	29,803	32,466	45,575
Patriotic Gifts	99,162	59,769	210,904	132,472	71,580
Other	106,946	178,871	347,411	563,183	503,787
Total, Class XX.	980,119	331,084	697,694	899,615	838,407
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold . . . . .	..	..	26,411,224	..	140
Silver . . . . .	..	..	40	9,725	605,674
Bronze—Specie . . . . .	..	..	..	9	30
Total, Class XXI. . . . .	..	..	26,411,264	9,734	605,844
Australian produce	36,363,683	39,801,364	75,130,306	88,000,886	114,212,908
Other produce	183,210	268,797	786,059	610,472	1,750,631
Grand Total	36,546,893	40,070,161	75,916,365	88,611,358	115,963,539

The export trade consists largely of agricultural and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, hides and skins, milk and cream, cheese and eggs exported during 1947-48, amounted to 83 per cent. of the total merchandise (Australian produce) exported—wool alone represented 34 per cent. The total value of exports showed an increase during 1947-48 of £27,352,181 as compared with that of the previous year.

Trade with Countries. The value of the trade with various countries of the world in each of the five years 1944-48 was as specified in the following table:—

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	British Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	Australian Currency Values— £A.
United Kingdom	25,050,484	21,265,437	21,915,973	25,089,477	48,661,112
Africa, British East	263,669	349,677	325,498	242,735	180,601
" West	86,149	93,397	210,158	253,170	580,868
Canada	3,462,749	3,985,197	2,713,155	4,737,880	5,247,001
Hong Kong			1,841	21,146	68,877
India and Ceylon	10,434,440	7,101,163	5,578,814	7,260,396	11,383,665
Malaya (British) and Singapore	604	2	2,582	1,279,279	1,788,040
New Zealand	822,532	859,785	1,118,320	1,547,143	1,350,195
Pacific Islands (British)	4,590	43,473	3,925	47,287	198,558
South African Union	171,847	248,800	308,893	629,533	1,194,078
West Indies (British)	34,350	151,841	59,587	59,851	94,668
Other British Possessions	355,384	475,517	586,113	891,669	1,209,094
Bahrain Islands	107,908	448,261	328,675	1,323,315	1,759,779
Belgium			45,289	501,783	1,721,610
China	270	415	8,782	349,900	440,563
Czecho-Slovakia			185	38,346	714,718
Egypt	127,141	390,110	334,964	375,342	280,212
France	90	751	9,001	542,005	1,206,719
Germany	1,132	2,003	9,857	110,685	379,509
Iran	1,092,319	873,057	1,965,770	2,135,187	3,165,046
Italy	4,415	33	2,839	821,855	985,011
Japan			588	535,471	653,523
Netherlands	72		1,518	142,371	853,370
Netherlands East Indies	19,297	5,443	29,583	55,608	938,918
Norway		42	11,092	183,890	1,088,233
Peru	55,944	4,328	5,524	13,406	2
Philippine Republic	22	275	262	99	24,676
Spain	1,233	1,426	8,587	11,632	46,535
Sweden	2,985	2,007	283,984	642,625	1,985,918
Switzerland	115,616	94,138	316,495	402,970	743,390
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.)	3,337	1,062	3,506	8,021	46,123
United States of America	46,326,239	26,501,524	15,972,839	14,227,684	27,042,090
Other Foreign Possessions	597,326	1,154,555	1,063,431	1,312,193	2,335,137
Total (excluding Outside Packages*)	89,142,144	64,053,719	53,227,580	65,798,954	118,367,339

* "Outside Packages," 1943-44, £1,110,168; 1944-45, £714,823; 1945-46, £820,769; 1946-47, £1,259,417; and 1947-48, £2,232,665.

Exports to—	Australian Currency Values—				
	£A	£A	£A	£A	£A
United Kingdom	12,938,903	16,332,170	39,288,645	28,247,445	43,924,370
Africa, British East	44,388	75,679	44,640	106,331	142,178
" West				59,208	85,408
Canada	1,285,354	1,450,500	1,516,156	1,911,946	1,668,803
Hong Kong			1,081,189	2,416,678	2,913,620
India and Ceylon	6,344,206	7,368,362	9,655,674	7,316,834	13,679,038
Malaya (British) and Singapore			1,913,222	6,060,455	5,704,078
New Zealand	2,195,894	1,775,018	2,173,421	3,878,968	4,465,176

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48—*continued.*

Exports to—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>Australian Currency Values—</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Pacific Islands (British) ..	586,260	38,303	487,945	203,818	283,523
South African Union ..	327,753	388,497	617,960	1,740,089	904,330
West Indies (British) ..	9,667	..	11,684	87,998	403,265
Other British Possessions ..	179,772	357,747	1,178,149	3,613,375	5,863,771
Bahrain Islands ..	4,000	4,306	2,796	22,990	31,966
Belgium ..	..	..	1,274,219	3,241,045	2,822,414
China ..	..	10	160,558	1,804,416	1,011,869
Czecho-Slovakia ..	..	..	42,772	317,523	169,743
Egypt ..	1,316,320	1,097,869	841,361	1,959,388	2,111,360
France ..	..	132,177	2,601,313	4,366,040	7,304,353
Germany ..	..	..	..	83,732	1,141,279
Iran ..	20,846	23,791	43,703	256,368	150,856
Italy ..	91,560	204,399	134,535	2,580,989	3,285,383
Japan ..	..	..	24,477	164,347	350,796
Netherlands ..	..	..	114,922	505,013	473,677
Netherlands East Indies ..	53	..	314,531	30,266	5,813
Norway ..	..	..	15,215	153,686	157,093
Peru ..	..	..	..	..	1,826
Philippine Republic ..	..	..	905	90,180	55,183
Spain ..	..	..	252	109,448	21,017
Sweden ..	..	..	257,510	1,021,286	942,942
Switzerland ..	..	..	38,647	305,312	307,330
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.) ..	27,095	15,945	351,657	262,635	2,027,568
United States of America ..	8,940,908	9,190,946	9,371,224	12,785,014	10,650,290
Other Foreign Possessions ..	772,141	772,467	1,178,655	2,907,110	2,903,221
Country not stated ..	1,461,773	832,975	1,178,428	1,425	..
Total ..	36,546,893	40,070,161	75,916,365	88,611,358	115,963,539

Trade with United Kingdom. Imports from and exports to the United Kingdom during 1947-48 represented 40 per cent. and 38 per cent. respectively of the total value of imports into and exports from Victorian ports during that year. Details of the principal articles interchanged are given hereunder for each of the five years, 1944-1948.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>British Currency Values—</i>				<i>Australian Currency Values—</i>
	£	£	£	£	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Whisky ..	10,665	51,677	44,155	52,427	82,819
Cigarettes ..	..	..	2,788	65,703	484,569
Apparel ..	93,046	161,174	480,412	1,085,822	2,557,474
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck ..	594,525	353,834	319,630	102,290	239,714
Cotton and Linen ..	1,454,346	2,293,961	2,376,680	2,022,664	2,998,463
Silk and Artificial Silk ..	2,041,276	2,671,770	2,448,639	2,573,250	4,881,937
Woolen ..	52,494	78,319	132,311	230,548	645,101
Velvets ..	4,516	15,020	10,480	54,005	168,080
Other ..	237,606	443,485	177,580	279,583	689,071

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1943-44 TO 1947-48—*continued.*

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	British Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	Australian Currency Values— £A.
<i>Imports—Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports—continued.</i>					
Floor Coverings	58	16,069	180,024	602,808	1,983,629
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	262,817	245,461	214,419	222,369	352,489
Yarns, other	1,061,047	1,493,624	1,572,436	1,467,752	2,586,898
Machines and Machinery	3,066,053	3,750,680	3,508,106	4,005,909	7,609,953
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	173,826	130,816	379,757	864,929	1,456,043
Pipes and Tubes	27,947	19,091	34,937	20,704	33,279
Platedware and Cutlery	120,991	125,965	182,204	407,875	616,223
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	56,319	41,900	841,899	1,784,835	4,325,350
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.i.	4,930,506	2,668,802	1,277,225	781,551	1,504,744
Other Metals and Manufactures	716,626	671,002	975,387	1,318,183	2,604,122
Rubber and Rubber Goods	21,642	35,527	143,730	333,386	520,658
Crockery and Household Ware	121,463	186,194	264,651	362,390	782,232
Glass and Glassware	70,414	115,982	193,575	244,195	422,686
Paper	226,477	284,882	312,936	542,715	685,064
Books	427,259	446,929	415,612	539,193	798,271
Fancy Goods, Toys, &c.	34,118	39,325	89,334	274,540	509,034
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	167,601	274,873	139,727	229,692	324,514
Sodium Salts	151,251	216,190	101,935	101,578	126,091
Dyes	479,310	391,259	334,899	459,561	580,345
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	6,930,500	2,566,131	2,313,895	172,669	422,095
All other Articles	1,515,785	1,475,495	2,446,110	3,885,871	7,670,164
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	25,050,484	21,265,437	21,915,973	25,089,477	48,661,112
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to United Kingdom.</i>					
	£A.	Australian Currency £A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter	2,821,147	3,780,630	4,444,355	6,633,032	8,380,997
Cheese	32,738	32,131	237,321	716,099	1,026,938
Eggs .. .. .	..	..	615,819	952,286	1,464,682
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	2,440,490	1,825,097	588,296	3,323,272	2,632,898
Pork	131,371	420,583	357,593	133,069	46,626
Preserved in tins	103,105	212,583	704,700	1,155,010	988,020
Rabbits and Hares	14,939	138,026	94,949	499,458	1,222,370
Other	206,186	252,188	144,496	497,417	900,854
Milk and Cream	91,708	88,809	88,610	258,549	201,277
Honey	29	32	12,360	269,280	259,504
Fruits—all kinds	1,302,002	1,279,848	947,693	2,238,332	2,940,077
Wheat and Flour .. .. .	..	..	..	1,210,629	4,959,380
Oats .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,387,186
Jams and Jellies	21	81,480	50,898	271,480	239,988
Wine, fermented	177	23,482	19,522	67,614	88,545
Hides and Skins	173,521	331,585	297,455	752,318	1,056,453
Flax	360,406	314,196	271,988	261,897	88,746
Wool	3,442,955	5,879,217	2,916,815	6,757,248	12,499,144
Tallow, unrefined	84,656	116,234	40,455	9,146	12,753
Lead (Pig)	245,097	244,256	68,178	..	245,620
Zinc (Bars, Blocks, &c.)	700,688	544,066	93,735	278,400	56,980
Implements and Machinery—Agri-cultural, &c.	302,360	126,046	55,323	20,850	35,529
Leather, &c.	95,011	167,267	262,616	363,990	375,768
Soap	636	1,092	215	115	391
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	96,832	5,538	1,569	18,584	1,040
Bullion and Specie .. .. .	..	..	26,411,224	6,652	604,969
All other Articles	292,828	420,379	562,660	1,552,718	2,207,635
Total	12,938,908	16,332,170	39,288,646	28,247,445	43,924,370

The value of the principal articles interchanged with Canada during each of the years 1943-44 to 1947-48 is shown in the following table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH CANADA, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>				<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>
	£	£	£	£	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of Canadian origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish, preserved in tins	28,193	7,071	60,404	101,706	87,615
Apparel	8,419	40	1,620	6,061	7,366
Pulp for Papermaking	3,406	190,672	127,732	66,488	112,639
Piece Goods—					
Silk		21,744	24,962	159,334	306,803
Other	13,236	83,496	101,719	184,146	402,290
Asbestos, Crude	25,124	75,626	29,342	41,280	35,150
Machines and Machinery—					
Electrical Machinery and appliances	28,220	9,132	54,697	38,020	111,913
Motor Car Engines (imported separately)	9,882	10,863	933		
Other	38,235	69,102	48,263	81,473	204,488
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	101,519	109,612	16,559	34,881	63,575
Nickel		3,832	532	5,883	5,052
Vehicles—					
Motor Car Bodies and Parts	718			305	
" Chassis and Parts	466,140	330,828	716,398	1,027,426	1,473,616
Other	1,294,977	1,794,812	90,326	79,968	83,135
Other Metals, &c.	233,165	101,630	95,919	81,008	140,877
Timber	71,997	177,637	218,305	569,174	384,125
Paper—					
Newsprint	161,164	547,577	584,383	954,706	1,004,618
Other	33,340	81,368	21,111	176,442	339,290
Drugs and Chemicals	150,614	36,688	37,531	135,766	66,503
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	655,165	109,874	1,514	132	533
All other Articles	139,235	223,593	480,905	393,681	417,413
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	3,462,749	3,985,197	2,713,155	4,737,880	5,247,001
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to Canada.</i>	£A.	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>			£A.
		£A.	£A.	£A.	
Sausage Casings	49,044	32,917	15,200	59,484	58,644
Fruits—					
Dried	386,236	666,465	422,080	466,482	71,278
Preserved in Liquid		178	5		
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	1,006	1	13,693	7,999	8,767
Hides and Skins—					
Rabbit and Hare	95,371	69,130	260,295	114,980	22,884
Other	37,994	34,617	9,766	18,970	930
Wool	667,368	610,909	632,855	909,968	1,241,027
Vegetable Substances and Fibres	3,656	104	1,125	249	2,604
Tallow, unrefined	22,223	2,386	4,017	1,090	30,936
All other Articles	22,456	42,793	157,120	332,724	231,733
Total	1,285,354	1,459,500	1,516,156	1,911,946	1,668,803

Trade between Victoria and France virtually ceased when that country was occupied by Germany in 1940 and did not resume to any extent until the year 1945-46. Particulars of the value of the principal articles interchanged during each of the three years 1945-46 to 1947-48 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH FRANCE, 1945-46 TO 1947-48.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—		
	1946.	1947.	1948.
<i>Imports—Articles of French origin imported into Victorian Ports.</i>	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>
	£	£	£A.
Textiles—			
Piece Goods .. .. .	..	280,579	334,386
Floor Coverings .. .. .	..	24,967	75,334
Apparel—			
Trimmings and Ornaments	93	96,115	344,963
Other	260	4,132	5,558
Metals and Metal Manufactures	83	3,843	46,348
Pulp, Paper, and Board .. .. .	..	19,021	70,332
Drugs and Chemicals	1,955	28,825	56,125
Stationery	1,132	14,939	33,064
Wine and Spirits	8	19,212	57,936
All other Articles	5,470	50,372	182,673
Total	9,001	542,005	1,206,719
<i>Exports—From Victorian Ports to France.</i>	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£A.	£A.	£A.
Wheat .. .. .	..	..	308,982
Maize .. .. .	..	..	107,335
Flour (wheaten) .. .. .	..	..	154,800
Hides and Skins	630,685	1,230,490	1,989,931
Wool	1,945,969	2,916,201	4,658,803
Rocks, Minerals, &c. .. .. .	..	63,344	51,915
Non-Ferrous Alloys .. .. .	..	133,711	..
Eucalyptus Oil	770	11,185	25,441
All other Articles	23,889	11,109	7,146
Total	2,601,313	4,366,040	7,304,353

Since the cessation of hostilities in 1945, Victoria's trade with Italy has increased considerably when compared with the pre-war period. The value of the principal articles interchanged during each of the years 1945-46 to 1947-48 is shown in the following table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH ITALY 1945-46 TO 1947-48.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—			
	1946.	1947.	1948.	
<i>Imports—Articles of Italian origin imported into Victorian Ports.</i>	<i>British Currency Values.</i>			
	£	£	£A.	
	Yarns	83	274,121	
	Textiles—			
	Piece Goods	330	702,473	380,046
	Other .. .. .	..	31,499	89,236
	Apparel .. .. .	..	18,462	58,150
	Nuts .. .. .	..	..	24,797
	Motor Vehicles—Bodies, Chassis, &c. ..	300	156	15,337
	Machines and Machinery	2	1,385	19,422
	Jewellery and Timepieces .. .. .	..	238	12,231
Musical Instruments .. .. .	..	2,979	12,470	
All other Articles	2,207	64,580	99,201	
Total	2,839	821,855	985,011	
<i>Exports—From Victorian Ports to Italy.</i>	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>			
	£A.	£A.	£A.	
	Meats	11,144	4,979	69,662
	Barley (Pearl and Scotch) .. .. .	..	..	407,889
	Flour .. .. .	..	..	139,814
	Cereals .. .. .	..	..	528,480
	Hides and Skins .. .. .	..	49,847	37,277
	Wool	87,838	2,237,479	1,991,442
	Nickel .. .. .	..	119,173	..
	All other Articles	35,553	169,511	110,819
	Total	134,535	2,580,989	3,285,383

As Belgium was occupied by Germany in 1940, trade between that country and Victoria was suspended during the years 1940-41 to 1944-45. Trade relations were resumed in 1945-46 and the value of the principal articles interchanged up to the year 1947-48 is shown in the following table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH BELGIUM, 1945-46 TO 1947-48.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—		
	1946.	1947.	1948.
<i>Imports—Articles of Belgium origin imported into Victorian Ports</i>	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>
	£	£	£A.
Textiles—			
Piece Goods	1,123	301,982	899,895
Other .. .. .	..	57,375	269,630
Glass and Glassware .. .. .	..	67,506	259,158
Pulp, Paper, and Board .. .. .	..	2,150	37,094
Stationery, &c. .. .. .	..	2,989	3,128
Jewellery and Timepieces	43,213	34,961	45,465
All other Articles	953	34,820	207,240
Total	45,289	501,783	1,721,610
<i>Exports—From Victorian Ports to Belgium</i>	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£A.	£A.	£A.
Milk and Cream .. .. .	..	4,388	57,395
Barley .. .. .	..	126,883	..
Hides and Skins	224,247	373,310	214,174
Wool	1,019,813	2,572,330	2,214,094
Oatmeal, Wheatmeal, and Rolled Oats .. .. .	..	..	115,748
Meats	670	11,565	62,804
Metals, &c.—			
Lead	1,256	22,212	41,055
Other .. .. .	..	853	35,348
All other Articles	28,233	129,504	81,796
Total	1,274,219	3,241,045	2,822,414

Trade with
India and
Ceylon.

The values of the principal articles imported into and exported from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon, for each of the years 1943-44 to 1947-48, are shown in the following table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
INDIA AND CEYLON, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>				<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>
	£	£	£	£	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of Indian and Cingalese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Cocoa Beans	19,696	31,069	3,186	6,748	10,346
Coffee	7,202				
Nuts	8,943	8,358	67,562	163,441	342,607
Spices	32,206	47,598	64,608	39,872	10,913
Tea	1,249,121	1,324,129	1,566,004	2,017,424	3,879,471
Hides and Skins	17,869	14,063	31,062	89,243	62,451
Fibres	322,746	375,426	316,335	644,475	1,122,333
Gums and Resins	36,059	6,283	25,251	46,805	54,523
Seeds—					
Linseed	112,149	188,505	174,600	111,265	152,972
Other	145,912	142,310	163,378	169,819	1,425
Apparel	237,645	349,715	35,211	21,088	11,756
Textiles—					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	376,495	58,950	22,942	34,969	78,670
Cotton and Linen	3,206,196	1,633,672	641,596	761,813	621,277
Hessians	865,693	310,968	344,636	337,719	416,395
Other	167,990	143,819	10,994	3,615	10,406
Floor Coverings	1,489	15,107	33,484	385,053	73,060
Other Textiles	842,142	24,064	127,807	49,362	97,930
Bags and Sacks	495,485	883,131	531,554	1,518,154	3,389,582
Cordage and Twine	296,762	54	90		
Yarns	303,360	534,700	112,604	76,569	26,692
Oil—					
Linseed				9,641	318,936
Castor				13,826	239,810
Waxes	23,219	50,385	60,218	94,616	171,777
Rubber, &c.	1,067,163	791,476	1,106,595	514,531	97,285
All other Articles	598,898	167,381	139,097	150,348	193,048
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	10,434,440	7,101,163	5,578,814	7,260,396	11,383,665
	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter	117,522	367,629	456,040	112,996	177,564
Cheese	502,405	735,473	256,338	127,285	45,344
Meats	484,646	1,320,262	670,190	152,348	135,498
Milk and Cream	629,047	867,165	843,847	753,569	693,581
Biscuits	28,331	13,106	273,616	13,309	2,252
Hay and Chaff	22	536	108	3,101	1,810
Fruits (all kinds)	115,749	59,474	203,673	80,987	39,649
Wheat	275,276			7,518	7,156,883
Flour	1,187,746	932,045	1,769,894	2,184,350	2,034,087
Other Grain and Pulse	121,643	311,817	114,861	312,107	293,795
Spirituos and Alcoholic Liquors—					
Ale and Beer	138,520	128,984	3,528	137	932
Other	83,809	49,195	81,325	19,189	3,318

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND CEYLON, 1943-44 TO 1947-48—continued.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon—continued.</i>					
Jams and Jellies	270,716	190,179	500,093	74,214	42,714
Vegetables	54,271	119,167	1,168,500	98,699	127,412
Horses .. .. .	.. .. .	100	9,145	50,324	13,189
Wool	1,421,484	1,263,406	1,287,883	607,683	869,112
Apparel—					
Underwear	1,882	12	7,609	10,812	4,460
Other	6,060	4,992	54,799	115,355	18,051
Yarns, Wool	250,688	8,533	13,811	14,783	37,158
Tallow, unrefined	37,570	21,767	23,957	83,815	148,406
Zinc (bars, blocks, &c.)	43,837	447,090	865,333	1,151,623	114,506
Soap	16,904	9,535	7,564	3,591	25
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	132,641	.. .. .	288	8,304	.. .. .
All other Articles	423,437	517,895	1,043,272	1,330,735	819,292
Total	6,344,206	7,368,362	9,655,674	7,316,834	13,679,038

Trade with New Zealand. The values of the principal articles interchanged with New Zealand for each of the years 1943-44 to 1947-48 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NEW ZEALAND, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>				<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>
	£	£	£	£	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of New Zealand origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish	83,776	80,568	113,207	144,077	149,068
Milk and Cream	3,951	3,011	3,217	.. .. .	.. .. .
Meats	36,416	27,123	18,380	36,680	16,974
Grain and Pulse	36,440	16,762	31,412	46,540	47,193
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	18,414	23,969	47,606	64,342	62,675
Hides and Skins	89,140	104,027	303,249	421,465	111,667
Wool	35,369	40,215	4,791	272,618	443,630
Crockery and Householdware .. .. .	.. .. .	541	1,078	7,667	24,729
Seeds	54,596	97,896	231,204	181,302	96,101
Timber	6,838	31,433	73,423	40,870	76,100
Gold and Silver	376,773	257,951	88,766	114,933	66,946
All other Articles	80,819	176,289	201,987	216,649	255,712
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	822,532	859,785	1,118,320	1,547,143	1,350,795

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NEW ZEALAND,
1943-44 TO 1947-48—continued.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to New Zealand.</i>					
Fruits, all kinds	355,090	335,582	297,982	254,487	445,280
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat	398,638	..	..	304,177	13,306
Flour .. .. .	..	2,967	5,233	4,264	..
Rice and Rice Meal	23,304	4,701	552	36,225	22,975
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	46,297	29,518	45,161	87,895	130,879
Apparel	27,256	23,927	75,208	102,695	106,102
Textiles	44,506	156,787	184,276	268,634	609,364
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres ..	138,101	183,144	186,815	398,074	436,010
Oils	21,843	14,038	8,410	12,048	14,724
Machines and Machinery	89,475	118,516	179,438	330,197	524,564
Metal Manufactures	129,114	146,858	165,487	325,516	528,873
Rubber Manufactures	130,425	111,239	170,827	314,096	148,611
Leather, &c.	91,110	41,094	50,990	107,160	57,343
Books	23,251	31,358	44,986	123,445	101,032
Photographic goods and materials	29,282	55,724	28,065	101,112	182,534
Drugs and Chemicals	103,050	90,813	43,225	154,149	232,426
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	137,640	85,579	108,464	85,117	80,814
All other Articles	407,512	343,173	578,302	869,677	830,339
Australian produce	2,148,557	1,739,918	2,051,507	3,785,488	4,326,335
Other produce	47,337	35,100	121,914	93,480	138,841
Total	2,195,894	1,775,018	2,173,421	3,878,968	4,465,176

The values of the principal articles imported into and exported from Victorian ports to the United States of America for each of the years 1943-44 to 1947-48 are shown in the following table:—

Trade with
United States
of America.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	British Currency Values.				Australian Currency Values.
	£	£	£	£	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of United States origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish, preserved in tins	60,741	4,092	..	..	5
Sausage Casings	5,388	80,662	23,718	66,370	87,996
Tobacco, &c.	1,205,517	1,080,861	1,459,472	1,090,863	2,009,673
Cotton, raw	119,167	138,628	125,231	92,936	180,278
Gums, Resins and Balsams	113,237	321,302	72,508	167,467	106,261
Plastic Materials	*	*	561,268	258,064	522,233
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	1,751,690	4,746,322	731,013	1,366,386	5,991,295
Other	16,845	166,796	412,932	35,986	90,110
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns	145,097	54,849	86,319	45,537	1,131,094
Oils	2,275,865	744,773	1,282,582	1,248,204	2,528,701
Pigments, Paints and Varnishes	49,064	54,971	147,308	146,437	186,716
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Pitch	30,694	57,285	65,449	14,990	13,930
Electrical Machines and Appliances	1,152,277	1,788,341	595,053	296,438	501,791
Metal Working Machinery	1,991,586	607,832	128,214	228,522	925,068
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts	1,675,254	564,096	101,355	165,664	388,081
Other	1,410,555	2,207,876	932,212	1,151,546	1,426,179
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	316,103	288,933	138,489	78,469	467,937
Other Machines and Machinery	1,210,544	826,690	631,967	904,572	1,318,834
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	2,717,839	2,401,533	1,719,075	1,638,368	2,109,640
Tools of Trade	486,335	673,225	265,631	52,432	133,634
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c.	762,729	366,828	1,458,405	1,169,011	1,463,657
Aircraft	6,817,930	2,966,422	1,925,351	1,163,273	778,244
Other	12,473,956	3,107,952	27,673	220,632	243,156
Other Metals, &c.	1,285,058	247,950	189,187	153,263	398,406
Rubber, &c.	6,953	24,562	62,565	199,591	259,532
Timber	17,345	126,193	94,925	83,764	524,684
Glass and Glassware	2,321	26,501	28,657	48,291	97,468
Pulp for Papermaking	339,229	244,462	120,050	26,903	373,473
Paper and Board	641,107	498,661	400,087	460,176	737,448
Stationery, &c.	90,726	104,511	146,698	199,801	194,934
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods	47,594	45,738	16,893	17,384	14,384
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	216,647	259,534	366,947	286,480	251,925
Sulphur (Brimstone)	48,648	85,000	147,599	318,193	275,611
Drugs and Chemicals	512,186	363,708	360,477	389,343	619,425
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	2,222,831	570,620	790,105	17,204	9,735
Celluloid, Sheet, Strips, &c.	108,491	66,380	†	†	†
Fire Brigade and Life Saving Appliances	2,319,300	91,696	914	3,502	1,167
Vessels (Ships)	555,344	1,296	58	121	..
Gold, Silver, and Bronze Specie	649,448	..	..	..	13
All other Articles	474,598	494,443	356,482	421,501	679,372
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	46,326,239	26,501,524	15,972,830	14,227,684	27,042,000

* Included in Gums, Resins and Balsams.

† Included in Plastic Materials.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.—*continued.*

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to the United States.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Sausage Casings	117,561	159,099	101,064	119,538	102,335
Hides and Skins	2,694,378	2,445,093	3,201,534	3,028,945	1,758,192
Wool	5,811,086	6,071,698	5,079,181	8,710,721	8,041,527
Seeds—Agricultural and Vegetable	43,500	31,857	49,367	83,594	94,676
Vegetable Fibres—Rag, Clippings, &c.	27,641	35,224	78,767	38,818	39,225
Tallow, unrefined	130,906	44,729	..	..	..
Machines and Machinery	3,117	3,769	5,196	3,642	28,258
Lead (Pig) .. ..	..	..	5,552	..	..
Zinc (Spelter)—Bars, Blocks, &c.	..	90,635	90,927	..	..
Leather, &c.	6,517	802	9,830	19,768	2,958
Eucalyptus Oil	57,010	62,421	64,701	109,859	57,559
All other Articles	49,192	245,619*	685,105†	670,129	525,560
Total	8,940,908	9,190,946	9,371,224	12,785,014	10,650,290

* Including re-exports of Hessians £170,100.

† Including Fresh Fruits £105,060 and re-exports of Hessians £402,828.

**Principal
Exports—
Quantities
and Values.**

Particulars relating to quantities and values of the principal commodities exported from Victorian ports are given in the following table:—

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COM-
MODITIES EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS
DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1944-45 TO 1947-48.
(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

Commodity.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
Wool—				
Greasy { lb.	134,674,426	122,598,522	193,595,564	172,361,720
.. .. { £	10,504,923	9,718,556	20,799,838	29,605,003
Scoured and Washed .. { lb.	18,376,296	17,577,493	44,391,722	40,605,587
.. .. { £	2,149,109	2,421,215	6,658,839	7,247,658
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. { lb.	9,878,048	8,557,169	9,845,839	8,939,815
.. .. { £	1,959,552	2,110,684	2,157,926	2,132,359
Butter { lb.	50,340,413	57,714,740	82,594,500	82,259,802
.. .. { £	4,381,131	5,116,989	7,766,346	9,212,338
Wheat { cents	22,943	144	410,976	7,935,448
.. .. { £	10,349	122	312,072	11,626,097
Flour (wheaten) { cents	2,973,159	2,556,857	4,429,523	5,913,322
.. .. { £	1,689,926	2,897,017	7,025,624	11,653,993

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1944-45 TO
1947-48—continued.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.		1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
Fruits—					
Dried	{ lb.	106,270,439	63,089,291	70,682,940	63,918,567
	{ £	2,025,967	1,393,976	1,682,138	1,554,839
Fresh	{ lb.	7,270,800	17,666,700	19,131,200	32,171,900
	{ £	143,913	297,547	477,743	657,620
Preserved in Liquid	{ lb.	9,921,572	23,545,821	45,197,285	60,326,484
	{ £	183,678	518,786	1,368,813	1,843,754
Meats—					
Beef (frozen) ..	{ lb.	8,457,401	1,212,459	17,909,891	4,121,732
	{ £	237,049	37,622	445,946	137,160
Lamb (frozen) ..	{ lb.	62,345,457	18,560,104	79,827,160	66,926,694
	{ £	1,857,590	568,285	2,576,358	2,558,208
Mutton (frozen)	{ lb.	19,470,482	8,884,125	29,936,686	10,815,783
	{ £	387,708	190,576	486,341	213,859
Pork (frozen) ..	{ lb.	13,346,400	10,479,042	4,013,637	1,160,739
	{ £	509,909	409,856	169,480	73,765
Poultry (frozen) ..	{ £	..	7,619	221,147	595,112
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	{ pairs	1,379,537	1,035,311	4,528,137	9,422,193
	{ £	160,675	109,044	528,825	1,353,936
Preserved in tins	{ lb.	22,291,310	28,092,602	34,444,231	26,543,062
	{ £	1,132,070	1,461,462	2,061,345	1,525,841
Sausage Casings	{ cwt.	13,818	7,196	10,437	9,115
	{ £	300,651	174,749	271,727	329,684
All other	{ £	520,919	392,849	578,379	379,846
Milk and Cream ..	{ £	1,051,847	1,569,404	2,733,230	2,961,437
Hides and Skins—					
Sheep	{ lb.	24,196,964	46,712,108	56,448,590	32,710,628
	{ £	1,002,186	1,923,515	3,550,140	3,314,618
Calf, Cattle, Horse	{ No.	27,083	63,389	25,883	31,321
	{ £	95,681	81,021	67,295	103,680
Rabbit and Hare	{ lb.	5,750,112	6,203,553	4,947,452	5,520,569
	{ £	1,750,681	2,616,670	2,020,950	1,786,345
Other Skins	{ £	173,898	95,070	103,204	24,375
Tallow (unrefined)	{ cwt.	115,722	36,555	16,895	30,324
	{ £	193,001	71,091	94,682	195,140
Eggs in shell	{ dozen	55,920	1,880,850	3,479,898	4,195,405
	{ £	3,749	126,923	230,238	461,553
Eggs not in shell	{ £	60,636	531,365	895,374	1,103,221
Cheese	{ lb.	16,573,648	11,923,578	30,311,114	25,575,894
	{ £	1,086,603	642,800	1,430,698	1,697,685

Ships' Stores. Prior to 1906 goods shipped at Victorian ports on board oversea vessels as ships' stores were included in particulars of exports. From 1906 the information has been excluded from the export figures. The nature and value of these stores shipped during each of the years 1943-44 to 1947-48 is given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—VALUE OF STORES SHIPPED ON OVERSEA
VESSELS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A	£A	£A	£A	£A
Ale, Beer, and Porter	15,756	22,364	24,371	19,442	20,271
Butter	13,093	14,032	16,270	13,859	23,159
Cheese	2,600	3,004	4,293	3,762	4,401
Coal (Bunker)	19,712	28,739	7,063	13,178	10,717
Coffee, Cocoa, and Chocolate	4,246	7,549	6,940	5,631	5,695
Cordage and Twines	5,819	6,302	6,201	3,276	2,739
Eggs	6,962	12,471	7,894	9,131	17,194
Fish	15,033	15,120	22,106	25,295	47,236
Fruits (all kinds)	10,489	14,878	16,986	16,155	19,778
Fruit and Vegetables (in liquid)	5,569	6,229	6,866	4,896	3,549
Vegetables	8,448	10,079	14,962	15,212	20,757
Flour (wheaten)	14,694	8,480	12,629	17,939	14,916
Rice	8,191	4,006	4,245	5,150	15,869
Jams and Jellies	3,099	3,969	3,888	2,158	2,064
Meats	73,048	101,507	110,845	113,687	143,501
Milk and Cream (preserved)	11,555	11,380	13,949	12,583	14,030
Oils for use as fuel in vessels	1,237,045	1,905,505	567,011	372,934	452,992
Oils for use as fuel in aircraft	187	..	..	6,723	8,694
Oils, other	53,519	48,019	29,056	38,331	29,547
Paints and Colours	24,601	35,114	25,962	18,691	11,611
Potatoes	5,739	9,998	11,510	10,505	10,061
Spirits	7,186	8,564	6,523	4,525	6,044
Sugar	5,132	5,217	5,712	5,239	7,457
Tea	1,617	4,087	7,783	6,356	9,183
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	12,708	14,332	19,886	20,260	12,363
All other Articles	154,939	154,729	118,418	111,308	182,302
Australian Produce	472,743	554,933	470,763	533,854	787,957
Other Produce	1,248,244	1,901,341	599,006	342,372	313,473
Total	1,720,987	2,456,274	1,069,769	876,226	1,101,430

**Customs
and Excise
Revenue.**

The oversea trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports, during the year 1947-48, are shown in the following statement:—

**OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT
VICTORIAN PORTS, 1947-48.**

(*Australian Currency Values.*)

	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Essen- don Airport.	Parcel Post.	Total.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Overseas Trade—						
Imports	117,433,681	2,812,592	208,207	14,649	130,875	120,600,004
Exports	101,771,581	12,885,193	1,250,436	6,965	49,364	115,963,539
Total	219,205,262	15,697,785	1,458,643	21,614	180,239	236,563,543
Gross Revenue—						
Customs Duties	19,221,892	551,072	197,083	1,087	7,962	19,979,096
Excise Duties	18,412,646	66,717	..	..	..	18,479,363
Primage	2,392,601	44,820	15,784	..	..	2,453,205
Other Sources	63,562	314	..	..	..	63,876
Total	40,090,701	662,923	212,867	1,087	7,962	40,975,540*

* After deducting £950,149 for Refunds and Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £40,025,391.

Interstate Trade. On the 13th September, 1910, the Commonwealth Government abandoned the collecting and recording of information relating to Interstate imports and exports, but, at the Statisticians' Conference held in 1926 at Perth, it was resolved that action should be taken by the Statistician of each State (with the exception of Western Australia and Tasmania where schemes for collecting interstate trade statistics were in force) with a view to obtaining a record of the principal items of interstate trade. It has not been possible to obtain complete information regarding the interstate trade of Victoria. However, returns relating to the interchange of certain goods between Victoria and the other States were received from the Harbor Trusts, the Ports and Harbors Branch of the Public Works Department, and the Railways Department (until February, 1942), but staff difficulties have necessitated discontinuance of their publication.

SHIPPING.

Vessels entered and cleared. Victorian shipping, as dealt with in the succeeding tables, refers to vessels trading with other States and oversea countries; the tonnage quoted is net. Public vessels which were exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, equipment and war supplies and vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray are not included. Coastal shipping is included in the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 444).

The number of vessels entered and cleared, and their total tonnage in each of the five years 1944-1948, were as follows:—

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING,
1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	1,494	1,412	1,442	1,679	1,846
Tons	3,000,917	2,998,775	3,485,783	4,844,421	5,679,722
Average tonnage ..	2,009	2,124	2,417	2,885	3,076
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	1,499	1,444	1,434	1,659	1,825
Tons	2,986,356	3,096,963	3,482,275	4,804,031	5,608,437
Average tonnage ..	1,992	2,145	2,428	2,896	3,073

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1948, steamers (including oil-burning vessels) numbered 1,722 of the vessels entered and 1,705 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 5,665,070 and 5,594,509 respectively. The inward shipping included 90 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 338,088, while the outward shipping included 316 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 1,046,819.

Shipping with principal countries.

The principal countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1947-48 are set out in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1947-48.

Countries.	Vessels Entered.				Vessels Cleared.			
	Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
Other Australian States ..	1,104	2,676,353	120	14,010	1,162	3,070,839	115	13,120
United Kingdom ..	98	662,436	..	..	136	780,146	..	..
New Zealand ..	29	89,167	4	642	42	185,085	5	808
India ..	52	224,237	..	..	53	222,778	..	..
Straits Settlements..	23	88,814	..	..	32	115,419	..	..
Other British ..	131	573,381	..	..	91	365,309	..	..
Total British Countries..	1,437	4,314,388	124	14,652	1,516	4,739,576	120	13,928
Japan ..	2	7,769	..	..	2	9,919	..	..
Dutch East Indies ..	20	102,726	..	..	18	78,197	..	..
United States of America ..	105	492,335	..	..	42	198,059	..	..
Other Foreign ..	158	747,852	..	..	127	568,758	..	..
Total Foreign Countries	285	1,350,682	..	..	189	854,933	..	..
Grand Total ..	1,722	5,665,070	124	14,652	1,705	5,594,509	120	13,928

* Includes oil-burning vessels.

Nationality
of vessels.

The nationality of vessels which entered or were cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1947-48 was as follows:—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1947-48.

Nationality.	Vessels Entered.		Vessels Cleared.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
British—				
Australian	858	1,077,608	862	1,075,806
United Kingdom	676	3,413,845	659	3,362,801
Canadian	8	34,538	8	34,541
Hong Kong	17	59,651	16	56,642
New Zealand	50	56,358	49	55,992
South African	3	11,092	3	11,089
Other British	11	39,574	10	43,671
Total British	1,623	4,692,666	1,607	4,640,542
Foreign—				
Danish	6	26,026	6	26,026
French	1	4,380	1	4,380
Dutch	27	134,654	25	124,718
Norwegian	54	210,310	52	201,338
Swedish	42	141,424	42	141,570
United States of America	67	343,234	68	350,583
Other Foreign	26	127,028	24	119,280
Total Foreign	223	987,056	218	967,895
Grand Total	1,846	5,679,722	1,825	5,608,437

Shipping
entered at
Victorian
Ports.

Particulars of shipping—oversea, interstate, and intra-state—which entered each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1948.

VICTORIA—VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT, 1947-48

Route.	Melbourne.		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnam- bool.	
	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.
Oversea—								
Steam*	216	994,834	18	64,169	..	..	..	..
Sailing	4	642	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate—† lb								
Steam*	1,392	4,264,509	86	291,910	10	49,648	..	..
Sailing	120	14,010	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oversea, <i>via</i> Ports— Steam* and Sailing ..	16	69,563	16	73,364	7	40,797	..	..
Interstate <i>via</i> Ports— Steam* and Sailing ..	18	74,233	..	..	..	..	..	..
Local (within the State)— Steam* and Sailing ..	54	193,612	64	175,345	..	..	..	..
Total— Steam* and Sailing ..	1,820	5,611,403	184	604,788	17	90,445	..	..

NOTE.—“Ports” means Victorian ports.

* Includes oil-burning vessels.

† Including “Oversea *via* States”.

Cargo discharged and shipped. Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1948, are shown in the following tables. The former shows the tonnage of interstate and oversea cargo handled at each port in the State, and the latter the tonnage of oversea cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels in which the cargo was carried.

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT DURING THE YEAR 1947-48.

Port.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).		Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).	
	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.
Melbourne ..	2,035,582	163,524	1,431,112	589,421	498,439	208,114	538,585	416,154
Geelong ..	158,444	8,724	197,741	6,008	56,179	2,082	418,142	2,724
Portland ..	..	..	22,168	..	..	..	8,136	1,324
Warrnambool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,194,026	172,248	1,651,021	595,429	554,618	210,196	964,813	420,202

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED
AND SHIPPED DURING THE YEAR 1947-48 ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.

Nationality of Vessels.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
Australian	4,444	3,254	26,846	14,619
United Kingdom	1,116,782	378,008	744,754	308,879
Canadian	2,285	9,357	8,750	1,705
Hong Kong	4,636	1,169	1,533	1,867
New Zealand	279	33,014	3,543	34,097
South African .. .. .	..	1,653	1,956	1,101
Other British	3,139	16,352	14,124	4,380
Total (British)	1,131,565	442,807	801,506	366,648
Danish	8,760	3,729	5,337	1,952
French .. .. .	..	..	1,268	..
Dutch	75,616	25,216	23,037	1,189
Norwegian	85,320	40,360	38,288	20,395
Swedish	78,218	5,771	16,962	6,673
United States of America	149,838	63,773	62,038	22,989
Other Foreign	121,704	13,773	16,277	356
Total (Foreign)	519,456	152,622	163,307	53,554
Grand Total	1,651,021	595,429	964,813	420,202

PRINCIPAL PORTS OF VICTORIA.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of the **Port of Melbourne.** Melbourne Harbor Trust, which had 11·69 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the Yarra River, Victoria Dock, Maribyrnong River, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1948. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 58 acres, and there are 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Local Government".

Trade of the Port of Melbourne. During the year 1948, vessels to the number of 2,102 (1,432 steamers, 557 motor vessels, and 113 sailing vessels) with registered gross tonnage aggregating 10,660,482 berthed within the Port. Total imports in 1948 amounted to 4,453,917 tons, of which 2,145,137 tons were interstate and coastal cargo. Exports totalled 1,806,409 tons, including interstate and coastal tonnage, amounting to 665,335. Coal formed a great part of the interstate imports and, excluding 1,678 tons transhipped to vessels, 5,353 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong, or other ports, or used for bunkers, and 2,595 tons shortlanded, the quantity imported during 1948 amounted to 1,098,689 tons.

**Port of
Geelong.**

The Port of Geelong is controlled by the Geelong Harbor Trust. The number of berthings of vessels visiting the port during 1948 was 301 and represented 962,305 gross tonnage. Imports and exports for that period aggregated 402,334 and 450,617 tons respectively.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, AND WIRELESS.

The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (63 and 64 Vict., Chapter 12) provided, in section 51, power to make laws with respect to *inter alia*, "postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services".

These services are under the control of the Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Information given in the following tables refers only to the Victorian activities of the Department.

**Post Offices,
Mails, &c.** The number of post offices and the number of mails despatched and received in each of the five years 1943-44 to 1947-48 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND MAILS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
		Despatched.	Received.
1944	2,528	2,090,731	1,837,481
1945	2,510	2,201,985	1,944,136
1946	2,484	2,321,749	2,106,878
1947	2,470	2,347,028	2,137,329
1948	2,470	2,303,369	2,097,735

* Excluding "Telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1943-44, 240; 1944-45, 238; 1945-46, 229; 1946-47, 231; and 1947-48, 226.

Postal
Returns—
Victoria.

Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1946-47 and 1947-48 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS DEALT WITH, 1946-47 AND 1947-48.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June, 1947.			Year ended 30th June, 1948.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Within the Commonwealth ..	261,540,200	43,043,300	304,583,500	278,719,800	46,199,400	324,919,200
Beyond the Commonwealth—						
Despatched	8,808,600	2,783,600	11,592,200	11,097,300	2,788,900	13,886,200
Received ..	10,589,200	4,745,000	15,334,200	12,267,500	6,177,700	18,445,200
Total ..	280,938,000	50,571,900	331,509,900	302,084,600	55,166,000	357,250,600

The number of registered articles posted and received and particulars concerning parcels post are shown below.

VICTORIA—REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Year ended 30th June—	Registered Articles (other than Parcels).				Parcels Post.*			
	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.
	Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.			Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1944 ..	4,481,300	26,500	4,507,800	50,600	4,866,100	156,600	5,022,700	
1945 ..	4,606,000	30,800	4,636,800	50,900	4,751,600	247,100	4,998,700	
1946 ..	4,745,700	52,000	4,797,700	100,500	4,256,500	900,300	5,156,800	
1947 ..	4,792,400	92,000	4,884,400	123,400	4,280,200	1,204,300	5,484,500	
1948 ..	4,932,400	103,200	5,035,600	137,400	4,560,700	1,407,900	5,968,600	

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

During 1947-48 there were 213,629 letters, &c., and 79,889 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 24,595 letters, &c., and 66,168 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 19,184 letters, &c., and 2,043 packets, &c., were returned, as unclaimed, to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £59,941 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable.

The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in each of the five years 1943-44 to 1947-48:—

VICTORIA—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	
Number of Money Order Offices open	856	860	862	862	860	
Money Orders Issued—						
Intra-state .. {	Number ..	562,280	573,019	571,575	626,868	694,424
.. {	Amount £	5,626,657	4,933,879	4,962,914	5,340,591	5,877,456
Interstate .. {	Number ..	152,687	161,972	141,062	149,950	114,606
.. {	Amount £	817,470	932,721	859,051	832,129	823,888
Beyond the Com- {	Number ..	16,046	16,703	17,214	16,772	20,730
monwealth .. {	Amount £	36,079	38,786	39,912	45,447	65,374
Total .. {	Number ..	731,013	751,694	729,851	793,590	829,760
.. {	Amount £	6,480,206	5,905,386	5,861,877	6,218,167	6,766,718
Money Orders Paid—						
Intra-state .. {	Number ..	562,423	571,124	572,007	626,781	693,308
.. {	Amount £	5,626,674	4,935,898	5,062,914	5,351,082	5,877,442
Interstate .. {	Number ..	223,428	219,964	215,336	208,818	219,814
.. {	Amount £	1,325,260	1,331,837	1,233,043	1,300,576	1,364,922
Beyond the Com- {	Number ..	13,209	14,517	20,321	30,687	40,636
monwealth .. {	Amount £	53,990	71,265	103,628	132,491	162,225
Total .. {	Number ..	799,060	805,605	807,664	866,286	953,758
.. {	Amount £	7,005,924	6,339,000	6,449,585	6,784,149	7,404,589
Postal Notes—						
Issued .. {	Number ..	6,381,376	6,908,015	7,396,752	8,787,712	9,939,752
.. {	Amount £	2,344,864	2,502,405	2,644,900	3,090,034	3,526,456
Paid—Issued with- {	Number ..	3,596,401	3,725,409	3,876,187	4,319,501	4,723,365
in the State .. {	Amount £	1,467,350	1,507,500	1,552,195	1,742,278	1,949,009
Paid—Issued in {	Number ..	1,055,637	1,066,324	942,583	798,458	848,232
other States .. {	Amount £	690,560	623,237	512,732	350,126	376,755

Of the money orders issued in 1947-48, 809,030 for £6,701,344 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, 3,990 for £9,839 in New Zealand, 11,314 for £35,585 in the United Kingdom, and 5,426 for £19,950 in other countries. The orders paid included 913,122 for £7,242,364 issued in the Commonwealth, 7,651 for £14,813 in New Zealand, 28,686 for £128,565 in the United Kingdom, and 4,299 for £18,847 in other countries.

Telegraphs and Telegrams. The following table gives particulars relating to the telegraph business during each of the five years 1943-44 to 1947-48:—

VICTORIA—TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)	2,468	2,424	2,404	2,402	2,429
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Paid and Collect Telegrams Despatched—					
Ordinary, Urgent, and Press Lettergrams	7,329,335	7,835,768	8,110,736	7,498,130	7,662,566
Lettergrams	19,139	22,531	25,803	25,492	21,887
Radiograms	1,046	1,345	3,559	5,113	2,356
Unpaid Telegrams Transmitted—					
Service and Meteorological	499,566	470,232	444,400	455,385	449,406
Total	7,849,086	8,329,876	8,584,498	7,984,120	8,136,215
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched	307,491	302,774	284,646	309,702	330,937
Received	276,147	262,265	296,487	292,741	368,912
Total Number of Telegrams dealt with	8,432,724	8,894,915	9,165,631	8,586,563	8,836,064
	£	£	£	£	£
Revenue—					
Telegrams within the Commonwealth	469,705	491,313	554,864	518,452	530,390
Telegrams beyond the Commonwealth	71,112	64,510	72,002	69,019	68,749
Total Revenue received in State	540,817	555,823	626,866	587,471	599,139

Telephones. Information relating to the telephone service is given below for the years 1943-44 to 1947-48.

VICTORIA—TELEPHONES, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,671	1,674	1,668	1,672	1,679
Public Telephones ..	3,056	3,059	3,066	3,058	3,143
Lines connected ..	175,526	181,685	190,507	202,769	214,997
Instruments connected ..	254,861	264,013	272,147	287,303	305,287
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	128.1	131.1	134.0	139.8	146.0
Effective Paid Local Calls—					
(a) Subscribers ..	180,057,726	187,850,951	198,063,052	215,540,233	231,015,791
(b) Public Telephones ..	18,592,378	19,931,558	21,066,906	20,697,363	21,397,350
Trunk Line Calls ..	14,877,335	15,909,051	16,208,011	16,791,804	17,558,059

Wireless Licences in force. Details of Broadcast Services and Amateur Stations licensed in Victoria at the end of each of the years 1943-44 to 1947-48 are shown hereunder. Consequent on the passing of the Australian Broadcasting Act in July, 1942, broadcast listeners' licences for 1942-43 and subsequent years were issued in two categories, viz. :—(a) licences for one receiver, (b) licences for receivers in excess of one. The number of licences (for one receiver) in force in Victoria, at 30th June, 1948, represented 28 per cent. of the total for Australia (1,703,970).

VICTORIA—WIRELESS LICENCES IN FORCE, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Class of Licence.	At 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Broadcasting*	19	19	19	19	19
Broadcast Listeners—					
One receiver	391,542	394,315	396,700	475,215	469,437
More than one receiver ..	17,783	18,002	19,085	24,729	35,669
Amateur	†	†	†	658	796

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

† Operation of Amateur Stations suspended.

Prior to 1946-47 Statistics of authorized stations were compiled on the basis of wireless licences issued. Subsequently certain Stations were authorized without being licensed and it therefore became necessary to publish Statistics on the basis of stations authorized.

At 30th June 1948 the particulars of authorized radio-communication stations were as follows :—

(1) Transmitting and Receiving. (a) Aeronautical 4; (b) Coast 1; (c) Land 122; (d) Mobile (General) 351; and (e) Miscellaneous 11.

(2) Receiving Only (c) Land 202; (d) Mobile (General) 132.

Post Office
revenue and
expenditure.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria for the years 1943-44 to 1947-48 are contained in the following table:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Revenue.</i>					
Postage	2,704,970	2,851,507	3,062,904	3,404,602	3,613,426
Money Order Commission	79,496	85,320	89,284	101,583	114,611
Poundage on Postal Notes	16,404	17,235	18,867	19,954	18,404
Private Boxes and Bags	261,483	242,589	254,139	232,850	254,481
Miscellaneous					
Total Postal	3,062,353	3,196,651	3,425,194	3,758,989	4,000,922
Telegraphs	948,931	1,021,560	901,390	864,880	832,865
Radio	189,125	192,690	199,790	235,565	234,724
Telephones	3,433,529	3,619,451	3,703,004	3,870,487	4,165,860
Grand Total	7,633,938	8,030,352	8,229,378	8,729,921	9,234,371
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries and Payments in the					
Nature of Salary	2,511,527	2,578,439	2,745,087	3,076,067	3,700,481
General Expenses	171,579	183,984	205,671	229,632	359,199
Stores and Material	609,838	1,002,421	436,650	183,472	198,804
Mail Services	376,302	454,817	407,904	368,853	350,433
Engineering Services (other than new works)	1,272,968	1,296,507	1,625,931	1,900,229	2,394,775
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	51,998	64,220	65,457	80,475	110,313
Proportion of Audit Expenses	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,550
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephones, and Wireless	732,500	729,400	1,028,000	1,565,964	2,099,470
Other Expenditure	14,772	11,655	9,865	8,404	7,295
New Buildings, &c.	48,783	63,889	128,572	154,987	277,785
Total Expenditure	5,793,817	6,388,882	6,656,687	7,571,633	9,502,105

TRANSPORT.

Under the provisions of the *Transport Regulation Act* 1932, as amended by the *Transport Regulation Act* 1933, the Transport Regulation Board was appointed by Governor-in-Council, for the purpose of securing the improvement and co-ordination of means and facilities for locomotion and transport and of carrying into effect the objects and purposes of the Act. The first Board took office on 1st May, 1934. The Board's term is for a period of three years.

Brief reference to certain provisions of the *Transport Regulation Acts* of 1933, 1935, 1940, and 1941 respectively, and the system evolved to implement them is made in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

It was not until 1941 that vehicles which carried passengers otherwise than at a separate and distinct fare for each passenger (i.e., private hire cars) were brought within the provisions of the Act. When these vehicles were brought under control in 1941, a proviso was included that licences would issue "as of right" for such vehicles with seating capacity less than six. This proviso was removed by a short amending Act in 1946, and the position now is that all commercial passenger vehicle licences are at the discretion of the Board to grant or refuse, subject to review of the Board's decision by Governor-in-Council.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT LICENCES IN FORCE AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1948.

Discretionary Licences.			Licences "As of Right."		
Type of Licence.	Permanent Licences relating to Commercial Passenger Vehicles operated as—	Number of Licences.	Type of Licence.	To operate for Hire or Reward—	Number of Licences.
A	Stage Omnibuses ..	1,458	EA	Within 25 miles of Melbourne ..	8,780
B	Touring Omnibuses ..	53	EB	Within 25 miles of Ballarat ..	282
C	Special Service Omnibuses ..	108		Within 25 miles of Bendigo ..	269
PH	Private Hire ..	994		Within 25 miles of Geelong ..	404
D	Permanent licences relating to commercial goods vehicles ..	1,367	EC	Within 20 miles of the places of business of the owners outside the radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong ..	7,467
			ED	Primary Producers, the vehicles being operated in connexion with their business as such and in some cases for the carriage for hire or reward of their neighbours' produce ..	4,829
			EF	Commercial goods vehicles owned by butter or cheese factories and operated for the carriage of milk or cream and goods necessary for such factory ..	469
			EG	Private Carriers, the vehicles being used to carry the goods of the owners in the course of trade in connexion with their own business ..	27,012
			EH	(i) Carrying only 3rd Schedule goods ..	3,690
				(ii) Racehorse floats ..	35
				(iii) Tank wagons carrying only petroleum products ..	183
				(iv) Commercial travellers' vehicles registered at the commercial rate of motor registration ..	386
	Total (Discretionary) ..	3,980		Total (As of Right) ..	53,806

In addition to those shown, temporary licences numbering 5,340, and additional licences for passenger carrying on goods vehicles numbering 335 were issued. This made the grand total of licences issued at 30th June, 1948, 63,411, while the fees collected amounted to £56,397. Total revenue during the year (including permit fees and additional fees) amounted to £144,629.

**Directorate of
Emergency
Road
Transport.** The delegated powers which the Board exercised in relation to the control of new motor cars and new commercial vehicles up to 1 ton load capacity reverted to the Commonwealth early in 1948.

**Liquid Fuel
Control Board.** The State Liquid Fuel Control Board, consisting of members of the Transport Regulation Board and two outside members appointed by the Commonwealth, continued to administer the rationing of liquid fuel in Victoria until the 9th February, 1950, from which date rationing was abolished.

RAILWAYS.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic, with the exception referred to on page 460, are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

Certain border railways in New South Wales are also under the control of the Victorian Railways Commissioners by virtue of an agreement ratified between the Victorian and New South Wales Governments under Act No. 3194 of 1922.

All lines controlled by the Railways Commissioners are shown on the map opposite page 407.

The succeeding tables relate to the State Railways, the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways, and the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of these tramways and the Road Motor Services are also shown separately on pages 459 and 460. Steam or motor power provides the traction for country passenger and goods traffic, while electricity is used mainly for passenger traffic on suburban lines.

Important legislation bearing on railway finances was contained in the *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act* 1936, No. 4429. A brief outline of the principal provisions of this Act was published in the *Victorian Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 361.

Total capital cost of railways and equipment.

table :—

VICTORIA—TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC., EQUIPMENT AND ROLLING STOCK, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

At 30th June—	Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.*
	Lines Opened.	Lines in Process of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1944	50,867,331	163,724	152,323	7,604	51,190,982
1945	50,861,453	163,029	147,961	7,180	51,179,623
1946	51,242,184	163,077	143,853	14,139	51,563,253
1947	51,627,002	168,012	140,436	12,722	51,948,172
1948	52,145,792	169,909	137,029	11,037	52,463,767

* Written down in accordance with Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act No. 4429 of 1936. Particulars are exclusive of the cost of stores and materials on hand and in course of manufacture.

The face value of stock and bonds allocated to the **Loan liability.** Railways Department, as reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429, amounted to £52,110,148 at 30th June, 1948. After deducting the value of securities purchased by the National Debt Sinking Fund and cancelled (£5,849,007), the total liability in respect of current loans outstanding at that date was £46,261,141. The annual interest payable on this amount, calculated at the average rate of 3·49 per cent., was £1,614,514.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, funds amounting to £6,187,429 at 30th June, 1948, have been provided for railway construction, equipment, stores, &c., out of Consolidated Revenue and the National Recovery Loan and other Funds. No interest is charged on this amount.

Railways traffic.

The mileage and traffic of the railways (exclusive of electric tramways and road motor services) for each of the years 1943-44 to 1947-48 are given in the following

table :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES), 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Lines Constructed ..	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·79
" Closed for Traffic	82·20	82·25	82·25	88·50	105·75*
" Open for Traffic	4,748·09	4,748·04	4,748·04	4,741·79	4,725·04
	During Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Traffic Train Mileage	16,413,406	16,337,140	16,343,796	15,539,188	16,819,339
Passenger Journeys	194,137,624	195,697,963	196,117,567	170,164,983	182,209,652
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	8,294,226†	8,063,591†	7,229,025†	7,561,773	8,439,760

* Of the 105·75 miles closed for traffic, 74·71 miles have been dismantled.

† Tonnage of live stock estimated.

Railways revenue and expenditure.

The revenue and expenditure of the Railways Department during each of the five financial years 1944-1948, were as follows :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Revenue—	£	£	£	£	£
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares	6,673,164	6,683,370	6,880,225	5,833,483	6,544,248
Parcels, &c.	554,655	543,199	585,184	570,439	636,896
Other	37,016	38,683	40,533	40,715	42,959
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods	6,712,652*	6,065,778*	5,439,358*	5,410,127	7,132,125
Live Stock	611,194*	660,441*	519,206*	598,253	683,632
Minerals	163,588	136,812	99,941	100,293	176,058
Other					

* Estimated.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1943-44
TO 1947-48—continued.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£	£	£	£	£
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services	744,051	748,307	746,956	660,460	714,849
Sale of Electrical Power	60,856	64,001	55,029	57,368	65,442
Rentals	177,530	169,674	158,828	163,271	178,122
Book Stalls	123,191	133,864	135,513	122,459	130,592
Advertising	37,974	40,615	42,930	42,656	45,274
Other*	78,763	67,749	64,619	63,322	70,860
Total	15,974,634	15,352,493	14,768,322	13,662,846	16,421,057
Expenditure—					
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works	2,595,023	2,401,738	2,474,303	2,419,485	2,705,273
Rolling Stock	3,892,340	4,024,720	4,047,667	4,379,689	5,314,907
Transportation	3,756,038	3,905,232	3,871,245	4,061,356	4,974,783
Electrical Engineering Branch	536,741	512,352	534,962	632,550	739,686
Stores Branch	172,598	170,362	173,842	182,597	210,771
Pensions (non-contributory)	65,618	57,035	48,586	40,245	548,571
Payment to the Superannuation Fund	393,234	403,001	412,230	426,387	
Contribution to Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund	1,050,000	700,000	500,000	200,000	200,000
Contribution to Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund	99,996	63,169	61,842	89,358	121,125
Pay-roll Tax	202,542	203,921	207,339	221,354	267,322
War Damage Insurance	33,918	..	..	..	..
Long Service and provision for Accrued Leave	201,330	219,689	49,308	139,648	140,170
Provision Way and Works Maintenance	54,000	..	..	..	..
Other	261,126	256,109	280,623	306,493	356,456
Total Working Expenses	13,314,504	12,917,328	12,661,947	13,099,162	15,579,064
Less Expenditure charged to special Funds	18,608	3,240	46,388	91,490	244,004
Working Expenses charged to Railway Revenue	13,295,896	12,914,088	12,615,559	13,007,672	15,335,060
Net Revenue	2,678,738	2,438,405	2,152,763	655,174	1,085,997
Debt Charges—					
Interest Charges and Expenses†	1,901,656	1,902,592	1,902,028	1,839,909	1,861,741
Exchange on Interest Payments and Redemption	201,321	200,027	184,876	169,123	168,089
Contribution to National Debt Sinking Fund	127,625	128,773	128,259	128,310	130,533
Net Result for Year	+ 448,136	+ 207,013	— 62,400	— 1,482,168	— 1,074,366
Proportion of Working Expenses to Revenue	%	%	%	%	%
	83·23	84·12	85·42	95·20	93·39

* Including recoup on account of reduction in outer suburban fares, £30,000 in 1943-44, £27,000 in 1944-45, £24,000 in 1945-46, £21,000 in 1946-47, and £18,000 in 1947-48.

† Including Loan Conversion Expenses.

The revenue for 1947-48 increased by £2,758,211 as compared with that for 1946-47. Passenger business increased by £779,466 while goods, &c., business increased by £1,883,142. Total working expenses increased by £2,479,902, as compared with those of the previous year.

The earnings, expenses charged to railway revenue, and net revenue per average mile of railway worked for each of the five years 1943-44 to 1947-48 were as hereunder. The particulars exclude electric tramways and road motor services under the control of the Railways Department.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1943-44 TO 1947-48 (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES).

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Average Number of Miles open for Traffic	4,751	4,748	4,748	4,748	4,725
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile	3,343	3,214	3,110	2,878	3,475
Working Expenses* per Mile	2,781	2,703	2,657	2,740	3,246
Net Revenue per Mile	562	511	453	138	230

* Charged to Railway Revenue.

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

At 30th June, 1948, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling stock after being written down in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936 was £6,888,258, of the narrow-gauge £12,961, of the electric street tramway £26,208, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £5,071.

The number of officers and employees in the railways service (including casual labour and butty-gang workers) and the amount of salaries and wages (including travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the five financial years 1944-48, are shown in the following table :—

Railways staff.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC.,
1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Year Ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at End of Year.			Salaries, Wages and Travelling Expenses.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
				£
1944	14,970	10,970	25,940	9,145,745
1945	14,735	10,389	25,124	8,992,624
1946	16,476	10,909	27,385	9,061,647
1947	15,724	11,333	27,057	9,566,366
1948	18,045	8,359	26,404	11,586,048

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

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways for 1947-48 are detailed in the following statement. As these tramways are controlled and operated by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in the preceding railway tables unless otherwise indicated.

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1947-48.

(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St. Kilda- Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham- Beaumaris Electric Tramway.	Total.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked	5.18	2.42	7.60
Car Mileage	516,232	130,803	647,035
Passengers Carried	5,867,466	1,899,563	7,767,029
Gross Revenue	£ 65,200	£ 19,729	£ 84,929
Working Expenses	64,555	14,912	79,467
Interest Charges, &c.	3,951	1,598	5,549
Net Result	Loss 3,306	Profit 3,219	Loss 87
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1948, as written down under Act No. 4429 of 1936—			
Construction of Lines, &c.	74,837	35,984	110,821
Rolling Stock	24,251	1,957	26,208
Total	99,088	37,941	137,029

The following table gives particulars for each of the four years 1944-45 to 1947-48 of the operations of the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners.

Road Motor
Services.

VICTORIA—ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1944-45 TO 1947-48.

(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Car Mileage	155,472	180,763	275,492	292,410
Passenger Journeys*	888,082	872,544	1,113,364	1,128,778
Gross Revenue—	£	£	£	£
Passenger and Goods Services*	6,038	6,715	12,293	14,584
Working Expenses	17,690	18,680	25,112	30,601
Interest Charges and Exchange	245	254	584	430
Net Loss	11,897	12,219	13,403	16,447
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off)	7,180	14,139	12,722	11,037

* Exclusive of passengers carried on the Hawthorn to Kew motor omnibus service.

NOTE.—The apparent discrepancy between the amount of the working expenses and the revenue was brought about by the revenue not having received a proportion of the combined rail and road services earnings while the working expenses have been charged with the road motor operating cost in full.

Municipal railway. A railway between Kerang and Koondrook, owned and worked by the council of the Shire of Kerang, is open for general traffic. This railway, which has a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge, is 13 miles 75 chains in length and, up to 30th September, 1948, cost £43,880 for construction and equipment. During the year ended 30th September, 1948, the gross receipts were £10,048 and the working expenses excluding interest, £9,808. The train mileage for the same year was 13,212, the number of passenger journeys 7,342, and the tonnage of goods and livestock carried 22,255.

Under Act No. 4861 of 1941 the Shire Council was relieved from all its liability (£8,037 2s. 5d.) to the Government of Victoria in respect of this railway.

TRAMWAYS.

Victorian Tramways. The various tramway systems in the State at 30th June, 1948, (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprised 165·639 miles of electric lines, of which 135·698 miles were double, and 29·941 miles single track.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Beaumaris, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, but are included under the heading "Railways," page 459, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 465.

The subjoined table contains particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria (with the foregoing exceptions) for each of the five years 1943-44 to 1947-48.

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

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

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1944 ..	133·012	31·453	24,803,578	295,321,861	3,308,648	1,971,154	778	4,626
1945 ..	134·278	31·395	24,523,966	300,854,847	3,379,030	2,004,027	788	4,724
1946 ..	134·278	31·371	24,457,902	297,732,295	3,398,763	2,083,824	806	5,203
1947 ..	135·496	30·160	24,245,489	278,089,259	3,342,693	2,284,402	817	5,207
1948 ..	135·698	29·941	24,354,630	271,683,680	3,236,399	2,546,628	823	5,624

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act became operative on 7th January, 1919. The Act provided for a Board consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor in Council to control all tramways in the metropolitan area, with the exception of the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris electric systems.

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £5,500,000 by the issue of stock or debentures secured upon its revenues and undertakings, this being in addition to the transferred liabilities attaching to the tramways vested in it. At 30th June, 1948, the Board had borrowing powers available to the extent of £1,722,646. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000.

Particulars relating to the electric tramway systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1943-44 to 1947-48 in the following statement.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1943-44
TO 1947-48.

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons Em- ployed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1944 ..	123·542	6·643	23,000,054	278,451,170	3,166,050	1,812,025	707	4,338
1945 ..	124·778	6·615	22,730,635	284,139,431	3,233,102	1,843,266	717	4,429
1946 ..	124·778	6·591	22,673,730	281,198,208	3,253,010	1,927,979	732	4,893
1947 ..	125·996	5·380	22,494,656	262,406,398	3,201,384	2,109,514	740	4,887
1948 ..	126·198	5·161	22,553,591	255,830,738	3,093,278	2,331,194	746	5,271

In the next statement the operations of the motor omnibus systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1943-44 and 1947-48.

MOTOR OMNIBUS SYSTEMS 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

(Under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board).

Year ended 30th June—	Route Miles.	Bus Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Ex- penses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons Em- ployed.
			No.	£	£	No.	No.
1944 ..	66·718	8,524,186	71,631,912	775,630	669,061	312	1,349
1945 ..	67·613	8,146,473	70,663,685	757,451	680,560	326	1,346
1946 ..	68·602	7,865,400	70,196,236	751,367	667,187	315	1,357
1947 ..	68·602	6,928,996	57,947,171	646,259	646,516	318	1,325
1948 ..	68·602	7,875,206	67,154,138	745,738	758,329	322	1,525

A summary of the revenue and expenditure by the Tramways Board and the appropriation of the surplus on operation for the year ended 30th June, 1948, is set out hereunder :—

	£	£
Traffic Receipts	3,839,016	
Advertisements, rents, &c.	17,537	
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Total Revenue		3,856,553
Working Expenses		3,099,062
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Surplus on Operation		757,491
Interest and Other Charges		468,495
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		288,996
Brought forward from 1946-47		1,459
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Available for Appropriation		290,455
Appropriations—		
General Reserve	173,890	
Loan Redemption	58,049	
Loan Sinking Funds	75,520	
Consolidated Revenue	137,424	
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Deficit		154,428
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Pursuant to section 77 of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act* No. 3732, the Board is required to make certain annual payments to the Consolidated Revenue of the State. The total of such payments up to 30th June, 1948, amounted to £3,192,766. This amount was allocated as follows :—Fire Brigades Board, £1,688,441; Licensing Fund, £435,251; and Infectious Diseases Hospital, £1,069,074. Under the provisions of Act No. 4598 the Board was relieved of the Licensing Fund payment as from 1st July, 1938.

Up to 30th June, 1948, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, after writing off the value of obsolete assets, amounted to £10,045,972, of which £149,806 related to cable tramways, £8,754,880 to electric tramways, £954,705 to motor omnibuses, and £186,581 to general properties.

In the next statement comparisons are made between the electric and bus systems operated by the Tramways Board, the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1947-48.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD
TRAFFIC RECEIPTS, WORKING EXPENSES, ETC., PER
MILE, ETC., 1947-48.**

System.	Traffic Receipts.			Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track Operated.	Per Passenger.			
	<i>d.</i>	£	<i>d.</i>	%	<i>d.</i>	Miles.
Electric ..	32·916	12,010	2·901	75·128	24·807	·948
Bus ..	22·727	5,435	2·665	101·532	23·110	·932

**Tramways
in Extra-
Metropolitan
Cities.**

The cities, other than the metropolis, having electric tramway systems are:—Ballarat, with 13·84 miles of lines (2·33 double and 11·51 single track); Bendigo, with 8·64 miles of lines (2·43 double and 6·21 single track); and Geelong, with 11·80 miles of lines (4·74 double and 7·06 single track).

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the five years 1943-44 to 1947-48 are summarized in the following table:—

**TRAMWAYS IN EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES, 1943-44 TO
1947-48.**

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1944 ..	9·47	24·81	1,803,524	16,870,691	142,598	159,129	71	288
1945 ..	9·50	24·78	1,793,331	16,715,416	145,928	160,761	71	295
1946 ..	9·50	24·78	1,784,172	16,514,087	145,753	155,845	74	310
1947 ..	9·50	24·78	1,750,833	15,682,861	141,309	174,888	77	320
1948 ..	9·50	24·78	1,801,039	15,852,942	143,021	215,434	77	353

**Summary of
all Victorian
Tramways.**

A summary of the operations for each of the years 1946-47 and 1947-48 of the foregoing tramway systems and of the electric tramways under the control of the Railways Commissioners is given in the following table:—

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1946-47 AND 1947-48.

Heading.	1946-47.	1947-48.
Route Mileage Open—Double .. miles	142·886	143·088
Single .. miles	30·370	30·151
Total miles	173·256	173·239
Cost of Construction and Equipment .. £	9,040,295	9,161,267
Gross Revenue—		
Traffic Receipts £	3,416,362	3,321,228
Other £	10,286	10,548
Total Revenue .. £	3,426,648	3,331,776
Working Expenses £	2,350,001	2,624,641
Net Earnings £	1,076,647	707,135
Interest, &c. £	111,943	108,082
Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. £	799,136	650,826
Net Result after Paying Working Expenses, Interest, &c., Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. £	<i>Profit</i> 165,568	<i>Loss</i> 51,773
Tram Miles Run miles	24,830,208	25,001,665
Passenger Journeys No.	285,450,352	279,450,709
Staff Employed—		
Salaried No.	771	798
Wages No.	4,541	4,930
Total Staff No.	5,312	5,728
Rolling Stock No.	848	854

LICENSED VEHICLES.

Licensed
vehicles in
Melbourne.

The licensing and regulating of vehicles used as hackney carriages, plying for hire within the City of Melbourne and within the distance of 8 miles from the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne, are controlled by the Melbourne City Council.

Particulars regarding licences issued during 1947-48 were as follows :—

Description.	Number. Licensed.	Revenue Received.
		£
Horse-drawn Vehicles—		
Wagonettes (17), Owners (24)	41	} 33
Hackney Carriage Drivers	32	
Carters (for conveyance of goods)	1,000	50
Motor Vehicles—		
Motor Omnibuses	450	1,328
Taxi-cabs	650	} 3,538
Private Hire Cars	525	
Motor Cabs	49	
Chars-a-banc	59	
Hire and Drive Yourself Cars	54	
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Owners	900	
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Drivers	4,000	
Total Revenue .. ..	..	4,949

The above-named annual licences are issued in respect of the following periods :—

Horse-drawn vehicles and motor omnibuses—from 1st January to 31st December.

Carters—1st August to 31st July.

All other vehicles together with hackney carriage motor car owners and motor car drivers—1st July to 30th June.

A detailed statement of the rates chargeable for the annual registration of motor vehicles, &c., is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 500. Subsequent amendments to the Motor Car Acts have provided *inter alia* for a reduction in the rate chargeable for registration or renewal of registration of motor vehicles owned by primary producers.

Motor
vehicles, &c.,
registrations.

The *Motor Car (Amendment) Act 1942* (No. 4925) provided *inter alia* for a reduction of 25% in the fee otherwise payable under the Motor Car Act for registration or renewal of registration of a motor car unless such vehicle is fitted with a gas producer or receives a monthly allowance of more than 25 gallons of liquid fuel.

In the following statement particulars are given, as furnished by the Motor Registration Office of the Police Department, of the number of motor vehicles on the register and of the number of drivers' and riders' licences in force at the end of each of the years 1943-44 to 1947-48. The revenue of that office is also shown for the same periods:—

VICTORIA—REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
DRIVERS' LICENCES, ETC., ISSUED, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Vehicles—					
Private Cars	133,973	138,385	143,356	153,855	167,331
Commercial Vehicles	34,790	37,187	44,000	50,894	57,250
Hire Cars	2,611	2,596	2,933	3,263	3,710
Primary Producers'	52,645	54,952	55,981	57,942	60,992
Omnibuses	688	689	716	780	869
Traction Engines	71	65	69	73	107
Trailers	7,240	8,053	8,546	9,090	9,929
Motor Cycles	17,937	19,798	23,228	26,172	29,083
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	337,171	353,584	401,610	437,924	470,971
Dealers' Licences	207	223	354	458	567
Transfers	56,512	62,528	81,400	82,488	76,968
Total Revenue Received* during year ended 30th June.. ..	£ 1,528,371	£ 1,607,178	£ 1,782,888	£ 2,028,076	£ 2,245,604

* These amounts (less cost of collection, refunds, transfer fees, and the amount received on account of drivers' licences) are included in the Country Roads Board Fund.

The principal items of revenue received during 1947-48 were in respect of motor cars, £2,064,139; motor cycles, £24,547; and drivers' licences, £117,758.

In the next statement, details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1946-47 and 1947-48 respectively.

VICTORIA—NEW REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS OF
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES
1946-47 AND 1947-48.

Vehicles.	1946-47.			1947-48.		
	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.
	New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.		New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—						
Private	6,122	9,874	137,859	12,164	7,896	147,271
Commercial and Hire ..	3,222	6,246	44,689	6,055	4,472	50,333
Primary Producers' ..	1,411	2,983	53,548	3,293	2,466	55,233
Motor Cycles	1,642	5,428	19,102	3,479	3,862	21,742

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Summary of all Traffic Accidents. The following statements contain particulars of traffic accidents which occurred only in the public thoroughfares of Victoria. Figures regarding accidents on private property or on railway lines (except at level crossings) are not included. The total number of deaths shown in these statements is not comparable therefore, with those shown in Part "Vital Statistics" of this *Year-Book* :—

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: NUMBER OF PERSONS AFFECTED, 1947-48.

Place of Occurrence.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Accidents.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
City of Melbourne	1,073 (1,104)	34 (34)	1,169 (1,254)	2,023 (2,018)	3,096 (3,122)
Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne)	3,349 (3,515)	153 (155)	3,718 (3,997)	3,778 (3,949)	7,127 (7,464)
Total—Metropolitan Area ..	4,422 (4,619)	187 (189)	4,887 (5,251)	5,801 (5,967)	10,223 (10,586)
Remainder of State	1,830 (1,903)	175 (197)	2,323 (2,559)	2,232 (2,080)	4,062 (3,983)
Grand Total	6,252 (6,522)	362 (386)	7,210 (7,810)	8,033 (8,047)	14,285 (14,569)

NOTE.—Figures in parentheses relate to the year 1946-47.

In the table which follows traffic accidents during 1947-48 have been recorded according to the classification of male and female victims:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—PARTICULARS OF
PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1947-48.

Description.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedestrian	89	1,299	36	734	125	2,033
Driver of motor vehicle other than motor cycle	45	772	..	57	45	829
Driver of motor cycle	53	936	..	6	53	942
Passenger—motor car, truck, bus, &c.	47	835	20	784	67	1,619
Passenger—motor cycle, side car .. .. .	..	28	1	25	1	53
Pillion rider	2	138	1	65	3	203
Pedal cyclist	44	1,021	3	173	47	1,194
Riding tandem or on handle or bar of bicycle	1	11	1	8	2	19
Tram passenger	4	81	1	78	5	159
Driver or passenger of horse-drawn vehicle	8	78	..	13	8	91
Equestrian	1	15	3	9	4	24
Other	2	43	..	1	2	44
Total	296	5,257	66	1,953	362	7,210

Particulars of victims of traffic accidents during 1947-48 are shown according to age and sex in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—SEX AND AGE OF
PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1947-48.

Age Group.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
0-4	13	136	4	73	17	209
5-9	12	307	8	149	20	456
10-14	11	321	3	122	14	443
15-19	29	566	3	201	32	767
20-29	65	1,518	9	334	74	1,852
30-39	40	797	3	261	43	1,058
40-49	36	585	5	228	41	813
50-59	35	456	11	242	46	698
60 and over	53	462	20	277	73	739
Not stated	2	109	..	66	2	175
Total	296	5,257	66	1,953	362	7,210

Causes of Accidents. Numerous reasons are given to the Police as the causes of accidents. A summary of the principal reasons given is published hereafter. It must be remembered that, in some cases, only one party has been able to give evidence.

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1947-48.

Stated Cause.	Number of Accidents.		
	Fatal.	Non-fatal with Injured.	Total.
Driver or Rider—			
Skidding on roadway	10	296	306
Failure to exercise care at intersection	14	672	686
Excessive speed	25	153	178
Not keeping to left	16	155	171
Swerving to avoid vehicle or other object	5	159	164
Stopping or turning in front of other vehicle or leaving kerb without warning	6	141	147
Level Crossing	5	17	22
Rounding corner carelessly or on wrong side	1	59	60
Obscured vision	8	144	152
Failing to give right of way .. .. .	..	60	60
Dazzled by sun or light	12	120	132
Breaking traffic regulations or failing to obey traffic officer's signal	1	99	100
Careless, negligent, or inefficient driving	55	749	804
Hit and run motorist	10	153	163
Error of judgment	8	339	347
All other	12	244	256
Total	188	3,560	3,748
Vehicle—			
Defective mechanism and/or tyres	9	187	196
No lights	8	46	54
Other .. .. .	..	12	12
Total	17	245	262
Passenger—			
Alighting from moving vehicle	4	65	69
Falling from moving vehicle	1	26	27
Other	10	135	145
Total	15	226	241
Pedestrian—			
Walking or running on roadway or crossing without care	57	877	934
Boarding vehicle in motion	2	56	58
Children under seven years of age crossing road unattended	16	237	253
Stepping on to road without care	2	22	24
Other	16	301	317
Total	93	1,493	1,586
Other—			
Horses shying, bolting, or stumbling	9	57	66
Other (including not known)	17	332	349
Total	26	389	415
Grand Total	339	5,913	6,252

A comparative statement of the number of persons killed or injured in traffic accidents during each of the five years 1944-1948 is given below. Accidents involving one vehicle with another vehicle or object are classified according to one type of vehicle only.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED
IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Vehicle, &c.	1944.		1945.		1946.		1947.		1948.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedal Cycle ..	9	213	11	226	15	226	17	220	3	216
Motor Bus ..	20	200	10	207	11	223	6	293	13	300
Motor Car, Truck, &c. ..	167	3,072	190	3,784	249	4,862	308	6,268	280	5,680
Motor Cycle ..	12	315	22	367	30	542	23	698	43	662
Train—Electric and Steam ..	2	2	5	2	4	..	1	..	4	2
Tram—Electric ..	19	301	13	254	8	235	9	202	7	219
Other Vehicle ..	10	85	9	50	9	40	13	53	7	44
Pedestrian ..	5	91	5	88	4	65	4	63	3	75
Horse ..	3	13	5	17	6	9	5	13	2	12
Total ..	247	4,292	270	4,995	336	6,202	386	7,810	362	7,210

In the next table, accidents in which persons were killed or injured have been classified according to type of vehicle, &c., involved, e.g., where a collision has occurred between a motor car and a pedal cyclist, particulars of such accident are included under each heading. Correct totals cannot be arrived at by the addition of the items shown in the table.

VICTORIA—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, TYPES OF
VEHICLES, ETC., INVOLVED, 1946-47 AND 1947-48.

Type of Vehicle, &c., Involved.	1947.			1948.		
	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.
Motor Car ..	4,012	187	4,885	3,779	175	4,420
Motor Van ..	183	10	270	184	17	215
Motor Truck, Lorry ..	1,378	125	1,669	1,216	116	1,507
Motor Bus ..	244	9	373	324	14	381
Motor Cycle ..	1,380	54	1,591	1,294	64	1,471
Pedal Cycle ..	1,456	53	1,487	1,281	53	1,299
Tram—Electric ..	247	26	306	264	16	341
Train—Electric and Steam ..	12	7	32	23	11	30
Horse-drawn Vehicle ..	149	19	160	137	11	153
Horse ..	38	6	34	30	4	29
Pedestrian ..	2,030	125	2,036	2,042	125	2,024
Other ..	2	..	2	6	..	6

* Number of accidents refers only to those in which persons were killed or injured.

Details of breaches of the Motor Car Act and Traffic Regulations will be found in Part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this *Year-Book*.

AIRCRAFT.

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

The following particulars relating to civil aircraft registered in Victoria for the years specified below have been received from that source.

VICTORIA—CIVIL AIRCRAFT, 1943-44 TO 1947-48.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Registered Owners	(b) 32	32	53	78	75
Registered Aircraft	(b) 45	45	94	175	171
Licensed Pilots—					
Private	40	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Commercial	90	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Licensed Ground Engineers	316	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Licensed Navigators	22	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Licensed Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators	20	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Licensed Aircraft Radio Telephone Operators	23	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Landing Grounds—					
Government	2	2	2	14	13
Public	10	8	8	9	8
Government Emergency Grounds	4	4	4	2	2
Flights carried out	20,817	28,608	42,306	56,343	70,835
Hours flown	38,888	58,334	88,962	121,509	172,138
Approximate mileage	5,415,403	8,358,641	12,769,963	18,703,630	26,948,604
Passengers carried—					
Paying	164,319	258,409	409,043	697,026	989,384
Non-paying	2,086	2,627	4,050	8,544	13,290
Total Passengers carried	166,405	261,036	413,093	705,570	1,002,674
Goods, Weight Carried lb.	1,795,380	3,058,196	7,554,749	21,441,986	50,795,342
Mails, Weight Carried	2,057,893	1,079,009	923,563	330,196	540,338
Accidents—					
Persons Killed	1	10	2	1	4
Persons Injured .. .. .	..	..	1	7	1

(a) Not available.

(b) At 31st December.