

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. In the Tariff proposals of the 14th October, 1932, not yet assented to by Parliament, the intermediate Tariff rates have been eliminated.

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 acceptation 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.

From 1st July, 1930, the following basis of valuation was adopted for exports of wool, viz. :—

Wool sold in Australia—the actual price paid plus the cost of services incurred in placing the wool on board ship.

Wool shipped on consignment—the f.o.b. equivalent of ruling prices.

The continued depressed condition of the financial position of Australia resulted in considerable variation in the rates of external exchange. On 1st July, 1930, the telegraphic transfer selling rate for £100—Australia on London—was £106 10s. Several increases were made in the rate until it reached £130 10s. on 29th January, 1931. This rate continued until 3rd December, 1931, when a reduction to £125 10s.—the current rate—was made.

The variation in the exchange rate has an important bearing on trade figures and it should be taken into account when consideration is being given to balance of trade.

The total values and the values per head of population of imports from and exports to overseas countries for the five years 1927-28 to 1931-32 are set forth hereunder :—

RECORDED VALUE OF OVERSEA IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Year.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.*	Total.	Per Head of Population.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).				
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
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	42,178,662	122,431	42,301,093	23 16 1
1930-31	20,152,675	152,526	20,305,201	11 6 9
1931-32	15,771,949	271,868	16,043,817	8 18 2
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).				
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1927-28	31,503,278	88,600	31,591,878	18 2 10
1928-29	37,805,020	1,285,687	39,090,707	22 4 0
1929-30	22,839,787	13,660,156	36,499,943	20 10 9
1930-31	22,270,997	4,298,703	26,569,700†	14 16 9
1931-32	24,346,345	3,240,975	27,587,320†	15 6 4

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

† The estimated British Currency value was £22,578,000 in 1930-31, and £21,714,000 in 1931-32.

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.
	£	£	£	%	%	%
1927-28 ..	147,944,970	141,205,941	289,150,911	32.3	22.4	27.5
1928-29 ..	143,647,881	141,632,589	285,280,470	32.0	27.8	29.9
1929-30 ..	131,081,320	125,127,148	256,208,468	31.9	29.1	30.5
1930-31 (a) ..	60,959,633	104,354,638	..	33.3	25.4	..
1930-31 (b) ..	60,959,633	88,904,142	149,863,775	33.3	25.4	30.8
1931-32 (a) ..	44,712,868	107,967,143	..	35.9	25.6	..
1931-32 (b) ..	44,712,868	85,002,631	129,715,499	35.9	25.6	29.2

(a) Recorded values.

(b) British Currency values.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.

The recorded values of 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 1928-29 TO 1931-32.

(British Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Butter	34	155	169	62
Cheese	12,469	10,462	800	657
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins ..	307,896	335,774	126,897	116,786
All other	112,070	102,520	59,787	38,868
Meats	156,858	92,177	40,616	32,572
All other Animal Foodstuffs	12,078	13,072	9,434	4,442
Total, Class I. ..	601,405	554,160	237,703	193,387

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1928-29 TO 1931-32—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Cocoa Butter, &c.	49,546	37,672	18,868	5,662
Cocoa and Chocolate	102,932	113,261	52,670	48,407
Coffee and Chicory	59,123	69,637	29,275	33,646
Confectionery	42,571	53,078	3,442	2,951
Fruits, Dried	39,391	44,055	12,478	22,994
Fruits, Fresh	1,933	10,474	38	227
Fruits &c., Preserved	18,682	20,827	848	290
Grain and Pulse—				
Rice	10,599	10,639	4,642	3,082
All other	31,235	18,238	22,415	24,672
Hops	551	518	792	342
Mustard	24,510	23,680	23,909	14,435
Nuts, Edible	119,032	120,575	70,046	77,222
Pickles and Sauces	17,186	19,202	3,707	909
Sago and Tapioca	21,096	19,408	11,691	14,391
Spices	113,954	93,543	51,523	37,884
Tea	949,569	677,115	489,535	294,113
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	128,371	151,417	59,932	54,296
Total, Class II. ..	1,730,281	1,483,339	855,811	635,523
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, and Porter, &c. ..	60,061	47,498	13,346	7,471
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	34,352	27,514	2,104	2,064
Gin	87,960	56,137	836	1,217
Whisky	196,193	168,097	111,170	50,396
Other	10,576	9,244	2,739	2,023
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling	18,476	18,597	1,579	72
Other	11,036	10,474	1,639	1,236
Total, Class III. ..	418,654	337,561	133,503	64,479
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	25,956	27,888	6,231	5,072
Unmanufactured	382,888	341,873	381,842	185,322
Cigars	32,833	29,048	8,070	2,994
Cigarettes	172,802	123,102	19,322	1,776
Snuff	568	360	244	297
Total, Class IV ..	615,047	522,271	415,709	195,461

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1928-29 TO 1931-32—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	33,705	46,112	12,189	11,768
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	15,867	21,970	10,415	16,422
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	332,007	221,437	77,867	68,250
Other	210,123	198,041	96,500	88,006
Silk, Raw	130,232	212,645	230,391	228,140
Wool	360,091	188,099	14,439	17,138
All other Animal Substances ..	41,360	57,251	21,164	25,049
Total, Class VI. ..	1,089,680	899,443	450,776	443,005
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUB- STANCES AND FIBRES.				
Fibres—				
Flax and Hemp	186,895	186,760	112,686	112,125
Kapok	119,318	70,236	38,341	25,861
All other	109,884	104,445	50,638	59,441
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c. ..	11,631	10,465	4,266	28,621
Gums and Resins	90,418	108,821	54,000	53,776
Pulp for Papermaking ..	93,547	132,262	125,442	113,127
Seeds	197,211	152,823	93,882	94,000
Tanning Substances	23,451	33,047	20,123	18,603
All other Vegetable Substances	42,648	48,744	30,735	24,782
Total, Class VII. ..	875,003	847,603	530,113	530,336
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFAC- TURED FIBRES.				
(a) Apparel.				
Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c.	140,004	92,317	16,874	4,518
Boots and Shoes	166,577	175,361	42,550	62,788
Corsets	26,516	25,356	3,570	2,043
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	244,398	166,289	63,815	51,246
Gloves	253,206	246,380	115,388	140,488
Hats and Caps	409,674	268,863	49,821	43,740
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stock- ings)	433,474	301,712	21,236	4,043
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	63,935	63,918	2,083	191
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	20,754	32,796	9,858	2,078
Trimmings	449,637	349,343	248,776	175,758
Other	330,207	292,221	74,835	62,965

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1928-29 TO 1931-32—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES—<i>continued.</i>				
(b) Textiles.				
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	273,054	271,135	94,151	118,224
Cotton and Linen	2,939,427	2,988,427	1,503,470	1,642,009
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	232,287	213,601	102,381	110,155
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	207,996	149,459	72,372	84,859
Silk	2,498,226	2,179,207	1,234,578	1,083,897
Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, &c.	242,862	217,866	130,356	126,960
Woollen	703,082	553,933	96,929	30,193
Other	386,333	370,812	210,243	207,995
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c.	841,523	746,602	291,349	241,394
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	293,669	323,602	164,298	177,297
All other Textiles	620,621	569,129	263,090	182,167
(c) Manufactured Fibres.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder	132,692	198,093	77,326	41,702
Corn and Flour	1,071,695	616,804	817,480	402,691
All other	178,485	132,021	101,488	95,550
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	41,679	41,062	18,906	23,081
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	318,492	369,181	213,555	254,592
Cotton	522,672	607,299	300,006	286,515
Wool	168,458	169,166	23,578	15,411
Other	51,867	50,104	24,955	12,878
Total, Class VIII.	14,263,502	12,782,059	6,389,317	5,667,418
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Oils (in bulk)—				
Kerosene, &c.	326,238	219,279	137,681	78,796
Lubricating (Mineral)	389,890	342,119	222,129	151,691
Petroleum and Shale Spirit	1,786,336	2,062,278	1,224,730	858,727
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	492,840	491,700	389,988	344,734
Total, Class IX.	2,995,304	3,115,376	1,974,528	1,433,948
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	248,998	215,596	82,359	91,137
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	282,067	612,095	141,116	67,245

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INTO VICTORIA, 1928-29 TO 1931-32—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1930.	1931.	1932.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.				
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Electrical Machinery and Appliances—				
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	312,903	284,139	114,087	74,529
Dynamo Machines ..	145,484	188,400	88,631	60,222
Telephones and Switchboards ..	80,010	114,643	40,816	5,418
Other ..	916,577	930,485	431,216	173,074
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural) ..	173,013	148,563	55,438	16,805
Engines ..	489,549	426,652	172,978	58,457
All other Machines and Machinery ..	1,641,775	1,767,012	758,888	472,338
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures, other than Machinery.</i>				
Alloys ..	125,587	114,437	48,281	28,261
Gas Appliances ..	28,940	21,440	6,075	4,891
Iron and Steel—				
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c. ..	281,424	282,355	112,839	70,613
Pig and Scrap ..	23,203	15,444	3,087	1,778
Plate and Sheet ..	1,387,963	1,251,094	489,366	460,628
Girders, Beams, Channels, Joists, &c. ..	54,801	92,130	163	233
Wire ..	189,105	234,391	46,635	28,181
Railway and Tramway Material ..	7,258	14,771	790	295
Lamps and Lampware ..	154,860	140,645	38,843	27,197
Pipes and Tubes ..	409,654	364,140	153,642	76,416
Plated Ware and Cutlery ..	212,570	180,944	75,326	54,176
Tools of Trade (not being Machines) ..	297,655	267,876	124,180	95,598
Vehicles—				
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c. ..	175,131	146,339	34,107	11,030
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c. ..	456,648	195,214	4,490	829
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c. ..	2,725,967	1,945,129	277,600	211,356
Other, and Parts ..	878,853	613,031	193,616	113,765
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery ..	1,260,407	1,119,392	476,305	342,992
Total, Class XII ..	12,419,337	10,858,666	3,747,399	2,389,022

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INTO VICTORIA, 1928-29 TO 1931-32—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1929.	1930.	1931	1932.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIII. — RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>				
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	687,308	382,048	142,080	139,828
Rubber Manufactures	335,936	261,091	131,425	130,965
(b) <i>Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>				
Glace Kid	118,465	81,480	5,385	169
Patent and Enamelled	5,849	3,075	365	10
All other	87,839	100,497	38,318	27,377
Total, Class XIII. ..	1,235,397	828,191	317,572	298,349
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.				
Timber—				
Dressed	548,770	566,955	79,004	33,845
Undressed	826,852	864,423	216,169	208,616
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	196,253	199,318	120,840	74,345
Total, Class XIV. ..	1,571,875	1,630,696	416,013	316,806
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE.				
Cement (Portland)	7,263	6,539	1,092	737
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	232,838	218,406	128,908	92,695
Glass and Glassware	357,540	330,469	112,785	78,329
All other Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass, and Stoneware	99,208	69,778	18,934	8,846
Total, Class XV. ..	696,849	625,192	261,719	180,607

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INTO VICTORIA, 1928-29 TO 1931-32—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Paper—</i>				
Cardboard and other Paper				
Boards	99,324	121,442	57,170	47,253
Printing	974,110	1,009,014	562,119	538,329
Wrapping of all Colours ..	128,122	128,532	72,334	64,893
Writing and Typewriting ..	208,487	228,831	154,243	118,177
All other	204,323	211,541	136,881	135,593
(b) <i>Stationery and Paper Manufactures—</i>				
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	406,125	401,771	336,348	230,853
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. ..	78,213	84,313	37,994	23,348
Pens and Pencils	63,285	57,961	41,366	23,903
All other	287,573	282,488	184,242	115,038
Total, Class XVI. ..	2,449,567	2,525,893	1,582,697	1,297,387
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Fancy Goods	400,130	400,872	202,350	123,968
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	280,883	175,140	59,101	45,851
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	184,337	157,038	63,582	40,807
Total, Class XVII. ..	865,350	733,050	325,033	210,626
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	118,034	105,879	70,561	67,092
Talking Machines — Phonographs, &c.	53,048	34,326	7,369	4,153
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	167,171	168,469	75,490	55,181
Total, Class XVIII. ..	338,253	308,674	153,420	126,426
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	75,187	64,947	33,656	30,984
Cream of Tartar	49,850	48,027	5,184	4
Dyes	95,664	96,065	74,486	125,476
Fertilizers	621,378	537,828	243,216	123,802
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous)	51,626	52,679	24,745	21,001

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1928-29 TO 1931-32—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS— <i>continued.</i>				
Perfumery and Toilet Prepara- tions	122,329	116,861	56,242	38,149
Proprietary Medicines	70,414	74,981	53,638	37,949
Sodium Salts	144,669	109,644	99,450	126,380
Spirits and Spirituous Prepara- tions	99,521	74,810	26,162	8,531
Sulphur (Brimstone).. ..	175,711	217,978	120,810	114,908
All other Drugs and Chemicals	375,144	388,366	256,226	238,544
Total, Class XIX. ..	1,881,493	1,782,186	993,815	865,728
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explo- sives	347,535	266,260	194,446	103,902
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c. ..	101,994	92,948	24,808	13,699
Brushware	121,748	105,101	50,618	23,386
Matches and Vestas.. ..	28,332	29,927	300	11
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos and Parts	123,558	63,676	7,577	514
Other and Parts	53,345	45,541	20,033	10,255
Soap	32,408	33,667	5,145	5,578
All other Articles	429,154	833,379	828,955	595,946
Total, Class XX. ..	1,238,074	1,470,499	1,131,882	753,291
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	147,485	114,164	147,200	269,625
Silver	8,197	8,214	5,242	2,148
Bronze—Specie	127	53	84	95
Total, Class XXI. ..	155,809	122,431	152,526	271,868
Grand Total	46,005,650	42,301,093	20,305,201	16,043,817

The articles imported were mainly manufactured goods. Apparel, textiles, manufactured fibres, machinery, and manufactures of metal amounted to over 55 per cent. of the total value of imports in the last five years. Excluding bullion and specie, the imports for 1931-32 showed a decrease of £4,380,726, as compared with the previous year.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Exports.

The recorded values of 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 1928-29 TO 1931-32.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1930.	1931.	1932.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Butter	2,811,204	2,668,755	2,998,170	3,972,723
Cheese	12,916	5,172	24,113	59,347
Eggs	54,660	35,135	83,776	151,729
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	12,517	13,016	5,896	4,131
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	29,328	10,471	10,412	30,028
Lamb	1,096,891	1,279,836	1,075,532	1,186,155
Mutton	431,440	248,021	186,903	190,621
Pork	227	481	71,719	38,993
Rabbits and Hares	136,273	123,492	157,665	148,058
Preserved in Tins	19,640	15,607	9,206	10,402
Sausage Casings	171,839	162,934	120,545	75,567
Other	37,380	11,420	21,993	23,770
Milk and Cream	1,412,229	985,292	596,263	625,424
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	5,590	4,004	3,159	3,410
Total, Class I.	6,232,134	5,563,636	5,365,352	6,520,358
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Biscuits	50,149	37,059	23,734	17,484
Fruits, Dried	1,589,023	1,426,593	1,531,659	1,278,327
Fruits, Fresh	47,318	428,989	279,700	173,112
Fruits, Preserved in liquid ..	340,473	469,327	427,268	399,526
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	5,969,821	690,247	3,016,409	4,246,048
Other	35,395	41,078	67,152	66,702
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten)	2,260,895	1,880,057	1,221,250	1,347,302
Other	63,718	10,570	16,344	43,314
Jams and Fruit Jellies	8,680	6,411	7,132	10,119
Tea	34,135	19,411	8,147	4,662
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	101,884	105,158	90,509	76,622
Total, Class II.	10,492,491	5,114,900	6,639,304	7,663,218

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1928-29 TO 1931-32—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS..	£	£	£	£
	84,756	96,157	91,375	87,640
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF..	215,665	177,141	168,265	137,578
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	92,201	61,682	34,459	33,103
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED). NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	114,221	67,018	83,923	21,113
Opossum	132,057	59,240	173,622	32,655
Rabbit and Hare	604,842	441,074	143,672	126,088
Sheep	1,989,172	1,363,874	889,836	492,081
Other	97,928	51,598	50,620	22,188
Wool—				
Greasy	13,877,161	7,031,516	6,369,274	7,017,683
Scoured and Washed ..	1,399,756	831,918	561,264	641,220
Tops	66,309	25,706	30,176	35,628
All other Animal Substances ..	16,446	17,736	20,970	12,364
Total, Class VI.	18,297,892	9,889,680	8,323,357	8,401,020
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	63,207	63,841	29,986	22,848
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	2,473	2,096	8,137	33,078
All other Apparel	54,540	51,861	61,785	65,561
All other Textiles, including Bags, Cordage, Yarns, &c. ..	96,496	130,811	105,390	76,135
Total, Class VIII.	153,509	184,768	175,312	174,774
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Tallow—Unrefined	463,438	258,863	133,801	220,611
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	81,517	55,171	33,054	35,895
Total, Class IX.	544,955	312,034	166,855	256,506
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	3,938	1,786	2,539	5,065
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	13,312	28,018	5,446	10,855

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1928-29 TO 1931-32—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Machines and Machinery ..	188,182	198,769	182,391	126,738
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery.</i>				
Iron and Steel ..	33,610	25,935	20,081	24,434
Lead—Pig and in Matte ..	4,563	1,493	2,108	369
Tin Ingots ..	45,568	8,084	3,296	37
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	313	377	11,497	7,268
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof ..	174,713	169,636	163,389	107,113
Total, Class XII. ..	446,949	404,294	382,762	265,959
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
Rubber and Manufactures ..	29,573	19,015	22,744	18,393
Leather and Manufactures ..	125,886	123,910	115,219	135,590
Total, Class XIII. ..	155,459	142,925	137,963	153,983
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..				
	34,275	26,138	24,096	24,701
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE ..				
	16,551	16,133	15,253	24,842
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
Paper	9,605	16,136	11,506	12,356
Stationery	50,628	53,926	43,871	32,330
Total, Class XVI. ..	60,233	70,062	55,377	44,686
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones, Unset ;				
Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	18,418	40,963	22,512	15,554
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, and Fancy Goods ..	34,352	28,877	18,997	17,179
Total, Class XVII. ..	52,770	69,840	41,509	32,733

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1928-29 TO 1931-32—*continued*.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS..	66,235	58,295	68,587	43,152
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	69,623	64,539	21,674	23,431
Fertilizers	9,823	5,841	1,914	3,176
Medicines	2,663	5,027	6,633	5,086
Oil—Eucalyptus	71,131	53,500	37,858	34,112
All other Drugs and Chemicals	32,868	37,545	36,358	45,979
Total, Class XIX. ..	186,108	166,452	104,437	111,784
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Soap	212,234	217,483	207,902	152,582
Vessels transferred abroad ..	215,912	46,009	50,590	11,259
All other Articles	164,234	128,522	130,361	167,708
Total, Class XX. ..	592,380	392,005	388,763	331,540
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	1,281,467	13,653,275	4,239,731	3,198,015
Silver	4,220	6,876	51,104	24,179
Bronze .. .. .	..	5	7,866	18,781
Total, Class XXI. ..	1,285,687	13,660,156	4,298,703	3,240,975
Australian produce	38,253,150	36,019,351	26,067,195	27,216,065
Other produce	837,557	480,592	502,505	371,255
Grand Total	39,090,707	36,499,943	26,569,700	27,587,320

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 more than 92 per cent. of the total Australian produce exported (exclusive of gold, silver, and bronze specie) for that period—wool alone represented over 39 per cent. Excluding bullion and specie, the exports during 1931-32 showed an increase of £2,075,348 as compared with the previous year.

The value of the trade with various countries of the world in each of the last five years was as specified in the following table:—

**IMPORTS (CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN)
• FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT
THERE TO, 1927-28 to 1931-32.**

Country.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Imports (British Currency Values) of Products or Manufactures of—					
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	20,728,602	19,014,408	18,437,775	8,165,121	6,786,092
Canada	947,607	1,595,998	1,163,251	375,970	349,100
Hong Kong	1,933	427	1,233	373	294
India and Ceylon	2,420,247	2,587,064	1,989,143	1,554,581	968,978
Malaya (British)	1,144,386	637,856	409,942	119,984	123,918
New Zealand	1,652,838	967,812	654,246	436,581	534,533
Pacific Islands (British)	384,569	454,394	307,408	173,879	190,513
South African Union	121,622	106,224	61,079	22,289	15,320
Other British Possessions	176,644	191,166	184,530	124,272	76,224
Belgium	372,649	325,336	363,211	111,452	107,552
China	209,064	183,882	176,194	122,153	110,172
Czecho-Slovakia	212,035	240,869	219,189	101,348	89,797
Egypt	4,179	12,092	3,347	3,863	7,064
France	1,613,219	1,457,446	1,168,745	541,311	431,666
Germany	1,849,422	1,876,528	1,831,512	885,223	644,165
Italy	579,222	619,447	541,390	260,274	221,556
Japan	1,195,129	1,387,183	1,345,268	856,436	904,790
Netherlands	314,081	297,798	314,142	127,184	118,532
Netherlands East Indies	1,356,164	1,657,273	1,293,043	936,763	613,140
Norway	308,955	438,935	302,944	91,061	61,089
Persia	141,170	160,535	190,632	191,480	146,674
Peru	561	60	156	40	968
Philippine Islands	92,806	67,773	63,746	18,752	18,139
Russia	38,074	41,942	46,667	14,879	23,459
Spain	61,880	52,290	68,494	35,044	24,200
Sweden	692,679	459,941	689,111	323,570	273,893
Switzerland	887,023	779,292	647,773	362,145	229,295
United States of America	9,770,167	9,737,973	8,774,519	3,394,743	2,336,012
Other Foreign Countries	639,204	620,104	624,344	369,073	228,488
Total	47,911,131	46,005,650	41,881,524*	19,721,853*	15,633,362*
Exports (Australian Currency Values) to—					
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	13,025,453	16,654,156	23,398,177	14,060,273	14,472,071
Canada	151,208	309,224	304,192	379,384	444,465
Hong Kong	106,762	165,114	75,998	118,439	238,940
India and Ceylon	549,087	2,772,572	1,779,827	721,184	350,524
Malaya (British)	1,168,774	1,164,703	655,721	329,668	446,676
New Zealand	1,154,390	1,022,684	942,860	816,009	898,661
Pacific Islands (British)	115,154	116,047	111,468	112,386	82,791
South African Union	333,898	585,665	266,447	149,683	188,807
Other British Possessions	149,973	265,325	157,102	190,808	257,251
Belgium	1,038,664	1,154,896	468,927	432,761	435,811
China	114,503	626,533	138,487	1,005,800	1,060,291
Czecho-Slovakia	3,059	2,436	473	109	465
Egypt	565,575	834,512	433,723	340,490	325,590
France	3,409,365	3,664,286	1,932,576	1,271,429	1,084,737
Germany	1,978,994	1,216,684	805,943	689,108	501,969
Italy	972,462	1,263,526	452,437	586,303	1,046,789
Japan	2,488,649	2,779,580	1,593,424	2,454,362	3,033,481
Netherlands	57,535	320,123	53,087	197,555	165,215
Netherlands East Indies	1,177,433	1,307,296	1,351,901	858,664	798,942
Norway	13,066	3,078	20,536	31,164	2,153
Persia	336	152	65	290	150
Peru	62,013	155,780	32,163	109	109,419
Philippine Islands	38,602	33,601	38,945	25,833	47,650
Russia	740,125	487,634	102,485	528	52,923
Spain	405	3,147	2,115	12,382	203,244
Sweden	73,759	84,414	33,097	28,225	24,710
Switzerland	4,871	5,468	11,240	3,599	2,816
United States of America	2,062,513	1,986,545	1,102,538	867,257	513,246
Other Foreign Countries	211,980	462,744	228,979	173,865	182,233
Total	31,728,558	39,437,225	36,499,943	25,857,887	27,587,320

* Excluding "Outside Packages," 1929-30, £419,569; 1930-31, £583,348; 1931-32, £410,455.

Trade with
United
Kingdom.

Slightly over 52 per cent. of the total value of exports in 1931-32 were sent to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whilst a little more than 42 per cent. of imports were the products or manufactures of those countries. 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, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of United Kingdom origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Whisky	192,369	195,905	167,904	111,170	50,396
Cigarettes	146,784	167,547	115,541	17,580	734
Apparel	1,043,799	896,047	749,235	165,041	160,624
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	269,590	268,008	267,923	90,846	116,253
Cotton and Linen	2,898,547	2,605,936	2,685,020	1,339,835	1,469,740
Silk	438,681	525,304	637,508	380,086	297,924
Woolen	868,888	564,585	465,956	67,082	26,138
Velvets, and Lace for Attire	142,558	215,813	172,232	104,823	111,604
Other	432,160	379,145	354,878	195,363	185,051
Floor Coverings	824,461	764,448	674,242	251,623	222,827
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	218,496	258,635	233,834	144,833	160,695
Yarns	775,903	805,201	754,596	353,939	350,496
Machines and Machinery	2,092,712	1,668,934	1,788,952	806,589	420,638
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	2,260,454	1,782,087	1,757,633	594,863	533,477
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	443,998	549,699	549,305	148,407	107,836
Pipes and Tubes	312,919	300,630	281,601	124,559	57,556
Platedware and Cutlery	188,107	178,369	153,381	60,622	44,962
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.f.	359,802	408,623	381,668	103,500	75,337
Other Metals and Manufactures	1,067,425	1,068,528	943,486	414,768	315,742
Rubber and Rubber Goods	144,799	118,469	118,023	79,915	68,844
Crockery and Household Ware	163,385	165,997	148,532	88,905	54,061
Glass and Glassware	133,458	148,345	111,992	40,191	17,621
Paper	1,004,891	954,892	990,097	653,970	560,098
Books	370,220	359,562	356,404	296,318	197,899
Fancy Goods	194,229	188,273	181,109	92,189	42,539
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	101,196	110,991	97,800	71,282	49,467
Sodium Salts	132,299	119,496	103,362	83,634	110,217
Dyes	76,637	74,522	72,680	50,069	94,877
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	284,699	297,371	201,129	174,423	90,614
All other Articles	3,145,136	2,873,046	2,891,752	1,096,766	791,765
Total	20,728,602	19,014,408	18,437,775	8,165,121	6,786,092
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter	1,806,740	2,470,892	2,041,829	2,509,880	3,484,527
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	741,005	1,396,269	1,418,406	1,217,541	1,374,825
Rabbits and Hares	43,345	134,792	121,796	155,648	144,498
Other	24,993	41,391	22,220	109,581	64,0574
Milk and Cream	11,082	27,343	18,295	3,012	39,556
Fruits—all kinds	1,569,278	1,618,745	1,870,975	1,698,336	1,151,200
Wheat and Flour	981,397	1,355,737	439,527	855,881	911,613
Wine, fermented	178,688	54,584	45,622	48,098	55,590
Hides and Skins	1,323,717	1,128,699	848,558	628,002	205,746
Wool	5,092,864	6,285,869	3,406,481	2,700,811	3,144,862
Tallow, unrefined	52,745	126,123	48,368	13,733	53,328
Tin Ingots	48,365	42,427	1,050		
Leather, &c.	50,595	36,655	53,393	64,327	63,799
Soap	154,927	160,452	173,214	174,968	128,103
Bullion and Specie	1,268	1,253,848	12,506,268	3,463,739	3,233,098
All other Articles	944,446*	520,420	382,175	418,736	417,272
Total	18,025,453	16,654,156	23,398,177	14,060,273	14,472,071

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

† Including "Pork," £37,156.

Trade with
India and
Ceylon.

During 1931-32 imports from India and Ceylon were less by £585,603 than in the previous year, while exports to those countries also decreased by £370,640.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND CEYLON, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Indian and Cingalese origin).</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Cocoa Beans	12,982	12,976	10,312	4,320	5,168
Coffee	23,732	11,874	17,939	11,141	13,613
Rice	49,260	392	1,113	191	58
Nuts	36,541	35,219	538	5,547	1,258
Spices	11,947	12,486	7,755	12,010	4,867
Tea	575,80	626,488	496,827	259,678	118,559
Hides and Skins	49,774	37,405	88,080	39,126	40,390
Fibres	30,663	40,474	47,130	21,707	32,925
Gums and Resins	19,664	18,953	23,596	9,332	12,302
Seeds	59,932	82,122	53,430	28,477	35,603
Hessians	149,800	181,279	187,592	88,432	100,959
Floor Coverings	10,635	12,264	7,548	2,455	2,015
Bags and Sacks	1,195,646	1,374,578	938,361	991,114	537,241
Yarns—Cair	18,256	16,284	17,415	12,895	7,989
Oils in Bulk	7,652	2,499	2,750	226	520
Waxes	2,300	5,709	8,459	4,455	3,710
Rubber, &c.	67,145	40,317	5,515	13,530	10,235
All other Articles	99,038	67,345	74,783	51,945	41,660
Total	2,420,247	2,587,664	1,989,143	1,554,581	968,978
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter	16,890	20,314	23,902	10,646	9,626
Meats	8,693	17,061	10,551	15,804	8,351
Milk and Cream	36,490	44,545	42,523	48,372	66,870
Biscuits	5,815	4,786	4,358	3,213	3,136
Hay and Chaff	7,309	5,242	9,544	3,072	3,271
Fruits (all kinds)	6,097	5,812	7,837	8,312	9,821
Wheat	33,630	2,217,338	194,245	249,059	628
Flour	174,251	162,016	150,424	100,053	91,689
Horses	28,076	43,540	44,444	26,492	23,308
Wool	50,075	108,668	70,966	37,415	43,023
Tallow (unrefined)	13,839	55,896	44,901	29,237	28,641
Soap	6,637	6,993	5,802	4,380	2,871
Specie and Bullion	87,332	31,119	1,142,502	120,000	7,700
All other Articles	73,912	51,272	27,822	65,115	51,589
Total	549,987	2,772,572	1,779,827	721,164	350,524

The value of imports from New Zealand for the year ended 30th June, 1932 was £534,533. The exports thereto amounted to £898,651, and represented a little more than 3 per cent. of the total oversea 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, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.**

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of New Zealand origin).</i>					
Butter	113,622	1	..	..	..
Fish	52,391	45,861	38,037	25,366	18,229
Milk and Cream	6,565	6,098	5,358	2,482	450
Meats	33,694	21,772	13,215	5,080	5,582
Grain and Pulse	49,149	16,950	16,796	15,573	15,524
Hops .. .. .	..	551	518	792	342
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	11,062	13,043	19,707	7,084	7,861
Hides and Skins	212,936	277,446	145,526	66,449	61,155
Wool	590,966	131,787	10,809	14,416	17,138
Flax and Hemp	60,743	63,889	58,634	27,590	13,038
Oakum and Tow	18,942	18,335	13,229	5,625	2,667
Seeds	34,064	40,830	22,025	18,780	32,738
Timber	123,027	123,996	148,853	72,114	87,774
Gold and Silver	230,511	129,318	100,182	127,007	240,840
All other Articles	115,076	77,935	60,767	48,218	31,265
Total	1,652,898	967,812	654,246	436,581	534,533
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to New Zealand.</i>					
Fruits, all kinds	156,514	133,864	157,688	159,565	223,322
Grain and Pulse— .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Wheat	138,188	3,800	2,481	134	..
Flour	30,358	19,973	19,045	6,526	5,477
Oats	684	1,823	11,469	9,195	17,138
Rice and Rice Meal	16,742	7,324	4,298	2,665	2,511
Tees	39,855	33,669	18,929	7,590	4,500
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	14,145	11,969	14,661	11,515	6,390
Tobacco manufactured	236,012	210,240	171,339	159,914	131,076
Apparel	22,705	22,366	16,349	17,083	66,511
Textiles	40,240	51,189	46,217	31,187	24,036
Manufactured Fibres	14,641	14,474	38,599	24,077	21,280
Oils	3,964	5,851	6,369	6,806	4,806
Machines and Machinery	55,169	78,204	53,002	47,810	42,937
Metal manufactures	44,960	41,628	50,196	31,785	54,165
Rubber manufactures	22,124	15,273	16,109	12,849	14,744
Leather, &c.	9,726	9,764	12,982	11,827	18,963
Books	10,160	9,512	11,361	11,245	6,697
Photographic goods and materials	46,204	46,103	46,730	45,450	32,963
Drugs and Chemicals	35,829	28,485	36,773	34,215	36,160
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	29,765	36,621	49,101	45,606	55,366
Vessels transferred Abroad	13,000	89,000	20,000	..	..
All other Articles	173,465	151,602	139,157	139,472	148,562
Australian produce	961,837	736,751	778,250	706,812	818,834
Other produce	192,553	285,933	164,610	109,197	79,817
Total	1,154,390	1,022,684	942,860	816,009	898,651

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, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Belgian origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Furs and other Skins, dressed ..	17,947	19,343	4,393	81	1,718
Gloves	17,119	15,890	13,152	7,652	4,821
Piece Goods	38,841	54,503	61,112	22,885	28,271
Artificial Silk Yarn	908	9,686	16,882	4,252	3,717
Electrical Machinery, &c. ..	24,569	4,820	6,789	2,290	1,797
Metal Manufactures—					
Copper	6,720	4,789	585	1,105	231
Iron and Steel	4,683	8,288	7,842	2,987	2,703
Vehicles	1,630	980	1,733	112	..
Other	18,132	16,436	14,116	6,709	3,593
Glass and Glassware	55,312	76,016	80,350	20,996	23,778
Paper	24,711	16,366	16,497	11,491	11,576
Precious Stones, Unset	10,556	23,102	21,454	1,128	2,364
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	17,267	18,523	23,582	6,178	3,089
All other Articles	134,254	56,594	94,674	23,586	19,696
Total	372,649	325,336	363,211	111,452	107,352
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to Belgium.</i>					
Meats	4,116	10,414	18,301	6,385	2,002
Wheat	69,579	42,440	..	71,650	126,225
Hides and Skins	106,306	73,454	76,471	23,588	1,703
Wool	798,616	991,035	340,200	303,023	280,159
Tallow (unrefined)	13,239	17,409	11,926	1,587	187
Corals and Precious Stones ..	2,838	1,106	8,614	2,123	950
All other Articles	43,920	19,038	13,415	24,405	24,635
Total	1,038,664	1,154,896	468,927	432,761	435,811

Trade with
France.

Imports from France during 1931-32 declined by slightly over 20 per cent. as compared with the previous year, while exports decreased to the extent of 14 per cent. 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, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of French origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Brandy	32,074	34,310	27,509	2,194	2,060
Hides and Skins	7,204	25,519	14,996	3,248	296
Wine	20,549	22,887	22,791	2,159	289
Gums and Resins	29,014	30,141	29,749	17,426	8,584
Apparel—					
Trimmings and Ornaments	104,866	84,844	59,810	43,374	30,499
Gloves	18,605	19,055	24,021	13,684	9,595
Other	344,601	184,798	110,496	24,972	10,710
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	612,859	641,331	462,217	242,656	288,356
Other	20,527	21,131	21,433	9,814	4,835
Oils	18,513	20,470	24,304	12,730	16,640
Electrical Machinery and Appliances	13,170	8,690	2,737	1,055	3,082
Other Machines and Machinery	26,956	15,285	15,238	12,871	5,043
Motor Bodies, Chassis and Parts	28,637	16,786	14,203	998	406
Rubber Manufactures	38,174	43,828	23,715	2,269	2,401
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	48,204	28,778	42,744	38,989	18,210
Pipes (smoking)	16,240	11,755	10,570	6,602	4,102
Cream of Tartar	16,937	15,948	21,344	2,099	..
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	23,092	27,227	23,498	12,813	8,379
All other Articles	192,997	209,663	217,370	91,358	68,079
Total	1,613,299	1,457,446	1,168,745	541,311	431,656
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to France.</i>					
Butter	62	8,440	..	..	..
Meats	2,053	2,791	5,484	9,574	3,731
Wheat and Flour	81,053	76,696	51,333	..	2,023
Hides and Skins	784,023	768,964	504,312	333,750	223,199
Wool	2,516,682	2,787,504	1,347,570	907,691	839,953
Tallow (unrefined)	11,331	1,400	2,006	..	275
All other Articles	14,095	13,191	21,866	20,414	15,556
Total	3,409,355	3,664,286	1,932,576	1,271,429	1,084,737

Prior to the war (1913) the percentage of trade with Germany amounted to 8.4 per cent. of the total with oversea countries, but that percentage has not since been regained. Wool was the chief item exported to Germany, and during the past five years accounted for 72.7 per cent. of the total exports to that country—the percentage for 1931-32 being 80.6.

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

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH GERMANY, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Articles.	Value in year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of German origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Hides and Skins	9,690	16,218	11,805	2,363	1,558
Apparel—					
Gloves	89,135	97,919	66,753	35,345	57,356
Other	335,611	283,674	249,522	81,765	47,839
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	188,121	167,669	143,476	70,957	56,650
Other	47,109	34,569	40,761	17,344	13,267
Artificial Silk Yarn	10,478	16,355	22,027	23,177	25,441
Machines and Machinery	262,993	346,041	354,138	191,538	101,505
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Vehicles and Parts	23,101	49,977	8,148	5,791	3,044
Plated Ware and Cutlery	26,011	21,272	18,803	10,056	7,076
Other	180,168	192,416	195,088	102,370	53,912
Glass and Glassware	28,269	29,289	31,690	10,596	8,721
Paper	48,836	48,549	64,157	37,388	28,223
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	29,261	29,420	23,503	17,730	10,197
Fancy Goods	72,984	82,707	82,544	37,204	16,020
Timepieces	39,341	32,780	28,695	13,308	8,824
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	50,557	40,901	39,181	24,524	20,798
Drugs, Chemicals, and Fertilizers	78,479	92,905	109,171	81,300	83,373
Bags, Baskets, &c.	27,659	21,471	26,739	7,034	6,668
Brushware	24,104	14,744	14,564	3,319	1,277
Musical Instruments	66,865	47,201	28,223	6,513	4,123
All other Articles	210,650	210,451	272,524	105,601	88,303
Total	1,849,422	1,876,528	1,831,512	885,223	644,165
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to Germany.</i>					
Butter	217	13,303	1,456	356	426
Sausage Casings	3,088	5,872	2,641	3,827	3,030
Fruits (all kinds)	98,377	154	71,111	35,336	6
Wheat and Flour	83,585	3,052	..	8,972	15,743
Wool	1,482,222	812,573	558,208	503,361	477,017
Hides and Skins	228,310	308,239	109,086	85,302	62,227
Tallow (unrefined)	1,828	4,878	132	1,724	709
Casein	14,387	13,653	7,650	..	26
Eucalyptus Oil	30,889	18,688	16,006	7,526	6,470
All other Articles	36,091	36,272	39,653	37,704	26,305
Total	1,978,994	1,216,684	805,943	689,108	591,959

Imports from Japan during 1931-32 showed a slight increase—£48,354—over those of the previous year. Exports in 1931-32 were more by £1,184,099 than those of 1930-31. The principal articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH JAPAN, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values into Victoria (of Japanese origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	6,029	8,806	21,681	9,228	111
Silk, Raw	116,252	180,189	210,045	213,273	211,337
Fibres	5,920	6,141	6,020	3,808	2,625
Grass or Straw, &c.	2,580	4,630	3,758	1,112	7,763
Apparel—					
Buttons	15,504	18,220	14,797	9,456	7,084
Hats and Caps	7,353	35,242	15,880	2,622	9,995
Other	22,396	14,463	18,981	6,943	6,334
Piece Goods—Silk	726,377	885,362	728,388	391,542	392,766
Cotton and Linen	109,995	66,777	74,130	70,532	89,710
Other	3,276	8,485	2,603	12,965	18,812
Other Textiles	14,901	18,523	26,296	19,335	13,423
Yarns	1,122	17,451	25,030	4,841	14,389
Oils	10,718	11,461	12,409	5,686	8,441
Timber	39,280	40,347	47,220	5,326	1,995
China-ware	29,174	81,284	26,633	17,538	24,451
Glass and Glassware	16,303	17,004	14,088	5,374	2,655
Fancy Goods	15,870	19,222	26,186	17,881	19,998
Jewellery and Precious Stones	12,791	6,434	5,161	2,841	3,436
Campher	3,684	4,346	3,768	3,047	3,060
All other Articles	35,904	42,846	61,594	52,636	70,949
Total	1,195,129	1,937,183	1,345,263	856,436	904,790
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to Japan.</i>					
Butter	65	948	8,108	1,557	995
Hides and Skins	3,359	3,076	5,230	6,031	4,715
Milk and Cream	58,499	68,786	62,027	51,639	18,001
Wheat	122,078	637,577	176,112	606,125	1,301,815
Flour	6,429	2,939	4,753	4,541	3,966
Wool	2,205,030	1,857,225	1,146,193	1,715,800	2,181,729
Tallow (unrefined)	55,230	112,979	93,625	38,094	73,193
Casein	14,753	52,125	54,843	20,704	21,803
Fertilizers	4,100	1,588	2,557	795	1,966
All other Articles	14,050	42,337	39,976	9,096	30,290
Total	2,433,649	2,779,580	1,593,424	2,454,382	3,638,481

Trade with
Netherlands
East Indies.

The chief articles interchanged with Netherlands East Indies during the last five years were as follows :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Netherlands East Indies origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Coffee and Chicory	24,410	22,106	31,672	10,266	9,912
Sago and Tapioca	3,365	6,362	3,909	463	1,081
Spices	8,093	10,687	7,952	3,810	5,795
Tea	393,744	311,902	167,310	207,861	168,555
Tobacco—unmanufactured	62,856	45,715	11,211	9,161	5,283
Hides and Skins	13,083	33,248	23,184	14,973	3,598
Fibres	158,023	165,782	113,854	87,611	74,653
Seeds	11,401	17,717	16,079	6,411	3,700
Oils	569,913	902,988	843,415	535,936	291,044
Rubber, crude	79,445	94,093	36,928	38,673	25,538
All other Articles	31,831	46,675	37,529	21,599	23,607
Total	1,356,164	1,657,275	1,293,043	936,763	613,140
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to the Netherlands East Indies.</i>					
Butter	454,913	488,019	442,216	346,405	379,763
Meats	4,923	2,674	2,743	743	1,307
Milk and Cream	107,857	206,202	336,408	197,744	103,989
Biscuits	43,512	31,890	21,232	13,894	5,133
Fruits, and fruit juices	35,660	40,575	38,312	36,408	38,237
Flour	423,762	445,157	452,321	223,337	234,214
Machines and Machinery	2,371	2,722	1,761	2,755	95
Leather, &c.	53,315	32,328	20,583	13,174	11,063
Soap	15,552	15,902	12,407	3,191	3,198
All other Articles	35,118	39,327	23,918	21,242	23,990
Total	1,177,483	1,307,296	1,351,901	853,896	798,943

**Trade with
United States
of America.**

The value of the trade with the United States showed a considerable falling off during 1931-32. 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, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.**

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of United States origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish, Preserved in Tins	19,809	45,282	32,842	7,298	195
Sausage Casings	65,815	63,146	32,385	30,250	19,175
Tobacco, &c.	549,859	344,402	354,635	371,519	183,137
Gums and Resins	23,829	19,043	25,626	9,939	13,509
Apparel—					
Socks and Stockings	150,687	149,654	110,319	6,909	244
Other	180,239	153,404	139,463	45,113	27,670
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	326,530	337,991	283,486	143,966	103,244
Other	93,143	101,871	86,585	40,633	17,587
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns	88,762	179,134	204,819	106,139	44,562
Oils	1,650,951	1,693,750	1,878,157	1,080,827	853,098
Paints and Varnishes	71,587	74,737	60,225	20,442	24,289
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Natural Pitch	32,503	71,982	89,038	32,884	25,408
Machines and Machinery	1,584,608	1,364,069	1,314,341	464,283	215,684
Metals and Metal manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	70,988	99,502	72,143	27,819	23,390
Tools of Trade	116,237	130,667	109,759	48,269	30,345
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c.	1,617,660	1,953,478	1,284,318	115,007	96,299
Other	341,878	423,739	309,395	62,644	39,771
Other Metals, &c.	416,993	421,998	376,022	110,009	55,939
Rubber, &c.	130,936	87,862	70,057	21,619	28,998
Leather, &c.	87,547	115,898	84,962	9,683	2,314
Timber	748,170	645,735	588,481	75,729	36,557
Glass and Glassware	40,041	34,166	19,591	15,015	13,906
Paper	81,301	99,309	79,974	41,636	46,226
Stationery	130,078	140,215	132,826	82,640	58,264
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods	83,021	84,711	77,465	31,587	17,465
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	142,719	128,885	140,301	51,378	43,947
Sulphur (Brimstone)	217,093	161,653	216,577	87,822	98,450
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	44,607	28,179	35,435	11,438	6,457
Instruments—Musical	149,715	93,773	42,097	7,264	3,025
All other Articles	532,855	528,738	522,195	234,982	206,357
Total	9,770,167	9,767,973	8,774,519	3,394,743	2,336,012
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	139,435	162,486	154,638	100,977	69,326
Hides and Skins	392,643	612,412	424,808	231,780	186,450
Wool	1,419,526	1,039,700	405,798	410,962	164,400
Tallow (unrefined)	17,993	44,840	1,675	..	1,173
Machines and Machinery	19,423	16,906	21,923	46,006	19,304
Metals and Metal Manufactures	8,740	7,565	13,309	13,644	8,909
Leather, &c.	9,943	7,871	18,051	7,437	..
Eucalyptus Oil	22,404	25,668	15,175	14,295	7,536
All other articles	32,406	68,097	47,101	42,156	56,148
Total	2,062,513	1,985,545	1,102,533	387,257	513,246

Destination of principal articles exported. Wool, wheat and flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, and hides and skins were the six principal articles of merchandise exported from Victoria in 1932—their value being equal to over 87 per cent. of the total exports of merchandise. The countries which received these products are shown in the following statement:—

DESTINATION OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF MERCHANDISE EXPORTED IN 1931-32.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Destination.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Fruits (all kinds).	Meats.	Hides and Skins.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	3,144,862	911,613	3,484,527	1,151,200	1,583,380	205,746
Aden ..	..	8,497	6	9	..	..
Canada ..	21,458	21	583	407,445	3,887	106
Hong Kong ..	2,669	186,091	1,584	13,054	186	..
India and Ceylon ..	42,023	92,317	9,626	9,821	8,351	88
Irish Free State ..	..	76,381	..	..	..	..
Malaya (British) ..	..	67,697	47,054	5,423	7,698	..
Malta ..	..	17,693	134	138	3,165	..
Mauritius ..	..	82,212	7,285	140	57	..
New Zealand ..	1,235	5,477	..	223,322	538	20
Pacific Islands (British)	..	955	741	1,222	3,887	..
South African Union ..	..	47,503	..	2,468	942	125
Sudan ..	..	16,782	19	5	2	..
Other British Countries	..	14,906	4,940	572	713	..
Africa, Portuguese East	..	37,884	232	1,033	27	..
Africa, Portuguese West	..	29,119	..	1	..	..
Belgium ..	280,159	128,085	405	1	2,062	1,703
China ..	3,552	900,163	10,609	4,213	100	698
Egypt ..	..	317,068	2,667	106	3,915	..
France ..	839,953	2,023	..	13	3,731	223,199
French Indo-China ..	..	6,733	..	33	..	..
Germany ..	477,017	15,743	426	6	3,030	62,227
Italy ..	456,634	574,877	..	..	993	3,753
Japan ..	2,181,729	1,305,781	998	499	7,205	4,715
Netherlands ..	33,619	80,420	..	7,527	..	..
Netherlands East Indies	..	234,214	379,763	19,592	1,267	..
Norway ..	1,795	..	..	6	34	205
Peru ..	..	109,408	..	..	..	..
Philippine Islands ..	..	11,321	13,091	60	3,192	..
Siam ..	..	26,830	2,634	11	34	..
Spain ..	23,566	179,303	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	17,718	..	..	9	45	3,574
United States of America	164,400	..	..	2,886	69,326	186,450
Other Foreign Countries	2,147	106,733	5,387	60	18	1,185
Total ..	7,694,531	5,593,350	3,972,723	1,850,965	1,707,725	694,125

The value of the above-mentioned six articles added to that of the next principal item (milk and cream) represented nearly 91 per cent. of the total merchandise exported. The value of milk and cream exported amounted to £625,424, of which £260,269 was sent to British Malaya, £103,938 to Netherlands East Indies, £88,084 to China, and £66,870 to India and Ceylon.

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 1931-32 :—

**OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED
AT VICTORIAN PORTS AND INLAND STATIONS, 1931-32.**

Heading.	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Warrnam- bool.	Inland, Sta- tions.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Oversea Trade*—						
Imports ..	15,711,978	237,555	37,737	56,547	..	16,043,817
Exports ..	24,088,784	2,832,767	87,537	578,232	..	27,587,320
Total ..	39,800,762	3,070,322	125,274	634,779	..	43,631,137
Gross Revenue—						
Customs ..	4,898,491	85,984	53,086	8,601	..	5,046,162
Excise ..	3,148,047	14,955	..	..	20,386	3,183,388
Primage ..	1,321,695	9,552	3,007	5,090	..	1,339,344
Other sources	25,733	318	1	42	19	26,113
Total ..	9,393,966	110,809	53,094	13,733	20,405	9,595,007†

* Recorded Values.

† After deducting £404,280 for Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £9,190,727.

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 Western Australia and Tasmania (where schemes for collecting Interstate trade statistics were in force), with a view to obtaining a record of the principal items of Interstate trade.

Monthly returns of fourteen 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 1931-32, excluding all oversea cargo interchanged, are shown in the following table :—

INTERSTATE TRADE OF 14 SPECIFIED ARTICLES (QUANTITIES ONLY).

Article.	Imported into Victoria from other States during 1931-32, and recorded by—					
	Department of Agriculture (Live Stock by Land and Sea).	Victorian Railways.	Port of Melbourne.	Port of Geelong.	Ports of Portland and Warrnam- bool.	Total.
		tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter .. ..	..	13	1,748	..	..	1,761
Coal .. ..	..	..	574,607	120,788	10,978	706,373
Flour .. ..	..	15,638	3	..	..	15,641
Fruits, fresh ..	..	18,834	14,019*	..	..	†
Fruits, dried ..	..	461	1,513*	..	..	‡
Oats .. ..	..	11,894	366	..	..	12,260
Onions .. ..	..	394	51	..	..	445
Potatoes .. ..	..	137	38	..	..	175
Wheat .. ..	..	71,946	..	..	..	71,946
Wool .. ..	..	27,616	5,997	3,242	513	37,368
	No.					No.
Cattle	143,527	..	..	..	..	143,527
Sheep	2,294,941	..	..	..	..	2,294,941
Horses	3,153	..	..	..	..	3,153
Pigs	5,317	..	..	..	..	5,317

Article.	Exported from Victoria to other States during 1931-32, and recorded by—					
	Department of Agriculture (Live Stock by Land and Sea).	Victorian Railways.	Port of Melbourne.	Port of Geelong.	Ports of Portland and Warrnam- bool.	Total.
		tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter .. ..	..	115	1,398	..	..	1,513
Coal .. ..	..	659	32	..	..	691
Flour .. ..	..	2,534	6,793	..	..	9,327
Fruits, fresh ..	..	11,967	10,262*	..	..	‡
Fruits, dried ..	..	588	8,729*	..	..	§
Oats .. ..	..	539	7,879	..	..	8,418
Onions .. ..	..	4,647	12,042	7,241	..	23,930
Potatoes .. ..	..	32,355	28,443	326	..	61,124
Wheat .. ..	..	494	3,596	..	..	4,090
Wool .. ..	..	810	4,837	579	..	6,226
	No.					No.
Cattle	42,822	..	..	..	..	42,822
Sheep	625,323	..	..	..	..	625,323
Horses	2,396	..	..	..	..	2,396
Pigs	1,438	..	..	..	..	1,438

* Measurement tons.

† Comprising 18,834 tons weight and 14,019 tons measurement.

‡ Comprising 461 tons weight and 1,513 tons measurement.

§ Comprising 11,967 tons weight and 10,262 tons measurement.

|| Comprising 538 tons weight and 8,729 tons measurement.

The foregoing table refers to the quantities of fourteen 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 seven of the aforementioned items. These consist of butter, flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses, and pigs, and information relating to the importing and exporting State of these articles is given below :—

**INTERSTATE TRADE OF SEVEN SPECIFIED ARTICLES,
CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE STATE OF IMPORT
AND EXPORT, 1931-32.**

Article.	Imported into Victoria from—					
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	18	..	..	2	1,741	1,761
Flour	14,428	..	1,212	1	..	15,641
Wheat	64,546	..	7,400	..	..	71,946
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cattle	138,304	..	1,204	..	4,019	143,527
Sheep	2,177,406	..	103,372	..	14,163	2,294,941
Horses	2,739	14	226	15	159	3,153
Pigs	3,662	..	221	..	1,434	5,317

Article.	Exported from Victoria to—					
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	137	87	519	540	230	1,513
Flour	2,119	88	713	11	6,396	9,327
Wheat	380	2	114	3	3,591	4,090
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cattle	37,427	3	5,280	108	4	42,822
Sheep	449,303	14	169,825	1,638	4,543	625,323
Horses	742	16	865	617	156	2,396
Pigs	1,062	4	315	11	46	1,438

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 293) and at the port of Melbourne (page 295) 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, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	2,589	2,474	2,499	2,166	2,097
Tons	6,844,809	6,798,092	6,911,048	6,161,699	5,996,094
Average tonnage ..	2,644	2,748	2,766	2,845	2,859
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	2,608	2,466	2,488	2,181	2,101
Tons	6,869,313	6,815,305	6,877,418	6,238,325	6,018,664
Average tonnage ..	2,634	2,764	2,764	2,860	2,865

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1932, steamers numbered 2,089 of the vessels entered, and 2,093 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 5,995,454 and 6,018,024 respectively. The inward shipping included 92 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 318,269, whilst the outward shipping included 180 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 288,066.

The more important of the countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1931-32 are set out in the following statement :—

Shipping with
principal
countries.

SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1931-32.

Countries.	Entered.				Cleared.			
	Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.	
	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Ton-nage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Ton-nage.
Australian States	1,436	3,153,557	8	640	1,533	3,332,412	8	640
United Kingdom	159	1,142,110	..	..	187	1,265,104	..	..
New Zealand	35	35,848	..	..	43	64,673	..	..
India	18	73,109	..	..	5	22,612	..	..
Straits Settlements	16	54,212	..	..	12	37,572	..	..
Other British	63	195,536	..	..	58	176,749	..	..
Total British Countries ..	1,774	4,654,372	8	640	1,838	4,949,122	8	640
Japan	89	350,878	..	..	81	318,731	..	..
Dutch East Indies	28	140,600	..	..	28	144,703	..	..
United States of America ..	82	353,567	..	..	31	138,408	..	..
Other Foreign	116	496,007	..	..	115	467,060	..	..
Total Foreign Countries ..	315	1,341,082	..	..	255	1,068,902	..	..
Grand Total	2,089	5,995,454	8	640	2,093	6,018,024	8	640

Nationality of vessels.

The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1931-32 was as shown hereunder :—

NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1931-32.

Nationality.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
British—				
Australian	1,255	1,702,399	1,252	1,698,114
United Kingdom	450	2,793,456	455	2,808,935
Canadian	11	40,879	11	40,879
Hong Kong	12	30,966	12	30,966
New Zealand	42	37,166	42	37,166
South African	6	19,244	6	19,244
Other British	6	11,532	6	11,532
Total, British	1,782	4,635,642	1,784	4,646,836
Foreign—				
Danish	8	25,841	7	21,408
Finnish	1	3,542	1	3,542
French	7	39,698	7	39,698
German	43	184,676	43	184,676
Holland	35	208,347	35	208,347
Italian	23	130,425	25	142,455
Japanese	76	296,618	78	306,660
Norwegian	60	242,640	60	242,640
Swedish	30	94,452	29	91,307
United States of America ..	27	111,791	26	108,102
Other Foreign	5	22,422	6	22,993
Total, Foreign	315	1,360,452	317	1,371,828
Grand Total	2,097	5,996,094	2,101	6,018,664

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, 1932 :—

VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH OF THE VICTORIAN PORTS, 1931-32.

Direction.	Melbourne.		Cunning- hame (Lakes Entrance).		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnam- bool.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
Oversea—										
Steam ..	174	620,627	..	..	57	198,186	2	10,428	..	..
Sailing ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate*—										
Steam ..	1,743	4,945,185	..	..	105	206,310	3	12,104	4	2,614
Sailing ..	8	640	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oversea <i>via</i> Ports—										
Steam ..	18	53,313	..	..	20	82,224	4	17,231	..	..
Interstate <i>via</i> Ports—										
Steam ..	70	119,447	..	..	68	101,296	6	32,755	10	12,827
Local (within the										
State)—										
Steam ..	686	340,255	44	8,800	276	202,425	54	14,336	99	27,228
Sailing ..	117	3,605	..	..	12	1,252	..	..	..	..
Total—										
Steam ..	2,691	6,078,827	44	8,800	526	790,441	69	86,854	113	42,669
Sailing ..	125	4,245	..	..	12	1,252	..	..	..	..
Grand Total..	2,816	6,083,072	44	8,800	538	791,693	69	86,854	113	42,669

NOTE.—“ Ports ” mean Victorian ports.

* Including “ Oversea *via* States.”

Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1932, are shown in the following tables. The first table gives the tonnage of interstate and overseas cargo handled at each port in the State, and the second tabulation shows only the tonnage of overseas cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels carrying.

Cargo
discharged and shipped
in Victoria.

**TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO
DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT
DURING THE YEAR 1931-32.**

Port.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Melbourne	1,150,978	840,023	551,995	855,962
Geelong	139,649	82,395	26,217	442,995
Portland .. .. .	..	9,903	..	1,259
Warrnambool	11,674	..	4,269	..
Total	1,302,301	932,321	582,481	1,300,216

**TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED
IN VICTORIA DURING THE YEAR 1931-32, ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF THE VESSELS
IN WHICH SUCH CARGO WAS CARRIED.**

Nationality of Vessels Carrying Cargo.	Tonnage.	
	Discharged.	Shipped.
Australian	3,651	3,418
Great Britain	528,948	631,857
Canadian	11,387	19,743
Hong Kong	1,688	7,374
New Zealand	24,856	36,702
South African	1,916	12,858
Other British	5,180	13,067
Total, British	577,626	725,019
Danish	7,812	33,838
Finnish .. .. .	..	8,569
French	2,362	733
German	13,837	42,472
Dutch	16,322	61,260
Italian	5,677	19,507
Japanese	21,368	307,116
Norwegian	161,652	68,025
Swedish	58,511	19,761
United States of America	51,652	10,058
Other Foreign	15,502	3,858
Total, Foreign	354,695	575,197
Grand Total	932,321	1,300,216

PORT OF MELBOURNE.

Port of Melbourne. The Port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which had 12·01 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1932. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 62 acres, of which 28·5 acres are under sheds. The constitution of the Trust and revenue and expenditure are shown in part "Municipal Statistics."

Trade of the Port. In the year 1932, vessels to the number of 2,969 (2,733 steamers, and 236 sailing vessels), with registered gross tonnage aggregating 11,018,208, berthed within the Port. The tonnage of imports in 1932 was 2,376,228, and that of exports 1,558,981. These figures include Interstate and Coastal tonnage, which amounted to 1,294,211 in the case of imports and 643,022 in the case of exports. Coal forms a great part of the Interstate imports, and, excluding 42,947 tons transhipped to vessels and 122,602 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1932 amounted to 636,810 tons.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, AND TELEPHONES.

Post Offices, Mails, &c. The following statement contains particulars in relation to the number of post offices in Victoria, and the number of mails despatched and received in this State in each of the last five years :—

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
		Despatched.	Received.
1928	2,748	2,694,924	2,683,795
1929	2,738	2,721,760	2,627,126
1930	2,732	2,679,997	2,601,010
1931	2,559	2,396,006	2,331,389
1932	2,548	2,365,756	2,389,447

* Excluding "telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1927-28, 236; 1928-29, 237; 1929-30, 241; 1930-31, 260; 1931-32, 258.

Postal Returns. Details of the postal matter dealt with in Victoria during the years 1922-23 to 1926-27 appear in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 477. Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1930-31

and 1931-32 are given hereunder. Similar information for the years 1927-28 to 1929-30, inclusive, is not available, owing to the fact that the investigation into the system of recording such particulars had not been completed during those years :—

**NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS
DEALT WITH, 1930-31 AND 1931-32.**

Particulars.	1930-31.			1931-32.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter- cards, and Packets.	News- papers.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter- cards, and Packets.	News- papers.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>						
<i>Within the Com-</i>						
<i>monwealth</i>	211,609,800	29,161,300	240,771,100	207,952,200	25,002,400	232,954,600
<i>Beyond the Com-</i>						
<i>monwealth—</i>						
Despatched	8,794,800	4,302,700	13,097,500	8,623,000	4,184,000	12,807,000
Received ..	7,807,300	5,391,100	13,198,400	5,991,800	2,042,900	8,034,700
Total ..	228,211,900	38,855,100	267,067,000	222,567,000	31,229,300	253,796,300

The number of registered articles posted and received and particulars concerning parcels post, for the last five years, are shown below :—

**REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST, 1927-28
TO 1931-32.**

Year ended 30th June—	Registered Articles (Other than Parcels)—				Parcels Post*—			
	Posted for Delivery Within the Common- wealth.	Posted for Delivery Beyond the Common- wealth.	Total Posted.	Received from Beyond the Common- wealth.	Posted for Delivery Within the Common- wealth.	Posted for Delivery Beyond the Common- wealth.	Total Posted.	Received from Beyond the Common- wealth.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1928 ..	1,911,366	123,709	2,035,075	187,716	2,821,531	61,793	2,883,324	141,645
1929 ..	2,084,423	119,544	2,203,967	162,750	2,962,800	68,100	3,030,900	142,800
1930 ..	2,031,560	111,479	2,143,039	171,002	2,460,609	74,400	2,525,000	132,800
1931 ..	1,772,144	79,506	1,851,650	138,646	1,786,800	46,200	1,833,000	81,100
1932 ..	1,702,882	47,238	1,750,120	114,448	1,667,800	42,700	1,710,500	62,600

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

During 1931-32 money and valuables to the amount of £16,819 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Postal articles numbering 23,404 were posted without address, and of that number 161 contained money and valuables to the extent of £1,077.

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, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Heading.			1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.
Number of Money Order Offices open			635	709	735	740	741
Money Orders issued—							
Inland	..	{ Number ..	495,407	494,732	505,212	483,730	426,438
		{ Amount £	2,593,090	2,612,542	2,623,002	2,449,057	2,160,546
Interstate	..	{ Number ..	86,932	84,227	81,507	75,576	68,751
		{ Amount £	499,437	471,370	451,021	394,506	336,870
Beyond the monwealth	Com-	{ Number ..	84,522	86,772	87,618	62,930	35,342
		{ Amount £	280,349	286,976	316,125	262,008	117,104
Total	..	{ Number ..	666,871	665,731	674,337	622,236	530,531
		{ Amount £	3,372,876	3,370,888	3,390,148	3,105,571	2,614,520
Money Orders Paid—							
Inland	..	{ Number ..	488,738	495,276	503,593	480,379	428,766
		{ Amount £	2,595,093	2,618,878	2,627,713	2,460,484	2,167,972
Interstate	..	{ Number ..	151,088	148,090	144,178	127,916	122,443
		{ Amount £	787,883	760,688	732,916	609,132	548,951
Beyond the monwealth	Com-	{ Number ..	37,368	37,364	38,573	36,540	29,395
		{ Amount £	137,881	135,220	135,988	125,416	102,049
Total	..	{ Number ..	677,194	680,730	686,344	644,835	580,604
		{ Amount £	3,520,857	3,514,736	3,496,617	3,195,032	2,818,972
Postal Notes—							
Issued	..	{ Number ..	4,715,578	4,759,531	4,893,975	4,516,951	4,529,707
		{ Amount £	1,704,911	1,720,553	1,765,486	1,600,160	1,543,392
Paid—Issued with- in the State	{ Number ..	3,013,348	3,106,130	3,142,456	3,053,663	3,019,162	
	{ Amount £	1,137,816	1,169,602	1,186,140	1,121,683	1,081,211	
Paid — Issued in other States	{ Number ..	432,192	441,366	422,514	403,930	420,634	
	{ Amount £	164,025	166,406	164,853	156,852	159,769	

Of the money orders issued in 1931-32, 2,898 for £8,051 were payable in New Zealand, and 22,149 for £66,686 were payable in the United Kingdom. The orders paid included 11,427 for £22,729 issued in New Zealand, and 13,564 for £62,019 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, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Heading.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)..	2,365	2,409	2,442	2,428	2,426
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Despatched ..	3,999,927	3,874,173	3,741,895	3,070,104	3,012,693
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched ..	242,991	256,167	250,769	209,356	202,870
Received ..	224,530	230,293	229,231	196,951	187,894
Transiting the State ..	69,231	346,559	329,909	252,332	294,145
Total Number of Messages Handled..	4,536,679	4,707,192	4,551,804	3,728,743	3,697,602
Revenue Credited—	£	£	£	£	£
Telegrams	270,426	258,671	241,332	197,772	191,934
Cablegrams	39,103	46,477	40,712	35,269	34,950
Total	309,529	305,148	282,044	233,041	226,884

The connexion of one or more subscribers to a telephone office constitutes an exchange. Information relating to the telephone service in Victoria is given below for the years 1927-28 to 1931-32 :—

TELEPHONES, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Heading.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,573	1,620	1,656	1,652	1,641
Public Telephones ..	2,208	2,256	2,295	2,213	2,199
Lines Connected ..	108,678	114,603	118,074	113,282	110,213
Instruments Connected ..	147,788	155,841	160,381	154,647	151,455
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	83.9	88.2	89.9	86.0	83.9

Details of wireless licences issued in Victoria for the years 1929-30 to 1931-32 are shown hereunder. The licences issued to broadcast listeners in Victoria at 30th June, 1932, represented over 37 per cent. of the total for Australia.

**WIRELESS LICENCES ISSUED IN VICTORIA,
1929-30 TO 1931-32.**

Class of Licence.	Number of Licences issued during—		
	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.
Coast	1	1	1
Ship	55	50	54
Land	3	6	3
Broadcasting*	5	10	13
Broadcast Listeners	139,887	137,005	139,323
Experimental	185	260	269
Portable	1	1	1
Special	11	10	12
Total	140,148	137,343	139,676

* Exclusive of the 2 stations operated by the National Broadcasting Service (P.M.G.'s Department).

Post Office
revenue and
expenditure.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Post and Telegraph Department in Victoria for the years 1927-28 to 1931-32 are contained in the following table:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Particulars.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.
<i>Revenue.*</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Postage	1,404,827	1,441,804	1,445,412	1,482,526	1,424,107
Money Order Commission	60,872	61,422	66,491	54,774	56,537
Poundage on Postal Notes	12,701	16,092	13,447	12,783	12,304
Private Boxes and Bags	149,740	137,008	317,308	92,884	90,188
Miscellaneous					
Total Postal	1,628,140	1,656,326	1,842,658	1,642,917	1,588,136
Telegraph	344,525	334,168	396,383	325,045	307,740
Telephones	1,412,763	1,529,634	1,633,700	1,598,415	1,555,437
Grand Total†	3,385,428	3,520,128	3,872,831	3,566,377	3,446,313
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries	1,644,354	1,664,562	1,691,961	1,717,591	1,415,316
Conveyance of Mails	276,503	282,820	287,994	272,074	263,612
Contingencies	593,237	576,171	591,785	490,623	381,512
Miscellaneous	24,411	24,129	24,993	26,070	20,239
Pensions and Retiring Allowances	52,733	51,376	48,794	46,995	39,845
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	41,981	32,690	25,837	14,740	14,152
Proportion of Audit Expenses	3,114	3,222	3,366	3,576	2,677
New Works—					
Telegraph and Telephone	897,240	697,526	630,943	274,818	108,943
New Buildings, &c.	49,834	23,421	54,448	5,571	113
Interest on Transferred Properties	61,362	61,362	61,362	61,362	61,362
Total Expenditure‡	3,644,859	3,417,279	3,421,483	2,913,420	2,307,821

* Including "Central Office" collections.

† Actual collections.

‡ Actual payments, which includes loan expenditure as follows:—£947,074 in 1927-28, £720,947 in 1928-29, £685,391 in 1929-30, £280,389 in 1930-31, and £109,056 in 1931-32.

RAILWAYS.

Victorian
Railways,
length and
cost.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic, with the two exceptions referred to on page 306, are 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 these tramways are also shown separately on page 305. 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 7·60 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 2·42 miles (2·21 miles double and ·21 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,
1927-28 TO 1931-32.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Length of Lines opened to 30th June—					
Double Lines (miles)	336·28	338·72	347·30	347·30	348·10
Single Lines (miles)	4,412·81	4,411·94	4,417·06	4,426·16	4,429·37
Total	4,749·09	4,750·66	4,764·36	4,773·46	4,777·47
Cost of Construction	£ 44,432,267	£ 45,218,221	£ 46,331,145	£ 46,448,956	£ 46,499,934
Average Cost per mile	9,356	9,535	9,725	9,731	9,733

At 30th June, 1932, 103½ miles of railways were in course of construction, and 39½ miles had been authorized but construction had been indefinitely postponed.

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 in each of the last five years was as follows :—

**TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC., AND
EQUIPMENT, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.**

Year Ended 30th June—		Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.
		Lines Opened.*	Lines in Progress of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
		£	£	£	£	£
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
1931		74,343,498	438,054	339,325	35,041	75,155,918
1932		74,456,021	454,670	339,743	35,041	75,285,475

* Including at 30th June, 1932, the cost of surveys for lines not constructed (£409,777), and cost of lines now closed for traffic (£390,470).

The loan liability of the Railways Department at 30th June, 1932, is represented by stock and debentures outstanding to the nominal amount of £74,179,502 on which the annual interest payable is £3,171,174, or at the average rate of 4·275 per cent. The nominal amount of loans, however, was reduced by £3,070,432—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 4·275 per cent., the real rate of interest on the net proceeds of current loans available for railway construction, &c. was 4·460 per cent.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, contributions amounting, at 30th June, 1932, to £4,325,022 (on which no interest is charged) have been made from Consolidated Revenue and the Developmental Railways Account for capital purposes.

**Railway
traffic.**

The mileage and the traffic of the railways for each of the years 1927-28 to 1931-32 are given in the following table :—

RAILWAYS—MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Miles Constructed ..	4,749·09	4,750·66	4,764·36	4,773·46	4,777·47
„ Dismantled ..	36·14	36·14	37·70	37·63	37·63
„ Closed to Traffic ..	6·40	5·71	4·15	9·28	11·47
„ Open for Traffic ..	4,706·55	4,708·81	4,722·51	4,726·55	4,728·37
Vehicle Mileage ..	19,302,971	19,022,771	18,708,773	16,957,378	16,269,092
Passenger Journeys ..	172,350,327	168,440,449	164,471,582	141,212,373	131,921,679
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	8,117,961	8,187,088	7,513,606	6,099,310	6,197,393*

* Figures relating to Road Motor Services (11,312 tons in 1931-32) not included previously.

The tonnage of goods and live stock carried during 1931-32—6,197,393—was 98,083 more than in 1930-31.

**Railway
receipts and
expenditure.**

The receipts and expenditure of the Railways Department during the last five financial years were as follows :—

RAILWAY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts—					
Passenger, &c.,					
Business—					
Passenger Fares	5,488,652	5,303,122	4,904,785	3,957,859	3,574,392
Parcels, &c. ..	525,569	518,302	470,188	375,959	336,412
Other ..	131,713	131,255	128,915	112,155	96,017
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods ..	4,894,706	5,432,815	4,716,294	4,163,987	4,193,187
Live Stock ..	711,909	664,729	730,008	572,658	550,461
Minerals ..	153,515	159,132	160,600	90,185	72,462
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment					
Services ..	471,928	454,018	430,808	317,801	276,296
Sale of Electrical					
Power ..	35,204	38,574	34,542	43,840	27,394
Rentals ..	145,089	149,118	159,161	149,865	139,989
Book Stalls ..	84,087	82,338	77,199	63,972	57,348
Advertising ..	50,686	54,462	57,580	55,425	42,423
Other ..	254,981	274,522	217,933	186,178	164,431
Total ..	12,953,039	13,262,387	12,088,013	10,089,884	9,530,812
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works ..	2,119,381	1,932,618	1,759,893	1,405,588	1,117,846
Rolling-stock ..	3,671,092	3,588,627	3,596,430	2,849,776	2,267,598
Transportation ..	3,273,646	3,144,911	3,056,555	2,435,177	2,035,838
Electrical Engineering Branch ..	355,770	357,010	345,566	273,682	187,805
Stores Branch ..	111,706	141,094	133,922	110,810	88,636
Pensions and Gratuities ..	213,080	209,129	201,871	195,210	159,052
Payment to the Superannuation Fund ..	122,870	157,770	192,481	230,278	265,848
Other ..	298,591	302,300	312,175	269,820	278,896
Total ..	10,166,136	9,833,459	9,598,893	7,770,341	6,401,519
Net Receipts ..	2,786,903	3,428,928	2,489,120	2,319,543	3,129,293
Interest Charges and Expenses ..	3,340,612	3,491,757	3,526,117	3,798,107*	4,099,643*
Deficit for year ..	553,709	62,829	1,036,997	1,478,564	970,350
Proportion of Working Expenses to Receipts ..	%	%	%	%	%
	78.48	74.15	79.41	77.01	67.17

* Including Exchange on Interest Payments in London, viz., 1930-31, £183,863; 1931-32, £440,938.

The receipts for 1931-32 were £559,072 less than in 1930-31. Passenger business decreased by £439,152, and goods, &c., business by £10,720. Working expenses showed a decline on the previous year of £1,368,822.

Railway earnings and expenses per mile open.

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

RAILWAY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Heading.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.
Average Number of Miles Open for Traffic	4,671	4,708	4,718	4,720	4,728
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile ..	2,773	2,817	2,562	2,138	2,016
Working Expenses per Mile ..	2,176	2,089	2,034	1,646	1,354
Net Revenue per Mile ..	597	728	528	491	662

This table does not take account of the interest payable on railway loans and expenses of paying the same, which are given in the table on page 303.

Capital cost of Railway Rolling-stock. At 30th June, 1932, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling-stock was £14,332,186 (including electrical equipment of Suburban Passenger Coaches, £809,039), of the narrow-gauge £112,558, of the electric street tramway £100,714, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £25,564.

Railway staff. 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., 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Year.	Number of Employees at end of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
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
1930-31 ..	19,441	2,716	22,157	5,490,927
1931-32 ..	18,581	2,709	21,290	4,352,872

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

The numbers for 1930-31 and 1931-32 do not convey an accurate impression of the effective strength of the staff owing to the "rationing system" which was operating in those years.

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

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways for 1931-32 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.

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1931-32.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St. Kilda-Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham- Beaumaris Electric Tramway.	Total.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked	5.18	2.78	7.96
Car Mileage	480,025	127,430	607,455
Number of Passengers Carried	4,250,058	1,039,046	5,289,104
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	44,225	15,572*	59,797
Working Expenses	31,572	6,336	37,908
Interest Charges	9,389	6,880	16,269
Net Profit	3,264	2,356	5,620
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1932—			
Construction of Line	135,900	103,129	239,029
Rolling-stock	68,896	31,818	100,714

* Including £3,368 recouped from the Treasury; and £2,000 representing the guarantee by the Sandringham City Council for the period 1st September, 1930, to 31st August, 1931.

The line from Black Rock to Beaumaris was closed for traffic on 31st August, 1931.

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

ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1929-30 to 1931-32.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.		1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.
Car Mileage	No.	286,498	323,738	297,861
Passenger Journeys	No.	611,064	646,251	641,990
Gross Revenue—				
Passenger Service	£	7,272	7,903	6,339
Goods Service	£	7,720	9,022	10,372
Working Expenses	£	27,328	24,044	23,070
Interest Charges	£	1,346	1,319	1,327
Net Result	£	Loss 13,632	Loss 8,433	Loss 7,686
Capital Expenditure at end of year (less depreciation written off)	£	40,209	35,041	31,665

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 1930-31 and 1931-32:—

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS, 1930-31 and 1931-32.

Nature of Accident.	1930-31.		1931-32.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Train Accidents—	No.	No.	No.	No.
Passengers .. .. .	..	..	..	45
Accidents on Line (other than Train Accidents)—				
Passengers	11	78	4	85
Employees	2	33	4	53
Other Persons	1	..	..	4
Shunting Accidents—				
Passengers .. .. .	..	..	..	1
Employees	4	8	3	6
Other Persons	1	6	2	4
Employees proceeding to and from Duty	2	..	..	..
Accidents to Persons at Crossings ..	12	18	20	18
Trespassers	24	7	23	11
Total	57	150	56	227
Compensation, Damages, &c., Paid	£ 16,923		£ 7,141	

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, 1932, cost £40,664 for construction and equipment. Particulars relating to the last two years are given hereunder:—

KERANG AND KOONDROOK MUNICIPAL RAILWAY.

Year ended 30th September—	Gross Receipts.	Working Expenses (including Interest).	Train Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Live Stock Carried.
1931	£ 5,028	£ 4,787	9,404	6,611	9,190
1932	5,281	4,882	9,048	6,250	13,976

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, is engaged in the general business of transportation of passengers and goods. Up to 30th June, 1932, 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 £4,142 and £4,244 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 17,840, and the passenger journeys numbered 7,249.

TRAMWAYS.

The various tramway systems in the State (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprise 24·292 miles of cable lines, double track, and 148·941 miles of electric lines, of which 114·715 miles are double, and 34·226 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 305, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 310.

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

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

(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.						
1927-28	135·711	35·986	25,133,548	225,192,156	£ 2,517,758	£ 1,756,777	1,299	5,761
1928-29	137·982	34·241	25,888,243	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
1930-31	138·778	34·458	23,689,735	182,279,131	2,114,368	1,462,025	1,195	4,658
1931-32	139·007	34·226	23,495,393	170,142,285	1,985,281	1,294,070	1,179	4,620

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, 1932, 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 1931-32:—

Tramway.	Track Open—		Vehicle Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.*	Working Expenses.	Rolling Stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
Cable—	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
Melbourne	21·972	..	5,015,078	36,665,421	376,162	312,948	530	1,092
Northcote	2·320	..	399,270	2,806,240	27,684	24,914	30	84
Total, Cable	24,292	..	5,414,348	39,471,661	403,846	337,862	560	1,176
Electric—								
Eastern system†	74·067	4·130	11,998,483	89,059,371	1,098,402	637,571	396	2,167
Northern system‡	15·544	1·718	2,628,691	21,934,012	259,398	141,208	82	633
Footscray	3·919	·543	409,804	2,779,298	23,858	18,025	19	55
Essendon§	13·215	1·405	1,467,030	8,673,354	122,458	77,022	54	367
Total, Electric ..	106·745	7·796	16,504,008	122,446,035	1,504,116	873,826	551	3,222
Grand Total	131·037	7·796	21,918,356	161,917,696	1,907,962	1,211,688	1,111	4,398
Motor Omnibuses ..	Tourist routes..		7,990	5,376	491	658	51	..

* Gross revenue from tramways amounted to £1,915,580, and from motor omnibuses to £491.

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

‡ Coburg and Preston tramways.

§ Including "West Brunswick."

In addition to traffic receipts (£1,908,453), there was revenue from advertising, rents, &c., of £1,602 from cable tramways and £6,016 from electric tramways, making a gross revenue for the year of £1,916,071.

The gross surplus on the year's operations, including motor omnibuses, was £703,725. Out of this sum was paid interest on loans, rates, &c., leaving available for appropriation an amount of £366,554. The following appropriations were made:—Consolidated Revenue, £106,910; Renewals Reserve Account, £176,000; Loan Redemption and Sinking Fund Accounts, £81,815; and General Reserve Account, £150,000. The resulting deficit of £148,171 was met by a transfer from the General Reserve Account.

Up to 30th June, 1932, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, including stores on hand, amounted to £8,265,052, of which £1,381,940 was expended on cable, £6,771,544 on electric tramways, and £111,568 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 1931–32 :—

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 ..	17·901	8,312	2·455	83·33	14·976	·977
Electric ..	21·873	6,797	2·947	57·86	12·707	·898
Bus	14·739	..	21·920	133·92	19·755	..

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, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1927-28	128·561	10·236	23,626,224	215,810,431	2,428,546	1,665,127	1,231	5,471
1928-29	130·472	8·531	23,791,857	211,762,137	2,403,990	1,633,819	1,228	5,277
1929-30	130·392	8·553	22,888,596	197,978,645	2,291,192	1,615,318	1,154	4,755
1930-31	130·808	8·028	22,181,379	173,854,203	2,035,115	1,369,733	1,127	4,416
1931-32	131·037	7·796	21,918,356	161,917,696	1,907,962	1,211,688	1,111	4,398

The towns, other than the metropolis, having tramway systems are :—Ballarat, 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 11·76 miles of electric lines (4·76 double and 7·00 single track).

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

COUNTRY TRAMWAYS, 1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
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
1930-31	7·970	26·430	1,508,356	8,424,928	79,253	92,292	68	240
1931-32	7·970	26·430	1,577,037	8,224,589	77,319	82,382	68	222

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, 1930-31 AND 1931-32.

Heading.		1930-31.	1931-32.
Route Mileage Open—Double .. miles		146·178	146·397
Single .. miles		36·848	34·436
Total .. miles		183·026	180·833
Cost of Construction and Equipment	£	8,713,256	8,660,367
Interest Payable on Capital Cost of Construction and Equipment ..	£	347,927	332,751
Gross Revenue—			
Traffic Receipts £		2,173,876	2,039,444
Other £		14,018	8,150
Total Revenue	£	2,187,894	2,047,594
Working Expenses £		1,513,178	1,331,978
Net Earnings £		674,716	715,616
Net Profit or Loss after Paying Working Expenses and Interest ..	£	Profit 326,789	Profit 382,865
Tram Miles Run miles		24,378,060	24,102,848
Passenger Journeys No.		188,190,033	175,431,389
Staff Employed—			
Salaried No.		667	648
Wages No.		4,108	4,088
Total Staff .. No.		4,775	4,736
Rolling Stock No.		1,228	1,212

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 are controlled by the Melbourne City Council.

The details of vehicles licensed during 1931-32 are as follows:—
 (a) For passenger traffic—waggonettes, drags (4-wheel), 90; hansom cabs, 5; motor cars (taxi cabs, &c.), 886; motor omnibuses, 196; and motor chars-a-bancs, 14; and (b) for conveyance of goods within the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne only—drivers licensed, 1,800.

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

The total registrations of motor vehicles, &c., and the revenue received therefrom by the Police Department during 1931-32, are shown in the appended table:—

REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC., 1931-32.

Heading.	Registrations.	Revenue.
	No.	£
Motor Cars—		
Private	117,160	714,206
Commercial	24,968	261,357
Hire	2,425	25,744
Motor Cycles	22,568	26,155
Omnibuses	831	5,939
Traction Engines	107	894
Trailers	857	1,247
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	226,712	56,691
Dealers' Licences	250	1,247
Transfers	34,935	4,367
Duplicates	3,759	188
Total Revenue .. .. .	..	1,098,035*

* 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.,
1927-28 TO 1931-32.

Heading.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—					
Private	126,120	116,880	125,315	116,568	117,160
Commercial and Hire	24,015	26,527	28,541	27,068	27,393
Motor Cycles	208	24,554	25,405	23,635	22,568
Omnibuses	142	437	626	960	831
Traction Engines	7,827	207	154	126	107
Side-cars	440	7,735	7,833	3,438*	*
Trailers	188,057	537	501	673	857
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	312	212,228	230,853	228,051	226,712
Dealers' Licences	38,119	372	377	293	250
Transfers	3,520	46,053	50,065	38,565	34,935
Duplicates	£	3,651	4,365	4,088	3,759
Total Revenue Received ..	£	£	£	£	£
	945,852	1,092,702	1,185,748	1,106,011	1,098,035

* Separate registration discontinued since 18th December, 1930.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN VICTORIA, 1932.

Cause of Traffic Accident.	Total Accidents.			Persons Affected.				Total Killed and Injured.
	Metropolitan Area.	Remainder of State.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.		Remainder of State.		
				Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	
Vehicles—								
Bicycle	122	20	142	5	114	..	8	127
Motor Bus	4	1	5	1	1	..	2	4
Motor Car	6,126	1,841	7,967	128	2,423	85	930	3,566
Motor Cycle	331	40	371	36	310	4	40	390
Train	24	7	31	19	7	4	5	35
Tram (Cable and Electric) ..	165	1	166	7	130	..	1	138
Other Vehicles	72	30	102	10	75	7	20	112
Horses—								
Bolting	15	..	15	..	10	..	..	10
Led	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	5
Ridden	8	4	12	..	8	2	4	14
Improper riding upon or getting on or off trams or other vehicles in motion*	(67)	(7)	(74)	(3)	(36)	(1)	(4)	(44)
Total Traffic Accidents— (Vehicle, Horse, and Improper Riding)	6,868	1,946	8,814†	207	3,079	104	1,011	4,401

								Total.		
								Killed.	Injured.	Total Killed and Injured.
Ages of Persons killed or injured—										
Under 10 years .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	257	275
10 to 14 years .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	98	111
Over 14 years .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	280	3,735	4,015
Total .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	311	4,090	4,401

* These figures are included in those shown above. † Of the 8,814 traffic accidents shown above, 2,014 occurred in the City of Melbourne, 4,854 in the Suburbs, and 1,946 in the Country Districts; and 5,846 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 1932. 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, 1928 TO 1932.

Cause of Accident.	1928.		1929.		1930.		1931.		1932.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Bicycle	5	74	4	60	4	57	7	120	5	122
Motor Bus	3	72	1	41	..	3	..	3	1	3
Motor Car	217	2,691	232	3,590	246	3,351	232	3,345	213	3,353
Motor Cycle	49	491	31	219	26	403	40	327	40	350
Train	33	30	20	18	39	26	24	45	23	12
Tram	15	145	14	144	11	103	10	71	7	131
Other Vehicle* ..	18	176	26	105	22	103	18	121	17	95
Horses	9	35	16	44	2	34	2	10	5	24
Total	349	3,714	344	4,221	350	4,085	333	4,042	311	4,090

* Figures for the years 1927-28 to 1930-31 include "Improper riding upon, or getting on or off, trams or other vehicles in motion." For 1931-32 accidents of this nature are included under the heading to which the accident relates.