

INTERCHANGE.

COMMERCE.

Customs and
Excise.

By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries and among the States was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on 1st January, 1901. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on 8th October, 1901, from which date the duties came into effect. The Tariff Act was assented to on 16th September, 1902. Extensive alterations of duties were made by Tariffs brought down on 8th August, 1907, and 3rd December, 1914. The present Tariff which also very materially altered previous duties came into operation on 25th March, 1920, and was assented to on 16th December, 1921. Amendments affecting a large number of the duties of that Tariff have since been made. There are three scales of duties—British Preferential, Intermediate, and General. The first relates to goods which are the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, but its provisions may be applied wholly or in part to any of the British Dominions. The Intermediate Tariff may be applied to any part of the British Dominions, or to any foreign country.

Recorded
Value of
Imports and
Exports.

The recorded value of goods imported represents the amount on which duty is payable or would be payable if the duty were charged *ad valorem*. 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; plus
- (b) all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at port of export; plus
- (c) ten per cent. of the total of (a) and (b) as representing cost of insurance, freight and other charges.

When the value of imported goods is shown on invoices in any currency other than British, the equivalent value in British currency is ascertained according to the commercial rates of exchange.

The value of goods exported is, generally, taken to represent the value in the principal markets of the State in the ordinary commercial acceptance of the term. As the sale price abroad of the following items was less than their value in the principal markets of the Commonwealth, an alteration to the following effect was made in the method of valuation of such goods on export as from 1st July, 1929:—
 (1) Sugar—the value f.o.b. at which sold to overseas buyers;
 (2) Butter—the current market value less the amount paid as export bonus;
 (3) Goods on which bounty or rebate is paid on export—the value in the principal markets of the Commonwealth less the amount of any bounty or rebate payable.

Oversea
Imports and
Exports.

The total values and the values per head of population of imports from and exports to overseas countries for the five years 1925-26 to 1929-30 are set forth hereunder:—

VALUE OF OVERSEA IMPORTS AND EXPORTS,
1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Year.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.*	Total.	Per Head of Population.
IMPORTS (OVERSEA).				
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1925-26	50,279,350	47,705	50,327,055	29 17 8
1926-27	55,420,734	140,202	55,560,936	32 9 2
1927-28	47,663,768	247,363	47,911,131	27 10 3
1928-29	45,849,841	155,809	46,005,650	26 2 6
1929-30	41,759,093	122,431	41,881,524†	23 11 4
EXPORTS (OVERSEA).				
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1925-26	33,251,037	66,264	33,317,301	19 15 8
1926-27	34,981,662	5,211	34,986,873	20 8 9
1927-28	31,639,958	88,600	31,728,558	18 4 5
1928-29	38,151,538	1,285,687	39,437,225	22 7 11
1929-30	22,839,787	13,660,156	36,499,943	20 10 9

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

† Excluding "Outside Packages," £419,569, not previously recorded separately.

Percentage
of Common-
wealth Trade.

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

Year.	Commonwealth Trade—			Victoria's Portion of Commonwealth Trade—		
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
	£	£	£	%	%	%
1925-26 ..	151,638,178	148,771,934	300,410,112	33·2	22·4	27·8
1926-27 ..	184,716,594	145,140,367	309,856,961	33·7	24·1	29·2
1927-28 ..	147,944,970	143,213,070	291,158,040	32·4	22·2	27·4
1928-29 ..	143,647,881	144,850,452	288,498,333	32·0	27·2	29·6
1929-30 ..	129,545,935*	125,127,148	254,673,083	32·3	29·2	30·8

* Excluding "Outside Packages," £1,535,385, not previously recorded separately.

The principal articles imported from overseas countries into Victoria during each of the last four years are shown below in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification of 21 classes:

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIA DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1926-27 TO 1929-30.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, BUT EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Butter	204,269	113,664	34	155
Cheese	52,079	60,789	12,469	10,462
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins ..	414,628	289,655	307,896	335,774
All other	105,922	124,112	112,070	102,520
Meats	189,749	166,006	156,858	92,177
All other Animal Foodstuffs	15,071	15,146	12,078	13,072
Total, Class I. ..	981,718	769,372	601,405	554,160

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1926-27 TO 1929-30—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Cocoa Butter, &c.	79,327	93,078	49,546	37,672
Cocoa and Chocolate	83,731	129,801	102,932	113,261
Coffee and Chicory	60,569	64,925	59,123	69,637
Confectionery	42,350	41,916	42,571	53,078
Fruits, Dried	47,709	47,853	39,391	44,055
Fruits, Fresh	8,469	9,347	1,933	10,474
Fruits &c., Preserved	60,604	17,968	18,682	20,827
Grain and Pulse—				
Rice	96,554	58,719	10,599	10,639
All other	105,983	70,675	31,235	18,238
Hops	2,839	13	551	518
Mustard	23,266	20,938	24,510	23,680
Nuts, Edible	154,315	152,673	119,032	120,575
Pickles and Sauces	18,269	16,585	17,186	19,202
Sago and Tapioca	20,957	19,375	21,096	19,408
Spices	94,077	90,475	113,954	93,543
Tea	1,166,783	986,456	949,569	677,115
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	139,722	151,293	128,371	151,417
Total, Class II. ..	2,205,524	1,972,090	1,730,281	1,483,339
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, and Porter, &c. ..	64,840	58,958	60,061	47,498
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	33,059	32,101	34,352	27,514
Gin	40,941	83,287	87,960	56,137
Whisky	197,184	192,688	196,193	168,097
Other	12,868	10,044	10,576	9,244
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling	23,666	17,023	18,476	18,597
Other	9,783	10,446	11,036	10,474
Total, Class III. ..	382,341	404,547	418,654	337,561
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	25,894	33,154	25,956	27,888
Unmanufactured	568,368	591,658	382,888	341,873
Cigars	35,735	32,110	32,833	29,048
Cigarettes	144,726	152,738	172,802	123,102
Snuff	708	267	563	360
Total, Class IV ..	775,431	809,927	615,047	522,271

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1926-27 TO 1929-30—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	57,322	30,411	33,705	46,112
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	22,841	15,850	15,867	21,970
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	309,105	219,413	332,007	221,437
Other	143,071	185,572	210,123	198,041
Silk, Raw	98,439	121,329	130,232	212,645
Wool	405,954	823,047	360,091	188,099
All other Animal Substances ..	54,581	44,378	41,360	57,251
Total, Class VI. ..	1,033,991	1,409,589	1,089,680	899,443
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUB- STANCES AND FIBRES.				
Fibres—				
Flax and Hemp	209,191	215,359	186,895	186,760
Kapok	117,451	102,525	119,318	70,236
All other	115,310	114,530	109,884	104,445
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c. ..	32,472	7,825	11,631	10,465
Gums and Resins	107,162	98,004	90,418	108,821
Pulp for Papermaking ..	54,751	125,846	93,547	132,262
Seeds	135,412	174,134	197,211	152,823
Tanning Substances ..	57,737	36,461	23,451	33,047
All other Vegetable Substances	43,867	46,141	42,648	48,744
Total, Class VII. ..	873,353	920,825	875,003	847,603
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFAC- TURED FIBRES.				
(a) Apparel.				
Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c.	188,275	162,692	140,004	92,317
Boots and Shoes	175,220	163,028	166,577	175,361
Corsets	37,037	26,193	26,516	25,356
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	386,557	452,225	244,398	166,289
Gloves	257,560	234,775	253,206	246,380
Hats and Caps	361,097	384,308	409,674	268,863
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stock- ings)	727,571	621,531	433,474	301,712
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	73,289	63,271	63,935	63,918
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	14,358	15,576	20,754	32,796
Trimnings	577,748	448,452	449,637	349,343
Other	347,678	289,063	330,207	292,221

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INTO VICTORIA, 1926-27 TO 1929-30—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES—continued.				
(b) Textiles.				
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	345,517	275,133	273,054	271,135
Cotton and Linen	3,855,789	3,293,499	2,939,427	2,968,427
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	223,608	216,410	232,287	213,601
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	205,715	176,154	207,996	149,459
Silk	2,746,452	2,252,915	2,498,226	2,179,207
Velvets, Velvetens, Plushes, &c.	259,820	185,967	242,862	217,866
Woollen	1,114,725	1,041,740	703,082	553,933
Other	453,385	428,210	386,333	370,812
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c.	991,024	893,024	841,523	746,602
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	362,700	253,554	293,669	323,602
All other Textiles	706,917	744,478	620,621	569,129
(c) Manufactured Fibres.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Podder	123,937	158,580	132,692	198,093
Corn and Flour	1,089,429	870,176	1,071,695	616,804
All other	207,694	173,438	178,485	132,021
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	62,125	68,205	41,679	41,062
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	193,824	257,703	318,492	369,181
Cotton	548,394	433,177	522,672	607,299
Wool	361,820	186,591	168,468	169,466
Other	73,963	56,885	51,867	50,104
Total, Class VIII.	17,073,228	14,826,953	14,263,502	12,782,059
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Oils (in bulk)—				
Kerosene, &c.	312,823	269,281	326,238	219,279
Lubricating (Mineral)	349,803	292,122	389,890	342,119
Petroleum and Shale Spirit	1,861,476	1,494,582	1,786,336	2,062,278
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	680,470	538,082	492,840	491,700
Total, Class IX.	3,204,572	2,594,067	2,995,304	3,115,376
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	275,419	263,173	248,998	215,596
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	262,564	298,351	282,067	612,095

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Articles.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MA- CHINERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Electrical Machinery and Ap- pliances—				
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	336,358	350,580	312,903	284,139
Dynamo Machines ..	322,203	249,527	145,484	188,400
Telephones and Switchboards	240,074	154,079	80,010	114,643
N.E.I. ..	1,394,022	1,117,355	916,577	930,485
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural) ..	219,094	210,077	173,013	148,563
Engines ..	446,684	518,643	489,549	428,652
All other Machines and Machinery ..	2,033,841	1,823,570	1,641,775	1,767,012
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manu- factures, other than Machinery.</i>				
Alloys ..	146,300	120,455	125,587	114,437
Gas Appliances ..	44,830	41,622	28,940	21,440
Iron and Steel—				
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c. ..	561,426	407,564	281,424	282,355
Girders, Beams, Channels, Joists, &c. ..	87,529	170,352	54,801	92,130
Pig and Scrap ..	44,594	44,889	23,203	15,444
Pipes and Tubes ..	474,652	398,214	409,654	364,140
Plate and Sheet ..	1,773,398	1,523,997	1,387,963	1,251,094
Railway and Tramway Material ..	19,170	47,957	7,258	14,771
Wire ..	278,107	225,653	189,105	234,391
Lamps and Lampware ..	183,552	117,937	154,860	140,645
Tools of Trade (not being Machines) ..	375,646	273,832	297,655	267,876
Vehicles—				
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c.	242,393	146,635	175,131	146,339
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c.	432,842	314,170	456,648	195,214
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c.	3,580,237	1,917,654	2,725,967	1,945,129
Other, and Parts ..	737,595	606,235	878,853	613,031
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery ..	1,725,568	1,489,913	1,462,977	1,300,336
Total, Class XII. ..	13,700,115	12,270,910	12,419,337	10,858,666

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INTO VICTORIA, 1926-27 TO 1929-30—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIII. — RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>				
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	1,525,646	1,244,346	687,308	382,048
Rubber Manufactures ..	650,053	395,766	335,936	261,091
(b) <i>Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>				
Glace Kid	77,820	81,852	118,465	81,480
Patent and Enamelled ..	41,844	16,480	5,849	3,075
All other	115,290	89,608	87,839	100,497
Total, Class XIII. ..	2,410,653	1,828,052	1,235,397	828,191
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.				
Timber—				
Dressed	745,668	507,083	548,770	566,955
Undressed	976,054	957,203	826,852	864,423
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	225,052	215,577	196,253	199,318
Total, Class XIV. ..	1,946,774	1,679,863	1,571,875	1,630,696
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE.				
Cement (Portland)	11,417	10,846	7,263	6,539
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	261,387	237,238	232,838	218,406
Glass and Glassware	379,530	322,335	357,540	330,469
All other Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass, and Stoneware	123,371	90,472	99,208	69,778
Total, Class XV. ..	775,705	660,891	696,849	625,192

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INTO VICTORIA, 1926-27 TO 1929-30—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) Paper—				
Cardboard and other Paper				
Boards	92,065	95,900	99,324	121,442
Printing	1,175,117	1,061,242	974,110	1,009,014
Wrapping of all Colours ..	137,085	119,824	128,122	128,532
Writing and Typewriting ..	233,823	227,313	208,487	228,831
All other	224,733	203,713	204,323	211,541
(b) Stationery and Paper Manufactures—				
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	408,457	422,350	406,125	401,771
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. ..	70,812	78,221	78,218	84,313
Pens and Pencils	67,733	62,563	63,285	57,961
All other	297,464	337,004	287,573	282,488
Total, Class XVI. ..	2,707,289	2,608,130	2,449,567	2,525,893
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Fancy Goods	434,153	376,684	400,130	400,872
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	252,739	223,663	280,883	175,140
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	225,777	189,819	184,337	157,038
Total, Class XVII. ..	912,669	790,166	865,350	733,050
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	134,545	133,351	118,034	105,879
Talking Machines — Phonographs, &c.	125,806	61,536	53,048	34,326
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	140,256	157,498	167,171	168,469
Total, Class XVIII. ..	400,607	352,385	338,253	308,674
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	50,267	60,751	75,187	64,947
Cream of Tartar	65,728	75,671	49,850	48,027
Dyes	125,746	89,238	95,664	96,065
Fertilizers	528,605	489,010	621,378	537,828
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous)	56,923	43,363	51,626	52,679

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1926-27 TO 1929-30—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—<i>continued.</i>				
Perfumery and Toilet Prepara- tions	128,125	104,769	122,329	116,861
Proprietary Medicines	69,924	68,246	70,414	74,981
Sodium Salts	159,930	147,214	144,669	109,644
Spirits and Spirituous Prepara- tions	110,281	104,373	99,521	74,810
Sulphur (Brimstone).. .. .	184,735	218,381	175,711	217,978
All other Drugs and Chemicals	418,338	346,712	375,144	388,366
Total, Class XIX.	1,898,602	1,747,778	1,881,493	1,782,186
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explo- sives	327,246	353,793	347,535	266,260
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c.	130,825	116,182	101,994	92,948
Brushware	177,939	133,948	121,748	105,101
Matches and Vestas.. .. .	45,198	39,156	28,332	29,927
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos and Parts	382,936	208,132	123,558	63,676
Other and Parts	75,953	66,110	53,345	45,541
Soap	33,160	30,665	32,408	33,667
All other Articles	369,600	478,302	429,154	413,810
Total, Class XX.	1,542,857	1,426,288	1,238,074	1,050,930
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	134,549	234,414	147,485	114,164
Silver	5,583	12,757	8,197	8,214
Bronze—Specie	70	192	127	53
Total, Class XXI.	140,202	247,363	155,809	122,431
Grand Total	55,560,936	47,911,131	46,005,650	41,881,524

The articles imported were mainly manufactured goods. Apparel, textiles, manufactured fibres, machinery, and manufactures of metal amounted to 57 per cent. of the total value of imports in the last five years. Excluding gold and bullion, &c., the imports for 1930 showed a decrease of £4,090,748, as compared with the previous year.

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

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIA DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1926-27 TO 1929-30.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, BUT EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Butter	2,611,855	2,447,774	3,157,722	2,668,755*
Cheese	6,358	7,032	12,916	5,172
Eggs	46,397	25,795	54,660	35,135
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	11,090	8,383	12,517	13,016
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	60,949	32,564	29,328	10,471
Lamb	1,053,502	639,486	1,096,891	1,279,836
Mutton	141,998	117,200	431,440	248,021
Rabbits and Hares ..	44,999	44,563	136,273	123,492
Preserved in Tins ..	27,601	23,780	19,640	15,607
Sausage Casings	189,127	147,359	171,839	162,934
Other	21,347	10,650	37,607	11,901
Milk and Cream	1,066,655	1,174,436	1,412,229	985,292
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	4,589	4,886	5,590	4,004
Total, Class I.	5,286,467	4,683,908	6,578,652	5,563,636
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Biscuits	66,519	65,247	50,149	37,059
Fruits, Dried	1,205,534	1,232,915	1,580,023	1,426,593
Fruits, Fresh	27,529	403,342	47,318	428,989
Fruits, Preserved in liquid ..	191,835	355,178	340,473	469,327
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	6,976,711	1,489,426	5,969,821	690,247
Other	50,592	63,709	35,395	41,078
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten)	2,123,361	2,115,398	2,260,895	1,880,057
Other	39,116	42,699	63,718	10,570
Jams and Fruit Jellies	13,105	12,195	8,680	6,411
Tea	28,063	42,467	34,135	19,411
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	133,707	139,398	101,884	105,158
Total, Class II.	10,856,072	5,961,974	10,492,491	5,114,900

* Basis of valuation amended as from 1st July, 1929 (see page 292).

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1926-27 TO 1929-30—*continued*.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.. ..	£ 135,025	£ 203,617	£ 84,756	£ 96,157
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.. ..	256,277	241,192	215,665	177,141
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	35,383	53,431	92,201	61,682
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS. Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	161,222	264,213	114,221	67,018
Opossum	161,190	135,356	132,057	59,240
Rabbit and Hare	381,334	549,802	604,842	441,074
Sheep	1,317,783	1,848,248	1,989,172	1,363,874
Other	84,594	85,164	97,928	51,598
Wool—				
Greasy	12,779,536	13,407,193	13,877,161	7,031,516
Scoured and Washed	1,266,412	1,687,505	1,399,756	831,918
Tops	259,998	148,637	66,309	25,706
All other Animal Substances ..	16,524	15,523	16,446	17,736
Total, Class VI.	16,428,593	18,141,641	18,297,892	9,889,680
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	41,237	57,362	63,207	63,841
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	5,111	3,394	2,473	2,096
All other Apparel	41,564	47,589	54,540	51,861
All other Textiles, including Bags, Cordage, Yarns, &c. ..	90,115	109,014	96,496	130,811
Total, Class VIII.	136,790	159,997	153,509	184,768
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Tallow—Unrefined	355,498	224,643	463,438	256,863
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	43,484	41,453	81,517	55,171
Total, Class IX.	398,982	266,096	544,955	312,034
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	6,365	4,494	3,938	1,786
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	10,366	15,426	13,312	28,018

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1926-27 TO 1929-30—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery—Machines and Machinery</i> ..	161,664	163,805	188,182	198,769
(b) <i>Metal and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery—</i>				
Iron and Steel	14,701	26,653	33,610	25,935
Lead—Pig and in Matte ..	418	18	4,563	1,493
Tin Ingots	66,206	48,969	45,568	8,084
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	16,549	23,545	313	377
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof ..	158,250	179,397	174,713	169,636
Total, Class XII. ..	417,788	442,387	446,949	404,294
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
Indiarubber and Manufactures	29,781	36,277	29,573	19,015
Leather and Manufactures ..	149,227	155,870	125,886	123,910
Total, Class XIII. ..	179,008	192,147	155,459	142,925
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..	27,236	32,882	34,275	26,138
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE	9,550	14,394	16,551	16,133
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
Paper	20,443	13,689	9,605	16,136
Stationery	45,345	50,109	50,628	53,926
Total, Class XVI. ..	65,788	63,798	60,233	70,062
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones, Unset; Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	7,610	29,790	18,418	40,963
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, and Fancy Goods ..	17,926	20,691	34,352	28,877
Total, Class XVII. ..	25,536	50,481	52,770	69,840

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1926-27 TO 1929-30—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS..	£ 60,754	£ 61,689	£ 66,235	£ 58,295
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	34,803	32,804	69,623	64,539
Fertilizers—				
Ammonium Sulphate ..	10,941	4,359	643	1
Other	3,270	2,838	9,180	5,840
Medicines	146,020	5,391	2,663	5,027
Oil—Eucalyptus	54,245	81,089	71,131	53,500
All other Drugs and Chemicals	31,914	36,813	32,868	37,545
Total, Class XIX. ..	281,193	163,294	186,108	166,452
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Soap	206,865	211,081	212,234	217,483
Vessels transferred abroad ..	—	519,200	215,912	46,000
All other Articles	116,387	99,467	164,234	128,522
Total, Class XX. ..	323,252	829,748	592,380	392,005
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	4,521	87,488	1,281,467	13,653,275
Silver	690	1,112	4,220	6,876
Bronze	—	—	—	5
Total, Class XXI. ..	5,211	88,600	1,285,687	13,660,156
Australian produce	34,560,673	30,907,649	38,599,668	36,019,351
Other produce	426,200	820,909	837,557	480,592
Grand Total	34,986,873	31,728,558	39,437,225	36,499,943

The export trade consists largely of agricultural and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, butter, skins, fruits (all kinds), meats, and milk and cream exported during the last five years amounted to slightly more than 92 per cent. of the total Australian produce exported (exclusive of gold, silver, and bronze specie) for that period—wool alone represented 43 per cent. Excluding specie and bullion, the exports during 1929-30 showed a decrease of £15,311,751 as compared with the previous year.

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

**IMPORTS (CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN)
FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT
THERE TO, 1925-26 to 1929-30.**

Country.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Imports of Products or Manufactures of—					
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	22,100,081	23,680,151	20,728,602	19,014,408	18,437,775
Canada	1,198,663	1,209,914	917,607	1,595,998	1,163,251
India and Ceylon	2,637,029	2,943,629	2,420,247	2,587,664	1,989,143
Malaya (British)	1,260,622	1,304,047	1,144,386	637,856	409,942
New Zealand	1,118,750	1,295,657	1,652,838	967,812	654,246
South African Union	238,080	195,643	121,622	106,224	61,079
Other British Possessions	472,681	584,923	563,146	645,987	493,261
Belgium	307,225	335,785	372,649	325,336	363,211
China	231,662	228,401	209,064	186,882	176,194
Egypt	3,694	3,594	4,179	12,092	3,347
France	1,600,236	2,126,822	1,613,219	1,457,446	1,168,745
Germany	1,107,158	1,794,727	1,849,422	1,876,528	1,831,512
Italy	639,878	625,232	579,222	619,447	541,390
Japan	1,360,650	1,519,972	1,195,129	1,387,183	1,345,268
Netherlands	324,224	434,232	314,081	297,798	314,142
Netherlands East Indies	1,749,867	1,693,954	1,356,164	1,657,275	1,293,043
Norway	548,192	514,493	303,955	438,935	302,944
Philippine Islands	127,199	72,595	82,896	67,773	63,746
Russia	14,064	25,724	38,074	41,942	46,667
Sweden	636,220	667,413	692,679	459,941	689,111
Switzerland	817,705	1,093,549	887,023	779,292	647,773
United States of America	10,863,473	12,087,684	9,770,167	9,767,973	8,774,519
Other Foreign Countries	964,702	1,052,795	1,054,850	1,073,858	1,111,215
Total	50,327,055	55,560,936	47,911,131	46,005,650	41,881,524
Exports to—					
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	14,082,439	13,844,874	13,025,453	16,654,156	23,398,177
Canada	84,663	104,520	151,208	309,224	304,192
India and Ceylon	556,243	494,238	549,087	2,772,572	1,779,827
Malaya (British)	1,180,622	1,027,076	1,133,774	1,164,703	655,721
New Zealand	1,787,777	1,478,166	1,154,390	1,022,684	942,860
South African Union	365,522	399,519	333,808	585,665	266,447
Other British Possessions	378,669	402,084	371,889	546,486	344,568
Belgium	494,392	963,640	1,038,664	1,154,896	468,927
China	141,592	115,790	114,503	626,833	138,487
Egypt	661,974	1,145,212	565,575	834,512	433,723
France	3,855,842	3,551,518	3,409,355	3,664,286	1,932,576
Germany	725,505	1,682,772	1,978,994	1,216,684	805,943
Italy	1,042,467	1,942,458	972,462	1,253,526	452,437
Japan	2,343,115	2,905,735	2,483,649	2,779,580	1,593,424
Netherlands	37,280	186,003	57,535	320,123	58,067
Netherlands East Indies	1,115,521	1,098,811	1,177,483	1,307,296	1,351,901
Norway	83,198	2,501	13,066	3,078	20,536
Philippine Islands	25,923	34,059	38,602	33,601	38,945
Russia .. .. .	.. .. .	918	740,125	487,634	102,455
Sweden	27,505	26,060	73,759	34,414	33,097
Switzerland	2,371	8,008	4,871	5,468	11,240
United States of America	3,934,637	2,908,782	2,062,513	1,985,545	1,102,538
Other Foreign Countries	409,994	459,094	277,793	624,259	203,795
Total	33,317,304	34,936,873	31,728,558	30,437,225	36,499,943

Trade with
United
Kingdom.

Slightly more than 64 per cent. of the total value of the exports in 1930 were sent to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whilst 44 per cent. of the imports were their products or manufactures. The chief articles of United Kingdom origin imported in the last five years and the principal articles exported direct thereto in the same period were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
<i>Imported into Victoria (of United Kingdom origin).</i>					
Whisky	£ 324,532	£ 196,270	£ 192,369	£ 195,905	£ 167,904
Cigarettes	118,560	140,085	146,784	167,547	115,541
Apparel and Attire	864,723	752,040	584,240	456,172	356,689
Trimmings and Ornaments	143,810	134,821	94,811	77,612	65,562
Piece Goods—					
Cotton and Linen	3,295,167	3,319,207	2,898,547	2,605,936	2,685,020
Woolen	850,802	911,848	868,888	564,585	465,956
Silk	338,884	452,376	438,681	525,304	637,508
Canvas and Duck	342,110	321,758	269,590	268,008	267,923
Velvets, and Lace for Attire	136,547	149,737	142,558	215,813	172,232
Other	357,441	436,994	432,160	379,145	354,878
Floor Coverings	838,998	933,786	824,461	764,448	674,242
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	298,133	312,949	218,496	258,635	283,834
Yarns	635,240	954,411	775,903	805,201	754,596
Machines and Machinery	2,083,474	2,346,755	2,092,712	1,668,934	1,788,952
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	2,401,098	2,727,763	2,563,403	2,090,052	2,034,005
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	869,143	1,132,779	443,998	549,699	549,305
Other Vehicles and parts	415,135	415,406	359,802	408,623	381,668
Other Metals and Manufactures	1,540,597	1,459,511	1,265,502	1,239,562	1,082,096
Rubber and Rubber Goods	280,703	288,428	144,799	118,469	118,023
Crockery and Household Ware	180,083	184,803	163,385	165,997	148,532
Glass and Glassware	144,113	147,553	133,458	148,345	111,992
Paper	1,122,409	1,200,936	1,004,891	954,892	990,097
Books	381,442	360,833	370,220	359,562	356,404
Fancy Goods	231,475	222,926	194,229	188,273	181,109
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	128,208	149,892	101,196	110,991	97,800
Dyes	78,915	94,873	76,637	74,522	72,680
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	298,143	245,887	284,699	297,371	201,129
All other Articles	3,410,691	3,685,526	3,642,183	3,354,805	3,322,098
Total	22,100,081	23,680,151	20,728,602	19,014,408	18,437,775
<i>Exported from Victoria to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter	1,934,801	2,012,500	1,806,740	2,470,892	2,041,829
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	1,417,784	1,206,875	741,005	1,396,269	1,418,406
Rabbits and Hares	52,177	44,350	43,345	134,792	121,796
Preserved in tins	52,636	4,041	13,027	9,217	9,376
Milk and Cream	31,922	28,535	11,082	27,343	18,295
Fruits—all kinds	1,242,905	1,157,952	1,569,278	1,618,745	1,870,975
Wheat and Flour	1,301,400	2,483,284	981,397	1,355,737	439,527
Hides and Skins	1,159,554	1,019,060	1,323,717	1,128,699	848,558
Wool	6,061,382	4,888,821	5,092,864	6,285,869	3,406,481
Tallow, unrefined	128,918	139,190	52,745	126,123	48,368
Tin Ingots	39,075	65,399	48,365	42,427	1,050
Leather, &c.	87,699	38,593	50,595	36,655	53,393
Bullion and Specie	7,460	1,297	1,268	1,253,848	12,506,268
All other Articles	614,726	754,977	1,290,025*	767,540	613,855
Total	14,082,439	13,844,874	13,025,453	16,654,156	23,398,177

* Including "Vessels transferred abroad," £500,000.

The value of the trade with India and Ceylon was £3,768,970 in 1930, and was less than in the previous year by £1,591,266. There was a decrease in imports of £598,521, and also in exports of £992,745. The principal articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
INDIA AND CEYLON, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
<i>Imported into Victoria (of Indian and Cingalese origin).</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Cocoa Beans	11,822	11,027	12,982	12,976	10,312
Coffee	19,618	19,677	23,732	11,874	17,939
Rice	131,302	86,116	49,260	392	1,113
Nuts	35,869	41,925	36,541	35,219	538
Tea	572,558	762,314	575,280	626,488	496,827
Hides and Skins	7,069	26,731	49,774	37,405	88,080
Fibres	39,442	44,217	30,663	49,474	47,130
Gums and Resins	29,788	13,503	19,664	18,953	23,596
Seeds	76,556	44,245	59,932	82,122	53,430
Hessians	247,893	186,969	149,800	181,279	187,592
Floor Coverings	9,814	11,530	19,635	12,264	7,548
Bags and Sacks	1,249,427	1,412,160	1,195,646	1,374,578	938,361
Oils in Bulk	10,829	8,542	7,652	2,499	2,750
Waxes	6,895	6,528	2,300	5,709	8,459
Rubber, &c.	63,452	152,576	67,145	40,317	5,515
All other Articles	122,195	115,569	129,241	96,115	99,953
Total	2,637,029	2,943,629	2,420,247	2,587,664	1,989,143
<i>Exported from Victoria to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter	12,463	12,497	16,890	20,314	23,902
Meats	9,026	19,990	8,693	17,061	10,551
Milk and Cream	215,103	30,019	36,490	44,545	42,529
Biscuits	6,888	7,518	5,315	4,786	4,358
Hay and Chaff	10,294	14,080	7,300	5,242	9,544
Fruits (preserved in liquid)	2,546	860	1,898	1,802	2,561
Wheat, Flour, and Oatmeal	180,207	262,712	207,895	2,379,354	344,670
Jams and Jellies	5,612	3,280	2,667	1,762	746
Horses	12,012	16,062	28,076	43,540	44,444
Wool	14,790	23,480	50,075	106,668	70,966
Tallow (unrefined)	29,611	31,966	13,889	55,896	44,901
Leather, &c.	3,168	2,428	2,321	1,246	984
Soap	6,830	6,499	6,637	6,963	5,802
Specie and Bullion	53,804	500	87,332	31,119	1,142,502
All other Articles	43,889	62,367	73,109	52,234	31,367
Total	556,243	494,238	549,087	2,772,572	1,779,827

The value of the trade with New Zealand for the year ended 30th June, 1930, was £1,597,106. The exports thereto amounted to £942,860, and represented 2·6 per cent. of the total overseas exports. The principal articles of trade during the last five years were as follows :—

VALUE OF CHIEF IMPORTS OF NEW ZEALAND ORIGIN
AND OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED DIRECT TO
THAT COUNTRY, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imported into Victoria (of New Zealand origin).</i>					
Butter	166,871	204,260	113,622	1	..
Fish	32,872	37,870	52,391	45,861	38,627
Milk and Cream	3,021	5,458	6,565	6,098	5,358
Meats	17,485	29,275	33,691	21,772	13,215
Grain and Pulse	18,120	38,708	49,149	16,950	16,796
Hops	5,002	2,833	..	561	518
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	15,597	23,968	11,062	13,043	19,707
Hides and Skins	315,788	263,617	212,936	277,446	145,526
Wool	25,011	182,742	590,986	131,787	10,809
Flax and Hemp	67,188	86,005	60,743	63,889	58,634
Oakum and Tow	25,687	24,219	18,992	18,335	13,229
Seeds	55,198	38,736	34,084	40,830	22,025
Timber	273,792	145,067	123,027	123,996	148,858
Gold and Silver	28,092	126,755	230,511	129,318	100,182
All other articles	69,586	86,144	115,076	77,935	60,767
Total	1,118,750	1,295,657	1,652,838	967,812	654,246
<i>Exported from Victoria to New Zealand.</i>					
Fruits, all kinds	166,101	170,088	156,514	133,864	157,688
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat	435,948	199,772	138,188	3,800	2,481
Flour	86,861	276,890	30,358	19,973	19,045
Barley	2,634	893	..	56	229
Oats	6,141	7,992	634	1,823	11,469
Rice and Rice Meal	14,427	18,521	16,742	7,324	4,298
Tea	39,761	26,312	39,855	33,669	18,929
Spirituos and Alcoholic Liquors	22,559	18,311	14,145	11,969	14,661
Tobacco manufactured	361,429	253,908	236,012	210,240	171,839
Apparel	14,228	19,693	22,705	22,866	16,349
Piece Goods	24,233	25,516	35,421	40,397	20,401
Oils	79,733	7,959	3,984	5,851	6,369
Machines and Machinery	46,058	71,895	55,169	78,204	53,002
Metal manufactures	57,652	50,564	44,990	41,528	50,196
Rubber manufactures	84,601	27,277	22,124	15,273	16,109
Leather, &c.	16,456	7,388	9,726	9,764	12,982
Books	15,159	15,992	10,100	9,512	11,861
Drugs and Chemicals	26,006	27,236	35,829	28,435	36,778
Photographic goods and materials	49,117	47,758	46,204	46,108	46,730
All other Articles	238,683	209,206	235,690	302,533	272,444
Australian produce	1,542,859	1,309,090	961,837	736,751	778,250
Other produce	244,918	169,076	192,553	285,933	164,610
Total	1,787,777	1,478,166	1,154,390	1,022,684	942,860

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

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
BELGIUM, 1925-26 TO 1929-30

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
<i>Imported into Victoria (of Belgian origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Furs and other Skins, dressed ..	2,116	19,061	17,947	19,343	4,393
Gloves	20,322	16,879	17,119	15,890	13,152
Piece Goods	30,601	39,566	38,841	54,503	61,112
Artificial Silk .. ..	..	303	908	9,686	16,882
Electrical Machinery, &c. ..	5,922	13,058	24,569	4,820	6,789
Copper	2,873	8,197	6,720	4,789	585
Iron and Steel	14,001	17,728	6,432	8,850	11,511
Vehicles	19,198	19,080	1,630	980	1,783
Glass and Glassware	123,844	80,595	55,312	76,016	80,350
Paper	25,886	25,787	24,711	16,366	16,497
Precious Stones, Unset	6,425	3,663	10,556	23,102	21,454
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	11,496	13,545	17,267	18,523	23,582
All other Articles	44,541	73,323	150,637	72,468	105,121
Total	207,225	335,785	372,649	325,336	363,211
<i>Exported from Victoria to Belgium.</i>					
Wheat	53,688	334,226	69,579	42,440	..
Hides and Skins	53,928	38,840	106,306	73,454	76,471
Wool	358,462	528,594	798,616	991,035	340,200
Tallow	17,838	22,624	13,239	17,409	11,926
Cameos and Precious Stones ..	1,189	3,167	2,888	1,106	8,614
All other Articles	9,287	41,189	48,036	29,452	31,716
Total	494,392	968,640	1,038,664	1,154,896	468,927

In 1930 the value of the trade with France was £3,101,321, or nearly 4 per cent. of the oversea total. Details of the exports to France and of the goods of French origin received in the past five years are given in the appended table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
FRANCE, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
<i>Imported into Victoria (of French origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Brandy	32,701	32,777	32,074	34,310	27,509
Wine	28,716	26,974	20,549	22,887	22,791
Gums and Resins	28,321	37,996	29,014	30,141	29,749
Apparel—					
Trimnings and Ornaments	124,613	154,315	104,866	84,844	59,810
Gloves	31,249	36,245	18,605	19,055	24,021
Other	203,560	339,052	344,601	184,798	110,496
Piece Goods	611,104	885,495	612,859	641,331	462,217
Oils	14,594	16,041	18,513	20,470	24,304
Electrical Machinery and Appliances	16,037	24,900	13,170	3,690	2,737
Motor Cars and Parts	94,046	105,175	28,637	16,786	14,203
Rubber Manufactures	63,185	61,983	38,174	43,828	23,715
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	26,455	37,937	48,204	28,778	42,744
Pipes (smoking)	13,044	16,552	16,240	11,755	10,570
Cream of Tartar	23,797	15,483	16,937	15,948	21,344
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	23,538	34,902	23,092	27,227	23,498
All other Articles	265,226	321,010	247,684	271,598	269,037
Total	1,600,236	2,126,822	1,613,219	1,457,446	1,168,745
<i>Exported from Victoria to France.</i>					
Butter	1,835	4,200	62	8,440	..
Wheat and Flour	6,274	474,032	81,053	76,696	51,338
Hides and Skins	536,182	493,749	784,029	768,964	504,312
Wool	3,279,225	2,568,910	2,516,682	2,787,804	1,347,570
Tallow (unrefined)	3,032	2,697	11,381	1,400	2,006
All other Articles	29,294	12,900	16,148	20,982	27,350
Total	3,855,842	3,551,518	3,409,355	3,664,286	1,932,576

The trade with Germany in 1929-30 amounted to 3·4 per cent. of the total with oversea countries; in the year prior to the war (1913) the percentage was 8·4. Wool was the chief item exported to Germany, and during the past five years accounted for 70·8 per cent. of the total exports to that country—the percentage for 1929-30 being 69·3.

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

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH GERMANY, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Articles.	Value in year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imported into Victoria</i>					
<i>(of German origin).</i>					
Apparel—					
Gloves	120,339	107,136	89,135	97,919	66,753
Other	109,893	269,891	335,611	283,674	249,522
Piece Goods	71,021	191,517	188,121	167,669	143,476
Machines and Machinery ..	133,545	202,513	262,993	346,041	354,138
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Vehicles	8,752	12,659	23,101	49,977	8,148
Plated Ware and Cutlery ..	24,305	33,293	26,011	21,272	18,803
Other	132,698	266,467	180,168	192,416	195,088
Glass and Glassware	15,563	23,769	28,269	29,289	31,690
Paper	22,764	44,812	48,836	48,549	64,157
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	14,457	23,518	29,261	29,420	23,503
Fancy Goods	70,662	81,997	72,984	82,707	82,544
Timepieces	37,077	38,148	39,341	32,780	28,695
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	26,565	43,858	50,557	40,901	39,181
Drugs, Chemicals, and Fertilizers	46,096	90,079	78,479	92,905	109,171
Bags, Baskets, &c.	17,107	24,291	27,659	21,471	26,739
Brushware	5,945	30,166	24,104	14,744	14,564
Musical Instruments	112,659	106,163	66,865	47,201	28,223
All other Articles	137,710	204,450	277,927	277,593	347,117
Total	1,107,158	1,794,727	1,849,422	1,876,528	1,831,512
<i>Exported from Victoria to Germany.</i>					
Butter	7,806	4,362	217	13,303	1,456
Sausage Casings	15,315	5,858	3,088	5,872	2,641
Fruits (all kinds)	35,483	321	98,377	154	71,111
Wheat and Flour	54,481	325,186	83,585	3,052	..
Wool	507,601	1,321,404	1,482,222	812,573	558,208
Hides and Skins	60,405	162,605	228,310	308,239	59,086
Tallow (unrefined) .. .. .	..	16,559	1,828	4,878	132
Casein	8,501	5,659	14,387	13,653	7,650
Eucalyptus Oil	10,314	21,142	30,889	18,688	16,006
All other Articles	25,599	19,676	36,091	36,272	89,653
Total	725,505	1,882,772	1,978,994	1,216,684	805,943

The value of Japanese goods received in 1929-30 represented only slightly more than 3 per cent. of the total oversea imports, as compared with 8·8 per cent. in 1918-19. The principal articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH JAPAN, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
<i>Imported into Victoria (of Japanese origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	3,452	7,657	6,029	8,806	21,681
Silk, Raw	*	95,037	116,252	130,189	210,045
Fibres	2,706	5,901	5,920	6,141	6,620
Grass or Straw, &c. ..	6,302	5,833	2,580	4,630	3,758
Apparel—					
Socks and Stockings ..	9,477	8,820	9,887	258	140
Buttons, Buckles, &c. ..	21,485	18,817	15,504	13,220	14,797
Hats and Caps	16,774	13,722	7,353	35,242	15,880
Other	20,720	13,955	12,509	14,205	18,841
Piece Goods—Silk	762,429	931,104	726,377	835,362	728,388
Cotton and Linen	222,444	165,300	109,995	66,777	74,130
Other	24,171	21,767	3,276	8,485	2,608
Oils	5,197	4,696	10,718	11,461	12,409
Timber	34,768	4,759	39,280	40,347	47,220
China ware	26,156	26,688	29,174	31,234	26,633
Glass and Glassware ..	19,590	20,347	19,303	17,004	14,088
Fancy Goods	25,802	20,800	15,870	19,222	26,186
Jewellery and Precious Stones	8,214	14,410	12,791	6,434	5,161
Camphor	8,648	5,963	3,684	4,346	3,768
All other Articles	147,308	92,396	51,627	78,820	112,920
Total	1,360,650	1,519,972	1,195,129	1,387,183	1,345,268
<i>Exported from Victoria to Japan.</i>					
Butter	564	95	65	948	8,108
Milk and Cream	105,630	61,095	58,499	68,786	62,027
Grain and Pulse	1,054,784	842,297	123,897	640,565	200,427
Wool	1,094,858	1,899,254	2,205,030	1,857,225	1,146,193
Tallow (un-refined) ..	45,895	42,765	55,280	112,979	93,625
Casain	23,070	24,474	14,759	52,125	54,843
Fertilizers	8,115	13,323	4,100	1,586	2,557
All other Articles	10,199	22,432	17,019	45,364	25,644
Total	2,343,115	2,905,735	2,483,649	2,779,580	1,593,424

* Not itemized for 1925-26.

Trade with
Netherlands
East Indies.

The Netherlands East Indies accounted for 3·4 per cent. of Victoria's oversea trade in 1930. The chief articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
<i>Imported into Victoria (of Netherlands East Indies origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Coffee and Chicory	32,757	26,450	24,410	22,106	31,672
Sago and Tapioca	4,555	1,181	3,365	6,362	3,909
Spices	9,559	4,771	8,093	10,687	7,952
Tea	532,442	379,425	393,744	311,902	167,310
Tobacco—unmanufactured	27,780	30,342	62,856	45,715	11,211
Hides and Skins	2,852	16,242	13,083	33,248	23,184
Fibres	133,274	162,755	158,023	165,782	113,854
Seeds	16,367	15,619	11,401	17,717	16,079
Oils	846,966	884,528	569,913	902,988	843,415
Rubber, crude	99,053	135,188	79,445	94,093	36,928
All other Articles	42,062	37,503	31,831	46,675	37,529
Total	1,749,867	1,698,954	1,356,164	1,657,275	1,293,043
<i>Exported from Victoria to the Netherlands East Indies.</i>					
Butter	451,169	415,862	454,913	438,019	442,216
Meats	17,722	10,292	4,923	2,674	2,743
Milk and Cream	93,233	106,974	107,357	208,202	336,408
Biscuits	74,608	45,388	43,512	31,890	21,232
Fruits, and fruit juices	28,230	31,329	35,660	40,575	38,312
Grain and Pulse	360,590	401,264	425,595	446,940	453,577
Machines and Machinery	2,378	4,124	2,371	2,722	1,761
Leather, &c.	39,474	38,895	53,315	32,323	20,683
Ammonium Sulphate	4,640				
All other Articles	43,477	44,683	48,837	53,946	35,069
Total	1,115,521	1,098,811	1,177,483	1,307,296	1,351,901

Trade with United States of America. The value of the trade with the United States in 1930 was £9,877,057, or 12·6 per cent. of the value of the Victorian oversea trade. The principal articles included in the trade with the United States in the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED STATES, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imported into Victoria (of United States origin).</i>					
Fish, Preserved in Tins	55,610	46,719	19,809	45,282	32,842
Sausage Casings	107,003	82,285	65,815	63,146	32,385
Tobacco, &c.	423,658	526,777	549,859	344,402	354,635
Gums and Resins	34,170	27,382	23,829	19,043	25,626
Apparel—					
Socks and Stockings	114,922	144,964	150,697	149,654	110,319
Gloves	10,215	7,193	5,613	4,533	3,673
Other	156,048	177,712	154,626	148,871	135,790
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	274,545	396,763	326,530	337,991	283,486
Other	74,212	123,933	93,143	101,871	86,585
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns ..	84,244	165,266	88,762	179,134	204,819
Oils	1,855,778	1,760,771	1,650,951	1,693,750	1,878,157
Paints and Varnishes	61,791	61,381	71,587	74,737	60,225
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Natural Pitch	31,688	40,079	32,503	71,982	89,038
Machines and Machinery	1,583,024	1,948,895	1,584,608	1,364,069	1,314,841
Metals and Metal manufactures—					
Vehicles and parts	2,564,476	2,823,542	1,959,538	2,377,217	1,594,213
Iron and Steel	175,252	308,954	114,257	127,545	72,143
Tools of Trade	133,403	171,423	116,237	130,667	109,759
Other	422,218	453,507	373,727	384,955	376,022
Rubber, &c.	338,134	231,142	130,936	87,862	70,057
Leather, &c.	64,668	116,419	87,547	115,898	84,962
Timber	929,071	764,990	748,170	645,735	588,481
Glass and Glassware	45,239	47,767	40,041	34,166	19,591
Paper	76,374	86,404	81,301	99,309	79,974
Stationery	122,540	132,813	130,078	140,215	132,826
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods	84,380	112,293	83,021	84,711	77,465
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	149,475	156,217	142,719	128,885	140,301
Sulphur (Brimstone)	138,816	183,963	217,096	161,663	216,577
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	70,292	63,177	44,607	28,179	35,435
Instruments—Musical	192,191	289,770	149,715	93,773	42,097
All other Articles	490,036	585,173	532,855	528,738	522,195
Total	10,868,473	12,087,684	9,770,167	9,767,973	8,774,519
<i>Exported from Victoria to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	159,187	168,441	139,435	162,486	154,698
Hides and Skins	427,036	362,618	392,643	612,412	424,808
Wool	3,193,089	2,304,047	1,419,526	1,039,700	405,798
Tallow (unrefined)	21,690	..	17,993	44,840	1,675
Platinum—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	50,914	12,177	3,895	..	..
Eucalyptus Oil	13,713	14,054	22,404	25,668	15,175
All other Articles	69,058	47,445	66,617	100,439	100,384
Total	3,934,687	2,908,782	2,062,513	1,985,545	1,102,538

Destination of principal articles exported. Wool, butter, wheat and flour, fruits (all kinds), hides and skins, and meats were the six principal articles exported from Victoria in 1930—their value being equal to nearly 53 per cent. of the total exports. The countries which received these products are shown in the following statement:—

DESTINATION OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED IN 1929-30.

Destination.	Wool.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fruits (all kinds).	Hides and Skins.	Meats.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	3,406,481	2,041,829	465,834	1,870,975	848,558	1,562,422
Aden ..	..	24	14,092	44	..	..
Canada ..	22,875	11,825	..	148,285	732	67,083
Hong Kong ..	..	3,373	29,199	4,168	..	1,018
India and Ceylon ..	70,966	10,910	344,669	7,887	..	10,235
Malaya (British) ..	..	75,385	144,640	7,454	..	16,326
Malta ..	..	119	15,717	..	..	2,442
Mauritius ..	..	5,800	57,952	56	..	..
New Zealand ..	1,527	..	21,526	157,688	412	584
Pacific Islands (British) ..	..	884	1,812	2,336	..	3,828
South African Union ..	..	2,381	144,791	1,034	..	278
Sudan ..	..	14	27,720	14	..	18
Other British Countries ..	..	4,628	12,941	572	153	49
Africa, Portuguese East ..	..	1,351	37,348	237	..	..
Africa, Portuguese West ..	..	35	36,450	..	..	..
Belgium ..	340,200	4,456	..	10	76,471	18,301
Canary Islands ..	..	47	1,870	9	..	..
China ..	155	16,776	1,264	2,982	..	20
Egypt ..	..	21,693	401,350	993	2,202	5,596
Finland ..	..	..	..	..	1,743	10
France ..	1,347,570	..	51,338	49	504,312	5,484
French Indo-China ..	..	405	12,143	13	..	..
Germany ..	558,208	1,456	..	71,111	109,086	8,821
Italy ..	432,495	3	..	2	3,943	313
Japan ..	1,146,193	8,108	180,865	14	5,230	637
Mexico ..	12,488	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	23,241	..	606	24,702	1,441	..
Netherlands East Indies ..	..	442,216	452,331	15,390	..	2,743
Norway ..	119	..	..	..	833	..
Peru ..	..	..	32,163	..	..	..
Philippine Islands ..	..	7,150	11,486	..	315	493
Russia ..	102,481	..	..	4	..	..
Siam ..	..	5,129	48,980	11	..	..
Sweden ..	16,853	..	..	2,936	1,162	..
United States of America ..	405,798	..	1	21	424,808	157,588
Other Foreign Countries ..	1,490	2,758	21,216	6,012	1,403	989
Total ..	7,889,140	2,668,755	2,570,304	2,324,909	1,982,804	1,865,278

The value of the above-mentioned six articles added to that of the next principal item (milk and cream) represented 88·8 per cent. of the total merchandise exported. The value of milk and cream exported amounted to £985,292, of which £343,953 was sent to British Malaya, £336,408 to Netherlands East Indies, and £99,538 to China.

Customs and
Excise
Revenue.

The following statement shows the overseas trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports and inland stations, during the year 1929-30 :—

OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED
AT VICTORIAN PORTS AND INLAND STATIONS, 1929-30.

Heading.	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Warrnam- beel.	Inland Sta- tions.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Oversea Trade—						
Imports ..	40,782,668	958,265	82,551.	58,040	..	41,881,524*
Exports ..	34,436,204	939,467	392,656	731,616	..	36,499,943
Total ..	75,218,872	1,897,732	475,207	789,656	..	78,381,467
Gross Revenue—						
Customs ..	9,057,041	193,550	15,223	14,005	..	9,279,819
Excise ..	3,020,284	30,412	..	..	17,026	3,067,722
Other sources	27,151	207	..	61	3	27,422
Total ..	12,104,476	224,169	15,223	14,066	17,029	12,374,963†

* Excluding "Outside Packages," £419,569. † After deducting £446,286 for Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £11,928,677.

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 each Statistician, with the exception of West Australia and Tasmania (where schemes for collecting Interstate trade statistics are already in force), with a view to obtaining a record of the principal items of Interstate trade.

Monthly returns of twelve specified articles (quantities only) interchanged between Victoria and the other States, have been received

from the Harbor Trusts, Railways Department, Ports and Harbors Department, Warrnambool Harbor Board, and the Department of Agriculture. The tabulated totals of these items for the year 1929-30, excluding all oversea cargo interchanged, are shown in the following table:—

INTERSTATE TRADE OF 12 SPECIFIED ARTICLES (QUANTITIES ONLY).

Article.	Imported into Victoria from other States during 1929-30, and recorded by—					
	Department of Agriculture (Live Stock by Land and Sea).	Victorian Railways. ¹	Port of Melbourne. ²	Port of Geelong.	Ports of Portland and Warrnam- bool.	Total.
		tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter .. ..	..	207	3,055	..	..	3,262
Coal .. ..	..	2	390,790	209,146	14,561	614,499
Flour .. ..	..	14,522	176	..	..	14,698
Fruit, fresh ..	..	18,037 ³	4,296	..	..	22,333
Fruits, dried ..	..	876	590	..	..	1,466
Oats .. ..	..	4,259	592	..	..	4,851
Onions .. ..	..	60	4	..	..	64
Potatoes .. ..	..	165	473	..	..	638
Wheat .. ..	..	46,930	..	..	..	46,930
Wool .. ..	..	26,912	4,021	191	..	31,724
	No.					No.
Cattle	104,672	..	..	..	..	104,672
Sheep	2,872,340	..	..	..	..	2,872,340

Article.	Exported from Victoria to other States during 1929-30, and recorded by—					
	Department of Agriculture (Live Stock by Land and Sea).	Victorian Railways. ¹	Port of Melbourne. ²	Port of Geelong.	Ports of Portland and Warrnam- bool.	Total.
		tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter .. ..	..	152	1,982	..	..	2,134
Coal .. ..	..	1,029	76	..	..	1,105
Flour .. ..	..	2,840	8,064	..	..	10,894
Fruit, fresh ..	..	20,563	6,355	..	..	26,918
Fruit, dried ..	..	161	7,660	..	..	7,821
Oats .. ..	..	3,604	7,112	203	..	10,919
Onions .. ..	..	7,089	15,441	6,823	205	29,558
Potatoes .. ..	..	35,830	27,425	244	94	63,593
Wheat .. ..	..	756	9,810	3,746	..	14,312
Wool .. ..	..	846	4,851	644	..	6,341
	No.					No.
Cattle	29,155	..	..	..	..	29,155
Sheep	1,018,455	..	..	..	..	1,018,455

¹ New South Wales and South Australia only.

² Including interstate wares transhipped to Victorian ports, but excluding interstate imports transhipped to overseas and interstate ports.

³ Including 5,884 tons from Queensland re-waybilled at Wallangarra.

⁴ Including coastal cargo transhipped to interstate ports.

The foregoing table refers to the quantities of twelve articles interchanged between Victoria and the other States. The States from and to in the case of imports and exports respectively are available for only five of the aforementioned items. These consist of butter, flour, wheat, cattle, and sheep, and information relating to the importing and exporting State of these articles is given below :—

**INTERSTATE TRADE OF FIVE SPECIFIED ARTICLES,
CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE STATE OF IMPORT
AND EXPORT, 1929-30.**

Article.	Imported into Victoria from—					
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	West Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	522	736	..	..	2,004	3,262
Flour	14,245	..	238	..	165	14,698
Wheat	28,626	..	18,304	..	..	46,930
	No.		No.		No.	No.
Cattle	99,422	..	882	..	4,368	104,672
Sheep	2,844,054	..	26,238	..	1,998	2,872,340

Article.	Exported from Victoria to—					
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	West Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	175	26	822	785	326	2,134
Flour	1,874	1,285	1,047	5	6,683	10,894
Wheat	472	21	307	4	13,508	14,312
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cattle	13,592	6	15,510	17	30	29,155
Sheep	708,161	54	263,283	4,509	42,448	1,018,455

SHIPPING.

Victorian shipping as dealt with in the succeeding tables refers to vessels trading with other States and overseas countries; the tonnage quoted is net. Vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray have not been taken into consideration. In the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 321) and at the port of Melbourne (page 323) coastal shipping is included.

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

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	2,470	2,667	2,589	2,474	2,499
Tons	6,485,561	7,187,147	6,844,809	6,798,092	6,911,048
Average tonnage ..	2,626	2,694	2,644	2,748	2,766
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	2,447	2,666	2,608	2,466	2,488
Tons	6,494,779	7,180,748	6,869,313	6,815,305	6,877,418
Average tonnage ..	2,654	2,693	2,634	2,764	2,764

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1930, steamers numbered 2,482 of the vessels entered, and 2,472 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 6,890,548 and 6,859,345 respectively. The inward shipping included 26 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 54,848, whilst the outward shipping included 335 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 654,761.

The more important of the countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1929-30 are set out in the following statement :—

Shipping with
principal
countries.

SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1929-30.

Countries.	Entered.				Cleared.			
	Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.	
	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.
Australian States	1,731	3,552,264	8	640	1,675	4,138,896	12	10,403
United Kingdom	217	1,384,020	..	..	191	1,322,561	3	5,516
New Zealand	45	86,447	..	..	48	85,750	..	..
India	22	76,815	..	..	17	65,148	..	..
Straits Settlements	25	85,755	..	..	22	65,982	..	..
Other British	75	237,250	..	..	82	252,647	..	..
Total British Countries	2,115	5,422,551	8	640	2,235	5,931,004	15	15,919
Japan	49	181,269	..	..	52	189,574	..	..
Dutch East Indies	30	187,361	..	..	36	155,781	..	..
United States	158	621,377	..	..	64	243,468	..	..
Other Foreign	130	527,990	9	19,860	85	339,488	1	2,154
Total Foreign Countries	367	1,467,997	9	19,860	237	928,341	1	2,154
Grand Total ..	2,482	6,890,548	17	20,500	2,472	6,859,345	16	18,073

Nationality of vessels.

The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1929-30 was as shown hereunder:—

NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1929-30.

Nationality.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
British—				
Australian	1,461	1,903,383	1,445	1,886,448
United Kingdom	608	3,469,635	608	3,444,599
Canadian	28	101,503	28	101,503
Hong Kong	17	44,212	18	48,076
New Zealand	42	79,761	42	80,501
South African	2	6,418	3	9,001
Other British	5	10,896	6	12,818
Total, British	2,163	5,615,808	2,150	5,582,946
Foreign—				
Danish	11	40,462	12	42,815
Finnish	9	22,950	8	20,523
French	8	42,637	9	45,664
German	41	175,961	39	166,533
Holland	31	150,645	32	155,009
Italian	24	107,257	24	107,257
Japanese	52	197,024	57	211,157
Norwegian	63	202,765	64	203,996
Swedish	37	112,924	35	106,523
United States	57	231,068	55	223,438
Other Foreign	3	11,547	3	11,547
Total, Foreign	336	1,295,240	338	1,294,472
Grand Total ..	2,499	6,911,048	2,488	6,877,418

Shipping
entered at
Victorian
Ports.

Particulars of shipping—Oversea, Interstate, and Coastwise—which entered at each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1930:—

VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH OF THE VICTORIAN PORTS, 1929-30.

Direction.	Melbourne.		Cunningham (Lakes Entrance).		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnambool.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
Oversea—										
Steam ..	195	659,291	..	..	5	18,014	2	6,871	..	..
Sailing ..	9	19,860	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate*—										
Steam ..	2,100	5,842,453	..	..	158	328,619	7	21,870	15	13,430
Sailing ..	7	560	..	..	1	80	..	..	..	..
Oversea via Ports—										
Steam ..	19	57,677	..	..	46	167,777	6	23,461	..	..
Interstate via Ports—										
Steam ..	68	155,960	..	..	42	82,806	8	40,760	3	2,415
Local (within the State)—										
Steam ..	832	287,087	46	8,180	252	111,979	76	17,634	135	32,332
Sailing ..	185	7,304	..	..	19	4,932	..	..	..	..
Total ..										
Steam ..	3,214	7,002,468	46	8,180	505	708,995	99	110,616	153	48,177
Sailing ..	201	27,724	..	..	20	5,012	..	..	..	..
Grand Total..	3,415	7,030,192	46	8,180	525	714,007	99	110,616	153	48,177

NOTE.—“Ports” mean Victorian ports.

* Including “Oversea via States.”

Ferry
Service.

The Williamstown City Council owns one steamer which is engaged in the transport of passengers between Port Melbourne and Williamstown. It is licensed to carry 342 passengers. During the year ended 30th September, 1930, the number of passengers carried was 136,530, whilst the total revenue and expenditure amounted to £3,088 and £7,135 respectively. There were 6 persons employed, and the total mileage was 12,740.

Cargo
discharged and
shipped.

Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1930, are shown hereunder. The first table gives the tonnage of Interstate and Oversea cargo handled at each port in the State, and the second tabulation shows only the tonnage of Oversea cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels carrying.

**TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO
DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT
DURING THE YEAR 1929-30.**

Port.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Melbourne	1,114,743	2,018,855	656,729	545,774
Geelong	208,535	129,542	32,289	58,666
Portland	872	10,330	..	6,207
Warrnambool	20,919	..	5,988	..
Total	1,345,069	2,158,727	695,006	610,647

**TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED
IN VICTORIA DURING THE YEAR 1929-30, ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF THE VESSELS
IN WHICH SUCH CARGO WAS CARRIED.**

Nationality of Vessels Carrying Cargo.	Tonnage.	
	Discharged.	Shipped.
Australian	22,744	3,165
Great Britain	1,357,125	363,261
Canadian	31,483	20,095
Hong Kong	8,751	6,488
New Zealand	43,028	25,524
South African	300	3,079
Other British	7,969	4,430
Total, British	1,471,400	426,042
Danish	58,766	265
Finnish	48,911	3,848
French	4,841	..
German	41,575	25,850
Holland	43,783	48,240
Italian	11,266	20,622
Japanese	64,528	49,657
Norwegian	161,994	18,302
Swedish	88,400	12,541
United States of America	139,175	5,280
Other Foreign	24,088	..
Total, Foreign	687,327	184,605
Grand Total	2,158,727	610,647

PORT OF MELBOURNE.

**Port of
Melbourne.**

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which had 10·76 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1930. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 71 acres, of which 28 acres are under sheds. The constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure are shown in part "Municipal Statistics."

**Trade of
the Port.**

In the year 1930, vessels to the number of 3,214 (2,928 steamers, and 286 sailing vessels), with registered gross tonnage aggregating 11,260,397 berthed within the Port. The tonnage of imports in 1930 was 2,637,538, and that of exports 1,256,751. These figures include Interstate and Coastal tonnage, which amounted to 1,031,870 in the case of imports and 610,237 in the case of exports. Coal forms a great part of the Interstate imports, and, excluding 75,717 tons transhipped to vessels and used mainly for their own consumption, the quantity imported during 1930 amounted to 677,446 tons.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, AND TELEPHONES.

**Post Offices
and Registered
Articles.**

The following statement contains particulars in relation to the number of post offices in Victoria, also the number of registered articles (other than packets) dealt with in this State in the last five years :—

POST OFFICES, AND REGISTERED ARTICLES POSTED AND RECEIVED, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Registered Articles—			
		Posted for Delivery Within the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery Outside the Commonwealth.	Total Posted.	Received from Outside the Commonwealth.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1926	2,714	1,714,752	111,905	1,826,657	162,796
1927	2,729	2,362,500	118,595	2,481,095	176,073
1928	2,748	1,911,366	123,709	2,035,075	187,716
1929	2,738	2,084,423	119,544	2,203,967	162,750
1930	2,732	2,031,560	111,479	2,143,039	171,002

* Excluding "telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted.

Postal Returns.

Details of the postal matter dealt with in Victoria during the years 1922-23 to 1926-27 appear in the *Year-Book* of 1928-29, page 477. Pending an investigation into the system of recording such particulars, later information is not available except in regard to registered articles (as shown in the previous table) and parcels. The number of the latter dealt with in 1929-30 was as follows:—Posted for delivery—(a) within the Commonwealth, 2,450,639, and (b) outside the Commonwealth, 74,376; received from outside the Commonwealth, 132,837.

Dead Letters.

During 1929-30 money and valuables to the amount of £27,502 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Postal articles (29,837) were posted without address, and of that number 157 contained money and valuables to the extent of £2,158.

Money Orders and Postal Notes.

The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in Victoria in each of the last five years:—

MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Heading.	1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.
Number of Money Order Offices open	661	680	695	709	735
Money Orders issued—					
Inland .. { Number ..	459,172	478,621	495,407	494,732	505,212
{ Amount £	2,424,209	2,513,771	2,593,090	2,612,542	2,623,002
Interstate .. { Number ..	84,568	87,862	86,932	84,227	81,507
{ Amount £	511,899	496,273	499,437	471,370	451,021
Beyond the Com- { Number ..	76,101	82,729	84,532	86,772	87,618
monwealth { Amount £	256,432	281,719	280,349	286,976	316,125
Total .. { Number ..	619,841	648,712	666,371	665,731	674,337
{ Amount £	3,192,630	3,291,763	3,372,876	3,370,888	3,390,148
Money Orders Paid—					
Inland .. { Number ..	468,582	475,011	488,738	495,276	503,593
{ Amount £	2,431,019	2,520,942	2,595,093	2,618,378	2,627,713
Interstate .. { Number ..	139,044	145,105	151,088	148,090	144,178
{ Amount £	736,803	754,694	787,583	760,638	732,916
Beyond the Com- { Number ..	86,556	35,233	37,368	37,364	38,573
monwealth { Amount £	139,566	130,916	137,581	135,220	135,988
Total .. { Number ..	639,182	655,349	677,194	680,730	686,344
{ Amount £	3,307,388	3,406,552	3,520,857	3,514,736	3,496,617
Postal Notes—					
Issued .. { Number ..	4,619,497	4,539,488	4,715,578	4,759,531	4,893,975
{ Amount £	1,572,587	1,665,216	1,704,911	1,720,553	1,765,486
Paid—Issued with- { Number ..	2,935,129	2,904,339	3,013,348	3,106,130	3,142,456
in the State { Amount £	1,049,904	1,089,324	1,137,816	1,169,662	1,186,140
Paid — Issued in { Number ..	397,546	393,681	432,192	441,366	422,514
other States { Amount £	151,953	156,366	164,025	166,406	164,853

Of the orders issued in 1929-30, 6,822 for £23,241 were payable in New Zealand, and 60,035 for £195,954 were payable in the United Kingdom. The orders paid included 19,147 for £57,209 issued in New Zealand, and 13,771 for £58,007 issued in the United Kingdom.

The following statement gives particulars relating to the telegraph business in the Victorian offices during the last five years :—

TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Heading.	1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)..	2,300	2,333	2,365	2,409	2,442
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Despatched ..	4,244,806	4,219,566	3,999,927	3,874,173	3,741,895
Other Countries—					
Despatched ..	230,408	240,786	242,991	256,167	250,769
Received ..	221,879	226,383	224,530	230,293	229,231
Transiting the State ..	16,910	16,054	69,231	346,559	329,909
Total Number of Messages Handled..	4,714,003	4,702,789	4,536,679	4,707,192	4,551,804
Revenue Credited—	£	£	£	£	£
Telegrams	281,037	277,863	270,426	258,671	241,332
Cablegrams	35,221	34,204	39,103	46,477	40,712
Total	316,258	312,067	309,529	305,148	282,044

The connexion of one subscriber to a telephone office constitutes an exchange. Information relating to the telephone service in Victoria is given below for the years 1925-26 to 1929-30 :—

TELEPHONES, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Heading.	1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,426	1,518	1,573	1,620	1,656
Public Telephones ..	1,914	2,112	2,208	2,256	2,295
Lines Connected ..	93,215	101,891	108,678	114,603	118,074
Instruments Connected ..	127,000	138,609	147,788	155,841	160,381
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	74.9	80.3	83.9	88.2	89.9

Details of wireless licences issued in Victoria for the year ended 30th June, 1930, are shown hereunder. The licences issued to broadcast listeners in Victoria represented 45 per cent. of the total for Australia.

WIRELESS LICENCES ISSUED IN VICTORIA, 1929-30.

Class of Licence.	Number.
Coast	1
Ship	55
Land	3
Broadcasting A	*
Broadcasting B	5
Broadcast Listeners—	
Ordinary	139,887
Experimental—	
Transmitting and Receiving	185
Portable	1
Special	11

* "A" Class stations are now controlled by the Postmaster-General's Department. No "A" Class Broadcasting licences are now in existence.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Post and Telegraph Department in Victoria for the years 1925-26 to 1929-30 are contained in the following table :—

Post Office
revenue and
expenditure.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Particulars.	1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.
<i>Revenue.*</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Postage	1,306,183	1,383,227	1,404,827	1,441,804	1,404,827
Money Order Commission	51,381	59,646	60,872	61,422	60,872
Poundage on Postal Notes	11,511	12,376	12,701	16,092	12,701
Private Boxes and Bags	96,277	96,383	149,740	137,008	149,740
Miscellaneous					
Total Postal	1,465,352	1,551,632	1,628,140	1,656,326	1,628,140
Telegraph	339,033	345,896	344,525	334,168	344,525
Telephones	1,143,906	1,310,880	1,412,763	1,529,634	1,412,763
Grand Total†	2,948,291	3,208,408	3,385,428	3,520,128	3,385,428
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries	1,390,080	1,444,929	1,644,354	1,664,562	1,691,961
Conveyance of Mails	258,157	267,345	276,503	282,320	287,994
Contingencies	558,563	549,805	593,287	576,171	591,785
Miscellaneous	20,839	20,057	24,411	24,129	24,993
Pensions and Retiring Allowances	51,621	52,108	52,793	51,376	48,794
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	35,186	32,845	41,981	32,690	25,837
Proportion of Audit Expenses	2,813	2,902	3,114	3,222	3,366
New Works—					
Telegraph and Telephone	1,533,577	1,088,911	897,240	697,526	630,943
New Buildings, &c.	127,635	58,349	49,834	23,421	54,448
Interest on Transferred Properties.. .. .	42,957	42,779	61,362	61,362	61,362
Total Expenditure‡	4,021,283	3,569,030	3,644,859	3,417,279	3,421,483

* Including "Central Office" collections.

† Actual collections.

‡ Actual payments, which includes loan expenditure as follows:—£1,661,262 in 1925-26, £1,147,260 in 1926-27, £947,074 in 1927-28, £720,947 in 1928-29, and £685,391 in 1929-30.

RAILWAYS.

Victorian
Railways,
length and
cost.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic are, with the two exceptions referred to on page 334, the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

The succeeding tables relate to the State railways, the Road Motor Services, and the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways—all of which are under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of the tramways mentioned are also shown separately on page 332. The usual motive power is steam, but electric traction is used on the suburban lines (with the exception of a small section of the Outer Circle line between East Camberwell and Deepdene), and on the 9·79 miles of tramways referred to above. The gauge of the lines is 5 ft. 3 in., with the exception of 121·77 miles (·21 double and 121·56 single), of which the gauge is 2 ft. 6 in.; and 4·61 miles (2·21 miles double and 2·40 single) of electric street tramway, the gauge of which is 4 ft. 8½ in. The

following table shows the length of double and single lines, the cost of construction, and the average cost per mile at the close of each of the last five years :—

**RAILWAYS, LENGTH AND COST OF CONSTRUCTION,
1925-26 TO 1929-30.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Length of Lines opened to 30th June—					
Double Lines (miles)	336·28	336·28	336·28	338·72	348·28
Single Lines (miles)	4,344·25	4,355·50	4,412·81	4,411·94	4,416·08
Total	4,680·53	4,691·78	4,749·09	4,750·66	4,764·36
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of Construction	43,102,954	43,693,084	44,432,267	45,268,221	46,331,145
Average Cost per mile	9,209	9,313	9,356	9,535	9,725

At 30th June, 1930, 120 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of railways were in course of construction, and 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles had been authorized but construction had not been commenced.

Total capital cost of railways and equipment.

The total capital cost of all lines constructed and in course of construction, works, rolling-stock and equipment of the Railways Department at 30th June in each of the last five years was as follows :—

**TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC., AND
EQUIPMENT, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.**

Year Ended 30th June—	Railways.		Electric Tramways.		Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.
	Lines Opened.*	Lines in Progress of Construction.	Lines Opened.	Lines in Progress of Construction.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1926 ..	68,911,902	175,260	295,984	26,162	16,749	69,426,057
1927 ..	70,301,304	419,824	329,426	..	37,931	71,088,485
1928 ..	72,297,261	501,818	336,215	..	25,502	73,160,796
1929 ..	73,075,876	894,375	335,987	..	26,208	74,332,446
1930 ..	74,234,081	408,312	337,718	..	40,209	75,020,320

* Including at 30th June, 1930, the cost of surveys for lines not constructed (£421,088), and cost of lines now closed for traffic (£275,254).

The loan liability of the Railways Department at 30th June, 1930, is represented by stock and debentures outstanding to the nominal amount of £74,540,173 on which the annual interest *payable* is £3,584,140, or at the average rate of 4·808 per cent. The nominal amount of loans, however, was reduced by £2,802,362—the cost of flotation, together with the discount at time of flotation. It has been computed that, whilst the nominal rate of interest on loans outstanding was 4·808 per cent., the real interest on the net proceeds of current loans available for railway construction, &c., was 4·996 per cent.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, contributions amounting, at 30th June, 1930, to £4,288,689 (on which no interest is charged) have been made from Consolidated Revenue for capital purposes.

Railway
traffic.

The mileage and the traffic of the railways since 30th June, 1925, are given in the following table :—

RAILWAYS—MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Miles Constructed ..	4,680·53	4,691·78	4,749·09	4,750·66	4,764·36
„ Dismantled ..	36·14	36·14	36·14	36·14	37·70
„ Closed to Traffic ..	11·62	11·62	6·40	5·71	4·15
„ Open for Traffic ..	4,632·77	4,644·02	4,706·55	4,708·81	4,722·51
Train Mileage ..	18,267,000	18,781,264	19,302,971	19,022,771	18,708,773
Passenger Journeys*	175,354,111	177,102,686	172,350,327	168,440,449	164,471,582
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	8,728,496	9,234,923	8,117,961	8,187,088	7,513,606

* Including 17,504 in 1925-26, 193,362 in 1926-27, 497,314 in 1927-28, 450,799 in 1928-29, and 611,064 in 1929-30, by the Road Motor Services.

The mileage given in preceding tables relates to lines of railway irrespective of the number of tracks, the actual length of which had been opened for traffic at 30th June, 1930, was 5,098·45 miles of main tracks, and 1,029·57 miles of sidings.

The tonnage of goods and live stock carried (7,513,606) was 673,482 less than in 1928-29. The items of goods carried in 1929-30 showing greatest tonnage were stone, gravel, and sand, 1,139,962 tons; fire-wood, 711,351 tons; wheat, 546,652 tons; minerals, 485,060 tons. Live stock carried in the same year had an aggregate weight of 689,999 tons, and comprised 66,248 horses, 464,184 cattle, 11,196,289 sheep, and 342,204 pigs.

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

**RAILWAY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE,
1925-26 TO 1929-30.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts—					
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares	5,497,109	5,748,514	5,488,652	5,303,122	4,904,785
Parcels, &c. ..	513,842	532,900	525,569	518,302	470,188
Other ..	132,109	131,303	131,713	131,255	128,915
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods ..	4,777,686	5,519,649	4,894,706	5,432,815	4,716,294
Live Stock ..	636,326	649,743	711,909	664,729	730,008
Minerals ..	151,439	174,704	158,515	159,132	160,600
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services ..	439,543	476,631	471,928	454,018	430,808
Sale of Electrical Power ..	145,026	58,157	35,204	38,574	34,542
Rentals ..	156,546	141,503	145,089	149,118	159,161
Other ..	293,940	327,665	389,754	411,322	352,712
Total ..	12,743,566	13,760,769	12,953,039	13,262,387	12,088,013
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works ..	1,941,699	2,289,580	2,119,381	1,932,618	1,759,893
Rolling-stock ..	3,604,566	3,757,319	3,671,092	3,588,627	3,596,430
Transportation ..	3,184,207	3,384,729	3,273,646	3,144,911	3,056,555
Electrical Engineering Branch ..	466,770	410,671	355,770	357,010	345,566
Stores Branch ..	80,162	90,180	111,706	141,094	202,871 133,922
Pensions and Gratuities ..	219,396	215,105	213,080	209,129	102,781 201,870
Payment to the Superannuation Fund ..	18,712	78,575	122,870	157,770	133,922 192,481
Other ..	317,728	294,873	298,591	302,300	312,175
Total ..	9,833,240	10,521,032	10,166,136	9,833,459	9,598,893
Net Receipts ..	2,910,326	3,239,737	2,786,903	3,428,928	2,489,120
Percentage of Expenses to Receipts	77·16	76·45	78·48	74·15	79·41

The receipts for 1929-30 were £1,174,374 less than those received in 1928-29. Passenger business decreased by £448,791, and goods, &c., business by £649,774. Working expenses showed a decline on the previous year of £234,566.

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

RAILWAY INTEREST CHARGES AND EXPENSES AND NET REVENUE, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Year.			Interest, &c.	Net Revenue.	Surplus(+) or Deficit(-)
			£	£	£
1925-26	..	..	3,092,695	2,910,326	— 182,369
1926-27	..	..	3,287,277	3,239,737	— 47,540
1927-28	..	..	3,340,612	2,786,903	— 553,709
1928-29	..	..	3,491,757	3,428,928	— 62,829
1929-30	..	..	2,480,120 3,526,117	3,526,117 2,489,120	— 1,036,997

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

RAILWAY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Heading.	1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.
Average Number of Miles Open for Traffic	4,534	4,636	4,671	4,708	4,718
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile	2,811	2,968	2,773	2,817	2,562
Expenses per Mile	2,169	2,269	2,176	2,089	2,034
Net Profits per Mile	642	699	597	728	528

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

The capital cost of the broad-gauge stock was £13,551,688, of the narrow-gauge stock £112,558, of the electric street tramway stock £100,738, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £32,192.

The number of officers and employees in the railway service and the amount of salaries and wages (excluding travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the last five financial years were as set forth below :—

RAILWAY STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC.,
1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Year.	Number of Employees at end of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
				£
1925-26 ..	19,091	9,834	28,925	7,273,485
1926-27 ..	21,982	7,468	29,450	7,792,554
1927-28 ..	21,401	6,705	28,106	7,551,103
1928-29 ..	20,877	6,768	27,645	7,277,902
1929-30 ..	20,258	4,484	24,742	6,959,806

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 1929-30 are detailed in the following statement. As these tramways are controlled by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in all the preceding railway tables.

**St. Kilda-
Brighton and
Sandringham-
Beaumaris
Electric
Tramways.**

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1929-30.
(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	4.61	9.79
Car Mileage	563,092	188,618	751,710
Number of Passengers Carried	5,197,617	1,543,830	6,741,447
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	53,963	17,252*	71,215
Working Expenses	46,174	11,972	58,146
Interest Charges	9,269	6,844	16,113
Net Result	Loss 1,480	Loss 1,564	Loss 3,044
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1930—	£	£	£
Construction of Line	133,853	103,127	236,980
Rolling-stock	68,896	31,842	100,738

* Including £2,616 recouped from the Treasury; and £333 representing the guarantee by the Sandringham City Council for the period 1st July, 1929, to 31st August, 1929, and which amount has not yet been paid.

Particulars are given in the following table in relation to the operations during the last three years of the Road Motor Services which are under the control of the Railways Commissioners:—

ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1927-28 to 1929-30.

(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.		1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.
Car Mileage	No.	852,015	293,593	286,498
Passenger Journeys	No.	497,314	450,799	611,064
Gross Revenue	£	61,702*	15,136†	14,992‡
Working Expenses	£	78,812	31,237	27,328
Interest Charges	£	2,751	1,738	1,346
Net Result	£	Loss 19,861	Loss 17,839	Loss 13,682
Capital Expenditure at end of year	£	25,502	26,208	40,209

* Including passenger fares, £60,246; and other revenue, £1,456.

† Including passenger fares, £10,132; and other revenue, £5,004.

‡ Including passenger fares, £7,280; and other revenue, £7,762.

Railway accidents.

The following table shows the number of persons killed or injured in railway accidents and the amount paid in compensation, damages, &c., for the years 1928-29 and 1929-30:—

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS, 1928-29 and 1929-30.

Nature of Accident.	1928-29.		1929-30.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Train Accidents—				
Passengers .. .. .	..	53	..	28
Accidents on Line (other than Train Accidents)—				
Passengers	4	139	10	113
Employees	5	17	2	9
Shunting Accidents—				
Employees	4	28	5	16
Other Persons	2	2	2	9
Employees proceeding to and from Duty	..	2	1	..
Accidents to Persons at Crossings	18	35	15	14
Trespassers	13	4	22	8
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	1	..	..
Total	46	281	57	197
Compensation, Damages, &c., Paid	£ 15,836		£ 23,126	

Municipal railway.

A railway between Kerang and Koondrook, owned and worked by the municipality of the Shire of Kerang, is open for general traffic. This railway, which has a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge, is 13 miles 75 chains in length, and, up to 30th September, 1929, cost £40,647 for construction and equipment. For the year ended 30th September, 1929, the gross receipts were £7,629, and the working expenses, including interest, £6,793. The train mileage for the same year was 9,306, the number of passenger journeys was 7,846, and the tonnage of goods and live stock carried was 22,193.

Private railway.

Another railway in Victoria, not belonging to the State system, is one of 3-ft. gauge and 11 miles in length between Yarra Junction and Powelltown. It was constructed principally for private use, but, in addition to serving its immediate purpose, it is engaged in the general business of transportation of passengers and goods. Up to 30th June, 1930, the cost of construction was £80,133, and for the year ended on the same date the receipts and working expenses (exclusive of depreciation and interest on capital) were £7,559 and £9,171 respectively. The above construction and maintenance cost includes the cost of about 8 miles of

steel tramway continuation beyond Powelltown. This tramway is used for haulage of the logs of the company to which the line belongs and of sawn timber of other sawmillers, but not for passenger traffic. The freights on the extension line are included in the above receipts. The train mileage for the year between Powelltown and Yarra Junction was 18,500, and the passenger journeys numbered 12,807.

TRAMWAYS.

The various tramway systems in the State comprise 26·439 miles of cable lines, double track, and 146·436 miles of electric lines, of which 111·853 miles are double, and 34·583 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, being included under the heading "Railways," page 332, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 338.

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

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

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

Financial Year.	Miles of Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Number of Rolling-stock.	Number of Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
1925-26	120·716	39·610	24,424,938	235,350,941	£ 2,128,689	£ 1,745,528	1,444	5,989
1926-27	126·511	39·076	24,564,284	227,419,311	2,507,676	1,751,797	1,284	5,965
1927-28	135·711	35·986	25,133,548	225,192,156	2,517,786	1,756,777	1,299	5,761
1928-29	137·982	34·241	25,388,243	221,616,033	2,497,214	1,783,790	1,297	5,575
1929-30	138·292	34·583	24,513,781	207,635,032	2,381,076	1,720,307	1,223	5,038

On 7th January, 1919, the Royal Assent was given to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act, which is administered by a Board consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor in Council. The Board has control of all the tramways in the metropolitan area, with the exception of the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris electric systems, which are managed by the Railways Commissioners.

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. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000. At 30th June, 1930, the Board had exercised its borrowing power to the extent of £4,950,000.

Melbourne and
Metropolitan
Tramways.

The following table contains detailed particulars of the operations of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for the year 1929-30:—

Tramway.	Track Open—		Vehicle Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.*	Working Expenses.	Rolling Stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
Cable—								
Melbourne	24·119	..	6,043,305	53,931,265	557,025	455,466	579	1,280
Northcote	2·320	..	501,728	4,760,807	41,016	37,813	30	87
Total, Cable	26·439	..	6,545,033	58,692,072	598,041	493,279	609	1,367
Electric—								
Eastern system† ..	74·067	4·130	12,047,606	104,452,734	1,265,556	832,859	408	2,331
Northern system‡ ..	13·397	1·718	2,392,991	20,288,995	244,393	164,380	63	563
Footscray	3·919	·543	425,663	3,725,749	32,725	26,171	15	67
Essendon§	12·570	2·162	1,477,303	10,819,095	150,477	98,629	59	427
Total, Electric	103·953	8·553	16,343,563	139,286,573	1,693,151	1,122,039	545	3,388
Grand Total (Tramways)	130·392	8·553	22,888,596	197,978,645	2,291,192	1,615,318	1,154	4,755
	Route Mileage.							
Motor Omnibuses ..	5·344		508,753	3,742,702	39,046	43,512	56	25

* Gross revenue from tramways amounted to £2,309,970, and from motor omnibuses to £30,184.

† Prahran and Malvern (including St. Kilda and South Melbourne), and Hawthorn tramways.

‡ Coburg and Preston tramways.

§ Including "West Brunswick."

In addition to traffic receipts (£2,330,238), there was revenue from advertising, rents, &c., of £6,486 from cable tramways, £12,291 from electric tramways, and £139 from motor buses, making a gross revenue for the year of £2,349,154.

The gross surplus on the year's operations, including motor omnibuses, was £690,324. Out of this had to be paid interest on loans, rates, &c., leaving available for appropriation an amount of £352,087. As this sum was insufficient to meet all statutory payments, the sum of £169,939 had to be transferred from General Reserve Account to meet the deficit. After this was done, the following appropriations were made:—Consolidated Revenue, £118,503; Renewals Reserve Account, £159,100; General Reserve Account, £170,000; and Loan Redemption and Sinking Fund Accounts, £74,423.

Up to 30th June, 1930, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, including stores on hand, amounted to £8,279,647, of which £1,487,012 was expended on cable, £6,672,030 on electric tramways, and £120,605 on motor omnibuses.

In the next statement interesting comparisons are made between the cable, electric, and bus systems, the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1929-30 :—

System.	Average Traffic Receipts.			Percentage of Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Average Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track.	Per Passenger.			
	d.	£	d.	%	d.	Miles.
Cable ..	21·930	11,310	2·445	81·59	18·088	1·015
Electric ..	24·863	7,822	2·917	65·79	16·477	·810
Bus -- --	18·420	988	2·504	108·49	20·526	·658

**Metropolitan
Tramways
Traffic.**

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

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1925-26	115·336	15·229	23,051,639	226,900,053	2,045,014	1,663,280	1,365	5,762
1926-27	121·031	14·786	23,205,337	218,837,383	2,424,170	1,666,307	1,218	5,743
1927-28	128·561	10·236	23,626,224	215,810,431	2,423,546	1,665,127	1,231	5,471
1928-29	130·472	8·531	23,791,857	211,762,137	2,403,990	1,683,819	1,228	5,277
1929-30	130·392	8·553	22,888,596	197,978,645	2,291,192	1,615,318	1,154	4,765

The towns, other than the metropolis, having tramway systems are:—Bairat, with 13·85 miles of electric lines (1·42 double and 12·43 single track); Bendigo, with 8·79 miles of electric lines (1·79 double and 7·00 single track); and Geelong, with 11·29 miles of electric lines (4·69 double and 6·60 single track).

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

COUNTRY TRAMWAYS, 1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1925-26	5·380	24·390	1,373,299	8,450,888	83,675	82,248	79	227
1926-27	5·480	24·290	1,358,947	8,581,928	83,506	85,490	66	222
1927-28	7·150	25·750	1,507,324	9,381,725	89,240	91,650	68	290
1928-29	7·510	25·710	1,596,386	9,853,896	93,224	99,971	69	298
1929-30	7·900	26·030	1,625,185	9,656,387	89,884	104,989	69	283

A summary of the operations for the past two years relating to the foregoing tramway systems and the electric tramways under the control of the Railways Commissioners is appended:—

Summary of
All Victorian
Tramways.

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1928-29 AND 1929-30.

Heading.		1928-29.	1929-30.
Route Mileage Open—Double .. miles		145·372	145·682
Single .. miles		36·641	36·983
Total .. miles		182·013	182·665
Cost of Construction and Equipment	£	7,958,971	8,636,694
Interest Payable on Capital Cost of Construction and Equipment ..	£	327,263	327,100
Gross Revenue—			
Traffic Receipts	£	2,567,980	2,448,733
Other	£	31,381	23,861
Total Revenue	£	2,599,361	2,472,594
Working Expenses	£	1,846,620	1,778,453
Net Earnings	£	752,741	694,141
Net Profit or Loss after Paying Working Expenses and Interest ..	£	Profit 425,478	Profit 367,041
Tram Miles Run miles		26,138,202	25,265,491
Passenger Journeys No.		228,603,416	214,376,479
Staff Employed—			
Salaried No.		801	743
Wages No.		4,905	4,425
Total Staff .. No.		5,706	5,168
Rolling Stock No.		1,333	1,256

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 eight miles from the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne is controlled by the Melbourne City Council.

The details of vehicles licensed during 1929-30 are as follows:—

(a) For passenger traffic—waggonettes, drags (4-wheel), 117; hansom cabs, 7; motor cars (taxi cabs, &c.), 977; motor omnibuses, 136; and motor charrs-a-bancs, 21; and (b) for conveyance of goods within the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne only—drivers licensed, 1,994.

Motor
vehicles, etc.,
registrations.

A detailed statement of the fees chargeable for the registration of motor vehicles, &c., is given in the *Year-Book* of 1928-29, page 500.

The total registrations of motor vehicles, &c., and the revenue received therefrom by the Police Department during 1929-30, are shown in the appended table:—

REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC., 1929-30.

Heading.	Registrations.	Revenue.
	No.	£
Motor Cars—		
Private	125,315	767,503
Commercial and Hire	28,541	312,938
Motor Cycles	25,405	25,403
Omnibuses	626	7,393
Traction Engines	154	1,464
Side-cars	7,833	3,916
Trailers	601	1,059
Total, Vehicle Registrations ..	188,475	1,119,676
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	230,853	57,711
Dealers' Licences	377	1,885
Transfers	50,065	6,258
Duplicates	4,365	218
Total, Other Registrations ..	285,660	66,072
Total, All Registrations ..	474,135	1,185,748*

* This amount, less cost of collection and refunds, has been credited to the Country Roads Board Fund.

In the following statement, details of the registrations of motor vehicles, &c., are shown for each of the last five years :—

REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
1925-26 TO 1929-30.

Heading.	1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—					
Private	83,622	110,950	126,120	116,880	125,315
Commercial and Hire				26,527	28,541
Motor Cycles	19,929	23,011	24,015	24,554	25,405
Omnibuses	142	174	208	437	626
Traction Engines	148	232	142	207	154
Side-cars	6,713	7,887	7,827	7,735	7,833
Trailers	193	364	440	537	601
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	126,369	164,380	188,057	212,228	230,853
Dealers' Licences	215	310	312	372	377
Transfers	26,794	33,106	38,119	46,053	50,065
Duplicates	*	2,351	3,520	3,651	4,365
Total Revenue Received ..	£ 643,333	£ 823,493	£ 945,852	£ 1,092,702	£ 1,185,748

* Not available.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN VICTORIA, 1930.

Cause of Traffic Accident.	Total Accidents.			Persons Affected.				Total Killed and Injured.
	Metro- politan Area.	Remainder of State.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.		Remainder of State.		
				Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	
Vehicles—								
Aeroplane	3	2	5	2	1	1	1	5
Bicycle	64	27	91	3	27	1	30	61
Motor Bus	3	1	4	..	2	..	1	3
Motor Car	5,300	1,620	6,829	197	2,488	49	863	3,597
Motor Cycle	303	95	398	17	298	9	105	429
Train	51	12	63	29	15	10	11	65
Tram (Cable and Electric)	149	4	153	10	99	1	4	114
Other Vehicles	83	20	103	11	59	3	18	91
Horses—								
Bolting	14	7	21	..	12	..	5	17
Led .. .. .	..	2	2	..	..	..	2	2
Ridden	9	8	17	1	8	1	7	17
Improper riding upon or getting on or off trams or other vehicles in motion	40	2	42	5	27	..	2	34
<i>Total Traffic Accidents— (Vehicle, Horse, and Improper Riding)</i>	6,028	1,700	7,728*	275	3,036	75	1,049	4,435
						Total for Victoria.		
						Killed.	Injured.	Total Killed and Injured.
Ages of Persons killed or injured—								
Under 10 years						41	238	279
10 to 14 years						7	91	98
Over 14 years						302	3,756	4,058
Total						350	4,085	4,435

* Of the 7,728 traffic accidents shown above, 2,214 occurred in the City of Melbourne, 3,910 in the Suburbs, and 1,604 in the Country Districts; and 5,119 occurred during the hours of daylight.

The Police Department has tabulated a return of the traffic accidents (vehicle, horse, and improper riding) known to the Police, which occurred in the public streets of Victoria during the calendar year 1930. Details showing total accidents, and number of persons killed and injured, are as follows:—

A comparative statement of the traffic accidents occurring during the last five years is given below :—

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN VICTORIA, 1926 TO 1930.

Cause of Accident.	1926.		1927.		1928.		1929.		1930.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Bicycle ..	7	101	3	89	5	74	4	60	4	57
Motor Bus ..				23	3	72	1	41		3
Motor Car ..	224	2,919	200	2,798	217	2,691	232	3,590	246	3,351
Motor Cycle ..			42	355	49	491	31	219	26	403
Train ..	52	21	20		33	30	20	18	39	26
Tram ..	12	213	24	173	15	145	14	144	11	103
Other Vehicle*	41	201	34	179	18	176	26	105	22	108
Horses ..	15	58	8	41	9	35	16	44	2	34
Total ..	351	3,513	331	3,658	349	3,714	344	4,221	350	4,085

* Including "Improper riding upon, or getting on or off, trams or other vehicles in motion."